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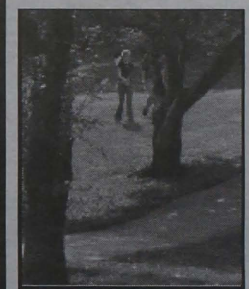
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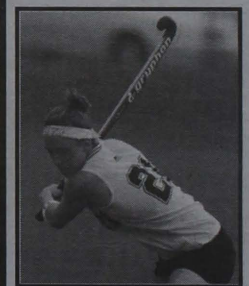
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UC Tuition Series Part 2: AFAC

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If you're one of the many Ursinus students involved in a club, you should know that your organization is most likely getting less money this year, despite the tuition hike.

The money for clubs and organizations is included as part of our tuition, and the Activities Fee Allocation Committee (AFAC) decides how the funding will be split among campus organizations. AFAC, a board of 10 student leaders and faculty members, meets each spring to hear group proposals and allocate funds based on the group's projected needs. They also meet throughout the year to hear special budget requests.

Tuition has gone up, so why has AFAC funding gone down? Lisa Injaian, the student chair of AFAC, said that while the individual funding for many clubs has gone down, the overall amount of money set aside by the college for student activities remains roughly the same as last year. Due to high student involvement in activities this year, the number of clubs recognized by the college multiplied. "There are around 60 clubs that requested AFAC funding this year," said Injaian. "Last year there were about 50." So, while the overall pot of funding remains the same, more clubs dipping out equals less money for each.

Clubs that have been in existence for years may see a dramatic variance in funding from year to year. "Clubs vary in size, change their objectives, decide they want to do more events—and the AFAC funding changes with them," said Injaian. "One year, a club

may say that it needs additional one-time funding to buy equipment. Most likely that club will see a decrease in AFAC funding the next year, because the one-time need has been met." However, each club can make one special request for funding each year.

Now that we've established the relationship between AFAC and tuition, let's take a look at some other aspects of AFAC. The committee members include the president of USGA, CAB, RHA, and each class. While there are ten members on the committee, five of them must be present to vote on a budget request.

AFAC funds can be used for equipment, supplies, entertainment, food and non-alcoholic beverages, conferences, publicity, and transportation. They cannot be used for uniforms or charitable donations.

Sports clubs, as a whole, can only receive up to five percent of the AFAC budget. That means that no matter how many sport clubs there are, the total funding, for all of them together, cannot exceed five percent.

A club cannot retain 100 percent of its funding without sending a representative to each of the six USGA town hall meetings.

Despite the concern over dwindling AFAC funds, on the whole, we get more money for student activities than many other schools, said Injaian. As campus activities become more integral to student life, perhaps the college should consider reevaluating the amount of money allocated to student clubs and organizations. So, in the meantime, work with what you've got, and don't miss those town hall meetings.

'Thinking Man's Comic' brings biting wit to campus

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Within the first few minutes of being on stage, Irish-looking Steve Hofstetter blurted out, "Where my Jews at?"

Dubbed "The Thinking Man's Comic," Hofstetter brought with him political, religious, and socialite jokes that made the crowd roar with laughter. The head writer of Collegehumor.com, Hofstetter has been profiled by CNN, *The New York Times*, and *Sports Illustrated*. He's also on Facebook and Myspace.

Hofstetter is Jewish with an adopted black sister, whom he says taught him not to be racist. Growing up, many friends did not believe he was Jewish, with his pale freckled skin and bright orange hair. Hofstetter quipped, "Why would I lie about being Jewish? A McJew?" He freely joked about his Judaism and the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, poking fun at its portrayal of the Jews as those who crucified Jesus: "We're known for being pacifists, why don't we take this one with pride?"

Criticizing everyone from Paris Hilton to Jesus to Ralph Nader, Hofstetter did not leave any demographic out of his jokes. The comic frequently shocked the crowd with an unexpected punch line. Referring to one of his ex-girlfriends who repeatedly asked questions such as, "If you could be a vegetable, what one would you be?", he told the crowd

not to say "a 14-inch cucumber in a women's prison." After pausing for a moment, Hofstetter said his answer to the vegetable question was Terri Schiavo.

Students at the show had mixed opinions about his jokes and punch lines. Joe Scholz, a senior, said, "I thought that it got started a little slow and I didn't like all the 'real world/life' messages he tried to put in his act or when he got so political." Also addressing the topic of politics and government, Catherine Palchak, a freshman, was glad "that he said both sides [Republicans and Democrats] had made mistakes." Similarly, sophomore Josh Delano said, "I liked how he presented his side to a lot of the issues that he was making jokes about. And he really brought in a whole new perspective to a lot of things that I had never really thought about in that light."

For the "touchier" subjects, Palchak thought that "Paris Hilton was funny, but with Terri Schiavo and *The Passion of the Christ*, I feel that he stepped over the line." However, Hofstetter's material made it was important for listeners to understand current events. "I really enjoyed how his act required some degree of intelligence to understand, but at the same time wasn't serious in any way," sophomore Danielle Langdon said.

And what did Hofstetter think of Ursinus? He was very happy with the response of the crowd and enjoyed visiting the school. His only problem with Ursinus: he would have liked the house lights to have been lower.

career corner

Patriotism Alone Does Not Move Grads to Jobs in Government

The Partnership for Public Service just released results from a unique survey of students across the country in the Class of 2005. The report is a result of 100 in-depth interviews and a survey of more than 800 graduates from the Class of 2005.

Although 3/4 of the class of 2005 described themselves as being more patriotic—having their entire college years shaped by the events of Sept 11, 2001—this identification with patriotism did not translate into government service. While members of the class of 2005 say they were deeply affected by the events of 9/11, most say these feelings did not impact their career choices. In fact, only one in five students said the attack made them more interested in government service.

The federal government is working to change its hiring process, in which applicants often have to wait months before getting an offer. They know that change is imperative. Over the next two years, the federal government will need to hire more than 250,000 employees to both replace workers who will retire and to carry out new responsibilities for homeland security.

A good place to start looking for federal jobs is the **US Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** at <<http://www.usajobs.gov>>. All government agencies post vacancies open to outside applicants on this Web site. Federal jobs span every possible area of interest, from forestry to law, at dozens of agencies, so it's important to familiarize yourself with the missions of agencies that interest you. For a good list of federal departments and agencies, view <<http://www.firstgov.gov>>.

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Director of Physical Facilities retires after 26 years of service

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Frederick L. Klee retired from his longtime position as Director of Physical Facilities at Ursinus College on September 30. A reception was held last Wednesday in the Kaleidoscope to commemorate his career.

"I will tell you honestly, I will miss the people here much more than I will miss the job," said Klee.

His career was celebrated on September 28 with a reception in the Kaleidoscope Atrium, followed by a presentation in the Lenfest Theater. Faculty and staff gathered, along with Klee's family, to honor his work.

President Strassburger presented Klee with an Ursinus rocking chair and a crystal bear statuette.

"It has just been absolutely pure pleasure to work with Fred," Strassburger said. "There's hardly any colleague I have that I've enjoyed more or learned more from."

"Fred started changing this campus long before I got

here – from Pfahler Hall to Bakes Field House to Richter-North to the bookstore to the Kaleidoscope, which I think of as his crowning achievement," Strassburger said. "It's a wonderful place and it wouldn't be wonderful if it wasn't for Fred."



The Physical Facilities staff gave Klee a framed photograph of the Ursinus campus. Staff personalized the gift with their signatures on the reverse side. Klee thanked his staff saying, "A person like me cannot exist without the support that everyone has given me."

Win Guilmette, vice-president of finance and administration, presented an album compiled by Linda Korenkiewicz, filled with pictures and letters commemorating Klee's years at Ursinus. On behalf of the chemistry department, Eric Williamsen, associate professor of chemistry, gave Klee a piece of marble used in the construction of Pfahler Hall.

Crossing woes

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Do you ever feel invisible to drivers when you're trying to cross Main Street? If so, you're not alone. "They never stop, especially when it's raining," said Ursinus junior Caroline Boyer, regarding cars she sees on a daily basis.

According to the Pa. Vehicle Code (Title 75), these cars are supposed to stop at the clearly marked crosswalks. Section 3542 of subchapter C of chapter 35 states: "the driver of a vehicle shall yield right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection."

Students aren't the only ones noticing this. Barton K. Butcher, chief of the Collegeville Police Department, says he sees drivers fail to stop for pedestrians when he drives around the borough off-duty. When asked if he thought the 35 mph speed limit gave drivers enough time to stop, he responded, "If people were doing 35, they could stop in time." He paused for a moment, "if they were watching the

roadway."

Win Guilmette, vice president for finance and administration of Ursinus College, addressed the college's concern about the safety of students. "Several of us at the college have been working with borough, county, and state officials to try to reduce the speed limit and add crosswalks," Guilmette said.

Chief Butcher said that because Main Street is a state-owned road, the Penna. Dept. of Transportation (PENNDOT) determines the speed limit, and the borough can't single-handedly authorize a change.

Guilmette acknowledged Stew Goetz, professor and department chair of the Philosophy and Religion department, who is also a member of the Borough Council. Dr. Goetz has led a joint commission with Trappe to address issues concerning Main Street. While their group has been successful to an extent, solutions are still in the future.

If this seems too far off, there are plans for the nearer future. Guilmette said that this past summer, Butcher and the Borough Manager began working with the college to

Klee, an Ursinus alumnus, graduated in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree. In 1970 he returned to Ursinus as the Technical Assistant to the Director of Physical Facilities. Klee has been the Director of Physical Facilities since 1979.

Klee's wife, Carolyn, also graduated from Ursinus and worked alongside him as a programmer and computer analyst in Physical Facilities from January 1985 to January 2005. The Klees have two sons, Scott and Frederick.

In his retirement, Klee looks forward to devoting more time to his current hobbies of woodworking and crafting stained glass, along with new endeavors in oil painting and sculpture. He and his wife also plan to travel, with hopes of returning to Europe and visiting the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Klee notes that it is possible he will serve as a consultant by providing oversight to the Physical Facilities department and contractors in the future, depending on the funding for the Bomberger project.

add crosswalks and put signs in existing crosswalks.

Butcher spoke of the procedure involved in adding crosswalks. A traffic study must be conducted to determine whether signs should be put in crosswalks and if they seem necessary, they will be added. If they are effective, the conversation concerning more crosswalks will resume.

The signs proposed are bright green, approximately three feet high and read: "State Law: Yield to Pedestrian in Crosswalk." They will be placed at the crosswalks of 5th, 6th and 8th avenues. Crosswalks, if approved, will be added between 6th and 9th avenues.

When asked if he had any advice for frustrated students trying to cross, Butcher said, "try and use the crosswalks as much as possible, especially at night." He especially urged students to use crosswalks once they start seeing signs in place.

And for the safety of both pedestrians and drivers, students are urged to make smart and careful decisions at all times so hazardous conditions aren't unnecessarily constituted. For all students who share Boyer's frustration, help is on the way.

Long-term campus development plans

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Originally, President Strassburger was to present his master plan for the expansion and growth of the school to the student body at the September 21 USGA Town Hall meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, President Strassburger will not be officially presenting his plan until the USGA meeting on Oct. 26, but *The Grizzly* has a sneak peek of the new development plans you can expect to see in the coming years.

Pete Scattergood, the Vice President of College Relations, explained that this expansion plan has actually been going on for six years already, and has encompassed the building of Richter-North, the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center, and the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House.

In the next five years, the Ursinus administration is hoping to expand the school from our current size of about 1,550 students to about 1,700 full time students, while maintaining our small size compared to large state schools. President Strassburger also hopes keeping the school small will continue to foster a community among students and allow

himself, the administration, and faculty to maintain friendly, personal contact with students. New teachers will also be hired to help maintain the 12 to 1 student ratio.

One major project already underway is the transformation of Ursinus into a "pedestrian campus." As part of this plan, parking will be extended to fifth and ninth avenues, and the entrance to the school from fifth avenue will be improved. New walkways will be installed over these new greens as needed, after the administration can see where the most common foot traffic will be.

The next big step will be the renovation of Bomberger. This February, the third floor will be opened and made into offices, and work will begin on the overhaul of the building. In the months afterwards, the first and second floors will be fully renovated, and the basement will be redone to offer better acoustics and sound-dampening for the music department to use.

Next, a new dorm in the style of Richter-North will be built either behind North (in that large pit currently dug behind the dorm), or in the back half of the current Wismer parking lot. To the residents of all other dorms – another

long term project will be a major overhaul of all dorms on campus. If all goes according to plan, both the new dorm and the renovations on Bomberger should be completed in 24-30 months, and the other dorm renovations will come after that.

Also within that time, an addition will be built onto the Berman Museum of Art. There are over 1,800 pieces of art donated from various collections stored in the basement of the museum that are currently only viewable with special permission or during certain events. The new addition will be an "open" storage room, where the art not currently being displayed in the main gallery will be available for viewing.

Overall, President Strassburger wants to stress that all of these renovations are being planned with the students in mind first. If you have any questions, attend the USGA meeting on Oct. 26, when the plans will be fully explained and President Strassburger, two vice presidents, the Director of Facilities, and members from the environmental studies department will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns from the student body.

Environmentalism speaks on climate change

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Dr. Stephen H. Schneider presented his lecture, "The Truth About Climate Change," in front of a nearly full Olin Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 29. The huge turnout was no surprise considering Schneider's credentials. He advised the Nixon, Carter, Reagan, Clinton and both Bush administrations.

He was granted a prestigious MacArthur Fellowship in 1992, along with several other awards. He is also the founder of the academic journal *Climate Change* and is the author of several books on the subject of climate change and global warming. He is currently a professor of biological sciences at Stanford University.

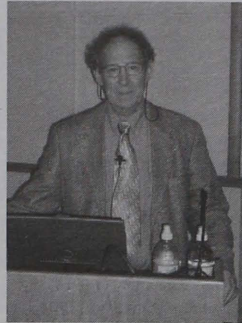
His true talent, however, is his commitment to interdisciplinary studies: in his studies on climate change, he factors in everything from insurance companies, food production, the design of refrigerators, to the practices of "uncivilized" South American tribes, and current events like the flooding of New Orleans.

"It is a rare treat to have someone in the field that can transcend more than one boundary," announced Ursinus

environmental science professor Dr. Richard Wallace before Schneider's lecture.

Over dinner that evening, Schneider held an informal discussion with Ursinus students in which he discussed, among other things, his frustration with presenting scientific ideas to the government.

"I asked him, 'How do you stay sane?'" says senior Melissa Fatale, who attended the discussion. "He has about twenty seconds to explain scientific issues, and then other people have equal time to refute it with science that may not even be [correct]."



Schneider's lecture in Olin lasted 90 minutes, and he touched on a few of the areas that have an effect or are affected by climate change. He frequently reminded the listeners that climate change is a very complex issue, the magnitude of which could not be encompassed in that short

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He went from one topic to another, explaining what causes global warming, what it does to the planet and to our way of living, and how scientists attempt to predict what will happen to the climate next.

The lecture was well-balanced for both experts in the field and casual listeners to enjoy. Schneider frequently translated his scientific jargon into laymen's terms, and the slideshow that accompanied the lecture contained complicated graphs, copies of political documents (such as the Kyoto Protocol), and political cartoons to ensure that everyone in the audience had something they could relate to in the presentation.

He also kept the lecture interesting by sprinkling it with jokes, encouraging audience participation, and taking occasional potshots at such political figures as Rush Limbaugh and President Bush. Schneider received ample applause at the end of his lecture, and held a short question-and-answer session for the attendants afterwards.

To learn more about Stephen Schneider and his work or to order one of his books, visit his website at <<http://www.climatechange.net>>.

Program Spotlight: America Reads

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Looking for a way to give back to the community? Check out a program called America Reads, where you help younger students pave their way to the future.

Ursinus College has been a part of this program for several years, sending out tutors to help students in both public and private schools. Children from area schools in Norristown, Pottstown and Bridgeport have received help from Ursinus students, and it shows in their grades. The tutoring usually takes place in a church near schools that offer after school programs. Parents who have jobs, and are unable to pick their children at the end of the school day, can enroll their youngsters in programs such as America Reads.

The America Reads program runs from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mon. through Fri. at most locations. It is generally

held in the basement of a church and Ursinus provides transportation for the students to get to the sites. The Bridgeport site has one of its staff members come and pick the students up in a van.

The America Reads program is either a paid job through work study, or volunteer work. Many students have work study included in their financial aid, and this gives them a chance to work off campus to fulfill their work study in a fulfilling way. Students who do not have work study can volunteer their time to help younger kids improve their reading skills.

The children in the program range from age five to 14. There have not been a lot of older children coming to the sites, so it is mostly tutoring for the younger children. Most of the students that work for America Reads tend to tutor the same children each week, so they form a personal relationship with them.

The America Reads program at the college is run by

Paulette Patton, the Director of Multicultural Services. She and the directors of the church work together to keep the America Reads program up and running. Ms. Patton interviews Ursinus students for the position and then creates a schedule so they each have an equal amount of days that they work. The job is taken very seriously, volunteers only have a certain amount of unexcused absences and are expected to report to work in the days that they are assigned.

America Reads has become a tradition at Ursinus College that also benefits the surrounding communities. Current students working for the program recommend it to anyone because not only does it look good on resumes, it is possible to have while fun participating in it. The program is open to all students on campus throughout the school year. So those looking for a job and want to help people outside the Ursinus community should become a member of America Reads today.

Jordanian visitor discusses education

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On Wednesday, just before noon, as most students filed into Wismer, an intrigued few gathered to hear an unusual visitor to the Ursinus College Campus. Youssa Al-Ali, a middle-school principal from the Middle-Eastern country of Jordan, held a discussion concerning Jordan's education system.

Ursinus faculty and students stood poised to engage in a conversation highlighting the differences between the American and Jordanian education systems. However, Al-Ali sought first to explain Jordan's modern education system as a reflection of American school systems.

Al-Ali, who works in the capital city of Amman, de-

scribed schools in Jordan as being similar to American schools in terms of curriculum as well as length of school year and daily hours.

She also highlighted the fact that in a metropolitan city such as Amman, a large emphasis is placed on teaching English.

The principal stated, "Starting five or six years ago, English is now taught in the first grade."

After establishing similarities Al-Ali expressed differences she had noticed as she approached the end of her ten-day stay in America.

Her eyes widened as she explained how startled she was to hear the average tuition costs of American colleges and universities.

Al-Ali also explained that religion is present in Jordanian public schools. Both Muslims and Christians at-

tend school together and simply separate for their respective religion classes.

Despite the differences in their beliefs, she described the relationship between Muslims and Christians as "very nice."

Al-Ali's discussion proved that international enlightenment is available amidst the hustle and bustle of our small Ursinus campus.

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New attendance policy

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Among the many changes this fall at Ursinus is a new attendance policy that all students, both freshmen and upperclassmen, should be aware of.

The new attendance policy, developed by Judy Levy, the Dean of the College, eliminates a uniform college policy and allows individual instructors to create their own specific policy.

It also now states: "In keeping with a strong liberal arts tradition that encourages active learning and complete participation in the education process, the college expects students to attend class."

In the past, the college had permitted instructors to set their own regulations, but did mandate that a student could not be limited to fewer absences than twice the number of weekly meetings of the course.

The new attendance policy, two years in developing, was passed by the Academic Standards Committee and voted on at a faculty meeting in Spring 2005. According to Dean Levy, concern over the former policy arose when faculty expressed their thoughts that students felt entitled to take the maximum absences college policy permitted. Some students saved these absences and used them up at the end of the semester, resulting in low class attendance overall.

Rebecca Jaroff, assistant professor of English, headed the research to support a change by examining the policies held by other institutions. What began as research of ten schools was broadened to include many liberal arts schools in Ursinus' demographic and geographic area. Research found that most often, other institutions did not have a similar policy of allowing two weeks worth of absences, and instead stressed the importance of attending all classes in order to maintain an interactive learning environment.

Battle of the websites: TheFacebook vs. MySpace

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Last year, one of the hot trends was *The Facebook*. Every year, something new pops up and replaces whatever was popular last year. It seems that *The Facebook* is no exception. What was hot yesterday seems to be fading faster and faster this year. *My Space* is not as well known for now, but it is what people are talking about now. While *My Space* may be new to the Ursinus College, is it better than *The Facebook*?

For those of you who may not know what *The Facebook* and *My Space* are, let me give a brief explanation of them. www.facebook.com is an online directory that connects people through online social networks at schools. It permits you to look up people at your college and high school, allowing you the chance to reconnect and see who knows each other.

www.myspace.com defines its website as being an online community that allows friends to talk and single people to meet other singles all online. It is a site that allows families to keep in touch, business people and co-workers interested to network, and anyone to search for long lost friends. It is simply a place for people to meet new people. While I like the fact that *My Space* allows you to personalize your profile page by adding designs and even music, plus a specific section for networking, I didn't think that the site was original. Certain things such as the

Ursinus supports a collaborative learning environment beginning with the CIE program's dedication to small, discussion-based classes. The former policy was believed to be in conflict with such principles and also to be undermining the students' education.

"We have a responsibility to teach students how to be active learners," said Dean Levy.

In the past, faculty had found ways to reduce the number of absences by having class participation factor into a student's grade. Students with excessive absences had their class participation grade lowered, thus affecting their overall grade for the class. Under the new policy, instructors are required to state their individual policy on the course syllabus at the beginning of semester. Academic warnings will be issued to students who fail to meet the stated attendance policy.

Exceptions will be made in certain situations, particularly for religious holidays and athletic competitions. Such absences are to be discussed with the professor prior to the missed class period.

Dean Levy expressed the importance of communication between students and their professors in dealing with the new attendance policy. Unresolved disputes between students and faculty regarding absences can be taken to the department head and subsequently the Dean's Office, if necessary.

The Dean's Office reports no student complaints so far this semester concerning the implementation of the new attendance policy. The faculty also appear satisfied with the new policy, as it was passed by an overwhelming majority vote. Dean Levy is optimistic, saying, "I wouldn't be in favor of changing the policy if I didn't think it would work."

Some students expressed their opinion that faculty will continue to be understanding of an occasional missed class, as long as absences are not excessive or without reason.

music and the personalized people's pages reminded me of another website, *Black Planet*. I also thought that some of the pictures were tasteless, but sometimes interesting. People are not trying to get to know people on this site. I opened a profile on this site and people added me as their friends off the strength of my picture. Me personally, I like *The Facebook* more than *My Space*. It seems to have more class, style, and it is less technical.

Now, let's be honest with ourselves. Last year, people thought that *The Facebook* was stupid and now almost the entire student body has an account on that site. People are going to flock to whatever is in style at the moment. I've learned that it is all about appealing to what people want.

People want the newest and the most talked about product that is in stores. That is the reality of our world. This means that if enough students on campus start to talk about *My Space* and stop talking about *The Facebook*, it will become the "new hotness." Regardless of how weak the product is, people want to be in style. While I may think that *The Facebook* is better than *My Space*, it is my opinion. Form your own opinion and decide for yourself. Either way, you are going to become hooked and end up checking these sites everyday; they are fun, addictive, and give you something to do when you don't feel like doing your homework.

Features

WVUO 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 WVUO!

- 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 WVUO!

- 9-11 am: Josh Delano
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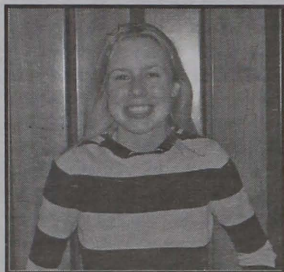
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Let's talk about sex

This past Sunday evening I collapsed on my couch at home after a long weekend to enjoy the programs I had recorded on TiVo during the week. I scrolled down to find the new OC, which I admit is one of my guilty pleasures. Last week's OC did not disappoint by providing its usual far-fetched plot twists and humorous banter between characters, to which those of us who enjoy the show look forward. This episode also contained a steamy sex scene, which was promised by the producers during the previous episode to ensure interest and ratings. The two dating main characters, Ryan and Marissa, (both of whom have had sex before) chose to have sex for the first time that night after what many viewers felt was an eternity. Yet while I watched the scene, the only response I could muster was laughter. I could not control myself.



LANE TAYLOR
**Everything You Never
Knew You Wanted to
Know About Sex**

Apparently, the writers decided that it would be appropriate for the two to begin the final stage of their physical relationship on the beach, under a Tiki hut, with torches ablaze outside and candles flaming inside. The couple would then awaken to the sunlight beaming upon their faces and the sound of waves crashing to the ground, completing their perfect night; their perfect experience. I found it hilarious.

But why was this so funny? The writers of the OC had created for their inexperienced viewers totally unrealistic expectations of sex. Since I have been writing, I've been searching for the truth about sex, the reality of its consequences and the experience to share with the Ursinus community. Some of the information I've acquired has been due to personal experience or learning from those around me, while the rest I've learned from research for

the articles. But the place that I've learned almost nothing useful from is television.

Though I first saw the scene as ludicrous, it became less and less funny when I realized that viewers were watching this and using it as something on which to base their first sexual experience with a partner. And it's not just The OC that is guilty of providing unrealistic expectations of sex, but also countless movies and television shows that create completely absurd impressions of sex in the name of entertainment. This mistake could be purely unintentional; however, it has significant consequences for those watching. And I don't doubt that most of us can relate, because if our parents weren't talking and we were old enough to be interested in sex but too young to have friends with accurate information, then television was the alternative. If all that one is learning about sex is coming from the entertainment industry, then he or she might be getting involved in a relationship with physical and emotional consequences that he or she didn't know existed and may not be ready. This led me to conclude another reason why today's youth are bombarded with false impressions of sex and may go into sexual relationships completely blind: We're not talking about sex nearly enough.

And that's the remedy. In order to reverse the damage society has done on our minds, we have to tell the truth. We have the ability to speak up when watching a television show or movie, or even during a conversation, in order to say, "I feel differently," or "I think that's wrong." If you're comfortable, be loud and obscene. Challenge those around you to cope and understand a healthy and natural part of life. Sex is only taboo because we allow it to be, and if we want it to change we have that ability by speaking confidently as if talking about it is no big deal. It doesn't have to be a big deal, because the more people who are comfortable talking openly about sex will encourage and make it easier for others to step out of their comfort zone to share their thoughts. If this seems far fetched as a way to save the world, then simply picture it as a way to change and save one person from a disastrous relationship, STD, or unwanted pregnancy. It's important to remember that everyone thinks about sex, and if others don't feel comfortable, I'm always here to share what's on my mind.

Staff profile: campus safety director Kim Taylor

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In the midst of everyone's hectic first full month of school, you may not have noticed the addition of a new director of campus safety at Ursinus. Kim Taylor started as director on Sept. 12, and was still trying to finish settling in when I met with her last Friday to discuss her job here at Ursinus.

Taylor is originally from Wilmington, Delaware. She received her undergraduate degree from West Chester University in speech communication, and her master's in education from the University of Delaware, in college counseling and student personnel administration.

After finishing her education, Taylor decided she wanted to work in student affairs. So from 1992 to 1996 she worked at Ursinus as an area coordinator (RD), while living in Reimert. She was responsible for six main street houses, BWC and Reimert.

She was also an assistant softball coach while she worked here. When she left Ursinus, she started her own women's sportswear company in Willow Grove, Pa., called She Plays Sports, which also has its own line of sportswear.

After her life partner Deb was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001, Taylor started working with a Breast Cancer Awareness Group and has helped raise \$40,000 at a golf outing the group sponsors each year.

At this point in her life, she said that "everything came full circle," and she realized she wanted to make a difference in the lives of other people. One way she knew she could do that was by putting her education and former work experience back into practice, so she applied for the position of campus safety director at Ursinus.



When I asked her why she wanted to work at Ursinus again, especially at campus safety, she told me that she likes troubleshooting, public relations work, diffusing tense or difficult situations, working with people, and helping to bring the Ursinus community closer together. She gets to work with the residence life office, her boss Dean Nolan, whom she liked when she was here as an area coordinator, the Ursinus student government (to plan events like Oktoberfest), and the athletic department.

She also has to have good relations with all the different groups and staff on campus so that her department can work efficiently with everyone.

Trying to manage the campus safety office and interact with members of the Ursinus community in these first few weeks since she has arrived has kept Taylor's life hectic.

She has to deal with the new parking situation on campus, living up to everyone's expectations by making sure the officers and student workers are doing their work.

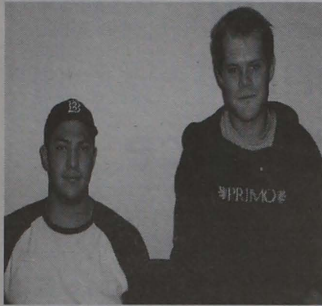
She works during the weekdays but also spends her weekends here getting work done and overseeing events on campus, and she also has to go out and acquaint herself with all the different groups on campus.

Initially, she plans to focus on learning and assessing the way things work here on campus, and doesn't foresee making any drastic changes right away to the way things are done.

She hopes to continue ensuring the safety of Ursinus students and staff by keeping her department running efficiently and cooperating with the Ursinus and Collegeville communities.

She would like to foster an even greater sense of community on campus in order to prevent future crime, fights or vandalism, because she feels that people should treat this campus like they would their home and treat everyone in it with respect and as members of the same family.

Can You Climb the Wall?



DAN LEVIN
MATT DAVIS

I, Dan Levin, pull out of the La Fontana parking lot, passing the hippo. As I turn on to Main Street, I hear a dull thud coming from the back of my car. *Womp womp womp.*

"Ah... the distinct sound of a flat tire," my brain asserts.

However, I am not so easily convinced. I turn to Matt Davis, who resides comfortably in the passenger seat. "Dude, I think you got a flat tire," he utters. Being now two against one, I fear that I have lost this battle; but I am not ready to surrender yet. I roll down the back windows of my jet-black Subaru Forester and listen intently. The sound has become louder, but it no longer has the sound of a flat tire. *Whap, whap, whap.* Clearly, a pebble has intruded upon my hubcap's personal space. Relieved, I turn my thoughts back to the purpose of this mission: to tackle the ginormous obstacle known as the Great Wall.

I secure my car safely in the Acme parking lot, and Davis and I trudge towards our destination. With one average step, I mount the curb. A friend once told me that climbing the steps of the Great Wall is extremely tiring. Having climbed these same steps so effortlessly, I ascertain that I must be in fantastic shape.

A green neon sign reading "CHINESE FOOD" hangs in the window. We have reached the Great Wall. As I enter, I survey the premises. To the right of the door stands a coat rack, or something of the sort. It's a rickety white rack with a few plastic hangers on it. It looks as if it would fall over if anyone were to hang a coat on it. There's one tacky chandelier surrounded by four ceiling lights in the center of the room. The walls are decorated by a few pictures. One in particular catches my eye. It's one of those pictures that use light to give the effect of movement, like the ones you see on a cart in the mall and say "wow, that's cool," but then keep walking without the slightest thought of a purchase. The lighting effect makes waves wash up to an exotic island while a beautiful orange sunset fills the background. I sometimes wish I were on this island, but then I remember that Ursinus College is my paradise.

Davis and I walk to the counter and grab two of the paper take-out menus to bring to our table. The Great Wall is not somewhere you go for the service. The restaurant is run by a married couple. The wife comes and takes our order. I get my usual dinner combo of beef and broccoli with wanton soup. I then make the brilliant substitution of a pizza roll for the egg roll. The food is served before I can even say "Ahhh Batman, we meet again."

As I bite down on my pizza roll, jamming out to The Boss's *Smalltown* playing over the speaker system, I suddenly realize what makes the Great Wall so phenomenal. It has the perfect mix of cultures. They don't bombard you with all that unneeded Chinese flair that most Chinese restaurants have. You can eat quality Chinese food while mixing in a fabulous American style treat (the pizza roll) and listening to music you actually like. And thus, I fully recommend that you take the short trip to the Great Wall, unless of course you can't make it up the step.

The Grizzly wishes to correct the misprint last week and this week regarding "Comments Sought for Tenure." The paper has mistakenly run last year's request in the 9/22 and 9/29 issue.

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 withheld, 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. Rebecca Evans, Politics

Dr. Roger Florka, Philosophy and Religion

Dr. Matthew Mizenko, Modern Languages

Dr. Lewis Riley, Physics

Dr. Richard Wallace, Environmental Studies

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, 2005.

Would you like to write for this section of *the grizzly*? If so, please contact Features editor Cecily MacConchie via e-mail at cemacconchie@ursinus.edu.

Let's Party - the unspoken rules of Ursinus nightlife

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It has been a long hard week of classes, papers and exams. It's Saturday night and all you want to do is cut loose and forget about it at a party. You walk up to the door of a house hosting a party and what happens? You are turned away; told that the party is full, to try back in half an hour, or the ever popular "we're out of beer."

Most people tend to get upset when they are turned away from a party. But the organizations hosting the party have nothing against you; they have rules that they have to follow. If organizations do not adhere to the rules they run the risk of losing their party privileges which would mean fewer parties for everyone.

The more crowded a party becomes the higher the risk of problems occurring. Houses get damaged and people can get hurt.

"We are a month into the school year and we already had a window punched out in Shreiner," said Matt Meeker, president of Sig Rho. These damages don't just go away. If the culprit is unknown, the damage is either billed to the social hosts or charged to the residents of the house.

It is also important to remember when you go to a party you aren't asked to pay for beer. All beverages are provided by the Greek organizations, or students hosting the event. An average party will cost the organizations hosting it about \$300. This money comes directly from the pockets of those hosting the party. So don't get greedy. Don't walk into a party, take 10 beers, and walk out with them.

"When people come to a party simply to steal beer and then leave, it shows a lack of respect and appreciation to the organizations that are hosting the event," said Tyler Shartel, President of Alpha Phi Epsilon.

If you are at a party, or trying to get into a party, listen to the social hosts. You may think it is corny or that there is really no need for them, but social hosts serve a purpose. Socials host are there to keep the parties open and more importantly to keep those at the party safe and out of trouble.

"We've had problems with people congregating in the front of the house which has gotten us in trouble with cops and RAs," said Matt Meeker. So, if a social host tells you move away from the house, do it. If you don't, it could be the police telling you to move along or worse placing you under arrest.

The next time you and your friends head out for some fun at a party, keep these things in mind and help keep the parties open for everyone.

The black spotlight or why white people like me

How do you stand out in a crowd? The answer is only skin deep.

In my quest to be more active at Ursinus College, and to become more known, I am going to more parties than I ever have before. After years of avoiding partying at houses that did not begin with an 'Omwake,' I find myself frequenting parties where 'mainstream' Ursinus students party.

If you have been reading my columns, you know I have serious problems with most Ursinus parties, but I am expanding my horizons in my last year here. I have a whole new appreciation of Thursdays now, to say the least.

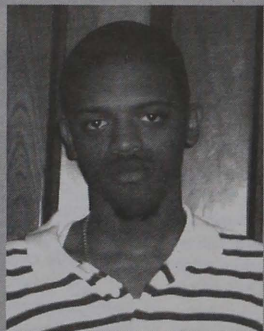
I thought that I would be entering a new realm of people on my weekly adventures. Because I don't make it a point to be known by everybody I meet at Ursinus, I assume that I could enter a party as an unknown, and leave with a plethora of new, white friends. But when I enter into parties, people know me.

However bad this sounds, it must be said: white people know me. I am not saying this as a racist or satirical comment, this is an honest statement. I did not think that I was well-known among the mainstream culture of Ursinus. After much contemplation, I figured out why people know me.

I would like to say that I am known for my charming personality, handsome good looks, or even for writing this column, but this is not it. I am black! As much as people

would like to debate that my blackness has nothing to do with anything, they couldn't be farther from the truth.

Being black does not mean you are automatically going to be embraced by the masses at Ursinus, it is the stereotypical characteristics of black people that make you known. As much as I hate stereotyping, I fit into some stereotypes of black people: I can dance, I talk with slang amongst my peers, I like rap music, and my clothes tend to sag off of my body. I am finding that a lot of people like these attributes. I can be your cool black friend; if not me you can get one from www.rent-a-negro.com



DARRON HARLEY
The Left Side of the Hallway

I should be careful to say that I do not believe all people are like those I am describing. I have some friends on this campus that like me for me. These are people that I can talk to about the failing education system in poor communities, America's Imperialistic movement, and the fact that I am starting to become a fan of Adam Levine of Maroon 5 (even though I had to do an internet search to figure out his name), without being looked at like a dog that can walk on his hind legs.

My friend says that I am a "Ghetto Celebrity" on this campus; somehow I feel that most people's emphasis is on *Ghetto*.

Darron is a senior, fighting stereotypes on a daily basis. Send your angry emails to daharley@ursinus.edu

Stress can affect your academic performance

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For many of you, it must be a relief to have gotten over the anxiety that came with preparing for the Biology 111 test last week. Most of you probably spent long hours studying for the test, but may still have been disappointed with your results.

Although your test results may have been worse than you had hoped, you have to keep working. Test-taking is an unfortunate fact of college life, but you will continue to have tests in your courses until the semester is over, so do not start slacking now just because of one bad grade.

It is a significant jolt to your ego when you get an F on a test, especially your first one. You've sacrificed a considerable amount of your time studying, going over every past exam, and doing this and that just to understand everything before you take the test, yet somehow your hard work doesn't pay off, and you are at a loss to explain what happened.

However, what you may want to consider and probably did not know about, is that all the piles of homework every week build up what is called stress. When you can not get enough sleep because you have to stay up till 2:30 a.m. finishing your homework, and then have to wake up again for class at 8 a.m. Your body will begin to wear down from lack of sleep and you may become stressed about not getting everything done you had hoped to finish. Your weekend may be just as miserable if there is another pile of homework waiting for you to complete for next week. While you might be getting tired going through the same routine every day, there are plenty of activities on campus to kick back a little and enjoy your life despite your stressful schedule and course load.

One thing that you can do is go to stress relief events in Wismer Lower Lounge when they are offered throughout the semester. It is a nice way to take your mind off of your work, play fun games, and get to know people. You do not have to stay up until all hours of the night doing your homework, because if you need help in a subject, you can sign up to get a tutor at the Unity House by Corson Hall, or talk to your advisor for tips about better studying techniques. So anytime you are feeling stressed about an upcoming test, just remember to relax, take things one step at a time, and you'll do just fine.

Down the path

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"It [the path] is an easier way to get to the gym instead of walking in the grass and getting your sneakers dirty, but even though we have them I still walk in the grass", says one sophomore.

A freshman explains, "I have no car, so they are no problem for me; it is much easier to travel around on campus without having to ruin the grass."

"Well, it is a bit of a nuisance since I drive and I am used to being able to drive through the campus in order to obtain a parking spot," reports a senior.

These are a few of the mixed reactions to the new additions to Ursinus - the pathways.



With the intent of making the campus of Ursinus a more "community-friendly" and easily trekked environment, the new pathways that you now see forming right before your very eyes have been added for your convenience. I know, personally, it is very convenient to be able to connect with the new paths instead of feeling compelled to walk on the grass all of the time. And as evident through the comments made by our fellow students, the paths may seem to be suitable to your taste, a nuisance, or have no effect on you at all.

So, instead of having to take a second to decide whether you will walk on the grass or take a path to your next location, you will probably find yourself pondering which one of the many paths you will take. It is all up to you. So, which path *will* you take?

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Movie of the week

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This week I watched *Monster-in-Law* on DVD. It was an impulse selection on my part. I had seen the previews and was curious to see if it was any good. I have to admit that any kind of romance movie normally makes me gag. There were certainly some gag worthy scenes in this film, but it wasn't as bad as it could have been.

If I had to choose the star character in this movie my vote would go to Viola Fields (Jane Fonda), hands down. Viola is an older woman who had a very successful career as a talk show host but suddenly was replaced by a younger, hipper woman who is obviously rather ditz. It causes Viola to have a bit of a nervous breakdown and she goes into an institution to help balance herself out. After spending a few months in isolation, Viola returns to her life looking forward to reconnecting with her adult son, Kevin (Michael Vartan). Unfortunately, she is met with the information that while she was away, Kevin started up a new relationship.

Kevin is a very successful surgeon and a very nice guy all around. Seemingly by fate, he bumps into the same woman three times in a two day span. The woman's name is Charlotte (Jennifer Lopez), or better known as Charlie. The two of them have a connection even though they lead very different lives. Charlie is an extremely random person. Her two jobs include walking dogs up and down the beach and temping. They have a whirlwind romance, and by the time Viola is out of the institution, Charlie has already moved into Kevin's home.

During the first meeting between Viola and Charlie, Kevin suddenly pops the question which throws both women way off guard. Viola assumes that Charlie will decline because it is much too soon, but Charlie accepts and Viola excuses herself. Viola goes a bit nutty over the situation. She makes it her goal not to allow her son to ruin his life by marrying Charlie. The drama begins with some very tricky manipulations on Viola's part, but soon enough Charlie sees the game and starts fighting back.

This was not the best comedy I've seen, but it didn't fall in the gutter either. It had a few really funny scenes, some mildly humorous scenes, and some mushy scenes. If I had to give it a rating out of four stars, I'd have to say it was about a two and half. I think it's a good movie to lay back and watch when there isn't much else to do and you feel like you could use a laugh.

How to start your own religion

In these troubled times, many find it prudent to turn to religion for comfort and answers to some of life's most difficult questions. The most difficult of all, of course: How can I shamelessly cash in on other's deeply valued personal beliefs?

Easy! Start your own religion! Here's how:

First, it helps to have some historical and/or factual base to work with. The "Big 5" religions all do. You, the layperson, do not have this. Skip this step.

Instead, focus on cooking up some juicy parables, legends, creation myths, prophecies, etc. Create gods and goddesses, spirits, or "forces." You can even worship nature! Or refrigerators! Use your imagination to the full extent, but do not go so overboard that you scare the living crap out of your followers.

Above all, emulate the Aztecs; after all, in the history of all religions worldwide, theirs has been the only one so far to prove itself *correct*. They predicted that the Age of the Aztecs would come to an end when their god, Quetzalcoatl, came down to earth in the form of a white guy with a beard. Sure enough, enter Cortez, a white guy with a beard, and his fun-loving conquistador buddies. And there you go! Doomsday proph-

ecy fulfilled, religion validated for the world to see! (Not very useful if you are a conquered Aztec corpse, but it is the principle of these things that count).

Next, start creating a complex moral system from these stories. It does not matter if your moral system appears to differ fundamentally from your stories; hell, it is YOUR religion! No one knows it better than you, Mr./Ms. Layperson. Except maybe Pat Robertson.



**MATT FLYNTZ
DAN SERGEANT**
Communism for Dummies

However, if you want your religion to survive longer than, say, the Spartans I suggest your religion embrace a love of peace. All the cool religions are doing it! And do not fret; professing to love peace does not actually hold your religion to peaceful behavior. You are free to pursue whatever inquisitions, crusades, jihads, or other assorted genocides you wish to embark upon.

Whatever you do, do not let your religion go the way of the Shakers. The moral system they created frowned upon sexual relations. Nothing new, you think, except Shakers frowned on sex in *all* forms, including the married kind. This led to the extremely foreseeable conclusion of their entire congregation dying with no heirs.

Another glance at UC Fringe

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Close friend and fellow art critic Jon Gagas was so impressed by Friday night's Cabaret portion of the Fringe Festival that he asserted, "it bludgeons you with talent!"

Indeed, the Ursinus Fringe Cabaret left little, if anything, to be desired. Ursinus Alumni Adams Berzins and Shane Borer returned to the popular yearly event as hosts. Borer's unflinching sarcasm allowed his star to shine a bit brighter than his dynamic co-host. However, the sharp-tongued duo eased through the performance with natural chemistry and innuendo to boot. Junior Katie Urich sauntered her way across stage effortlessly as the lascivious if bubble-headed card girl.

Among the outstanding acts was a dance piece with Kelly Lacey and Danielle Langdon, who performed their seamless choreography to the iconic and beautiful Sarah McLachlan song "Full of Grace." The only dance piece of the event, Kelly and Danielle

stunned the audience. Veteran dancer Sarah Campbell tried her luck with a monologue about superheroes that was upbeat if abruptly ended. Freshmen Laurel Salvo read an evocative multi-page poem.

The singers at the Ursinus Fringe Cabaret were by far the strongest acts of the show. The Bearitones opened the show with "My Girl," which was typically adorable and standard Bearitones fare. The easygoing atmosphere set by their performance proved it was a great opener. However, in retrospect and accounting for the mind-blowing vocalists to come later in the program, the appeal of the Bearitones performance seems lackluster. Felicia Chou sang with guitar accompanist Paola Correa to an original piece. Chou's vocal strength defied her diminutive stature as she belted her way through the stirring refrain. Taylor Martin was greeted to the stage with applause before she even began to sing. Her soulful rendition of India Arie's "I am ready for love" certainly has sparked a downloading revolution. Her captivating performance captured the grace of

And God forbid you let embarrassing personal details about yourself leak out to the worshipful masses. For example, say you were the head of a religion called "Schmientology." You certainly would not want your followers to know that, while you were the captain of a patrol boat during WWII, you accidentally fired live shells at an inhabited Mexican island, resulting in your reassignment because of your incompetent leadership. No, if your name was L. Ron Hubbard, you would never want your followers to know that little nugget.

Instead, it is best to go the way of the Mormons and lose or destroy all evidence of your closet-dwelling skeletons and controversial claims. Say it is an issue of faith and all your detractors are demons/Satan/CIA operatives. And speaking of Satan, if you can make your religion trendy for people other than disillusioned 14-year-olds who dress in black (a feat Satanism has yet to overcome), you get valuable bonus points!

After that, it is smooth sailing for you and your new faith. Sit back, watch the converts pour in, and count your tithe money. Every now and again, to stir things up, complain that public schools are not teaching your version of creation. If they pressure you to do the reasonable thing and enroll your child in private school if you disagree with their curriculum, appear on the 700 Club and call them heathens. Pat Robertson is waiting for your call.

acappella music without pretension or imposition. By far the strongest performer of the night, Kathryn Moriarty floored the audience with "Gloomy Sunday." In a plain black dress and with sparse motion, her voice harkened back to a musical era before pyrotechnics and gyrating backup dancers, where the sultry appeal of the singer was entirely vocal. She was, in a word, stunning.

Rip-roaring improvisational sequences rounded out the evening. Particular comedic moments were brought about by Chris Rogers and Shonn Shearlds, who whispered "I see white people" at one point during the night.

In short, the Ursinus Fringe Cabaret was a perfect evening, featuring the constant entertainment stemming from a great new facility and students with great talent.

Upon contemplating death (A suicide note to myself):

Wake up. Get off the couch. The time has come to do something significant with your life. Take a stand. Be bold! I'm talking about killing yourself.

We both knew something was wrong when you signed up for the double major. "Of what kind of a kind is consciousness a kind?" my philosophy book asked innocently the other day. I immediately broke into a cold sweat, my senses trembled. Remember the feeling? You knew then there was a choice to be made: seven more years of education or death. It's up to you. All I know is I wouldn't want to be stuck on the wrong side of that question in a dark alley in Norristown.

I don't care how you do it. Immolation? Hanging? Submersion? Be creative. Dress up like an artist taking handouts and wait to see how long it takes somebody to give a damn. Just stop vacillating; all this

wishy-washy nonsense is what got you here in the first place. You'd better not be reading this.



CHRISTOPHER CURLEY
The 7 1/2 Floor

"Oh what a tragedy! How did we not see this coming?" you'll expect from friends, family, admirers. Well don't get ahead of yourself, buddy, and don't take all the credit. Someone saw it coming - Me - and you won't get any sympathy here. I've already divided up your belongings amongst your friends, and I have to say: thanks for letting me keep it all.

But you're not going to follow through. This is just another egotistical exercise to validate your insecurities and help you deal with the dreary miasma of your life. It's selfish, really. Think of all the poor people out there who suffer real problems, listening to Yellowcard and teetering on the brink. This is their moment to shine.

Actually, you're fine, and I know you are. Why? Because you're you, and you won't give in while Jeff Mangum is still alive. He might put out another album, and you'd be too dead to appreciate it.

So go ahead, keep writing this column. Who knows - maybe you'll get lucky and be the center of a beautiful literary tragedy. Try Joyce: you wouldn't be the first English Major to drown in a stream of consciousness.

Bon Voyage,

You

Chris Curley apologizes to whomever this column may have offended. Suicide should not be taken lightly, and he promises not to do it again. Dashboard confessionals can be sent to chcurley@ursinus.edu

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Greek Corner

Sigma Sigma Sigma will be holding their annual Rose Sale on Family Day. From 11a.m.-1:30p.m. come and pick up your pre-ordered flowers or buy your last minute rose for a loved one. Roses are \$1 each or a dozen for \$10. The profits are going towards Sigma Sigma Sigma and the Robbie Page Memorial. RPM became the official philanthropy of Tri Sigma in 1954, originally aimed at curing polio, but switched to play therapy for terminally ill children when the cure was found. Play therapy is aimed at allowing bed ridden terminally ill children to still have the benefits of play. Alpha Sigma Nu will be handing out pins in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month on Family Day

from 11a.m.-1:30p.m. in Paisley Beach. All donations will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Phi Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Epsilon will hold the first dated of the semester. Semi-formal attire is recommended. Tickets are \$15 Stag and \$25 per couple. Buses will leave the Wismer Parking lot at 8:30p.m. and will return to campus at 1:30a.m. Contact any sister or brother for tickets or questions. Kappa Alpha Psi (Omicron Chapter) will be holding their 4th Annual Pajama Party on Saturday, October 8th, at 10 p.m. This is following a traditional cookout at 6p.m. in Omwake. Cash prizes will be given to ladies for the best pajamas.

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Bears terrorize McDaniel in OT

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A perfect day with a gentle breeze and the sun gleaming was accompanied by the deafening thunder of hearts beating followed by a brief moment of silence which built up anticipation for one sound; SWISH!

The field hockey squad won in dramatic fashion against McDaniel last Saturday with a 4-3 victory in overtime.

The Bears would pack their number two ranking in the country in a padded duffel bag and put it under the bus for safe keeping for when the team arrived in Westminster, Maryland to face the Green Terror (5-4 overall 1-1 conference). After a 145 mile journey, the girls would roll onto campus with a perfect Centennial Conference record of 3-0 and an outstanding overall record of 6-1.

Green Terror would strike first at the 14:44 mark of the first half to make it 1-0 match early. Karen Wendler had other ideas as she took a pass from Ashley Ettinger and threw it right past the pipes for a goal less than two minutes later. With the clock ticking towards the final seconds of the first half, McDaniel had a penalty corner opportunity which was fulfilled by Laura Baggaley with just 13 seconds left. This goal would give the Green Terror the edge at the half with 2-1.

Penalty corners were the face of destiny as two goals were scored in the second half from the rule book offering. Jess Rodgers would dish a pass to Kait Sutherland for the first goal in the second half making it two all.

Sutherland was sharing the love as she tossed a package to Jenni Moore who air mailed first class past net security to advance the lead 3-2.

With 4:32 left on the clock, McDaniel would slip a ball of hope past Jessica Lamina who has been nothing but a brick wall as of late. This goal would knot the game at three all and would be the proverbial overtime forcing goal.

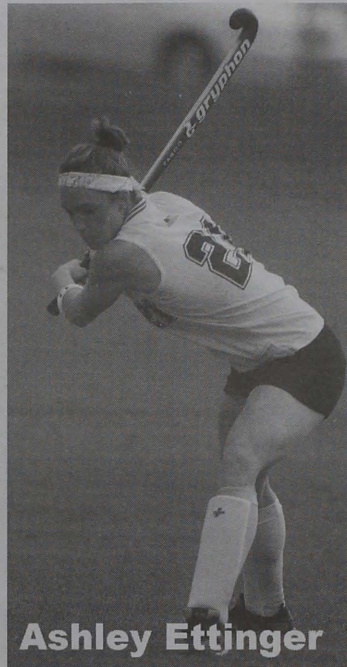
Sudden death overtime is the rule in this game; the first team to score walks away with the victory. The Bears have faced sudden death before as this would be their fifth overtime in two years.

Ettinger is known for her post regulation heroics prompting two game-winners last season, including one overtime goal to give Ursinus its first Centennial Conference Cham-

ampionship in school history. The odds were in their favor.

Coming into the 71st minute of the game, the senior proved to be clutch once again; Ashley Ettinger heard the familiar sound of that hard plastic ball striking the nylon fibers of the back-of-the-net to win the game 4-3. Sophomore standout Lindsay Cappa dished the ball to Ettinger and got a pivotal assist.

Ettinger's poise and confidence was nothing short of determination as she describes her emotions after the game, "Winning the game was more of a relief than anything else. The game felt like a dog fight. The surface was not at all what we were used to, but we played through it. It wasn't pretty, but good teams find a way to win and that is what we did. It is games like those that we need to come out on top if we want to have the opportunity to host the conference playoffs. I just think that everyone stepped up and did what needed to be done. It was one of those wins that you say your thank you's and walk away because there isn't much else that can



Ashley Ettinger

Bears make Bullets shoot blanks

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Hard hitting, quick ball movement, and strong defense led the Ursinus Women's Rugby Team to a dominating victory over Gettysburg on Saturday on the practice football field.

The 20-0 shut out puts the Bears' record at 2-0 and sets them on the right track for league play-offs. They set the pace early on, with senior Karen Guardiani scoring a try within the first five minutes and sophomore Jaime Malarchik scoring quickly afterwards.

The Gettysburg forwards simply could not contain the Ursinus forwards, as they dominated scrums, and kept the ball in Gettysburg territory for the large majority of the game. Led by a standout performance by sophomore Tarah Pearson, the scrummers consistently pushed for yardage allowing junior Kristen Brown and senior Allie Hunter to put in two more tries.

The running game remained strong throughout the game, as junior Caitlin Hanlon and sophomores Carolyn Vogt and Nina Gra-

ham gained significant running yardage. Sophomore Emily Files helped the Bears to prevail in nearly all line-outs which allowed them to maintain control of the ball for most of the game.

The Lady Bears' defense was impenetrable during both halves much to the frustration of the Lady Bullets. All of their attempts at gaining yardage were stymied by the ruthless tackling.

"Everyone played amazingly, and all our hard work at practice paid off on the field," said junior co-captain Kristen Brown. "If we

are able to keep up this level of play we will, without a doubt, win the Division III playoffs this semester."

Much of the credit for Saturday's strong showing can be paid to the specialized coaching they have been receiving over the last few weeks. Head coach Cris Mathew, who has been with Ursinus since the Spring semester. He has brought the team a long way with his patience and dedication.

In addition, two coaches have been brought in to work specifically with the forward and back positions once a week. They



be said."

A continuing theme each week is occurring, and that theme is teamwork. As cliché as it might sound, teamwork has been the key to success early in the season. The squad not only has a strong core of talent, but the depth of this team is amazing. Nine different players have scored goals this season and ten different players have had assists. Coach Moliken has developed a team with confidence and class that has overcome adversity early in the season.

There is not much more that can be said of the team except that Ursinus has impressive numbers. Ursinus has outscored opponents 33-11 in eight games so far. The defensive strength may get little press, but it certainly holds much power. Jessica Lamina has had 61 saves so far with one shutout and a save percentage of .859. The defense also has only allowed 124 shots to Ursinus's 208 shots against its opponents. The Bears are ranked 2nd in the nation according to the STX/NFHCA coaches poll.

The Bears continue the chase for the championship this Saturday, October 8th at home on the Snell Turf field against another conference rival, Haverford College. Game time is 12 noon.

have been emphasizing the basic techniques which are crucial to the improvement and success of the team.

"We have much better drills now and they actually tell us when we're doing something wrong," says Tarah Pearson. "It is amazing how much of a difference it has made in such a short time."

The Bears have two more league matches this season, both of which are crucial in determining whether they reach the play-offs or not. Last year, Gettysburg crushed their playoff hopes in the final league game of the season so it was a relief for them to get past this obstacle early on. If they continue on this track, they will reach playoffs for only the second time in the history of Ursinus College Women's Rugby.

Rally falls short as McDaniel beats Ursinus

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In the 30th meeting between two centennial conference rivals, the #24 McDaniel Green Terror were able to hold on late in the fourth quarter to beat the Ursinus Bears 28-20 in West Minster, Md.

Ursinus was the first to strike as senior Adam Schmidt returned the opening kickoff 74 yards to set up a one yard plunge by quarterback Vince Gallagher to give the Bears (1-3, 0-1 CC) an early 7-0 lead. McDaniel quarterback Tom Wenrich was able to tie the game 7-7 later in the quarter with an 18 yard scamper into the end zone. The Bears' special teams came up big again, as they have been all season, by scoring a safety after a bad snap on a punt attempt.

Ursinus place kicker Matt Baney increased the Bears' lead to 12-7 with a 27 yard field goal early in the second quarter before McDaniel (4-0, 1-0 CC) took the lead for good with a one yard score by Brett Gibson and a Green Terror 14-12 lead. McDaniel finished the scoring in the first half when linebacker Ron Ringgold intercepted Vince Gallagher's pass on the ensuing drive 36 yards for a touchdown and a 21-12 halftime lead.

McDaniel added another touchdown in the third quarter before freshmen quarterback Nick Dye came in for the injured Gallagher and led the Bears back in the game

by hitting James Sproule across the middle for a 64 yard touchdown pass. After Ursinus successfully converted on the two point attempt, the score was 28-20 in the fourth quarter.

McDaniel seemed to have total control of the game and appeared to be threatening again until Schmidt deflected a toss play by McDaniel and dashed 94 yards into the end zone in hopes of bringing the Bears within two points and a tie with the Green Terror. A clipping call brought the touchdown back, but Dye and the rest of the Bears offensive unit refused to give up without a fight. From the Bears' 16 yard line, Ursinus drove 76 yards but came up short in the end when Dye's pass to wide receiver Josh Hannum fell incomplete.

Nick Dye finished the game 11-20 for 177 yards along with a touchdown and interception. Dave Ashworth led all rushers with 82 yards on 18 carries. Adam Schmidt led the Bears' defensive unit with 7 tackles and a forced fumble. McDaniel was led offensively by Broderick Maybank with 79 yards rushing and defensively by Ron Ringgold who had 11 tackles and an interception for a touchdown and Joe Guisti who accumulated 12 tackles.

The Ursinus Bears return home for Family Day Saturday, October 8th, against Newport News in non-conference action. The game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Soccer struggles continue

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The men's soccer team continues to struggle, as its losing streak continues.

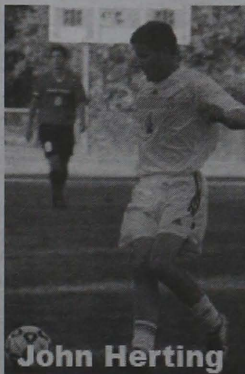
Saturday, men's soccer received its seventh loss of the season when Gettysburg routed the Bears five to one. John Herting scored Ursinus's only goal.

Currently, the team's over-all record consists of two wins and seven losses. They are zero and three in Centennial Conference play.

The Bears started the season strong with a non-conference win over Alvernia, with the last minute heroics of Ted Hooven. Corey Goldberg had the ball at midfield on the right side and he crossed the ball to an open Hooven, who smoothly placed the ball into the net.

In the second game of the season, the Bears lost a nail biter to Goucher (0-1). How-

ever, goalie Brian Berkowitz had eight saves. Corey Goldberg, a junior, states, "Berk had a huge game, and when he saved the penalty kick I really thought we were going to win the game and that the momentum would switch into our favor."



John Herting

That momentum switch didn't occur until their next game when Donald Reilly led the Bears to victory with two goals. Freshman Russell Smith recorded his first collegiate goal while putting the game out of reach against Delaware Valley.

Since then the Bears have been on a six game losing streak in which they have been out-scored 24-3. However, once the team is down by two goals the

coach takes out the starters to give other players experience, which helps to explain the disparity.

Bearly Reminder

Friday October 7th

**M&W XC at Blue Jay Invitational
@ John's Hopkins- 4:30 p.m.**

Saturday October 8th

**Women's Soccer vs. F&M- 11 a.m.
Field Hockey vs. Haverford- 12 noon
Football vs. Newport News- 1 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Dickinson- 1 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. McDaniel- 2 p.m.**

Monday October 10th

Men's Soccer vs. Richard Stockton- 4 p.m.

Tuesday October 11th

**Women's Soccer vs. Delaware Valley- 4 p.m.
Field Hockey vs. Swarthmore- 7 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Swarthmore- 7 p.m.**

Grizzly Sports Report

September 29th- October 3rd

#2 Field Hockey at McDaniel W- 4-3 (Overtime)

Football at #24 McDaniel L- 20-28

Men's Soccer at Gettysburg L- 1-5

Women's Soccer vs. #15 John's Hopkins T- 1-1 (2 OT)

Volleyball vs. Gettysburg L- 0-3

Volleyball at McDaniel L- 0-3

Volleyball vs. Goucher W- 3-0