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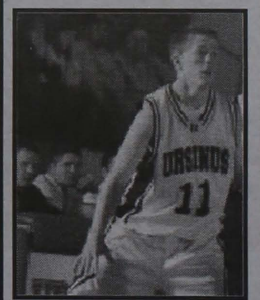
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## Memorial for Professor McLennan

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Bomberger Chapel filled last Monday evening as students, alumni, colleagues, family and friends gathered to remember and celebrate the life of Professor Michele C. McLennan, a beloved member of the campus community who passed away last month after a valiant battle with ovarian cancer.

The Memorial Service featured eloquent and genuine reflections on Dr. McLennan's life from the Ursinus community, as well as family and friends. The Ursinus College Meistersingers performed several musical selections. Mourners and speakers wept visibly throughout the emotional service, deeply moved by the loss of Dr. McLennan.

Students and alumni spoke, expressing the profound and personal influence Dr. McLennan had on their lives as both a teacher and mentor.

"I know how lucky I am to have known her, to have had her in my life and to have her as my role model always," said Michelle Bucci, class of 2001. "Her life was full of love and kindness, family and friends, a desire to teach but also to always be learning. She is and will always be my advisor, my mentor and my life counselor."

Senior Sarah Smethie, who worked with Dr. McLennan in the Summer Fellows program, echoed these thoughts, saying, "I will always hold the knowledge and inspiration I have gained from Dr. McLennan close to my heart."

Carol Cirka shared her memories of Dr. McLennan as a colleague and friend. "Michele lived her life to the fullest, touching her family, her friends and the Ursinus community," said Dr. Cirka, Associate Professor of Business and Economics. "She threw herself into everything and cared about everyone, especially those new to the campus. Her hallmark was that she gave people what they needed, not what she had time for."

Dr. McLennan was a highly esteemed colleague whose influence was not limited to the business and economics department. Judy Levy, dean of the college, recalled, "An energetic and engaged colleague who was well liked and well respected across the entire campus, Professor McLennan made a lasting difference to the college in her short time here."

Joseph Melrose, Professor of International Relations and Ambassador in Residence, shared a personal relationship with Dr. McLennan, who helped in his adjustment to life at Ursinus. "I am proud to know Michele and to have worked with her even though it was

only for a short time," Professor Melrose said. "The quality of a life cannot be measured just in years, but also must be judged by the courage with which it is lived."

Members of Dr. McLennan's family spoke toward the end of service, overcome by emotion and with appreciation for the Ursinus community which she so adored. "What struck me at the services was the fact that Ursinus student after Ursinus student came through the line," said husband Keith McLennan. "I asked each one what they had her for, and the most impressive part was that most of them didn't even have her in class. They just came because they knew her and I appreciate that."

Dr. McLennan's love for her family was evidenced by her deep devotion to their lives and by the way she spoke of her children to students and colleagues. "Michele found her soul mate in her husband Keith," said Dr. Cirka. "Her children Kali and Madalyn were, and still are, her shining stars and proudest accomplishments."

Her siblings recalled childhood memories, sharing a side of Dr. McLennan students and colleagues may not have known, but one that was ultimately consistent with her caring, vibrant personality and passion for life. "My sister was a person who was dedicated and committed to the things she believed in," said Robert Connell. "She was a person who got involved — you all have shown me that today. She was true to her commitments, and they were from the heart. Your sharing has taught me that one person can make a difference. She did make a difference."

Keith McLennan closed by offering an inspirational appeal, consistent with Dr. McLennan's legacy, to family, friends, colleagues and students: "It is the challenge of we the living to remember her by living our lives to the fullest and to do so as selflessly as she did."

In keeping with Dr. McLennan's deep devotion to raising awareness about ovarian cancer, informational pamphlets and support bracelets were provided at the memorial service, along with a list of symptoms and risk factors. Additional information about ovarian cancer may be obtained by reviewing the following websites: <www.ovarian.org> and <www.sandyovarian.org>.

Those wishing to make a donation or share a memory in honor of Dr. McLennan may do so in a variety of ways. Tickets are still available for the Sunday, Dec. 4 Brewer's Festival, "A Taste for the Cure," which will be held in Dr. McLennan's honor. Proceeds will benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition and the Michele C. McLennan Scholarship Fund. For tickets and information, please contact Britton Bongaardt at <brbongaardt@ursinus.edu>. Additionally, a tribute website, <http://info.ursinus.edu/McLennanTribute/default.htm>, has been established for the sharing of thoughts and memories of Dr. McLennan.

For those wishing to make a donation to the memorial scholarship fund, checks may be made payable to "Michele C. McLennan Scholarship Fund," and mailed to:

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## Fate of "the egg"

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It is not uncommon to see Ursinus' outdoor art moved around campus, but the recent relocation of the so-called egg has upset some Ursinus students.

The egg, as it is often referred to by Ursinus students, is the large silver hollow oval sculpture that once sat on the lawn in front of the Berman Museum, facing Main Street. Last week, the egg was removed from the lawn in front of the museum, the spot where it has been for the past six years, and moved to a new location.

The egg's new home is not more than a few hundred yards from where it once stood, on the front lawn of Kegwin, slanted, facing the main entrance to campus.

The sudden change in what has become a part of not only the Ursinus College landscape, but a part of Ursinus College's culture left students wondering: Why move the egg? "I don't understand why they would move it," said Nick Grose, a senior. "It has been in that spot since the first time I visited the college. It just doesn't look right in its new location."

Lisa Hanover, director of the Berman Museum, said the reason for the sculpture's relocation is the upcoming renovation of Bomberger. The renovations are set to begin in January, and the egg just happened to sit in the path of the required construction vehicles. "The sculpture was moved to prevent the possibility of damage occurring during the Bomberger renovations," said Hanover.

Even if you are upset with the egg's new location, do not think that it was moved without careful consideration. "That sculpture is sort of the gateway to the museum and the college; we wanted to keep it close to, and facing Main Street," said Hanover.

Critics of the new location, and diehard fans of the old location, have no fear. The egg's new location is only temporary. The sculpture will be returned to its old location once the renovation of Bomberger is complete.

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## Jazz legend performs at Ursinus

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World class saxophonist Denis DiBlasio joined the Ursinus College Jazz Band on Thursday, November 17, at 8 p.m. and treated the Ursinus and greater Ursinus community to a concert in Bomberger Hall Auditorium.

DiBlasio, joined by piano great Tom Lawton, was capping off a two-day music residency at Ursinus. On Wednesday, November 16, DiBlasio and Lawton led a clinic for the Ursinus College Jazz Band. He took time to work closely with the rhythm section before the scheduled 7 p.m. rehearsal with the full band.

Throughout the concert, DiBlasio dazzled the nearly-full hall with his skills on the baritone saxophone and flute, as well as his remarkable scat-vocal technique. He left the audience stunned as he showcased his extraordinary improvisational skills before the band played their final number, DiBlasio's own "Coconut Champagne." DiBlasio asked the audience to provide him with four musical notes. He took what the audience shouted out and proceeded to im-

provise a remarkable original introduction to his song.

DiBlasio, who earned his masters degree from the University of Miami, is one of the most well-known and highly respected jazz educators around the world. His "education as entertainment" style includes a unique combination of positive motivation and witty humor that ensures an environment where "making music is fun." He has a fearless and risk-taking attitude that communicates to students a message heard loud and clear: "Mistakes are valid—if you learn something from the attempt."

According to Dr. Holly Gaines, Assistant Professor of Music and director of the Ursinus College Jazz Band, working with DiBlasio was a



real treat. In the days leading up to his visit, she repeatedly told her band members how much he loves working with students, and how much they would gain from this experience.

"We were lucky to have this highly esteemed educator and performer here at Ursinus," Gaines said. "DiBlasio has taught and performed all over the world, and he is in high demand as a clinician."

DiBlasio is currently the director of the jazz department and conducts the Jazz Lab Band at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.

## Myrin Renovations

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The final touches in the Myrin Library have finally been implemented, ending over a year and a half's worth of continuous renovating. Charlie Jamison outlined the changes that have been made since the flood.

This included making the area against the wall behind Jazzman's (the Bomberger side) more of a study area by bringing in wooden tables and wooden shelving units nearby.

The infamous "flood," where a water pipe burst and damaged much of the library, prompted the renovation of the library. Two of the more noticeable changes included the removal of the "glass house" which opened up the main floor, and the Jazzman's Café addition.

Charlie Jamison, the director of Myrin Library, said that the new design, particularly the main floor, is "very attractive and welcoming." He compared the visitation numbers to before the flood hit—the library averages 2,000-3,000 more visitors per week.

"There was a conscious effort to create a space where students can gather," Jamison said. "People used to come [to the library] to gather info, but not anymore." Libraries have become "the cultural center" in the wake of the information age.

The challenge, Jamison asserted, was to keep students coming to the library despite the ease of obtaining information on-line from their dorm rooms. He mentioned several times that he listened to students, particularly when they said they wanted a "comfy space."

Besides removing the "glass house" and the addition of Jazzman's, the main lobby was revamped. A lounge-type setting was put in the place of the "glass house" and another lounge area was created against the back wall, past the study tables. On the second floor, which is a quiet floor, the study center has been expanded so that more students can work in peace.

The Ursinusiana room (the archives) was not damaged by the flood, although Jamison hopes to expand it. He talked about putting the bell that was used for Freeland Seminary on display (the bell is currently buried in the corner of the Ursinusiana room).

Patrons of Jazzman's also perhaps noticed the new fans on the ceiling. This was to increase circulation. "We couldn't open the windows for security issues, and so I noticed that whenever I was in a restaurant, they used fans for circulation," Jamison said. "The Physical Plant came in and did a great job of putting it together."

He also credited the staff of the Myrin Library for being instrumental in making it a welcoming and successful place to study. "We all share an incredible sense of commitment because of [the students]."

"The library is the heart of campus," he concluded.

## corner

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### Hot Fun in the Summertime: Cool Summer Jobs

As the cold winter winds begin to blow- many of us begin to dream of warmer temperatures and summer sunshine. It's never too early to plan for that perfect summer job in paradise. Consider summer work that takes you to an exotic location, puts you in touch with nature, provides big thrills or is just plain fun! Whether you want to be a whitewater raft guide in Alaska or be a boat-captain in the Florida Everglades- plan for an adventure this summer.

The following Web sites will help you navigate the many exciting summer opportunities available to you. For some hot fun in the summertime- take a look and enjoy!

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The Student Conservation Association (SCA) provides students with meaningful conservation service internships and volunteer opportunities in National Parks, Forests and other public lands. Enjoy adventure, gain experience, and make a difference.

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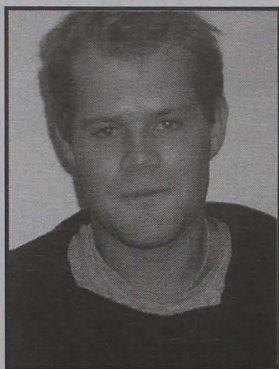
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# Features

## Top Toilets



**MATT DAVIS**  
**MARK DAVIS** (not pic-  
 tured)  
**The Outside World**

This week in travel we will be checking out Ursinus's restroom facilities. As I was doing my work in the library, I headed to the second floor bathroom, having remembered it to be quite luxurious from my past experiences. As I took my place in a stall, I saw that I was surrounded by all sorts of inspirational quotes and pictures. One enjoyable quote really captured what I was thinking:

"bathroom art and/or poetry is a wonderful and often overlooked art form, without it life would be incomplete" —anonymous.

As I looked around I realized that this was obviously true. Often times, fraternities are the patrons of this art form. Very deep quotes such as, "there is only one fraternity" and "Jeff Goldblum is watching you poop" kept me intrigued. There was also an intellectual Socratic dialogue that was like a written frat battle. For instance, "You pledge three weeks doin dumb s\*it, pledge sumthin real and then talk s\*it"

"How do you know what's real? you haven't done a damn thing"  
 "Well I did \*\*\*\* your \*\*\*, does that count?"

I can't wait until my next bathroom adventure in the library to see how this drama unfolds. Walking out of that stall I was enlightened, as though I had just come out of another session of CIE.

Moving on, the toilets of Wismer lower lounge were a close second. What we observed about this bathroom was the fact that nobody seems to know about it. I've probably entered this bathroom fifty times, and I cannot recall anyone ever being in there. It is very peaceful and serene. It is like a sanctuary. The toilets are always flushed and the floors are immaculate. In addition, its location helped it to garner 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors for the coveted "Top Bathroom" title. It is strategically placed in the middle of Zacks and Wismer. And we all know that laxatives are put in the food to keep us from getting sick. I would have had many accidents if this bathroom didn't exist.

The bathroom of Richter 2 comes in third place. When you open the door, there is one toilet that sits like a throne in the back left corner of the room. Although there is enough space for at least three toilets, there is just one in the corner without the addition of any stalls. But don't let this fact dissuade you from using this masterpiece. Once you lock the door behind you you'll realize that it is actually an architectural masterpiece. You'll feel like Donald Trump taking a dump.

One of the worst bathrooms I encountered on my trip was the secret one in Beardwood's first floor. This bathroom is vile and disgusting and filthy. The stall is nearly ripped off the wall, and crap is everywhere. However, the worst bathroom overall would have to be the shower in Duryea. I was testing it out, and all these girls totally flipped out at me and kicked me out of the party.

After checking out almost every bathroom on campus, these are my results. Chances are that you are sitting on a toilet right now as you are reading this.

Both Matt and Mark Davis encourage you to use this article as toilet paper.

## Murderball is coming to Ursinus

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Two professional quad rugby teams, playing in wheelchairs, will go head-to-head in an event to raise donations for two charities and awareness of the sport. The event is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2, at 8:15 p.m. in Helfrich Hall. If you are a sports fan or interested in unique, enlightening experiences, then this is the perfect opportunity to fill the void of another dull Friday night.

The match pits the New Jersey Jets against the Philadelphia Magee Eagles. Tickets may be purchased for just \$5 at the door or in advance in the Wismer lobby during dining hours. All proceeds will be donated to the United Spinal Association and to the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital.

The event is being coordinated by a company, ACE Ltd, started by 5 students enrolled in Prof. Bowen's business management class. Junior Dave Kiefer, a member of the company, talked excitedly about the upcoming exhibition.

"It's the fastest growing wheelchair sport in America," Kiefer declared. "It's going to open a lot of people's eyes as to what these guys can do despite their misfortune."

Quad rugby, originally called Murderball due the participants' violent style of play, is a full-contact sport that was created in the late '70s. In 1988, the United States Quad Rugby Association (USQRA) was formed to regulate and officially represent the sport. Since then, the sport's progression has skyrocketed. There are currently 45 teams in the nation and 20 other international squads, composed of proactive paraplegic athletes of both genders that compete on a world-wide scale.

In addition to the festivities, upon purchasing tickets students are urged to sign up for the chance to play at halftime. Teams will be composed of 5 players. The lucky winners will be selected to match up against the pros. Not to worry, they'll take it easy.

## Hot discounts warm up the ski season

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Beat the cold weather blues by hitting the slopes this winter break armed with your college ID. Your Ursinus ID card could yield some major discounts at several east-coast ski resorts offering attractive price cuts to college students.

With lift tickets generally ranging from \$45-\$75 per day, snowboarding and skiing can quickly drain a college student's wallet. However, some bargain hunting rendered several student deals from resorts in Pennsylvania and Vermont.

Pennsylvania's Pocono area is a hot spot for student discounts. Camelback in Tannersville, Pa., which boasts 33 trails, offers college students non-holiday lift tickets for \$30. Nearby Shawnee Mountain offers \$27 lift tickets every Friday to those who bring a valid student ID. Tote your ID to Blue Mountain in Danielsville, Pa., and you'll receive \$10 off non-holiday lift tickets. If it's serious snow you seek, head north to Vermont and reap the college discounts of three popular resorts.

Stratton, Killington, and Acutney Mountains in Vermont offer great trails as well as major discounts. For \$25 you can purchase the Killington College Card which makes one day lift tickets, normally \$70, available for \$35 per day. At Stratton Mt., where season passes retail at \$999, college students are offered season passes for \$299, if purchased before December 9. Acutney resort boasts "the best value in college skiing" with student season passes going for \$99.

So gather up your friends for a road trip, shovel some driveways for gas money, and you could be spending your winter break on the slopes.

For more information check out [www.killington.com](http://www.killington.com), [www.skicamelback.com](http://www.skicamelback.com), [www.skiblue.com](http://www.skiblue.com), [www.stratton.com](http://www.stratton.com), [www.acutney.com](http://www.acutney.com), & [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com).

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## What's hot and what's not this gift-giving season

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The Christmas holiday is fast approaching and its time to make those good old-fashioned Christmas lists. Everyone wants to know what the hottest gifts are and let's not forget the price has to be right. I took the time to go around and ask people what they were considering buying for gifts, and even went into a couple of department stores to see what the public was buying. It seems that digital cameras and MP3 players are the most popular gifts in 2005.

Almost everyone walks around with an iPod, whether it is the mini or Nano. Most of the students here at Ursinus said that they wanted an iPod or digital camera for Christmas, some even stated that they wouldn't mind a new laptop or computer. "Dell has some new and exciting PC's coming out during the Christmas holiday and I wouldn't mind getting one of those," said Amber, a student here at Ursinus.

Every website I visited had all electronics or games for the biggest holiday gifts to buy for the season. When I went to Wal-Mart and Target, I picked up the coupon book and on the first page were all of the video games and MP3's that were on sale. I went to the electronic section and an employee came over to me. "Hi, my name is Chris, could I interest you in some digital cameras? We have the latest models from Kodak to Sony," stated the Wal-Mart worker.

If you were to go these websites, the advertisement would be directed towards all electronics from flat panel televisions to video games. I went to the mall this past weekend and decided to ask the local residents what they were thinking of buying for the holiday season. "I have three children and they all want the new iPod Nano, which costs over two hundred dollars. I don't know what I am going to do because I can only buy one and then that leaves two angry children," said Richard McGee, while standing in front of Nordstrom.

It seems iPods are going to be the hottest gift once again for this year, besides digital cameras. Everyone wants an MP3 player because it's more convenient than carrying a CD player and having to switch the music. Digital cameras save you a trip to the photo shop to get them developed, plus you can share your photos with friends and family via email. So, I say the hottest gifts are the ones that makes people lives more convenient and are worth the price. These devices might be a couple hundred dollars, but they last a good amount of time.

## Greek Corner

The sisters of Tri Sigma will be having a rush called Sigma Perk on Dec. 6. It will be held at 30 6<sup>th</sup> ave. at 6:30 p.m. Also, they are holding a women's drive until Dec. 5. They are looking for donations of toiletries in boxes that are set up in Corson Hall, Wisher Lobby, and outside of the school bookstore. The donations for the women's drive will be benefiting the Halfway House in Norristown and the local Salvation Army.

The sisters of Phi Alpha Psi and the brothers of Delta Mu Sigma will be holding a Luau rush on Thursday, Dec. at 8 p.m. at Keigwin.

The brothers of Sigma Rho Lambda and the sisters of Phi Alpha Psi will be holding a rush on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. in Shreiner on Main Street.

## Am I Pregnant?

Am I pregnant? This question is one that most women our age never want to have to ask. However, in spite of the progress made in birth control efficacy and the high-effectiveness of many forms of modern birth control, no method is 100 percent effective. Thus, many women our age who may or may not be using some form of birth control are forced to ask this question every day. Am I pregnant? How would I know? What are the signs? These are all questions that may run through the mind of any woman who believes that they may be pregnant, but who also do not have all the information. This article discusses the signs and symptoms of early pregnancy, so that if the women reading this article ever have to ponder these questions; they'll also have the answers.



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

The telltale sign of pregnancy is a missed period. Typically, women who become pregnant will miss their next period. However, some women actually bleed during pregnancy, though this is often lighter or shorter than that of their normal periods. Some of this bleeding could be attributed to implantation bleeding, which occurs 6-12 days post-conception, and entails spotting and cramping. Also, a missed period may not necessarily indicate pregnancy, but may be caused by stress or tension, breast-feeding, fatigue, significant weight-loss or gain, ending the use of birth control pills, or other hormonal issues (Americanpregnancy.org).

Another sign that women usually associate with pregnancy is "morning sickness." Morning sickness can often begin 2-8 weeks post-conception, and involves nausea and vomiting. The name is a misnomer however, because many women experience morning sickness at other times of the day and not in the morning. Not all women experience nausea and vomiting during pregnancy, while others may suffer from this condition through the major-

ity of their pregnancy.

Nausea and vomiting can be attributed to other causes, however, and do not necessarily indicate pregnancy (Americanpregnancy.org).

Breast tenderness and darkening of the nipples may also occur with pregnancy. Many pregnant women experience breast tenderness or soreness which may occur 1-2 weeks post-conception. Women experiencing these symptoms may also notice swelling of the breasts. These symptoms can also be attributed to the use of birth control pills, an upcoming period, or hormonal imbalances.

Darkening of the nipples, specifically the areolas, may occur with pregnancy but may be due to symptoms left over from a prior pregnancy or hormonal imbalance (Americanpregnancy.org).

Food cravings and an increased frequency of urination may also be symptomatic of pregnancy. Food cravings, however, are also associated with craving a certain necessary nutrient, depression or stress, inadequate diet, or an upcoming period. An increased frequency of urination may also be associated with diabetes, drinking a larger amount of liquids than normal, a urinary-tract infection, or using a large amount of diuretics. An increased frequency of urination may occur 6-8 weeks post conception (Americanpregnancy.org).

Other symptoms women may experience while in the early stages of pregnancy are headaches, backaches, and fatigue. However, these symptoms, like those mentioned earlier in the article, may have other explanations (Americanpregnancy.org).

If you or your partner are suffering from any of these symptoms, you may want to consult a health professional to determine whether or not a pregnancy test is necessary, and how to manage the symptoms (whether they are related to pregnancy or not).

## Wanted: Greek Presidents

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A number of Greek Presidents, along with the CAB president, went missing on the night of Wednesday Nov. 16. These presidents were kidnapped from their rooms, practice, or dinner, and taken to a secret location where they were held for ransom. At this location they were tied up, handcuffed, blindfolded, and some even gagged. While these details would make it appear that there was crime afoot, the reality was not so. The sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma had the Greek president kidnapping at 30 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. that night holding presidents for ransom money which would go to charity.



The organizations that participated were CAB, Tau Sigma, Sigma Pi, Omega Chi, and KDK. Each of these organizations both participated and donated money. Overall, 191

dollars were raised by the organizations and the event was very successful. The most money was raised by Tau Sigma, who received money back to donate to a charity of their choice, as well as getting three of the sisters from Sigma Sigma Sigma to Social host for a future party. One-third of the kidnapping proceeds will be going toward Hurricane Katrina Relief and the other two-thirds of the proceeds will be going towards the Robbie Page Memorial to support play therapy for terminally ill children.

## It is 1:06 on Monday morning and I still haven't written my Grizzly column

I've put that headline in caps, but they're going to change that. I should stick to the style guide, but it just looks better in Initial Caps (like that, see? Real emphatic-like). Well, I'm dragged, fagged, and shagged about this work thing (to quote Burgess), how about you? Happy Thanksgiving. Holidays just make me want to stay away.



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Having admitted my selfish and shameless nature (honesty is the first step to recovery), I think it best to take the path of least resistance: a list of what makes all of our lives so difficult on the first week back from fall break.

A List of What Makes All of Our Lives So Difficult On the First Week Back From Fall Break (knew I could work those caps in there)

1. Turkey
2. Wismer (see: #1)
3. The next 1.8 to 2.2 weeks
4. Natty Light withdrawal
5. Natty Light re-acclimation

6. Tryptophan
7. Women (according to UScollegesearch.org, more than one half the student population)
8. Children (need I say more?)
9. The elderly (they're everywhere)
10. 8:40 a.m.
11. Last week's death of Ruth M. Siems, inventor of Stove Top stuffing.
12. (constant parenthetical asides)
13. (just a cheap stylistic trick, really)
14. (but you can't stop me)
15. Sub-par newspaper columns (not naming names! No, not me!)

Yes, that's it. I'm tired. In the spirit of the holiday, let me give thanks to some of the staff who let me work here (wank here?) every week: to Bart Brooks, my Editor-In-Chief, Ali Wagner, my Editor-In-Chiefess (not make gender distinction, I just like the image it gives me of her in a head-dress), and Heather Turnbach the Indefatigable (think Ivar the Terrible, minus the beard), the Opinions section editor. love them all, and they tolerate me.

Cheers.

Chris Curley would also like to thank Jesus Christ His Savior, Cam, Erin, Georgia, Katie, the Microwave oven, the letter Q, and the number eight (in no particular order). He would also like to thank tired clichés, for being there when nothing else would. Give thanks: chcurley@ursinus.edu

## The Back Row: Mindhunters

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I am reviewing a more recent movie to follow up my last column of a movie from 1976 that nobody has seen. The recent Miramax-Disney split left it little fanfare, leaving it extremely underrated.

*Mindhunters* (2004) follows the FBI's crack team of profiler-trainees as Jake Harris (an underused Val Kilmer) sends them on a training mission being conducted on an isolated island off the coast of North Carolina to complete their final test. Christian Slater and Kathryn Morris (*Cold Case*) make up some of the team, the trainees are being observed by Philadelphia homicide detective Gabe Jensen (LL Cool J). The trainees soon find themselves being picked off one by one, leaving them to find the killer among themselves before they fall victim to the elaborate traps.

Right off the bat, I have to admit I love so-called "twist" movies similar to *Identity* and *Angelheart* that leave you guessing until the very end. *Mindhunters* especially impressed me because every single character was fleshed out, leaving no auxiliary "throwaways" that you could see dying within the first half hour. The movie employed a device of broken watches to predict the next killings, creating a tense atmosphere that was just as suspenseful for the viewer as the characters themselves as they try to predict the next trap.

As far as the twist at the end goes I did guess the killer, but only after going back and watching a single scene repeatedly to find the clue. As hard as it is not give any spoilers away, I have to say I was really kept guessing throughout the movie. Also, the denouement is carried off perfectly, with the so-called "villain speech" employing flashbacks to show off all the little clues the viewer should have picked up throughout the movie. And, it was carried off without all those little stretches of logic that can ruin a movie for a dedicated cinephile like me.

A huge plus for this movie was that every single character had some redeeming qualities, giving the audience a reason to simultaneously root for and question each profiler in the group. I have not rooted this hard for LL Cool J to survive since his parrot (and Samuel L. Jackson) was eaten in *Deep Blue Sea*. Christian Slater played his usual cocky self, and Val Kilmer gave a solid performance that left me wanting more. The only weak link was Kathryn Morris, who annoyed me throughout, though I am not sure if this was her character's fault or just her whiney performance.

If you have not guessed by now, I really liked this movie. Over and over again, I found myself unconsciously biting my hand as the suspense built up to the traps being sprung at predetermined times indicated by broken watches. And when the killings finally did occur, they were not only inventive and surprising, but often extremely gory (frozen helium, ingested acid, and spring-loaded arrows all come into play). I highly recommend this movie, especially if you love a good psychological thriller, which have been few and far between as of late.

*Alex Ernst loves movies and wants you to love them too. If you have a movie you want Alex to love, send your suggestions and comments to alernst@ursinus.edu*

## The bigger headache with PA liquor laws

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Antiquated Pennsylvania liquor laws are giving many people a bigger headache than a morning hangover. Pennsylvania is one of two states in America to keep the sale of liquor and beer separate.

The fact that beer and liquor cannot be purchased in the same store has left many consumers in dismay on multiple occasions. The old adage time is money rings true for many frustrated buyers when they are forced to make separate trips in order to purchase both liquor and beer. Ursinus senior Jay Hobson echoed the sentiments of many Pennsylvania consumers. "It's really just annoying to have to make more than one trip to buy different types of alcohol. I'm from Jersey, and it's so much more convenient when I'm at home and I can make a run to the store knowing I can pick up both beer and liquor from the same place," Hobson said.

Here at Ursinus the parties will continue, but the ability to stock these parties will continue to come with inconvenience.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) is responsible for the law regarding the separation of liquor and beer sales. The PLCB board mandates and regulates all rules and regulations regarding the sales of alcohol in the state. All liquor stores in Pennsylvania are state-owned,

while all beer distributors are privately-owned. Consumers are not the only ones affected by Pennsylvania's liquor laws. Business owners also suffer from the state's decision to control the sale of all liquor. Bill, the owner of Trappe Beer and Soda, stated "it would certainly be a boost to sales because obviously the more I have, the more I can sell." Bill also said that he does not see the law changing soon as only recently have beer distributors in Pennsylvania been granted permission to hold store hours on Sunday (in July, Pennsylvania's Legislature gave the state's 1,303 beer distributors the option of opening on Sunday afternoons. Nearly 800 have applied for a permit).

Despite a thorough investigation, no answers to the question of why Pennsylvania decides to keep the sale of beer and liquor separate were found. The most information that the PLCB has on their stance is their mission statement. The PLCB statement simply reads that all decisions regarding the sale and distribution of alcohol in the state of Pennsylvania will be the PLCB's responsibility. Pennsylvania consumers may have to pop a few extra aspirin while attempting to buy alcohol. Pennsylvania appears to be keeping a firm grip on their out-dated liquor laws for a long time to come.



## How to avoid disastrous holiday parties

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Dormitory and house Christmas parties are always a great idea. They make the college feel "homey" and make the students feel all grown-up when far away from home. These parties also allow you and your roommates to make trips to the dollar store to avoid doing work, provide an excuse to dress up and drink and eat, and indulge everyone's holiday spirit with cheap decorations and everyone's sweet tooth with red and green wrapped chocolate.

However, the fun can quickly deteriorate if you are not properly prepared. Here are some tips from four years of personal experience of holiday parties.

First off, avoid flammable decorations. Not because of nearby lamps or heaters, but because of mischievous guests with lighters. The smell of burning plastic or streamers will quickly overtake the fake pine tree and cinnamon candles.

Do not buy anything you would steal from another dorm, because it will be stolen from you. This includes large Santas, rein-

deer, anything that sings or talks, or would be a nice addition to another house's collection of random stolen items.

Christmas lights provide a nice ambience and are a cheap way to look like you spent time decorating. Keep in mind people will be walking all over your house though, and that some people don't watch where they are walking. One trip and the whole string will come down onto anything beneath.

Before the party, make sure that you have more than one CD of Christmas music. The party will hopefully go on for more than an hour, and repeating the same songs every hour quickly becomes a recipe for insanity.

Do not put out the cookies and candy before the guests arrive. Add impatient hosts, holiday punch, and three trays of cookies to one room and all you get is three empty trays and hungry guests.

A trash can, used as a punch bowl, can really be helpful at holding those large batches of holiday punch. However, make sure you buy a new trash can and use something to cover up the word "TRASH" em-

blazoned on the side. I suggest a red or green or festive plastic tablecloth. Once you consume decent amounts of this holiday punch, refrain from telling guests that your five-gallon punch bowl is actually a trash can from the dollar store. Trust me, following up telling them, "Don't worry, it was brand new," doesn't make your punch any more appetizing.

Speaking of punch, get a recipe. Don't try to guess. Some rum, some Sprite, some wine, and some Hawaiian Punch all poured until it's a nice cherry color, doesn't work. It either tastes like Kool-Aid, stains everyone's lips bright red, or reeks of rum so badly that the fumes alone are intoxicating. When your friend tells you she's "eyeing it," ask her how much of the punch she's already had. Dumping the rest of the alcohol into the trash can - I mean punch bowl - does not a holiday punch make. More like a holiday punch to the head.

Take these tips from experience and have a great holiday party! (If anything does go wrong however, just ignore the last bit of advice and dump away.)

## Opinions Addicted to games, are we?

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Video games are becoming so addictive that last year they consumed about 2.6 million dollars in profit. Studies say that there are at least two games in each household across the United States. Kids are not the only ones rushing to GameStop, though. People as old as 30 years of age invest in video games.

Most people think that video games are made just for kids and that is definitely not the case. Video games have become so popular that they now have ratings, just like movies. They have an "E," "M," or "T" labeled on them meaning, "teen," "mature," or "everyone." Who would have thought these games would become so trendy that they would be rated?

As college students living in coed college dorms, we see a lot of people playing video games in their rooms. For hours at a time, they are sitting in front of television playing racecar, football, and basketball games. You would think that the brain wouldn't be able to function correctly after staring at a television screen for so long.

Patrick Wigfall, a junior at Ursinus College, feels that playing video games relaxes him and relieves the stress that college puts him through. He said, "I think that video games can have a positive effect on the brain. Most games are meant to be stimulating, even the action type games usually have elements to them to challenge you and make you think about what you're doing."

I visited the local GameStop store to see what people were buying. The employees informed me that action and sports games were the most popular. Surprisingly, the majority of the customers actually buying video games were either in their late teens or adults. The fact of the matter is that most people associate video games with children, when the largest population playing games are adults.

Most people assume that only guys play video games, but I've seen it for myself, and females also like to play. Walking through the halls of North, I happened to come across two females playing Playstation. "It is fun and it's something to do outside of academics," said the Ursinus student sporting her Eagles pajamas.

Video games are a big phenomenon. Whether you're female or male, it seems to be a great way to relieve some stress. As long as it does not interfere with your everyday life, I say play as you may.

## CfD goes behind closed doors of Parker Bros.

As brilliant investigative journalists, Mr. Sergeant and I are able to obtain access to areas normally off limits to ordinary citizens. For instance, just last week, we were invited to meet with Gary Harding, CEO of Parker Brothers Games. He gave us a behind the scenes tour of the factories that assemble some of your favorite games and he even took us into a private room devoted to rejected board game designs. The room was vibrant with color and had rejected boards all over the wall. We got to see them all, but we would like to highlight a few of our personal favorites for you.

Trivial Pursuit: Board Games Edition. The premise of this game was that the players would field ridiculously hard questions on the topic of board games. Seeing as how there have been thousands of board games throughout history, the developers felt that this was a sure-fire hit. But, for better or for worse, executives realized the madness behind a board game about board games. After all, the idea is almost as nerdy as getting dressed up as Chewbacca to watch a marathon of Star Wars. That being said, I probably would have bought it.

Risk: Gangs of New York Edition. I've always felt that Risk special editions (i.e. Lord of the Rings edition, Star Wars edition, etc.) were crummy cop-outs because the same game is simply being repackaged and sold as an exciting new twist on the original.

However, I would have enjoyed this one. This game featured a map of New York City and surrounding areas. Instead of taking over countries, players would take over the boroughs of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island, as well as the cities of Newark and Jersey City in New Jer-



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**Communism for Dummies**

sey. Players could choose to play as The Crips, The Bloods, The Mafia, or The Police. During testing, the game was labeled as "too offensive."

Grand Theft Auto: The Board Game. This board game featured a winding path (much like that in The Game of Life) through a fictional city with prompts on each space. Prompts would say things like "You encounter an old woman crossing the street. Do you A) Help her across the street, B) Ignore her completely, or C) Shoot her in the face,

steal her purse, and run like Hell!" Unfortunately, this game never got through the testing phase. Apparently, seeing how many people you can blast away before the cops capture you in a board game is not nearly as much fun as it is in a video game.

The Game of Real Life: This game was simply a revamped version of The Game of Life. The career choices included things like "Bum," "Corporate Pawn," and "Burger Flipper." House options included choices like "Your parents' basement," "Ghetto one-room apartment in Camden," and "The streets." And instead of spaces saying things like "You had twins! Collect a LIFE tile!" they would say "You got syphilis from a hooker! Collect a REAL LIFE tile!" Or, instead of "You wrote a novel! Collect a LIFE tile!" it would say "You got kicked out of grad school and now your bachelor's degree in philosophy is completely useless! Collect a REAL LIFE tile!" This game never made it to the testing stage, for its creator killed himself before it was completely finished.

*Matt Flyntz and Dan Sergeant absolutely love board games. If you want to play with them, drop them a line at maflyntz@ursinus.edu and dasergeant@ursinus.edu.*

## Bears ground Flying Dutchmen

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The thick aroma of victory was still wafting in the air after Sunday's post Turkey-Day Men's Basketball game between Ursinus and Lebanon Valley. The game was nothing but gravy as the Bears defense stuffed the Flying Dutchmen and the offense served up a seven course feast of success basting Lebanon Valley College 70-46.

Mike McGarvey was sweeter than Aunt Roberta's pumpkin pie last Sunday posting a game-high 20 points including five three-pointers from beyond the arch. Last years All-American, All-Star, All-Region, All-Conference Centennial Player of the Year started off his senior season at home with a bang. With the Bears looking to repeat the conference championship, McGarvey will be the heart of a talented senior core.

In the opening half, both sides of the ball had a little trouble finding the bottom of the net. Senior standout Brian McEvily charged down the court to make consecutive lay-ups while sophomore sensation Nick Shattuck kissed a lay-up off the glass after a

nice steal. It was the heels off of senior Joe Scholz who made four consecutive baskets with time winding down. The Bears pulled out to a 24-11 lead with just over ten minutes remaining in the first half. Lebanon Valley battled back a bit to finish up the half with Ursinus having the edge at 29-20.



Mike McGarvey

In the second half, the Bears defense grounded down the Flying Dutchmen by only allowing ten points in the first ten minutes.

At the 14:35 mark, Scholz hit a free throw to spark a 17-2 run. Scholz recorded the next three points on a lay-up and another point from the charity stripe. In less than a minute, McGarvey,

Shattuck, and Fabian all drove to the basket for six quick points at 51-30.

The next four minutes belonged to McGarvey, hitting for 12 of his 20 points, including one trey that was way beyond the arch even by NBA standards. Ursinus kept going back for more helpings and it sud-

denly was 66-35 with 6:42 left to play.

The final score of the game was 70-46. Don't feel too bad, though, because last year LVC left Ursinus with the bill as they beat the Bears 70-59. In 2005, the bill was certainly flipped and all credits are now paid off.

Rising star Nick Shattuck, who was one assist and two steals shy of a triple-double, recorded 14 points and career-highs in steals (seven) and assists (nine). Persistent powerhouse Matt Fabian dominated on the boards with a game-high 15 rebounds, including 12 in the first half. Twin towers Joe Scholz and Will Furey both recorded eight points and six rebounds.

Although the Ursinus margin of victory was rather large, senior Brian McEvily knows that the Bears will have to play better offense during the season. He commented, "I thought that on a night where we didn't start out shooting the ball particularly well, we managed to maintain a lead by dedicating ourselves to defense. In the future, if we can bring it like we did tonight on the defensive end every night, we should be pretty good."

Ursinus looks to win its second consecutive Centennial Conference title and its third in four years. The next step is the first conference game of the season at home in Helfrich Hall on Wednesday night at 8 p.m. The team is asking the student body to become a part of the Helfrich Hooligans and continue the school spirit that has now become notorious throughout the conference.

### Grizzly Sports Report November 12th-28th

**Men's Basketball**  
vs. NYU L- 61-64  
vs. Immaculata W- 93-62  
vs. Lebanon Valley W- 70-46

**Women's Basketball**  
vs. Alvernia W- 69-54  
vs. Messiah L- 45-69  
at Swarthmore L- 53-54

**Swimming vs. Drew**  
Men W- 74-56  
Women W- 109-69

**Swimming vs. Gettysburg**  
Men L- 42-142  
Women L- 37-166

**Swimming at Swarthmore**  
Men L- 73-142  
Women L- 111-135

**Wrestling at Monarch Invitational @ King's College**  
5th place Overall

## Bears fall short of NCAA title

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The field hockey team's dream of winning a national title fell short when top ranked Salisbury scored with three minutes to go in the game. Number two Ursinus fell 3-2 in the semifinals of the 2005 Division III field hockey championships held last Friday at Washington and Lee in Lexington, Va.

The Seagulls (20-1) were the winners of the last two Division III National Championships.

Salisbury was the first to score thirty minutes into the game when forward Megan Powell (Elkton, MD/Rising Sun) found the cage unassisted.

The team scored a second goal just four minutes into the second half when Danielle Twilley scored off an assist by Sarash Tracey.

The Bears quickly showed why they are a championship team by tying the game 2-2 with 55 minute already gone. Both of the goals were scored by Karen Wendler and were assisted by freshman Kai Sutherland on penalty corners.



However, Salisbury didn't waste any time, and within 48 seconds Salisbury scored the game winner.

Ursinus had numerous opportunities, out shooting their opponent 21-12 and a 12-7 edge in corners.

The group of students who made the five hour trek to Lexington stated, "we are proud of our girls. They gave it their all, and that's all we can ask from them. Hopefully next year the girls will be able to bring the title home."

Salisbury went on to win its third consecutive national championship beating Messiah 1-0 on Saturday.

## Bearly Reminder

**Friday December 2nd**

Wrestling at Petrofes Invitational @ Messiah-10 a.m.

**Saturday December 3rd**

Wrestling at Pretofes Invitational @ Messiah- 10 a.m. (Day 2)

M&W Swimming vs. Dickinson- 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. Gettysburg- 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball at McDaniel- 2 p.m.

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**Tuesday December 6th**

Women's Basketball vs. Delaware Valley- 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Gettysburg- 8 p.m.