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News Editorial: putting the pieces back together

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Since we returned from Fall Break last Tuesday night, there has been an unsettling feeling hovering over campus. On Wednesday afternoon, Director of Campus Safety Kim Taylor sent an e-mail to all students, faculty and staff stating that a student had reported an assault near the stadium's home stands on Tuesday night. The following morning, President Strassburger sent an e-mail to students, faculty and staff addressing an incident on campus involving pictures, taken of vile racial, ethnic and anti-religious slurs, drawn on particular students' arms and torsos, being posted onto Facebook. These students' actions were being evaluated by the Judiciary Board, though for underaged drinking, not the actions themselves. "Unequivocally, those actions offend all of us," explained President Strassburger. "Disgusting though this behavior is, let me also make clear that an to time was there any harassment, or threat to, other members of the community."

Over the past few days, through conversations that Γ ve had and that Γ ve overheard, it's become clear to me that many students on campus are not only furious with the results of the Judiciary Board hearings, but also extremely nervous about their safety on this campus. These feelings are natural and healthy to experience–but are they productive?

The reported assault stirred up quite a bit of fear on campus. The problem with fear, however, is that it is not a very usable emotion. As a student body, we need to find a way to productively turn this fear into awareness. Yes, members of our community have been at risk and in danger in the past; yes, there is always the possibility that this will happen in the future; but there are always ways that you can protect yourself and those around you. Use common sense and good judgment: try not to walk alone, especially when it's

Possible scam raises

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It's a bird! It's a plane. It's a...scam?

"Not necessarily," warns director of Campus Safety Kim Taylor in regard to the nature of recent campus vendors.

Last month, a man roamed campus looking for students to sign up for a low-interest Discover credit card. If the students filled out the necessary paperwork, including their social security numbers, they would receive a free t-shirt. Questions have been raised by the Ursinus community as to whether or not this incident was part of a scam.

"It is possible the man was working for Discover or was hired through a marketing firm," Taylor said. "They [marketing firms] hire these people to go onto college campuses or other places where there are large numbers of people. They are paid on commission, so the more people they get to sign up, the more money they get."

How, then, are students supposed to know which vendors they should or shouldn't buy goods from? An e-mail from Greg Striano, the Assistant Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities, informed students that the vendor program is overseen by the Leadership Development and Student Activities office. "The only vendors allowed on campus are organizations, groups, or businesses that offer items for sale that are received at the point of sale," Striano said. Some examples would include poster sales, jewelry and clothing vendors, or arts and crafts vendors. Also, vendors may only be set up in certain areas around or in Wismer Hall. Solicitation is never permitted inside residence halls. Greg included examples of vendors who are not permitted to make sales to students in his e-mail as well. Examples of prohibited solicitation include contracts or services offered by cell phone companies, credit card applications or offers or any contractual agreement for services such as fitness clubs, or sponsorship of events by bars or nightclubs.

In conjunction with location parameters, all approved vendors must display a card that signifies the campus has approved them to sell goods. Kim Taylor wants students to keep in mind that any approved vendor will never need to know any personal information, such as one's social security number, driver's license number, or date of birth. "If a student is ever unsure about a vendor, when all else fails, call campus safety or the Student Activities Office," she said. "They will be more than willing to help you."

While the "mystery credit card man" might not have been intentionally scamming students, it is important to know that such solicitation is not permitted on campus. Ursinus students need to be wary of giving their personal information to strangers. If an incident like this one ever occurs again, ask about the vendor's registration permit.

dark, and always know and respect your limits. There are resources available to you on campus that I urge you to use. If you see something or someone that makes you uncomfortable, trust your instincts and report it to the safety desk. One of our safety officers will address the situation and call the police if necessary. If you are with a friend who you believe has either reached or surpassed their alcohol limit, do not hesitate even the slightest bit to call SERV. We have licensed EMTs in our student body whose priorities lie in saving lives. Get to know and utilize the safety officers--at any given time, there may be up to four officers for campus safety is 610-489-2737. It may be a good idea to save this number in your cell phone.

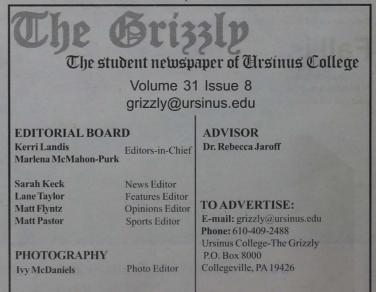
I recently sat down with Dean Nolan to talk about safety on campus, and we came to an agreement that physical safety on campus is addressed every day. The Dean's office and Campus Safety can maintain a safe environment for us to live in. She is worried, however, about the psychological safety that seems to be in jeopardy on campus.

Incidents of racial prejudice at the end of last semester, followed by recent Judiciary Board verdicts, have outraged students, leading many to believe that too much is tolerated on a campus that pledges to celebrate diversity. Students have been venting amongst friends and even walking into Corson to demand answers from the administration. What most people are forgetting, however, is that the students make up just as much of this Ursinus community as the administration does. You don't need to demand to the administration that they publicly denounce these actions. As a student attending a liberal arts college where you are encouraged to find your identity and to fight for your passions, you have the ability, and it is within your jurisdiction, to say publicly. "I believe that this is wrong." Talk to people who don't share your opinions; write an article for *The Grizzly*; join a group on campus whose religious or ethnic background you don't share. The Judiciary Board verdict is not demanding that you sit idly.

That being said, I encourage you not to dwell on the past, but to move forward toward a better future. As a student body, we need to find ways to heal our wounded community. We need to have an open conversation about what makes us different, and to embrace these differences as positive contributions to this campus. Dwelling on the Judiciary Board verdicts won't change the decisions that have been made, but engaging in interfaith and intercultural discussions and activities on campus might educate people about differences, raise awareness about diversity on campus, and prevent incidents like this from happening again. As we take these proactive steps toward solutions, the Judiciary Board, the Diversity Committee, and the administration of this college will continue to work on ways that they can intervene in a helpful and therapeutic way.

I absolutely love the community that has been created on our campus – it's rich with diversity and culture, and, just by being here, I've learned so much about the rest of the world. What has caused such a stir recently on campus is exactly what has the potential to make us stronger. Don't be afraid to stand up for what you believe in, but always remember that there has to come a time when you step back and allow others to voice their opinions as well. We need to find ways to open productive discussions on campus, and to turn our campus into one stronger community.

It's time to use words to move our campus in a better direction.



News

Town Hall meeting brings forth campus issues

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On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the Ursinus Student Government Association (USGA) held its second Town Hall meeting of the year. President Amanda D'Amico began the meeting by passing along notes from this month's faculty meeting, including the augmentation of five departments, as the school is searching for new faculty to teach art, environmental science/ biology, physics, education, and CIE next year.

Sharlene Brown, a representative from the student-faculty Diversity Committee, then stated that they are restructuring their constitution to better serve the Ursinus community. If students have suggestions or input for this committee, they may contact Sharlene Brown at shbrown 1@ursinus.edu.

In addition, there were several other announcements made, including information on Oktoberfest and Homecoming. Voting for Homecoming King and Queen has already begun and will run through Thursday, Oct. 26, at midnight. In addition, the Campus Activites Board (CAB) explained its incentive program on campus, which allows students to win great prizes for participation in its events. Escape Velocity announced that the organization will be having a performance at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, and Friday, Oct. 27, in the Kaleidoscope Blackbox Theater. The cost is \$2. Finally, on Oct. 27, the UC Annual Fund is sponsoring "Philanthropy Day." Keep an eye out for tags showing how many different things the UC Annual Fund buys for the campus.

The majority of the meeting, however, was focused on discussing theft at Zack's and the AFAC process. Treasurer Sage Corwin stated that almost \$900 worth of food has been stolen from Zack's this year from the "Grab and Go" section. Corwin then asked for ideas

Food drive a success

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Members of the Ursinus College community helped fight local hunger last Wednesday, Oct. 18, as they fought to beat a world record.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., faculty, staff and students dropped canned food items off in front of Wismer Dining Hall. This effort was part of "Cans Across America," a program run nationwide by Sodexho, the Dining Services provider at Ursinus College.

The mission of this program can be found on a promotional Web site run by Sodexho. "Cans Across America is all about helping to stop hunger and lending a hand to a lot of deserving people in the community, while attempting to set a new Guinness World Record in the process," it stated. Throughout this day-long event, Sodexho was attempting to set a new Guinness World Record for the most canned food donations raised during a single event in multiple lo-

Fall is in the air

Students gathered in Olin Plaza on Wednesday, Oct. 18, for a fall festival sponsored by Residence Hall Association (RHA). Students enjoyed s'mores, caramel apples, hot apple cider and hot chocolate, and had the opportunity to take their chance at bull riding.





regarding how to alleviate this problem. Several suggestions were made, mostly commenting on the new Zack's set-up, which many students feel is ineffectual. Several students conveyed the feeling that the addition of another cashier would help to alleviate the problem of theft, as students who opt for grab-and-go items don't want to wait in line with students who are buying food made from scratch. Students also mentioned that they were frustrated to wait in two lines: one at the touch screen to order, and one to pick up their food. Moreover, students explained their frustration with prices. Prices at Zack's seem very high and the "meal equivalency" is not actually equivalent to Wismer prices. Some students felt that theft may be tied to the idea that students feel cheated by these high prices.

The other main topic discussed was the Allocation Fee Advisory Council (AFAC). AFAC is the body which distributes money to campus organizations. Several concerns about the process were voiced, including the ineffectiveness of the five-minute interview process and the idea that many organizations inflate budget numbers to get the money they actually need. There was also a concern from AFAC committee members that there was no accountability after the allocation process. AFAC has not, in the past, checked to see if organizations are spending their money on the events they originally proposed. Theoretically, advisors should be ensuring this, but they haven't been. Additionally, organizations voiced concerns about putting out their own money for club purchases, as many club members don't have the ability to spend over a few hundred dollars and wait to be reimbursed. To ameliorate this situation, AFAC will look into the possibility of obtaining a debit card for each organization.

USGA would love to hear your voice at its next meeting. Meetings are every Wednesday, at 9:30 p.m. in Pfahler Auditorium. If you have questions about USGA, please email them at usga@ursinus.edu.

cations across the United States. According to Rick Lenker, the Assistant Director of Dining Services at Ursinus College, Sodexho asked each school to set a goal of 500 pounds of food to collect.

In the two weeks prior to the collection day, faculty, staff and students received emails informing and reminding them of this event. In an effort to give students more information about the event, Lenker, along with Nicole Notarianni, Director of Dining Services, placed information on tables in all of the dining areas on campus.

In the end, 263 pounds of food were collected. "I'm really happy with the way everything turned out," said Notarianni. "While we didn't meet our goal of 500 pounds, we far exceeded our expectations."

"I would like to thank all the faculty, staff and students, who contributed, for their support," said Notarianni.

Sodexho gave individual schools the option of choosing their own charity to donate the food to. Ursinus chose to donate the food to Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County in Norristown. "This is going to support a great cause," said Notarianni, "and I think we should start doing things like this more often."

Sodexho is the leading food and facilities management services company in North America, and a member of Sodexho Alliance. They have multiple facilities on the Ursinus College campus, including Wismer Dining Hall, the newly renovated Zack's Food Court, and Jazzman's, a coffee café located in the library. Since 1999, the Sodexho Foundation has been committed to working with programs that contribute to a hunger free nation. They have created a website, www.helpstophunger.org, which allows patrons to contribute to their foundation online.

In order to be eligible to break the record, all schools had to follow specific guidelines. They were only allowed to collect food for one day; they had to check each can for dents and expiration dates, and then record the item its weight; two staff members in positions of authority had to be present during the collection and counting of the cans to verify that everything was being done correctly; there had to be a member of the media present; and everything had to be recorded with 35 mm film and VHS.

Sodexho won't receive verification from Guinness that they succeeded in breaking the record until later in the year when all of the records have been collected.

For more information on the programs run by Sodexho, visit their promotional Web site, www.forthestudentsbythestudents.org.

Don't miss **HOMECOMING Saturday, Oct. 28** UC Football vs. Johns Hopkins: 1p.m. Concerts in the Lenfest Theater Jazz Ensemble: 4 p.m. & Meistersingers: 8 p.m.

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Features The story behind the statue: "Praha"

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"By dramatically impacting or assaulting the viewer with the presentation. I can throw him off balance and move his mind and emotions. For that fraction of a second, the unreal becomes real. Once this door is opened, it can never be closed." These words, spoken by artist Steve Tobin, make a great deal of sense when we look at his artwork on campus. The piece Tobin is known for on Ursinus College is titled "Praha." You may know it as "the french-fry-looking statue outside of Wismer."

Not much information can be found about this piece. The elusive nature of this sculpture's meaning echoes Tobin's confusion about his artwork himself. Tobin says, "For me, the art is the personal, emotional, and mental growth that occurs as a result of realizing an idea." Confusion is a chief component in Tobin's creations; he works with mysteries and ideas that are "outside the realm of understanding."

There is of course, speculation about the meaning of the sculpture. The title, "Praha," is another name for Prague. In the 17th century, Prague had the largest Ashkenazi Jewish population in the world. Over 50 years, the population of Jews in Prague dropped from 50,000 before World War II to a scant 800. Some people believe Tobin's work is a representation of tombstones for the Jewish people murdered during the Holocaust. Other people claim that the vertical nature of the beams stand for the idea that because the number of people murdered was so great, they had to be buried standing up. Yet another idea is that the tight formation of the beams corresponds to the extremely close quarters Jewish people were forced to endure during the

Holocaust

The Berman Museum of Art has a wonderful selection of books about the various artists who have had exhibits here. I was given the opportunity to read one about Tobin's many different forms of art. In 1993, Philip and Muriel Berman hosted a three-week sculpting workshop to which they specifically invited Tobin. Two years later, Tobin had an exhibit in the Berman Museum of Art, in the fall of 1995, entitled "Reconstructions." In the introduction to the book on Tobin's work, Lisa Barnes, the Director of Berman Museum, states, "The energy, enthusiasm, and skill he brings to his art is "only matched by the zeal with which Muriel and Philip Berman have encouraged the artist to test his limits."

In this particular genre of his art, Tobin uses everyday "found" objects in alternative ways. He recycles old things-shoes, toys, bones-and restructures them into art. The I-beams used in "Praha" echo this aspect of Tobin's work.

Like most artists, Tobin uses his art as a vehicle for expressing his point of view on society. "Reconstructions" (the book) explains, "Tobin's efforts are philosophically directed at stripping away the layers of socialization that have accrued on mankind...to point out the numbing ideology of our times and how it has woven veils over our eyes." This is evident when one considers that "Praha" is a social commentary on the Holocaust and the nature of humanity

The effect Tobin's work should (and does) have on the campus community reminds us of one of the Bermans' goals of bringing an Outdoor Sculpture Collection to Ursinus: it "engag[es] viewers' responses in a predictably uneasy but irresistible way."

Get to know the nominees

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Homecoming is right around the corner-this means a highly anticipated football game against Johns Hopkins, visiting alumni, and the crowing of Ursinus's 2006 Homecoming King and Oueen. Just in case you can't decide which nominees to vote for, here is some need-to-know information about each of them. The winners will be crowned during halftime at the football game on Saturday. Remember to vote for your favorite nominees by midnight tonight!

- 1. Hometown and state
- 2. Major(s)/minor(s)
- 3. Activities/groups you participate in on campus
- 4. Group that nominated you
- 5. Favorite movie

6. Anything you would like to say to the adoring masses

Antonelli, Michael

- 1. Laurel Springs, NJ
- 2. Business and Economics
- 3. President of Men's Rugby
- 4. Women's rugby 5. "The Rock"

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- Conner, Kate
- 1. Franklinville, New Jersey
- 2. Psychology and Spanish double major with a minor in Dance
- 3. RHA, USGA, UCDC & Escape Velocity, Psychol-
- ogy Club, Tau Sigma Gamma Sorority
 - 4. RHA
 - 5. "Drop Dead Fred" 6. Enjoy your four years here- make it last.
 - Cowden, John

- 1. Ambler, Pennsylvania
- 2. Exercise Sports Science
- 3. APES
- 4. Phi Alpha Psi
- 5. "Animal House"
- 6. "Relax their turby"

Davis, Laura

- 1. Cherry Hill, NJ 2. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- 3. Ursinus Gymnastics Team, Alpha Sigma Nu, UC
- Ambassadors
 - 4. Sigma Rho Lambda
 - 5. "Tommy Boy"

6. I would like to thank the brothers of Sig Rho for their nomination.

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Truly ghastly jobs: a **Halloween treat** from Career Services

CAREER SERVICES www.ursinus.edu/career

Imagine if every work day were a nightmare, and your job was frightening even after Halloween was over! Consider the following truly ghastly jobs.

1. Porta-Potty Cleaner. Porta-potty cleaners pick up wads of toilet paper and vacuum human excrement out of the holding tanks. Sometimes, porta-potties have been tipped over or have been sitting in the heat for a few days. You can only imagine the implications of that! Porta-potty cleaners have the process down to a fine science and it only takes them about three minutes to clean a single porta-potty. They clean up to 60 of these a day.

2. Chicken Sexer. Chicken sexers sort chicks to separate males from females. Females are used for egg production, while the males are fattened up to be sold as meat. Sexers can determine the sex of the chicks by vent-sexing, in which the sexer literally squeezes the feces out of the chick. This slightly opens the chick's rectum, allowing the sexer to see if there's a small bump within, as a bump indicates that it's a male.

3. Pigeon-dropping Cleaner. Pigeon-dropping cleaners clean bird droppings, mostly off roofs, as the droppings clog drains and cause floods. They first spray the area with disinfectant, which makes all the droppings run together and form a mud-like substance. Then, using a shovel and gas mask, they scoop it away into bags for disposal. The droppings are so strong in scent, they can still smell them through their respirators.

4. Medical Waste Biohazard Cooker. Medical waste biohazard cookers pick up those red biohazard bags (often filled with urine, semen, teeth, and blood) and gather the bags on a metal cart which is wheeled into an autoclave, a huge green metal canister, which 30 minutes. The smell is really bad. MWB Cookers compare it to a mixture of smelly feet, sweaty armpits, and burning rubber. Equipped only with gloves and goggles, one cooker runs roughly eight to ten loads

Happy Halloween! Excerpts taken from Monster.com.

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Features

Get to know the nominees (cont'd from page 4)

DeAngelis, Justin

 Allentown, PA
 Business/Economics and Mathematics

3. UC X/C, UC T&F, WVOU, Campus Safety, Intramural Sports

4. The lovely ladies of Alpha Sigma Nu

5. "Good Will Hunting" 6. Last thing I thought when I came here was that I'd be up for homecoming king, so just a big thank you to Sig Nu for nominating me, and it'd be cool as hell to win and be your homecoming king.

- Domestico, James
- Bellingham, Mass.
 Neuroscience Major, History Minor
- 3. Wrestling Team, Sigma Pi
- 4. Kappa Delta Kappa
- 5. Raging Bull
- 6. Before you point your finger you should know that I'm the
- man Donohue, Adam (aka Hobbit)

 Barto, Pennsylvania (smalltown charm)
 Computer Science / English
 Association for Computing Machinery, You've Never Heard of This Movie, Ursinus One-

Man Improv 4. The lovely and clever ladies of Upsilon Phi Delta 5. The Lord of the Rings. (Duh.) 6. If I become king, people will speak of it for years to come. Choose the king who shall not

be forgotten. Egan, Courtney

1. Blandon, PA

- 2. Media & Communications Studies, Business Management minor
- 3. Omega Chi
- 4. Delta Pi Sigma
- 5. Almost Famous, Mean Girls, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Goodfellas

6. I will keep you here til 4 Erle, Sam

- 1. Beverly, MA
- Psychology major, Sociology and Env Studies minors
 Rugby, Psych Club, Tau Sigma Gamma
 Rugby
 "Reservoir Dogs"
- 6. FLAVA FLAAAAAV Fusco, Kate 1. Phoenixville, PA
- 2. Biology major (pre-med), Dance minor

community service chair), Resident life staff: (House Coordinator of Hobson hall), Ursinus College Dance Company, Brownback-Anders Premedical Society 4. Escape Velocity Dance Troupe 5. "Dragonfly" 6. Thank you all for voting for me, those who did anyway. Thank you Escape Velocity Dance Troupe for nominating me! Gallo, Evan Gill, Owenton 1. Baltimore, MD 2. Exercise and Sports Science 3. Gospel choir, Sankofa Umoja Nia (SUN) club, America Reads program 4. SUN 5. Coming to America 6. Let's crown some one other. How about voting for this brother!!

3. Escape Velocity (president),

Kappa Delta Kappa (secretary,

Heck, Amelia

1. Schaefferstown, PA 2. psychology/German and biology 3. Omega chi, Brownback-Anders pre-med society, German club, psychology club, intramural volleyball 4. German club 5. "Super Troopers" 6. VOTE FOR ME! Karlson, Tavenner 1. Maryland 2. Math major/secondary education 3. President of Phi Alpha Psi 4. Alpha Phi Epsilon 5. "Pretty Woman" Killeen, Tim 1. Upper Darby, PA 2. BE major / MCS minor 3. RHA Senator / Asst. GM WVOU Radio / UC Roller Hockey ('06 PCRHL Champs) 4. CAB 5. "Rushmore" 6. King, Arliegh 1. Havertown, PA 2. Psychology and Spanish Majors 3. Phi Alpha Psi sorority, STAR 4. Delta Mu Sigma fraternity/ DEMAS 5. "Garden State," "The Departed" 6. A BIG thank you to the

6. A BIG thank you to the brothers of DEMAS for nominating me, it is an honor! **Kremenak, Jesse**

- 1. Silver Spring, MD
- 2. Physics and Art majors
- 3. Phi Kappa Sigma 4. Sigma Sigma Sigma
- 5. "Brave Heart"
- 6. Vote for me and all your
- wildest dreams will come true.

Krier, Jenna

 Marlton, NJ
 Biology and History double major (pre-med)
 STAR, Alpha Sigma Nu Sorority, Admissions office Intern, Brownbeck-Anders Pre-Med Society, UC Mascot
 STAR: A Sexual Health Organization
 "Top Gun" and "Invincible"

6. There was no greater choice I ever made than attending Ursinus for these past four years. I know it seems hokey, but Ursinus has given me way more than I ever expected. I am honored by the nomination from STAR and cannot wait for homecoming! Thank you all! Landis, Kerri

1. York, PA

2. English 3. Recruitment Director of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Co-editor in Chief of The Grizzly, President of the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Writing Fellow 4. The cool guys of Phi Kappa Sigma 5. "Serenity" and "Talladega Nights" 6. Live in the present, but don't forget that your future is right around the corner. Thanks for the nomination, Phi Kaps! And if you're interested in checking out Tri-Sigma, let me know...cause that's my job. Lickfield, Julia 1. Philadelphia, PA 2. English/ Spanish (with Education certification) 3. CAB, RHA, USGA, Relay for Life Committee, Alternative Spring Break, UC Ambassadors, Tau Sigma Gamma 4. CAB 5. "Forrest Gump" & "American Beauty' 6. Just make sure to vote and enjoy Homecoming, which is one of the best days of the year! :) Loefflad, Abby 1. Mountaintop, PA

 Exercise Sports Science with a concentration in Education
 Ursinus Field Hockey, Exercise Sports Science Club, and Intramurals Board 4. Sigma Pi 5. "Prefontaine" Magnin, Kelly 1. Aston, PA 2. Math & English Double Major, Statistics Minor 3. Omega Chi, UC Track & Field, Res Life, Phonathon 4. Beta Sigma Lambda 6. I blame all my friends, teammates, and sisters for making everything in senior year so bittersweet... but I trust that you all will make the next 7 months amazing. I wanna see everyone kicking butt on Homecoming. Go Bears! Manalo, George 1. Yardley, PA 2. Media and Communication Studies/Business and Dance 3. UCDC and Escape Velocity 4. Escape Velocity 5. "Boondock Saints" 6. Regardless if I win or not... PARTY IN MAPLES. Pacifique, Mikala 1. Fairfield, CT 2. Double major in Neuroscience and Biology 3. Senior Class President, Treasurer for Tau Sigma Gamma, member of the Pre-Med society 4. USGA 5. "Die Hard with a Vengeance" and "The Notebook" (polar opposites, I know) 6. Vote for myself and Patrick Waldron! Schubel, Sara 1. Holmdel, NJ 2. Environmental Studies, **English** minor 3. B-Naturals, Track and Field, Japanese Club, UCEA, Knitting/ Crochet (starting up again soon!), DDR club 4. The Bearitones 5. Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron 6. Yes, I really am a senior! Just keep smiling, even if you don't have a clue of what's going on, and especially if you have no idea what's going on. :) Seibert, Tim 1. Sicklerville, NJ 2. Math Major, Education Certification 3. Beta Sigma Lambda, Tennis 4. Tau Sigma Gamma 5. "Gladiator" 6. It's been real, it's been fun. Hell, it's been real fun. **Teigler**, Jeff 1. Altoona, PA

2. Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and German double major 3. Cross Country, Track and Field, Residence Life, Phi Kappa Sigma 4. German Club 5. "V for Vendetta" 6. Deutschclub ist toll. Waldron, Pat 1. Medford, New Jersey 2. Biology Major Pre-Med, Music minor 3. Captain of UC Swimming, UC Ambassadors, Sigma Pi, VP of USGA, Treasurer of the Senior Class, President of Bearitones, Relay for Life Committee (and last year's Mascot) 4. USGA 5. "Rocky 4" (Because Rocky single handedly won the Cold War) 6. If you vote for me, all our sports teams will win, there won't be six more weeks of winter, and your toilets will never be clogged again. Wright, Julian 1. Northeast Philadelphia, PA 2. Chemistry - Major 3. SUN; Gospel Choir 5. "Ali" 6. Thank you for the opportunity to represent as a homecoming nominee Yancey, Dana 1. Baltimore, MD 2. Biology with a Pre-Medicine concentration 3. Senior Resident Advisor, Sankofa Umoja Nia President, Voices in Praise Gospel Choir President, Association of Latino Students Motivated to Achieve, Brownback-Anders Pre-Medical Society, USGA, Gay-Straight Alliance, Biology Tutor and Mentor 4. Sankofa Umoja Nia 5. "Crash"! and "Friday After Next' 6. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." -Gandhi Zimmer, Derek 1. Hilltop, New Jersey 2. Biochemistry and Molecular **Biology/ minor in Biostatistics** 3. RHA, UCA, Cub and Key, Tri-Beta

- 4. RHA
- 5. "Remember the Titians"
- 6. Mike Meade Rules!!!

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Opinions

Terri Schiavo revisited

Way back in the spring of 2005, the editors in chief of this very news publication told us that the Terri Schiavo issue was "too touchy" to write about. Apparently it is no longer touchy, hence this article. But, excuse us if we've forgotten a few of the details; it's been a while.

The Terri Schiavo lunar landing was clearly a hoax. Ms. Schiavo did not have the capability to walk on Earth,

so she would certainly not have the ability to take even "one small step" on the moon. If you look very closely, you can see that the face behind the helmet was frowning. It has been well established that Ms. Schiavo was only capable of making that now infamous 2-month-old "I just passed gas" grin. The only logical conclusion is that Ms. Schiavo did not land on the moon.

Next, this Mark Foley/Terri Schiavo scandal is being blown way out of proportion. First, in

order for something to be harassment, the harassed must know they were harassed. Ms. Schiavo couldn't read email! Even if she could, Foley was just having a little bit of fun; it is well understood that messing with cripples is hilarious!

Next, those who buy into the "Terri Schiavo shot JFK" conspiracy are loons! First, Terri "lived" in Florida. Transporting her to Texas is surely possible, but highly unlikely. Even if she were in Texas, I'm sure she had *terrible* aim. Plus, she was a true blue Democrat; no selfrespecting Democrat could ever have shot JFK.

Here's a theory I do believe: it was Terri Schiavo, not Monica Lewinsky, with whom Bill Clinton engaged in

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sexual relations. Think about it. Bill had *extremely* low standards, but he wasn't *dumb*. He knew that his lovers would eventually speak out. So, he chose a lover who *couldn't* speak out! Plus, he was kind of kinky, and he knew Terri would never say "no." Monica was simply an attention whore.

You may be saying to yourselves, "Self, Terri Schiavo

seems so out of place in these news stories!" You're right. And here is my point (we at *Communism for Dummies* rarely come out and say what we mean, so pay attention): Terri Schiavo does not belong in *any* news story. An individual's decision regarding whether to live or die has no business on the front page of *The New York Times*. Jeb Bush, Bill Frist, and Tom Delay had no business inserting themselves into such a private decision.

But, they didn't do the right thing. Politicians rarely do. My other point is this: when politicians screw up this badly, it is the *duty* of journalists to call them on

it. If we wait until the issue is no longer "touchy," we have missed our window of opportunity and people deem us irrelevant. When certain topics are deemed "off limits" by "PC" editors in an attempt to be "objective," the duty of journalists is inappropriately put by the wayside.

I close with a quote: "Objective journalism is one of the main reasons American politics has been allowed to be so corrupt for so long." – Hunter S. Thompson

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Swept under the rug

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As many people have heard, several individuals have been "dealt with" by the Judiciary Board for becoming intoxicated, writing vile racial, ethnic, and anti-religious slurs on each other and then photographing the event. In the days following the incident, these pictures were posted on facebook for all of Ursinus College to see. Obviously, this was seen as a problem by the Ursinus community, hence the reason these individuals had to face the Judiciary Board.

But what did Ursinus College as an institution see wrong with the incident? Well, according to the rules stated in the Ursinus College Student Handbook, several violations of student conduct were committed by these individuals, namely discriminatory harassment. At the second exposure meeting, a student member of the judiciary board disclosed that the students involved with the facebook incident were faced with charges of improper use of the Internet, harassment to each other, and underaged drinking. However, the students under trial were not charged with harassment to the community, and, obviously, the Judiciary Board can only deal with the charges that are presented to them by the Dean of Students. Perhaps the Dean of Students could not see that their actions "employed words, pictures and symbols in a manner commonly understood and intended to demean, intimidate, stigmatize or otherwise create a hostile environment." Similarly, administrators in Corson did not deem it necessary that these charges be brought up either. This institution has used loop holes in the judiciary process to sweep the real issues under the rug, rather than do what is right.

This is evident in the fact that even though this situation has obviously offended and is seen as threatening to many on this campus, the students were not charged as such. In fact, when all was said and done, the harshest verdict was that students were found guilty of underage drinking. Yes, this was reduced to underage drinking. The message I took from this was that had he not been drinking, he would have done nothing wrong.

If that is the way this great institution views these types of situations, then I am ashamed to say I am a student here. We have rules that are only enforced when convenient and an institution that only supports minorities (African-Americans, Hispanics, homosexuals, Jews, etc.) when it is in its best interest. This *is not* an isolated incident; when will this school take a stand for *me* and other minority students?

In this situation, Ursinus College as an institution has dodged bullets like this is *The Matrix*. If the school sees underaged drinking as such a major violation of student conduct, then I propose they penalize a quarter of the student body for having pictures of underaged drinking on facebook--and they can start with me, Matt Terry.

Long live noise

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In the vein of my last article I will review yet another amazing album which was released recently: *Rather Ripped* by Sonic Youth. I had the privilege of seeing Sonic Youth about two months ago and I must say they are one of the greatest live bands ever. Their live set is filled with an energy that makes them a force to reckon with. I'll admit, I listened to the album prior to release; Sonic Youth actually streamed it on their website for the two weeks before its release. I was amazed at how tight the songs were; the band locks into one another in such a way that you can imagine the band set

up in a garage just tearing through the entire album. Steve Shelley's drumming is tight and in sync with Kim Gordon's heavy bass, and principal guitarists Thurston Moore and Lee Ranaldo have created rhythms and melodies that fit together like peanut butter and

jelly



anut Photo of Thurston Moore courtesy of and Jon Gagas (my

point here is that they are the perfect combination).

My only problem with the album is that it lacks a little bit of the edge that seeing them live provides, but they do capture the essence of Sonic Youth on this album. Mixing equal parts noise and melody along with their usual array of altered unconventional tunings, the group has put together one of the best albums I've listened to lately. Highlights are Incinerate, Do You Believe in Rapture?, Jams Run Free, Turquoise Boy, and my personal favorite, Pink Stream. These songs are best listened to with your stereo system turned up to 11 (if you don't get this joke e-mail me) so that you can fully appreciate all the delicate layers of sound which are present on these tracks and the album as a whole. Perhaps what makes this record so enjoyable is the way it moves. Each song flows from one to the next like a good mix tape. This is a great driving album and perfect for those late night hang-outs with your friends (you know, the ones where at 3 a.m. you're talking about life, the universe, and everything in it and you just want to listen to some tunes that will rock your mind). The lyrics were mostly written fifty/fifty by Kim Gordon and Thurston Moore. Formed back in 1981, Sonic Youth have continued to put out creative albums since their first EP, Sonic Youth, released in 1982 on Neutral and Rather Ripped is a definite must for Sonic Youth fans new and old. If by chance you've read this article and you have never listened to Sonic Youth, I'd like to make some recommendations. Daydream Nation is a must for anyone listening to Sonic Youth, but I'd also recommend, Dirty, Goo, Sonic Youth, Sister, and Evol.

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Opinions

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

With Halloween fast approaching, I struggled to find a good movie that captured the Halloween spirit. A lot of the horror movies I considered were too obscure (*Prince of Darkness*), too gory (*Hellraiser*), or both (*Dead Alive*, Peter Jackson's zombie film from the time before he started winming Oscars). Finally, I hit upon this week's choice, which is also the first musical the BR has reviewed. I give you *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

A newly engaged couple (Barry Bostwick and Susan Sarandon) are forced to



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The Back Row

ous house when their car breaks down. Inside they find Dr. Frank-N-Furter (Tim Curry), a Transylvanian transves-

take shelter in a mysteri-

tite, hosting a party in honor of his creation, Rocky Horror. Needless to say, things just get weirder from there. Also included, a special appearance by Meatloaf! This flick is the ab-

solute definition of a cult

movie. It has a slew of crazy ingredients, including catchy songs, a completely nonsensical plot, and a whole lot of drag, that all somehow blends together to create a really goofy, enjoyable movie. This is truly a case where the whole is more than a sum of the parts.

It has to be said that Tim Curry is absolutely brilliant as Dr. Frank-N-Furter. This is the role that has defined his career, more than Pennywise the Clown in *It*, more than Wadsworth the butler in *Clue*. He chews the scenery throughout the film, vamping it up to a level of campiness one would have thought impossible. Bizarrely enough, for this movie, it *works*.

This is a musical, so as a tone-deaf musical idiot I'm forced to deal with, you guessed it, music. The flick is filled with some of the catchiest songs ever committed to film, often with extremely funny lyrics to boot. I still can't understand how Meatloaf kept a straight face while performing his number, "Whatever Happened to Saturday Night?" on his motorcycle. My personal favorite song is "Science Fiction Double Feature," filmed over the movie's iconic disembodied lips. Another great tune is "The Time Warp," which has the magical ability of sticking in your head for at least 2 weeks after you finish the movie.

If you're searching for a B-movie to watch this Halloween, and you're looking for things like "quality" or "a high requirement of brain cells" or "any kind of attention span", this is the flick for you (Apologies to Chris Farley for ripping off his bit). This week I again struggled to come up with a pick that could was at all like this week's film. The closest thing I could think of was *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. It has songs (at least *a* song) and it's funny, and well...give me a break. I'll level with you. It's a funny movie, you should see it and I'm tired. That's it for this week. Hopefully I'll be better prepared next time.

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The truth about study abroad

Modern Times

Many Ursinus students labor, not unfairly so, under the general assumption that we're getting screwed. Part of this is due to lack of communication between the administration and the student body, the difficulty of obtaining and pulling apart the actual numbers (such as the justification for the discrepancy between "meal" and "equivalency"), and part is because we are, actually, getting a little bit screwed. The interests of the individual and the interests of the school will never totally line up.

That said, one of the more prominent complaints is that study abroad seems to cost far more to a student paying Ursinus tuition, room, and board for a semester (\$20,425) than if he or she were to go independently of the school. After a couple weeks' research, the answer to this complaint is yes and no – with a lean toward "no." The financial situation is far more complicated than the casual estimator realizes.

Let's take the Ursinus abroad programs, situated in Florence, London, and Madrid. To facilitate the housing, faculty, and internships, the school uses the Center for Academic Programs Abroad (CAPA), to which it pays a fee that comprises the cost of study abroad for the student, minus airfare.

"We are losing money on CAPA," said Dean Nolan, in an interview for this column. "[But] we are getting a good deal in the sense that they are supplying faculty, and housing and support staff. Visas take a lot of resources; this is all done by CAPA."

Now, Ursinus as an institution has other concerns as well – it has to keep paying the professors it sends overseas and pay for them, and still has to compensate for the empty bedrooms back home not taken by returning students (utilities, etc.) – but these are tangential to the question of whether the individual student is getting a raw deal. So let's talk numbers.

\$20,000 is more than any student anywhere should pay for 90 days in Europe. Almost no student at Ursinus pays that to study abroad.

Put that a different way: if one were to pay actual Ursinus tuition, room, and board to study abroad it would be a terrible deal, but few, if any, pay that here. According to the Princeton review, 83 percent of Ursinus students receive need-based financial aid. Now this includes loans as well as grants, but it also doesn't count academic and merit-based scholarships, which students receive outright. A few years ago, the college decided that instead of having students un-enroll and do their own study-abroad program, the college would streamline it to give students

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GUITAR LESSONS Beginner thru intermediate Mid-day scheduling available Call Jeff Larson 484.802.3452 who wouldn't necessarily be able to afford studying abroad the chance. The bottom line? Ursinus loses money, sometimes lots of it.

A person with high need costs far more than a person with low need.

"All financial aid travels regardless of the cost of the program," Nolan said. "We build a budget and say this is how many students we can afford to send. In the past we've admitted all the ones who met the standards and applied."

This means that if too many meritorious people apply a given semester, Ursinus gets caught with a deficit. This isn't the only way. For instance: I have a friend going to London by herself to study abroad, and the cost of her doing so is around \$17,000 for a semester, and she will still have to buy her own food. By contrast, UC London will cost me \$20,000 on paper, but after scholarship only \$13,500. For me, this is a deal. Now of course every city varies and London is one of the most expensive (so stop complaining UC Londoners!), and there is still the concern that if you did-not receive any kind of financial aid compensation from UC you would be paying several thousand dollars more to study abroad, than you would if you went by yourself.

This is where personal desires and institutional decisions could be at loggerheads. Given the aid situation at Ursinus, most students are getting some "free" aid from the school or the federal government, and it's up to you to decide, once those numbers subtract, if you're getting a good deal from the school to go abroad or not. The way UC runs the program now means that many students who would never be able to afford traveling abroad independently now have a chance to go, and the school is dedicated to its study abroad program. This also means that the hypothetical student who receives no academic or financial grants will pay more than he or she should to subsidize those who can't. But then, no one's forcing you to travel.

It comes down to numbers. Each student who decides to travel abroad with UC has a different financial situation – it's up to you to decide if it's worth it – but know that *Ursinus*, at least, is not making money on this venture. Most of us, at least, are getting a fair deal. So go – go abroad.

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Sports Women's volleyball swept by Gettysburg allowing the Bears to put up 11. With this

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Gettysburg managed to hit their way past the Bears this past Saturday. In the Centennial Conference volleyball game Gettysburg hit .468 defeating Ursinus in three games 30-12, 30-18, and 30-11. This victory

was the fourth consecutive win for the Bullets. The Bears did not give up this match easily; junior Jill Alspach led Ursinus with nine kills and 12 digs and senior Melissa George added 15 assists and nine digs. In game one Gettysburg was ahead 6-5 until they went on a 7-0 run taking the lead 13-5. Later in the match they managed 10 consecutive points and with help from Caitlyn Barr and Amanda Krampf finished with a 30-12 victory. The Bullets took control early in the second match as

well with a 12-3 advantage. The Bears finally stepped up with a 10-8 run putting them within 10 points of a tie. Gettysburg, however, was unshakable. They held on for a 30-18 success. In the final game the Bullets swept Ursinus with 15 straight points, while only final 3-0 victory Gettysburg managed to steal another conference win. Ursinus returns to the court on Tuesday at 7pm to redeem this loss and defeat Bryn Mawr.

They plan to win this match with the help from head coach Diana McNamee who is making a name for the volleyball team here at Ursinus. McNamee has returned to her home town of King of Prussia after

spending the 2005 season as an assistant girl's volleyball coach at Swarthmore College. This loss against Gettysburg hit close to home for McNamee who is a 2005 graduate of the college. She was a four-year letter winner for the Bullets and the founder, president, and coach of the men's volleyball club at Gettysburg. McNamee earned a Bachelor of Arts in management from Gettysburg and is currently working on a master's degree in sports management at Neumann College. Sopho-

more Catriona Whitehead states that, "Coach McNamee has been a wonderful change. She is obviously dedicated and it has created a major change in the connections that each teammate has to the team as a whole. We work more effectively together and have improved as individuals.'

Bullets offense too much for Bears

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The last time Ursinus played on Patterson Field this season, they dominated the McDaniel Green Terror in route to a 20-0 victory and an overall record of 4-0. Unfortunately, the Bears return to Patterson this Saturday coming off of two consecutive losses to Centennial Conference opponents, the most recent happening in Gettysburg.

Tom Sturges rushed for 152 yards and a touchdown while Gettysburg quarterback Matt Flynn threw for 197 yards and a touchdown as the Bullets proved they are the best offense in the Centennial Conference, amassing more than 400 yards and putting up 27 points in an impressive 27-18 victory over the Bears Saturday afternoon.

It was a combination of missed opportunities on offense, the inability to keep the high-powered Bullets' offense in check on defense and two missed extra points in the kicking game for the Bears (5-2, 1-2 Centennial Conference).

Ursinus struck first on their second drive of the game as Ted Wallingford hit Brandon Evans for a 24 yard touchdown catch on his first play back from a knee injury in pre-season camp to give the Bears an early 6-0 advantage. After an illegal procedure penalty on the Bears, Justin Beres' kick hit the right upright and bounced out to keep the score at 6-0.

Gettysburg (4-3, 2-1 Centennial Conference) answered right back with a 65 yard drive ending with a 12 yard touchdown run by Sturges to give Gettysburg a 7-6 lead after one quarter of play.

Thanks to a roughing the kicker call early in the second quarter, Gettysburg was able to score its second touchdown of the game on a three yard touchdown run by Dusty Green to give the Bullets a 14-6 lead. After a huge return from DeVohn Butler, The Bullets were able to force the Bears to fumble deep in Gettysburg territory and four plays later, Flynn connected with Green for 65 yards for another Bullets touchdown and a commanding 21-6 lead.

The Bears were able to close the gap to 21-12 before the half thanks to an unsportsmanlike conduct call and a connection from Wallingford and Josh Hannum for the Bears second touchdown of the game.

In the second half it was all defense and special teams as neither team was able to find the end zone. Beres connected on two fields goals to close the gap for Ursinus, but each time Gettysburg was able to answer the call with two field goals of their own

Ted Wallingford passed for 208 yards and two touchdowns in the loss and Brandon Evans caught six passes for 102 yards in his first game back. Adam Kabacinski paced the Bears defense with nine tackles, including a sack.

The Bears return to Patterson this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. after a grueling three game road trip. This week's Homecoming game will be the most important of the season so far, so if you're in town why not stop by and support the Bears?

Bears make run for playoffs

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The Ursinus women's soccer team won four straight games over the past two weeks, positioning themselves for a berth in the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Bears defeated conference rivals Franklin & Marshall, Bryn Mawr, and McDaniel, leaving them with five conference wins. They are currently tied with Dickinson for fifth in the conference standings, where a log-jam of teams have only three conference defeats. The Bears also defeated non-conference opponent Lebanon Valley during the string of inspired performances. Including their 1-0 victory over Swarthmore, the team has won five straight games, four within the conference. The Bears are now 8-5-0 overall and 5-3 in the conference

The streak began in Lancaster, PA, where Ursinus faced a crucial game on the campus of Franklin & Marshall. Junior striker Chelsea Morin put the Bears up early, calmly converting a penalty kick in the 13th minute. The Diplomats evened the score with a 29th minute goal by Kathryn Daniels. The teams were tied at the half, and remained so until

Noelle Bisinger's goal in the 53rd minute proved to be the game winner. The goals represented the first of the season for Morin and Bisinger, after combining to score fifteen last year. The Bears outshot the Diplo-

mats 12-4, and goalkeeper Ashley Potter made one save in the 2-1 victory.

The Bears returned to the field three days later, facing Lebanon Valley in a non-conference home match. Ursinus dominated the game, ripping thirteen shots and allowing only one attempt on goal. Despite their dominance, the Bears could not find the net until the 42nd minute, when Megan Ascanio came off the bench to score her second goal of the season.

Sarah Gardner, another reserve, would provide an insurance goal in the 70th minute thanks to an assist by Melissa Reuter. Goalkeeper Jackie Chen made one save while earning the first shutout of her career.

Ursinus faced another severely overmatched opponent the following weekend, when Bryn Mawr arrived in search of their first conference win. The Bears dominated the entire match, taking eighteen shots and

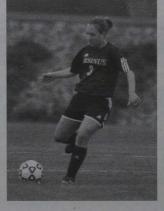
allowing only three. Reuter started the scoring onslaught less than four minutes into the match, converting a cross from defender Cori Turkowski. In the fifteenth minute. Amanda Ose's header from a Chelsea Morin corner kick gave the Bears an early 2-0 lead. Although Bryn Mawr would score shortly after halftime to narrow the gap, the match eventually turned into a rout.

Junior defender Jess Hartline scored in the 53rd off of an assist by Reuter. Nichole Papp's backheel off of a pass from Noelle Bisinger in the 70th minute and Bisinger's 87th minute penalty kick pushed the final margin to 5-1.

Ashley Potter and Lisa Clark split the goaltending duties for the Bears, with Clark registering one save in her half of action.

The Bears were equally as dominant in their latest performance, outshooting McDaniel nineteen to three, but struggled to finish their chances. Were it not for a 52nd minute free kick by Morin, the Bears may have only picked up a tie against the Green Terror. Lisa Clark made three saves for the Bears while splitting time as goalkeeper with Ashley Potter. The loss solidified McDaniel's fate of missing the conference playoffs while propelling Ursinus right into the hunt.

The team returns to action on Wednesday Oct. 25 at Haverford. Haverford enters the match with a record of 4-4 in the conference, putting it just three points behind Ursinus. The top five teams in the conference qualify for the playoffs. Currently, Ursinus and Dickinson are tied for fifth with fifteen points apiece, trailing the Bears' final opponent of the regular season, Muhlenberg, by three. With a playoff berth at stake, the Bears will look to continue their winning ways in the final week of the regular season and beyond.



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