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THE URSINUS BLACK BOX THEATRE PRESENTS  
**SEXUAL  
PERVERSITY  
IN CHICAGO**  
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## Sexual Perversity comes to Ursinus

*Theatre department starts year off with a bang*

**Eva Bromesco**

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This Wednesday through Saturday, the black box theatre in the Kaleidoscope will be hosting a very interesting performance to be sure. David Mamet's *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* opened last night and will run through October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Directed by Professor Redman, this one act will have audiences engaged with its frank handling of the lives of single men and women in the dating pool of Chicago. As its title would suggest, while this play is certainly fun, it may just not be so for the *whole* family. *Sexual Perversity* will mark the first theatre production of the year at Ursinus, and what a way to kick it off.

"This is probably one of the edgiest plays ever to be performed at Ursinus...Not to mention it's hilarious!" said cast member Sophia Lazare. The New York Times calls Mamet's play "wicked," with "gleeful vulgarity." Professor Redman addresses the risqué nature of the piece saying that though it is certainly an enjoyable theatergoing experience, it is also "a serious piece about relationships, the power of homosociality, the slippage of homosocial relations into homoerotic thoughts, and misogyny."

In addition to its unusual subject matter, this production is different from most in that it has a very small, four member cast. When asked about the challenge of casting such a small and specific group of actors, Redman says she simply looked for "people who fit the types. There are clear types for this play." Cast member Zach Shamberg says that the small cast presented clear challenges.

"The amount of dialogue is split so evenly in this play that there are no leads or supporting characters. It's a pretty scary feeling, knowing that everyone is counting on you just as much as you're counting on them." The close-knit group does have its benefits, however.

"This cast has really come together as a kind of family," says Shamberg.

While the trials and travails of twentysomethings in a big city's world of dating may not seem to pertain directly to the Ursinus campus, the director and actors alike assert that this play can be very relevant in anybody's life. "At any age, thinking about the nature of relationships is worthy matter," says Redman.

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## Lighting up laws: New smoking policies on college campuses

**Samantha Wildonger**

*Grizzly Staff Writer*

It is no surprise with all of the information available that more and more people are cutting down on their smoking habits. In fact, the numbers are only increasing in one age group: college students. In order to turn the statistics around, more and more colleges are amending their smoking policies.

According to U.S. News and World Report, most colleges across the country are eliminating smoking altogether by creating smoke-free campuses. All fourteen of Pennsylvania's state colleges have been transformed into smoke-free environments. The state was the first to create a completely smoke free system. At many other campuses, students have the option of smoking in their car, but not for all colleges. Keystone College, in Northeast Pennsylvania, forces students to drive off campus before lighting up. Many smokers feel outraged by these newly instated laws. The President of the North

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## Water, water everywhere

**Samantha Wildonger**

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As autumn quickly approaches, so does the start of training for many winter sports. As most athletes try to stay warm outside, there is one place that is guaranteed to stay warm all winter long: the pool. The swim team is not the only group making a splash, however. The S.C.U.B.A club will be returning with many scheduled activities and starting this year, Ursinus will introduce its very own Water Polo Team.

The water polo team, originally organized as pre-training for the swimteam, was intended to only last three weeks. Two freshmen, Samantha Bromberg and Jenna Barna, wanted to continue playing. Barna emailed Head Swim Coach, Mark Feinberg, and explained the situation. Feinberg responded that if the girls could get ten members

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## News in Brief: terror suspects arrested, shuttle launched

**Matt Monteverde**  
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**September 22, 2008**

JERUSALEM-CNN.com confirms that Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni has been asked by Israeli President Shimon Peres to form a new coalition government. This move comes a day after Prime Minister Ehud Olmert resigned due to charges of corruption and bribery. If she succeeds in creating a coalition government out of the many political parties in the Israeli Knesset, Livni will be Israel's second female Prime Minister after Golda Meir.

Livni won by a narrow margin to become leader of the ruling Kadima Party following Olmert's resignation. The Kadima party holds 61 out 120 seats in the Knesset. To form a unified government, Livni must try to pull in the 12 other factions in the Knesset. Perhaps the biggest stumbling block would be if the Labor Party, the largest of Kadima's partners in the Knesset, backed out of the coalition. This action could force early elections or even make the government take new coalition partners. If Livni does not form a coalition government within the 28 days, plus a 14 day extension if need be, Peres can select another Knesset member to form a coalition government. If the second minister fails, then general elections will be held 90 days following the second minister's failure.

**September 26, 2008**

COLOGNE, GERMANY- German police arrested two suspected terrorists on a Dutch airliner at Cologne's airport in a pre-takeoff raid reports CNN. Both suspects were somehow related to the African country of Somalia. One suspect of the suspects is a 23 year old Somali national, the other is a German citizen born in Somalia's capital city, Mogadishu. Police had been investigating the two suspects for a number of months, officials say. Police made the move when they found "suicide" notes talking about waging holy war. The two suspects were removed from the plane without resistance. The other 40 were asked to get off of the plane. After their luggage had been checked, the airliner took off an hour and twenty minutes later. This arrest comes on the heels of another relatively recent terrorist bust in September 2007 regarding militants who apparently sought to target Americans in Germany.



Photo courtesy of www.science.com

**September 26, 2008**

BEIJING-On Thursday China launched a spacecraft with a crew of three taikonauts (Chinese word for astronaut) into Earth's orbit. CNN reports that on Friday, the spacecraft, the Shenzhou-7, reached a more stable circular orbit about 213 miles above Earth. The crew are scheduled to make China's first space-walk on Saturday, the primary goal of the three to four day mission. A successful spacewalk is necessary if China wants to pursue its next goal, that of a docked space-station. In their space-walk, two of the three taikonauts will don spacesuits. However, only one taikonaut will actually step outside the vehicle to collect scientific experiments placed outside and to release an 88-pound satellite. The small satellite will then orbit the craft and take pictures.

This launch, along with the Beijing Summer Olympics, showcases China's growing self-confidence as a global and technological power. China's space program is only 16 years old, as compared to the longer NASA and Russian programs. However, it must be noted that the United States and Russia were competing during the Cold War, as compared to China's resurgence in relatively quiet times. Shenzhou-7 is China's third mission with taikonauts into space, the last one being in 2005. Two years before that, China put its first person into space. The Chinese space program has several goals, some of which include the said space station and also putting a person on the moon.

## Users to delete profiles? Student reactions to new Facebook

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It was first launched on February 4, 2004 and since has taken the world by storm. Facebook has become hugely popular around the world and is referred to as "addictive" by Sophomore Lehigh student Hana Horakova; it describes itself as a "social utility that connects people with friends, allows you to upload an unlimited amount of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about the people you meet." This privately owned free-access website is home to 51 million users. Although it has been loved and admired for the past four years, this September over one million users lashed out at Facebook creators for

what is now known as the "New Facebook."

The New Facebook was launched on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as an optionally change to Facebook users profiles. Yet, in September when profiles began changing without the consent of its user, Facebook members expressed their disapproval for the new site. The complaints ranged from not having enough privacy, to having trouble navigating their way around the site. Kristy Roman a sophomore English major says, "I think that it's annoying, but just because I'm reluctant to change. I don't like how visible everyone's information is on the wall... it is kind of creepy."

Facebook creators claim that there were important reasons for the change: it was time to update Facebook and keep up with the changing technology. The new qualities

on Facebook like the Newsfeed and Mini Feed are supposed to "give users more control" and "simplify the users' experience." But, with these new features have come a number of complaints from many Facebook users. Thousands of these complaints are threats, one being that if the New Facebook doesn't return to its original version, then users will cancel their accounts. In return Facebook replies "Calm down, we hear you." Yet, they do not plan on changing the Facebook back to its original version, and do not take any of these threats seriously. Facebook understands that people are frustrated with the sudden change but feel "people will soon recognize how much

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### COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

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

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

- Professor Chris Aiken, Theater & Dance
- Professor Mark Ellison, Chemistry
- Professor Holly Gaines, Music
- Professor Leah Joseph, Environmental Studies
- Professor April Kontostathis, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Professor Matthew Kozusko, English
- Professor Shannon Mudd, Business & Economics
- Professor Kelly Sorensen, Philosophy & Religion
- Professor Cathy Young, Theater & Dance

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean by October 10, 2008.

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# U.S. credit crisis hits home for some Ursinus students

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Forty-five thousand, seven hundred and ten dollars is a lot of money. And that is how much it costs to attend Ursinus for just one year. Eighty-five percent of Ursinus students receive some sort of financial aid in order to pay this hefty sum. With the massive credit crisis, more and more loan institutions are collapsing or tightening restrictions on who can receive a loan. Major institutions such as Wachovia and Bank of America have suspended their student loan programs. Students are being rudely awakened by the fact that their money is unavailable, and subsequently left to find money elsewhere.

Senior Alice Bailey is just one of the many students who is facing the crisis. It was this summer, when she realized that her normal lender, Wachovia, was no longer

offering private loans.

"At first, I freaked out because I didn't know how I was going to pay for school," she shares. "My parents and I were in a complete panic. I just didn't know what I was going to do. Luckily, Student Financial Services was really helpful and I was able to secure a new loan. I got the approval right before I was supposed to move in, but I have never been so stressed out in my life."

Other students fear the increased interest rates of loans. Another senior, Eva Linden is working more hours in an effort to start paying off her loan interest now, just in case rates skyrocket.

"With the way the economy is now, I don't want to have my debt climb any higher than it already is. I'm doing anything I can to make my balance go down," explained Linden.

Bailey and Linden are just some of the approximately seventy percent of students who receive loans as a way to help pay for tuition. David Haggard, assistant director of financial services, explained that some of the lenders Ursinus has used in the past have stopped providing loans.

"Ursinus used to provide a 'last resort' loan to students who could not get approved for a loan due to poor credit. The lender of this loan, Bank of America, was no longer able to assume the risk of such a loan and it was discontinued," he said. However, he was also very

reassuring with another possibility.

"Should more lenders drop out of the market as to have a clear impact on our students, we will begin to consider the options available. This includes possibly transitioning to direct lending, where the US Government acts as the lender of federal loans thus eliminating the need for lending institutions. If difficulties should arise the college will actively seek ways to lessen the impact on students and their ability to focus on their studies and complete their degree," said Haggard.

According to [findaid.org](http://findaid.org), the student loan crisis is a result of the subprime mortgage credit crisis, which began in 2007. As investors saw the increase in defaults among other loans, they were hesitant to continue investing in student loans. As this was happening, Congress passed the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, which was designed to encourage lenders to make federal education loans available through their institutions. However, lenders claim that these subsidiaries took away their profits, causing them to pull back even further. Sallie Mae, one of the nation's leading providers of loans announced that they were going to be more selective about loan applicants. Since 2007, approximately 33 loan institutions have suspended their higher education loan programs.

## College students hurt by economic woes

Jackie Niederman

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Think the Great Depression was some cataclysmic event that you only learn about in textbooks? Think again. The United States economy is rapidly approaching catastrophic proportions as three major Wall Street giants, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Bear Stearns, and American International Group were bailed out by the government in an effort to prevent their anticipated market collapse.

President Bush's proposed \$700 billion bailout plan has been looming over Congress, where Democratic and GOP partisanship is dominating the Capitol Hill scene. The issue surrounding the plan is outside whether or not it should be enacted; but rather how it will be done most favorably for the always dependable American citizen who will bear the costs. For those of you in denial, these trusty citizens include you.

College students have been feeling the effects of today's market for some time now with the student loan crisis, but now are noticing more rippling consequences of the market demise.

According to the United States Students Association, 85% of American college students live off campus and rely on cars and public transportation to get to classes. However, volatile gas prices are quickly draining student's wallets and causing them to dip into their savings to compensate.

Furthermore, those who turn to public transportation should now look to their ever trustworthy and cost-efficient bicycles, as local governments are cutting transit budgets across the nation. Students are struggling to scrape and save every penny they earn, only to see it disappear as quickly as the fuel in their gas-guzzling cars.

For those of you resourceful enough to find ways to save your money, don't be surprised if when you graduate

your savings account is worth a lot less than you expected. Inflation is swiftly devaluing the one-time great American dollar, providing not only for a depressed economy, but also for a depressed college graduate.

This issue is especially worrisome for the sensible ones who are putting away for their first homes, cars, and retirement because the decrease in their worth won't even afford them the closet-sized dorm they lived in their freshman year. But who are you kidding; the average college student has yet to even think about retirement.

Most students are focused on making it out of college alive and the dreadful job hunt that follows. Unfortunately, with corporate America in complete chaos, companies are struggling to stay afloat, resorting to massive layoffs. Needless to say, when your interviewer says they aren't looking to hire right now, don't take it personally - they may mean it.

The icing on the cake of course is the educational budget cuts the USSA estimates to be around \$18 billion. Besides threatening public school funding, student scholarships are now in serious jeopardy. Grant programs could potentially lose hundreds of millions of dollars in funding that would deprive deserving students who are unable to afford college the opportunity to even reach the first day of classes.

College should be an experience where students have the rewarding opportunity to expand their minds and conquer their potential. Things like retirement and home ownership should simply be distant thoughts in the mind of an 18 year old, but instead are added pressures to exam grades, due dates, and finding the best Saturday night party. Students now have to work even harder not just to graduate with a favorable GPA, but also learn how to tread in the stormy waters of the current U.S. economy.

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## Banned Books Week

The week of Sept. 27 to Oct. 4 is officially dubbed "Banned Books Week". The event is meant to serve as a reminder of the intellectual freedoms that Americans have.

Ursinus librarian Diane Skorina encourages students to think about the importance of Banned Books Week, stating "It's important to recognize our freedom to read...the right to read hasn't always been a given even in the US, and there are many places around the world where there's still a struggle."

Anyone who answers these questions should bring their answers to the Reference desk before the end of the day on Friday. If the answers are correct, you can receive a free Banned Books week button or bookmark. While you're in the library, take a look at the Banned Books exhibit in the lobby. For more information, visit [bannedbooksweek.org](http://bannedbooksweek.org).

1. What Georgia mother has been trying to get all the *Harry Potter* books banned? This mom also blames school shootings on the *Harry Potter* series.
2. What court case in the state of Arkansas prevented *Harry Potter* books from being removed from the public school library?
3. What was the most frequently challenged book of 2007? 4. Who was the most challenged author of 2007?
5. Name one reason why "*The Light in the Attic*" by Shel Silverstein was challenged in two schools in Wisconsin.
6. What book was seized by U.S. customs even though it was on the required reading list for Harvard College?
7. The Alabama State Textbook committee rejected *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* because it is a real what?
8. True or False *Little Red Riding Hood* was challenged because in the book a gift of wine is given to the grandmother.
9. Why was "*Where's Waldo?*" challenged in 1989 in Saginaw, Michigan?
10. There are two reasons that the book "*How to Eat Fried Worms*" is challenged, name one.

"Lighting up laws" is continued from the front page.

Dakota State University was quoted in USA Today as saying, "smokers will have rights, just not on our campus."

Not all colleges are as restrictive however. Some try to create a compromise by allowing smokers to light up outdoors, so long as they are a certain distance away from the buildings.

So what about the students of Ursinus? Must you carry a tape measure around with you in case you want to smoke after class? According to Steve Larson, the director of Residence Life, the answer is no, not yet anyway. Ursinus has created a compromise when it comes to its smoking policy.

Although the campus is not smoke-free, smoking in all of the buildings is prohibited. If someone is smoking outdoors and there is an issue, then that person is expected to be considerate and move. This creates a pleasant environment for both smokers and non-smokers and ensures the health and wellbeing of each student.

While all of these policies benefit non-smokers, it has actually done little to change the growing rate of smoking among college students. Students have admitted that

the heavy restrictions have caused them to cut back, but have not convinced them to quit smoking.

Furthermore, it has not discouraged other students from starting. The number of smokers has actually increased since the designation of smoking areas. An article posted on the U.S. National Institutes of Health website reports that the only way to curb the increased rate of smoking is to create preventative education programs on college campuses.



Photo by Abigail Raymond

## Texting responsible for train crash?

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CNN reports that on the morning of Sept 12 at 4:30 pm a Metrolink commuter train carrying 220 people collided head on with a Union Pacific freight train, killing 25 people and injuring more than 130 others. The accident occurred on the Metrolink rail in Chatsworth, California after an engineer failed to heed a traffic signal. The Metrolink crash has been deemed the worst in California's history, and the worst U.S. train disaster since 1993.

After the investigation began, reports confirmed that the train's engineer, Robert M. Sanchez, had run a red light at a one-track section, bending the switch that prohibits the trains travel, and rolling head first



Courtesy of huffingtonpost.com

toward the Union Pacific. CBS news reported that Metrolink dispatchers reportedly heard an alarm that notified them the train had passed through a red signal in Chatsworth. Attempts to warn the engineer via radio were unsuccessful. The radio call was later answered by an injured Metrolink conductor.

Two days following the crash, reports surfaced that a friend of the engineer, a local teenage train enthusiast who knew him well, received a text message on his cell phone. According to KCAL 9 and CBS 2 news reporter Kristine Lazar, the text was short, "just two lines." The message was reportedly received at 4:22 p.m. Friday, only minutes before the deadly collision.

A complete investigation of the crash now rests in the hands of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators, reported the Los Angeles Times. Wayne Workman, the leader of the NTSB was quoted in the Los Angeles Times saying "the more narrow your investigation, the less clarity you have," asserting that although evidence exists that Sanchez may have been responsible for the collision, the NTSB will explore all possible explanations for the collision.

An estimated 20 percent of drivers are sending or receiving text messages while behind the wheel, according to a Nationwide Insurance study.

The number of text message related accidents is unknown, however "text related" crashes are becoming increasingly more common in news headlines. In June, 2007, U.S. News and World Report ran a story detailing a devastating June, 2007 crash. Five female friends died in a collision with a tractor trailer, only a week after graduating from high school. Investigators discovered the driver had been texting moments before the crash. As of February, at least 16 states had considered legislation that would outlaw text messaging while driving. Only two states currently prohibit texting while driving: Washington and New Jersey. Bills to ban texting at the wheel are now in the works in several states, some of which include Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York. Some feel that bans on texting while driving will eventually lead to an all-out ban of cell phone use while driving. Many states already have such restrictions.

## Lethal filler found in Chinese dairy

**Julia Fox**  
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Time reports confirm that in China, 12,900 hospitalizations and four deaths of infants have been caused by a seemingly unlikely source: powdered milk contained in baby formula. The source of all of these internal problems is a compound called melamine.

Composed of nitrogen, carbon, and hydrogen, melamine is used mainly to make plastics. It was created by a German scientist, is moldable when heated, durable, and dishwasher-safe. Nowadays, it is most often utilized in dishware. Recently, however, melamine has begun to be used as filler in certain foods, likely due to its availability and cost. Because it shows up as protein in some tests that determine nutritional value, melamine is sometimes used to make foods appear more wholesome. In the past, this practice was only used in food for animals. In fact, in 2007, there was an issue with melamine in pet food.

Hidden in wheat gluten and rice protein concentrate, Chinese manufacturers produced copious amounts of dog and cat food filled with melamine. After the deaths of thousands of household pets, the product was recalled. Within a year of this terrible incident, however, melamine has been reintroduced onto the food market, but this time, it is being put into baby formula and powdered milk.

Thousands of children have been affected by a dangerous formula. Many would question why a dangerous compound, with a record of causing kidney stones and renal failure, would be put into baby formula. At this point, one can only speculate.

It has been suggested that in the weeks before the Beijing Olympics, there was suspicion that tainted formula was causing sickness in babies, but China downplayed the issue to avoid negative attention. It was not until New Zealand's government applied pressure that investigations began.

It is important to note that while the Chinese government may have overlooked the melamine issue, it was irresponsible business leaders who sold powdered milk filled with melamine to formula producing factories. Likely, larger profits were their motivation.

In response to the recent outbreaks of melamine related illness, Ezzeddine Boutrif, director of the nutrition and consumer protection division of the Food and Agricultural Organization stressed the importance of safety.

"Melamine-contaminated products should be removed from the food chain in order to prevent further exposure. The safe supply of dairy products needs to be restored immediately."

Since then, over twelve countries in Africa and Asia have banned Chinese dairy products. Many additional countries have recalled products. Twenty-two companies were found to be selling products containing melamine, and they have removed all types of milk.

In North America, no dairy products from China are ever used. While the situation is now under control, the numbers have been released that throughout the ordeal a total of 54,000 children had to seek medical attention after consuming melamine-contaminated products.

This issue is already being addressed with great concern by the sociological community, with focus on the implications that such an event has for current issues in food and food marketing.

## Hispania dances their hearts out for an Ursinus audience

Roger Lee

Grizzly Features Editor

Last Sunday, Ursinus had the privilege of welcoming some very special guests to the Lenfest Theater. The *Hispania Dance Company* from Worcester, MA took the stage to present some of their newest works in a concert titled *Anoranzas/Reminiscing*.

Thanks to the organization of Senior Carolina Contreas and help from the Office of Multicultural Services

ALMA (Association of Latinos Motivated to Achieve), Hispania Dance Company was able to come to Ursinus. Their hour-long performance was comprised of ten dances, some featuring spoken word and a few acting segments. Each piece had its own identity and a rich sense of culture and purpose. This was evident from the introduction of the program where *Anoranzas* was explained. Hispania Artistic Director and Choreographer Lindiana Flores wrote about the purpose of this particular showcase in the show program.

"Anoranzas/Reminiscing takes us back into the old worlds of Spain and Latin America by reviving the Spanish traditions and merging them with the new", said Contreas. "These pieces bring to life the passion and fire that is naturally inherent in the life and love of Latino blood."

Passion was on the faces of each and every dancer in the concert. The youth based company featured around a dozen young men and women ranging from ages 14 to 20. These dancers were trained in a number of disciplines including ballet, hip-hop, jazz, and Latin dance forms. This was evident as the company opened with a lively group number followed by a mellow modern piece and concluding the show with hip-hop tinged number. The versatility of these performers coupled with their passion for dance put the finishing touches on an already amazing performance.

"These pieces bring to life the passion and fire that is naturally inherent in the life and love of Latino blood."

Among the talented dancers were brother and sister, Jared and Celena Vazquez. 14-year-old Jared has been dancing for 12 years while encouraging his sister to get in on the action. Celena has danced for the past 10 years. The dynamic duo was full of energy as they leaped, turned, and flipped their way from corner to corner across the Lenfest stage.

Cheering on the Hispania Dance youth is the company's Artistic Director and choreographer, Lindiana Flores. Flores is a 2007 graduate on Dean College, earning her BA in arts with a concentration in Dance. After graduation, Flores ventured out to New York City to pursue her dream of becoming a professional dancer. While there, she trained with Alvin Ailey Company Director Denise Jefferson, Dudley Williams, Troy O'Neil, AC Ciulla of Broadway's *Footloose*, and Maurice Hines. She even worked with Brice Vick, the choreographer for R&B singer Ashanti's *Only You* video.

After a whirlwind of dancing in the big city, Lindiana Flores decided to return to her hometown of Worcester and give back to the community through dance. She was interested in choreographing her own works and defining that work through performances and a company.

Among the company members is 19-year-old Crystal Then. She is a triple threat, excelling in singing, acting and dance. Then's choreography was featured in last Sunday's concert during a number called *Solo Por Un Beso*. She is working on some new choreography to go into an upcoming Hispania showcase.

The soon to be 20 year old auditioned for Hispania as a "new dancer," only training in technique courses for a year and a

half. Now Then continues training while performing with Hispania. As if this wasn't enough, she is also finishing up her senior year of college. Then skipped the seventh grade and is excited to graduate from college at such a young age. After school, she plans on attending a two year graduate program at New York University's Tish School of the Arts. There, Then hopes to create a specialized area of concentration combining dance choreography, music and acting.

"I am interested in the dancers as individuals," said a proud Flores. She wanted this closing number to show that all people are beautiful and that you never know what talents, goals or dreams someone possesses on the inside. She wants the audience to realize that judging a book by its cover can lead someone to miss the true inner beauty that someone possesses.

In the piece, the dancers start out wearing street clothing that people may use to form judgmental biases on the people wearing the clothes. However, by the end the dancers are stripped down to their tights, showing

that there are multiple layers to every person. You never know what is deep inside, but Flores had a vision deep inside. Her vision was for dance to come to the mainstream as more than just a robotic disciplined hobby. Dance is the portrayal of the soul and inner beauty for the world to see. Each dancer is an individual with their own unique story.



Photos courtesy of Ashley Gentry-Nelson

A scene from Hispania's performance at Ursinus last week in the Lenfest Theatre.

Ursinus College was blessed to witness some of Hispania Dance Company's story last Sunday evening.

## Tribute to SubConnection employee Patro

Shaun Frank

Grizzly Staff Writer

Much like any other business, the Zack's restaurant, a popular destination for students, makes some changes each year to the establishment and staff members. This year, however, not all alterations to Zack's were made by choice, in hopes of bettering the service and profitability of the business. One worker replacement in particular, was brought about out of tragedy.

Andrea Patro, the smiling, slight, young woman who manned the SubConnections cashier station at night during Spring 2008 semester is no longer present. Her distinctive laughter, often heard when joshing the students over their weekend escapades, no longer carries over in the Zack's sandwich station.

Patro passed away unexpectedly on August 24, while a majority of Ursinus' students were moving back in, on the very eve of the new semester. She was a graduate of Upper Dublin High School, class of 1993. A resident of Royersford, PA, she was only 33 years old at the time of her death.

"We were just shocked when we found out," Marianne DiEgidio, Zack's manager and Andrea's former employer, recalls, her normally cheerful tone somber with disquiet. "She was here on that Friday [8/22/08] for training; two days later, we got the call..."

Andrea was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of Linda Foerster and the late Henry Patro. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her mother's husband Bob, her fiancé Hans Trauger, and her young son Cole Hans Trauger. Both her son and her fiancé are residents of Royersford as well. She also leaves behind four siblings: Christopher H. Patro of Cape May, N.J., Eric J. Patro of Bradenton, Fla., John Patro of Ambler and Alexandra H. Foerster of Flourtown.

Andrea's funeral was held on August 28, under the direction of Reverend Frank Sayford, and her body is now at rest in Westminster Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, PA.

The next time you enter Zack's, thoughts of a pleasant atmosphere and excellent food on your mind, please consider taking a moment to recall and honor the memory of this lost member of our Ursinus family, Andrea Patro.

If you would like to contribute to the Cole Trauger Trust Fund or simply offer your condolences for the family's loss, please feel free to get in touch with The Grizzly for the family's contact information.

"Users to delete profiles..." continued from page 2.

... more convenient the new setup is."

The management and designers at Facebook don't feel that the change is as big of a deal as users are making it out to be. So why exactly is the New Facebook receiving so much attention?

As popular as Facebook is, and as much press as the New Facebook has received, is the setup change on Facebook really a newsworthy topic? Some may say "yes" due to the mass amounts of people that are involved in this social internet phenomenon, yet others would say "absolutely not," in part because of other important events happening within the country and the world.

"Changes on Facebook should not be on people minds and certainly not on the news when our country is going through the most historic election of all time," says senior education major, Courtney Fox.

The changes that have been made to Facebook are viewed differently to everyone, and whether they are newsworthy or not hold the same truth. But the cold hard fact is that the New Facebook is never returning to the Original Facebook, and that is something that everyone is going to have to deal with.

## A look into the past with the Sophomore Class President

**Joshua Krigman**

*Grizzly Staff Writer*

For Freshman Class President Caitlyn McLarnon, the decision to run again her sophomore year was a no-brainer. She didn't want to.

"Last year was very stressful," she says, trying to relax, "and it wasn't rewarding enough."

In an oversized plush chair, still in her softball practice clothes, she delves into the economic trials and tribulations of the class of 2011's freshman year.

"First year didn't go so well," she puts bluntly, as a remorseful smile sneaks out. At the beginning of the year, McLarnon and the rest of the student government decided to sell t-shirts as a way to make money. They asked a senior student how many shirts would be appropriate to buy. The number that the senior gave was, "way too high." As a result, the project lost money and sufficiently damaged the budget. "After that, the group dynamic went downhill," McLarnon recalls.

Unfortunately, this was not the last of their troubles. The rest of the year, they struggled to pull themselves out of a 700 dollar hole, though at some points it felt like they were digging a deeper one.

"Everything hit an obstacle." McLarnon says. Deciding to hold a dodge ball tournament, she expected to make decent money on the entry fees of the participants. After all the flyers were put up and the emails were sent out, teams started coming out of nowhere to sign up for the event.

"And at the last minute, the people in the field house told us that it wasn't going to work out." McLarnon says, putting her fingers in the air and making quotes around 'wasn't going to work out'. "We couldn't get a

hold of anyone who was supposed to be in charge...and it never got rescheduled."

A dance that they organized was set up to be like a freshman prom, with punch bowls and Polaroid photo shoots and even a student DJ. "At 5 bucks a ticket, we only needed a quarter of the class to make an easy 500 dollars," McLarnon recalls. "We registered Lower Wismer weeks in advance and started selling tickets. We only sold a few, but we expected to make a good amount at the door." Unfortunately, the pattern that has become clear in this story continues on. A week before the prom, McLarnon was emailed saying that Lower Wismer was no longer available. "They said it was because of a miscommunication." Someone else had reserved the space a week after McLarnon had put her name down, but due to an error somewhere, her name had never been recorded. "Since the other event was a banquet for faculty and alumni, the prom was pushed back to a week later on a Thursday night." It was a night, McLarnon remembers, where there



*Photo by Josh Krigman*

**Caitlyn McLarnon smiles for the camera during a recent interview with Josh Krigman.**

were many other events to go to other than a prom that nobody knew the date of anymore.

"It was a very bad showing," said McLarnon.

The year was a wake-up call for McLarnon and her other freshman board members. Coming from Media, PA, McLarnon was involved in the Penncrest High School government all four years, and she recalls things going much smoother.

"My title was Senator at Large, but everyone kind of did everything," McLarnon explained, looking back on her Penncrest days fondly. Coming into Ursinus with an upbeat attitude towards student politics, McLarnon felt that she could make a difference when she decided to run for president.

"I had hopes of really getting class opinions about things and helping them through the year," she mentioned.

Despite all of the drama and pitfalls, McLarnon did help the class of 2011 a great deal. Through careful money management, she and the rest of the board were able to almost cancel out their debt.

After her first year, running again was not on the top of her list. Apparently it wasn't on anyone else's list either. When the time came and no one else ran for president either, McLarnon received a phone call.

"I was asked if I was going to run and I decided to give it another shot," she said.

Once she decided to run, though, other people came out to run against her. But the class clearly still had faith in their President, and elected her again for their sophomore year.

"This year's officers are very enthusiastic; they're on top of their game." McLarnon says, looking forward. "We hope to make enough money to donate big to a charity this year. It's a bright future."

## Women in science: progress in the scientific community

**Laine Cavanaugh**

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While women represented only five percent of doctors in the 1970s, today women are making strides, making up 25 percent of the doctor force. Still, women are vastly underrepresented in all areas of science, possibly because of sexism or motherhood (in case you didn't catch the riddle), which illustrates the stereotypes that still linger in our society.

"These fields are less encouraging to women," says Dr. Beth Bailey, a Biology professor at Ursinus College. She explains that sexism still exists in the "big world," saying, "Science here at Ursinus is different than

at a large research institute. There's no sexism at Ursinus." When asked how to account for this underrepresentation, Bailey firmly states, "It has nothing to do with ability," but feels that women are less aggressive when it comes to advancing in their careers. "It's harder for women to break into the club," she says when describing her graduate school experience, expressing how the age old gender boundaries challenge women.

"Maybe I was naïve, but I didn't notice many differences in graduate school," said Rebecca Lyczak, a Biology professor of Ursinus College. She was surrounded by women in her classes, "maybe because the topic (developmental biology) appeals to more women," she presumes.

"My mentor was a woman so that helped," she explains, describing how her mentor's success gave her a role model to emulate throughout graduate school. She feels that women in science are more likely to succeed when guided by positive role models.

While Lyczak had a very positive experience during her graduate years, Bailey encountered some less pleasant incidents.

"There were some instances where men were either rude to me or talked down to me," she says. "In one instance, a man even came on to me," she explained uneasily.

When asked if women would ever be equally represented in science, Lyczak responds, "I see a change. Even here at Ursinus there seems to be more women biology majors than men." Bailey adds, "The scientific community is realizing that that they need to be more accommodating to both men and women when it comes to raising a family." They agree, with each passing generation, women are

becoming more equal. "I don't think it will ever be fifty-fifty," Lyczak says, mainly because of a woman's desire to spend time with her family.

In response to these obstacles, a high percentage of women end up abandoning their plans. Some studies show that the aspects of ability and self confidence may come into play here, but Bailey and Lyczak strongly disagree with these arguments, describing how women after encounter more obstacles and tend to make more sacrifices.

"There's more pressure for a woman because she feels like the sacrifice has to be hers," Lyczak says.

Bailey agrees, saying "Men aren't the ones getting pregnant," describing her experience of becoming pregnant while doing a radiology study, and needing to abandon the project because of the danger it presented to her baby.

"I made more sacrifices than my husband, but that was a personal decision we made," she asserts.

Bailey feels that women, more often than not, are the ones who make the sacrifices. Yet while family life may hinder advancement in a woman's career, both professors agree that family comes first.

"It's a choice of what you want in your life," Lyczak explains. "You just have to marry someone who's really supportive." Even without a man, though, she says confidently, "It can be done."

Bailey agrees, saying "Research institutes demand time," and she would rather spend that time with family.

Both professors have two children, and they express complete happiness in their career decisions.

"I don't think I'd change a single thing," Lyczak says with a compelling smile.



*Photo by Laine Cavanaugh*

**Sara Simon, a junior biology major at UC, will have more opportunities than her 1970s counterparts.**



## Kabuki dancer to choreograph at UC

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In the world of Japanese Folk Dance, Kabuki performing and Taiko drumming, there's no one greater and internationally renowned than Sensei Isaburoh Hanayagi. Ursinus College will be honored once again with the presence of Sensei Isaburoh at the Japanese Folk Dance at the Fall Ursinus College Dance Company Concert.

Sensei Isaburoh is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Performing Arts at Tamagawa University in Tokyo, Japan. He is known as a unique dancer and choreographer of Kabuki dance and has also been teaching Taiko drumming since 198, leading him to compose many student performances. Sensei Isaburoh has presented workshops at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, Swarthmore College, and Michigan University to name a few. The Tamagawa University Taiko Drum and Dance Group (Tamagawa Taiko) has come to Ursinus two springs in the row in 2007 and 2008 at the Kaleidoscope to give a performance of light and sound with their colorful and different sized drums.

It is important to note that there is a slight difference between Kabuki Theater and Kabuki dance. Kabuki Theater is similar to an opera, featuring a lot of history mixed with emotions and violence whereas Kabuki dance is more like a story.

This is Sensei Isaburoh's second visit to Ursinus College, he was invited back in fall 2005 to give a lecture and demonstrate a Kabuki performance. Everybody remembered well the mask performance about the story of

the "three demons." Its beauty and cohesion stunned students and the community members alike for a one person performer. The performance was met with great acclaim and enthusiasm.

Sensei Isaburoh is a great teacher with a great sense of humor, "For someone who is a master of his art he is very accessible," commented Dr. Mizenko Matthew. Sensei Isaburoh got invited back to Ursinus with the support of Arts and Lectures, the Theater and Dance Department as well as the Department of East Asian Studies. He will be choreographing a Japanese Folk Dance work to be included in the Fall Ursinus College Dance Company concert in November.

"The interesting thing about Sensei Isaburoh's second coming to Ursinus is that this is first time ever when Dance students and East Asian Studies students will come together whether or not they have a dance background to participate in an artistic and dance project like this," said Dr. Mizenko. Dr. Mizenko has been teaching Japanese and East Asian Studies at Ursinus for nine years, his own field of study was literature and films. Dr. Mizenko is the current chair of the Committee on Diversity and the Modern Language Department at Ursinus. For those who have not heard about this Committee, its purpose is to serve the campus community by providing a forum for discussion and by communicating with and advising the college on matters relating to diversity.

The dance piece rehearses every Tuesday and Thursday after 4:45 pm, any interested students should get in touch with Dance Professor Cathy Young or Professor Mizenko.

## College students targets for ID theft

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As a college student working a grueling summer internship, a night of relaxation and fun is sometimes all a girl can look forward to during the week. At the bar in the evening, her purse sat on a bar stool ten feet away from the middle of the dance floor for a brief five minutes, while she got her groove on with a good friend. It wasn't until the cab-ride home that she realized her wallet was missing. So, what happens when an enjoyable night turns into a college student's worst nightmare- a stolen wallet?

According to a recent article in USA Today, college students are particularly vulnerable to identity theft. At Temple University, some hackers broke into the school's email system and convinced students to give personal information without much effort. The naiveté of people in college and the fact that they feel no need to check their credit makes them perfect targets for identity thieves.

"The identities of about nine million Americans are stolen each year. And almost 30% of all identity-theft complaints come from people ages 18 to 29 years-old," says the Federal Trade Commission.

Especially at school as small as Ursinus College, where students get so comfortable and trusting, it is easy for people to steal. In a three year span, there had been 103 reported cases of stolen items on the Ursinus campus. America is already in a perpetual state of paranoia, but Jay Foley, executive director of the Identity Theft Resource Center, tells students to be extremely cautious. He explains that four questions should be asked before making a decision to give out any personal information: Why is this needed? Who gets access to it? How is it protected? How is it disposed of?

"If you can't get a good answer to those four questions," claims Foley, "the company or the person who is asking doesn't have any serious business getting that information."

Tim O'Rourke, Temple University's chief information officer and financial services' vice president, agrees with Foley.

"If you want to protect your identity, be paranoid," he says. "Understand there are bad people out there trying to get your personal information every day."

In order to prevent identity theft, students should do the following: do not carry your social security card or number around, do not give out personal information without asking Foley's four questions, make sure passwords that protect important information are complex and sign up to receive credit reports.

Firstly, with a social security number, anyone can steal your identity, so it is imperative that the number is kept out of sight and out of reach. Secondly, it is important to avoid giving out a social security number or any other personal information without asking some questions first. If none of the questions can be answered well, the people asking obviously don't need the information too badly, so it should be withheld. Thirdly, according to O'Rourke, a hacker using a simple program would be able to crack a six-letter dictionary-word password in a mere ten seconds. Therefore, it is essential to be sure passwords for online banking, email accounts and things of that nature are comprised of numbers and letters. Lastly, every student should sign up to receive their credit report regularly. Remember, "F-R-E-E that spells free, credit report dot com baby!"

No one wants to end up like the guy in that commercial with a lame car, so be safe. Protect your identity.

"Sexual Perversity comes to Ursinus" is continued from the front page.

...*Sexual Perversity* takes place in 2008, and time period has much to do with the mindset of the characters. Generation X was known for living more selfishly than its war torn parent generation. In this play we see females who are trying on the notions of feminism and sex for pleasure for the first time. We also see men stuck in a relic of masculinity that is characteristic of Mamet's work.

The story of two men and two women who throughout the course of the show fall in and out of love, hurt themselves, and hurt their lovers speaks clearly to the audience on topics of relationships and what it means to be with another person.

"It explores sex, love, and friendship in a way that really speaks to our generation," says Lazare.

## Career Corner: On Graduate and Professional School

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There are a number of important steps to take if you are considering graduate or professional school. Begin researching schools and programs by talking with your faculty. Consult hard copy resources like the Peterson's Guide to Graduate Study (available in the Career Services office) or web resources like [www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com). Check out the grad school section of the Career Services Web site for more resources. Professional associations within your field can often help you identify programs that are accredited and well regarded.

There are a number of factors to weigh when deciding where to go. Consider location and size of the school as well as quality and reputation of the program. Are there internship or thesis requirements? How long will it take to complete your degree? Are there faculty who are willing to sponsor your research interests? Be sure to request strong letters of recommendation. Get feedback on your personal statement and essay writing. Research grants, fellowships, assistantships and financial aid.

Meet with an advisor in Career Services to help plan your strategy for researching, evaluating, and choosing among programs of study. Share drafts and get feedback on your application essays from faculty, the Writing Center, and advisors in the Career Services office.

Be sure to join Don Asher, the Grad School Guru and nationally recognized speaker and author, on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Pfahler Auditorium. Don Asher returns to campus to share his insight and wisdom on how to gain admission to highly competitive graduate schools and professional programs.

Don Asher presents at over 100 colleges and universities annually. Students enjoy his interactive Q & A presentation style which is sure to answer all your questions about graduate school admissions.

The program is great for seniors currently in the application process- but ALL class years are encouraged to attend. Asher will share useful advice on what you can be doing NOW to strengthen your applications to graduate and professional school.

Don't miss Don Asher's awesome presentation on Getting into Grad School- 10/7 at 7:30.

## Presidential Debate 2008: The battle in Mississippi

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On Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Mississippi, the first of three presidential debates was held between Barack Obama and John McCain. Both men shook hands and smiled before taking their places behind podiums on the stage. The moderator, Jim Lehrer of PBS, primarily centered his questions on Foreign Policy, the Economy and National Security, three of the most trying issues facing the nation today. Throughout the debate, both candidates displayed starkly different demeanors, with Obama making occasional eye contact with his opponent and McCain refusing to look at him till jokingly prompted by Lehrer himself. It was a spectacular evening of word play, self promotion, harsh criticism, and even the occasional light moment.

When asked about the position he took on financial recovery, Obama replied, "We are at a defining moment in our history. Our nation is involved in two wars and we are going through the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. We have to move swiftly and we have to move wisely." He then went on to specifically lay out what must be done to boost the economy, which he claimed was suffering due to "eight years of failed policies", implemented by President Bush and largely backed by McCain.

After offering get well wishes to Senator Kennedy, who is currently receiving treatment for cancer, McCain said, "I'm not feeling well about a lot of things, but we're seeing Republicans and Democrats sitting down and trying to work on a solution to this fiscal crisis we're in. We've

got a lot of work to do; we need to create jobs and eliminate our dependence on foreign oil." Just days before, McCain traveled to Washington to meet with members of the House of Representatives, and hoped to get the debate postponed. However, his request was denied.

Both men claimed to have warned of potential economic problems some time ago, and, in true debate fashion, were quick to toot their own horns while simultaneously pointing out the flaws in each other's proposals. "In John's tax plan," Obama said, "You would have CEOs of Fortune 500 companies getting an average of \$700,000 in reduced taxes, while leaving 100 million Americans left out." He then alluded to a statement McCain had made about the "sound fundamentals of the economy". McCain later rebutted, "Senator Obama didn't mention that, along with his tax cuts, he is also proposing some \$800 billion on new spending on new programs. I want to cut spending and keep taxes low. The worst thing we could do in this economic climate is to raise people's taxes."

The candidates were asked about their opinions on the war in Iraq, an issue that they clearly viewed differently.

McCain believed that the reformed war strategies and the shipping of more troops to the region had been an effective tactic and that victory was well within reach. Obama slammed this position, stating that not only has the war cost America dearly in money, resources and lives, but that we've fueled the hatred of terrorist organizations like Al-Qaeda, who are far from finished with us. He criticized

McCain for saying in 2003 that the war was going to be "quick and easy," and that he knew where to find the weapons of mass destruction (which to this day haven't surfaced). Both candidates agreed that America is safer now than it was before 9/11, at least in some respects, thanks to the billions spent on security measures. However, they stressed the necessity for staying on alert for another attack.

The debate concluded with Obama emphasizing the dire need for change, both domestically and overseas. McCain spoke about the extent of his experience as both a politician and a war veteran. Immediately following the debate, news stations were buzzing all through the night and well into the next morning with opinions from all angles. Some believed Obama had been more on the ball when discussing how to deal with the economy, while others thought McCain demonstrated more skill in dealing with the war and foreign affairs. Whatever your opinion, the one thing everyone can agree on is that this election is one of the most talked about in the history of American politics.

The race to the White House continues.



Photo courtesy of The Telegraph

## Open your eyes to the truth about Senator Barack Obama

For the past few weeks, I have accepted opinion articles and edited *The Grizzly* so that both sides of the political spectrum could be heard. I have included articles that both praise and denounce the Democratic and Republican Presidential nominees. Very few people, however, have offered to step forward and write those pieces that urge this campus to change its collective mind about the biggest political celebrity in history, Barack Obama. It comes as no surprise that a liberal-minded campus wouldn't give a second thought to an article entitled, "Barack Obama: The Wrong Presidential Choice".

Here's my question: how can we possibly call ourselves college educated when simple word of mouth and liberal media tactics completely influence our very way of life? When I ask UC Democrats why it is they love Barack Obama so much, they always seem to recite the same jingles: "It's time for change" and "We don't want four more years of Bush". Hmm... wasn't National Constitution Day a little more than two weeks ago? Go ahead and read up on the Twenty-second Amendment, which states that no President shall be elected to office more than twice. George W. Bush is finished. He'll never be the President of the United States again. John McCain is not George W. Bush. He doesn't share the same views, nor does he plan to adopt the same policies.

"Four more years of Bush", like "Change, change, change", is just a slogan—it doesn't mean anything or carry any real significance. But Obama and the media have somehow crafted a societal belief that petty catchphrases and little political substance are enough to elect an official



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to the highest office in the world. In fact, his campaign is being run by David Axelrod, a strategist who creates a "cult of personality" rather than worrying about serious issues. The United States is and always has been a center right country. Axelrod knows that if Americans ever learn the truth about the most strikingly left agenda ever offered by a Presidential candidate, they will no doubt choose John McCain as their next leader.

And before you, as an Obama supporter, dismiss this article completely, open your mind and think about the man you may be voting for in November. While I don't think I will necessarily be able to change your vote, I may just be able to change your mind.

Let's start with Obama and the media: In an April debate which pitted Obama against Senator Hillary Clinton, he was asked about his ties to former political radical William Ayers. Obama became extremely defensive about the question, tip-toeing around the subject before finally giving an answer that wouldn't have been accepted in a sixth-grade faux debate. The morning after the debate, moderator George Stephanopoulos was berated by the media for asking "gotcha" questions and targeting Barack Obama's background.

Here's what the media and Obama didn't want you to know: William Ayers is much more than a simple political radical. He is a former member of the Weatherman, a radical leftist terrorist organization that bombed the New York City Police Headquarters, the United States Capitol Building, and the Pentagon in the early 1970's. On September 11, 2001, Ayers is quoted by *The New York Times* as saying, "I

don't regret setting bombs" and "I feel we didn't do enough". Not only is Obama associated with this radical leader, they have served on foundation boards and education panels together. Even more surprising, Barack Obama's first run for office was launched from William Ayer's living room.

Does anyone reading this know that Obama and Ayers have contributed funds to several groups with radical anti-Israeli views? Ayers has also contributed donations to Obama's campaign on numerous occasions. And that's only the beginning: Tony Rezko, a Chicago political "fixer", was very much involved with Obama before being indicted in 24 counts of fraud. Rezko raised money for Obama's campaigns over the years while Barack sat back and looked the other way on shady investment deals and unethical businesses. Even Obama's house was purchased with the help of Rezko and his wife (while the indictment charges were public knowledge). What did Rezko get in return? Oh, just political favors that went far beyond the typical "acts of kindness" and bordered on corruption.

Experience is probably the most perplexing argument of Barack Obama's campaign. He has, on many accounts, spoken out against Republican Vice-Presidential nominee Sarah Palin, claiming that his political experience far exceeds hers in every way. Well, there's your first problem: why is a Presidential nominee comparing himself to a VP to begin with? Is he taking on Palin because he is uncomfortable taking on McCain directly? Obama consistently asserts that Palin is nothing more than a "mayor" for a small population and minimal budget. Right—just like Obama is nothing more than a "community organizer". Palin actually

"Open your eyes" is continued on page 10.

## Political messages overtake television more than ever

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As we move closer and closer to Election Day, it is clear that many television shows are constantly reminding us of politics. Obviously, news programs are going to be especially saturated with political topics around election time. However, an interesting shift is slowly being made. Shows that are merely watched for entertainment value, such as award or talk shows, are now incorporating a strong political subtext into their dialogue. This past weekend's 60th annual Primetime Emmy Awards was no exception.

Viewers got a sense that the awards show, which honors primetime television shows, was going to be influenced by politics right from the opening act. The show's hosts Howie Mandel, Ryan Seacrest, Heidi Klum and Tom Bergeron noted as soon as they got on stage that they did not have a prepared opening monologue.

"We are, like, on Sarah Palin's bridge to nowhere," host Howie Mandel said. "The government can't even bail us out of this. We have nothing."

As the night went on, the show's dialogue became infused by references to the presidential election. Vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin seemed to take much of the heat. Acceptance speeches became more like a thirty-second spot for actors and actresses to voice their opinions about the candidates. Actress Laura Linney, following her win for best actress in a miniseries or movie in HBO's "John Adams", used part of her acceptance speech time to take aim at Sarah Palin's comments about Barack Obama's past as a community organizer at the Republican National Convention.

The award, she said, "will give me a great reason to stop and pause and be so grateful and thankful for the community organizers that helped form our country".

One of the shrewdest comments about the vice presidential candidate came from Tina Fey, who recently impersonated Palin on Saturday Night Live.

"I want to be done playing this lady November 5th," said Fey, during her Emmy award acceptance speech. "If

anyone can help me be done playing this lady—that would be good for me".

The Emmy awards and its speeches were no-doubt marked with political references, but this is no new trend in national television. This election seems to have marked the year that television shows that have never had an affiliation with politics are purposely incorporating them into their message.

One show in particular that has emphasized bringing politics to the table during this election time is "The View". This hour-long daytime show that has been on the air for twelve seasons has established itself as a female oriented talk-show with emphasis on celebrities and light-hearted women's issues. However, with the incredibly popular election ahead, the show's dynamic has changed.

In recent times, "The View" has made headlines for its controversial broadcasts featuring heated political discussions during the "Hot Topics" segment in which co-hosts discuss a variety of current events.

First, there was the now infamous fight over troop support between co-hosts Rosie O'Donnell and Elisabeth Hasselbeck.

Another feature of the show that recently drew gossip was an interview with Republican presidential nominee John McCain, in which the co-hosts bombarded him with extremely tough questions about his stance on such issues



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as the economy, terrorism and abortion.

However controversial these topics may be, they seem to be working in favor of the show's ratings. The episode with John McCain took in over 4.6 million viewers, the fourth highest rated show in its eleven year history. The show's creator, executive producer and co-host Barbara Walters, feels that viewers want to see politics included in her show.

"You watch MSNBC and Fox News. It started with O'Reilly where giving your opinion is necessary for ratings," Walters said, mentioning Bill O'Reilly of Fox News. "The more opinionated, the more bombastic, the more the ratings go up."

With the election a little over a month away we will continue to see shows using these political tactics. The real question is what many of these television shows are going to do once the election is over.

## The genius behind *Saw* franchise: thrills, chills and kills

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I've been a diehard fan of the *Saw* series after seeing the very first film on Halloween night back in 2004. I was never huge on going to see movies in theatres, partially because the prices for tickets are so outrageous, but I knew I had to make an exception. In the 90's the *Scream* films reigned with the same laughable scenario: creepy guy stalks busty woman as she runs through her house hoping to escape, instead of out the front door as she should probably do. The *Scream* films were cute in their time, but they're nowhere near as intelligent and engaging as any of the *Saw* films.

The premise is basically the same for every film. The victims are forced to participate in "games" which are intended to test how far they're willing to go to save themselves. In *Saw*, we meet the first victim, Amanda, who wakes up in a cell with her head locked in a reverse bear trap that will permanently rip open her jaw should she fail to locate the key, conveniently located in the stomach of her dying cellmate. We also meet Dr. Gordon and Adam, who are chained by the ankles to pipes in a large bathroom.

One of them, at his wits end, takes up a saw and cuts off his chained foot while the other man is left to waste away.

The development of Amanda in the first three *Saw* films was of particular interest to me. She had my sympathy during the first movie but I began to get suspicious of her true motives around *Saw II*, because there was something unsettling about her, far beyond her penchant for drugs and cutting. How did she know where to find the handheld tape recorder at the beginning of *Saw II* and why wasn't she affected by the deadly gas that was slowly killing everyone else in that old building?

I wasn't surprised when it was revealed in *Saw III* that Amanda had been Jigsaw's accomplice the whole time, which subsequently changed the nature of the games entirely. She was less concerned with trying to "enlighten" people about the value of life and more interested in exacting revenge on those she hated. Her games were unbeatable, and those that were unfortunate enough to be participants in them, such as Detective Kerry, found that out the hard way.

*Saw IV* was my least favorite of the series, simply because it was so difficult to follow. It attempted to tie up the loose ends and unanswered questions that had

surfaced in the three preceding films, while introducing new themes. On the flip side, there were many cringe worthy scenes, like when a woman gets scalped alive and a man gets tied and dismembered while being forced to watch videos of rape. The revelation of Detective Hoffman as the third Jigsaw completely threw me for a loop; exactly why is difficult to explain, you'd have to see the film to know what I'm talking about.

I'm hoping *Saw V* will be easier to follow while still maintaining the intelligence and psychologically disturbing quality of the earlier films. I'd like to learn the significance of the pig mask that was so often used throughout the first four *Saw* movies and why Billy, that creepy clown with the tricycle, appears in every one of Jigsaw's "instructional videos." I'd also like to know how John Kramer went about selecting Amanda as the successor to the Jigsaw dynasty and exactly why Detective Hoffman has now taken her place. I read somewhere that the new games are going to be pretty unbelievable; the "pendulum" trap can potentially kill a person. Good or bad, *Saw V* will definitely be a box office hit, especially on Halloween. I've already got my popcorn and fellow *Saw* fanatics rounded up and ready to see it.

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...actually manages a \$9 billion dollar budget and employees 25,000 people as Governor of Alaska. The Obama campaign? A measly \$36 million per month. Is this the executive resume he is so proud of? After only 143 days in the Illinois Senate, Barack Obama announced his candidacy for President of the United States. Amazingly, he has been able to make his lack of executive experience sound like an important asset to Americans. He has never been a governor, mayor, or the head of anything.

Wake up... see him for what he really is: a corrupt Chicago politician with radical leftist ideas and absolutely zero executive experience.

Ever hear of the “socialist agenda”? If not, chances are you haven’t listened very closely to the words of Barack and Michelle Obama, wife and campaign surrogate of the Illinois Senator. At a North Carolina campaign stop, Michelle actually said, “The truth is, in order to get things like universal healthcare and a revamped education system, then someone is going to have to give up a piece of their pie so that someone else can have more”. Did she uncover an ancient Karl Marx speech before taking the stage? Americans pride themselves on the fact that no salary is finite; rather, a person can make as much money as they possibly can, as long as they work for it. Isn’t that the reason we are here at Ursinus College? Isn’t that the American Dream? Why do Michelle and Barack want to put a ceiling over the room of success? Redistribution of wealth, universal healthcare—these plans revolve completely around the foundations of socialism. And where have we seen socialism falter in this country before? You only have to go back to the Clinton Administration, where the government decided to provide loans to people that had no business buying homes in the first place. Basically, if I have a house, everyone has to have a house. And look where that got us: a housing and economic crisis that is

currently leading our country into the next Great Depression. Don’t get me wrong: I’m all for providing shelter to those in need. However, I draw the line when it comes at the expense of the national economy. America was founded on privatized gain and individual success (capitalism, anyone?). Take that away, and we’re nothing more than a socialist nation with an incredibly inept leader.

There’s no questioning

Barack Obama’s leftist beliefs. After all, he does have the most liberal voting record in the Senate. During Primary season, he moved even further to the left to keep with his record.

Recently, however, he has slowly inched back to the center of the political spectrum without ever hearing one word of criticism from the media. Obama has flip-flopped on NAFTA, wiretapping, special interest groups, illegal immigration, Iran, and the Iraq War. And that’s just the beginning. Can anyone actually pinpoint a belief that Obama has stayed consistent with during his campaign? He voted several times to fund the war in Iraq before announcing his candidacy. Soon after, he swore to withdraw all American troops from Iraq upon being elected. Currently, he has proposed withdrawing troops in the first sixteen months of his Presidency. Remarkably, the media has refused to call him out on this! Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry was the subject of public scrutiny for doing the exact same thing in the 2004 election, so why should Obama get a pass?

Take a look at Obama’s staff: his financial advisor, Franklin Raines, is the same guy who kept the books and made millions for mortgage giant Fannie Mae while the company committed financial fraud. Axelrod, the chief

strategist, believes in personality over substance. The rest of his advisors are comprised of countless Washington lobbyists, the very same people Obama claimed would never run his White House. Is this really the guy you want controlling your country? His terrorist connections, lack of experience, Socialist agenda, and extreme leftist beliefs will lead this country down a path that the founding fathers never envisioned when they wrote the Constitution. Our country is founded on the individual right to succeed and fail, not on the ideas of governmental interference.

Does Barack Obama want you to know the truth? Not only does he not want you to know, he is actively trying to trample your First Amendment rights in doing so. In Pennsylvania, his campaign has threatened and intimidated television and radio stations from running NRA advertisements that reveal Obama’s historical contempt for the Second Amendment. And in Missouri, he has enlisted prosecuting attorneys who have volunteered for his campaign to bully those who attempt to present facts about the candidate. These groups, ironically, are known as the “Truth Squads”. And let’s not forget about the jokingly named “Fairness Doctrine” that Obama and his Democrat friends want to pass. This legislation will force talk radio stations to provide alternative (Democratic) points of view. In other words, if Democrats can’t compete in the fair market, even with control of the mainstream media, they will force radio stations to change formats or face fines for allowing the market to decide what the public wants to hear. And what happens if the ratings of conservative talk radio stations decrease? They get kicked off the air. Forget public opinion—if Obama doesn’t like it, you won’t be listening to it.

Wake up, students of Ursinus College! Take a good look at Barack Obama and see him for what he really is: a corrupt Chicago politician with radical leftist ideas and absolutely zero executive experience. Still wishing for “change” and “hope” now?

## New Moore film aims to motivate the “slacker generation”

Nathan Humphrey

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Michael Moore’s new movie *Slacker Uprising* was released on September 23, right under the nose of the *Fahrenheit 9/11* and *Sicko* fans. Moore, who owns the exclusive rights to his \$2,000,000 project, released it online through Bliip.tv, Amazon, iTunes and various other platforms.

*Slacker Uprising* follows Moore as he travels through 60 cities during the 2004 presidential election. Each of the cities was located in one of 20 battleground states and Michael visited them as he saw fit. He would adapt his tour schedule to visit areas that became important as the election drew on. His travels took him to college campuses and major cities, promoting the “slacker generation” to not only register, but volunteer for a party (preferably the Democratic one, according to Michael) and help educate others on the importance of voting. At each stop, the students received free Ramen noodles and clean underwear while seeing Michael speak and special guests ranging from Eddie Vedder to Roseanne Barr.

The title sequence outlines the details of the election and ends with an opening statement, “This is the story of one filmmaker’s failed attempt to turn things around.” Michael opens the movie at the end, with the failure of the Democratic Party to regain the White House. Throughout the film, Michael uses this opening statement to reveal two distinct themes: young people must get out and vote and America needs George Bush as far away from the presidency as possible.

The sole shortcoming of Michael’s film is the method in which he develops and illustrates the two themes. Instead of showing distinct human accounts of pain and suffering, such as in *Sicko*, or bombarding the audience with facts, like *Fahrenheit 9/11*, Michael stood above the crowd behind a podium and preached to them.

That is not to say his film is incapable of evoking emotion. Emotional accounts from families of fallen soldiers made my hair stand on end. Michael requested that any soldiers in the audience stand when he visited Camp Pendleton. One Iraqi veteran stood proudly holding two peace signs above his head and then received an earth-shaking applause from the sold out arena. This moment brought tears not only to my eyes but to the soldier and entire audience.

Another typical aspect of Moore’s films and one that is ever present in *Slacker* is controversy. Michael makes mock attack ads for the Republicans to run in response to the infamous swift-boat ads. Early in the movie he let loose on the corporate media by responding to the question, “Are your movies propaganda or do you really feel that they are truthful?” with this witty remark: “The propaganda that exists appears every night on the nightly news...night after night after night before this war started: ‘There’s weapons of mass destruction! Saddam had something to do with 9/11!’...”

The largest controversy in the film is simply Michael Moore himself. George Mason cancelled Moore’s speech due to Republican state legislators. While on his way to Utah, questions arose as to whether Michael would speak. Due to the student government’s decision to host Michael

Moore a group of students attempted to have them impeached and Kay Anderson, a Utah businessman, offered \$25,000 for the school to tell Moore not to come. After his attempt to buy off the school failed, Kay then filed a lawsuit against Michael as further measures to bar him from speaking.

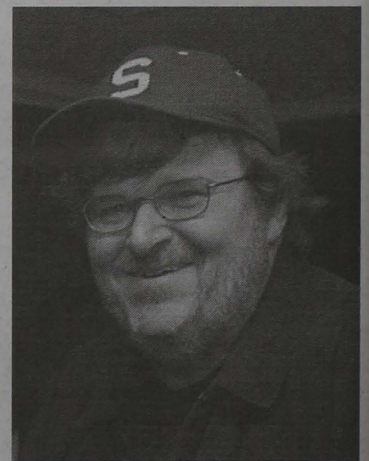


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The timing of this movie is essential. In the midst of the presidential election, it is necessary to keep people politically motivated. Like all of Moore’s films, it must be taken with a grain of salt, but this is his most obviously humanistic movie to date. Could it be that his anger and frustration has turned to sadness and desperation? I doubt it. Michael is still angry and, with his next release set up for 2009, someone will bear the wrath soon enough.

## Cross Country senior spotlight: Christa Johnson

**Nick Pane**

*Grizzly Staff Writer*

D3 Athletics prove to show some amazing competitors. In most recent years, Ursinus College has been recruiting some of the best and brightest athletes out there. Christa Johnson, co-captain of the Women's Cross-Country Team, is one of those examples. I was lucky enough to sit down with her and talk about where she got her start here at UC and where she plans on going with her talents.

**Nick Pane:** So Christa, I guess I'll start off by asking, what exactly did you expect from the cross country program when you came to campus as a freshman?

**Christa Johnson:** Well, the interesting thing is that the summer before freshman year, I actually quit. I got onto campus as a freshman and a couple of the team members talked to me about the team. After being on campus for a day, I already missed running, and came out the next week. Everyone else was already good friends, but they welcomed me so fast.

**NP:** How did the girls on the team know you if you quit before the season started?

**CJ:** Well, Coach recruited me [in the summer], and I was supposed to run. He told [the girls] to get me to run.

**NP:** Wow, that's amazing. So I guess with that being said, what would you say your goals were when you decided to join the team after all?

**CJ:** My goal was always to try to get [personal records in each race]. In high school early on, I ran faster than the first two years of college. My expectation was to work hard and get back to where I was.

**NP:** And what about the rest of the Women's Team? They have done really well to this point. Do you expect that to continue throughout the season?

**CJ:** I expect them to continue to work hard. Some invitationals there could be a team that comes out and beats us, but if we're working hard, I can't complain about that. We've basically surpassed expectations already.

**NP:** And how has Coach Bayless influenced you as an athlete and how much has he helped you get to where you are now?

**CJ:** [Coach has] been a huge influence. When he recruited me, he got me excited to come in. He really works with us and has made me the runner that I am. He did special things for me like working out with the [Men's Team]. He's definitely helped to make sure that I keep getting better.

**NP:** So is it safe to say that running was one of the reasons, if not *the* reason you decided to come to Ursinus?

**CJ:** Running was definitely one of the reasons I came here. [Ursinus] turned out to be the only place I applied to. Coach [Bayless] got me really excited to come here.

**NP:** You've accomplished so much in your career here at Ursinus. As a senior, do you see yourself competing competitively after college, whether it's running marathons, or things of that nature?

**CJ:** I will definitely continue running. How I do in the first spring [season] will determine how much I run after college. I'll probably continue to do road races, and marathons, and things like that, but I will probably never stop running.

Johnson has shown a remarkable competitiveness in this season's cross-country meets. Winning all four meets UC has competed in this season, she seems to be unstoppable. With course records and personal bests, Johnson is running hard to make an appearance in Nationals. Johnson plans on graduating this Fall with a degree in Philosophy and Psychology, and a minor in Applied Ethics.



*Photo courtesy of Allison Bayless*

## Cosmic Sucker Punch: UC Ultimate Frisbee Scores

**Spencer Cuskey**

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You may have seen a bunch of students running around for no apparent reason on the field directly in front of the Berman Museum of Art over the past few weeks. Ursinus' Ultimate Frisbee Team, The Cosmic Sucker Punch (CSP) had been gearing up for an intense match against long-time rival West Chester University. Prior to the game, I spoke with the president and captain of CSP, sophomores Alyssa Blaustein and Kevin Knuepfer. She was very optimistic about a victory despite the waning numbers of the team.

"Last year we had a solid sixteen to twenty people showing up for practices, games, and tournaments," said Blaustein. She continued, "There are seven of us left over

from last year and with a good eight rookies showing up consistently, I think that we stand a pretty good chance against West Chester."

For those of you who do not follow the sport of Ultimate, the game is played to fifteen and the winning team must do so by two points. Each team fields seven players at a time and may only substitute when a point by either side is scored.

As far as ground rules go, a player may not run with the Frisbee, once the disc is caught the player can only come to a stop with the disc. The "three step rule" used in gym class does not actually exist.

Ultimate requires the team to work the Frisbee down the field without turning it over to the other team. Turnovers happen when a player drops the disc or intercepts a pass. Similar to football, there are end zones on either end of the playing field, and a player must catch the Frisbee while in the end zone to score a point. Each "touchdown" is worth one point.

The Cosmic Sucker Punch are fielding quite a different team than they have in past years. With a couple of upperclassmen, the starting seven on the line will consist of Mark Heusser '09, Ashley Panicker '09, Greg Strouse '11, Alyssa Blaustein '11, Spencer Cuskey '11, John Corona '11, and captain Kevin Knuepfer '11. Despite having such a young team,

both Blaustein and Knuepfer had been looking forward to the competition and believed that they had prepared the

new freshmen players well enough to bring home a victory.

"We practice twice a week with a pickup game

"We are looking good...once game time comes around, I'm confident that we will rise to the occasion."

- Kevin Knuepfer

on the weekend - so that the new players can learn the rules and get a comfortable feel for the game," Blaustein mentioned.

"It is going to be tough," said Knuepfer in reference to the game against West Chester. "But things just have to get done. We are looking good but we still have some details to hammer out with the team. Once game time comes around I'm confident that we will rise to the occasion."

And, they did. Cosmic Sucker Punch made the thirty-minute drive to West Chester early on Saturday morning for an exciting match-up and won 15-6. West Chester started out with a 4-2 lead at the beginning of the game. Ursinus came back, though, scoring four points in a row and dominated the rest of the game.

"Kevin Knuepfer and I handled the disc around the West Chester zone defense with ease and continuously threw touchdowns to Ursinus teammates," says Blaustein.

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## Could new turf field be the key to Football's future success?

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Year after year the Ursinus College football community gathers at Patterson field to see the Ursinus Bears Football team take on opponents from the Centennial Conference.

"This field holds so many memories," said head football coach Peter Gallagher.

The head coach for eight years, Peter Gallagher has seen this program at its highest and lowest points.

"The people who have coached on this field before me hold Patterson Field dearest to their heart," Gallagher said. Peter Gallagher became the first coach since 1932's Jack McAvoy to take the bears to a post-season winning mark in his rookie season.

Gallagher mentioned, "I only want to fulfill their legacy all the while engraving my own name in Ursinus College football history." Coach Gallagher led the Bears to their first back to back winning season since the 2000-01 seasons with a 7-3 record in 2007. The bears also went 5-3 in the Centennial Conference, the first time since 2000.

The program's development is showing to be impressive. Now, a turf field seems to be the next step in the program's continuation to impress.

"If a new field were to be installed, I know the past players would be proud to see how far this program has come," said Eikeem Barron, a junior defensive back.

The presence of a new turf field will establish the face of a new Ursinus College. The year of the highest



Fans during a home football game cheer on the Ursinus College Bears. Patterson Field was named after UC's first benefactor, Robert Patterson. The stadium seats 3,500 spectators and is, according to ursinus.edu, one of the nicest grass playing surfaces in the conference.

enrollment in the college's recent years and at the brink of yet another stellar season by the Ursinus Bears, could do well with a new turf field.

Turf fields have become the new fashion for football over the nation. The Ursinus Bears' conference mate, the Muhlenberg Mules, just acquired a turf field before the 2008-09 season and the bears will be facing Gettysburg College away on their turf field on Oct. 4. A new turf field would allow for more sports to be played on faster surfaces and give our athletes a slight advantage.

The old Astroturf on the women's field hockey field is not designed to host any games besides lacrosse and field

hockey. Football is forced to play on a grass surface that barely holds up to the second home game. The cries for a new turf field have not been heard and the success of the Ursinus football team is going un-awarded. A new atmosphere is needed to go with our now successful sports team.

"I feel that a new field would go as a reminder to how far we have come and how much we have accomplished," said Martin Guy a junior defensive lineman, "I feel like the school doesn't want to invest in a new field because they think we can remain a good team [without it]."

Under Gallagher, the Ursinus Football team has only been improving. The team has already begun to show their promise by beating Juniata College during this year's Family Day. The Ursinus bears are starting the 2008 season 2-1 and tied for fourth in the conference.

"This team works hard all year round to be competitive and to dominant the competition," said newly appointed defensive coordinator Chris Rusiewicz. Rusiewicz has coached 2 All-Americans, 21 All-Conference players, and has had a national ranked defense in the past two years.

This field would be advancing our football team to being a greater team.

"A turf field would allow the team to showcase their speed and quickness," said Rusiewicz, "The turnout of fans on Saturdays should be more than enough motivation to get a new field. We want our fans to feel [like they are] a part of the new Ursinus Football program."

### THE SCOREBOX

date	sport	opponent	results
10/24	M Soccer	Immaculata	0-2 L
10/27		McDaniel*	3-1 W
10/24	W Soccer	Dickinson	2-0 L
	X Country	Belmont Plateau	W-1 M-5
	Field Hockey	West Chester U.	4-3 L
10/25	Volleyball	Albright	3-1 W
10/27		Dickinson*	3-1 L

### UPCOMING GAMES

date	sport	opponent	time
10/4	Football	Gettysburg*	1:00 PM
10/4	M Soccer	Dickinson*	12:00 PM
10/4	W Soccer	Gettysburg*	5:00 PM
10/8		Haverford	4:00 PM
10/3	X Country	Paul Short Invitational @ Lehigh	1:45 PM
10/4	Volleyball	Gettysburg*	1:00 PM
10/7		Haverford*	4:00 PM

"Water, water everywhere" is continued from the front page.

together, then they could take over the club. The girls got to work. They recruited at every meal, in every class, and even in the hallways of dorms. They encouraged everyone to come.

"No experience necessary, you don't even have to swim well," they exclaimed. Their goal is to train players and eventually build up to a level where the team can compete against teams from other schools and maybe even one day be considered an official school sport. The first meeting was held on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. A total of twelve enthusiastic people arrived to discuss the future of the water polo team. The first practice was last Wednesday, but anyone interested in joining should contact Samantha Bromberg or Jenna Barna.

The S.C.U.B.A. club has already begun taking action to prepare for the year. The club usually hosts about two classes per year, one basic training class in the fall and one advanced class in the spring. Due to the overwhelming amount of interested students, however, the club was forced to hold a second basic training class. These classes are open to anyone. If you are still interested in S.C.U.B.A. after taking these two classes then you must get certified. To do this, go to The Northeast S.C.U.B.A Supply shop, located just around the corner. S.C.U.B.A. club is also looking into trying new things this year. With help from the shop, they plan on going off the New Jersey Coast to go deep sea diving. Most people do not associate New Jersey with a hot spot for S.C.U.B.A. diving. The truth is, however, that both New Jersey and New York have a lot of interesting underwater relics.

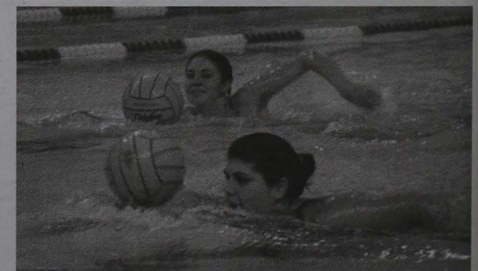


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Ariana Giraldi and Maire Moriarty, both freshmen at UC this year, try their hand at Water Polo in a recent practice.

"There's a lot out there," stated president Alexander Palasek.