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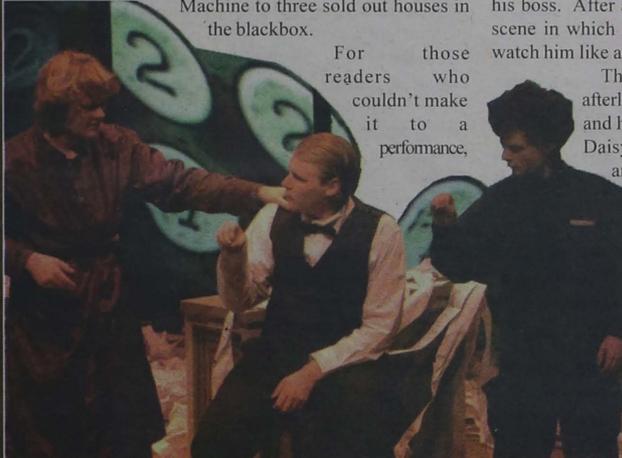
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The student newspaper of Ursinus College

Adding Machine makes explosive debut on UC campus

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Over four days at the end of last week, Ursinus Theatre presented Elmer Rice's *The Adding Machine* to three sold out houses in the blackbox.



For those readers who couldn't make it to a performance,

the two act expressionist play written in 1926 deals with the final days of main character Mr. Zero. Zero works for 25 years adding figures in an accounting office. On the day of the 25th anniversary of his position he is fired, to be replaced by an adding machine. Zero snaps, and murders his boss. After a surreal courtroom scene and an absurd scene in which a group of tourists visits Zero in jail to watch him like an animal in a zoo, Zero is put to death.

The second act follows Zero through the afterlife, in which he finds freedom from his wife and happiness with the object of his affection, Daisy. He begins to truly understand his life, and where he fits into the universal scheme.

Not to drag in the ever popular CIE themes, but this work deals directly with the famous "Why am I here?" and "Where am I going?" queries.

The set design for the production emphasized Mr. Zero's lot in life. Designed to look like a box closing in on him, the angles of the room created a claustrophobic effect which clearly echoed how Zero was trapped in his marriage, job, and unhappiness. Scenery and costuming alike dealt mostly with

grays, blacks, and browns. Only those characters with an understanding of the afterlife were granted colorful clothes. This set them apart from the mundane and blind characters in Zero's life.

The presentation of the play was highly stylized to evoke the feel of the 1920's era. "This is supposed to have the feel of a silent movie," says director Professor Domenick Scudera. This was accomplished by projecting footage from the 1920's on the screens that comprised the back wall and sides of the set in between scenes. Cast members also worked at incorporating realistic, old timey "Noo Yawk" accents to give their characters authenticity.

This production of *The Adding Machine* was evaluated by a respondent from the American College Theatre Festival. In this festival, colleges compete by presenting their shows, and are able to win awards. The *Adding Machine* was not entered in the festival, but it was entered to be evaluated and for two students to win the right to attend the Irene Ryan Acting Festival. The two students chosen for this honor were leads Nadine Burt as Mrs. Zero, and Josh Aungst as Mr. Zero. HelenAnn Coin as Daisy was chosen as an alternate. The respondent was effusive with praise

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Active Minds encourages students to relax: Stop stressing!

Elizabeth MacDonald
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Have you ever experienced that lump in your throat or nervous feeling studying for a test? How were you feeling at the end of this week? Stressed? Worn out? Sleep deprived? I think that we all have felt that stress creeping up; especially as the end of the semester quickly approaches. The real question is how do we cope with the consequences of stress so that it does not interfere with our lives academically, socially, and emotionally?

On Nov. 11, the advocacy group for mental health on campus, Active Minds, provided some helpful suggestions during their first session of the Daily Grind. Dr. Doghramji supplied valuable information concerning stress and how to cope with its consequences.

According to Doghramji, there are two kinds of stress: good stress and bad stress. A student who experiences good stress can enter into a mode which is productive and beneficial to various tasks which need to be completed; however, bad stress can also have negative ramifications. It all depends upon the individual and how he or she responds to the pressures that accompany stress. Stress occurs when the activity which a person is involved in

"get[s] to the point where it is not fun anymore" and that is when one's "fight or flight" mechanism kicks in, causing stress. Additionally, Doghramji explains that long term stress results in serious problems such as heart attacks or strokes. For us college students, "too much stress can cause medical and psychiatric problems via bad sleep." (Sleep, remember that word?) Doghramji states that when we are stressed out we "have to break the cycle to get healthy again." He believes in "making something into a good stress." One means of eliminating stress is "redirection." By redirecting stress, the brain no longer focuses on a certain issue. For example, the doctor states that if a certain course is causing a student stress, after careful consideration, if that student still experiences large amounts of distress, the course should be dropped. Now, that is not to say that every course which is stressful should not be followed through, but if it reaches a point where the stress becomes unmanageable, something definitely should be done about that situation. Another common problem concerned rooming situations. He suggested that in the event that rooming situations cause problems, one person should attempt to remove him or herself from the situation by leaving the room or taking a walk. "The best thing is to get it off your plate." It is

important to "direct [stress] to something you enjoy and [that is] maybe even productive." He suggests meditation or yoga, but in order for those methods to be effective, they must be practiced regularly. One last piece of advice which Doghramji stressed was to "make your life live within your means," meaning that in order to de-stress ourselves, we should all redirect stress into activities which we enjoy. If we attempt to address problems with stress, not only will we feel better, but our patience, sleep, concentration, and eating would improve as well.

The Daily Grind event was a success. Many people came out to learn more about how to manage their stress and Doghramji laid out some crucial information in how to maintain a healthy lifestyle in spite of stressful situations which we encounter on a daily basis.

Stay tuned for the next Daily Grind event!



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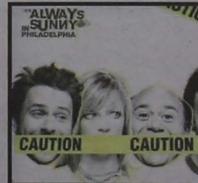
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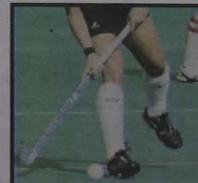
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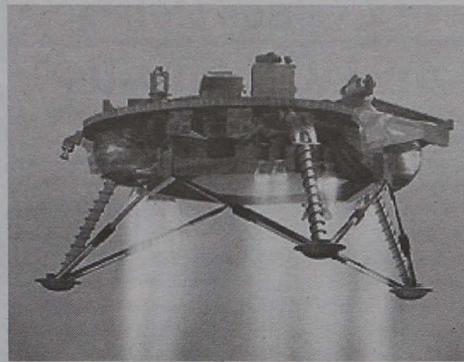


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Nasa's Phoenix Mars Lander in action.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

(CNN) – On Monday, NASA announced that the Phoenix Mars Lander has given up the ghost, thanks to recent dust storms and the onset of winter on Mars. The Phoenix team knew that the craft likely wouldn't survive the Martian winter if it landed on the planet's arctic plain, but they picked that spot anyway because the team figured it would be a good area to search for organic chemicals that might signal a habitable environment. Phoenix landed on the planet on May 25, and spent five months collecting soil samples and analyzing them with onboard science equipment. While the Phoenix team hasn't found the chemicals they were looking for, they have learned a lot about the soil on Mars. Phoenix runs on solar power, so

the initial months of its missions weren't a problem, as the sun doesn't set on the arctic region during the Martian summer months. But recent dust storms blocked out the sun, and soon the sun will set for the duration of the Martian winter. Furthermore, Phoenix will likely be covered in ice over the duration of the winter. The Phoenix team will attempt to reactivate the craft once the arctic region thaws in the spring, but they doubt Phoenix will respond.

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

SAQQARA, Egypt (AP) – Archeologists have discovered the remains of a pyramid in Saqqara, an ancient Egyptian burial ground located south of modern day Cairo. Saqqara served as the burial ground for rulers in Memphis, which was the capital city of ancient Egypt during the Old Kingdom period. So far, only about one-third of the area has been explored. The pyramid is 4,300 years old and most likely belonged to Queen Sesheshet, the mother of the founding pharaoh of Egypt's 6th dynasty. All that remains of the pyramid is a 16-foot tall structure that had been buried under 65 feet of sand. Archeologists are close to actually entering the base of the pyramid, where they hope to find proof of the owner. They doubt they'll find much more than that, due to a gaping hole in the top of the structure that indicates extensive looting.

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

KABUL, Afghanistan (CNN) – A group of teenage girls walking to school were attacked by a group of men wielding water pistols full of acid in Afghanistan on Wednesday. Two of the girls were blinded in the attack. The men responsible escaped after the attack and no groups have claimed responsibility, but Al-Jazeera speculated that

Taliban insurgents were responsible. Under the rule of the Taliban, which lasted from 1996 to 2001, girls were forbidden to go to school. General David McKiernan, the top U.S. official in Afghanistan, condemned the attack, calling the insurgents "dishonorable." "No one can honestly say they are fighting for the people, then purposefully attack innocent women and children."

Friday, November 14, 2008

(CNN) – In other space news, four planets outside of our solar system have recently been discovered. Using advanced direct-imaging techniques, astronomers at NASA and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory took pictures of these planets, which orbit stars that lie outside our solar system. None of these planets are habitable by any means, as they're mostly gaseous. However, the studies suggest that direct-imaging will aid astronomers in the search for another Earth. Three of the four new planets orbit around the star HR8799, which is 1.5 times larger than the sun, 130 light years from Earth, and a star in the constellation of Pegasus. The star is believed to be undetectable by the naked eye, but a pair of binoculars or an amateur telescope would probably do the trick. These three planets, known as HR8799b, HR8799c and HR8799d, were discovered by British, Canadian, and American specialists using telescopes atop the Mauna Kea in Hawaii. At about the same time, NASA astronomers discovered Fomalhaut b, a planet orbiting around the star Fomalhaut, using the Hubble space telescope. This star is 16 times brighter than the sun and part of the constellation Piscis Australis. A total of 326 planets have been discovered outside the solar system, but these four are the first to be captured in pictures.

Creative writing author John Holman visits UC students

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Ursinus' visiting writers series continued this week with a reading and Q&A session by author John Holman. Mr. Holman, the author of a collection of short stories, *Squabble*, as well as the novel *Luminous Mysteries*, read to a packed Unity House Tuesday evening. After an enthused introduction by Creative Writing professor Taije Silverman, Mr. Holman read a selection from *Squabble*, "I Did That," a story which aptly sums up many of his themes. The story deals with growing into a sort of solipsism in a small rural town, grappling with the issues of racial identity and invisibility most famously dealt with by Ralph Ellison.

His next selection, "The Wave," introduced another important facet of his work to the audience, the way in which characters turn outside objects (friendly pedestrians, miserable drunks) into highly charged signifiers in their own quiet internal struggles.

The Q&A session following was brief and spirited, with Holman fielding questions about his writing career, his history with the written word, and the importance of triggers to his work—"I'm still trying to figure out how to write a novel," he admitted.

It isn't difficult to pick up on the influence of Raymond Carver in Holman's stories of discontented working class men and women and their unexpressed melancholy, but in *Luminous Mysteries*, in particular, he throws several complicating elements into the picture that make his writing profoundly strange and rewarding. First is an element of understated absurdism, never quite breaking into the narrative but constantly poking into the margins. For

example, in *Luminous Mysteries* the character Butter notices a kangaroo in the door of a house during a drive, looking back long enough to confirm its existence but not long enough to figure out what it is doing or to convince her companions of its existence. Earlier on, we are briefly introduced to a mask-wearing barber, allergic to hair. These little details set ripples on the intimately-rendered depiction of southern life Holman sets up, but never disturb the surface too much. More importantly, Holman introduces race to the Carver-esque paradigm of class struggle in unexpected and thought-provoking ways, from the Protean lawyer-cum-crack-addict-cum-graphic-designer Lonnie Welcome to the tense woodland walk of two elderly men,

one black and one white, in "Why They Named the Baby Lake." Holman directly addresses the fact that the conversation about race and class in American literature has changed dramatically in "Ground Effects," in which Lonnie and Butter (one of the focal characters in *Luminous Mysteries*) swirling, wandering narrative) meet each other at a Cultural Conference full of intellectuals engaged in re-inventing their blackness for a post-modern society, or in redefining blackness from a position of white hegemony. "There seem to be a lot of white folks who kept talking about black people as products," Lonnie says of the convention. He seems to sum up the

book's verdict when he says shortly thereafter, "I don't confuse the image with the actual—which is what they're doing."

Holman's reading provided an excellent introduction to his prose, a lyrically and tensely written collage of characters tied together largely by the importance of place. Although you may not have heard of him until recently, his work is as complex and rewarding as any of today's major authors, and the economic beauty of his style is impossible to describe without selling it short. Holman's work, and *Luminous Mysteries* in particular, is a real gift to contemporary literature, proof that social relevance and passionate, dream-like artistry can go hand in hand.

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The scoop: CMA recap, West causing trouble in U.K.

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CMA's aired live from Nashville

Hosted by country music sensations Carrie Underwood and Brad Paisley, the 43rd Annual Country Music Awards aired live on Wednesday, November 12. The show took place at the Sommet Center in Nashville, and featured 21 performers. Among those were Taylor Swift, Kellie Pickler, Kenny Chesney, Sugarland, Kid Rock, and Brooks & Dunn. "We are excited to showcase their amazing talents on the CMA Awards this year," said CMA CEO Tammy Genovese to ACOUNTRY.com. According to Genovese, "the CMA Awards shine a three-hour spotlight on Country Music, exposing artists and their music to the world." Underwood, Paisley, Rascal Flatts and George Strait were among the night's big winners. The award for "Entertainer of the Year," considered the night's top honor, was granted to Chesney for the fourth consecutive year. "I'm really humbled and I really appreciate it," said Chesney. "I love the heart, commitment and sacrifice it takes to do this."

Is the economy affecting your waistline?

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You're a college student, you're hungry, and your room doesn't exactly look like an aisle at Acme. Sound familiar? Like many Americans, you might find yourself deciding between who gets the better treatment: your body or your wallet. With food prices increasing and the economy slumping, is it possible to eat healthily without going broke?

Recently, first-hand and research studies show that for many—not just students—it may not be. While the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2007 increased Federal Minimum wage to \$6.55 per hour, our country's poverty rate for that year was about 12.7%, or 37.3 million people. Within this portion lie many who rely on food stamps, which average in the \$3 range per person. The World Bank, however, found that the average American eats \$7 worth of food daily. So, how are we managing to eat enough food to maintain not only survival, but weight and obesity problems, throughout all economic classes? Most likely, studies have found, we are sacrificing nutrition.

If you find that junk foods or processed foods in the grocery store constantly seem cheaper than their healthier alternatives, you're not wrong. Substantial or readily available unhealthy foods tend to be less expensive, and they are rising in cost much more

slowly than nutritional ones. A recent study at Dearth University, recognizing the same issue in Australia, used the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 1989 to 2007 to study cost trends of 15 healthy and 11 unhealthy food products. They found that costs of healthy options, such as milk, breads, eggs, and certain meats, rose about 20% above inflation, while their fatty, oily counterparts, such as desserts and biscuits, fell below by 10%, as did soft drinks by 20%. To explain these differences, the researchers found that a growing middle class tends to increase the demand for meat and dairy products, causing local costs to rise. Use of grains for biofuels, making them less available for animal feed, and the short shelf life of meat, dairy, vegetables, bread, and fruits, contribute further to this increase. When 1.25 liters of soda can be purchased

Britney's Son Hospitalized

After suffering from an allergic reaction, Britney Spears' youngest son, Jayden James Federline, was hospitalized at Southwest Mississippi Regional Medical Center on November 9. According to People, Jayden was admitted at 1:30 p.m. and kept overnight. A source told the magazine that he "had hives, was itchy and irritable." According to a statement released on the singer's official website, Jayden is "doing fine" and the reaction was the result of something ingested. Prior to the event, Spears had been spending the afternoon at the family's Serenity mansion in Louisiana. According to People, "this was the boys' first trip out of California with their mother" since January, when the pop star lost custody.

Kanye West Arrested in England

Following a performance at the Metro Radio Arena in Newcastle, rapper Kanye West was arrested on suspicion of assault around 2 a.m. last Friday. According to E! News, West allegedly became physical with photographer Terry Blackburn after leaving Tup Tup nightclub in Newcastle.

for under \$1, is it surprising that many choose a soft drink over a liter of milk that costs \$1.59.

Time and preparation pose another issue for many. In a study featured in *The New York Times*, one couple spent a month eating on \$1 per day. Finding that they had to give up many store-bought items and dinners out, they explained that one of the most significant changes that the lifestyle brought was food preparation time. Attempting to eat nutritiously, they had to purchase more raw foods, such as oatmeal, rice, and beans. More time for cooking and preparing meals was needed, and the couple noted how they lacked the drive to spend it after a long workday. To meet such concerns, America continues to produce easily prepared, inexpensive options (does "Ramen" ring a bell?), many of which children can make when working parents are busy or which workers can prepare quickly. Furthermore, fast food franchises are not only becoming more abundant, but are also increasing their convenience levels to appeal to the busy or cost-conscious American via 24-hour drive-thrus, dollar menus, and other more-for-your-money deals.

The problem is not only economic. Researchers worry that cheaper, convenient, unhealthy foods will continue following the same trends relative to inflation, expanding the already-severe obesity issue. With only one of our 50 states having an obesity prevalence under 20%, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. is

facing the same issue as Canada, who determined that children who live in neighborhoods with higher unemployment rates, lower average family incomes, or less neighbors with post-secondary education were more likely to be overweight or obese.

In today's society, how can the problem be resolved? One suggestion is that pension increases could lessen the gap between inflation and cost of staple foods, adjusting to meet these items' rising cost. Another is to combine a "junk food" tax on unhealthy foods with a subsidy on nutritional ones, encouraging all classes to eat healthier. Finally, supermarkets keep the energy-dense, nutrient-poor, calorie-high foods cheapest, a pattern whose change, doctors say, is needed for affordable nutrition.

According to E!, Blackburn claims that West pushed the camera into his face, ordering that the paparazzo "get the fu**ing camera off." Although U.K. policy prohibited the release of West's name, Northumbria Police told E! that "a 31-year-old man was arrested and released without charge." According to the statement, further action will not be taken.

Bachelorette Split

Nearly four months after the nationally aired proposal, Bachelorette DeAnna Pappas and fiancé Jesse Csincsak have called it quits. Initiating the breakup was Pappas, who told *In Touch Weekly* that she "slowly came to realize that it wasn't going to work out." According to MSN, Pappas had agreed to release a joint statement, however ended up leaking the news early. Chris Harrison, host of *The Bachelorette*, told Entertainment Tonight that this decision left Csincsak feeling "a little beat up." In a YouTube video blog, Csincsak explained that he did "everything in [his] power to try and make this [the relationship] work" and that he was "sorry" to fans of the show. The two had planned on tying the knot on May 9 of next year.

More Bailout News: AIG

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AIG, or the American International Group, has been the keystone of the financial bailout package directed at Wall Street, with the Associated Press reporting AIG received approximately \$85 billion in mid September from the Federal Reserve. For this sum the federal government accepted an 80 percent stake in AIG, which proved insufficient, and was followed by a second loan of close to \$38 billion in very early October, according to the Associated Press. The third attempt at stimulating the ever-struggling insurance giant occurred on October 31 and had the Fed's buy up a large portion of AIG's short term debt, commonly called "paper," totaling \$20.9 billion.

Now we have caught up to the current beast, one who just reported a third quarter loss of \$24.47 billion and a year's worth of losses of \$38 billion, which *New York Times* reports is more money than AIG has profited in the last three years. The Fed's now have thrown more currency at the situation, this time a sum totaling \$150 billion.

In this step, the second long of \$38 billion will become instead a \$52.5 billion aid package to purchase the mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations (which are complex debt-based financial products). This will clear AIG of its assets that are driving the company's losses. The Federal Reserve is reducing AIG's interest rate and extending the time AIG has to pay off the original \$85 billion loan, from two years to five. The second step is for the Troubled Asset Relief Program to purchase \$40 billion in preferred AIG shares, which takes a nonvoting equity position (meaning the government does not have a controlling interest in the company but gives them priority in being paid dividends).

The government, in light of these large aid packages and loans, has put large restrictions on AIG's executive compensation, bonus pool, and other of the company's payroll structure. The main reason for the government's focus on AIG is due to the company's sheer immensity. AIG operates in over 130 countries with financial products ranging from aircraft leasing to retirement plans for teachers, according to *New York Times*.

If AIG failed, the Associated Press reports, it would create a domino effect with numerous other financial institutions. Officials are confident that the last surge of aid to AIG is enough to stabilize the company and restore investor's confidence as well as the rest of the economy.

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Features

Malia Obama: Rising young fashion icon?

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One of the future first daughters of the United States is already turning heads and she isn't even in the White House yet.

Barack Obama's eldest child, 10-year-old Malia, is quite statuesque for her age and is already being called "a trendsetter in the making" by some. On election night, she wore a 110 dollar red silk dress from Biscotti Inc, a high end children's retailer. Since then, other little girls from across the country have been begging their parents to buy them the same dress, which was already on its way to being sold out long before Malia even wore it. However, due to the high popularity of the style, Biscotti recently announced that it planned to make between 150 and 200 dresses of the same style in time for the holidays.

In today's society some kids have some say over what they wear because their parents know how important it is for them to be fashionable and "hip."

I'm sure Michelle Obama, as the mother of a girl that is very close to being a teenager, is cognizant of that as well.

Having said that, it's nice to see the Obama girls wearing clothes that are age appropriate; which has undoubtedly been the result of solid guidance from their parents.

So where does this leave Barack Obama? Well, according to all three females in his family, our soon to be president is in dire need of wardrobe refurbishment.

In an interview with Access Hollywood, the Obama females took turns taking jabs at Barack's fashion sense- or lack thereof.

Michelle said, "I think it's funny he is involved in this fashion icon stuff because those pants he has owned for about 10 years, and that belt is a little worn too."

She playfully discouraged the cameraman from panning down to Barack's shoes because she thought he needed new ones.

7-year-old Sasha chimed in, "Daddy had a small afro!" Malia, who was arguably the chattiest of the four, recalled a shopping trip when her father had purchased "three pairs of black pants and the same jacket in green, brown and black." Look out for more on the trendsetting Obama family this holiday season, especially little Malia.

Inside the busy life of Senior Laura Ng

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A blur of color blazes past me while I walk into Wismer Lower to contemplate my lunch options. "Busy today Laura?" I ask jokingly. Despite having a daily schedule that often makes sleeping merely a leisure activity rather than a necessity, she just laughs and continues on her mission. The Ursinus College senior, Laura Ng, is arguably the busiest human being alive. She puts the bees to shame, she wears out the sun. Myth has it that she has even outdone the Energizer Bunny.

Peaking in her range of activities this year, Ng has quite a bit to pile onto her transcript for someone who aspires to be a secondary school teacher. UC Ambassador, UC Bike Share Coordinator, President of the Mathematical Association of America, UC Environmental Association Treasurer, tour guide, math tutor, Captain of the tennis team, InterVarsity attendee, Whittian's Society-Alumni relations chair, all manage to coexist in one schedule. Not to mention the Math major, the two minors in Computer Science and Statistics, and the life essentials: eating, sleeping, and breathing.

How does she do it?

"I thrive on organization," Ng tries to explain. Perhaps she should be teaching the rest of the community to replace sleep with organization. Ursinus College would quickly become one of the most involved college campuses in the country. "Do you get tired?" I couldn't help but ask. "Yes," she replies with more laughter and enthusiasm than anybody with her schedule should be emitting in an

interview. She may claim to get tired, but it was far from evident based on my observations.

Laura Ng was brought up in Phoenixville, PA for most of her life. Her home speaks primarily English, however the Italian roots are strong, and her Grandmother who lives with her speaks her native tongue. One wouldn't have to inquire about her home life to learn about her love of Italy. Just ask Ng about her best college experience. She will not hesitate to tell you her experience studying abroad in Florence was by far the best. After that she is almost at a loss for words to describe this highlight of her college career. Apparently it was enough to motivate her to make plans of returning to Italy after graduation.

"After I student teach for a semester I want to go back to Italy and teach Italian to American University students who are studying abroad." Judging by the specific details provided, it seems that Ng has already started the planning for the year following graduation.

Unfortunately the close of the semester is near, and only a few more months remain to be inspired by the non-stop pace of Laura Ng's daily life here at Ursinus College. Over ten clubs, groups, and activities will miss her resilient commitment and positive attitude that she brings to the table. The post college dilemma for Ng is not what her job is going to be; rather it seems that she might struggle with not having enough to do. There are few places in the world that offer opportunities for constant involvement like college. Though, for Laura Ng, it is hard to see this being any hindrance. Going back to school as a teacher should blossom into plenty of more opportunities in sports and extracurriculars, for a girl who is fueled by organization

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The Safe Six: A helpful feature from campus safety!

- 1. AVOID THEFT** – The best way to protect yourself and your "stuff" is to keep your doors and windows locked. Whether leaving for a few minutes or a few hours, locking your door is the best defense against theft. Propping exterior doors allows access to anyone...that "anyone" may be a person interested in stealing your laptop, Ipod, or cash. With the start of the holidays coming up the average thief is looking for extra cash, so be sure to **KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED!**
- 2. KEEP ALL VALUABLES IN A SECURE PLACE** – Do not leave your valuables in the car! This is one of the most accessible places for thieves. Also, while the library may seem a safe and quiet place to leave your beloved laptop or textbooks, it is not. Campus Safety gets numerous reports of stolen items from the library. Don't let yours be next!
- 3. COMMUNITY WATCH** – Be part of the solution on campus. Say no to vandalism, theft, and destruction. 1500 sets of eyes are much better than 1 or 2. We need your help to keep our campus clean and safe. If you see someone causing damage or taking something that does not belong to them, let us know. And even better – let them know that you won't put up with it. Talk to your RA, RD, or a Campus Safety Officer if you have information to share.
- 4. SNOW IS COMING** – When snow arrives, ice is usually there too. Be sure to have warm clothes and sturdy shoes with good tread on the bottom. Watch where you walk, and pay particular attention to stepping off curbs. Walk on sidewalks that have been shoveled and allow plenty of time to get to your destination. If you have a car on campus, be sure it is completely clear before driving. State law requires the top of your car to be free of snow so it doesn't fly off and block the vision of a driver behind you. Snow shovels are available in Campus Safety. Bring your I.D. to borrow one.
- 5. MAIN STREET CROSSWALKS** – Did you know that cars are required to stop when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk? This doesn't mean you can jump out in front of a car and expect them to slam on their brakes...but they do have to stop if you are already crossing. It may take a little longer, but we encourage you to use the crosswalks at 6th and 8th Avenues. It is particularly hard for drivers to see you at night if you are crossing in the middle of the road. Stay safe – use the crosswalks!
- 6. TRAVEL WITH A BUDDY** – While our campus may seem safe, there is always the possibility of bad things happening to good people. Remember in Kindergarten when you were told to always travel with a buddy? It is still true! Traveling in pairs (or more!) is always the best way to go! It's more fun that way anyway! So when walking around campus at night and especially when using the Perkiomen trail please travel with a buddy!

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of Sodexo, I'd like to thank everyone who donated cans last Wednesday, November 12th for **Cans Across America**.

Ursinus collected just under 200 lbs of canned goods that will feed the hungry; Each and every pound will be given to Trinity UCC, right across the street.

Thank you for participating... you helped to better lives!

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Plummer speaks about importance of election

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Last week, faculty, staff and students were invited to come out to hear speaker, writer and educator Joel Plummer's speech on what the election of Senator Barack Obama meant to America and minorities, particularly African-Americans. Joel Plummer has dedicated his time talents and professional life to serving the youth of African American and Latino students across New Jersey. He currently teaches at Plainfield High School along with a class at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Last week's event took place at Unity House was sponsored by Sankofa Umoja Nia Club (SUN) and the Office of Multicultural Services.

Plummer graduated from Plainfield High School in 1993, and enrolled at Rutgers-Newark College of Arts & Sciences where he majored in African and African-American Studies. As an undergraduate student, he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and graduated with College Honors and Rutgers University High Honors. Plummer was the recipient of the 1997 Wendell A. Jean-Pierre Award for being the top graduating African & African-American Studies major and completed a Master's of Arts degree in History at Rutgers Graduate School Newark with 20th Century African-American history as his area of concentration in 2001. He published two books, *The Invisible Hand: The Role of the American Upper Class in Black Social Movements (2001)* and *What they Forgot to Teach Your Child About Black History (2004)*.

Plummer is devoted to the betterment of his community, his people and the youth. He spent three consecutive summers from 1997-1999 teaching at the W.E.B. Dubois Scholars Institute where he taught African-American History and served as the Director of Residence Life. He

also created the African Centered Educational Services, LLC under which he has conducted workshops and lectures for schools, organizations, conferences, and many other programs. Two years ago during one of these lectures and conferences at local community centers and churches in the tri-state area that Freshman Hudson Jervis met Plummer. Hudson showed up at Plummer's Bethel Presbyterian community based Church in Plainfield, NJ to give a speech about black people and how slavery still affects them today.

Plummer did not hide his enthusiasm to live to see the first ever African-American President to be elected into the White House. However, he is not too eager to celebrate because he still thinks that are lot of issues and problems plaguing African-American communities that haven't been addressed by Elect-President Barack Obama. Plummer would like them to be addressed in a coherent way. He does believe that this is a giant leap for America in breaking racial barriers and putting to a halt the legacy of 300 years of slavery.

Freshman Hudson Jervis graduated from Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen, NJ. His fortuitous meeting with Plummer at his church had a lot of impact on Hudson. He kept contact with him and had Plummer give a speech at his High School.

Plummer has been Hudson's mentor and role model. If you are interested in attending more events such that celebrate African-American culture and history, Sankofa Umoja Nia (SUN) meets every other Wednesday of the month. For more information on SUN's upcoming activities and events please e-mail club President Jennifer Thompkins at jethompkins@ursinus.edu or Activities Coordinator Shakeeta Parker at shparker@ursinus.edu.

Ottinger fights child illiteracy in cold

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Try to imagine sitting outside Wismer for 48 hours in the cold with no food, no sleep and no conversation. On Oct. 24, sophomore Colin Ottinger set out to do just that.

Inspired by his need for a SPINT project and in order to raise money for childhood literacy, Ottinger set up a table in front of Wismer with no more than a jacket, hat, radio and candy incentives in hand. Behind him hung a poster on the window that read "Help Fight Child Illiteracy - no sleeping, no eating, no talking for 48 hours".

"I set up," Ottinger said, "not really knowing what to expect, whether I was going to end up a pile of ice or if I was going to starve to death or if broke college kids had any change whatsoever to spare."

All of his concerns were valid. Anyone who has tried to raise money at Ursinus knows how difficult convincing students to part with that last dollar, or even quarter, can be. As for starving, any human can understand the pain of extreme hunger. Going two days with absolutely no food would be difficult for anyone. Freezing to death was possible too, as the temperature stayed below 50.

Still, Ottinger claimed that he felt "good" the entirety of his sit-out. The weather wasn't great and he may have wanted to chew off his own arm from hunger, but what plagued him most those 48 hours was boredom.

"You can only watch squirrels swinging from trees for so long," said Ottinger. "After so many hours I got too tired to read anymore and I was kinda just stuck there in the cold with nothing to do."

Trying to quell boredom, Ottinger would move around in his seat, finding the position that kept him warmest. His

radio also helped a great deal in keeping sane. Natural human urges also tested him that weekend.

"There were a few instances where I almost got derailed," Ottinger admitted.

On that Saturday morning, he found himself nodding off in the chair. But, fear of an embarrassingly public failure forced Ottinger to shake himself awake. He claimed, after his near-failure, to be wide-awake during those next 24 hours.

Later that day, another temptation came in the form of warm, freshly baked soft-pretzel bribery. A state-representative had begun campaigning right next to Ottinger and part of his campaign apparently involved soft-pretzels.

"I thought that was pretty ridiculous," Ottinger said. "I've never seen anyone give away free soft pretzels and there I was, without food for about 24 hours... and a box full of fresh baked pretzels right in front of my face."

Even with all of the temptations presented to him, Ottinger never gave up. By the end of the 40th hour, though, he could barely pick up all the things he had carried down two days prior. So, he called it a day and packed up his things to go home. Ottinger's sit-out raised about \$250 for the Bring Me a Book Foundation. The money will go towards purchasing new children's books for underprivileged areas, as well as provide training for people to participate in group readings.

The kind and appreciative person he is, Ottinger asked that a thank you be placed in this article as well.

"I'd like to thank all the donors for their generosity, and I'd like to thank Roger Florke in particular, for not only donating money himself, but collecting donations from other teachers and giving them to me."

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to both the cast and director, saying that the production was "so well thought out it seemed like (they) had been working on it for months, not weeks."

Cast members enjoyed working for a total of six weeks on this project.

Actor Jeff Thomas says, "This is an ensemble driven show, and everyone matters, and everyone needs to be strong." Seudera said in addition that "You're only as strong as your weakest link." In a cast where all members relied heavily on one another, the result was all the more cohesive.

"I think the cast members understand their responsibilities to one another and don't want to let each other down. That's what builds a strong and close cast," says Dana Puglisi. The production was enjoyed by audience and cast alike, and it is easy to suspect that the former depends on the latter.

Career Corner: It's the most wonderful time of year... for Networking!

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Did you ever think that your Thanksgiving family holiday parties could be the key to your future? Perhaps you will see your favorite uncle who works for your dream organization. Or maybe your cousin's friend is a marketing executive in an organization you have targeted for a summer internship. Spending time with family and friends during the holidays provides great opportunities to network!

Many individuals feel awkward asking for help and advice through networking, but experts agree it is an essential element of the career and job search. Experts say between 80-85% of all open positions go unpublished. By developing contacts - friends, family, neighbors, college alumni and professional associates - you will be able to generate information and job leads to support you in your career search. You want to use the upcoming holidays as a time to build rapport and trust with these individuals. Keep in mind that the people you ask often are flattered to be asked for advice and are more than eager to help.

Job Search Networking Tips

- Consider your knowledge, skills and abilities. Create a list of the assets you will bring to a prospective employer.

- Conduct informational interviews with your contacts and ask for referrals for additional meetings.

- Write notes about your meetings on the business cards you collect or in a notebook so you'll remember the details of your conversation.

- Compose a personalized thank-you note to each contact. Both hand-written and email are acceptable.

- Manage your contacts in a way in which you can maintain a presence on his or her radar screen. Join a professional association in your field of interest, send updated materials or seek out a mentor program.

For more tips & information on networking, visit Career Services. Wishing you a happy holiday season!

Play N Trade: New store for gamers

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Being a modern day gamer can be a tough proposition. Aside from the fact that the economy's sudden decline can make keeping up with such an expensive hobby difficult for those not among the exceedingly wealthy (myself included), there are increasingly few places where one can go to purchase video games. Major retail chains like Wal-Mart, Target, and Kmart will carry the newest releases and the most expensive games, but if a game's sales are less than stellar, its shelf life is limited. The lone remaining major game-specific chain, GameStop, has two locations near Ursinus, but the stores are cramped, their used game prices are often quite close to that of new games unless the product you're looking for is a couple years old, and their selection only goes back as far as the early Playstation 2 titles that came out in 2001, in an industry that dates back to the 1970s. Yes, life can be tough for a gamer these days.

But fear not ye masses, for all hope is not lost. Last Friday, at 288 West Butler Avenue in Chalfont PA, a new gaming store was opened: "Play N Trade." Founded in 2000 by Ron Simpson, the Play N Trade franchise, according to *Business Wire*, is one of the fastest growing video game retailers in the United States, with over 400 outlets expected opened by the end of 2008 and plans to have more than 1000 total stores by 2010. The franchise now has outlets in over 40 states.

Having just opened, the Play N Trade store displays none of the clutter of a GameStop, with a spacious, rectangular shape and high roof, while still maintaining the

feeling of a specialty store, unlike a massive, always-crowded retailer like Wal-Mart. The store stock, which is considerable, consists mainly of newer games for all the current systems, including the Xbox 360, PS3, Wii, PSP, and DS.

For those of you who enjoy a blast of nostalgia and are looking to satisfy the inner retro gamer, much like myself, here's the real kicker: unlike GameStop or a big retailer, Play N Trade carries a large selection of older games, from video game consoles long forgotten like the Nintendo Entertainment System, the Super Nintendo and the Sega Game Gear, for very reasonable prices. Additionally, for all those unfortunate souls who might still have old-school games but no working system to use them on, the store not only carries used systems, but also stocks an interesting third-party device called the "Retro Duo" that can play both NES and SNES cartridges, a godsend for any 20-something gamers like myself who remember the unreliability of Nintendo's original 1985 console.

The drive from Ursinus to the store's location in Chalfont is a little over a half-hour, but well worth it for any gamer looking to escape from the cramped quarters of GameStop, the impersonal cool of a big time retailer, or just searching for a bit of old-school gaming. I heartily recommend Play N Trade for any and all gaming needs, and will be returning there myself early and often.

For more information on the Play N Trade franchise, you can visit their website at www.playntrade.com. If you're interested in the Chalfont store specifically, you can take a peek at www.myspace.com/playntradechalfontpa or www.playntrade.com/chalfontpa.

A Sunny review

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The reason I chose to go to Ursinus was because of the show *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*. When it premiered on FX, I knew that I had to go to college somewhere near Philadelphia. When Danny DeVito joined the cast in the following season, I knew that Ursinus (close enough) was the perfect fit. Despite all my hopes and dreams, I haven't run into any of the cast members or accidentally walked onto set yet, but at I now recognize all the iconic imagery of the city in the show's opening credits.

Described by many critics as 'Seinfeld on crack', *Sunny* dives into the depths of human depravity in a way that Jerry and Elaine never could. Where *Seinfeld* found success by using the banalities of everyday life and exploiting their absurdity, *Sunny* has made its characters so void of morality that they are able to commit acts and create problems that the viewers would otherwise never encounter. Despite being only 7 episodes long, the gang had already covered issues such as racism, abortion, cancer and molestation by the end of the first season and they had made all of them funny.

Now in its fourth season, *Sunny* seems to be keeping its fans entertained and enthusiastic from week to week. Part of it is due to the chemistry that the main characters all have together. The three main male leads, Glenn Howerton, Charlie Day and Rob McElhenney, were all close friends prior to the shows inception and now write and direct the show that McElhenney created. Kaitlin Olsen, who plays Howerton's sister on the show, is McElhenney's wife. And Mary Elizabeth Ellis, who plays a re-occurring character

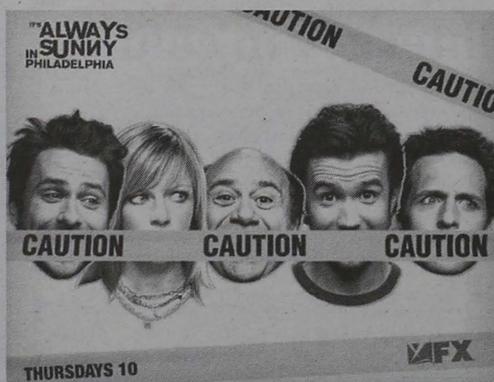


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known only as 'The Waitress', is married to Day.

The cast of unknowns was rounded off in season 2 by adding Danny DeVito as Howerton and Olsen's father. But the father figure archetype was quickly cast aside as DeVito became more involved in the Gang's degeneracy. For instance: In this season, DeVito's character Frank poops the bed on purpose.

Whether dealing with poop or dumpster babies, as they do in season 3, the Gang confronts issues head on and with no mercy. Their one-camera style of filming also gives the show an inviting feel, making it easy to get lost in the story line. At the same time, each character has a very unique delivery of their lines, making the show almost unquotable. This, combined with a title card and song combination reminiscent of the beginning sequence to *The Little Rascals*, *Sunny* has found its niche in the 10 o'clock Thursday night time slot and has made it a guarantee that I will be in front of my TV at 9:55, just so I don't miss a thing.

Letter to the editor

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There were two chalkings on campus after the traditional Coming Out Day chalking from GSA. One was hate speech and the other was a bible quotation. In response to these strong words were meetings and discussions. But discussions can only be beneficial when both sides of the issue are there. And at the USGA meeting, there were two sides. Three gentlemen courageously took the side that is politically incorrect, and highly intolerant, but protected by the 1st Amendment. A discussion was able to take place. However, at the dessert discussion, there was no one who spoke that believed as those gentlemen had, nor said it with such conviction. Others attempted to play devil's advocate but did not, and perhaps could not, bring the passion that those individuals brought forth. And so, the dessert discussion was not "alive with the exchange of ideas" as the article "Diversity . . . what's that? GSA sponsors dessert discussion" claimed. What is needed is a discussion between two different groups of minds. Not the same group of people agreeing to the same thing.

This opinion of the anti-gay community is a prevalent one throughout the country, as seen when California became another state to ban gay marriage. So where are they on this campus? Why have they not come out to talk about what they believe in? I worry for this community when the dominant heterosexual culture does not come out and have discussions that are needed for a safe and open community. This hypocritical intolerance is not fair, and does not champion the values of this community.

I can think of no reason for them not to come and express their opinion unless they are merely indifferent or afraid. If they are indifferent, I challenge them as a peer to let their voices be heard. It is worrisome that we do not care enough about our beliefs and values to defend them. This discussion will not end here. As we leave college for the rest of the world, this is not an issue that will fall by the wayside.

This letter to the editor is not to complain about the inaccuracy of the original article. It is to point out that there are two sides of every story and one is not being heard. Despite any personal beliefs about either side, they are both protected by the 1st Amendment. Also, this other side is the dominant one in our culture. The indifference on this campus needs to be remedied. This is not a passion for a certain cause or a certain subject. This is a passion for one's own individual belief; to have the conviction to stand up for what one believes in. We need to have both sides of this passion to have an engaged intellectual community.

Hey, do you think about things sometimes? Why not write those thoughts down and send them to zashamberg@ursinus.edu? What's the worst that could happen?

The year of the Hollywood comeback: Old names, new movies

Nobody loves a comeback more than Hollywood. In this town, no one's ever really out of the business, and there's always a chance at redemption for actors, actresses, and musicians who refuse to give up. It was back in 1994 that director Quentin Tarantino cast a then long forgotten John Travolta as Vincent Vega in the film *Pulp Fiction*. Not only did Travolta receive rave reviews and an Academy Award nomination, his career subsequently blew up like one of Barry Bond's biceps during the steroid era. And it doesn't stop there: Ben Affleck was a mere afterthought to other big name stars after a string of movies that included gems such as *Reindeer Games*, *Surviving Christmas*, and *Gigli*. In 2006, however, his supporting turn in *Hollywoodland* earned him a Golden Globe nomination and a newfound following among critics and fans. A year later, he followed that up by directing *Gone Baby Gone* and transforming a standard thriller into one of the best films of the year. The "comeback" has certainly happened before in Hollywood, but it wasn't until this year that reviving one's career became so fashionable.

Before *Iron Man*, Robert Downey Jr. hadn't done much to help himself or his career. He had walked off countless movie sets, citing feuds with directors and other actors. Drugs became a prevalent theme in his life, costing him jobs and, more importantly, his close relationships. Several stints in rehab clinics followed, and Downey Jr. cleansed himself from drugs and vowed to become a star again. He



ZACH SHAMBERG
Living in Shamerica

took roles in decidedly small films (*Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, *Zodiac*), and finally got his big break when he was cast in last summer's box office hit *Iron Man*. The role has Hollywood insiders buzzing about a possible Golden Globe nomination, but Downey Jr. has already achieved a more exclusive award: he was recently named Entertainment Weekly's Entertainer of the Year. With turns in *Iron Man* and the hilarious *Tropic Thunder*, Robert Downey Jr. is the poster child for Hollywood comeback stories this year.

Some out-of-work actors leave Hollywood after six months. Jackie Earle Haley, on the other hand, hung around for *thirteen years*. The guy wasn't cast from 1993 to 2006, an astonishing thirteen year period that would have destroyed the dreams of any other thespian. He worked odd jobs just to pay the rent before finally being cast in *Little Children*, a movie that would earn him the first Academy Award nomination of his career. Haley is currently set to play Rorschach in the upcoming *Watchmen* film (due out early next year), which may just become the greatest graphic novel/comic book movie of all time. The former *Bad News Bears* child actor is about to star as possibly the greatest superhero ever. It appears that the thirteen year vacation certainly did him well.

Once considered the next Robert Deniro, Mickey Rourke never knew how to react to fame. Taking parts in films such as *Diner* and *Angel Heart*, Rourke became the "next big thing" and was the most touted actor in Hollywood. However, he soon began to make horrible financial decisions and was forced to act in movies for

dwindling paychecks. He would show up to work without his lines memorized, believing he was just "too good" and a step above everyone else on set. No one would work with him, and Rourke retired from acting to become a professional boxer. His sparring career was short-lived, and he sustained multiple facial injuries that not only battered his good looks but completely destroyed them. It wasn't until *Sin City* that he became relevant again, and it wasn't until this year's *The Wrestler* that he received serious Oscar buzz. Though the movie has yet to premiere, early screenings indicate that Rourke may be a front-runner come awards season. Redemption, among other things, has finally hit Mickey Rourke square in the jaw.

Who says that comebacks have to be limited to actors? Musicians have certainly had their fair share of comebacks this year, starting with Kid Rock (for his hit "All Summer Long") and The New Kids on the Block (the name of their hit single doesn't exactly come to mind, though). But the group with the most shocking comeback has to be The Beatles. Last week, Paul McCartney announced that "Carnival of Light", an experimental 14-minute track the band recorded in 1967, would finally be released to the masses sometime this year. Thought to be too experimental at the time, the song was never put on the *White Album*. If you're like me, the release of this song is like discovering deleted scenes from *The Godfather* or a lost chapter from *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Though this revival may last just 14 minutes, the greatest band of all time surely deserves to be crowned as the comeback of the year.

Dracula's Ball recap: The ideal Halloween destination

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For me personally, there's no other place I'd rather be on Halloween than Dracula's Ball at Shampoo. Last year I reviewed it and that had been my first time attending, and this year I swear I had twice as much fun. If there's a place for everyone and anyone, it's definitely at club Shampoo, but more importantly, if you've never attended one of their gothic events, Dracula's Ball will most certainly welcome you with open arms. A lush parade of black feathers, silk and satin costumes, and dimly lit velvet lounge areas, it feels as if you been taken to a realm of forbidden; one where dark wave and industrial sounds flow in between all the illustrious moving bodies there; a world where everyone's become a phantom of the surreal.

Held on November 1st this year, club-goers were able to party an extra hour due to daylight savings, which my entourage took full advantage of. Along with myself and 6 other friends, we all showed up decked out in a plethora of creative outfits ready to dance until 3am. Although Dracula's Ball is held at least four times annually, dressing up in costume is always strongly encouraged. Our group looked pretty hilarious standing together in a line after being asked to be photographed as we arrived at the curb. Matt Whitman and Emily Mercadante (both juniors at Ursinus) made the trek to Philly with me and before Shampoo we had arrived at one of my friends apartments in the city to get "dolled up". Dressed as a mixture of John Lennon, Raggedy Anne, Dorothy, Satan, a Vampire, a renaissance lady, and a pin-up sailor, we fit in perfectly.

It should also be mentioned that at Dracula's Ball, the bands tend to be just as colorful as the costumed attendees. Performers this year included acts like Gerard Mcmann

(composer of the Lost Boys movie theme song "Cry Little Sister") as well as Maedeval Babes and Zombie Girl. We watched the opening of the Maedeval Babes set and it consisted of 6 women garbed gracefully in maiden outfits singing a sort of celtic chant with tambourines and wearing wreaths of holly around their heads. The crowd seemed to enjoy the melodic rhythms of their voices, yet I felt a bit strange during their set. Watching them on stage felt like I was inside "Braveheart" before some sort of maypole ceremony took place. It was interesting to see, nonetheless. After this, Zombie Girl (having performed at Nocturne and Dracula's Ball in the past), took the stage. If you're unfamiliar with the industrial genre, Zombie Girl consists of Sebastian Komor (part of the trio of industrial supergroup Icon of Coil) along with his wife, anonymously known as "Zombie Girl". Their lyrics reference horror films playfully and the gyrating sounds produced are a mixture of synthetic pop blended with darker electronica vibes.

Of course, live music is only a small slice of the vampiric atmosphere club-goers come to experience. With 3 floors and more than 6 different rooms, Shampoo is an ideal place for those who want to dance, lounge at the bar, shop for various merch (some of which is entirely BDSM lifestyle related, others that are just related to the Vampires), or just be a spectator for all that seems to be happening inside. Most of the time Matt, Emily, and myself found ourselves in motion in an open-tented room near the roof that had nothing but a dance

floor in it, with DJ Knobhead crouched in the corner nearby bouncing along with us to a mixture of VNV Nation, Assemblage 23, and Ladytron remixed tracks. And of course, there were a lot of ravers going off with glowsticks at random intervals around us, digging into visibly light-waved lines they were creating with their hands.

I'm incredibly excited for New Year's Eve this year since there will be another Ball held. A rare event that's usually not held on this day, it promises to be incredibly memorable for those who show up. Cruxshadows are set to perform and although I've never seen them live, I've been watching Youtube videos of their on-stage performance often. Aside from violinists and a troupe of gothic and ballet dancers that join their on-stage performance, they're quite a popular group to see in such a small venue.

Having hit the billboards last year, their dramatic single "Birthday" will likely be played as they take the stage at 12:05am, ringing in the new year of 2009. All in all, if you'd like to feel like a creature of the night this New Year's eve, I suggest donning some molded fangs and Nosferatu contact lenses and joining the underground vampire scene for the last night of the year. Like past events, it's going to be a nocturnal event not soon to be forgotten.



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Hockey prepares for on-campus Nationals this weekend

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It is that time of year again. Bust out your brackets and make your final picks for the championship. No, it is not March Madness, but it is the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championships. This year, Ursinus hosted the first rounds of the championships and this coming weekend will host the semi-final and final games; which they will also be competing in.

The Ursinus team has had a strong showing in the first two rounds of post season play. They first faced off against Lynchburg College of Lynchburg, VA, where they asserted their dominance early in the game. Only four minutes into the game junior Jen Hooven scored the first goal. Three minutes later, senior Jennie Moore, all time leading scorer in the Centennial Conference, scored another goal, putting the Bears up 2-0. Lynchburg's freshman Jordan Warrington scored two goals to tie the game. The game stayed tied until the very end. With less than five minutes left, senior Kait Sutherland scored a goal, giving Ursinus the lead and sending them to the quarter finals against SUNY Cortland.

On Sunday, the Bears faced the Cortland Red Dragons. The game started with a goal by Sutherland. This was the first of two goals in the eighth minute by Sutherland. The Bears out shot the Red Dragons 38-4. The Red Dragons'

Brianna Yetsko scored in the final minute of the first half, tying the game. The Bears came back for the second half and Sutherland scored again in the forty-first minute on a penalty shot. Two minutes later sophomore Megan Yoder scored, making it 3-1. Senior Katie Mastorisi scored in the sixty-third minute to effectively end the game.

The Bears will next face Bowdoin in the quarter finals which will be held at Eleanor Frost Snell Alumnae Field on Saturday at 2PM. Bowdoin is ranked third nationally, won their fifth NESCAC Championship in a row and are the defending National Champions. The Bowdoin Polar Bears shut out Stevens Institute of Technology on Saturday when they played at home. Scoring three times, Bowdoin out shot Stevens 20-2. Next, Bowdoin faced NESCAC adversary, Middlebury. Led by Madeline McQueeny's two goals, the team earned its fourth consecutive Final Four appearance.

The other Final Four teams are Messiah and Tufts. Messiah is the top ranked team according to the Final STX/NFCHA Top 20 Poll. They also won their 500th victory when they beat Eastern in the first round.

Messiah shut out Eastern with goals by Kourtney Ehly, Julie Barton, and Nikki Bailey. The Messiah Falcons then faced Rowan, where they won in double overtime. The game was tied at 1-1 when Elizabeth Ziegler scored a goal to win the game.

Tufts is another member of the NESCAC and defeated Springfield and TCNJ to earn their berth in the Final Four. In each half against Springfield, the Jumbos scored two goals. They only allowed one shot on goal in the first half. Tufts earned their victory over TCNJ in the last two minutes of the game, to earn their first trip to the Final Four.

Messiah and Tufts will face off at 11 AM on Saturday. The Ursinus game against Bowdoin will follow at 2 pm. The Championship game will be played on Sunday between the two winning teams of Saturday's games. Come out and support the Women's Field Hockey team to their road to another National Championship!

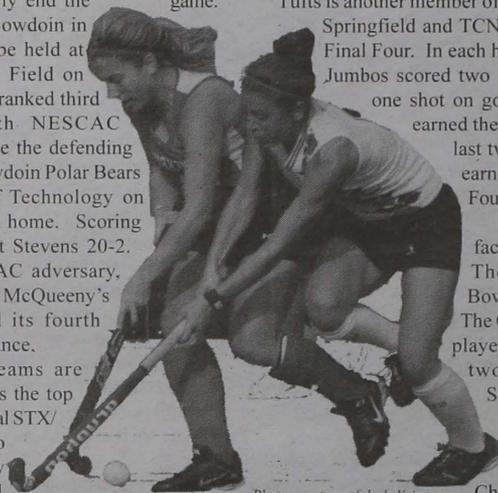


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The Eagles leave the championship title to the Phillies

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The Philadelphia Phillies' World Series victory may have provided the city with some much needed celebration, but the fact remains that Philadelphia is a diehard football town and the real party won't begin until the Philadelphia Eagles bring home the Lombardy Trophy. Unfortunately for Eagles' fans, Andy Reid's birds are struggling yet again in a season that appears to be anyone's for the taking.

The 2008-09 NFL season has brought about some interesting story lines, and seeing them play out has been as exciting as advertised. The week one injury to star quarterback Tom Brady drastically shifted the balance of power in the AFC. This left the door open for other teams to step in and take advantage of the now vulnerable New England Patriots.

Led by future Hall of Fame QB Brett Favre, the Jets have (at least at the moment) dethroned the Patriots in the AFC East. The Tennessee Titans have also risen to the challenge, going a perfect 9-0 so far thanks to a punishing defense and a top notch running game. As he's demonstrated his entire career, being the longest tenured head coach in the NFL, Jeff Fisher knows how to win in this league. What's been so impressive about his success this year is that the Titans have been without starting quarterback Vince Young since week 2. Backup Kerry Collins has done a nice job filling in, but without a proven star on offense, Fisher has relied upon his stingy defense to put the offense in a position to win games. It's worked so far, but it remains to be seen whether they can carry this success into the postseason without a legitimate passing attack.

The New York Giants are also proving their status as an elite team and are widely considered the best in the NFL. With only one loss so far (to the inferior Browns), they are showing that last year's Super Bowl victory was no fluke. They proved against the Patriots that to win in the NFL, a defense must constantly apply pressure on the opposing

team's quarterback. So when the Giants learned that they would lose their top two pass rushers, Michael Strahan to retirement and Osi Umenyiora to injury, expert's predicted that they could never be in the position they are right now. At 8-1, it's clear that they have more than overcome the losses to these key players. They are riding strong first half performances from defensive ends Justin Tuck and Mathias Kiwanuka. QB Eli Manning has also continued his stellar play, leading an offense that gained much confidence after last year's Super Bowl victory.

Our Philadelphia Eagles are a different story. After finishing last season with a disappointing 8-8 record, this year has been more of the same for Birds' fans: heartbreaking losses and head-scratching play calls from head coach Andy Reid. The Eagles' biggest worry coming into the year was red zone offense. Despite finishing last season at .500, the Eagles did move the ball on offense but had trouble scoring when getting inside the 20 yard line. Even though much emphasis has been put on improving in this area, the Eagles have faltered. In three crucial games against the Bears, Redskins and most recently the Giants, the Eagles found themselves in a position where they needed only one yard to either get the winning score or a first down that would prolong the game. In each one of these instances the Eagles had at least two plays to gain one measly yard but came up short. Some of the blame should be placed on the players for lack of execution, but Andy Reid's predictable play calling is mostly at fault.

The bottom line is that Reid is not putting his team in a position to win games, and it's been sucking the life out of this team for the last 2 seasons. It's time for management to re-evaluate their coach of the last 10 seasons and realize the Eagles have no chance at a Super Bowl if Reid stays. For too long his stubborn offensive game planning, poor play calling and laughable game management skills have held back a team more than capable of winning a Super Bowl. What makes it so frustrating this year is that anyone has a shot at hoisting the trophy. With 7 games remaining, the Eagles are 5-4 and mathematically very much in the

playoff picture. But considering they're 0-3 in divisional games, a Super Bowl run seems most unlikely. Looks like Philadelphia will have to cling to the World Series victory for a little bit longer.

Upcoming Games

Swimming			
Sat.	11/22	at Gettysburg*	1:00 p.m.
Tue.	11/25	Swarthmore*	6:00 p.m.
Field Hockey			
Sat.	11/22	Bowdoin&	2:00 p.m.
Men's Basketball			
Fri.	11/21	vs. St. Lawrence&	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	11/22	vs. Williams/Southern Vt.	1:30 p.m.
Tue.	11/25	Drew	7:30 p.m.
Sun.	11/30	at Lebanon Valley	4:00 p.m.
Wed.	12/3	Washington*	7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball			
Fri.	11/21	vs. Grove City&	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/22	vs. Messiah/Eastern	1:00/3:00 p.m.
Tue.	12/2	Washington*	7:00 p.m.

*centennial conference opponent

Congratulations

to **Christa Johnson** who placed **1st** at the **NCAA Division III Mid East Cross-Country Regional meet** this past Saturday!
Good luck at Nationals this weekend.