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Big Brothers, Big Sisters, UC's New Chapter

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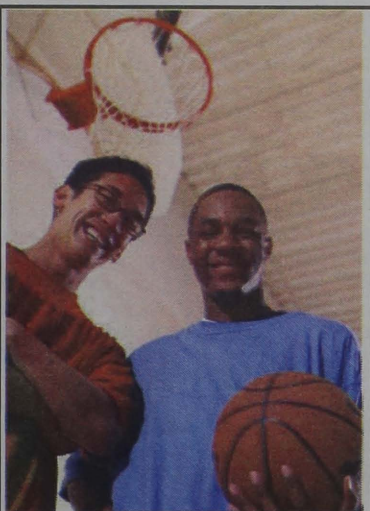
Chester, Delaware, Philadelphia, and Montgomery Counties.

This semester, Ursinus students went back to school, to Barkley Elementary, that is.

Approximately 25 students have joined the newly established UC chapter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Southeastern Pennsylvania. They visit Barkley Elementary in Phoenixville once a week to visit with their "Littles," the children assigned to meet with them.

According to their official website, the vision of Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is, "to provide a mentor for every child who needs or wants one."

The organization itself is the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in Pennsylvania. Just last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern PA matched 4,300 at-risk "Littles," who are more prone to academic and social distress for various reasons, with caring mentors from



Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is an organization that helps at risk children. Karli Scott founded UC's chapter. Photo courtesy of BBBSA.org

Karli Scott, a junior business and economics major and founder and President of UC's chapter, heard about the organization from her parents. She began the process of creating a chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters here at UC. It included contacting the organization, reading through guidelines, and drafting a constitution for USGA to inspect. The application was approved last February. She was happy to say that over 150 students initially expressed interest and 60 were interviewed.

Ty Wetzel, a junior business and economics and computer science double major who serves as Vice President of UC's chapter of BBBS, offers this explanation for the overwhelming interest of the student body: "The purpose of BBBS is one that I think many students are attracted to; to spend only a few minutes every week being a mentor/friend and creating such an impact in a 'little's' life is really fulfilling."

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Freelance journalist offers students advice

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Freelance journalist, Kathleen Nicholson Webber, who works for various lifestyle magazines in the Philadelphia area, visited Ursinus College to talk about her career on Wednesday, Oct. 14. Sharing her knowledge of journalism and advising students on how to plan their futures as a journalist, Webber encouraged students to make the first step in the world of journalism.

"I never thought I would pursue a career in writing when I was in college," Webber explained at the opening of the discussion. While she concentrated her studies on Business Administration, she loved writing for the daily college newspaper at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She decided to be a journalist after working as a fashion assistant with designer Michael Kors. She was first inspired by editors in the fashion world and after receiving an M.A. in Journalism in 1994 from New York

University, she began work as a copywriter at *Self* magazine. Soon after, she started writing articles for *W* magazine and became a freelance lifestyle writer in 1998 - writing stories about the way we live, including health, house design, wedding, and dieting. According to her Web site, she has contributed to *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Women's Health*, *InStyle*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Country Home* and *W*, and the internet for MSN/AOL and iVillage. She has also written for *Philadelphia Magazine's Home & Garden*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and *New Jersey Life*. Outside of her career as a professional journalist, Webber teaches journalism at Temple University and the College of New Jersey, and has also published a coffee table book, *Spectacular Homes of Greater Philadelphia* in 2006.

Ursinus English professor Dr. Erec Smith met with Webber this summer at the Philly Spells Writing Center

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WVOU is Ursinus' hidden treasure

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The advertisements highlighted two elements: "free concert" and "band from Joan Jett's new film." They also mentioned a time- Sun, Sept. 13, as well as a place- Wismer Lower, a popular hangout amongst students. But the social place, normally crowded during the evenings, was not so popular that night- not more than it is during Late Night Lower on a Thursday, and perhaps not more than it was during last week's blood drive. Certainly, more than two percent of the student body took part in the blood drive, and that's more than can be said for the concert; less than 40 students came out to see *The Living Things* that night, a band which *Rolling Stone Magazine* describes as "a band of fighters." According to the event coordinator, senior Laurel Salvo, "the show itself was excellent."

Salvo is the general manager for WVOU, the radio station here on campus, which sponsored not only *The Living Things* concert but several other concerts throughout the years. When asked if having ever attended a WVOU concert, sophomores Chris Burcham and Kristen Wampole seemed confused; Wampole responded in asking "what's WVOU?" and claimed to have known nothing about a radio station on campus while Burcham had heard of WVOU but did not how to access the channel.

According to WVOU's Music Director, junior Nick Hanford, WVOU is "not one of the most known organizations [on campus]," which could conceivably be an understatement if the station's popularity was reflected through the concert turnout. But seeing as that turnout didn't reflect the *talent* at that concert, at least in Joan Jett's opinion, perhaps it could be asserted that WVOU's popularity doesn't reflect the station's professionalism, or the station's capabilities, or the station's DJs. Perhaps WVOU is worth being one of the most known organizations at Ursinus.

"Any realm that music takes for you, you can use WVOU in that way," said Salvo, "there's a lot of potential and possibility; it's just the fact of getting the word out there."

According to Salvo, students can use WVOU to gain experience in the world of radio broadcasting, to interview their favorite bands through the station's connections, to jumpstart a career, or to simply play music

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News-in-brief: Armenia and Turkey try to ease tensions

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Tuesday, October 13

CAIRO, EGYPT – In Egypt, an all-male committee has ruled that women are not allowed to wear the niqab (a veil covering the entire face worn by very religious Muslim women) in public university areas in Egypt. The committee convened at Egypt's Al-Azhar university, the highest institution of Sunni Islam in the world. The Shaikh of Al-Azhar announced the decision, which means the niqab, also known as a burqa, cannot be worn in such areas as dormitories and all-female classes. The decision has sparked an outcry from females who choose to wear the niqab. The ruling is seen by many in Egypt as an attempt to counter the growing influence of the strictest interpretation of Islam. Muslim scholars disagree on the subject of the niqab and other head coverings worn by women; the Koran states only that, "O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks all over their bodies." So the subject is open to wide interpretation by scholars, religious

leaders, and average people alike. Said a cleaning lady working at Al-Azhar: "The niqab should be worn under two circumstances. A very beautiful woman should wear it to prevent men from fighting over her, and an ugly woman should wear it to hide her face."



The niqab pictured here were banned in Egyptian public universities. Photo courtesy of CNN.com.

Wednesday, October 14
BURSA, TURKEY – Armenia and Turkey are trying a new method of diplomacy in order to ease tensions that have existed between the two nations for a century: soccer. Armenian President Serzh Sarkisian arrived in Turkey on Wednesday, where he and Turkey's president Abdullah Gul will attend a soccer match between the two countries' national teams. This "football diplomacy" comes just a few days

after both governments signed a historic set of protocols designed to establish friendlier diplomatic relations between the two. It calls for establishment of embassies and the reopening of the Turkey-Armenia border, among other things. Though the United States, the European Union, and Russia are all very enthusiastic about the

diplomatic steps, both Turkish and Armenian nationalists are angered. Among other grievances, Armenians want Turkey to recognize the World War I-era slaying of ethnic Armenians as genocide, while Turkey denies genocide ever occurred, and wants an international group of historians to examine those events. The agreements between the two governments still have to be ratified by the countries' parliaments, and there's no guarantee they will make it through.

Thursday, October 15

NEW YORK – The United Nations Assembly will elect five nations as nonpermanent members of the U.N. Security Council on Thursday. This is "the first time since 2004 that the seats are uncontested." The five countries that are expected to be chosen are Brazil, Gabon, Lebanon, Nigeria, and Bosnia and Herzegovina; they will fulfill a two-year term starting January 1. These nations will join Austria, Japan, Mexico, Turkey, and Uganda, the current five nonpermanent members whose terms expire at the end of next year. The U.K., France, China, the U.S., and Russia are the five permanent members of the Security Council. As the name suggests, the Security Council's main objective is to maintain international peace and security. While the General Assembly can make suggestions to other nations, the decisions made by the Security Council must be carried out by the member nations.

(All articles come from CNN.com, with additional information from Wikipedia.)

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and together they collaborated with the Center on strategies for writing education which eventually led to Webber's invitation to visit the Ursinus campus.

Webber asked students to always keep in mind that journalists should be deeply aware of the scenes they wish to report, and to be the eyes and ears for readers. She emphasized that when writing an article, a journalist must gain information through reading and through listening to people's stories, as well as through researching background information. Lastly, a journalist must ask his or herself what it is that the reader wants to hear. Webber always carries around a dollar marble notebook in which she stores her story ideas. Yet, she said, "The hard parts still for me is taking all these notes and sitting down in front of the blank computer screen" where she knows that, no matter what, she must produce something of value.

When discussing her studies of journalism at a college, Webber stated "I guess here and now is [the time] to get the basics of writing, to really work at the craft of writing and to learn as much technically as you can about how to be a good writer." She said companies look for eager, young people and especially the person who knows what they have to do for the job. If prospective journalists want to make a first step on their career path, Webber strongly encourages them to start with internships. She stated that technical skills improve through actual work experience, and that networking with professionals in the field is beneficial for anyone interested in a future in journalism.

Freshman Joshua Walsh, commented after the lecture through an e-mail, "I was surprised to learn how much the journalism process involved marketing." Webber pointed out the strong relationship between the newspaper and

magazine industry and the current economic climate. The influence of the recent economic downfall and the growing trend of online media have had a negative effect on the news industry. Webber referred specifically to *Domino* magazine, which she had subscribed to and which folded recently. The spokeswoman of *Domino*, Maurie Perl, talked to *The New York Times* on Jan. 28 and said that "the economy just drove the decision to discontinue the

publication." Eventually, *Domino* changed their field from paper to online and became *Lonny* magazine. Reflecting on this fact, Webber said, "I think the wave of the future is definitely new media." It is important for all future journalists to learn about new media and to keep up on the trend. At the same time, Webber reminded students about the importance of studying: "Learn your craft, don't take any shortcuts on learning to be a good writer."

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Ursinus focuses on pedestrian safety, adds more lights to Main Street

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Ursinus College is making visible strides toward improving the safety of students through the addition of new light posts along Main Street and other locations that were deemed areas of concern by a committee made up of stakeholders. Campus Safety later communicated to the Director of Ursinus Facilities, Andy Feick, that students were concerned with a previously unidentified area of risk, the main entrance stairwell to Pfahler. The light posts are scheduled to illuminate the school grounds by the end of October. The effort to make pedestrian safety along Main Street a budgetary priority was spurred by a student being hit by an automobile over a year ago.

According to a pedestrian study done in March of this year, there are roughly 645 residents who live across the street and need to cross to campus at least twice a day. The school is deemed responsible for the maintenance of the crosswalks and replacement when roads are repaved. Ursinus submitted a crosswalk modification plan and is awaiting approval, and after that, the process of procuring

funds. Feick hopes the start of crosswalk construction will begin in the summer of 2010. For now, the installation of the \$2,000 light posts, which were locally forged in Spring City, Pennsylvania, will provide the students and residence of Collegeville a brighter, livelier, and safer night.

Because Ursinus provides a safe crossing environment, according to 2007 Safe Committee meeting notes, students are responsible for their own actions along the soon-to-be 30 mile per hour road. However, the police have to allow for a transition between speeds, therefore making the five mile per hour reduction slightly less impactful because of Trappe's 45 mile per hour set speed limit.

During a Collegeville candidate forum held in Olin auditorium on Oct. 14, the relationship between Collegeville and Ursinus was epitomized by the sparse attendance of the Ursinus community and some of the comments made by the council hopefuls. Catherine Kernen (D.) made sure to remind the audience that it is the building boom of the south east corner of Pennsylvania which fuels the state's economy; effectively conveying that more traffic means more potential business for local business owners.

Within the past two weeks there have been counts of

robbery at gun point and attempted robbery within the borough of Collegeville. When asked about how they would increase safety in Collegeville, Rowan Keenan (R.) complimented the borough's police force, calling them "superlative," and emphasized that since crime rates are very low, the town should just keep funding the force like it always has. The new lighting around campus serves as a deterrent against crime.

In April 2009, Feick asked the Collegeville Planning Commission about the potential for brighter street lights over Main Street, and, according to a 2009 Safety Committee, the commission was not interested in doing anything to help with the matter. Keenan, who was born in Collegeville and has served as a volunteer fire fighter for the past six years, responded to a question regarding the relationship between Ursinus and Collegeville: "How do I not sound like a Republican when I say this, Ursinus College is using a large amount of land which is tax exempt," eliciting a guffaw from Kernen, who later responded that the school's "presence alone" makes up for the non-profit property tax exemption.

USGA meeting talks senior Halloween and new clubs

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Concerns regarding the senior Halloween party were allowed to be voiced at the USGA meeting on Oct. 14, and attendees also cast their vote on whether or not to establish four new clubs on campus.

Daniele Harris, President of the USGA, opened the meeting by announcing the agenda for the evening and welcomed senior class president Kyle Fox to take the floor. Fox began by extending the invitation for those students who were under 21 or concerned about this year's senior Halloween party to speak out.

"This is your chance to vent and voice your frustrations; I'm giving you the chance to yell at me," Fox said. After a brief silence, USGA vice president Greg Little hesitantly asked, "well how can anything be done about it?" Little was referring to the fact that even though it is a senior Halloween party, only students who are 21 are allowed to attend because the event is being held at a bar.

Harris responded to Little's question by explaining, "When you're trying to get a venue it is extremely difficult because Ursinus groups have a reputation within the local community for racking up damages. Places will hang up when they even hear we're from Ursinus. Bars are happy to have us and if you aren't 21 there's nothing we can do, it's the law."

Senior Julie Tran was especially concerned about the choice to hold the party at a bar. Tran, who will not turn 21 until Oct. 31, feels that the class officers did not try hard enough to search for a location where everyone

would be allowed to attend. In an attempt to appease Tran's concern, Shakeeta Parker, the senior class social chair, said that: "our intention isn't to exclude anyone; it was only a bar that could take us."

After some silence, mixed with muffled side conversation, senior Karen Boedecker posed the question, "Why couldn't you have seniors going to the party, sign a waiver so that they would be responsible for any damages?" Although an interesting point, Parker felt as if it would be unfair to ask someone to sign a waiver. Furthermore, the price of the tickets would increase if the party were at a hall. Talk about the party ended with Fox humbly saying, "I legitimately wish it could be different."

Directly following the open forum, members who attended last week's USGA meeting were allowed to vote on the creation of a bio ethics club, quiz club, mediation club and tennis on campus. All gained enough votes to pass by the USGA. However, the clubs will still need to be voted on by the Student Activities and Services Committee, which is a student-faculty committee, in order to be considered a valid organization.

Molly McGrath, a senior at Ursinus, got the idea for a bio ethics club from an ethics and religion meeting she attended at the University of Pennsylvania. She explained: "The club will mostly be discussion based for those interested in bio ethics, but we want to attract all majors. We would pick a topic to talk about, anything from doctor patient confidentiality to abortion. I also want to be able to use the club to organize car pools to conferences or relative movies."

The meeting concluded with announcements from STAR, who is running a self defense course followed by Tau Sigma Gamma, a sorority that is sponsoring "Cuts for a Cause" on Nov. 21. Finally, there will be a joint concert put on by USGA/CAB/RHA on Oct. 24 to raise money for Ursinus student Holly Brizell, whose parents were involved in a serious motorcycle accident.

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Ty's "Little," Devon, is "definitely a character," who has told Ty that he wants to be a cop, just so he can arrest people.

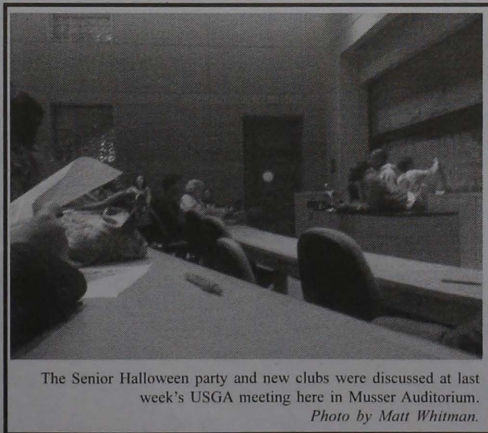
Senior business and economics and Spanish double major, Lauren Derstine, also serves as a "Big." While she describes her position as "somewhat nerve-racking," given the fact that she has such an impact on her 5th Grade "Little," Ashley, she fondly recalled an instance when a teacher pulled her aside and thanked her for giving up her time and mentioned how excited Ashley had been to meet her.

Vinh Ly, a junior biology and Spanish double major, also spoke of the great responsibility he feels in providing guidance to 4th grade student, Luis, but also says, "I'm just happy to be that for him." When asked if he himself has changed through this process, Vinh thought carefully: "It's still too early to tell... It has made me realize my passion for working with children, especially underprivileged children."

Referring back to BBBS's website, because of the efforts put forth by students like Karli, Ty, Lauren, and Vinh, "Littles are less likely to begin using illegal drugs and alcohol; less likely to skip school or classes; and better able to get along with family and friends." The students of UC realize the benefits of quality one-on-one time with "Littles" and, no doubt, cherish the opportunity to act as role-models for these elementary school children.

If all goes well this fall, Scott Southeastern Pennsylvania promises further expansion of the program to encompass middle schools. She also says that there will be an increased number of matches and encourages those interested in joining to watch for sign-ups this spring semester.

As for this week, ambitions are big. Derstine smiled as she spoke about her plans with Ashley, "She wants to tell me more about her family and show me some more of her hip hop dance. And there's a cat puzzle we need to finish."



The Senior Halloween party and new clubs were discussed at last week's USGA meeting here in Musser Auditorium. Photo by Matt Whitman.



Big Brothers Big Sisters
Southeastern Pennsylvania

Technology and it's role in college student recruitment

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According to an interview with University of Houston professor and Associate Dean John Butler, mass mailings from colleges and universities to prospective students are time consuming and costly, and they produce a low rate of return from many recipients who simply throw the materials in the trash because they are not interested in the institution.

As a result, in recent years, educational establishments have started to recruit students via electronic means. Colleges, including Ursinus, now frequently post admission forms, course catalogs, advisor E-mail addresses, and more on their Web sites. For instance, according to *NewsChannel5.com*, students thinking about attending a particular school can investigate the resources offered by particular campuses by participating in "virtual" college tours via a few keystrokes.

Ursinus has taken to the Internet to improve its communication with prospective students. By applying to Ursinus online, a student who is still in high school can save the \$50 registration fee that they would have to pay if they applied via mail. According to Richard DiFelicianantonio, Vice President for Enrollment at Ursinus, "applicants can now follow in real time the progress of their applications, learning what's missing so they can work toward timely completion." Other information provided in the Admissions section of the Ursinus Web site includes information on majors and minors, application deadlines, information on the Common Intellectual Experience, and instructions for arranging overnight visits to the campus. Additionally, the sign-ups for freshman orientation and the survey for freshmen housing are also completed online now, a change from just a few years ago.

Photos on the Web site can offer a visual sampling of what prospective students can expect when they make it to campus. This was the case with freshmen Maria Krolikowski, who explained, "I looked at the pics before I visited to make sure I liked the looks of the campus and everything it had to offer." Such pictures can be especially helpful to those students who live a distance from Ursinus

site. He fielded a variety of questions. For example, a father asked if the Merit Award earned by his son, who had applied Early Decision to Ursinus, would be affected by a decision to waive the son's SAT scores. Within three minutes, the father had an answer to a question that could have taken as long as a month to answer by United States Postal Service mail.

Freshmen Mary Barbagallo says she used the Internet for admissions-related tasks as well. "I was constantly checking to make sure Admissions had everything they needed to process my application."

The increased use of technology has led to applications being sent into Ursinus from all 50 states. The actual enrollment has changed somewhat as well, as more students from Connecticut and Massachusetts are deciding to attend Ursinus.

Just the other day, I was on the Facebook page of a friend who is a tour guide. A student to whom he had given a tour of Ursinus to had made a post on his wall, thanking him for showing her around the campus. Ursinus, DiFelicianantonio says, has an official Facebook profile which it uses to inform potential students about the college and attract them to the campus.

The ability of prospective students to keep in touch with current students and admissions staff has had a significant impact on applicant rates, according to DiFelicianantonio. The increase in simple E-mail correspondence between prospective students and admissions staff has "increased our applicant levels from 2,000 to 6,000 over the past four years." Furthermore, Ursinus is attracting "students from places where the college was relatively unknown in the past."

Ursinus has a bright future, regardless of who you talk to. With the Web and other technological resources, there is no telling what possibilities are on the horizon for the college.



Photo by Katie Callahan

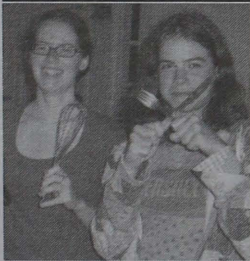
and are not able to visit the campus as easily as students living in the immediate vicinity. For an international student, the Web site of a college in the United States can be an indispensable resource, according to *StudentAffairs.com*.

The Web also allows prospective students to reach people on a college campus instantaneously. On Nov. 11, 2008, then-Ursinus Director of Admissions Bob McCullough took part in a live chat with parents and prospective students on the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Web

Dollar Store bizarre foods: Potted meat on Frito canned chips

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Armour Potted Meat: the name itself stirs up horrifying images of unidentifiable meat products. This "meat" spread comes in a small can. The label claims that it is America's favorite potted meat. This could even be true since Armour is basically the only brand

which sells potted meat. Although it is "America's favorite" it definitely didn't win any prizes with us. We tried to improve the taste of potted meat in three ways: scooped with Fritos, spread on a slice of bread, and mixed with egg and cheese. We were afraid to try the meat by itself.

First up: Potted Meat and Fritos

Cory: Opening the can was a horrifying experience. It looked like meat sorbet! I almost gagged from just thinking about ingesting this meat mush. I cautiously took a Frito and scooped up a small bit of the meat. I said my prayers and slowly put the concoction into my mouth. The taste was so strange. It was like an explosion of salt. I thought I was eating cat food.

Elizabeth: The smell was overpowering from the start. I almost didn't have to eat anything to taste the meat since the aroma permeated the room as soon as the can was opened. When I did try it I could barely taste any chip through the meat. It was very salty, which makes sense considering the expiration date is in 2012. Something has to keep the meat fresh.

Next up: Potted meat mixed in with cheese and scrambled eggs

Cory: I really didn't want to taste this. Even though we mixed in the meat with cheese and eggs, the stench of the potted meat was still prominent. I don't think the eggs and cheese really improved the meat. It just made it look even more terrifying.

Elizabeth: This was my favorite variation. Only a little meat was added, so even though the taste of the meat was still there it was slightly masked by the eggs and cheese. Though mixing the meat in did leave unpleasant looking pink specks throughout the eggs, the taste was much better than that of the meat with the Fritos. The main problem with this dish was the tinny aftertaste.

Our last experiment: Potted Meat spread over bread

Cory: This was not too bad. It kind of tasted like a tuna fish sandwich. It was still very salty though. The bread definitely helped.

Elizabeth: The meat was spread very thinly over the bread, which helped disguise the taste. It tasted like bread with

some salt sprinkled on top. Potted meat is a very strange pinkish color, almost the color of pink frosting, which made it look very unappetizing spread on top of bread. Eating it was even stranger, since it looked like it should be sweet and there was only the taste of salt. Weird.

We should also note that the can is certainly honest when it comes to listing the ingredients. Ingredients include mechanically separated chicken, beef tripe, salt and water. In fact there is 840 mg of salt in the 3 ounce can. Ironically, Fritos has 330 mg of salt in 3 ounces. However, the can does come with an easy to open pop-top, although no one really wants to open a can of mystery meat at top speed. The texture was another problem. Meat shouldn't be a spread like peanut butter or nutella. It's just too strange.

Despite our negative feedback, some of our friends actually enjoyed the taste of potted meat. James Galgon claimed it "would be good with buttered toast or as a spread for a bagel." So next time Wismer has a bagel bar potted meat should be one of the selections. Three cans for a dollar at the dollar store! This is definitely one of the bargains of the century!

One final note: we decided to conduct an experiment with the extra can of potted meat. We left it opened and outside for the night. Contrary to popular belief, animals do like potted meat. The meat was gone the next morning.

Overall, we give potted meat \$ out of \$\$\$\$\$. It's not good for you but it's good for your wallet.

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Sophomore Week Celebration 2009

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Sophomore year is a time to explore new opportunities, discover your passions, and strengthen your commitments to your education, campus activities, and friends. It also is a year of decision-making and planning.

Some of the goals for your sophomore year may include:

- Immersing yourself in your major and making connections with faculty and fellow students in your department.
- Planning for your independent Learning Experience (i.e., study abroad, internships, research/summer fellows, and/or student teaching).
- Working with your major adviser to construct an academic plan for your remaining years at Ursinus.
- Discovering your passions and strengths in and out of the classroom.
- Assuming leadership roles through campus organizations, community service, campus employment, etc.

Sophomore week events are designed to help you begin your journey and achieve your goals for this year! Please check your email for additional information and details on the following events:

Take your Professor to Lunch during Sophomore week

This is a great opportunity to get to know your faculty outside of the classroom. Prizes for sophomores who participate!

Major Meetings - Meet with faculty and fellow students in your Department

Meeting held at various times during the week. Undeclared students are encouraged to attend meetings in majors that are of interest to them. Check your email for the schedule of Department Meetings.

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and express themselves. The station could also potentially act as a "unifier" on campus, according to Hanford, seeing as it "gives people more things to talk about, and more ways to be connected."

The station is streamed online, through iTunes or Windows Media Player, and can be accessed through the Ursinus website at <http://wvou.ursinus.edu/>. The fact that the station is streamed online, as opposed to broadcasted on AM/FM airwaves, grants more freedom to DJs. "The freedom that's allowed on the air is pretty unique," said Hanford, who explained that DJs are not restricted curse-wise: "we just ask that they be respectful, and we haven't had a problem."

Perhaps another benefit to online streaming is that



During Tuesday night's radio show, Brandon Kamin interviewed President Strassburger. The Phillies was just one topic that came up in conversation. Photo by Matt Whitman.

Independent Learning Experience Forum: What I wish I knew as a Sophomore

Tuesday October 27, 2009 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Jazzman's Café – Myrin Library: Talk with upper class students about their study abroad adventures, internships, and summer fellows/research projects. *Coupon for a Free Grande Jazzman's Coffee or hot tea for those who attend!*

Student Teaching Forum

Tuesday October 27, 2009 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Bomberger 128/129: Pizza and refreshments provided. Meet current student teachers and alums who are working in the field. RSVP to the Education Department at smasciantonio@ursinus.edu.

SoPHoMore SnACks!

Thursday October 29, 2009 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Residence Life Office – 3rd Floor Myrin Library. Enjoy some snacks and hang out with your favorite RD's. Enter a drawing for a Sophomore Supply Basket!

Fund Your Future: Applying for Competitive Fellowships & Scholarships

Thursday October 29, 2009 4:30 PM Pfahler Auditorium. Are you curious about the external awards that are available for undergrad and graduate studies for high-achieving students? Join us for this workshop with Dr. Greg Weight, Coordinator of Student Fellowships and Scholarships.

Family Day - Footprints Beyond the Classroom

Saturday October 31, 2009- Student panels and presentations focused on independent learning experiences. Summer Fellows Presentations: 10:00 – 11:30 AM Kaleidoscope 142; Internship Student Panel 10:30 – 11:00 AM Kaleidoscope 207; Study Abroad Student Panel 11:00 – 11:30 AM Kaleidoscope 207.

fact that anyone, from anywhere in the world, can tune into the channel. According to junior Abby Raymond, who hosts a show with Hanford on Friday afternoons, several of her friends have been able to tune into the station from overseas. "That's a really unique opportunity to share something you love with other people," said Raymond, who is one of approximately 35 WVOU DJs.

DJs are allotted two hour time blocks each week. According to Hanford, most shows occur between four p.m. and midnight, and vary in terms of the subject content. Though WVOU is classified as an indie rock station, DJs can play music from any genre. "College radio can be a very diverse thing," said Hanford, "we have all types of shows."

Shows may be predominantly talk-show based; take, for instance, Junior Brandon Kamin's, which airs Tuesday nights from six to eight. "His show is very professional," said Hanford of Kamin, who often conducts on-air interviews. In past weeks, Kamin has interviewed President Strassburger, as well as Marc Farzetta & Brian Startare, the hosts of Sports Radio 610 WIP. "He's really making it take off," said Salvo, who, upon Kamin's request, sends out campus-wide emails to advertise the show each week. Included in the email is WVOU's phone number, which viewers can call if wanting to speak on-air with Kamin or any of the station's DJs. According to Hanford, Kamin's show has received callers each week thus far, and could therefore be considered the most popular.

Virtually, though, there is no way to gauge which show receives the most listeners, a truth that's of little concern for Hanford: "this is more for the person doing the show,

Mind your Peas and Q's: Navigating a meal during an interview

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Remember the Seinfeld episode when George Costanza got caught double dipping? Are you guilty of this sort of dining disaster? Have you been caught slurping your soup, talking with your mouth full, or blowing your nose in your napkin during dinner? Have you considered that your every day dining practice might not cut it if you were sharing a meal with a potential employer in an interview setting?

We'll have no fear- Career Services is teaming up with SIFE and Dining Services to help you learn how to make dining over an interview a delightful- not dreaded experience. "Which Fork?" is a dining etiquette program where you can enjoy a yummy three-course meal while learning tips and directions designed to polish your dining etiquette skills and manners. Learn which fork to use, which roll is yours, how to pass the salt and pepper and how & where to place your napkin.

Join us for an evening of fun, food and formal etiquette instruction on Tuesday, Oct. 27th at 5 p.m. in the faculty and staff dining room. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! The dinner and program are FREE – but a deposit of \$10.00 is requested (and will be refunded at the dinner). Stop in Career Services to sign up, call 610.409.3599 email career@ursinus.edu. Act quickly, because space is limited and will be on a "first come, first served" basis! Some tips to consider until we meet...

- Bring all foods to your mouth, not the other way around.
- Never talk with your mouth full.
- Under no circumstances should you smoke or order alcohol.
- Enjoy yourself.

than for the listener."

The number of students doing shows, however, has slightly dropped from last year- one of several disappointments for the crew. "It's been very tumultuous," said Hanford, who explained that, over the last few years, the station has needed to move from Bomberger to Ritter, replace several pieces of equipment, and deal with receiving minimal funds. "We're trying to do a lot of things [but] WVOU has a very limited budget," he said.

Several projects are currently underway; the crew would like to implement a sort of "mobile DJing" service, where WVOU DJs can be hired to play music at registered parties and Late Night Lower. They are also seeking to further develop the fundraising and advertising committees, as well as the committee responsible for concerts. Currently, each committee has 2-3 representatives, most of whom are DJs themselves. Thanks to the concert committee, Hallelujah the Hills, a band from Boston, will be performing at Ursinus on Nov. 18- the location has yet to be determined. Those interested, however, can soon look for advertisements, which will be targeting not only the Ursinus community but the Colledgeville and Phoenixville communities. For more information regarding WVOU, check out the station's blog at wvouradio.blogspot.com. Anyone interested in DJing should contact Laurel Salvo or Nick Hanford.

HPV Vaccine: "One Less" Reason for Some to Think that Protection's Necessary?

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If you're female, then there's a good chance that you've either heard of or been offered the Gardasil® shot, the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine widely administered in America since 2006. Advertised as a means of preventing cervical cancers, cervical abnormalities that could lead to cancer, or genital warts, the vaccine is now routinely recommended by physicians to all 11- and 12-year-old girls. Even if the recipient isn't sexually active yet, how could any medicine that fights severe symptoms of a sexually transmitted infection (STI) and that's considered "safe" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), according to their Web site, be undesirable? Why *wouldn't* you want yourself, sister, girlfriend, friend, or anyone else eligible for the vaccine to be protected from a potentially deadly disease if it's preventable?

Let's start with the physical ramifications. Between the vaccine's initial introduction in 2006 and Sept. 1, 2009, the CDC has linked 15,037 adverse events—i.e. effects that were problematic enough for patients to report them—to the shot, according to their Web site. Of these, 7% were considered serious, encompassing a number of deaths that resulted from viral illness, pulmonary embolism, cardiac events, diabetic ketoacidosis, atypical Guillian Barré Syndrome, juvenile amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or "Lou Gehrig's Disease"), and other unknown causes. Also, an article in *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* entitled, "The Risks and Benefits of HPV

Vaccination," reveals that having not been vastly administered until 2006, the vaccine's effects that could appear twenty to forty years from now are unknown.

You may be thinking, "True, but every medication has side effects," and while that may be accurate for many drugs in physical terms, the HPV vaccine also poses a moral dilemma. What exactly is the message being sent to the 11- and 12-year-olds being treated for cervical cancers and genital warts that won't develop until they become sexually active? At 11, I did NOT have a knowledgeable grasp on a condom's importance in protecting against STIs, nor was I offered information along these lines—or others, besides that the shot was "safe"—when encouraged to receive it at age 20 by my primary physicians.

Ursinus Wellness Coordinator Denise Walsh explains that Dr. Doghramji, MD, the campus Medical Director, could administer the vaccine with a prescription from one's physician, and Wellness' section of UC's Web site states, "We strongly recommend immunization for HPV." Wellness, however, offers over 10 different brochures and other print information sources, which not only allow the patient to make an informed decision on vaccination, but also are accompanied by free condoms and stress the importance of *protected and responsible sex*. Mary Cantwell, a senior at St. Joseph's University, notes that because of the school's Catholic affiliation, "they don't

promote premarital sex, so condoms aren't offered on campus. Regardless, most of my friends and I refuse the shot because we've heard horror stories about it."

The CDC, Gardasil's® marketing department, and other government sources who encourage the immunization have no way of knowing how each physician presents the vaccine—with little to no information? With Gardasil® pamphlets, condoms, and a lecture on getting tested for STIs? Additionally, Gardasil's® Web site is strongly geared toward parents, playing on their concern for their daughters by interweaving statements such as, "You do everything you can for your daughter...it's not too early to be thinking about a vaccine for cervical cancer for her." With the notion that cervical cancer could take their daughters' lives and with persuasion from physicians—but without necessarily knowing the studies and reports that indicate the vaccine's questionable safety—parents may feel guilty for *not* having their daughters vaccinated. UC senior Kira Oldham-Curtis explains, "I remember fighting with my mom over the shot. I didn't think it was necessary, and she said that I should just get it anyway."

Supposing that females and/or parents were encouraged by physicians to research the vaccine's details before deciding in its favor, they would be interested to discover that it may not be due all the hype that it gets. It only immunizes against four HPV strains out of at least fifteen that can cause cancer and at least one hundred overall, according to the aforementioned *JAMA* article. Perhaps America should focus less on developing immunizations against preventable diseases and more on educating target recipients—preteens, teens, and young adults—on taking a responsible approach to sex that would help to eliminate STIs' spreading instead.

HOW DO YOU HELP YOUR DAUGHTER BECOME ONE LESS LIFE AFFECTED BY CERVICAL CANCER?

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Get wrapped up in these great fiction novels for winter

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With the fall semester in full gear, it seems almost impossible to sit down with a book other than a textbook or an archaic novel assigned for class. Luckily there are some people within the Ursinus community who have recently read books worth recommending. English professor Dr. Matthew Kozusko and senior Steve Moffett have recommended two very different books, with both pieces of literature attacking the norms of authoring in different ways. Aside from the local acclaim they have received and popularity over the years, both books have been listed in Dr. Peter Boxall's *1001 Books to Read Before You Die*, published in 2006.

Dr. Kozusko has spent many hours reading books—from Shakespeare to the philosophical texts of CIE, the English professor knows the ins and outs of literature. Highly recommended by Dr. Kozusko, David Foster Wallace's notorious fiction novel *Infinite Jest* clocks in at over 1,000 pages in length, and according to Dr. Kozusko, "takes entire seasons to read, but it's worth it." Think of it as "*Ulysses* meets *Catcher in the Rye*."

Dr. Kozusko discovered this novel in the way most of us find out about books—through a recommendation by a friend. "Friends in grad school were reading it," he said,

"and wouldn't shut up about it." The first time around, it took him over a year to finish. But in 2008, in preparation for using it to teach a class, Dr. Kozusko "read it twice, in succession, in about two months each time." Picking up the book for the first time in 1998, Kozusko has read it every year since then.

The success of the novel, aside from its seemingly cult-like popularity within the literature world, is described by Dr. Kozusko as "far and away the most generous book I've ever, ever read. That may sound like a weird way to describe a piece of fiction," he said, "but that's what it is: generous. Giving. It never stops giving."

Publishers Weekly defines the novel as having "baroque subplots, zany political satire, morbid, cerebral humor and astonishing range of cultural references." Because of this, readers may be hesitant to dive into such a challenge. One *Amazon.com* reviewer even called the novel "a daunting task." "It's not for everyone," Dr. Kozusko agreed, "But if it's for you, one of the biggest mistakes you could make is not to read it."

Like Wallace's *Infinite Jest*, Mark Z. Danielewski's *House of Leaves* challenges not only the concept of literature, but proves at times, a tedious task for the reader as well. At just over 700 pages in length, Danielewski's fiction novel uses what *Publishers Weekly* calls "the

Nabokovian trick of running one narrative in footnotes to the other," meaning that two stories are being told at the same time; one can be read through the normal text, the other can be read its' footnotes. "A lot of times, it was difficult to figure out what was going on because the stories were crossing over on each other and it took me forever to get through it," Moffett said, "but it's definitely worth it."

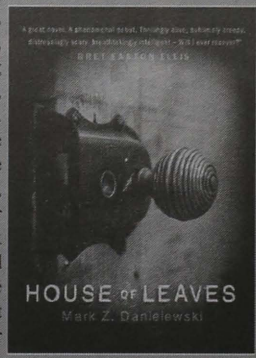
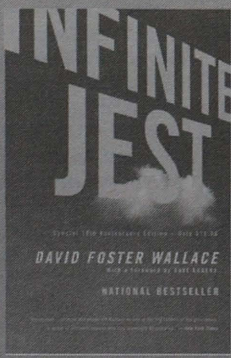
The plot centers on a family who move into a house in Virginia that seems to have a mind of its own. Rooms suddenly appear and disappear, and the inside of the house is visibly much larger than the outside. It is up to protagonist Will Navidson to discover the meaning behind it in order to protect his family from a house that appears to be out of control.

"It's hard to describe," Moffett recalls, "you have to read it to understand it."

Although the book seems very lengthy, the brilliant use of text cuts down the length. "There were a lot of pages where there was just one word on each page. Or only a few," Moffett said, "Those sections were pretty easy to get through."

At a point in the semester where schoolwork takes over for round the clock stress, it may seem like some kind of sick, twisted joke to crack open a 700-page or even a 1,000-page novel just for fun. But for some, getting lost in the deep realms of a fictionalized plotline can be an escape.

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Movie trailers hit and miss in the box office: A look at new releases

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I saw "Titanic" in a movie theater for five dollars. Five dollars! "Titanic," arguably the greatest movie of all-time (please send all hate mail to zashamberg@ursinus.edu), cost me only five dollars to see at the height of its popularity. I recently went to the theater to

see the disappointment that was "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" for eleven dollars. Make no mistake about it: in no way am I comparing James Cameron's epic masterpiece to Michael Bay's stinking pile of robot metal and machines. I am simply pointing out that, with ticket prices reaching upwards of fifteen and eighteen dollars, I really can't blame millions of people for illegally downloading movies and waiting for the DVD to be released. A few movies were released over our fall break, and some of them ("Where the Wild Things Are", "Law Abiding Citizen", "Paranormal Activity") grossed a fine amount. Others ("The Stepfather") struggled to find an audience. I

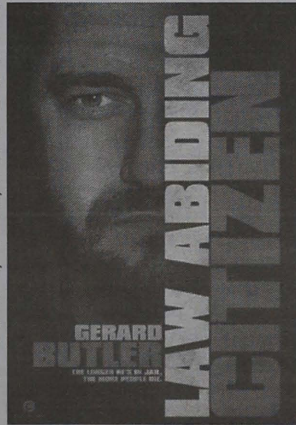
debated which of the movies to see or skip while we were away from school, and here's how I decided: the trailer. In most cultures, the word "trailer" evokes Rednecks, overalls, and FEMA. But in Hollywood, however, a trailer is the most important aspect of any film. It's the one way for audiences to decide whether or not to see a movie. You'll rarely come across any person who pays to see a movie without viewing the trailer at least once. I'll tell you this: I ultimately decided to see "Where the Wild Things Are" over fall break. But for anyone trying to decide what to see this week, I've graded each film trailer and made the process of elimination a little easier for you.

"Law Abiding Citizen"

This movie was filmed in Philadelphia! The trailer opens with a shot of City Hall! And that's where the excitement stops. Gerard Butler, speaking in an English/Scottish/Philadelphian accent that makes him sound like a sixth-grader starring in a stage version of "Macbeth," sees his wife and children

murdered in front of him. Jamie Foxx, who might as well be holding his paycheck each time he appears onscreen, plays a corrupt attorney who can't bring the killers to justice. Butler decides to seek justice himself, killing everyone who was involved in the case one-by-one. The trailer is filled with close-ups of exploding cars and people dropping dead, but the best parts feature Butler and Fox sitting across from each other at an array of courtroom and prison tables, yelling standard lines of dialogue such as "I'm gonna get you!" and "Not if I get you first!" I love the premise of a wronged citizen seeking justice, but this seems like everyone involved took leftovers from films like "The Last House on the Left" and "Taken" and plopped them in the cinematic microwave. Skip this and see "Taken" on DVD instead.

Grade: C-



"Where the Wild Things Are"

Director Spike Jonze has helmed two of the strangest films in recent memory ("Adaptation" and "Being John Malkovich") and written concepts for the "Jackass" films and many of the show's episodes. With a resume that includes directing Oscar-winning performances and penning segments such as "golf course air horn" and "fireworks roller skates," Jonze was ready to tackle any project presented to him. He co-wrote "Wild Things" with Dave Eggers, and he chose a relatively unknown, Max Records, to play the main character, Max, in his film. From the looks of the trailer, Jonze has created a truly moving adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's book. With Arcade Fire's "Wake Up" blaring in the background, we see young Max brave turbulent ocean waters, run from falling trees and mounds of flying dirt, and look into the eyes of a wild thing to see the humanity in even the cruellest, ugliest animal. It's the kind of movie trailer that makes you not only remember your childhood, but wish you could go back and do it all over again. When Max sits idly in class and stares out the window at the moon, he wishes to escape to a place with adventure and the unknown. How many of us can honestly say we've never known that feeling? "Where the Wild Things Are" is a fantastic movie trailer, and an even better movie.

Grade: A

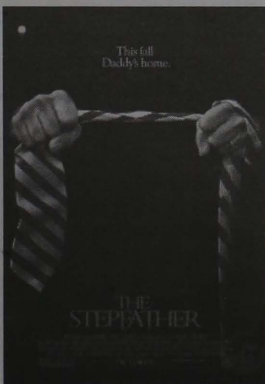


"The Stepfather"

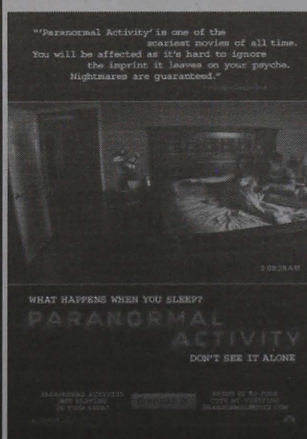
As a child of divorce, the concept for this movie scared the hell out of me. A married couple with three children separates, the mother remarries a mysterious man who turns up on "America's Most Wanted," and hilarity (murder, vengeance) ensues. "Gossip Girl" star Penn Badgley is the concerned son; "Nip/Tuck" star Dylan Baker is the villainous stepfather. From the looks of the trailer, Baker is the kind of all-American dad that kids should love: he has family dinners, takes his children to the movies, and even allows his eldest son to drink alcohol in the basement. But when a neighbor comes over and alerts the family to Baker's facial similarity to a killer who appeared on "America's Most Wanted," everyone begins to grow suspicious. After that, Baker becomes the typical psychotic killer, complete with a locked tool shed filled with bodies and an obsession with power saws and knives. It just seems to me that if the old neighbor (who, by the way, is shown holding a cat, which screams "crazy widower!") minded her business and decided not to watch "America's Most Wanted" on her Saturday night, everyone would have lived happily ever after. And who watches "America's Most Wanted" anyway? It's as if the writers couldn't

decide how make the family realize they were living with a killer. A dull plot device for what seems like a pointless movie.

Grade: D



"Paranormal Activity"



I watched this trailer at 2:50 p.m. in broad daylight, and it scared me more than movies like "The Ring" or "The Blair Witch Project" ever did. The trailer shows an audience's reaction to the first-ever showing of the film in Hollywood, California, and someone might as well have let an anaconda snake loose in the third row—people were screaming, jumping up and down, and generally fearing for their lives throughout the screening. The scenes that are shown from the actual movie are eerie and extremely unnerving. The premise for the film is as follows: guy and girl move in together, girl thinks that house is possessed by demons, guy buys video camera to document any strange activity, and guy and girl find out "strange activity" doesn't even begin to explain their problem. The movie is currently being shown in only select cities; I'm hoping it expands to theatres in our area, other than Oaks. "Paranormal Activity" looks to be the surprise movie of 2009. This is the kind of creepy film that "The Stepfather" wanted to be.

Grade: A-

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Men's Basketball comes together for another great season

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It is that time of year again, and the highly successful Ursinus Men's Basketball Team is about to take the court for the 2009-2010 season. The Ursinus website shows the long list of accomplishments that the team has achieved, which includes four conference championships and four NCAA tournament appearances in the last seven seasons. Not only is the Ursinus Basketball Team a winning program, it is also a classy program. The team has earned four College Basketball Officials Association (CBOA) Sportsmanship awards including the Schoenfeld National CBOA Sportsmanship award in 2006.

Head Coach Kevin Small preaches the importance of respect to his team. He expects them not only to respect the other teams, coaches and officials, but to respect each other as well. "We have a sign in the locker room that says family," Coach Small said. "The guys hit it each time they go in and out of the locker room and I believe that they truly look at one another as family."

The idea that the team is a family allows the players to self-regulate. Sophomore Lou Meindl commented on the team's ability to do just this: "Coach is all about sportsmanship. He reminds us how our actions affect the

team's image. Since we care about each other like a family we know that if one of us messes up, it affects the people we care about." The feelings of family that the players feel toward one another cause them to be more accountable. It is much harder to let someone down when you care about them.

A system of self-regulation takes a great deal of leadership, but the team's three senior captains, Kevin McGarvey, Matt Hilton, and Remy Cousart, appear to be up to the challenge. "The three captains have different strengths and do a great job fulfilling their roles," says Coach Small. "Kevin does a great job mentoring the younger players. Matt has great work ethic and shows the guys on the team what it takes to be successful and Remy has a great basketball IQ at point guard that makes coaching much easier."

When asked about his new position as a Senior Captain Cousart said, "My role is to be someone the guys can look to on and off the court for help. Kevin, Matt, and myself are all looked upon to set the right example and to be leaders."

With such a great chemistry, the team appears to be ready to continue their success on the court. "I am anxious to start the season" said Assistant Coach Mike McGarvey. "We have a group of guys returning that want to improve from last year as well great new talent. If we work hard the wins and losses should figure themselves out."

The season will begin on Nov. 20 against Keystone, so get ready for an exciting season.



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UC intramurals give more athletic options

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The weeks following fall break is the start of the second wave of intramural sports at Ursinus College. At first glance, intramural sports might seem like an unorganized group of non-athletes who do not know what they are doing, but this is simply not the case.

Intramurals are organized into three traditional seasons: flag-football in the fall, soccer/volleyball/basketball in the winter and dodgeball/field hockey in the spring. With six sports played throughout the school year, there is definitely an opportunity for everyone and anyone to get involved.

Looking at several previous intramural seasons, it is interesting to see the different types of people that come out to play. Some teams are composed of all freshmen. Some are extensions from varsity teams or Greek organizations and still others are random groups of students. Teams can be comprised of all men or a mix of men and women.

Some teams enter a league in hopes of winning a coveted "Intramural Champ" t-shirt. These participants are usually varsity athletes in a sport other than the intramural sport they are competing in (Varsity athletes on their respective sport's intramural team are not allowed). Sometimes, this type of participant played a particular intramural sport in high school, but did not want to deal with the pressure of varsity sports in college. Intramurals give them the opportunity to still play their beloved sport, but on a more low-key and flexible level.

However, there are some groups of participants who enjoy staying active and/or want to have some fun. These participants usually leave the game with a good workout and a good laugh. The team spirit that comes out of intramural leagues is something to be admired. Through player-made uniforms or catchy pre-game chants, it is fun to see yet another example of the Ursinus Community coming together for a common athletic goal.

When asked about intramural sports, senior intramural committee member Kyle Fox becomes rather happy. He has played on intramural teams all four years at Ursinus College

and notes that it is fun to play sports that he is normally not involved in directly. Fox said, "I love the camaraderie that gets formed with your team and I love that you can make a team and keep it together for all 4 years, like my indoor soccer team and basketball team."

Kyle also comments on the different reactions he sees from intramural participants: "I can't tell you how many times I've said something along the lines of 'Holy cow I didn't know so-and-so could play basketball or soccer or something this well.'" Intramurals are definitely the opportunity to learn something new about a friend or show off a person's secret athletic talents.

In total, there are about 500-600 students (and possibly more) that get involved in intramurals. With a school size of around 1,700, that is about 35% of the student body. Soccer is dubbed the biggest league, with thirteen teams total. Basketball is a close second, while flag-football is a more distant third.

Flag-football finished this past month and was a great success. Many students come out on a weekly basis to join in a good game, usually during good fall weather. Next up on the intramural schedule is volleyball and soccer starting the week after fall break. Interested and want to sign up? Keep tabs on the E-mails circulating campus with flier attachments. There are also team sign up sheets in the fitness center. You can also contact Todd Bartley at tbartley@ursinus.edu.

Scorebox

Cross Country

Sat. 10/17 at Gettysburg Invitational
W: 16th M: 15th

Football

Sat. 10/17 vs. Johns Hopkins
16-14 W

Men's Soccer

Fri. 10/16 vs. Johns Hopkins
2-0 L

Field Hockey

Sat. 10/17 vs. McDaniel
10-0 W

Women's Soccer

Sat. 10/17 vs. McDaniel
4-1 W

Women's Volleyball

Sat. 10/17 vs. McDaniel
3-1 L

Upcoming Games

Football

Sat. 10/24 at McDaniel* 1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Sat. 10/24 Washington (Md.)* 1:00 p.m.
Wed. 10/28 F&M* 3:30 p.m.

Field Hockey

Wed. 10/28 Washington (Md.)* 7:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sat. 10/24 Mansfield 3:30 p.m.
Tue. 10/27 at Muhlenberg* 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Sat. 10/24 at King's (Pa.) Noon
Wed. 10/28 at Muhlenberg* 7:00 p.m.