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Weather cooperates for 2009 Homecoming

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No one was quite sure how the day would pan out when they looked at the gray, rainy skies early on Saturday, Oct. 3, but the weather could not have turned out any better.

Tents popped up on Friday afternoon in preparation for the mass of alumni to return to their faithful college grounds. Saturday morning, the alumni relations office, maintenance workers, dining services workers and student workers all gathered to set up flower and balloon arrangements. The sun slowly started to peak out of the clouds.

The first event of the day was the Women's Lacrosse Alumnae Game, where the current Ursinus Bears took the returning veterans on the Eleanor Frost Snell Alumni Turf Field.

Shortly following that, there was a Tau Sigma Gamma 80th Anniversary Brunch and an Alpha Sigma Nu Brunch held in Wismer. Both groups loved gathering with old sisters, singing songs and chatting about the sororities of today and the sororities of yesteryear. Lauren Goldstein of Tau Sigma Gamma said of the brunch, "It was fun to show them what we do today and hear stories of how they did things similarly when they were here."

Starting at about 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, larger groups of alumni and their families gathered on lawns and bleachers in preparation for the games that would commence.



From left to right: Alex Peay (2008 King), Catriona Whitehead (2008 Queen), Holly Brizell, Bennett MacLauchlan of Sigma Pi (2009 King), Abbie Cichowski of the UC Ambassadors (2009 Queen), and Danielle Harris and Greg Little of S.U.N. (Top Fundraisers of 2009). Each homecoming nominee had to raise a minimum of \$100. All funds raised were donated to the family of Senior Holly Brizell, whose parents are currently being hospitalized after a bad motorcycle accident.

Many recognized old friends and roommates and laughed wholeheartedly about golden jokes and memories.

At the "Meet the Coach" Football tent, Coach Peter Gallagher explained the keys to winning to former-players and information about this year's team.

Noon saw the start of the Bears' Field Hockey game, where the team faced 14th-ranked Gettysburg College. But like many other field hockey teams in the country, Gettysburg was no match for the Bears. Ursinus won with ease, 7-0.

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Honing in on Housing

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On top of tuition payments and dizzying test schedules, in the past two years Ursinus students have found another concern to face: whether there are too many students on campus. This issue is fueled by the fact that the number of freshmen who have been admitted over the past two academic years has been surprisingly high. While the senior class and junior class currently have populations of 338 and 373 pupils, respectively, the sophomore class numbers 490, and the freshmen have seemingly broken all records with a class size of 515.

The question, then, is why have the past two incoming classes grown by nearly 150 people in comparison to the current upperclassmen? Richard DiFelicianantonio, Vice President for Enrollment, explained via email that Ursinus' strategies for advertising to high school seniors have not drastically changed, nor has their admission policy. However, plans such as the Early Action policy, by which seniors can receive a non-binding acceptance to Ursinus by December, have surely increased awareness of Ursinus.

"Ursinus Admissions develops an inquiry pool of 25,000 interested students annually," said DiFelicianantonio. "We do this by direct mail, e-mail, high school visits, college fairs, receptions and on-campus events. The college has, in the past four years, increased its applicant pool from 2,000 to 6,000. Clearly, we have grown in name recognition and popularity." He attributes this to the college's strong academics, especially in the arts.

With an applicant pool that, over the past few years, numbers roughly 3,000, Ursinus expects to enroll 475 to 500 students, which is still a 40 percent increase from our senior class. At the same time, DiFelicianantonio notes that the ratio of acceptance to admittance (roughly 16 percent), has remained steady for the past three years.

Jared Rodrigues, the Residence Director of First-Year Students, commented that despite the number of freshmen currently enrolled, Ursinus is still within the limits of being able to support student life comfortably. For instance, last year Sprinkle House, which is located behind Corson Hall, was refitted as a freshman dorm, and freshmen were allowed the first two floors of New Hall. This year, however, the entire class of 2013 has been accommodated within Brodbeck-Wilkinson-Curtis, Beardwood-Paisley-Stauffer, and the first floor of New Hall. This has been accomplished through multiple new living arrangements, including the conversion of study lounges in New into single rooms.

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Berman Museum opens new water color exhibit

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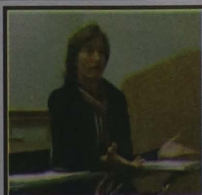
Saturday, Oct. 3rd marked the opening of the 109th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Water Color Society in the Main Gallery of the Berman Museum of Art. Thanks to the combined efforts of Lisa Hanover, Suzanne Calvin and Julie Choma, the *Grizzly* was given a plethora of information about the exhibit and an inside look. The exhibit opened on the day of Homecoming, providing more for visitors and students alike to do on an already eventful day. The Philadelphia Water Color Society (PWCS) has had a good relationship with the Berman Museum of Art since 1992, when they proposed to the Berman Museum a juried exhibition. The Berman staff handled the documentation

and installation, while the PWCS volunteers handled the juror selection, the delivery of the artwork and the entries to the exhibition. Despite the recent construction on Berman, there is no impact on the exhibition held there.

The Philadelphia Water Color Society holds this event annually and the Berman Museum has hosted it four times in the past 20 years. The installation includes the work of 80 artists, mostly from the Philadelphia area, but from several other parts of the country as well. They range from multicolored lobsters to peaceful wooded scenes. Calvin sent a press release stating that, Stephen Quiller, an artist from Colorado and member of the American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor

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News-in-brief: U.S. troops withdrawn, earthquake strikes

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Wednesday, September 30

IRAQ – General Ray Odierno, the military commander in Iraq, announced Wednesday that the United States plans to withdraw another 4,000 troops from Iraq by the end of October. Odierno is expected to tell the House Armed Services Committee that there has been a significant drop in violence in Iraq. In his prepared statement, he said, “overall attacks have decreased 85 percent over the past two years from 4,064 in August 2007 to 594 in August 2009, with 563 in September so far.” However, he cautioned that security in Iraq is “not yet enduring.” He did have good things to say about the Iraqi forces that have taken over the security in Baghdad. President Obama has said that he plans to end U.S. combat in Iraq by August 31, 2010. He also plans to keep around 25,000 to 35,000 support troops in Iraq after combat troops have withdrawn.

Thursday, October 1

SAMOA – A 5.5 earthquake struck the Samoan islands on Wednesday evening; the area has already been devastated by an 8.0 earthquake that struck Tuesday and the resulting tsunami. More than 130 people have been killed on the island nations of Samoa (or Western Samoa), American Samoa (or Eastern Samoa), and Tonga. Officials fear that the death toll will rise as rescue workers reach remote villages, some of which have been submerged by the tsunamis. The workers also face the challenge of navigating through damaged infrastructure. In at least one case, a bridge linking an outlying village to the mainland was completely washed away. In American Samoa’s capital city of Pago Pago, the hospital and airport are both fully operational, though the nearby island nation

of Tonga has not fared as well. Tonga’s acting prime minister said that their hospital was majorly damaged and telephone systems were down, among other things. President Obama has ordered federal aid to American Samoa; the Coast Guard will transport 20 FEMA members there.

Thursday, October 1

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

– Two unnamed “senior officials” from the United States and Iran spoke face to face for the first time regarding Iran’s nuclear program. The talk occurred on the sidelines of a discussion on Iran’s nuclear program currently being held in Geneva. The talks come shortly after the revelation that Iran was in the process of building a second uranium enrichment facility. This revelation caused President Obama, as well as leaders of Britain and France, to publicly reprimand Iran at the G-20 summit last week in Pittsburgh. Iran continues to claim its nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes, but many international leaders believe the nation is trying to build nuclear weapons. Representatives from the United States,

Britain, France, Russia, and China (“the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council”), as well as Germany and Iran, are attending the Geneva discussion.



Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Friday, October 2

JERUSALEM – The delivery of a “proof of life” video of a kidnapped Israeli soldier led to the release of a group of Palestinian women. The video shows Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped by Palestinian militants two years ago, reading a newspaper dated September 14, 2009. He says, “I feel well in health terms and I’m being treated very well.” Shalit was 19 when he was taken.

In exchange, on

Friday Israel released nineteen Palestinian female prisoners from Ofer detention camp, near Jerusalem. They were transported across the border by members of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The release deal was worked out by third party negotiators from Egypt and Germany; a German mediator gave Israeli officials the tape of Shalit on Friday morning. Israel said it would continue negotiating the release of Shalit, but that the talks will likely be “long and arduous.”

(All stories come from CNN.com.)

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One p.m. was the kick off for the Ursinus vs. Gettysburg Football game. At half time, Abbie Cichowski from the UC Ambassadors was crowned Homecoming Queen and Bennett MacLauchlan from Sigma Pi was dubbed Homecoming King. The final score of the game was 55-50 Bears. This was the first time Ursinus has beat Gettysburg in five years, and the first time the Bears have gone 2-0 in conference play since 1996.

Throughout the day, there were organizational reunion tents. Some reunions included: Alpha Sigma Nu, Football, Lacrosse (Men’s & Women’s), Phi Kappa Sigma, Tau Sigma Gamma and Music. But one of the more interesting reunions was the coming-together of old Zeta Chi brothers.

Most people have not heard of Zeta Chi, which is likely due to the fact that it is no longer a fraternity on campus. Most of the brothers that showed up to the reunion were graduates from the 1960s and 1970s, but all seemed to still be in good, party spirits.

Continually commenting on maintaining their brotherhood-bond 30 years later, they all laughed and reminisced about crazy times at “the Zoo” (also known as the third floor of Brodbeck Hall).

It is easy to see that being “kicked off campus” was nothing too surprising after hearing the ZX brothers’ stories (one even involved a water fight in “The Zoo” that leaked water through the floor, all the way down to the basement).

Campus tours given by UC Ambassadors and tour guides were great opportunities for alumni to see the “new”

Ursinus and muse over how much the campus has changed since their time.

Other activities included “Meet the UC Hockey Players,” Hillel Open House, Alumni Music Reunion and Escape Velocity Dance Performance. An Alumni vs. Ursinus Varsity Baseball Team game was held on Sunday afternoon.

Once the games ended and dinner was eaten Saturday evening, current Ursinus students seemed to pick up on the happy spirits of the day. Reimert Hall, the ever-popular party place, was packed with joyous students celebrating a good Ursinus weekend together.

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SIFE organizes Women in Business Panel for students

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Dozens of women from multiple majors and, surprisingly, a few men gathered in Olin Hall Thursday

Oct. 1, 2009 for SIFE's Women in Business panel. The panel consisted of two Ursinus alumna, Leslie Katz '87 and Jillian Alspach '07, along with Jennifer Mudd, a graduate of Duke University. The panel was headed by SIFE project manager Brittain Killian. Killian felt that after her own experience in banking, "people weren't taking me seriously," so she organized a panel of successful women with the hopes to receive tips on combating gender discrimination in a business setting.

All three women begun by sharing their very diverse backgrounds and were left to answer multiple questions posed by those sitting in the audience. Although the panel had been marketed more towards battling workplace discrimination, many questions consisted of students asking for advice and what they should expect when it comes time to enter the job force. To this Katz gave a very short but informative answer, "know what you want and what you want to get out of that experience."

Throughout her life, Katz has had multiple jobs, ranging from those in the retail sector to those in account management. She is now the senior manager of health services at Siemens Medical Solution.

Mudd, a now independent consultant in the microfinance industry, has traveled the world and held numerous jobs. She urged students to, "make connections and don't be shy in asking people to talk to you on a purely information basis. Ninety-eight percent will want to sit down and chat."

When it came time for Alspach to answer, she urged the audience

to, "build strong relationships with your professors and other faculty. They may know someone, who knows someone where you want to get a job. It's a lot easier when you have that personal connection." Shortly after graduating, Alspach landed a job working as an administrator/account manager at LCG, Ltd. Alspach, being the youngest of the three panelists, allowed sophomore Sean Mador to feel that he, "related the most with Jill, especially being a guy since she offered tips on how to

conduct yourself while going for an interview."

When the issue of gender inequality arose, all three women admitted facing some sort of gender discrimination. Katz shared a brief story from one of her first jobs about having to deal with male customers not believing she was a manager because of her gender and age. She told the audience that discrimination, "is very subtle. It comes in the form of little things. There is still inequality in what women are paid in relation to men. It's still an uphill battle."

Alspach had a similar encounter with a senior lawyer thinking she was, "his personal assistant." She explained that in the business setting women need to be very clear about what their roles are, so they will face less of a chance of being taken advantage of. Alspach reiterated, "You need to be professional at all times and if you feel that you are being placed in a bad situation, speak to your boss right away before it gets worse."

After the panel, the audience was handed an "interactive networking exercise" designed by SIFE in order for participants to learn to make connections with fellow classmates. Many students confidently walked up to those they had never met before, firmly shook their hands and introduced themselves, to start off the exercise.

For further information about SIFE please visit www.sife.org or attend a weekly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Olin 102.



Photo by Matt Whitman

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Society, went through over 400 entries to find the 80 he selected for the installation, so the exhibition is competitive.

Alongside the opening of the exhibit are several events. On Sunday, Oct. 18, there will be a Reception and Awards Ceremony from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Nov. 1 there will be a watercolor demonstration by Andrew Kish III from 1 to 3 p.m. Andrew Kish III also has a beautiful watercolor painting in the gallery. There will also be a Gallery Talk by Berman Museum Director Lisa Tremper Hanover on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. According to Hanover, the reception is expecting to see about 250 people, and awards will be given out for "excellence in how the water media is used" as well as "the quality of the composition" and special recognition awards. There will be 21 awards in all and the Juror of Awards, M. Stephen Doherty, has over \$6,000 in prizes for achievements.

Later exhibitions after this include work from Randall Cleaver and a Student Curated Exhibition on Censorship and Art leading into Apr. 2010. The Berman website says

the exhibition is open to all until Dec. 18th but the Museum staff encourages students, faculty, staff, and the public to stop in before then and even join in on the events which are open to all students and faculty.



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"We have also added rooms that were not originally used for student housing," said Rodrigues. "For instance, we have turned rooms used by Facilities to house schematics into living spaces."

However, some sacrifices have been made in order to house the freshman class, including adding roommates to what were originally doubles and even triples.

"We calculate based on square footage," Rodrigues explained. "When more space is available, I love giving students big rooms, but when we have higher numbers to accommodate we are careful not to put people where they cannot live comfortably." He went on to point out that a triple in New Hall that used to be a double will in fact have the same, if not more living space than triples in BPS and BWC.

Because of Ursinus' confidence in their ability to house larger class sizes, the admissions department is not hesitant to enroll equally large classes in coming years. "At this point the preliminary plan is to enroll 470 first-year students, thus admitting fewer students and lessening the pressure somewhat on first year housing," DeFeliciano remarked in his email. "The overall college population should rise slightly from this year's fall number of 1,715 to 1,730 next fall. The college will be prepared to house all students who request housing."

Admissions, as well as other Ursinus departments, have calculated that the cost to run Ursinus increases four percent per year, but have found that this figure only slightly affects the average cost to attend the school. Furthermore, increased student access to government loans, as well as a budget of \$30 million on Ursinus' part to award as scholarships, keeps the cost to attend Ursinus within the same ballpark for most students.

DeFeliciano did admit, though, "with a larger student population, costs for just about everything go up with the rising number of students: faculty, support services, food, energy, space, activities." Therefore, the school does not plan on increasing its population beyond 1,730. "I believe the college is prepared for the number of students it currently serves," he added, "but we're probably at the point where more growth would require more building, something not in the college's immediate plans."

One primary goal in continuing to admit these larger class sizes is to broaden diversity on campus in terms of interests and activities, while maintaining a population in the 1,700 range will bolster community feelings. As well, slightly larger class sizes, combined with Ursinus' 12:1 student-faculty ratio, gives the school a reason to hire more reputable professors. "Ultimately, that is why students choose to come here - to be taught by first-rate faculty," DeFeliciano commented, "and it is this, above all, that the college is dedicated to continuing to deliver."

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

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

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

Professor Meredith Goldsmith, English
 Professor Walter Greason, History
 Professor Codrina Popescu, Chemistry

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean by October 9, 2009.

Hidden enthusiasts come together to form a comic book culture at UC

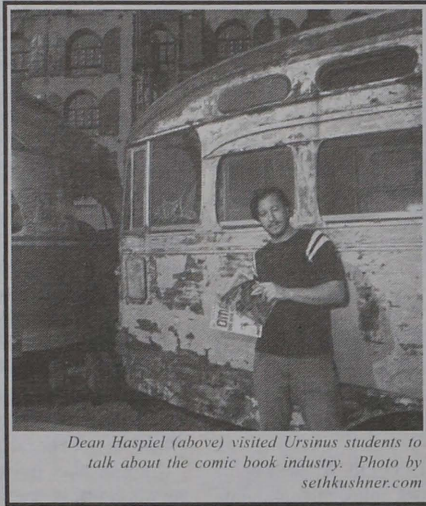
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On most college campuses, there is a culture of comic book aficionados. Ursinus College is no exception. On Oct. 1, Ursinus' comic book enthusiasts sat under the learning tree of comic book artist Dean Haspiel and comic book author Brendan Deneen. A few minutes into the presentation, Deneen said that he was reading comic books back when they weren't cool. An audience member's decision to spurt out "When were they *not* cool?!" epitomized that Thursday afternoon. For one hour, the Berman Museum of Art was a haven for Ursinus College's comic book craving community.

Both men shared their early fascinations with comic books, as well as how they broke into the business. Haspiel explained that he was taken under the wing of Harvey Pekar. According to *MSNBC.com*, Pekar is best known in the comic book world for authoring "*American Splendor*," the "longest-running autobiographical series" in comic book history. Through his work with Pekar, Haspiel realized that comic books not only involve creating new characters, but can also be a representation of one's real life. This newfound interest in non-fiction based art led

Haspiel to work on the 2003 biopic version of *American Splendor* as an illustrator in the film's art department, according to *IMDB.com*. The film won awards at the Golden Globes, the Sundance Film Festival, and the Cannes Film Festival. It was also nominated for an Academy Award, according to *Wikipedia.org*.



Dean Haspiel (above) visited Ursinus students to talk about the comic book industry. Photo by seth.kushner.com

Following the success of the film version of "*American Splendor*," Haspiel formed the online comic book community *Act-i-vate.com*. The goal of *Act-i-vate.com* is to capitalize upon the online revolution. *Act-i-vate.com* enables people to simply go on the Internet for their comics rather than to comic book stores, which Haspiel said are not making the money they once did and are gradually starting to disappear across the country.

Deneen, meanwhile, is best known for authoring his own comic book, "*Scatterbrain*," which he described as a "dark vigilante superhero noir idea." "*Scatterbrain*" was finally published in 2006, 15 years after Deneen first conceived it. According to *PublishersWeekly.com*, Deneen has worked for Mirimax in the past and currently works for Ardden Entertainment

and Objective Entertainment. He has also worked with Academy Award-winning film producer Scott Rudin ("*There Will Be Blood*," "*No Country For Old Men*"), according to Main Line Media News. His current project involves releasing a new, updated version of the classic "*Flash Gordon*" comic book series.

Both men agreed that a great comic book does more than merely make spark laughs from or entertain its readers; it tells a story. Haspiel explained, "Pictures are text. There's a lot of text that goes on in your artwork." He mentioned that comic book authoring and comic book illustrating are "harder than you'd imagine." He knew many people from the film and literature genres who were unsuccessful when they tried to make the transition to the comic book industry.

One of Haspiel's most well-known projects is undoubtedly *Act-i-vate.com*, which was one of the first "webcomic." Haspiel added that *Act-i-vate.com* aims to lift the veil between comic book artists and comic book fans by using the far-reaching ability of the Internet. Through his role with *Act-i-vate.com*, Haspiel has learned how challenging marketing comic books can be.

"You have to have some confidence in what you're doing," he explained, "You never know what's going to sell. If it's good, hopefully people are going to like it."

The two speakers said that they thrive on the feedback they get from readers and fans. They sometimes incorporate that feedback into their work.

Aspiring comic book industry-interested students in the audience received valuable advice from the speakers and left with knowledge of what makes the comic book industry challenging, yet simultaneously highly rewarding.

Dining Services receives a makeover in and out of the kitchen

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Students returned to campus this fall to find that Wismer had undergone a bit of a makeover; however, its menu boasts some pretty sizable remodeling, too. Not only has Wismer, Ursinus' cafeteria-like dining hall, heightened the variety of food selections offered, but it has also adopted a stronger presence of nutritional options.

Previous years' Wismer diners may recall the hall's former setup, which featured an octagonal salad bar at its center. The lettuce and salad toppings composed about ½ the octagon, while the other held a small organic section, a bread and bagel section with a toaster, and a section with the foods and condiments to put on them. Accepting a larger group of incoming students than ever before, Ursinus relocated the large centerpiece—replacing it with more dining space—to a dividing area between the central dining vicinity and the previously dubbed "alcove" area. The new salad bar is lengthier, offers more soup options, and has a staff member who mixes a daily featured salad upon a person's request. Unlike Jazzman's Café, located downstairs, salad cravers don't have to skimp on their nutrient-rich veggies or their proteins to avoid surpassing meal credit prices.

The section also features several whole-grain options, such as barley or quinoa, which were rarely offered before, and are sometimes mixed with fruits, vegetables, or oils. Along the non-organic salad section, there is an increase in vegetarian-friendly options. Wismer is now offering alternative protein sources, such as beans and tofu, daily.

The hall has also added a deli section, which offers

hot, cold, and breakfast sandwiches prepared for each individual's order, an assortment of bread types, more whole grains, side dishes such as coleslaw, and, like salads, a featured sandwich that varies daily.

On its company Web site, Sodexo—Dining Services' food provider—explains, "A balanced diet is an essential part of your students' overall health and well-being." While Wismer diners are not simply handed a well-balanced meal, they are—due largely to the recent changes—provided with an array of selections with which to prepare their own.

Ursinus' healthful changes extend beyond Wismer. Through a considerably revamped Web site, Dining Services enables students not only to preview Wismer's menu for the current week, but also—through icons—to view which items offered will be vegan- or vegetarian-friendly, carb-friendly, and/or well-balanced. Additionally, many items on the menu can be clicked to reveal a pop-up of their nutrition facts and, in some cases, ingredients. The site also offers a calculator through which any offered food items' nutrition contents can be seen (that

is, Wismer or Zack's foods), a body mass index (BMI) calculator, a link through which questions can be emailed to Sodexo's Registered Dietician, and a variety of additional links to health-related Web sites. Furthermore, Dining Services' site offers a tip-of-the-day, such as "Eat an Apple!

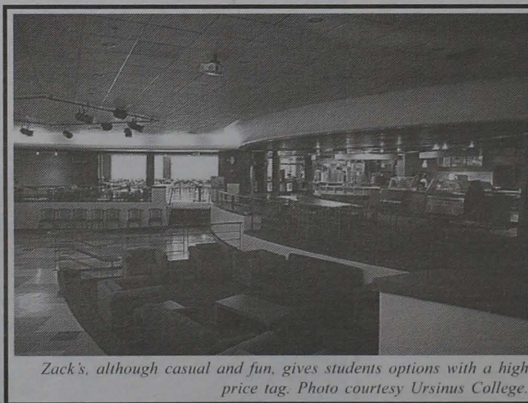
A 3" Diameter Size is the Original 100 Calorie Snack!"

While efforts to make healthy food options more available to the Ursinus community have clearly been implemented, many still have concerns—particularly with regards to Zack's Food Court.

Sophomore Elle Kurz says, "I wish Zacks' healthy foods weren't so expensive. It costs so much more to get a salad than chicken nuggets."

An immediate solution to the popular concern has yet to be offered, but the dilemma is not specific to Zack's. According to a 2007 study from the American Dietetic

Association, low-energy-density foods (i.e. whole grains, lean meats, low-fat dairy, fruits, and vegetables) are more expensive per kilocalorie and have increased in price disproportionately to their less healthy, energy-dense counterparts. Thus, while Dining Services strongly encourages student feedback year-round, perhaps students, faculty, or staff members might also consider working toward the change on a larger scale, where healthier eating choices may require more sacrifice than just dining dollars.



Zack's, although casual and fun, gives students options with a high price tag. Photo courtesy Ursinus College.

UC United brings strength in numbers

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In an effort to encourage collaboration across diverse arenas and foster leadership growth on campus, a new initiative has been put into action: UC United.

According to the group's mission statement on the UC website, this recent endeavor aims to, "develop within students the willingness and capacity to lead in their roles as UC community members and prepare them for future leadership opportunities." Furthermore, they request participation from all groups on campus.

UC United is a testament to that "team work" mentality, not only in the content of what they plan, but in the actual structure of the organization. The UC United Team is headed by a planning committee and comprised of personnel from the Leadership

Development and Student Activities Office, Athletics, Residence Life, Campus Safety, as well as the Ursinus Center for Advocacy, Responsibility, and Engagement (UCARE). Committee members include Todd McKinney, Laura Moliken, Kelli Bodrato, Kim Taylor, and Dr. Christian Rice, respectively.

Kelli Bodrato, who is entering her third year with the Residence Life staff at UC, has been deemed both the "spearhead" and "brains of the operation" by her fellow committee members. Beginning last spring semester and through the summer, she kept busy investigating other schools' programs, as Ursinus prepared to create one of their own.

When speaking of the importance of such an endeavor, Kelli said one purpose was to, "help students define themselves as leaders and initiate change on campus", but that in also making some difficult decisions, "students feel comfortable taking an uncomfortable stance and know they have support."

It was "Doc" Gary Sailes, award-winning professor, author, and academic and sports performance consultant, who expressed this very message: "If you don't have critics, you aren't doing enough." His visit to Bomberger Auditorium Thursday evening on September 24th marks the first in a series of lecture programs sponsored by UC United to bring successful leaders to campus.

But UC United is doing more than simply fostering leadership development; it is encouraging campus groups to come together to achieve that.

Dr. Rice, who has taught in the Philosophy and Religion Department for three years and serves as Director of the Bonner Program, UCARE, and Project Pericles, nicely articulated the rationale behind the initiative and its goals: "We saw various pockets [of leadership initiatives] with little collaboration." UC United aims, "to facilitate a cross-campus conversation about how to improve dialogue between groups."

Todd McKinney, Associate Dean of Students and Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities, also stressed the initiative's emphasis on dialogue.

He notes a change in energy this year, one in which students are, "sincere, not always positive, but feel that they are able to express themselves."

Dean McKinney went on to further explain UC United's commitment to lectures, brown bag lunches, and plans for a reading group - in which members of various organizations will read one book

and come together to discuss it, fostering the idea that if one better himself or herself, he or she will inevitably better the community.

Efforts have been put forth by all members of the planning committee to engage student leaders in UC United's commitment. UC Ambassadors, RAs, Bonner Students, sports team captains, and UCARE staff advertise and attend UC United events and, by the nature of doing so, further that sense of collaboration from the staff and administrative arena to the student body.

The nice thing about this endeavor, however, is that it is in no way limited in membership.

"Everything is open to anyone who wants to be involved," Dean McKinney said. Students are encouraged to contact any of the planning committee members if they wish to learn more.

UC United will be hosting another guest speaker, Dr. Will Keim, Founder of The Character Institute (est. 2003 as noted on www.willkeim.com) on Tuesday, October 27 at 8:30 PM in Bomberger Auditorium. Dr. Keim's message is one of empowerment, with a direct plea to students to, "actualize their full potential; and to make the world a better place."

There will be one more presentation this fall and two additional speakers in the spring.

The world may seem like a daunting project to tackle. Those involved with UC United realize the benefit, however, of improving our corner of the world. Furthermore, they acknowledge that two minds...or three...or four...or 1,681 are better than one.

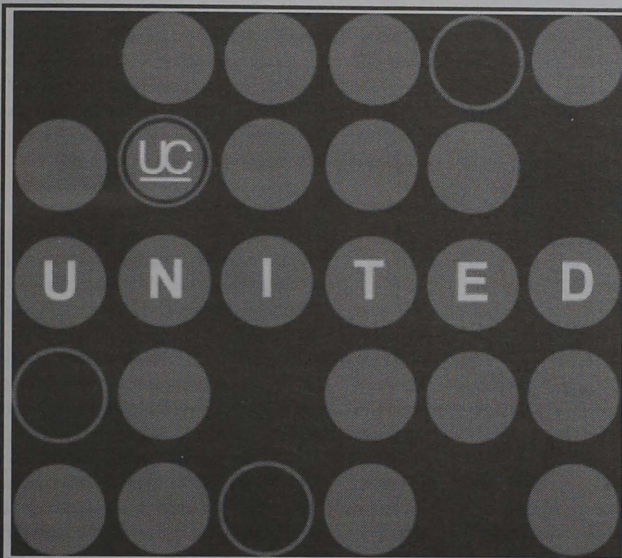


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Career Corner: Jobs and Dating

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Although the task of finding a job may seem too tough to tackle, it's really quite simple when you compare it to one of your favorite pastimes: dating.

Just like burping out the alphabet or talking about your ex at the dinner table are sure-fire ways to blow a date, there are some things you just don't want to do when trying to find a job. If you apply these dating guidelines to the job search, you're sure to find a job that's perfect for you.

1. Don't be afraid of rejection.

It's going to happen. You have to kiss a lot of frogs to find a prince/princess. Just like dates, there will be some companies that just aren't that into you. Don't get discouraged.

2. Don't use the same old line.

"Do you have a map? Because I am getting lost in your eyes." Just like a good pick-up line, a cover letter should leave the recruiting director begging for more. No one is going to read a four paragraph version of your resume. Short, catchy, and non-cheesy is the best way to go.

3. Don't tell them what you think they want to hear.

Just like a smart date, recruiting directors can see through your answers that are too good to be true. Your date won't buy the fact that you save baby whales from haphazard environments for fun. A recruiting director won't buy that being a perfectionist is your worst "weakness."

4. Don't be a stalker.

There is a fine line between being persistent and being a stalker. If the recruiting director hasn't gotten back to you, don't call every 5 minutes and then hang up. After calling once, leave them a message telling them how to reach you.

5. Don't always listen to your mom.

Just because mom says the blue sweater makes you look handsome, doesn't mean you should wear it on your first date. When it comes to resumes and interviews, your parents mean well, but they don't always give you the best advice. The Career Services Office can help you find jobs and internships as well as assist you with resume writing and interviewing skills.

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“My Horizontal Life”: One night stands can be funny

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“Where have I been all of Chelsea Handler’s life? I had no idea how funny, how brilliant she is. She is too clever for words,” Liz Smith of the *New York Post* writes of comedian Chelsea Handler’s bestselling memoir, “*My Horizontal Life: A Collection of One Night Stands*.”

I too still have a hard time believing it took me this long to discover Handler, who I am completely obsessed with at this moment. Handler is not only an author but stars in her own late night cable talk show, “*Chelsea Lately*” which can be seen on *E! Entertainment Network*.

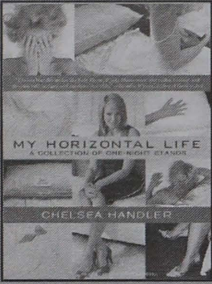
“*My Horizontal Life*” is a series of short stories about one night stands the author took part in throughout her life. The first chapter begins with a hilarious rendition of the first time she caught her parents having sex because her sister dared her five dollars to break into the room and take a picture. Handler writes, “I may not have known what sex was, but I did know that I needed to step up my wardrobe in order to be taken seriously in the first grade.” Her father was so angry as a result of the incident that Handler and her sister hid in the basement for hours in fear of being punished.

Growing up the youngest of five brothers and sisters, much of her writing refers back to her half-Jewish, half-Italian family. Throughout the book, Handler admits that she would constantly mock her father for thinking he was a used car salesman, her sister Sloane who suddenly turns Mormon and later her roommate whom she refers to as “dumb-dumb.”

Initially I was shocked at the brutally honest, raw language, along with descriptions that Handler uses in the book. However, this is also what makes it so appealing; it really is a “tell-all,” including every embarrassing detail that most of us would rather not share with the world. Handler’s ability to open up about her sex life and feel completely comfortable relating it to others in a humorous way is what attracts readers to the book in the first place. I can’t begin to count the amount of times she left me hysterically laughing, and each sex-capade was funnier than the last.

Deb Yannessa, a Junior at Ursinus said, “I liked her sarcasm and sense of humor. The stories were completely wild but believable due to the way she told them.”

Aside from the memoir only being based on one night stands, Handler includes many major transitions in her life, such as moving from New Jersey to Los Angeles, and even to New York City. Handler also writes about many of the highs and lows that take place during this time from being completely broke and living in Martha’s Vineyard to finally starting to perform standup comedy. I enjoyed being able to get a feel of who Handler was from her descriptions of what it was like growing up in suburban New Jersey, and her successes (as well as failures) in her career humanized her tales even more. So if you’re looking for a quick, laugh out loud story, then reading “*My Horizontal Life*” is a perfect fit for you!



Problem with schools goes beyond the desk

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Not content with angering senior citizens, President Barack Obama has turned his guns on the nation’s kids, proposing that American schools should add time to the school day to “stay competitive” with other countries.

Our school system’s calendar, Education Secretary Arne Duncan explains, is “based upon the agrarian economy, and not too many of our kids are working the fields today.”

Okay, great. Except that what the calendar was based upon is irrelevant if it isn’t the cause of our present educational discontents. It’s rather as if our labor secretary were to argue that professional cashiers are poor because there aren’t enough hours in the work day. Making the school year longer will only mean our kids are getting sub-par education for a longer time.

The problem, simply put, isn’t the calendar, but what the calendar is being filled with.

It’s true that American schools are lagging badly behind other countries, both Western and Eastern, on standardized tests on a range of topics from mathematics to literacy. And it is indisputably correct that our education system direly needs reform.

While nothing can replace the foundational effect of a stable household and nurturing parents, there are certain actions schools can take in order to better prepare students to meet life’s challenges, both past and present.

Foremost among these is to finally banish the notion that all children are equipped with roughly equal mental prowess. The gifted and talented should be nurtured and allowed to thrive in an environment where they are

surrounded by their peers. They will ultimately be our country’s future scientists, journalists, authors, politicians, and businessmen. It is to no one’s benefit — not the average intellect, not the gifted, and certainly not the nation’s — if excellence goes unchallenged and unrewarded.

Those among us who are not lucky enough to have been blessed with the sort of intellect which allows one to advance into higher education should not be burdened with impractical courses. Classes such as Algebra II and Chemistry are utterly useless to a person who will go on to work as a waitress. Such students know who they are, and should instead be allowed to take courses on topics such as consumer math, lifestyle stabilization (how to acquire a home, job, etc.), and information access in the digital era.

Surely we are honest enough as a nation to stop pretending that chemistry is more important than consumer math to everyday life of the lower middle class.

Selections from the Great Books must be introduced to all members of each generation. One need not be an up-and-coming intellectual powerhouse to grasp the fundamentals of Aristotle’s ethics or Epictetus’ emphasis on the primacy of virtuous action. Books by renowned classical writers such as these will plant the seed in the next generation to reject trendy relativism and misguided multiculturalism. The importance of the West’s cultural survival is reaching a critical point, and little innovation is required: the answers to our problems are thousands of years old.

Current events should be discussed in the classroom. To engage students in the democratic process and to instill a love of world affairs in them, they must understand that their education will ultimately be related to actual, real-world concerns. Knowledge for knowledge’s sake is a beautiful,

romantic concept, but can only be reached after knowledge for the sake of practicality is set as a baseline. An integrated worldview is an imperative for a meaningful life. We should not allow our students to slip into solipsism and unwarranted self-importance.

To revive the innovative, optimistic spirit of America, mere words are ultimately empty. Each generation must be newly equipped with tools to think critically, reason logically, and integrate their knowledge into a personal, national, and global context. Only with the kinds of tools outlined above will any generation prosper, and only our nation’s schools can provide them for all citizens. That’s the reform we need.

This story comes from *UWIRE*, a college wire service.



Hey, look, it's the Homecoming Football Game! We should go check it out after you're done doing your biology homework, and finishing your poster presentation, and doing your language exercises, and reading your CIE text...

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Crimes against pop culture: Bay, "Entourage" and more



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Justin Bieber climbs to top of the charts (without his parents watching)

When I was fifteen years-old, I spent most nights in front of the bathroom mirror, wondering if my acne medication would finally start working so that my face would stop looking like a cranberry muffin. But I will say this—away from that mirror, I was smooth. Justin Bieber, however, is not your typical fifteen year-old kid. He has a record deal with a major label, frequents all the music industry's hottest parties and

award shows, and hangs with Usher on the weekends. Oh, and by the way, the kid is fifteen! His first single, "One Time," has skyrocketed to the top of the music charts. And with lyrical gems like, "When I met you girl my heart went knock knock/Now them butterflies in my stomach won't stop stop," who can argue? Who can resist heart-wrenching poetry such as that?

His single is currently sitting between Beyonce and Taylor Swift on iTunes top 100 songs, which is certainly any fifteen year-old's fantasy come true. I'll admit that I was a big fan of "One Time"...before I witnessed the music video on MTV. And here's why: first off, Justin receives a phone call from Usher, who asks him to watch his house while he's gone on vacation. The visible grimace on Usher's face tells me one thing: he might as well just stare into the camera and say, "Hey, I'm getting a paycheck for this. Don't hate me."

Justin proceeds to text or "hit up" neighborhood girls, who I'm assuming he knows from science class or recess. Then the girls show up at the party, and all hell breaks loose: people swimming unsupervised, skateboarding without helmets, and even excessive soda drinking (I just pray the video's director chose decaffeinated beverages). But it's when these girls actually walked through the door that the video lost my interest. I realized they were actually very cute...and fifteen years-old! Guys my age can't watch these kinds of music videos without feeling like we've done something wrong. Justin, a word of advice: wait a few years before you start singing again. Then I can enjoy your music.

"Entourage" season six finale airs on HBO

And, oddly, it felt more like a "Gossip Girl" season finale than anything else. Let's recap: Eric and Sloan drive out to the beach and get engaged, but not before fighting and crying and yelling "I love you!" at each other like high-school sweethearts. Turtle passes up a beautiful (and willing) UCLA

student to prove he truly loves actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler, only to have her tell him that they shouldn't be together. Vince does, well, nothing.

And Ari Gold, our favorite agent, says goodbye to the sixth season of "Entourage" by hugging his ex-assistant Lloyd in front of dozens of co-workers. Is the same show that once gave us an unforgiving, hilarious insider's look at the trials and tribulations of a young Hollywood actor and his three best friends?

The show that made obscure comic books like "Aquaman" and long-forgotten drug lords like Pablo Escobar household names? People like to say that a show "jumps the shark" when the storylines become so unbelievable that the show simply loses all credibility.

I've watched "Entourage" from the moment the very first episode premiered, and it pains me to declare that one of the greatest HBO shows of all-time has officially "jumped the shark." I may as well run out to the library and rent a "Dawson's Creek" DVD if I want to see Turtle crying at the airport and Eric discussing his love life to anyone willing to listen. Miraculously, "Entourage" has been renewed for a seventh season that is set to premiere next summer. I'm begging the series to get back to its roots and what made it great: four guys from Queens having fun in a privileged society, living the American dream. Here's to hoping.

"Transformers 3" gets summer 2011 release

Just when you thought Shia Labeouf was a fad and Megan Fox wouldn't be back after her "Gigli"-like "Jennifer's Body" premiere, director Michael Bay goes and ruins everything by announcing the "Transformers" franchise will make a triumphant return in 2011. Umm...really? Did anyone over at Paramount or DreamWorks, the studios that are commissioning the upcoming film, actually watch "Revenge of the Fallen," or were they too busy counting the first weekend box-office gross? Sure, both

"Transformers" movies have grossed almost two billion dollars combined, but it's time we stop using domestic and worldwide grosses as measurements as to whether or not a sequel should be made. My fears, however, were totally calmed when I saw Bay's website earlier this week and read, "Well, it's official: we have a great 'Transformers 3' story." A "great" story? From Michael Bay? That's like Roman Polanski telling you his worst films in recent memory, including duds like "Bad Boys II" and "The Island." Who is he to say what a "great

story" really is? This movie is going to be released and make a ton of money in 2011, but it's a shame that we'll be reduced to such mindless schlock and meaningless violence in a single film. Thank God "Spiderman 4" is being released that same summer...



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Britney Spears releases "3"

Oops...did she do it again? Earlier this week, pop star and "Mother of the Year" Britney Spears released her new single, entitled "3." What is the song about, you ask? Well, I can say it's not about the many sides of a triangle. And it's certainly not about advocating the use of 3D technology in movies today. Let's leave it at this: Britney sings about loving not just one partner, but two. Now are her sons proud, or are her sons proud? There's nothing like Mom singing about threesomes to get you noticed at school. Britney Spears needs to stop being a sex-object and start being

a mother to her two young sons. And although Kevin Federline (who the "World's Best Dad" coffee mug was made for) does a great job raising them in between his trips to K-Mart for t-shirts and Ramen noodles, they still need a Mom.

David Letterman involved in sex scandal

Last week, "Late Show" host David Letterman opened his show by telling his audience that he had engaged in sexual activity with some of his female employees and

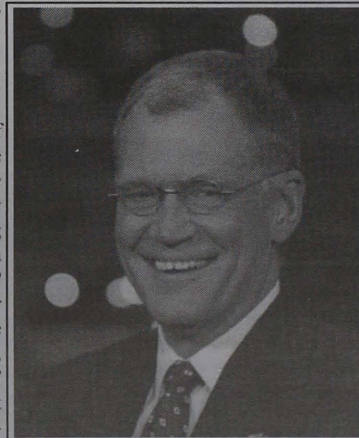


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was now the victim of an extortion attempt. Audience members weren't sure how exactly they should react to the news, and much of Letterman's story was met with nervous laughter and confused applause. In most cases, I might feel sorry for Letterman and cheer for the arrest of the extortionist. This case, however, is more complicated than that. How am I to take Letterman seriously when he jokes nightly about his affairs with these women, ridiculing them in front of millions of viewers and inviting jokes from other comedians and television personalities? This gives the John McCain

presidential campaign a run for its money as the "worst-handled" event of the past year. I can only cringe when I hear Letterman deliver a punch line about the women on the "Late Show" that he has slept with. It's sad for a host who has been on television for nearly thirty years. And the one person who has truly been screwed (no pun intended) by the Letterman controversy? Conan O'Brien. He may never catch Letterman in the ratings race if this kind of publicity keeps up.

Barack Obama advocates for 2016 Olympics in Chicago

Apparently, the United States isn't involved in an economic crisis, a war on terror, or a fight against political corruption. Ain't Obama great? I'd rather receive a priority checklist from Adam "Pacman" Jones.



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Athletic department seeks new AD, Moliken stands in

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As the athletic department searches for a new Director of Athletics (AD), an interim team has stepped in to fulfill what is, according to former Director of Athletics Brian Thomas, a "demanding" and multi-faceted position.

Thomas had held the position for nine full years, throughout which, he also served as the Head Baseball Coach. Though still coaching, Thomas was unable to maintain the "AD" position this year, a result of having been bestowed the title of Ursinus Emissary. According to Thomas, it was an offer he couldn't refuse.

"[Thomas] has this profound ability as a speaker to touch people in ways that others can't," said Tina Wailgum, Associate Professor of Exercise and Sports Science, as well as chair of the "AD" search committee. "Once we got into these extraordinary economic times, the president deemed it necessary to tap into these talents." According to Wailgum, Thomas' renunciation created an administrative "vacuum," presently being filled by Head Field Hockey Coach Laura Moliken. Thus far, Moliken has received unanimous praise for her accomplishments as the interim Director of Athletics, as well as for her willingness to assume the position.

"This woman is remarkable, I can't say enough," said Wailgum, who commended Moliken's leadership and organizational abilities, her positive demeanor, her grace, her humility, and her ability to troubleshoot. Thomas further noted her decisiveness and integrity.

"Laura has been phenomenal; we as a department are so appreciative of her," said Kevin Small, Head Men's Basketball Coach and member of the search committee. Small is additionally serving as the interim Assistant Director of Athletics, as is Certified Athletic Trainer Kathy Wright. A new position was also created this year- Associate Director of Athletics- and is being held by Erin Stroble, Head Women's Lacrosse Coach. Stroble is the only returning member of the administrative team; in the past, she served as The Senior Woman Administrator, a position enforced by the NCAA. Stroble maintains that role this year, in addition to fulfilling her new responsibilities.

"They each have specific duties related to the athletic department," said Moliken, who appreciates their support, claiming it "extremely helpful."

Perhaps the greatest struggle for each of the four administrators has been to balance their many obligations- to meet the demands of their new positions, while simultaneously fulfilling their responsibilities as coaches and/or professors and/or trainers.

"The greatest challenge is satisfying my duties to the standard that I think is appropriate," said Wright, "to service them all to the best degree possible."

In order to do so, according to Moliken, one must be able to multitask, a talent she sees present within the entire team. In order to be an "AD," however, one must possess a variety of skill sets, as well as the intrepidity to confront issues. "You can't be afraid of confrontation," said Moliken, who hopes the search committee will select an

individual in possession of this quality, as well as a genuine passion for college athletics.

Furthermore, it is hoped that the chosen Director of Athletics will bear "the willingness to be a good team member, and to try to embrace the needs of everyone," said Wright, who, along with Wailgum, Thomas, and the administrators, stressed how vital it is for the chosen "AD" to understand Ursinus' liberal arts mission.

According to Wailgum, a Director of Athletics must understand that athletics is "an important piece of a much bigger, much more important entity of this college" and must seek to "pull together the best of an academic environment and athletic environment, to create the most optimal learning environment for students."

Thus far, over 75 applications have been submitted since the second week of September, when the advertisement was published- all in national publications. The deadline to submit applications is October 15, at which point, the committee will review applications and select five individuals to take part in a phone interview. The group will then be narrowed down to three candidates, each of whom will be asked to attend campus. It is then that an "extensive vetting process" will occur, said Wailgum, and anyone with an Ursinus affiliation will be granted "ample time to meet with them" and offer feedback. Ideally, a candidate will be selected during the spring semester, and join the Ursinus community on July 1, 2010. According to Wailgum, there is a "talented group of men and women to select from."

Gentlemen and Scholars: Ursinus Men's Rugby 2009

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The Ursinus Men's Rugby team is truly one of a kind on this campus. They have the unique aspect of being both a sports team as well as a club. This makes for an interesting social connection between the guys on the team. They all have their own nicknames which are used in place of their real names constantly and their team chemistry is very impressive. Not only do the guys on the team have to practice their sport and work well together on the field, they have to organize it off the field.



Photo by Brianna Gaddy

The UC Men's Rugby team is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU). The EPRU's goal, according to their website, epru.org, is, "to promote and foster the growth of Rugby Union Football and to educate the public and players in the game of Rugby Union Football as played under the Laws of the International Rugby Board." The EPRU sets up the team's schedule, but it is on the club to find a time and place for the game.

This seems like quite a task, but Club President Senior Chris "The Zilla" Orser commented if he would prefer the Rugby team be a varsity sport. "The guaranteed field space would be nice, but it would take away from the independence of the team. We work well with the school, and the new interim Athletic Director, Laura Moliken, has been great to work with this year, but it is traditionally a laid back sport and we would like to keep it that way."

While the guys on the team clearly take the game seriously, the laid back nature of club makes it possible for students with a busy schedule to participate. Senior Chris "Snugs" Wierzbowski said, "It allows you to maintain focus on academics because you can miss practice if you really need to." Junior Rich "Uncle Rico" Werkmeister explained, "I am an EMT for SERV and a double major. The fact that the team is a club gives me a chance to play a sport when otherwise I would be unable to."

"Tradition" was a word emphasized during interviews. The traditional aspect of the sport is part of the reason for that. "Our coach Jim Hall has been in the sport for a long

time. He preaches the traditional aspects of Rugby," said Werkmeister, "As violent as the sport can be, it is a gentlemen's game. As soon as the game is over everyone, including your opponents, are all friends. We all get together after the game and hang out and share stories." This feeling of brotherhood among the players makes it a sport that is very addictive. "I got sucked in the very first game I played," said treasurer and sophomore Michael "Tall Mike" Ward. It has even attributed to students decisions to come to Ursinus. Freshman John "Little John" Mazzeo said, "If the school didn't have Rugby I wouldn't be here." John's quote speaks volumes to the value of the Rugby team to Ursinus College.

If you're interested in playing Rugby contact the recruiting officer, Junior SeanPat Donovan at sedonovan@ursinus.edu and get involved in a true gentleman's game.

Upcoming Home Games

Thursday, Oct. 8

Women's Volleyball vs. Del Val
at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Football vs. F&M at 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Swarthmore
at 1 p.m.