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President Fong praises liberal arts

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Benefit of a low student-teacher ratio is one of the many provided by a liberal arts education. Among these, says the President, is the feat of instilling students with the “tools to recreate [themselves] as circumstances change” – perhaps a necessary skill-set when bearing in mind the instability of today’s job market and economy.

“If you know who you are and how you would respond to external situations,” said Fong, “that offers a basis of security and confidence that changing circumstances can’t take away from you.”

He believes that Ursinus, in particular, fosters this for students, setting itself apart with philosophies he describes as “counter-cultural.”

He notes CIE as a case-in-point, contrasting it to an institution centered solely on career preparation. And similarly to the aims of CIE, Fong challenges students to think introspectively. “One must have a strong enough

Perhaps not to be expected, President Bobby Fong, a Harvard University alum and former President of Butler University, is in fact partial to a liberal arts setting.

Ursinus’ 13th president, a California native and avid sports fan, claims that his affinity for the liberal arts began prior to entering Grad school.

“My senior year at Harvard, two of my roommates couldn’t get letters of recommendation from their professors,” said Fong, “they had never been in a class small enough to get to know a professor.”

Years later, while serving as a professor at Hamilton college, he ran into a similar scenario when struggling to schedule timely appointments with students – a far cry from the challenges faced by Ursinus’ faculty.

According to Fong, the ben-



Courtesy of College Communications

President Fong received an Ursinus baseball cap at the Faculty/Staff Picnic following his State of the College Address.

conception of oneself – one’s values, abilities and passions,” said Fong “And let that be the lodestar to what one wants to do in terms of making a life.”

While Fong acknowledges that students may feel leery in terms of the job market, he stresses that life is ever-changing, and that Ursinus students should in any case

recognize their abilities to “make a difference in the world.”

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New Patterson Field changes game for UC sports



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The New Patterson Field: Night games now possible for all UC sports.

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There is no doubt that there have been significant changes around UC in the past few months.

Students have returned this fall to find a refurbished Wismer Center, a new mail pavilion, and of course the new Strassburger Commons bench outside of the Kaleidoscope. There has also been another significant change that will alter Ursinus athletics for years to come: the newly renovated Patterson Field.

Patterson Field has been home to the UC football team for many years. However, the college re-

cently realized that a grass field was no longer an efficient and financially responsible place to hold a game.

“The grass fields were taking a beating,” said Ursinus Director of Athletics, Laura Moliken. “It was becoming more and more difficult to keep up with the maintenance.”

The idea of the new turf field was born out of necessity and was in planning phases as early as fall of 2010. Groundbreaking took place in April, 2011 and large construction continued until the arrival of the fall sports teams this past August.

In order to complete the project, the college has decided to

finance the renovations through fundraising efforts.

Besides the new turf, there have been other renovations done to the new Patterson Field.

The first and most obvious change would be the new lights that surround the stadium, giving the college an opportunity to host sporting events at night.

“Playing under the lights feels more surreal than playing day games,” says Chris Howard, UC Football fullback. “It’s like in you’re in the movies.” Because of this new addition, Ursinus hosted its first night football game in its history this past Saturday against

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Middle East unrest, China house arrest issue

Algeria defends Gaddafi asylum

Tuesday, August 30

ALGIERS, ALGERIA

Muammar Gaddafi's daughter Aisha gave birth to a girl just hours after fleeing across Libya's desert border into Algeria, officials said.

Aisha Gaddafi was on the verge of giving birth when she appealed to cross the Algerian border along with her mother, Gaddafi's ex-wife, and two brothers.

Algerian officials highlighted the humanitarian concern as their main reason for allowing Gaddafi's family to seek refuge in Algeria.

Many Libyan rebels are denouncing the move as an act of aggression on the part of Algeria.

Analysts say that the Algerian government is wary of unrest in the Middle East, but a local newspaper in Algiers reported that Muammar Gaddafi would be handed over to the International Criminal Court if he himself attempted to enter the country.

—(Reuters, hosted on News-Daily.com)



Lisa Jobe
International News

Boy's tear gas death protested

Thursday, September 1

BAHRAIN – Thousands of Bahrainis gathered at the funeral on Thursday for a 14-year-old boy who, rights groups say, died when he was hit by a canister of tear gas thrown by police.

The government denied that police were responsible for the death of Ali Jawad Ahmad, claiming that markings on Ali's body were not consistent with marks left by a tear gas canister.

About 10,000 marched on Thursday, calling for the removal of King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa and the royal family.

The Bahraini government crushed a pro-democracy movement earlier this year.

—(Reuters, hosted on News-Daily.com)

'Inhumane' law prompts concern

Friday, September 2

BEIJING, CHINA – The Chinese government is rewriting criminal law to allow government authorities to place criminal suspects under house arrest for up to six months.

The revision would also allow authorities to imprison anyone hindering a criminal investigation in a secret location. Officials are required to notify suspects' families of their disappearance within 24 hours, unless authorities deem that doing so would compromise the investigation.

Many human rights activists reacted to the proposed changes with dismay, citing a number of dissidents who have disappeared in China.

The most famous activist is Ai Weiwei, a Beijing artist and dissident who vanished for three months.

Many activists are claiming

that the forced disappearances are inhumane and unlawful, but the proposed law changes would make them legal. The proposal is part of a wide rewrite of Chinese criminal law.

Some elements of the rewrite have earned praise from the international community, such as a provision that makes evidence obtained during torture illegal.

—(New York Times)

Taliban kidnaps young children

Saturday, September 3

PAKISTAN – The Pakistani Taliban has kidnapped 25 boys as a punishment for pro-government tribesmen who have been fighting Taliban militants, according to a Taliban spokesperson.

Boys from the Mahmud tribe were visiting a scenic picnic area during the Muslim Eid al-Fitr when they were abducted, and a Taliban spokesperson added that the abduction was planned ahead of time.

The boys were taken on Thursday from the tribal region of Bajaur, along the Afghan border.

The spokesperson went on to say that the fate of the boys would be decided by a Taliban committee, and he denied the claim that most of the victims were children.

However, an eyewitness who escaped the abduction claimed that most of the boys were under 18, and some as young as 10.

Key members of the Mahmud tribe have sided with the Pakistani military in recent years and raised private militias, almost eliminating Taliban activity in the area.

The Taliban is said to have demanded the release of some of their prisoners in Pakistan in exchange for the boys' safe return, but authorities have not yet confirmed this claim.

—(BBC News Online)

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Fong said he feels at home, praised faculty, CIE and Ursinus community

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In a similar manner, Fong is dedicated to impacting the lives of Ursinus students.

As President, his mission is to engage with all members of the Ursinus Community, making himself readily available to not only students and faculty members but to parents and Collegeville residents. In doing so, Fong has implemented a weekly "open hour," designed to enable those with an idea or concern to meet with both he and his assistant, Ken Schaefer.

"The idea is not for me simply to be available to listen," said Fong, "but if someone brings a concern or an issue or a problem, we want there to be a loop closed."

With the exclusion of today, the open hour is held on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lower Wismer, and commenced last week. This is a tradition Fong continues from Butler, and one of

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— Dr. Bobby Fong
President

his more immediate implementations. As for his long-term plans, Fong hopes to improve coordination, possibly by increasing manpower, though he perhaps praises nothing above the Ursinus faculty.

"In terms of academic advising, we have a remarkable faculty," said Fong, "the traditional liberal arts college lived and died by the quality of its academic faculty, and I think... that is still the essential."

Perhaps, then, it can be supposed that the Ursinus faculty is largely responsible for allowing Fong to "already feel at home here."

...And that's coming from a Yankees fan.

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Class of 2015 arrives early for freshman orientation

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On Thursday, Aug. 25, freshmen students came to Ursinus College for Freshmen Orientation. Upon their arrival, there was check-in and registration as well as move-in, which allowed the new students to find their rooms and meet their new roommates.

Freshmen move-in is an important part of the orientation because it allows the students to meet one another as well as acclimate themselves with the college and the school they will be living in for the next year.

According to Kelli Bodrato, the Assistant Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities, "It's really so students feel comfortable, get to know their surroundings, get to know campus and each other before classes kick off on Monday."

Following the move-in, the freshmen were met with varying seminars and meetings designed to help them learn more about the

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— Kelli Bodrato
Student Activities

campus. On the first day, there were meetings with their resident advisor as well as a keynote speaker, which taught the new freshmen about community and diversity.

These events helped the students in allowing them to get familiar with their hall as well as branch out and meet other new students as well.

Friday's activities focused more on the academic aspect of the college.

For many the day started with their first CIE class of the year and continued with advisor meetings. Still more speakers and meetings guided the students, discussing expectations.

After each speaker, groups broke out into each hall and the residents of these areas discussed

the speaker and the meaning of what was just presented to them.

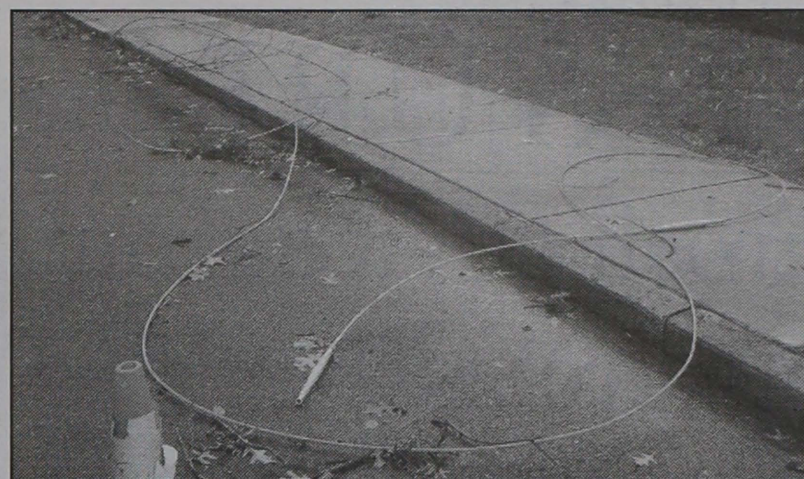
On Saturday most of the day was occupied with a planned trip to Philadelphia sponsored by the school.

Students were able to take a bus to the city and explore on their own from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 in the afternoon. This gave the students time to travel around the city and get to know their fellow classmates better. After the trip to Philly, the students all attended a candlelight dinner and semi-formal dinner dance.

Due to the hurricane, all events that were scheduled for Sunday were cancelled.

Despite this, the Freshmen Orientation was a success, with many students responding positively to the survey that Student Activities handed out.

Most students felt the orientation to be helpful and felt that it was successful in introducing them to campus and teaching them about the college. With any luck, they will continue to learn and grow in their four years at Ursinus.



Liz Kilmer/The Grizzly
Hurricane Irene left residence halls without power for up to 24 hours.

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Albright College.

Also, contractors have resurfaced the track and moved the long jump/triple jump, javelin, shot put, and discus events to the lower grass field (the old practice football field). A new netting system has been installed around the field so that teams can practice on the turf without affecting those running on the track.

In addition to the large changes, the scoreboard has found a new home at the far end of the new Patterson Field.

"The goal was to create a more aesthetically pleasing view from the campus side," says Moliken, "The old location provided an unsightly view of the back of the scoreboard."

All game spectators park their vehicles in either the West lot by Reimert Hall and the Kaleidoscope or by Wismer Center. In either case, they can now see the scoreboard, in its new location, as they enter the venue.

So what do all of these great improvements mean for the UC community? The athletic department is currently trying to decide a way to schedule the field for usage, and the athletic teams will have precedent over other students during practice times.

Sports teams using the new facilities include football, track and

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— Laura Moliken
UC Director of Athletics

field, men's and women's lacrosse and men's and women's soccer. They are also currently determining whether the turf will be open to club sports as well, such as UC Rugby and Grizzly FC (men's soccer club). Moliken mentioned that these decisions will be made after future discussions with the student body.

There are currently no other future plans in the works for improvements in sports facilities here at Ursinus.

The sports facilities have seen significant improvement in the past ten years, for which the athletic department is very grateful. There is certainly one distinct aspect about Patterson Field that the student body should know about.

"The new Patterson Field will provide a tremendous opportunity for our teams to have a consistent surface on which to practice and compete," says Moliken, "Fun fact, we were able to practice on the field the day after Hurricane Irene!"

Students faced with room damage charges, urged to take better care

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Walls, Ceilings, Toilets, Oh My! People throughout Ursinus were hit hard by room damage costs this past academic year. Damages ranged from missing common room furniture, to paint on the walls, to a toilet being ripped out of the wall in one of the Main Street Houses.

According to the Ursinus Student Hand Book, a missing couch from a common room area is \$700.

The reinstallation and replacement of the parts from a toilet costs \$200 per piece. These figures help to put the damage cost experienced by many students into perspective.

Upperclassmen were hit the hardest by the high costs. Melissa Giess, Director of Residence Life at Ursinus, said that parties in the upperclassmen dorms, as well as freshmen taking more care of

their living spaces, contribute to the imbalance in charges between underclassmen and upperclassmen last year.

"First year students tend to take pretty good care of their area. Also, because other students don't have access to those buildings and there are no parties permitted in the freshmen dorms, there tend to be fewer damages."

Though parties are a regular occurrence on Main Street, not all main street residents attend parties hosted in their houses or contribute to the damages that arise from the gatherings.

In fact, many students were charged as much as \$400 dollars for room damages which arose from parties they did not attend.

Giess said that, though Ursinus recognizes not all students participate in creating the damages, they are still expected to take responsibility for what goes on in their house.

"We try to ask students to take

personal responsibility. If something breaks, let us know. We will do our best to work with you." She also said that in many cases the residents know who caused the damages, but are afraid to get their friends in trouble.

"If you know who did it and don't want to say, the best thing I can think of is talk to your friend and say 'we both know you're responsible for this. Please talk with the Res. Life staff about it, they'll know it was a mistake, and do their best to work with you.'"

Room damage charges are avoidable.

There is a lot that residents can do to make sure we do not have to pay what can sometimes be outrageous prices.

Taking care of and responsibility for one's room is the most important thing to remember, but in the event of any problems students should not hesitate to contact the Residence Life Office and work out a solution.

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Frosh advice from upperclassmen

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Freshman year: a student's first year away from home and completely on their own. The class of 2015, all those new faces you see around campus, are experiencing just that.

College is an experience that is both exciting and potentially difficult to adjust to without some advice.

Freshmen year is unlike any other experience. It is the prime time for first impressions. It is when you are the new faces meeting the returners.

It is the last time you will be the "babies". It is the perfect time to get involved and make the change you always wanted. It is the time to start fresh and build a great future for yourself. While thinking back on freshman year, some upperclassmen offer sound advice to the new freshmen.

"Join clubs and keep your options open because who knows what might interest you," said sophomore Courtney Stewart. Joining clubs on campus is one of the best ways to meet people that you share common interests with. If there is not a club that peaks your interest, make one! Just get in touch with the Student Activities Office about starting your own club.

Senior Liz Palovick says "to make friends with Campus Safety, and know what you want in Lower Wismer before you get to the computers."

Campus Safety is always there for you no matter time or weather condition. If there is any time that you are concerned for your safety or a friend's, call them. As for

Lower Wismer, knowing what you are going to order before getting to the computer just helps the line move faster, and that way, people can eat and get to their next class on time!

"Say hi to everyone. Everyone is friendly and wants to make new friends; seize the opportunity," said junior Melissa Kopel.

Since Ursinus is a smaller campus, upperclassmen can typically tell the new faces from the returners. So, when you see an unfamiliar face, smile and say hello. It won't hurt! Sophomore Dominic Castanzo says, "make friends with your teachers; they can do a lot for you."

Professors at Ursinus are not only experts in their field, but they are also there to help students whenever they are needed. Many students are friends with their professors outside of class and some even babysit for their professors.

Making friends with professors early on establishes great relationships that can in the future help you with recommendations for graduate school, or even a job. Make those connections now; you will never know when they will come in handy! Freshman year is the time to make memories and take full advantage of being the new kids on campus.

It is the time to make the best of everything and kick life into gear. You want to get involved; join a club! Say hi to someone you don't know once a week.

College is the time where some of the best memories and experiences will be made. So freshmen, enjoy your first year of college to the fullest, and good luck with the rest of your college career!

Collegeville welcomes 'unique' Movie Tavern

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The Ursinus campus wasn't the only Collegeville location embracing exciting changes over the summer. The Providence Town Center, located on South Collegeville Road, welcomed Movie Tavern to its array of stores.

The Texas-based company opened its first Pennsylvania location this past July. Located a convenient ten minutes away from campus,

Movie Tavern offers a unique experience to guests. It combines the restaurant and movie-going environment all in the same place.

While relaxing in stadium seating, guests can order anything from the chef-inspired menu.

While they have the classic soda, popcorn and candy, Movie Tavern offers a more upscale dining experience as well. The menu includes appetizers, salads, pizza, sandwiches, burgers, and a variety of desserts.

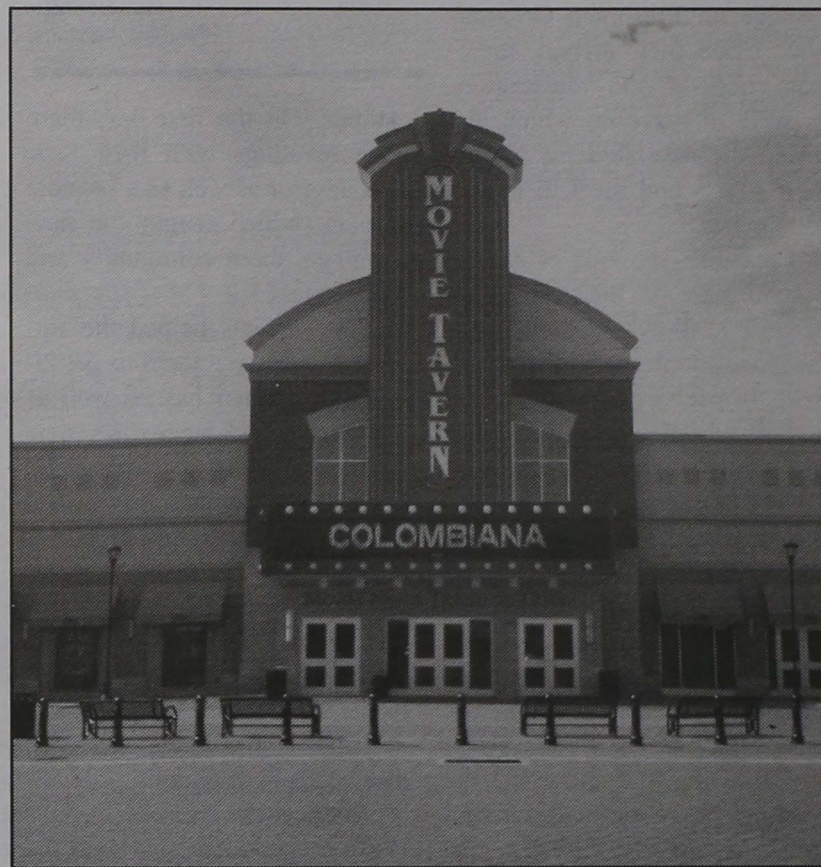
Servers are deployed at the simple press of a button. There are tables in front of all of the theatre seats so that guests are provided the privilege of eating and watching a first-run movie in the same place at the same time.

While talking with Ursinus students about Movie Tavern, sophomore Ana Olevska said, "I always get so hungry during movies. That is a good idea!"

Ana's roommate Tess Casper agreed. "I'm sold!" she said.

Return customer Pearl Beckwith spoke to me about the experience. She took the dinner-before-a-movie route.

"You press the button for the server and he comes out and takes



Taylor Sparks/The Grizzly

The Movie Tavern's hours vary, though showtimes are typically between 10 a.m. and midnight.

your order and you can tell him when you want it to come out," Beckwith said.

Also, if you are shopping in the Providence Town Center and want to take a break or get something to drink, you can do so at Movie Tavern's bar, which is open for lunch and dinner whether you are going to see a movie or not.

And for you sport fans, plasma screens located in the bar show sporting events regularly.

For college students, price is always something to think about. When asked about the food and ticket prices at Movie Tavern, Beckwith stated the food prices were pretty reasonable and the

tickets were not any more expensive than other theaters. In fact, movie tickets cost \$8.50 for students, less for matinees, and the food ranges from \$4.25 for an appetizer to \$8.75-\$10.75 for pizza.

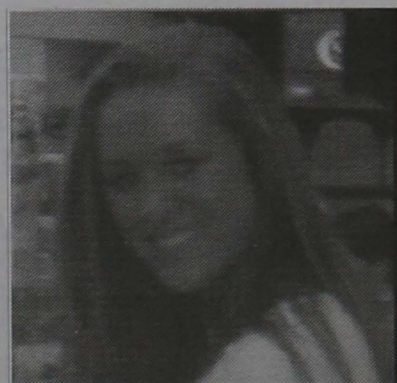
It is recommended on Movie Tavern's website that guests should arrive at least half an hour before their chosen movie's show time in order to get the table of your choice and order food prior to the movie.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit www.movietavern.com.

The theater shows first-run films on eight wall-to-wall screens. Private parties are available for booking.

Celebrity Look-alikes!

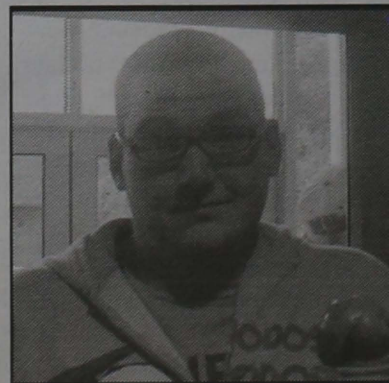
Send us an email to nominate your friends for next week's crop of doppelgangers!



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New professor plans to boost music tech program

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As most returning students know, Ursinus College is undergoing several changes throughout this coming year.

From recent construction projects to a new president, each adjustment is sure to have an effect on everyone on campus.

However, it's the new group of professors that will have the greatest influence on students, and Garrett Hope is ready to start teaching.

Holding a Doctorate in Music Composition from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as proficiency in bass, piano, guitar, and woodwinds, Hope is the newest addition to Ursinus' music department and is eager to begin working with students.

While managing the music theory curriculum and conducting string ensemble, Hope is planning to bolster the music tech program.

"The tech program in the past was really popular, but it was taught one night a week," Hope explains.

"The college is really trying to boost that, as we're offering more courses now for our music minors, and hopefully we'll be able eventually offer a music major."

The tech program will teach students to utilize software to create their own compositions and record their own performances into the computer, an opportunity Hope is thrilled to offer.

"A lot of students love to make music, but they don't know how to do it on the computer, so I'm real excited to show them how to do that."

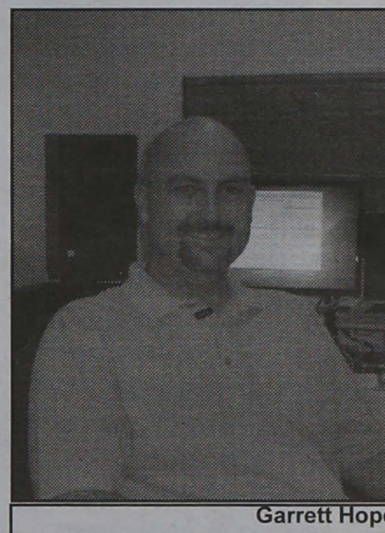
Ursinus' music department won't be the first place Hope has left his mark. Over the years he has appeared on albums with artists Trace Bundy and Amy Schmidt, as well as several other recordings with friends.

However, Hope takes the most pride in the music that he has written himself. For example, just last year he was commissioned by the University of Nebraska to write pieces used in commercials during football games.

In addition, he loves to score films, and won the award for Best Original Score at the Johnny Carson School of Film's annual film festival two years in a row. Hope never sticks to any single style, a tendency that is apparent in both his work and his personal playlist.

He plays anything from classical to jazz to pop, will listen to

almost anything, and has written several stand-alone pieces ranging from orchestral to electronic,



Garrett Hope

many of which can be heard at his website: www.garretthope.com.

So why did Hope decide to

come to Ursinus? "I went to a small liberal arts college for my undergraduate, and one of the most valuable things to me in my education was the mentorship of my faculty," Hope said.

"What was really attractive about Ursinus is the opportunity to get to know students outside of the classroom and go deeper with them in their pursuit of knowledge and music." So far he's enjoyed working with students and is eager to hear the music they'll create.

He's also looking forward to working with the existing music department, and is thankful for their warmth while he settles in.

A diversely experienced musician and an enthusiastic instructor, Dr. Hope is sure to work hard and leave a great impact on Ursinus students.

Students and administration return, react to renovations in Wismer

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The Ursinus College class of 2012 has returned for its senior year on campus to – once again – a different Wismer Student Center.

The most dramatic of the many additions and changes to Wismer include more structural improvements. The most prominent development is the enlarged front lobby and (still unfinished) staircase leading up from Wismer Lower Lounge, a welcomed improvement on the pre-existing not-so-traffic-friendly stairs.

There are also brand new and eco-friendly bathrooms located both inside and outside of the dining hall, a change sure to be enjoyed by the dining staff and students alike.

Accompanying these restrooms are user-friendly water fountains that provide anyone with the opportunity to fill a water bottle on the go.

On the outside, students may have noticed that in order to make room for two of these restrooms, their mailboxes have been relocated to the pavilion

just outside of Zack's.

But with the addition of numerous structural improvements, a staple of the Ursinus student diet has been removed.

Pandini's, part of the Zack's foursome of various dining options, no longer serves the personal pizzas that were convenient for students with little time before classes or student-athletes coming from a late practice.

This seems to be the most unwelcomed of the changes so far this semester.

When asked his feelings on this subject, senior football player Kyle Yeiter said, "I guess my least favorite part is not having pizzas; they have those little flat-bread things we used to get for Late Night Lower. If I'm getting out of practice late but I have a night class, I have no time to wait in line at Zack's. I can't just take 30 seconds to pick up a personal pizza, swipe my card, and be on my way anymore."

When he has time for Upper Wismer, however, Yeiter does enjoy the broader selections of certain foods there. When asked about his favorite new part of Upper Wismer, Yeiter answered,

"I guess I would say the large amount of cereal they now have up there." The consensus that Wismer has undergone both positive changes and setbacks exists within the dining staff as well.

Privy to the same changes this year's senior class has observed during its years on campus, Wismer staff member Tawana Grosvenor would agree with Yeiter.

Mrs. Grosvenor has worked in the dining hall for four years, and when asked her opinion of the new Wismer she commented that Wismer has become a nicer place in the time that she has been here and that she hopes it will continue to improve.

"I know that not serving certain foods downstairs may be an inconvenience for some students but the revitalizing of upstairs has improved the atmosphere of Wismer," Grosvenor said.

That Wismer has become a nicer atmosphere in which to enjoy meals with friends seems to be true no matter the interviewee. It is clear that the positives have amassed to outweigh those changes that seem to be negative, keeping Wismer Hall the true center of Ursinus' campus.

Internship profile: Fox 29

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Liz Kilmer, a Media and Communications Studies major and English minor, interned this summer for "Good Day Philadelphia" at Fox 29, the Philadelphia Fox affiliate.

As a News Department Intern, Kilmer arrived at work between 4:30 and 6 a.m., which she said was, "initially a struggle," but that, despite the early hours, the internship was, "incredibly worth it each day." At Fox 29 Kilmer said she, "basically worked as a production assistant" for the show.

Kilmer called upon her interpersonal and communication skills when she assisted with guests, which Kilmer noted was, "interesting." She also, "met a lot of local politicians [like] Mayor Nutter [of Philadelphia and] a few minor celebrities."

Another of Kilmer's duties included manning the news desk, where she handled calls, ingested footage from other stations onto their computer system, sent out footage, and did research for the various anchors and reporters to help their stories.

Kilmer was also involved in helping to come up with stories to cover. "I'd contribute ideas in the daily meetings that we had," she said. She also had the opportunity of traveling out with reporters to

gather footage, which she said was, "really fascinating just to see how everything's transmitted back to the station," for a live television program.

Surpassing her internship requirements, Kilmer would come into work on days she was not scheduled and stay later than expected. She worked extra days so that she could gain the experience of traveling out with photographers and reporters.

She also benefitted from the opportunity to record footage of herself practicing stand-ups, and she was lucky enough to obtain footage of herself at the anchor desk practicing the eleven-o'clock news: both great things for her "résumé reel."

At the internship, "most of what I learned was new," Kilmer says. Though originally interested in print journalism, she now claims, "I definitely want to get into TV."

As her first exposure to television broadcast, Kilmer notes, "this internship was basically make-it or break-it as far as if this were something I was going to continue to pursue."

Kilmer advises students involved in internships that "you really [should] go above and beyond to make a name for yourself as an intern." She also says to "definitely take [the internship] as a learning opportunity."

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An open letter to freshman women

As some of you may know, there were some parties this weekend. Some of these parties may have taken place in Reimert. As most of you (don't) know, I social-hosted one of these infamous Reimert parties—arguably one of the most popular ones Saturday evening. Now, I'm not trying to make myself seem important, I'm just telling you so you can know my position. This way it makes sense when I say that this weekend, I witnessed some... very special things.

Of course, there was the staple of the first weekend back: the extremely persistent freshmen who try way too hard. And I'm talking both gentlemen and ladies. I know that I'm not alone

when I gaze into the fishbowl of Reimert and wonder when every freshman will realize that no one at Ursinus actually cares about looking good because half of the student body has seen the other half-naked anyway.

This brings me to a more specific point, however. It depressed me, this weekend, watching freshmen women attempting to establish themselves as hot commodities. Now, I am in no way attempting to slut-shame or even insinuate that one should not dress provocatively because it makes you "a slut" (whatever that may mean). Do whatever you want. I don't care. I support that choice, really—as long as you have the ability to make



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it of your own volition. What I don't support is the obvious fact that the majority of these women have no esteem or feeling of validation outside of being sexually desirable to these (mostly) disgusting examples of men.

There's nothing wrong with looking sexy, flirting, or casual sex in my book. My problem is most women, especially fresh-

men, don't really know what that means, and have no idea to operate within this system of "hooking-up" while maintaining a confident and secure identity outside of their sexual one. I can't say I was surprised to hear stories of women looking extremely uncomfortable or upset as men who were most likely complete strangers gyrated against them. I assume they feel that's just what is expected of them in order to make contact with anyone of the opposite sex.

So, what am I trying to say here, ladies? I'm trying to say that during these weekends at Reimert, nothing with a penis cares if you have a good personality (NOTE: this is a hyperbole).

Make sure you know that for yourself. And I'm all for your sex life being active—as long as it is safe, both emotionally and physically.

People will make mistakes, but please make sure that you know what a "mistake" is defined as.

You don't have to lower your standards or your self-esteem to maintain healthy and equal friendships with the opposite sex. And I say this all because you live in an environment now that is heavily geared toward making sure you give it up, hopefully willingly. It's patriarchal, misogynist, and a lot of the time, it smells like a bar.

Welcome to Ursinus.

Students should consider pros of off-campus living

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As the first week of school is coming to an end, freshman students are finally getting settled into their new dorm rooms in BPS and BWC. Meanwhile, the rest of us are moving back into familiar suites and rooms around campus with our sorority, fraternity, sports team, or friends.

There is, however, a small percentage of Ursinus students moving into apartments and houses not affiliated with the school. I am a junior this year, and I am also a part of the small percentage of students choosing to live off campus in an apartment. Although I haven't lived off campus for very long, I have already noticed the positive and negative aspects that come with living separately from school.

Living in the dorms or suites on campus is obviously a good time. I can walk through the suites in Reimert and know that someone will be willing to hang out and have a fun time with me. This is great in many ways, but it has also been damaging to my academic life. One of the more obvious changes that I have noticed from living in an apartment is the quietness and

calmness that is normally not present in dorms and suites. I have found it much easier to study for an exam when I am not constantly being asked by someone to drink Franzia with them.

When I asked Dave Downs, a senior at Ursinus, why he preferred living off campus rather than in his fraternity's suite in Reimert, he says, "the noise and craziness of Reimert is what distracted me from doing my work and studying and [it] ultimately lowered my grades. Now I don't feel pressured to go out all the time because I am not surrounded by constant partying."

Not only is living off campus more quiet and peaceful, it is also a lot cleaner and depending where you live, more spacious. While many students enjoy the smaller aspect of their dorm rooms, I definitely appreciate the larger size of an apartment with multiple rooms and a private shower.

While there are many other positive aspects to living off campus, there are still negative changes that I have also noticed.

It is no secret that Ursinus students love to hang out with their friends. It is also no secret that one of the best times to

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catch up and hang out with your friends is while eating at Wismer. Last year, meeting up with my friends at Wismer for brunch, lunch, or dinner seemed like clockwork, but now that I am more isolated from campus, it has become harder for me to make the time to get over to school to see my friends.

It is for this reason why Megan Gavinski, a senior at Ursinus, decided to move back to campus for her last year saying, "Living off campus isolates you from the social setting of the school. I definitely prefer being back on campus. Now that I am back on campus I can walk to Wismer whenever I'd like, I am surrounded by students, and everything is much closer walking distance."

Not only are the dorms closer to the dining halls, they are also closer to the social scene at Ursinus. Ryan Feeney, a junior, enjoys living in a dorm that is

highly populated on Friday and Saturday nights, saying, "I love living in Reimert because I like living with my sorority and being surrounded in the social and party setting. I never feel like I am missing out on something fun to do."

Even though living off campus is something very new to me, I have already experienced the many positive and negative results. After talking to my friends and other students at Ursinus about living on or off campus, I have realized that a majority of Ursinus' student body prefers living on campus because of the nonstop excitement and close proximity to friends and campus buildings. Still, I prefer living in a quiet apartment off campus, instead of a loud Reimert suite.

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Football drops season opener to Albright, 24-17

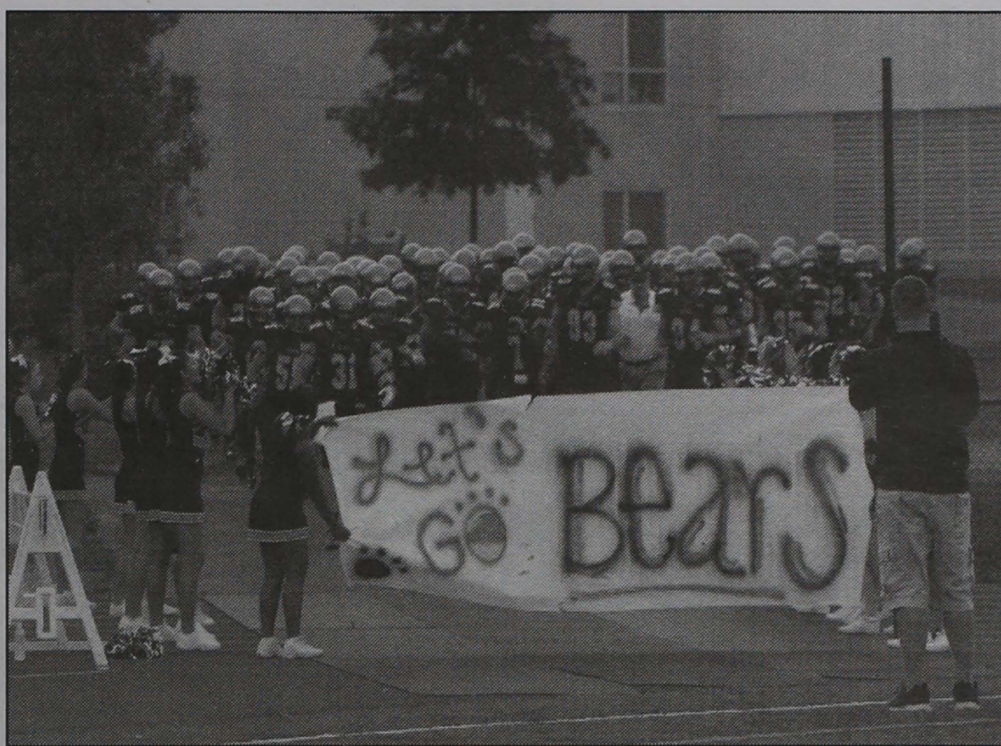
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What better way to open a football season but under the lights. Saturday marked the first night game in Ursinus history, on recently renovated Patterson Field, with the Bears hosting non-conference foe Albright College.

The Bears entered Saturday night's contest looking to build upon a 6 game home win streak dating back to 2009. In past years Albright has been tough competition for Ursinus. In 2009 the Bears fell to the Lions by a final score of 28-3 while they rebounded in 2010 with a 21-13 victory. Saturday would prove to be another tough one for Ursinus, as they fell to the visiting Lions by a final score of 24-17.

The Bears came out strong in the first half. A first quarter interception by senior strong safety Mike Rissmiller gave the offense great field position. Minutes later, a touchdown reception by senior tight end Seth Cardene put the Bears on the board, ahead 7-0. However, the Lions quickly caught up as Albright senior running back Josan Holmes scored on a 24 yard touchdown run, tying the game 7-7. Ursinus would finish off the half with a 25 yard field goal by sophomore Kicker Michael Bennett and a 1 yard touchdown run by sophomore quarterback Chris Curran, making the score 17-7.

The second half proved to be a challenge for the Bears defense in stopping Holmes while the offense had difficulty finishing



Courtesy of Todd McKinney

The Bears had a 17-7 lead going into halftime of the first night game in school history. Unfortunately, it was not enough to hold off Albright

off drives inside the red zone. The Bears were scoreless in the second half, while Albright posted 17 points. Holmes and sophomore running back Uriah Brickhouse put the final touchdowns on the scoreboard for the Lions, defeating the Bears 24-17. Saturday's game is most likely to be the only night game this season but there will be more added in seasons to come.

The players were excited about getting out on the field against Albright despite the

loss, especially the 25 seniors who played under the lights for the first and likely last time on Saturday. Defensive end Sean Whelan said, "Playing at home under the lights on Patterson Field alone is an honor because we believe that we play for not just the school and our teammates but for all of the former players who have ever set foot on the field here at Ursinus. It is an honor to play for such a great school that has rallied behind us over the last few years"

In 2010 the Bears finished 8-2 overall, 7-2 in conference, sharing the centennial title with Muhlenberg and Johns Hopkins. Head coach Pete Gallagher appears optimistic about the 2011 campaign. "The players are confident in themselves but not arrogant. They understand that it's easy to lose and hard to win. Over the years we have been able to establish a feeling of winning and the power of optimism. We need to put the optimism with potential."

The Bears will look to rebound as they open Centennial Conference play on Saturday at 1:00pm at Gettysburg College.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sept. 10: Ursinus at Gettysburg, 1 p.m.

Sept. 17: Franklin and Marshall at Ursinus, 1 p.m.

Sept. 24: McDaniel at Ursinus, 1 p.m.

* Home games in BOLD

Women's Soccer has sight set on a Championship

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The girls' soccer team, who has seen post-season action six times in the past eight years, boasts seven new players; six freshmen and one sophomore. The team only lost one player to graduation, Katie Gigl, and the Lady Bears have shaped a strong foundation from which to start their season.

"We returned all of our starters," Head Coach Jeff Ykoruk said, "and we expect some of the new players to bump into the starting lineup. We have five games in nine days, so the addition of new players will help with our depth."

Senior captain Courtney Jones reiterated by stating that the addition of new players will, "[G]ive us a lot depth as a team. We can easily sub and not lose competitive edge."

And the Lady Bears certainly retained a lot of depth this season. With a twenty-nine player roster, composed of eleven seniors and every starter returning, it will be simple for the new players to find someone to emulate.

"It'll be good for the younger girls to have that core group of seniors to look up to," Coach Ykoruk said.

Senior Captain Alex Shivers agreed. "Because we have such an older group of girls, we have a lot of leadership on the team. This really works in our favor, because we have girls that know the game and we'll be able to expand on that and gain success. It's mine, and I know the other captains' goals, to be a great model for the younger girls and set the tone for the team."

And what are the Lady Bears looking to achieve this season?

"Our season ended last year

with a loss in the conference semifinals to the number one seed in the Centennial Conference who were also ranked eleventh in the country," Coach Ykoruk said. "It was nice, because for our seniors, it was their first time experiencing post-season play. That'll be a great motivator this season to help us get to the NCAAs." Coach Ykoruk also said the team's number one goal this season is to host the Centennial Conference Playoffs and finish in the top three, which is nothing new for Coach Ykoruk.

"Conference play is the most exciting part of the season," Senior Captain Monica Oliveto said. "Playing in one of the most competitive conferences in the country causes every conference game to be a grudge match. I'm excited to see how a team with eleven senior players responds to one last go at each of our conference ri-

vals."

"For a lot of us seniors this is our last go around," Jones said. "There are no next years, it's now or never. We are all very passionate about having a successful season leading us to playoffs."

"We want to gain the recognition Ursinus deserves," Shivers said. "Everyone really came into preseason in shape ... so if we work hard and stay focused, I truly believe we could top last year's season."

Oliveto agrees. "This year we won't settle for anything less than a spot in the championship game, a championship title, and a bid to the NCAA tournament," she said.

"We want to have stronger defensive pressure and be better off the ball [this season]" Jones said. "We want to maintain the same passion and determination that led us to conference semifinals last year."

Upcoming Schedule:

Sept. 10: Ursinus at Stevens, 11 a.m.

Sept. 11: Ursinus v. NYU (at Stevens), 3 p.m.

Sept. 17: Gettysburg at Ursinus, 6 p.m.

Sept. 21: Ursinus at Swarthmore, 7 p.m.

* Home games in BOLD

Football's primetime debut foiled by Albright College



Top Photo: The Ursinus Bears' Offensive Line digs in against a stout Albright Lions Defensive Line during the second half of Saturday Night's Home Opener. Bottom Left: Head Coach Peter Gallagher looks on from the sidelines during Saturday Night's Home Opener. Bottom Right: Defensive Back Chris Rountree (#1) makes a tackle on Albright's Chris Stephens.

See Page 7 for full story of the first night football contest in Patterson Field History.

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