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Former child soldier speaks for peace

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Emmanuel Jal, a musician, actor, author, and peace advocate who survived his struggles as a child soldier to live to tell his story through hip-hop music, performed at Ursinus College on Nov. 15 in the Bomberger Auditorium.

The auditorium was filled to the balcony with students as Jal made an entrance with his hit single "We Want Peace" from his upcoming album, *See Me Mama*. Everyone was on their feet clapping to the rhythm, as the song spoke of peace in the war-torn region of Southern Sudan where Jal had been a child soldier.

"I dedicate this song to the common people, caught in the middle of this common evil. Time is about looking at the man in the mirror. Fear is the devil's police there. And they go down side with him so he cares cause nobody was speaking, that's why I am," Jal sang.

Jal then divulged his life story to the audience. He graphically

described his life in Sudan, his struggle as a child soldier, and some of the happier memories with his family.

"I was born at a difficult time, I was born when the country was at war... there were bombs shaking the ground, people running in different directions, there was confusion all over and we ran from one place to another," Jal said.

Jal also accounted the first time he witnessed someone dying in the war.

"It was when my mother's bodyguard was shot at a very close range and my mother was trying to put the intestines back into him... I was looking and didn't say anything. That was one of the most terrifying moments," Jal said.

The happiest memory he described was during his life in the village in Sudan with his family, mainly because of all the animals.

"We had sheep in the house, and I became a friend to a baby sheep. We used to play a game where we would bang each other's head. He liked it, I liked it.



Students pose with Emmanuel Jal following his presentation in the Bomberger Auditorium.

Photo courtesy of Jenna Barna

We were happy," Jal said.

When Jal was seven years old, he was told he was going to be taken to school in Ethiopia, where

he was trained to be a child soldier.

"I saw this as an opportunity for me to get revenge for my fam-

ily and the desire I had was to kill

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Landscaping initiative looks to keep campus fresh

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In the summer of 2011, the Ursinus College campus underwent various changes to its landscape in order to enhance the atmosphere of the college.

Facilities and other outside organizations added the Strassburger Commons memorial wall near the Kaleidoscope, changed Patterson Field to an artificial turf, constructed a club sport field at Hunsberger Woods, and is currently in the process of planting trees.

Facilities Director Andrew Fe-

ick said that as of now, almost all of the above mentioned landscape changes have been completed.

The tree planting, which will continue until the spring of 2012, is the only exception.

Facilities initially inventoried existing trees and estimated the trees' remaining life span.

Feick said that after inventory was taken, facilities viewed campus areas and noted special characteristics, such as views to enhance and pedestrian traffic.

Landscape architect Carl Keleman of KMS Design Group then held discussions with Professor Patrick Hurley's environmental

class to determine its viewpoint on campus landscape.

Once a draft was made proposing tree locations and species, Feick and fellow workers scanned the document and modified it accordingly.

Feick said that changes were made to the draft based on knowledge of local conditions and whether a specific tree species would struggle or thrive on campus.

The college then returned the plan to KMS Design Group to complete the master plan and Steve Drauschack, owner of Drauschack Landscaping, has

been planting the trees. Discussions have been made to prioritize planting for the next few years.

"The tree master plan results from our recognition that much of our charming campus character is derived from the landscape and large trees," said Feick.

He added that many of the campus' trees are aged and that it is sensible to produce a plan for replacement that gets the next generation of trees planted and growing before the old trees perish.

Budgets are proposed each winter season and reviewed by a committee in the following

spring.

The budgets are then ratified by the board in May for a July 1 fiscal year start.

Feick said that the college approved the establishment of an annual tree planting budget that would fund 25 to 30 trees each year in agreement with the priorities expressed in the tree master plan.

Feick said that changes to campus landscaping are ongoing, particularly when facilities are involved in building construction

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Court appearance for Norweigan gunman, crash sparks road safety controversy in China

Breivik Makes Court Appearance

Monday, Nov. 14
OSLO, NORWAY -

Anders Behring Breivik, who confessed to the massacre of 77 people in Norway in July, made his first public court appearance on Monday.

The Oslo district court ruled that he be held in custody until Feb. 6, and set a possible trial start date of Apr. 16, 2012. The trial will proceed if a psychiatric evaluation deems Breivik criminally liable for his actions.

Behring Breivik, a 32-year-old right-wing extremist, asked the judge if he could speak to the families of victims, but was turned down.

It was the first court hearing open to survivors, victims' family members, and the general public since July's attack.

He attempted to address the court, saying, "You have been mandated by those who support multiculturalism. That is a hateful ideology that aims to destroy the Norwegian society," but was quickly interrupted by the judge.

Breivik admitted to setting off a car bomb outside government offices in Oslo on July 22, killing

eight, before going on a shooting rampage on a nearby island where the ruling Labor Party's youth were holding a summer camp.

Sixty-nine people, mostly teenagers, were killed in the shooting.

(The Sydney Morning Herald)

Children Killed in Tragic Crash

Thursday, Nov. 17
BEIJING, CHINA -

Eighteen nursery school children were killed when a much larger coal truck crashed into their overcrowded van, prompting an international outcry about China's poorly maintained roads.

The crash occurred on a rural road in the Gansu province, and also killed the driver of the school van and a teacher on board. Another 44 people were hurt.

Investigations of the crash showed that the van was seriously overloaded, carrying 64 people instead of the nine passengers permitted.

It was unclear whether the driver of the van or the driver of the coal truck was to blame.

Although officials arrived at



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the scene shortly after the crash, many are critical of the conditions that led to the crash.

Authorities are trying to crack down on unsafe driving in China, but booming economic conditions mean more drivers and more vehicles traveling on poorly maintained and policed rural roads.

(Reuters, hosted on NewsDaily.com)

Neo-Nazis Raise Security Concerns

Thursday, Nov. 17
GERMANY -

Germans are reeling from this week's revelation that a cell of neo-Nazis has been carrying out a decade-long crime spree.

Authorities are blaming the cell for the murders of nine immigrants and a police woman, a bombing, and a series of burglaries.

Two suspects are dead and two others are currently in custody. So far, authorities only know of a handful of people who have been involved in the cell.

But there are still unanswered questions as to how the cell operated successfully underground for 13 years.

Many Germans are calling for an overhaul of Germany's domestic security services.

It was revealed this week that an undercover, far-right officer of Germany's intelligence agency was present at one and possibly more of the murder scenes.

He did not report to police what he had seen.

When police searched his apartment, they found excerpts from Hitler's Mein Kampf, which is banned in Germany.

Members of parliament this week have been calling for a ban of the far-right National Democratic Party, a small party that actively promotes a racist agenda inspired by Nazism.

(NPR.org)

Gaddafi's Son Captured

Saturday, Nov. 19
LIBYA -

Muammar Gaddafi's son Saif al-Islam was captured peacefully on Saturday by Libyan fighters who vowed to hold him in the mountain town of Zintan until Libya can form a government and take custody of him.

Saif al-Islam had vowed to die fighting but was taken without gunfire and without injury, unlike his father who was killed last month when he was captured by Libyan resistance fighters.

Libyans believe that Saif al-Islam knows the keys to access billions of dollars in public money amassed by the Gaddafi family. Muammar Gaddafi's abuse and ultimate death at the hands of former rebel fighters is an embarrassment to the transitional government, who says they will handle his son's case carefully and orderly.

Some are saying that Saif al-Islam should be handed over to the International Criminal Court, because he may not receive a fair trial in Libya.

(Reuters)

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as many Arabs as possible because that's what was killing us. Luckily, I later found out that was not the case," Jal said.

The training that young children like Jal went through to become a child soldier was also rigorous and dangerous.

"Sometimes the guys training you would kick a kid really bad and he would vomit blood. They don't care. A kid would die. There was no accountability. But that was to put fear into us to obey," Jal said.

After his account of growing up as a soldier, he sang a final song "Emma," from his album War-child, in honor of Emma McCune. McCune had saved more than 150 war children in Sudan, one of which was Jal.

Many Ursinus students found his story inspirational.

"It really spoke to the power of humanity to restore hope despite

the most morbid of childhoods. I think it shows how much of an impact a single person can have. Being a single person is never an excuse not to do something," junior Rance Zawada said.

"His story was captivating, and it really changed my perspective on what I have and how much I take it for granted," sophomore Frank Sirch said.

In addition to his accomplishments in music and film, one of Jal's passions is charity work. Some of his most prominent international campaigns include We Want Peace, www.we-want-peace.com, and Gua Africa, www.gua-africa.org. His foundations serve to help families and communities overcome war and poverty.

His latest foundation is called Lose to Win, <http://losetowin.net/>, where individuals are "asked to lose something in order to win for the greater good." Visitors can make a contribution to any of these foundations through the

websites listed above.

"When you put light in a dark place, the evil will perform less," Jal said.

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Fulbright scholar to join Ursinus this spring

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In the upcoming spring semester, Dr. Sraboni Dutta of the Birla Institute of Technology and the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence Program. Dr. Dutta studies, and is an assistant professor of, business administration in West Bengal, India.

In an interview through email, Dr. Dutta said, "I am confident that my interactions with the faculty and students of Ursinus College will be an enriching one."

She said she is looking forward to the exchanging of ideas and perspectives in her related fields of interest.

The Fulbright Scholarship Program is an international student exchange program that gives participants the chance to study, research and exchange ideas that can turn into solutions for international concerns. The

program, which operates in over 155 countries worldwide, is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

According to the USIEF website, the Fulbright program "enables the most outstanding students, academics and professionals in India and the US to study, research and engage in work experiences with greater potential benefit for both countries."

When she arrives in Collegeville, Dr. Dutta will be teaching international marketing and entrepreneurship. This is made possible through the Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence (SIR) program. She said it was her PhD supervisor who first encouraged her to apply for the program.

Dr. Dutta first started her teaching career after working for a non-banking financing company. She said, "I am confident that this scholarship will add a new dimension to my academic career."

On the Fulbright Scholar program, Dr. Dutta said, "It provides a platform for creating a network that facilitates sharing of educational experiences which eventually promotes betterment of educational practices worldwide." According to Dr. Dutta, this will be a unique opportunity for her to engage and exchange knowledge.

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Dutta said she enjoys to travel, which makes the SIR program a good fit for her.

"Visiting new places, experiencing the culture and cuisine of the local people really excites me," Dr. Dutta said.

As well as travelling, she also enjoys cooking, reading and engaging in social and charitable projects.

Dr. Dutta is also family oriented. She said her family consists of her parents, her husband, and her 12-year-old, Ishaan. As well as teaching in business administration, Dr. Dutta is also a professor of computer applications.

HIV couple speak on sexual health in Bomberger Aud.

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Ursinus students had the opportunity to examine HIV/AIDS and sexual health in a positive light when the College hosted "A Girl, A Boy, A Virus" on Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium.

The program's ambassadors are Gwenn Barringer and Shawn Decker, who use their relationship to educate others on the issues of sexual health.

Decker was infected with HIV as a child after receiving contaminated blood products used to treat his hemophilia. He is married to Barringer, who does not have HIV.

Decker and Barringer have been speaking to college students since 2000 about how they keep it that way.

"December 1 is World AIDS Day," said Campus Activities Board representative Kelli Bodrato. "So we always try to do some type of an educational program around that time of year on campus just to promote safe sex and to educate people about STD's."

Bodrato had seen Decker and Barringer speak before while she was at Sacred Heart University in 2006.

She said she believes that the situation in which Decker and

Barringer have found themselves is unique because it is a sexual health issue within the context of a married couple.

"It's really just a love story," Bodrato said.

According to the pair's website, Decker was suspended when he was in eighth grade within a month of his diagnosis and given five years to live – but he's happily married to Barringer and the two do their best not to let his diagnosis affect their life together.

In 2006, he published his memoir, *My Pet Virus: The True Story of a Rebel Without a Cure*.

Besides his book, Decker created one of the first blogs for those who are HIV positive and has written a column for *Poz Magazine*.

Since his diagnosis in 1987, he has made it his mission to educate others about the risks involved in a relationship like his, with one partner infected and the other not.

Critiques of his book have highlighted his positive attitude and the fact that he shows no discouragement as a man living with HIV.

Decker and Barringer's story has been featured in *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, MTV, BBC and HBO Films.

For more information visit www.shawngwenn.com.

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projects.

The college has transformed dramatically in the last decade as it has progressed with executing the campus master plan from 2000.

The Facilities Management Group coordinates all of these landscaping projects and manages both the construction of new architecture and scenery.

The management group also proposes budgets for these projects and overlooks the process of

finalizing landscaping details.

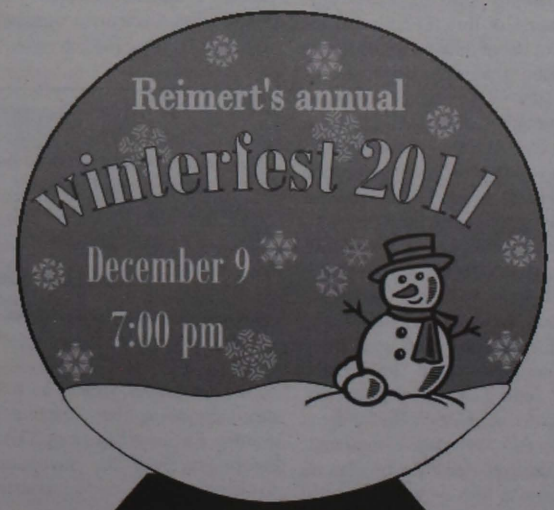
Feick said that facilities expect the final tree master plan to be completed before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The finalized plan will be posted on the Ursinus College website as soon as possible.



Courtesy of Andrew Feick

The Strassburger Commons memorial was one of several changes that the campus underwent during the summer of 2011



Whitian's woman to watch: Stephanie Nocito, 2012

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Stephanie Nocito, a senior history major and education minor here at Ursinus, has recently been accepted to Teach For America (TFA).

TFA is a non-profit organization that works to provide equal educational opportunities in American public schools. TFA corps members work in low-income areas to teach for two years.

Nocito first heard about TFA through Ursinus' Education Department.

Professor Stephanie Mackler, her Foundations of Education teacher, shared stories with Nocito's class about Ursinus alumni in the program.

Nocito says that she was instantly drawn to the program and its mission.

"The goal of TFA is to dissolve the achievement gap that plagues so many regions in America. Teach for America believes that by placing highly motivated teachers into these areas, they can make an impact on the individuals they work with...For me, giving someone the opportunity to reach beyond what they believed their limits to be is the most rewarding thing I could think of doing with my life. I feel as though this program will allow for me to actually do something that is worthwhile. Because of this, TFA was at the top of list of things I wanted to do when I graduated," said Nocito.

TFA is an exclusive program with roughly a 15 percent acceptance rate. Nocito's application process began in August.

First, she submitted a multi-part electronic application. Next, she was selected for a phone interview. After her successful interview, completing an online activity, and submitting transcripts, course information and letters of recommendation, Nocito was invited to Philadelphia for a full-day interview.

She prepared a lesson plan on American history, which she had



Courtesy of Stephanie Nocito

five minutes to present to ten other applicants and two interviewers.

Nocito said that her Philadelphia interview "was a really long day, but it was a great experience. The staff and the other candidates were really friendly. I think this is because entrance into TFA isn't a competition necessarily. If you meet their qualifications they will take you. They don't have a set number of candidates they can accept, so you don't feel as if you are competing with the person next to you."

"Giving someone the opportunity to reach beyond what they believed their limits to be is the most rewarding thing I could think of doing with my life."

— Stephanie Nocito
UC Senior

In November, after a full day glued to her computer waiting for an email from TFA, Nocito received her invitation to become a TFA corps member.

"It was really nerve-racking waiting for it. It was so exciting when I finally got my acceptance. I had my close friends in the room with me and called everyone I knew within moments. I confirmed my acceptance within the next 24 hours" said Nocito.

Nocito was assigned to teach in South Dakota. She will work as a primary teacher in an elementary school on a Native American Reservation.

She also has the option to complete her Master's degree while in South Dakota, or she can attend any TFA partner school on an AmeriCorps stipend after she completes her two-year commitment.

Nocito is very excited to begin her work with TFA.

"Even though I will be really far from home and well out of my comfort zone, there was not a chance in the world that I wouldn't accept it, no matter where I was placed. Participating in the program will be an amazing life experience for me and will allow me to make a tremendous impact on others," said Nocito.

FFO educates students to combat bullying

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Do you believe bullying is a problem in elementary school? In middle school? In high school?

Did you ever see something happen and do nothing about it, or do something to someone and regret it?

Now you don't have to harbor these regrets, and you have an opportunity to prevent bullying for today's youth.

Hilary Anderson, president of the Fighting for Ophelia club, has founded the first ever college chapter of Fighting for Ophelia, something she was involved with in high school.

"We go to Perkiomen Valley High School and talk to [students] about bullying," club member Mel Daley said. "We explain to them what an aggressor, bystander, and victim is, and how they can take control of the situation and stop it."

"I think bullying is a serious problem in schools," senior Katie Holmes said. "I think this is a great opportunity to prevent something that maybe someone didn't know how to prevent when they were a kid."

"I think a lot more people are bullied than people realize," Daley said. "Some people don't actually realize that they're being bullied when they are."

Daley also said that the tools the club provides these students with will be invaluable in preventing and stopping situations.

"I think it's easy enough to stop, "if people know what steps to take to control the situation," said Daley.

The club teaches students about different scenarios in which a friend may be controlling them that they didn't realize, something referred to as relational aggression.

"If you have a friend that's constantly guilted you into doing things that you don't really want to do, that is a type of re-

lational aggression," Daley said.

Fighting for Ophelia's page on the Ursinus website defines relational aggression as, "behavior this is intended to harm someone by damaging or manipulating his or her relationships with others."

"We give [students] tools," Daley said. "We tell them that it's okay to go to adults about your problems, and we teach them to use statements when confronting aggressors."

Such statements would include a student being very clear about how others' actions affect their emotions.

The club members acquired this knowledge from the training they underwent the past two weekends, and the training that's still to come over winter break.

"Hilary taught us what the program is during training," Daley said. "She taught us how to recognize aggressors, bystanders, and victims. She also taught us about cyber bullying and how to identify bullying in schools."

The club will travel to Perkiomen Valley over winter and spring breaks, and if anyone wanted to become a part of the club, all they would need to do was email Hilary Anderson at hianderson@ursinus.edu.

There are other ways to become involved, though.

November is Kindness Month, and the members of Fighting for Ophelia have organized events for almost every night of the month.

"It's to spread awareness of the club, because it's new and not a lot of people know what it is," Daley said. "We want to get our message out there. 'It's cool to be kind,' is our slogan."

Saturday is a screening of a documentary across America, "Finding Kind" and the creators of the documentary will be at Ursinus.

On Wednesday was Catfight, which entailed a fear coach from MTV teaching UC students about communication skills and how to interact with people.

Senior interns with GlaxoSmithKline

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Brandon Russell, a senior chemistry major, was a paid intern at GlaxoSmithKline, a pharmaceutical company located here in Colledgeville, for 14 weeks this summer.

Russell was a part of the company's Student Talent Identification Program (STIP).

He found the internship simultaneously through Career Services' advertising and his own web searching.

As an intern, Russell was in the lab "90 percent of the time" performing chemical reactions and "synthesizing possible drugs" in the company's oncology research area.

Russell was a part of the process to create potential drug candidates for cancer treatment.

The other 10 percent of the time allowed Russell to attend meetings and be involved with the com-

pany's research team of chemists.

Russell called upon his knowledge of organic chemistry, which he learned from experience in the classes and labs at Ursinus, and also his technical skills, as he used "a lot of different instrumentation for analysis."

He also worked at "interpreting different graphs and spectra."

Russell pointed out that "a lot of it was coursework that was related" to what he was doing.

Networking is important to Russell, as he's been keeping in touch with his supervisor and even had lunch with him a few weeks ago.

His supervisor has offered to network for him as well, volunteering to put Russell in touch with one of his prior bosses.

"I always knew the pharmaceutical industry was a possibility but I didn't think it was [so much] a real possibility for me," said Russell. "But after being there, I definitely understand

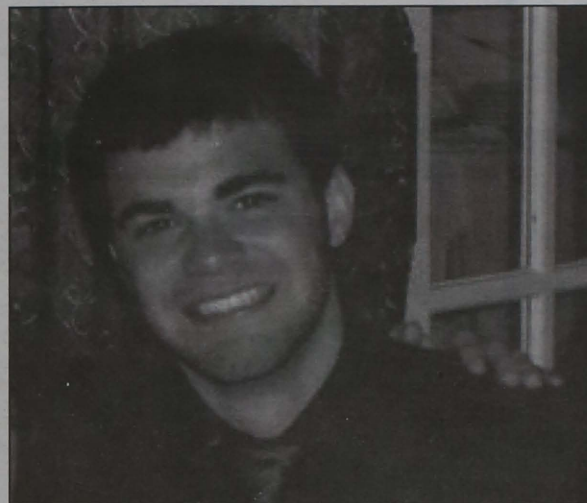
a lot more about how it works and it definitely seems like a real possibility. Before I went into it, I thought it was this big, complicated thing and I didn't really understand it too much."

Russell adapted however, and after being there for about three months, he feels much more comfortable and familiar with the environment.

After graduation, Russell plans to go into either the pharmaceutical industry or chemical production, and may possibly get into pharmaceutical sales or "some type of lab supply sales."

He already has a part-time job with a company that is a retailer of lab supplies, so he may see if there is a full-time position available.

Russell advises students to keep in mind the many advantages of internships: the opportunity to get experience, to possibly be paid, and to receive credit through Ursinus (in addition to making connections



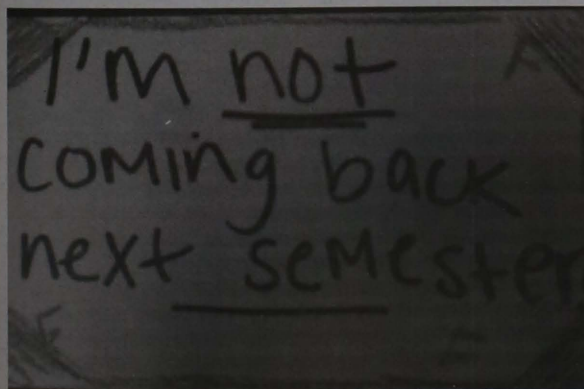
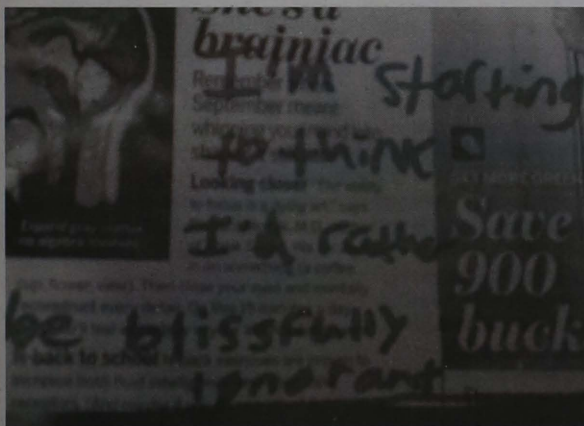
Courtesy of Brandon Russell

in the working world early-on).

He believes, as far as science students are concerned, that an internship is "a good opportunity to get experience in addition to

research...and access to a higher level of technology [as well as] the opportunity to work with stuff in the real world rather than [solely] an academic situation."

UC PostSecret



UC United aims to help with organization-run events

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UC United is a behind the scenes organization made up of handpicked campus leaders that work together to help promote communication, cooperation, and leadership between student-run organizations.

UC United is headed by the Associate Dean of Students, Todd McKinney, who founded the leadership organization last year.

The organization serves as a campus forum where student leaders of various organizations can come together and discuss upcoming campus events, concerns with organizations, and future goals.

"UC United is basically a student run subset of the SAO and the Leadership Office," said facilitator Sean Miller.

The original goal of the organization was to have all presidents and vice presidents of student run organizations attend the group's meetings and become part of the UC United program.

"There was a lot of backlash

from different organizations about joining UC United, so McKinney was forced to move in a different direction with their efforts," Miller said.

According to Miller, the centralization of the efforts of UC United will make it much easier for organizations to hold collaborative projects and gain better support from the Student Affairs staff.

"Opportunities include leadership workshops, video presentations, leadership conferences, and talks presented by various campus members and professional speakers," Miller said.

This year's leaders are Miller, senior Christopher Smith, and sophomore Zeba Hussaini, chosen to facilitate the organization for the current school year.

According to Miller the three new leaders were picked based on their own different sets of strengths, connections, view points, and backgrounds.

"The most important quality for each of us is that we must remain invested in the organization

and see to it that we better the UC community," Miller said.

The group is allowed a large amount of flexibility about what sort of programs they are and are not allowed to hold.

All of the organization's major decisions must still be run through McKinney before they are approved.

"Todd doesn't really tell us what to do, he just makes sure that we have what we need to do our job and that we keep doing it well," Miller said.

Students who are looking to get involved with the organization, and help create collaborated events held by multiple student run groups have to apply to become members.

Though the application window is currently closed, students may still apply if they feel very strongly about joining the organization.

UC United will hold its first formal meeting on Wednesday Nov. 30.

Students should look out for events hosted by UC United, as soon as in the spring semester.

'Baby bio' insults humanities majors

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Over the last few years I have noticed that there is a certain stigma associated with students majoring in humanities, a stigma that suggests a degree of inferiority.

More specifically, I've heard a lot of debate lately regarding the issue of whether humanities and social science majors should be required to take lab sciences and whether these courses are too difficult for non-science majors. In fact, a recent opinion piece in *The Grizzly* actually called for the Biology Department to bring back the so-called "baby bio" course.

Though this is obviously not the actual title of the course, referring to it with this pejorative nickname suggests that science majors are either smarter or

harder working students.

Considering the negative impressions people so often have of humanities majors, I was particularly disturbed to find that the author of the opinion piece calling for the reinstatement of "baby bio" was, in fact, an English major. The suggestion that humanities majors can't handle the rigorous nature of a lab science is not only condescending, but also reinforces the idea that humanities majors are in some way inferior to science majors.

Making lab science courses easier for humanities majors would damage not only the reputation of non-science majors, but also Ursinus' academic integrity. The lab science requirement is a part of the core of the liberal studies curriculum that all Ursinus students signed up for by enrolling here.

Taking a lab science course is an integral element of the liberal arts education for non-science majors because it requires students to use a different set of reasoning skills.

As stated in Ursinus's most recent course catalogue, "The mission of Ursinus College is to enable students to become independent, responsible and thoughtful individuals through a program of liberal education.... Liberal education is more than a set of courses; it requires students to integrate insights of various academic disciplines, and to participate actively in the learning process."

I don't believe that the authors of Ursinus's educational philosophy could have been any clearer.

Ursinus is a liberal arts college that aims to prepare students to be well-rounded

"Ursinus is a liberal arts college that aims to prepare students to be well-rounded individuals, not to spit them out into the work force with a limited set of skills."

individuals, not to spit them out into the work force with a limited and narrow set of skills.

Furthermore, for students who express concerns regarding the potentially negative impact of a lab science course on their GPAs, there are several 100-level lab science classes designed specifically for non-majors.

These courses range a wide variety of topics including chemistry, geology, neuroscience, physics, and astronomy.

Similarly, complaints that lab sciences take too much time away from non-science majors' other studies are entirely unfounded because these are

mostly 100-level courses designed to require the same amount of time as 100-level courses in any other discipline.

Moreover, science majors are required to take several non-science courses in order to fulfill their humanities, global diversity, and domestic diversity requirements, but no one ever suggests that these classes might be too difficult for science majors.

Overall, watering down lab science courses in order to make them easier for humanities majors would only serve to further denigrate the status of non-science majors and erode Ursinus's academic standing.

Penn State scandal could impact victims of sexual assault

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Success with honor.

Given the recent headlines, it is hard to imagine that is the motto of Penn State's football team. A scandal has rocked the program, revealing that former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky allegedly sexually abused at least eight boys on campus in the athletic facilities of the school and has been charged with 40 counts of child molestation.

According to a timeline of events published by The Daily News, there were multiple eye witnesses on various occasions and the campus police and members of the school administration (including head coach Joe Paterno) were aware of what happened. Despite this, it seems the accounts were never reported to the police.

Beyond that, punishments for Sandusky were minimal to say the least. He was simply asked to not bring young boys from his charity to campus and his keys to the locker room were taken away.

These events led the Board of Trustees at Penn State to terminate college president Graham Spanier and Coach Paterno, while others who failed to report the scandal stepped down.

This was the right course of action to take since evidence indicates that at the very least, a gross negligence of protecting the multiple victims of Sandusky was committed by these men.

What is appalling is how a number of students at Penn State reacted to this news. In hearing that their beloved coach was being ousted, they protested and rioted. Rocks and bottles were thrown, and a van and lamppost were tipped over after the crowd descended on administrative buildings on campus and gathered outside Paterno's home.

What message does this send to victims of sexual assault? To me, it seems these students are clearly stating that it doesn't matter if someone neglected to help multiple children who are victims of alleged sexual assault if it interferes with the football season. Students are implying, through forceful protest, that

football comes above all else, including protecting and helping victims of sexual violence.

With the current state of sexual misconduct on campuses across our country, there could not be a more dangerous message to send. Right now, the national average for reporting sexual assaults on campus is about a quarter of the rate of the general public. Four out of every five rapes that occur at a U.S. college go unreported. This alarming figure is caused by a combination of factors, with one most notable being the social culture of campus.

The social culture of colleges today is one that enforces the silence of those who have been attacked, and no single event has demonstrated that enforcement more than the riots over Paterno's termination.

By standing behind him, it serves as a way to reach those victims, either on campus or off, and to tell them we won't support you if what you report interferes with our fun.

Don't bother telling anyone that someone raped you if it means people who are admired

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will be held accountable, or that there may not be a victory to celebrate on Friday night.

I realize that the victims here were not college students, but that only makes it worse. No one stood up for little boys who couldn't stand up for themselves. And then our peers turned around and stood up for the very people who let these children down.

How does that message not transfer to a student who is struggling with the idea of coming forward about their abuse on campus?

Paterno did report it to his superiors. But that cannot be accepted as enough. And he is certainly not the only one to blame.

Everyone must be held accountable for the horrific fact that it took years from the first attack for Sandusky to be

arrested despite the fact that others had clear suspicions of his actions.

Members of Penn State football and administration put their success well before honor, and despite the apparent support of students, this gross lack of honor will forever taint their past success.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Students desire an off-campus shuttle service

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Location, location, location. Ursinus understands the importance of selling the college and the surrounding area as a two-for-one package deal for prospective students. Informational brochures poeticize our "idyllic" campus, situated in quaint Collegeville but conveniently located only 25 miles from Philadelphia city life.

With so many potential adventures awaiting students off campus, why do college review websites consistently grade Ursinus poorly when it comes to local atmosphere?

If our small-town setting is a signature aspect of the UC experience, why is there a disconnect between the Collegeville community and the "Ursinus bubble?"

The problem is getting there from here.

Students lacking a car on campus or cash for gas tanks

and city parking must pay a price should they wish to visit Philadelphia.

One SEPTA bus, two trains, \$7, and an hour and 30 minutes will get you into Center City, which, without the delay between bus stops and transfers, is actually only a 45 minute drive from campus. So much for "convenience."

Thinking about doing some holiday shopping at King of Prussia?

The largest mall on the East Coast is just a 20 minute drive from Ursinus. Don't have a car? That will cost you four dollars and two hours spent on two SEPTA buses one way.

If you need to pick up some groceries, you can forget about shopping at Wegman's unless you have a car, can bum a ride from a friend, or feel brave enough to bike down Route 29. SEPTA will get you there in close to two hours; you could risk your life and walk to the Providence Town Center in the

same amount of time

Ursinus' competition has already solved the "there from here" riddle. Students at Swarthmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Villanova, St. Joseph's, Drexel, and Temple can venture off-campus via college-owned buses. A campus shuttle is exactly what Ursinus needs to follow through on its promises of a great local atmosphere off campus.

You are probably wondering whether or not there is enough interest to justify funding for a shuttle bus and driver.

According to U.S. News and World Report's college rankings, nearly half of the Ursinus student body does not have a car on campus. This includes the entire freshman class, who are prohibited from keeping a car at school unless they have some extenuating circumstance.

Junior Anna Domestico is one of many students without a car on campus. She said she could see a shuttle bus benefiting

students from all class years.

"I think that a shuttle service is something Ursinus definitely should invest in. It's especially important for first year students who may not know an upperclassman with a car to take them to get essentials," Domestico said. "I would definitely use this bus, too. SEPTA can be incredibly inconvenient."

Fellow Junior Joanna Althouse agrees.

"Speaking as someone without a car on campus, there have been times I wish there was an easy way to get to King of Prussia, without taking the two hour SEPTA ride or bugging my friends," Althouse said.

A bus route from the Target on Ridge Pike to King of Prussia Mall with stops at Sixth Avenue, the Providence Town Center, and the Norristown Transportation Center could make the trip in half the time it takes on SEPTA and would of course be free of charge for students.

Ursinus' Student Services Office could easily conduct surveys to understand when and where students would actually use a shuttle bus.

Even if a shuttle only operated on the weekends as opposed to the daily services offered at other nearby colleges, it would save students time and money and offer them a safer alternative to SEPTA.

A campus shuttle bus would provide students with access to off campus adventures.

In the long run, this means a more memorable Ursinus experience overall and increased retention rates for the college. Better yet, a campus shuttle would improve the campus' connections with the surrounding community and local economy.

If the college really wants to cash in on its location, location, location, the administration needs to pop the Ursinus bubble and help students get off campus. A campus shuttle bus would take us there from here.

UC provides alternatives, prepares for NBA lockout

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It can easily be assumed that Ursinus College foresaw the 2011-12 NBA Lockout.

Flip through the channels on your televisions. You will see that channel 60 is the NHL Network. Channel 74 is the NFL Network. If you are asking yourself what channel the NBA Network is on, you're starting to get the idea.

It is obvious that something triggered Ursinus College to not put the NBA Network on our package plan.

Just think about how much money the college would be wasting if we had paid to get the network, and then no games were being played. This channel is rendered useless to all Direct TV members who have purchased it, and Ursinus was smart enough to not be a part of that unfortunate bunch.

For a quick catch up for some readers who may not be aware of what is going on, it is almost inevitable that there will be no National Basketball Association season this-year because the

players and the owners cannot come to terms with problems concerning salaries and other contract issues.

I'm sure that some of you may be saying to yourselves, "Yes, but there are many reasons to not buy this network. The NBA is hardly even a real league."

Though this may be very true, it is getting harder to disregard the idea that there was not a specific motive behind the college's decision.

Now, granted, I am only a sophomore and have not been around the school for too long.

However, in my time here so far, Ursinus has undergone a tremendous amount of change. The NBA Lockout may be irrelevant to some of these changes, but to others, it could have actually sparked the change.

We can all agree that the stricter "Open-Container" policy this year has done plenty to benefit the general health and well-being of UC students. But this is a policy that seems way too strategic to have nothing to do with the Lockout.

Could you imagine how many students would be so angered by

the cancellation of NBA games that they would run outdoors and start to drink heavily?

A huge portion of the student population would be appalled, but the "Open-Container" policy has prevented the possibility of an uproar.

Another major piece of evidence to support this claim was the launching of the Ursinus College Sports Network.

The UCSN was not around for the glory days of the NBA. Rather, the college caught wind of the Lockout and immediately realized that students were going to have absolutely nothing to watch when NBA games are not on television anymore.

What better way to solve this problem than to launch their own sports network?

Not only do students have something to fill the void of NBA games, but Ursinus athletics also gain more recognition. It is a textbook win-win situation for the college.

It seems like Ursinus College is reaping all the benefits the NBA Lockout.

Students are better-behaved, UC athletics are gaining the recognition that they deserve, and the general direction of the college is moving forward.

But this leaves us with just a few unanswered questions.

If the college knew that the 2011-12 NBA season was going to be cancelled, why couldn't they tell players like LeBron James and Kobe Bryant to pack

up their gear and get overseas months ago?

Why couldn't they tell league commissioner David Stern that he would be metaphorically "dunked" on by the league for a whole year?

And lastly, why couldn't the college tell me that hockey still would not gain the respect it deserves after I have gotten my hopes up so high?

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

Postseason honors and early season struggles

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Thren and Hanby named All-Americans

Seniors Alyssa Thren (Barto, Pa./Upper Perkiomen) and Nicole Hanby (Bear, De./William Penn) were named NFCA Division III All-Americans on Monday.

Thren, a unanimous first team selection, makes her third appearance on the All-American team, after completing a stellar career for the Bears. This season, Thren registered her 100th career goal and scored 53 points for the Lady Bears en route to yet another final four appearance.

Hanby, a second team All-American selection, registered 19 points for the Bears this season and helped anchor a defense that allowed less than two goals per contest for the year.

In addition, both Thren and Hanby were named 1st team NFCA All Region performers on Monday.

They were joined on the all region team by senior forward Corrine Freeman (Freehold, N.J./St. John Vienney) and sophomore defender Jenna Stover (Lancaster, Pa./Hempfield), who were second team selections.



Courtesy of UC Athletics

Nicole Hanby (left) and Alyssa Thren (right) helped lead the Lady Bears back to the NCAA final four, before bowing out to TCNJ in the national semifinal contest on November 19 at Dudley College

Men's Basketball stumbles out of gates

Despite the early season production of junior forward Jon Ward (Allentown, Pa./Parkland) the Men's Basketball team is off to a slow start, at 1-4 overall, 0-1 in Centennial Conference play.

Ward, a second team all centennial selection in 2010, is averaging over 21 points per game

thus far for the Bears, pouring in 23 against Plattsburgh State in the Bears first win of the season.

The men's basketball team will make their home debut on Saturday against Swarthmore at 3:00p.m.

Following Saturday's tilt Coach Kevin Small and company will play two more centennial

conference games at Haverford and home against Dickinson before a nearly three week break.

Following exams and the start of the holiday break, the team will travel to Las Vegas for the D3hoops.com classic, which begins on Dec. 28.

Women's Basketball Teuber off to strong start

Senior forward Lindsay Teuber (Philadelphia, Pa./St. Basil's) scored a game high 18 points over a week ago for the Lady Bears, as the team registered its first victory of the 2011-2012 season over Albright College, 56-54.

Teuber is currently averaging a double-double for coach Jim Buckley, registering 17 points and 10 rebounds per contest (heading into Tuesday's conference opener against Franklin and Marshall), while playing nearly 30 minutes per night.

The women's basketball team will make their home debut tonight at 7:00p.m. against Bryn Mawr, and will play at home again on Saturday at 1:00p.m. against Swarthmore. Before finals and the holiday break, the women's basketball team will also play at Haverford and at home against Dickinson (December 7th and 10th respectively).

Following a nearly three week hiatus the women will take to the hardwood again on December 29 at the York College tournament against William Patterson University.

Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

12/1
Women's Basketball
vs. Bryn Mawr
7 p.m.

12/2-12/3
Men's Swimming
@ Swarthmore
Invitational
6:30 p.m.

12/3
Women's Basketball
vs. Swarthmore
1 p.m.

12/2-12/3
Wrestling
@ Petrofes
Invitational

12/2-12/3
Women's Swimming
@ Swarthmore
Invitational
6:30 p.m.

12/3
Men's Basketball
vs. Swarthmore
3 p.m.

