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Berman Director announces departure

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On Tuesday April 3, President Fong announced via email to the Ursinus community that long time Director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Lisa Hanover, would be leaving Ursinus at the end of June to take over as Chief Executive Officer and Director of The James Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa.

Hanover will be taking over for Bruce Katsiff, who has been the Director of The Michener Art Museum since 1989. Hanover said that she began looking into this position after she received a request for an interview from The Michener Art Museum. In an email Hanover said, "After meeting with board members, museum staff, and donors, I was offered the position, which I enthusiastically accepted."

The news of Hanover's move to The Michener Art Museum was also big news in the city of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Inquirer and various other news outlets, including MSNBC, featured stories about The Michener Art Museum's hiring of Hanover. However, this publicity at such a large scale did not faze Hanover, who said that works from the Berman have been featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer on several other occasions.

The Michener Art Museum, which opened in 1989, strives to preserve and display artwork by the people of Bucks County. Hanover said that she is looking forward to working in this different environment and is excited for the new challenges that await her at The Michener Art Museum.

Hanover came to Ursinus 25 years ago after former Ursinus president Dick Richter called and asked her to consider taking the

position as director of The Berman Museum of Art and invited her to Ursinus to meet Philip and Muriel Berman. Hanover came to Ursinus and met with the Berman, Ursinus faculty, and board members and saw that the college wanted to see the museum take off successfully. Three months after the call from Richter, Hanover, moved from California all the way to Pennsylvania where she began her journey as the Director of the Berman.

Although Hanover is enthusiastic about her new position at The Michener Art Museum, she admitted that she would be sad to say goodbye to Ursinus. "It has been my home for almost 25 years," Hanover said. "I have seen the college grow and evolve physically and programmatically and have worked with three great presidents."



Courtesy of Sara Hourwitz

At the end of June, Lisa Hanover will take over as Chief Executive Officer and Director of The James Michener Art Museum in Doylestown.

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'Lantern' celebrates 81 years

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Last Wednesday, April 11 marked the release of this year's edition of the Ursinus' literary magazine, The Lantern. Student contributors, the magazine's editorial staff, faculty members, and non-affiliated spectators gathered in Bomberger auditorium at 4:30 p.m. to commemorate the launch.

According to Dr. Jon Volkmer, faculty advisor to The Lantern, "2012 marks the 81st year of publication of The Lantern." Volkmer added that "The Lantern" is the showcase for the visual art, poetry and prose of Ursinus students. The works run the gamut from heartbreaking to hilarious—but always, always of

the highest quality."

After an introduction by Volkmer, senior head editor Sarah Schwolsky stepped up to the podium. She thanked Dr. Volkmer and her editorial staff before paying tribute to this year's contributing student writers, artists, and photographers.

"I want to thank you all for having the guts to submit," Schwolsky said.

With the help of senior Amanda Blythe, production editor for this year's Lantern, the cover image was displayed on a projection screen in the background for the audience. The image was taken by senior Lindsay Hogan, and was praised by Schwolsky as it "highlights the importance of imagination and wonder."

Three other prize winners

were announced during the event: The Prose prize went to Quinn Gilman-Forlini for "Il Travatore," judged by David Munro who received an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. The Poetry Prize went to Arielle Ross for her poem "Frangipani", judged by Doris Ferleger, Ph.D. Ferleger is an award-winning poetry and essayist.

Finally, the Creager Award, endowed in honor of Alfred L. Creager, '33 is for excellence in creative writing. The award is given to the student each year who contributes the best work, either in fiction, poetry, or non-fiction to a campus publication. This year that award went to "Ghost Story" by Amanda

Blythe.

Each judge came to the podium and read a little bit about why they chose each work. The writers of each piece then came to the podium and read either a part or the entirety of their works for the audience. Schwolsky called up several other students who were not prize winners to read parts of their works as well.

At the end of the launch event, copies of this year's Lantern were distributed to audience members as they left the auditorium.

For those who could not attend the event but still want a copy of 'The Lantern,' look around campus. Boxes have been distributed to most of the academic buildings, as well as Wismer.

Correction

Last week's issue of The Grizzly contained incorrect information in the UCDC article. The program, titled "Preludes for a New Generation," premieres tonight at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday, April 21. Tomorrow's performance will also begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater. Saturday's show will be held at 3 p.m.

The article also credited former visiting artist Melissa Chisena and former faculty members Chris Aiken and Cathy Young, who have not contributed to this semester's performance.

This semester's show features works by guest artists Nicole Wolcott and Marilyn Sekou Sylla. The program is directed by Visiting Professors of Dance Peter DiMuro and Meredith Lyons.

We apologize for these factual errors and any inconvenience they have caused.

Terror attacks in Kabul, Syrian government resumes hostilities, North Korean rocket launch fails

Rocket launch failure

Friday, April 13
PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA -

Defying warnings from other countries, North Korea launched a controversial long-range rocket on Friday, but it broke apart before escaping the earth's atmosphere and fell into the sea.

Although there were no obvious negative impacts of the launch, international ramifications against North Korea could be significant. Some say that the launch's apparent failure suggests that the threat from North Korea had been exaggerated.

For North Korea to admit failure is unusual; in the past, state media has reported that failed launches were successful.

The government claimed that the purpose of Friday's launch was to put an observational satellite into orbit, but the U.S., South Korea, and other countries saw the launch as a cover up for a ballistic missile test.

(CNN.com)

Terrorists target Kabul

Sunday, April 15
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN -

At least 11 police officers and five civilians were injured and 19 insurgents killed in brazen terrorist attacks on foreign and Afghan targets in Afghanistan's capital and eastern provinces on Sunday.

Fighting continued in Kabul for seven hours after the attacks were first launched on the U.S., British, and German embassies, as well as parliament, NATO headquarters, and a military academy.

The Taliban took responsibility for the attacks, saying they were part of a spring offensive.

The attackers also went after airfields and police headquarters in several eastern provinces in Afghanistan.

The attack caused widespread panic in Kabul, but some, including U.S. officials, are skeptical that the Taliban actually carried out the attack and suggested that Pakistani terror network Haqqani

may be to blame.
(LA Times Online)

Shooter claims self-defense

Monday, April 16
OSLO, NORWAY -

The man accused of killing 77 people last summer in Norway admitted Monday that he had committed the acts, but said that he was not guilty, claiming that he had done it in self-defense.

The trial of Anders Behring Breivik began Monday in Oslo, Norway, and is expected to last up to 10 weeks.

If convicted, he may not receive the maximum punishment if he is also deemed insane.

He was charged last month with committing acts of terror and voluntary homicide.

Last summer, eight people died in a bomb blast in Oslo, and 69 people, many of them teenagers, were killed during a shooting spree at a Labor Party summer camp on Utoya Island.

Authorities have described



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International News

Breivik as a right-wing Christian extremist.

Two court-appointed psychiatric experts said that he was sane at the time of the alleged crimes.

Breivik has claimed that the shooting rampage was meant to save Norway from "multicultural forces" and to prevent "ethnic cleansing" of Norwegians.

(CNN.com)

Cease-Fire broken in Syria

Monday, April 16

SYRIA -

The Syrian government in-

creased attacks on opposition fighters on Monday, resuming shelling and arrests in several cities, threatening to break an already fragile five-day old ceasefire agreement.

A small group of United Nations monitors began work in Damascus, also on Monday, in an attempt to enforce the truce agreement, which was brokered by U.N. peace envoy Kofi Annan.

His plan won unanimous approval within the U.N. Security Council. Although the violence is still less than before the ceasefire, it has steadily increased each day since the truce took effect Thursday morning.

If the truce holds, Syrian forces will withdraw and U.N. monitors will be deployed, political prisoners will be released, humanitarian aid and journalists will be given greater access, and there will be a Syrian-led political dialogue that would ultimately lead to national elections. (Wall Street Journal)



Adebayo Adeyemo/The Grizzly

Senior Sarah Schwolsky, head editor of The Lantern this year, addresses the audience during the magazine's launch ceremony last Wednesday.

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Hanover's colleagues will miss Hanover, but are excited for her and her new journey.

Susan Shifrin, the Berman Museum's Associate Director for Education, said, "I am delighted for Lisa. I believe that the move to the James Michener Museum will be a very positive and invigorating next step for her, and that The Michener Museum will benefit tremendously."

Furthermore, Shifrin, who praised Hanover, said, "It has been an honor, a privilege, and a complete pleasure to work with Lisa during the past decade."

In order to replace Hanover, Hanover's boss, Jill Marsteller, the Senior Vice President for Advancement, will organize a search committee to find a new director for the Berman Museum of Art.

Shifrin said that President Fong would like to see a new director by fall of this year.

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McGown to join Math department

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Starting in the Fall 2012 semester, Dr. Kevin McGown will join the Mathematics and Computer Science Department as a full-time Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Mathematics.

McGown, a native of Portland, Oregon, received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from Oregon State University, along with his M.S. in Mathematics in 2005.

He obtained his doctorate in Mathematics from the University of California – San Diego, in 2010, after the successful completion of his dissertation on “Norm-Euclidean Galois Fields.”

Upon completion of his doctorate, Dr. McGown accepted a position as a post-doctoral scholar at Oregon State University, where he has taught a number of mathematics courses at all levels, although his area of specialty is in

Number Theory.

Professor Yahdi was the chair of the search committee, which consisted of Professors Scoville, Kontostathis, Neslen, Dhawan, Hart, and Wait of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, along with Professor Goldsmith of the English Department.

Professor Yahdi explains that although Dr. McGown is filling a vacated position, it is also actually a new position “since it brings expertise and experience in mathematical fields that are needed at Ursinus and critical to complement and augment research areas of current department members.”

Yahdi goes on to say that “this position will provide resources to enhance our program and reflect new trends in the roles of mathematics, to foster student achievements, and to address the student, department, and College needs.”

The search for this position commenced in Sept. 2011, when

the composition, approval, and placement of the ad occurred.

The deadline for applications was Nov. 20, 2011, at which time candidates were selected for phone interviews.

The second round of interviews was held by Professors Yahdi, Scoville, and Kontostathis in the form of conference interviews at the Annual Join Mathematics Meetings in Boston, Massachusetts, on Jan. 4-7, 2012.

The final three candidates were brought to campus for interviews between Jan. 20-30, 2012, after which time the decision to hire Dr. McGown was made.

Yahdi explained that the search criteria “included the overall fit for the position and Ursinus, evidence of specialization and demonstration of excellence in both scholarship and teaching, and interest in the position, Ursinus and liberal arts, along with a good balance between teaching and research.”

Dr. McGown explains that his interest in Ursinus stemmed from his desire to work closely with undergraduate students, in addition to have a rewarding teaching experience.

“I also appreciate the fact that the college is supportive of my research and professional development. In short, Ursinus seemed like a place where my teaching and research could both thrive.” Additionally, he was equally impressed with Ursinus’ hospitality. “Everyone I met was very welcoming. I was impressed by everything I saw during my visit and I look forward to joining the faculty at Ursinus.”

Professor Yahdi indicates his satisfaction with McGown’s fit with Ursinus College as well. “He is interested in Ursinus’ commitment to liberal arts and its expectation for teaching, scholarship, and service. He has teaching experiences with full responsibilities and can teach a variety of

courses, including new courses. He is an active scholar with a good track record for establishing a productive research program. His research projects involve a combination of pure mathematics and applied mathematics while using modern computer and computational tools.”

Dr. McGown will be teaching Number Theory, Numerical Analysis, Linear Algebra, Special Topics, Complex Analysis, Cryptography, Multivariable Calculus, Calculus, and CIE when he begins his tenure in the fall.

McGown also expresses his interest in the REU Program in Mathematics and Computer Science in addition to Ursinus’ Summer Fellows Program.

More information on Dr. McGown can be found on his webpage with Oregon State University at people.oregonstate.edu/~mcgownk/index.php.

Professors host Facebook discussion in New Hall

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The question that sparked the hour and a half conversation last Tuesday night was: “So do you remember your first time on Facebook?”

The group of students immediately started to reminisce and share stories that took them back to a time during their high school years, just after Myspace started to decline in popularity and when Facebook was becoming a phenomenon across college campuses throughout the world.

“There’s No Shame in MY Facebook Game!” was a discussion led by professors Dr. Lynne Edwards and Dr. Carlita Favero. Although the professors had different reasons for leading the discussion, both wanted the students to gain a heightened awareness about the contrast between private and public information to put on the internet and how to handle professional relationships online, and offline.

Dr. Edwards is part of a NSF Grant that allows her to look at cyber bullying, so the Facebook topic is something that has become a pleasure for her to talk

about with students. Dr. Favero is part of the Faculty-in-Residence program and is always looking for fun and educational topics to discuss as part of her residency in New Hall.

The group was able to recall the original layout and how Facebook operated before they started advertising. “You had to be an active stalker before the newsfeed and actually go to people’s pages to find out what they were doing” became the general consensus. It was very much unlike Myspace which was performance-oriented and a reflection of self—layouts with background music were necessary if you wanted to gain more “friends,” and taking pictures of yourself was exciting because the more comments you received, the more popular you seemed. However, when Facebook came along, people were more interested in simply commenting on each other’s walls, poking, and joining their college networks. Personal information that users were asked to provide was very basic and, somewhat, less-intrusive.

After the group concluded that Facebook privacy was less of an issue back in its beginning stages, Dr. Edwards asked if there

was a real distinction between private and personal information. Sophomore Doug Hickey believes that “there are different levels of privacy” and Senior Latifah Waddy asserted that, “the line between personal and private can be tricky...if I have personal information on Facebook that I don’t want people to see, I just set it to private, but then again I do share some private information with close friends.” Knowing what and just how much personal information to share on Facebook is difficult and one must be willing to deal with the consequences if used improperly.

The topic, “Facebook ethics,” arose in relation to privacy. The question was “how far would you go to help a stranger? Would you warn a Facebook friend if you saw compromising photos that they didn’t know about?” The group of students and the professors agreed that people have gotten so comfortable with internet sharing that the rules that constitute friendship have become so blurred. Each student also agreed that they would definitely let a Facebook friend know if they saw compromising photos of them in someone’s album, but the fact that



Heidi Jensen/The Grizzly

Students discuss the uses and misuses of Facebook during the discussion led by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Favero last Tuesday evening.

privacy has gotten to the point of such extremes is a growing problem. The students discussed how easy it is for employers, family, and even professors to find information about them; any content a person puts on the internet, especially Facebook, is online forever and can at any moment be used against them. The content you choose to share is easier than ever to do, which makes it even more imperative to be wise when shar-

ing. Fueled by prizes and snacks for attending the discussion, each student was able to express the many upsides and downsides to living in a generation where Facebook has become of the main ways to build and maintain relationships with peers, co-workers, and family—all at the risk of losing rights to privacy that can never be returned from the world wide web.

Ursinus students promote autism awareness

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An advocate for Autism Awareness spoke in Olin Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday night thanks to Ursinus seniors Kelly Adams, Liz Van Horn, and Alison Kemper.

Director Keri Bowers discussed her film, "Normal People Scare Me," with Ursinus students.

Adams, Van Horn, and Kemper were given the task of bringing autism awareness to the campus for their Neurodiversity and the Autism Spectrum course, which coincides with autism awareness month.

The group was researching the student film, which was co-directed by Bowers and her son, Taylor Cross, who is autistic.

They came across the webpage, Normalfilms.com, which presents its viewers with more information about the film and contact information for Bowers.

Bowers considers herself to be an "advocate, speaker, seminar leader and filmmaker."

Under her contact information it states: "In these economically challenged times, Keri provides parents and professionals low and no cost strategies to build social and life skills."

At first, bringing Bowers to Ursinus seemed like a long shot.

The students never believed that the California native would actually come to Collegeville, but Adams decided to contact her, and got a reply.

"A week [after contacting her], Bowers emailed me and said she would be in Pennsylvania in April and wanted to know if her proposed date would work for us. [She] was very adamant about speaking on our tiny liberal arts campus when she released how close she would be in April," Adams said.

The video incorporates 65 interviews conducted by Cross.

Cross interviews both autistic people, and his family and friends.

He asks participants about their feelings on autism and their experiences with it.

His interviews offer very blunt and straightforward answers elicited by the people being interviewed.

Some of the questions include, "How do you feel about being autistic?" and "Do you like being autistic?"

The documentary was featured on CNN, ABC, and PBS, among many other places.

Cross, now 23, and Bowers

have made three films together and have increased autism awareness around the globe with their presentations and workshops.

Autism is very prevalent. For every 1,000 people, between 1 and 2 people are diagnosed with autism.

It is evident in social interactions and communication. Autism appears during infancy or early childhood and its signs develop gradually.

There is still much that needs to be researched on this disorder, but researchers do know that this disorder affects information processing in the brain.

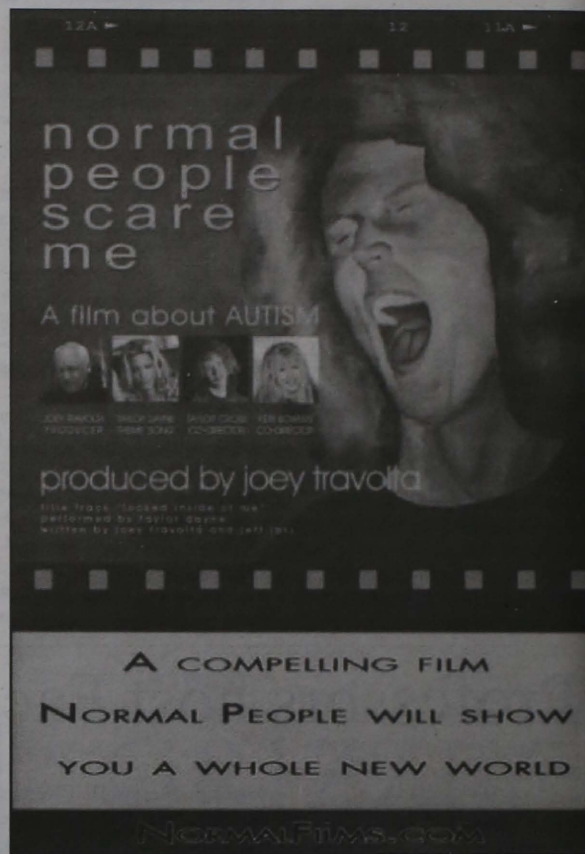
Sufferers of this disorder experience problems in social development, communication and often indulge in repetitive behavior.

The students involved will be selling buttons at the talk with the phrase, "Ursinus students scare me," on them to raise awareness.

The event was sponsored by the Psychology Club and Skin We're In in an attempt to draw a larger audience.

Bowers was delighted that students were working to spread autism awareness on campus.

"[The girls] took on something bigger than themselves and [it's] going to be great," Bowers said.



Courtesy of NormalFilms.com

A passion for historical re-enactments

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Eric Pfeiffer, a junior history major at Ursinus claims he has been re-enacting the Civil War since he was 15, a year before the minimum age requirement.

His regiment, the 150th Pennsylvania Company F, were severely low on men and were willing to take him on.

"It's really unusual to see a 15-year-old re-enacting. Most of the men who reenact are really old and fat, so I really stood out," Pfeiffer said.

The majority of the re-enactors are history teachers or professors, and they normally would teach during the week and then re-enact during the weekends.

"It was great learning from teachers about the aspects of the

war while re-enacting together, and you could tell that they really enjoyed what they were doing," Pfeiffer said.

Although the men Pfeiffer re-enacted with added kindling to his passion for history, a trip to Gettysburg initially sparked his interest in the Civil War.

"My family and I went out to Gettysburg, and the one thing I remember from that trip is my parents bought me a bag of Civil War soldiers. I remember sitting in the hotel room and lining them up and recreating the battles," Pfeiffer said.

After that trip to Gettysburg, a whole world of history opened up to Eric.

He started watching Davy Crockett videos, playing an imaginary game he called "army," and making pretend battle plans.

"The best times as a kid were when my dad would play army with me in our backyard and he'd be a general and we would fight in battle," Pfeiffer said.

Today, Pfeiffer has been re-enacting for six years.

He said there are about eight re-enactments each year, and he tries his best to make it to each one.

Pfeiffer said re-enactments entail wearing historically accurate clothing including a haversack and a canteen, and bringing a rifle with blank charges.

The blank charges are used in order to make a loud, bullet-like sound, but nothing actually comes out of the gun.

Pfeiffer said the blank charges are mostly for the audience's entertainment and to make the battles seem more realistic.

The heavy wool uniforms are not a deterrent for Pfeiffer even in the heat.

Pfeiffer said he attended a re-enactment a couple of years ago in June and the weather was brutal.

"All of the re-enactors, including me, were in the sun all day and once your canteen is empty, it's not pleasant. That night I got really sick and found out I had heat stroke," Pfeiffer said.

Although Pfeiffer's passion for history would die hard, he said he was not always willing to admit it.

"In high school, I thought it was uncool to re-enact and I hid it from everyone," Pfeiffer said.

That notion of history being "uncool" carried with Pfeiffer until his sophomore year of college.

He said as a freshman he at-

tempted becoming an International Relations major, a Biology major, and/or a Politics major.

Pfeiffer said he was unsure of a History major's future and thought there were more practical courses of study.

"It's one of those things that you kind of have to come to terms with being willing to be a History major and realizing that you don't really have a passion for International Relations or Biology. You're not going to get six figures [pay], but at least you'll be happy doing what you want to do," Pfeiffer said.

And re-enacting makes Pfeiffer happy, he said.

"I plan on re-enacting until I can't walk anymore. I plan on doing it for the rest of my life," Pfeiffer said.

Hon. Richard Murphy addressed campus

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Yesterday, Wednesday, April 18, American diplomat Richard W. Murphy visited campus to speak in the Musser Auditorium in Pfahler Hall.

Richard William Murphy was born July 29, 1929 in Boston, Mass., and served 34 years in the U.S. Foreign Service before retiring in 1989.

After graduating from The Roxbury Latin School in 1947, Ambassador Murphy received A.B. degrees from Harvard University in 1951 and from Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge in 1953.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

The first postings of Ambassador Murphy's career were to Salisbury in the former Southern Rhodesia, Beirut, Lebanon, Aleppo, Syria, Jeddah,

Saudi Arabia, and Amman, Jordan.

In 1968 he was named country director for the Arabian Peninsula and director of personnel for the Bureau of Near Eastern affairs.

From 1983 to 1989, he served as Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian affairs, taking an active role in the Israeli-Arab peace talks.

President Nixon nominated him as ambassador to Mauritania in 1971 and in 1974 he became ambassador to Syria.

He also served as the ambassador to the Philippines and Saudi Arabia later in his career. In 1985 he was named career ambassador, a title given to only five ambassadors serving at any given time.

After retiring, Ambassador Murphy also served as the Hasib J. Sabbagh Senior Fellow of the Middle East Roundtable at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York from Oct. 1, 1993 to



Courtesy of the Middle East Institute

June 30, 2004.

He is a trustee of the American University of Beirut, and often commentates for NPR, CNN, BBC and FOX News.

He has also written for the New York Times, Washington Post, Financial Times, International Herald Tribune and Christian Science Monitor.

Meerbergen co-leads therapy sessions in Pottstown

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Courtesy of Jason Meerbergen

Jason Meerbergen, a psychology major in his junior year set to graduate next fall, interned at Creative Health Services, Inc. in Pottstown, PA this past summer.

He worked in the Mental Health and Intensive Outpatient Program.

Meerbergen was responsible for co-leading group therapy sessions with trained social workers, therapists, and psychologists for people with severe mental disorders like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

"You definitely have to be personable, and have people-skills to work in this kind of environment. This isn't limited to just 'normal' people-skills but also [requires] understanding how to work with people who are abnormal as far as their cognition's concerned," Meerbergen said.

Meerbergen also needed to be "caring" and "empathetic" in regards to patients and their circumstances.

Additionally, being "driven" was important in this environment.

"You were kind of given as much responsibility as you want there," Meerbergen said.

After his first few weeks interning, he started to watch the staff do intakes (a clinical interview given to new patients) and observe staff meetings.

He also began updating treatment plans, essentially recording the goals set for patients, ranging from daily walks to practicing relaxation techniques, something care facilities must manage and record for insurance purposes.

Thanks to interning, Meerbergen now has a great reference and contact.

"By the time that I was finished with my internship, the director of the outpatient program and my advisor said she would be more than happy to write any kind of grad school recommendation letters I needed and that

when I graduated I was welcome to come back for a job," Meerbergen said.

Since experiencing a clinical and outpatient environment, Meerbergen has determined that he is not as passionate about the field as he originally considered himself to be, but these kinds of discoveries are what internships are for.

He is now provided with a new direction and insight into his interests.

"I really did enjoy my time there. I just couldn't see myself doing that for the rest of my life," Meerbergen said.

Meerbergen plans to apply for a PhD program in industrial and organizational psychology and go into human resources and consulting work to help people redesign their businesses to make them more effective and design training programs for their employees.

"I'm passionate about helping others. The thing for me was that I wanted to see people get better and it's really difficult to be making progress with a patient over the course of a month and then they have one bad day and they end up back in the hospital," Meerbergen said.

He advises students looking for internships to stay on top of it.

"Start as early as possible. Don't ever just apply to one, and bank on it. Make as many contacts as possible. Just by getting into contact with people, even if you don't end up getting the internship, [by] passing your résumé through to them, you can make really good contacts," Meerbergen said.

Word on the Street

with Brooke Mitchell

Senior Edition

"What do you plan to do after you graduate?"



Liz Van Horn
Psychology, 2012

"I am getting my master's in developmental psychology for educators at the Teachers College, Columbia University."



Jeremy Greco
Psychology, 2012

"I am going to Boston University School of Public Health to get my master's degree."



Jason Mullins
IR/History, 2012

"I'm getting my master's in international affairs from George Washington University's Elliot School of International Affairs focusing on international security in Middle Eastern cities."

Obama will need help come November

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At long last, the Republican Primary process has finally reached a conclusion (sorry Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul) and a November 6th showdown between President Obama and former Massachusetts Governor and presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney is set.

While the past nine months or so have been a referendum on Romney—who fell short against John McCain four years ago amongst Republican voters—the time between now and November 6th will be much different.

“I think this campaign will shift in focus onto President Obama in a way we have not seen so far,” said Jeff Zeleny, the National Political Correspondent of the *New York Times*.

Why is this? Because the

numbers do not lie.

The President’s policies, especially ObamaCare, are wildly unpopular. The unemployment rate (which currently sits at 8.2 percent) has sat above eight percent for 38 straight months.

Take, for example, the most recent Rasmussen Reports polls concerning the President’s approval rating and his standing in a head-to-head matchup with Romney.

Latest polling has 51 percent of Americans disapproving of Obama’s job performance, with 47 approving.

In a head-to-head matchup, Romney beats Obama 47-44.

Along with the current polling numbers, if history has its say in the matter, President Obama will be disappointed come November.

Three former United States Presidents have been defeated in their bids for a second term:

Gerald Ford in 1976, Jimmy Carter in 1980, and George H.W. Bush in 1992.

Of that group, President Obama has the highest unemployment rate, which happens to be the only one of the foursome above eight percent, and the second lowest GDP growth at 1.2 percent which trails only Carter’s -3 percent growth.

“His numbers are not good at all and his campaign realizes that,” said Zeleny. “That is one of the reasons why his campaign opened its doors for business more than a year ago and have been trying to round up all of the people who voted for him last time, but they need more than that, because a lot of those people won’t vote for him again.”

If the way this process helps anyone now, it is Romney. While he always had a problem catering to the far right voters

who made up the “anybody but Romney” block in the Republican nomination process, the general election is another animal.

In the general election, the independents are the group that Obama and Romney will have to win over. According to the latest Gallup poll, Romney is ahead 47-45, which shares the sentiment that Romney is ahead by a slim margin.

However, the big news in the Gallup poll shows independents in Romney’s corner by a 6 point margin, 45 to 39.

As syndicated columnist George Will once stated, “every (baseball) team that goes to spring training knows it is going to win 60 games and lose 60 games. You fight the entire season over the middle 42 games. The middle 42 games are analogous to the swing voters in this country. The question is how

competitive will the Republicans be with that swing vote.”

According to the Gallup poll, the answer seems to be well. Much is and will be due to Romney’s ability to appeal to the swing voters during a time of economic recession by conveying his image as a successful businessman at Bain Capital and a problem- fixer who helped prevent the 2002 Winter Olympics from becoming an economic nightmare.

While these aspects are certainly positives for Romney with independent voters, President Obama’s numbers have proven to be of far greater importance, and will continue to do so until November 6th when Americans decide whether they want their country to follow the lead of the 44th or 45th President of the United States.

New York City isn’t all it’s cracked up to be

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New York City is vastly overrated. Let me explain why.

Reason One: Being a self-professed connoisseur à la carbs, I was eager to wolf down the greatly-touted soft pretzels that have become iconic of New York.

However, a few food carts later, I remained greatly disappointed. The NY soft pretzel is a cold mass of bread, either blanketed in crystals of salt or completely dry. I immediately began to have separation anxiety from Philly Pretzel Factory’s delicious nuggets.

Reason Two: Vehicular homicide. Call me crazy, but I would rather not die at the age of nineteen. However, the people of New York appear to be a rare breed of kamikaze soldiers and do not share this sentiment.

Throwing caution to the wind, they cross the streets whilst yapping on cell phones, completely oblivious to the speeding yellow taxis skidding around them by a narrow margin.

Being cautious does not safeguard one’s life either. Even

after waiting for the glowing red hand to change, I was still almost mowed down by a bus of tourists speeding to take pictures of the coffee shops Kim Kardashian is rumored to have lattes in and the liquor stores Lindsay Lohan buys her 6-packs.

I had numerous near-death experiences trying to negotiate the NYC walkways.

Apparently to New York drivers, pedestrians are only speed bumps.

Reason Three: While every city has a conglomeration of repugnant characters, New York City seems to be the epicenter of this scum-dom.

My butt was copped on multiple occasions, which is sad, considering my butt is so flat it is practically inverted.

In addition, walking back to our hotel I was offered a summer job—although not the summer internship my resume desperately needs.

Yes, the bouncer attempted selling us on a summer job at Flashdance gentlemen’s club.

Stripper?
As tempting as that sounds, self-degradation is not a quality I was looking to adopt. And I’m

not sure swinging about on a pole is the type of experience law schools are looking for.

The many questionable characters that seemed to flock to New York City made any outing in the city far less enjoyable.

Reason Four: The exorbitant prices of... well, everything.

Fruit? Three dollars for a mushy brown banana, and an actual meal could not be obtained without emptying one’s life savings.

While I would begin with food (heralding back to my statement about being an indulgent fat-ass) the prices were inflated in every aspect of Times Square. For instance: going on a stroll, we were asked if we wanted to go to the top of the rock to get a good view of the city. How much? Special price of thirty dollars each.

Thirty dollars to ride an elevator and look out at graffiti blanketed cement blocks. Excuse me sir, were you aware that I could buy two Forever21 dresses with that? I’ll pass.

I’ll pass on the entire NYC thing, in fact. This city

is a catalyst of let downs, and does not live up to its golden reputation by any means.

The four reasons I brought up are only the tip of the iceberg in

explaining why New York City is far from being the “greatest city on Earth” as some extol.

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Class of 2012 athletes leave holes to fill

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In just a few short weeks the Class of 2012 will take part in their commencement ceremony on the lawn of the Ursinus College campus.

With this graduation, the athletic department will say goodbye to what is undoubtedly one of the more individually storied athletic classes in the history of the college.

Team captains and numerous loyal members to each of the 24 varsity athletic programs on campus will depart ushering in a new year and a new era for athletics at Ursinus.

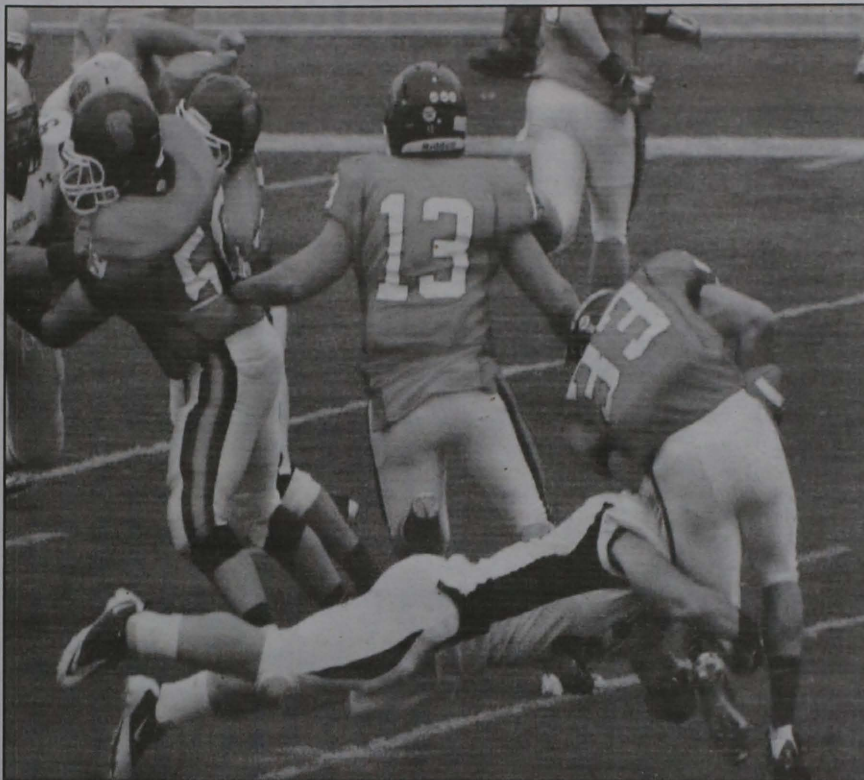
There were countless All Conference honorees and several school records broken by members of the Class of 2012, not to mention a number of regionally and nationally recognized student athletes.

"In all my years as [an] SID, I have never seen a group of seniors accomplish so much. I've also never seen a group of seniors be very supportive of their fellow student-athletes," said Sports Information Director James Wagner.

The following represents a subsection of the men and women who will leave some of the biggest figurative shoes to fill for fall sports coaches, as they complete their spring practice seasons and prepare for camp in early August.

The football team will say goodbye to a number of standouts including the all time touchdown reception leader in Nick Giarratano.

However, none of head coach



Courtesy of Greg Martell

Martell, who has been a staple in the Bears' defensive lineup since 2009, led the team in tackles in each of the last three seasons. In 2011, Martell finished fifth in the conference with 87 total tackles. Defensive coordinator Ed Lynett will look to a number of returning players including Mike Klazas and Brian Taylor to fill the void left by Martell.

Pete Gallagher's seniors will leave with the achievement resume of senior linebacker Greg Martell.

Martell reeled in a number of postseason honors including the ECAC south region defensive player of the year, and centennial conference defensive player of

the year awards in 2011.

Martell was also a unanimous first team all centennial conference selection, which marks the second time he has received the honor.

The field hockey team will also say goodbye to a number of stellar performers including

2nd team All American selection, senior Nicole Hanby, and All Region selection Corrine Freeman.

However, even at an institution home to the United States field hockey hall of fame, and a history of success such as that of Ursinus College in the sport, it is difficult to imagine replacing se-

nior forward Alyssa Thren.

Thren, quite possibly the most decorated field hockey star in centennial conference history, will leave behind a legacy of scoring dominance.

The Centennial Conference's all time leading scorer, Thren will graduate following a season in which she garnered a unanimous first team all American selection, the third time she was named to the All American team in her four year career.

Thren is the only athlete in conference history to surpass the 100 goal mark for her career, and will likely go down as one of the all time greats in a very rich Ursinus field hockey history.

The women's soccer team graduates 11 seniors from a very close knit team, one of which being midfielder Jessica Porcelan.

Porcelan, a second team all centennial conference selection in 2011, was a four time all centennial selection during her Ursinus career. In 2008 and 2010, Porcelan was named to the all centennial conference first team; in 2009 Porcelan was a second team all centennial selection.

With roughly four months until training camps begin, head coaches Gallagher, Janelle Benner (field hockey), and Jeff Ykoruk (women's soccer) among others will face difficulty filling the voids left by their graduating seniors.

However, as tradition has been at Ursinus, with the graduation of one stellar class of student athletes, in will come another.

So say goodbye to the legacy of the Class of 2012, and keep your eyes peeled for those of the Class of 2016 this fall.

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As Pandl points out, they do not have all of their incoming freshmen which makes it difficult to judge.

"I think it will definitely help us get an idea for how we will play next year but it will also help show us what we need to work on over the summer and hopefully we can learn from that and take the summer to improve and be even better in the fall," Pappas said.

While the Bears enjoyed their offseason, the spring session has begun and they are ready to pick things back up and prepare for the tournament.

"I think the team is very well prepared for the trip. We have been working very hard during the spring season to not only increase our individual skills and work hard as a team but we have been working a lot on fitness as well to be in good shape for our trip," Pandl said.

Pappas also spoke highly of the team's preparation and the excitement that goes along with big trips like this.

"We have been training all winter and spring to make sure that we are in shape and can keep up in the games. We have also all just been really excited and I know my class has been looking

forward to this trip for three years so we are just really excited that it is finally here," said Pappas.

Going overseas and playing in a big tournament is no easy task.

It might not seem that different considering the rules are the same, however, there are many important factors to consider.

"I think it will be a big difference. I know from playing in Australia that it's just a whole different game, they have been playing their entire lives and it will be much different than what we are used to playing against. I think it will definitely be tougher and we will have to make some adjustments but it will most definitely

be a lot of fun," said Pandl

Of course the trip is not all work; the team still has some down time to enjoy themselves and take in the abroad experience.

"We will be exploring and learning about the different culture. Everyone is really excited to go to a new country and try things that we wouldn't have planned to do ourselves if we were going there on our own, such as exploring caves and trying different foods than what we are used to," Pappas said.

Not only is it a learning experience, but also an important opportunity for the team to bond and grow together.

"We will be touring in the three different countries that we will visit. Going on these tours will not only allow us to get to know and experience some of the European culture but also allow for a lot of time for team bonding, which is always important," Pandl said.

This overseas tournament is a terrific opportunity for the team to prepare for the 2012 season.

They aim to improve upon their successful season and look forward to next year where they will look to continue the Ursinus field hockey tradition of striving for a championship run.

Field Hockey: heading to Holland

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The women's field hockey team had an excellent season in 2011 to say the least.

The Lady Bears had an impressive 9-1 record in the Centennial Conference, a run that carried into the postseason where the team defeated Johns Hopkins and Franklin and Marshall to become conference champions.

The team was not done, however, as they earned a bid to the NCAA championship tournament.

Fighting hard every game, the Bears defeated Christopher Newport, Messiah, and Salisbury before being defeated at the hands of TCNJ, losing 2-0, in the national semifinals.

The team works hard every offseason in order to improve upon their previous success, and this summer the team will be changing things up a bit, as they will be taking a trip overseas to Europe for some international training and competition.

At the tournament, the Lady Bears will compete against club teams from Holland as well as a few local teams. This tournament provides an opportunity for the women to improve themselves as a unit before the next Centennial Conference season.

This unique opportunity is something the team is looking forward to.

It will be the first time this team takes the field without



Courtesy of James Wagner

Catherine Bitterly, one of five rising seniors on the field hockey team, started 20 of the team's 21 contests in 2011. She registered six goals and two assists on the season, good for 14 points.

the seniors from last season.

Defenseman Jennifer Pappas is a returning starter and is look-

ing forward to the trip.

"I think this really gives the team a chance to play together

and grow stronger as a team. We

will be able to improve our skills because we will have extra time

than just the spring season and our own summer training to work together on the field in a real game situation," Pappas said.

"We will also be playing a lot of tough competition that we aren't used to which will help increase our confidence in the fall when we play tougher teams like Messiah and TCNJ," Pappas said.

Midfielder Rachel Pandl is another junior from last season looking to take charge and lead the team next year.

She too believes the tournament overseas is a great opportunity and provides many benefits.

"I believe this trip will provide a lot of benefits for our team to grow and get a glimpse of what things we may need to fix and can work on over the summer. Having this opportunity to play overseas against great competition can really challenge our individual skills as well as our team as a whole. Being able to come into pre-season knowing things we may need to work on a little more can help us to spend our pre-season time wisely before the games start," Pandl said.

While this tournament helps the team work together and mold, it is not necessarily the best indicator of how the season will go.

In fact, the Bears use it as an opportunity to find out any weaknesses they might have and improve on them before the season begins.

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Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

4/21
Women's Track & Field
Grizzly Classic
@ Ursinus College

4/21
Baseball
Game 1
@ McDaniel
12:30 p.m.

4/21
Women's Lacrosse
@ Muhlenberg
1 p.m.

4/21
Baseball
Game 2
@ McDaniel
3 p.m.

4/21
Men's Track & Field
Grizzly Classic
@ Ursinus College

4/21
Softball
Game 1
@ Muhlenberg
1 p.m.

4/21
Softball
Game 2
@ Muhlenberg
3 p.m.

4/21
Men's Lacrosse
@ Muhlenberg
7 p.m.

