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THE ELECTION ISSUE

Search for Student Activities

UC needs new Assistant Director

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Kelli Bodrato recently stepped down as assistant director of leadership development and student activities. Todd McKinney, Ursinus' associate director of leadership development and student activities, now handles her responsibilities while the school searches for an ideal candidate.

"It's twice as much work but I'm having fun," McKinney said. "I'll be glad to have someone back on board."

Bodrato, whose primary responsibilities included freshman orientation, Greek life, family programs, student governance, clubs and organizations and supervising student staff, was recently offered a position at Mount Saint Vincent college in New York. There she will fulfill the role of director of residence life.

McKinney described the position of assistant director as a "hodgepodge" of different responsibilities.

"We're looking for someone who is strong in one or two of

those areas but has the ability to learn the rest," he said. "The person who is selected will hopefully be a generalist who has the ability to then develop those specialties and be awesome at all of them."

McKinney said the ideal candidate would also have experience working at a smaller residential college like Ursinus.

There are more than 100 applicants for the position and McKinney hopes to invite some of them to campus in the near future so students, faculty and staff to meet and interview them. Through this, McKinney said he hopes to "get a community sense of who they feel the best candidate is."

"There will be a chance for students to meet that person with our open forums and such, so we definitely hope students will take that opportunity to come out and meet with all the candidates," McKinney said. "We value their input and their voice because they're the people [the candidates] will be working most closely with."

Senior business major Corey

Barkers, programing associate for the student activities office and "the third in command" according to McKinney, has fond memories of Bodrato.

"There are some big shoes to fill, whoever takes that job," Barkers said.

McKinney agreed, wondering, "What didn't Kelli do?"

Barkers was surprised to learn Bodrato would not be returning this semester.

"She was a big part of this office. Without her being here, it's been a little hectic. Everybody has a little more weight on their shoulders," Barkers said.

"She was always running around, busy. If you caught her in the office you were lucky," Barkers said. "I know a lot of the performers around here, she did a lot of that. She booked all that good stuff."

McKinney expects to fill the much-needed position by the end of November with a new assistant director starting in January.

STAFF EDITORIAL

In reaction to the massive response to John Parry's article, "Varsity Teams and Athletes Overvalued at Ursinus," the staff of The Grizzly would like to remind the campus community that the article was published in the opinion section, which does not necessarily reflect the views of The Grizzly or its staff.

Opinion pieces have very different guidelines and/or criteria than other sections of the paper. Opinion pieces are meant to reflect the views of the individual writer and we hope to publish as many varied perspectives as possible. To that end, The Grizzly also published Marcus Foster's article "Ursinus Sports Teams Need More Support" as a counterpoint to Parry's article on the same page.

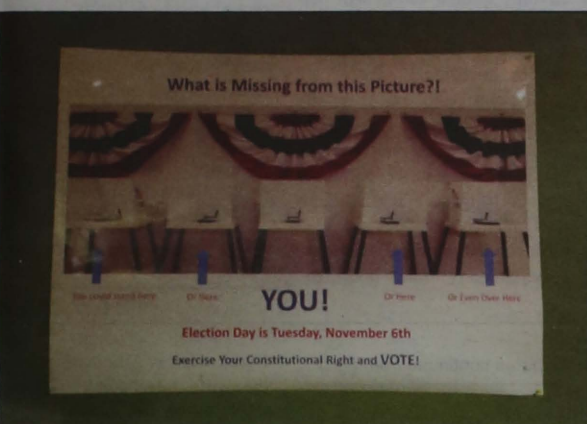
In an effort to better serve the campus community, The Grizzly has been striving to become a more open forum, preserving students' freedom of expression, and reflecting the liberal arts mission that Ursinus College values.

However, The Grizzly overwhelmingly condemns the personal attacks that have been occurring through social networking. All students at Ursinus should feel free to express their personal opinions and no students should feel unsafe for expressing their beliefs.

The reaction to the article is in opposition to the civil discourse The Grizzly hopes to foster. If anyone would like to share their opinions we encourage them to submit their letters and hope they would feel respected in doing so. There are multiple organizations on campus that embrace and support different values and opinions, and The Grizzly is no exception.

We always have and always will welcome letters to the editor. If you would like to share your reaction with the Ursinus community, please submit a letter to grizzly@ursinus.edu.

*This editorial was written by the student editors of The Grizzly.



Rosie Clark/The Grizzly

The debates highlighted many of the issues of this year's presidential election. Election Day is Nov. 6.

Presidential debate wrap-up

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As election time nears, the candidates are making their final push to prove they are the right choice to be the next president of the United States. Before that happens, it's time to take a look back at the three presidential debates and wrap up what occurred.

The first debate took place in Colorado at the University of Denver. According to presidency.ucsb.edu, there were six different segments that were covered during this debate.

These segments were the National economy, education/tax code reform/energy, small business promotion/job creation, deficit and national debt/spending cuts, national commission on fiscal responsibility and reform, and social security.

"The first debate was a Romney victory by miles upon miles," said AJ Weaver, a senior member of the College Republicans

at Ursinus. "While Romney was good, what was striking was how disinterested and bored President Obama seemed. He looked like he wanted nothing to do with that debate."

According to CNN, with the victory Romney gained from this first debate, he now carries the "momentum into the home stretch."

The second debate took place in Hempstead, NY at Hofstra University. According to presidency.ucsb.edu,

Some of the questions were about education, economic growth, domestic energy sources, the automobile industry, Romney's economic platform and oil and gas production on public land just to name a few.

"The second debate might have been a slight win for the president," said Weaver. "But Governor Romney did not hurt

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Homecoming 2012



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The Grizzly

Top photo from left, Doug Muller, Mary Kobor, Liam Marston, and Kayla McLeod participated in the homecoming festivities at the football game on Saturday, Oct. 27. Marston was named homecoming king.

Photo at right, the homecoming crowd of alumni and students rooted on the Bears, who fell to Johns Hopkins, 35-17.



24-hour play set to begin Friday

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The famous absurdist play *The Bald Soprano* is coming to Ursinus, with a record-breaking twist. For 24 hours straight six Ursinus student actors will perform the award-nominated play directed by Maidie Distefano of Brat Productions.

The play itself was originally created in 1950 by Eugene Ionesco, who was inspired to write the play from his experiences learning English and the ridiculous practice sentences provided through his book. The play takes approximately one hour to

complete and is full of satirical comedy.

The basic plot of the play portrays the social interactions of two British families, the Smiths and the Martins, while providing humor. The unique twist with the Ursinus performance is the fact that six of our students (Travis Maider, Rayna Nunes, Brendan Howseman, Rachel Blunt, Emily Taylor, and David Martin) are attempting to set a world record for longest performance by a single cast. The cast will perform the play in its entirety, then start it all over again.

The idea of looping the pro-

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himself during this debate and did what he had to do."

According to the Associated Press, opinion polls show that the race is a close one, with Obama leading in some national surveys and Romney in others.

Despite the Republicans clear gains in surveys in recent days, the president lead in several polls of voters in Wisconsin and Ohio, two key midwestern "battlegrounds" where Romney and Ryan have been campaigning heavily.

The final debate was held at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fl. Since this was the final debate of the year before Election Day on Nov. 6, both candidates need to demonstrate why Americans should vote for them.

There were six topics of discussion for this debate, including the changing Middle East and new terrorism, the war in

Syria, what is America's role in the world, Israel and Iran, America's longest war and the rise of China.

"Once again, the third debate was a slight win for President Obama," said Weaver. "But Romney once again did what he needed to do and showed why he would be a viable alternative to the President and look presidential."

According to CNN, a poll that was released the Thursday after the final presidential debate stated that the viewers believed Obama had won.

"If Governor Romney wins the election, the first debate will be looked at as the turning point in much of the same way the Kennedy/Nixon debate in 1960 changed that election," Weaver said.

Weaver said the election will be a very close and competitive one all the way until the final state and its votes have been counted.

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Depts. revise curriculums

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In line with goals set forward by President Bobby Fong's Strategic Plan, departments across campus are updating their curricula to better prepare students to apply their studies to the world beyond Ursinus.

The English Department is excited about its new curriculum changes.

In the past, students majoring in English had to complete Methods in Literature (ENGL-290W), British Literature I (291), British Literature II (292), American Literature (293) and at least three 300-level colloquia.

Now, American Literature and British Literatures I and II will be omitted and will be replaced with three new classes: Literary Histories, Genre Studies, and New Literary Directions.

"We're trying to create verticality in the major," said Associate Professor and Chair of English Rebecca Jaroff. This verticality will presumably extend all the way to English's roots in Latin and will help students understand how our language came to be the way it is today.

The changes were made with the Strategic Plan in mind but Jaroff said they "would have happened anyway."

"The Strategic Plan asked us to think about what it is we do well as a major and in what ways we can improve to fit into the general goals of the college," Jaroff said. "The Strategic Plan demonstrates what makes Ursinus distinct because we're seeking to help students live creative, useful lives and develop ties to the outside world."

The new curriculum will open channels for students to extend their studies to the world beyond the classroom.

"The new curriculum will allow more opportunities for students to engage in extensive writing projects, study abroad, independent research opportunities and internships and even literatures in translation at the 300 level," Jaroff said. "We're also seeking more consciously to serve non-majors who are interested in literature classes."

Another noteworthy change is that instead of requiring students to take four courses at the 200 level and three courses at the

300 level, the new curriculum demands only three courses at the 200 level and now requires students to complete four 300 level courses.

"We're looking to improve students' ability to speak and write," Jaroff said.

The changes will hopefully be implemented by the fall of 2013. In order for this to be brought to fruition, however, it needs to be approved by the Academic Council by January 2013.

The professors in the English department have been meeting once a week and working very hard to revise the curriculum by next fall.

The Media and Communications Studies department is also revising its curriculum this year, enabling students to focus on concentrations within the major.

These concentrations are, according to the Academic Council's statement about changes to the MCS Curriculum, "areas included to provide students with recommendations for selecting courses in their areas of interest

and with an understanding of how groups of courses are connected."

While students' concentrations won't be printed on their transcripts, students may choose to highlight their concentrations on their résumés so as to specify the skills and experiences they have gained throughout the course of their studies.

Visiting Assistant Professor Kirstie

Hettinga said, "We hope that these concentrations will make it easier for students to find courses that they may find interesting. Also, I think this is a great way for students to find identity in our department."

Many courses have been revised, and some, for instance MCS 290, were deleted all together. These will be replaced with new and innovative courses with social applications, such as Media Ethics (MCS-315) and Facebook Nation (MCS 318).

"The Strategic Plan asked us to think about what it is we do well as a major and in what ways we can improve to fit into the general goals of the college."

— Dr. Becky Jaroff
Chair, English Department

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COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

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

This year, the following member of the faculty is being reviewed for tenure:

- Karen Clemente, Theater and Dance

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Lucien T. Winegar, Office of the Dean by November 30, 2012.

Top stories from around the globe

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Former Italian PM Convicted

On Oct. 26, the Guardian reported that Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister of Italy, was sentenced to four years in jail for tax fraud but can still appeal twice more against the ruling. Berlusconi was also banned from public office for five years and ordered to pay 10 million Euros. The Guardian reported that several employees in the former prime minister's media firms were also found guilty.

According to the Guardian, Silvio Berlusconi has faced 33 trials for other charges including bribing British lawyer David Mills and paying a 17-year-old Moroccan prostitute. For the latter case, the trial is scheduled to conclude at the end of the year.

US authorities stop Imran Khan

According to the BBC, Imran Khan, a Pakistani politician who has campaigned against American drone strikes, was stopped by U.S. immigration authorities in Canada when boarding a flight from Toronto to New York on Oct. 26. He was questioned for about an hour and claims that authorities questioned him on drones.

The BBC reported that the Americans who detained Khan are not allowed to divulge any information.

Meanwhile, the Toronto Sun reported that the American Islamic Leadership Coalition pressured Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to revoke Khan's U.S. visa due to his sympathetic views towards the Taliban.

"Granting individuals like Khan access to the US to fund-raise is against the interest of the people of Pakistan and the national security interests of the US," the group said in a statement to the Sun.



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Nationalist Gov. of Tokyo resigns

On Oct. 25, the New York Times reported that Tokyo's nationalistic governor Shintaro Ishihara resigned in order to form a New National Party. According to the Times, this announcement comes at a crucial time, as Japan is conscious of its political influence waning as a result of China's rise to international power.

Under the New National Party, Ishihara has already initiated a campaign to secure the Senkaku islands, which increased tensions with China, according to the Times.

The Times reported that Ishihara wants to merge the party with others, including a conservative party formed by populist mayor of Osaka, Toru Hashimoto. It is not clear how Ishihara expects to work with other parties but political analysts argue that his movements may be part of the larger trend of increased Japanese nationalism.

EU changes biofuels policy

On Oct. 24, the BBC reported that the European Union is changing its policy on biofuels in an effort to encourage energy production from waste as opposed to food crops.

According to BBC, the European Commission argued that clearing out land to produce biofuel crops can cancel out environmental benefits of biofuel, as forests are destroyed in many cases. The EU will instead use farm waste, algae and straw as energy resources.

The British government argued that it was not worth diverting food into fuel with nearly 900 million people going hungry, BBC reported.

The EU Commissioner for Climate Action argued to invest in biofuels that achieve emission cuts and do not compete with food at the same time. However, the European Renewable Ethanol Association did not agree with the notion that biofuel crops took away from growing food.

Students prepare for Nov. 6 election

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As the election gets closer, students of all affiliations on campus have mixed opinions about their own preparation, and the preparation of their fellow students.

There are two clubs on campus that are politically affiliated: the Ursinus College Democrats and the Young Republicans. Another group that is hoping to become established as a club is Young Americans for Liberty.

Both the UC Democrats and Republicans want to see more participation from students. Elizabeth Spiegel, a sophomore and a member of the College Republicans, said that she did not see a lot of action from the Republican group on campus last year, but this year she joined the group, and said that the group had a table for helping with absentee ballots and have held more meetings.

Brett Hillsberg, the UC Democrat President and a senior at Ursinus said that he believed students could be doing more: "As the college Democrat's President I have been overall very disappointed in the participation of the student class body." He also said that he was keeping up with the elections. "As a college senior I have a lot of work myself but I find time to support this cause I believe in." Hillsberg said.

Ethan Wright, a sophomore at Ursinus said that he has visited both candidates' websites and reads the news daily to stay informed. He has also watched all three presidential debates. Wright suggested that students who want to be more informed go to the website isidewith.com to match themselves with the candidate they agree most with on the issues. "For me that helped a lot for me to sort of solidify the fact that I find myself in the libertarian camp," Wright said.

Different students took different approaches to staying informed. Spiegel said that she found it helpful to talk to her parents about the upcoming election. Katherine Roshak, a Republican freshman at Ursinus wrote in an email "To prepare for the upcoming

election, I watched the three debates. I also watch ABC World News to see how each candidate is doing in the polls."

Emily Cooper, a sophomore and a member of the UC Democrats, found it distracting to watch the debates with others. Wright said that student commentary was more about diction than content during the debate when it was shown in Lower Wismer. Wright and Spiegel said they talked to other students about the debates after they watched them.

Some Ursinus students believe that other students at Ursinus do not stay informed about the election. "I'd say that there's probably a lot of students who are very either misinformed or uninformed," Wright said.

Roshak wrote that she recommended news stations to her fellow students, "I would suggest that students watch ABC World News or whatever news station they watch since there is a lot of information on what is going on in the election and what Romney and Obama have been saying in their interviews."

Hillsberg said, "I haven't really seen too much participation from any of these students in this electoral cycle." Wright thought that this lack of participation might be attributed to students focusing on other things, "I think and rightfully so, most students on this campus are more interested in the things that are directly related to them in their lives right now, here at college," he said.

For the third debate, Hillsberg said he was "impressed" with the turnout and was impressed that the College Democrats, College Republicans, and the Bonner Program all sponsored the event. More than 50 people attended the viewing in Lower Wismer.

Spiegel, Wright, Cooper, and Hillsberg encouraged students to both inform themselves and to vote. Wright said "there are a lot of people out there that will tell you that your vote doesn't matter, and I would disagree with that 100 percent of the time, and it matters who you vote for so get out and vote."

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duction is made possible through the structure of the play. The end of the play is the same as the beginning. In a regular play or performance the lights would dim and go out at the end of the show. The 24 hour Bald Soprano will keep the lights on and continuously go through performance after performance with no interruptions.

Another interesting twist to the Soprano is not only will the play loop but actors will also switch roles. Travis Maider for instance will be playing both Mr. Martin and Mr. Smith 12 times each during the 24 hours. "It is hard," Maider said "I find that I am saying lines for Mr. Martin when I am playing Mr. Smith. But that is what makes this play fun."

Castmate Brendan Howseman, who will play the role of Fire Chief in the first performance, also supports the idea of switching roles for each performance. "The reason the idea of switching roles is so great is that if you stay for two shows, you'll get two different performances and different interpretations by a different actor," Howseman said "You get to see a new show that happens to have the same lines."

Associate professor of theater Domenick Scudera

is very enthusiastic about the coming of the 24 hour Bald Soprano to Ursinus. "I think it is a very unique experience," Scudera said "The director Madi Distefano has performed the 24 hour bald soprano at different fringe festivals and it really is something that has captured a lot of attention."

Scudera also believes that the performance will bring a lot of attention to Ursinus because this is the first time a 24 hour performance is being done on a college campus with college students. "Madi has done it with professional actors with a company she founded (Brat Productions)," Scudera said. "This is the first time she has come to a college campus to do it."

The 24 hour Bald Soprano begins on November 2nd at 8 p.m. in the BlackBox theater in the Kaleidoscope. Tickets are available at boxoffice@ursinus.edu and by calling 610-409-3030. Cost of admission will be two dollars for 24 hours of performance. Those in attendance are also encouraged to enjoy themselves with clapping, laughing, and enthusiasm with this unique performance.



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Word on the Street

Who are you going to vote for in the presidential election and why?

"Barack Obama because I feel that at this point in our political system, you're choosing between the lesser of two evils. Both candidates are fairly conservative but for social issues I feel more comfortable having Obama in the office over Romney." —Senior Olivia Hovick

"Barack Obama. I agree with what he's talking about now in his campaign elections and I watch the debates and his arguments." —Freshman Khalilah Baber

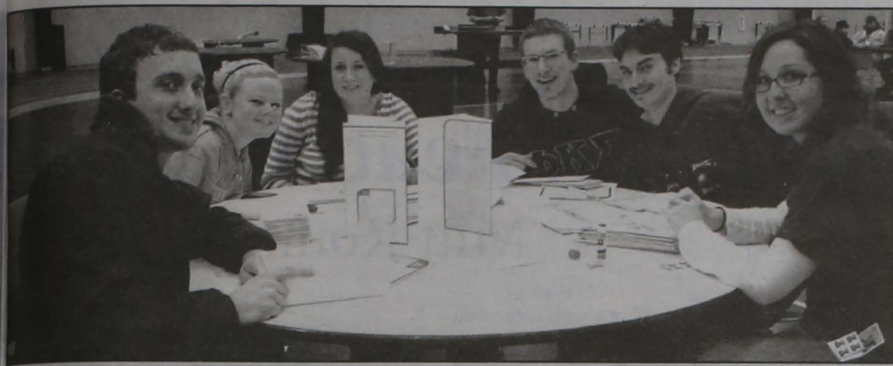
"I am absolutely going to vote for Barack Obama because I'm a feminist and he supports feminist issues. He also supports helping people who need help and I think that Mitt Romney might be a little bit evil and he has no empathy for anyone." —Junior Jessica Long

"Definitely Barack Obama. Barack-Obama because I feel like the GOP is really out of touch with the needs of a lot of people in the U.S. like a lot of the citizens and I feel like I just don't want to take our country in kind of a step back." —Senior Andre Kiss

"Mitt Romney because I believe that he is going to turn the economy around and that's what the United States needs." —Freshman Stephen Caplan

"That's a good question. I'm currently undecided, but I'm planning on voting for Gary Johnson because I can't reconcile Obama's previous campaign statements with all of the drones, just with all of his policies internationally. I think it's irreconcilable." —Junior Julia Glauber

"I'm voting for Obama because I don't like Romney because he switches sides on everything from the past ten years to now. I feel like it will happen again." —Freshman Hannah Pottieger



The Grizzly Archives

In this 2009 photo, students write letters seeking donations for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Up 'til Dawn fights kids' cancer

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On Thursday Nov. 1, the Up 'til Dawn organization will bring the Ursinus campus together to spread awareness of childhood cancer, raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and enjoy great food and entertainment.

Up 'til Dawn has been promoting awareness of childhood cancer and St. Jude this school year since September, building up to the letter-writing event on Thursday.

"St. Jude helps treat kids with cancer and other life-threatening diseases with no cost to the family," said sophomore Chelsy Paulose, co-president of Up 'til Dawn. All of the funds raised through Up 'til Dawn events will go to St. Jude, which provides cancer patients with everything from treatments to an education during their stay at the hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

From 7 p.m. to midnight in Lower Wismer, students are encouraged to bring their address books to address letters from St. Jude to family members and friends. "As college students, we don't necessarily have the money to donate to these kids ourselves," Paulose said. "But we know people who do, such as our friends, family members, and parents."

The more letters a person addresses, the more raffle prizes they are eligible to win. The top prize, accessible to participants who address at least 50 letters, is a \$200 Visa gift card. Other prizes include a Gertrude Hawk chocolate gift basket, an Eastern Mountain Sports backpack, and gift cards to Kiwi and Dairy Queen.

During the event, food from Johnny G's Pig Shack and other local restaurants will be provided.

Live performances by a student disco jockey, bands including More Than Alive and the GoAround, and the UC Bearitones will serve as accompaniment to the letter writing. All food and entertainment was donated in support of the event.

"It's not something you have to pay for," said senior Whitney Sarchiapone, co-executive director of Up 'til Dawn. "We just need your time."

Students should bring the registration form attached to the campus-wide email sent last week to receive a T-shirt at the event.

In addition to the letter-writing event, Up 'til Dawn tries "to put together events throughout the years to raise awareness about the kids at St. Jude," Paulose said. Up 'til Dawn's efforts to raise awareness include chalking the campus and setting up an awareness table in Lower Wismer.

Ursinus athletic teams have also been promoting awareness of childhood cancer and St. Jude. During the football game against Susquehanna University, the football players and cheerleaders wore yellow shoelaces, since yellow is the color that represents childhood cancer.

The wrestling team is also holding a Fall Brawl to support Up 'til Dawn's cause. During the tournament, the wrestlers will wear yellow singlets and shoelaces to show their support of St. Jude Sarchiapone said.

Ursinus' Up 'til Dawn raised more than \$10,000 last year, and hopes to exceed that success this year.

"I am fortunate not to go through half of what [the patients at St. Jude] are going through," Paulose said. "I have the ability to do something, so I help them."

For more information about the event, email uptildawn@ursinus.edu.

Campus radio grows

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Many students at Ursinus College are unaware that there is a radio station on campus. The station, which is called WVOU, can be found on the internet only at wvou.ursinus.edu. The WVOU radio station office can be found in Ritter 138. Dr. Jay Miller serves as the faculty advisor to WVOU.

WVOU strives to be another Ursinus student voice at the college in addition to The Grizzly. Currently there are sixty students involved in WVOU this year. While the hours vary, WVOU has live disco jockeys approximately six hours a day, seven days a week.

WVOU plays a variety of music including rock, hip-hop, house, and country. Junior John Parry, who is the general manager of WVOU, said that the station is "A great outlet to discover new music, especially indie artists. Students can turn to us to learn more. It's a shame that they're turning to other places."

The shows range from one to two hour time slots, which allows for many shows. Parry said, "One hour time slots are less intimidating and more appealing to student DJs." One of the most popular music shows is run by two freshmen, Kevin Rivera and Yousif Yahya, who host a hip-hop show.

WVOU also has other programs besides music which cover other topics, like sophomore John Rhoda's show called "Sports Guy," during which Rhoda discusses various news regarding professional sports.

A current challenge to WVOU is that they have a little over twenty listeners for each show. Parry's

goal for the radio station is to increase the audience to fifty listeners per show. They are hoping that their use of DJs' self-promotion, flyers, Facebook groups, and Twitter will help them achieve their goal to increase their audience.

Parry wants increased exposure. He said, "The station should be promoted more by school and other media outlets."

WVOU is also working on trying to have live DJs from WVOU at Late Night Lower. The WVOU DJs would work to create a playlist especially for Late Night Lower.

The executive officers were WVOU are in the beginning stages of developing a radio play with the hopes of attracting a greater audience. Parry said he would be very interested in "collaborating with other groups on campus." Parry welcomes any campus group to connect with WVOU and to contact them through email by emailing WVOU@ursinus.edu.

Parry, a Media and Communications Studies major, started working at WVOU in September of his freshman year. He would love to work in radio or in a similar job in television upon graduation. Parry said that students don't have to be a Media and Communications major or minor to get involved in the Ursinus radio station.

He said that if there is an open spot on the radio schedule program that works for any student, he welcomes students to contact him so he and the rest of the WVOU team can help them create their own radio show on WVOU. Any students interested in getting involved in WVOU should email Parry at joparry@ursinus.edu.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Interdisciplinary Careers in the Creative Arts with Robert Wittman 5 p.m. Pfaller Aud.	UC Pause for Paws, weather permitting, 12:30-2 p.m. at Olin Plaza	College Choir and Meistersingers, 7:30 p.m. in Bomberger	Voices in Praise Rehearsal, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Bomberger Basement		Hillel's Lunch and Learn, 12:15-1 p.m., Wismer Main Dining Room	FOCUS Tutorial 12-1 p.m. in the Bear's Dean
Up 'til Dawn letter writing, 7 p.m. - midnight, in Lower	Shabbat Dinner, 7-9 p.m. at Hillel House	"The Bald Soprano" continues until 8 p.m.			Pretzels in the Library, 9-11 p.m., all proceeds benefit Cuts for a Cause	TWLOHA meditation 7-8 p.m. in Thomas Commons
	"The Bald Soprano" begins 24-hour at 8 p.m. in Kaleidoscope	Comedian Chris J. Newberg at 8 p.m. in Lower				

Presidential candidates: head to head

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President Barack Obama took office when the economy was in unpredictable freefall, and while recovery has not been ideal, we must look at the progress the economy has made if we're to understand why he deserves a second term.

The country is in a better place than it was before; back in 2009, economists were afraid that a second Great Depression was possible as we were losing hundreds of thousands of jobs a month. The president reversed the gloomy trend through the stimulus package, a series of small business tax cuts, and Wall Street reform.

As of today, we are now modestly gaining jobs and the economy is growing. Eight years of the Republican deregulation of Wall Street led to the financial crisis, and it is only fair that we allow the President eight years to get us out of the mess.

It's also worth mentioning that Mitt Romney does have a specific plan to create jobs released to the public, a troubling indication that he either does not know how to accomplish his goals or that he does not want the American people to know what he wants to do.

The rising national debt is also a major issue that pertains to the wellbeing of the American economy. Countries like Italy and Greece are currently in crisis because of irresponsible spending, and it's clear that our primary goal in this election is to make sure the United States doesn't join them.

In his effort deal with the increasing debt, the President ended the expensive military excursion in Iraq. Meanwhile, we are currently finishing our mission in Afghanistan, following a timetable to withdraw American presence in 2014.

Additionally, the president has attempt-

ed many times to work with a republican House of Representatives that has made it clear that their first priority is to make the President fail, even though it will harm the country in the process.

Romney wants to extend the Bush tax cuts for the rich (that have obviously not created jobs) when they are set to expire in 2013. This will add \$5 trillion to the debt while increasing military spending in a country that already outspends its nearest competitor more than eight to one.

Now, I'm not saying that military spending should be permanently cut, but as of now, more military spending is certainly not necessary when the futures of Medicare and Social Security are in the balance. And which recent Republican president has actually balanced the budget? Hint: none of them.

In the aspect of foreign policy, Romney clearly has no skill in dealing with the international community. In the most recent debate, Romney declared Russia an enemy of the United States. It was a completely irresponsible gesture and will harm Russian-American relations if he is elected.

Now, I will admit, Russia and the United States are foreign policy rivals, as proven by the Russian opposition to the American plan on Syria in the United Nations Security Council. However, they are by no means an enemy and it is dangerous to declare them such.

In contrast, Obama ended the ten year man hunt for Osama Bin Laden, imposed tough sanctions on Iran with the support of the international community, as well as leading an international coalition to help the rebels take down Kaddafi in Libya. This, along with the previously mentioned aspects of his economic policy, is why Obama deserves another four years in the Oval Office.

Mitt Romney

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In 2008, President Barack Obama was the talk of the nation. He was the new and popular face in not only the United States, but the entire world.

Today, as we sit with five days until the election, he is merely a sign of failure and a president with a record that does not deserve another four-year term as Commander-in-Chief of the United States.

The statement has become cliché this election cycle, but it's true: this is a choice election and the choice really couldn't be clearer.

America needs to hire Mitt Romney as the President of the United States to make this nation prosperous again.

The Obama administration has been a blatant failure on almost every aspect of the political spectrum. Our unemployment rate today, 7.8 percent, is unchanged from when he took office and America is dismally growing at around 2 percent GDP growth per year. Our national debt recently hit \$16 trillion, with more debt being piled up under President Obama's one term than George W. Bush's two terms.

Meanwhile, Mitt Romney has experienced success for the vast majority of his professional life and career.

As Bill Clinton once said, Romney has a "sterling" business record as CEO of Bain Capital. He saved the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City from a financial debacle. Finally (and most recently), he experienced a largely successful term as Governor of Massachusetts.

Romney is the only one in this race with an actual plan to create jobs and get America back on track to where we should be and to where we have been in



the past. In the latest Rasmussen poll, only 37 percent of Americans believe that America is on the right track, which shows the electorate's dissatisfaction with President Obama and his administration.

The right track for America is outlined in Romney's five point plan, which involves achieving energy independence, fixing the public education system, cutting the deficit, increasing trade (especially in Latin America), and by championing small businesses.

A Romney presidency would lessen the sense of dependency on entitlement programs that are bankrupting our nation. Since President Obama took office, the number of people dependant on food stamps has risen to 47 million, up from 32 million people when he took office.

The first term of Obama's presidency has been filled with misstep after misstep. The latest of the collection, the terrorist attack on the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya where U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others were killed, is a characterization of the Obama administration, where failing to take responsibility is normal and being rational is non-existent.

America cannot take on four more years of President Obama and his policies. The choice of failure is one that America cannot afford, and under a President Romney, America will be, as Ronald Reagan said, the "shining city on a hill" once again.

No matter political affiliation: college students need to vote

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Over the past few years, revolutions throughout multiple North African countries have grabbed the attention of the world. Popular movements among each country's citizenry fought to depose what they considered to be an oppressive regime and, as a result, several elections for new public

officials were held throughout 2011 and 2012.

Such an upheaval couldn't have happened without some type of struggle. Nearly 850 died in Egypt's three week long uprising, more than 30,000 people died in Libya's nearly eight month long civil war, and hundreds of thousands of people risked the threat of violence and abuse to participate in what they considered a vital election.

Let's compare that to those of us in the United States, where a process as simple as traveling to the voting station or mailing in a letter is too much effort for a sizable chunk of the country.

According to government census, only 64 percent of Americans voted in the 2008 presidential election. Within this underwhelming group, only 49 percent of 18 to 24 year olds across the country bothered to cast their

votes, a turnout that was considered a notable increase over the 47 percent of the 2004 election.

Just think about that for a moment. People across the world are dying for something that we in America already have, but regularly squander, every four years.

It goes without saying that voting is important, but for those of us who fall in that 18 to 24 year old range it takes on even greater significance. We have the rest of

our lives ahead of us, and each one of us is blessed with the right, and the responsibility, to lend a voice toward the future of our country.

If you take nothing else from this special edition of The Grizzly please recognize that an informed decision, no matter the decision, is paramount to the democratic society we live in today, and the democratic society I hope continues for the rest of our lives.

Special Opinion Section: Reaction to Sports Opinion Piece

EDITORS' NOTE:

Last week *The Grizzly* experienced unprecedented reaction to an opinion piece by student John Parry.

The newspaper's website, ursinusgrizzly.com, launched in January 2012. The number of views each article gets usually ranges from 10-50. Parry's article received more than 6,500 unique visitors as of Sunday, Oct. 28. The corresponding opinion article by Marcus Foster, "Ursinus sports teams need more support" was viewed about 900 times, and the staff editorial condemning personal attacks has been viewed almost 1,300 times.

Here *The Grizzly* is sharing Parry's personal response as well as some of the letters to the editor *The Grizzly* received. The rest of the letters can be found at ursinusgrizzly.com. The *Grizzly* is only posting letters that we received written permission to print. The *Grizzly* does not print anonymous letters. The letters were edited only to limit profanity and to remove personal information about Parry.

As of Sunday, Oct. 28, *The Grizzly* had received 10 letters with permission to print. We received four letters but did not get a response when we asked for permission to print them. Two letter writers asked to be anonymous and their letters will not be printed. One person refused to let us print his letter.

Clarification and a challenge

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The goal of my opinion piece last week was to question sports culture, challenge athletes to renew their commitments to academics, and dare the campus to be as passionate about everything as it is about sports.

In the process of arguing against the status quo, I used regrettable generalizations about athletes. I strongly implied that athletes alone comprise the lower third of each class. This is untrue, and it is hurtful to student-athletes who have achieved academic excellence while maintaining a grueling practice schedule.

I feel that much of the criti-

cism, however, comes from misunderstandings. The headline, for example, was neither written nor approved by me, and I have since been distancing myself from it. The headline I submitted read, "Ursinus community obsessed with sports, little else."

When I mentioned the football players missing class, many readers believed I was objecting to the "special treatment" of the "overvalued" athletes.

My complaint is that those athletes were deprived of class time that they paid for. I believe athletes should demand to get the most out of their education, and that means staying in class as opposed to skipping out early to save the athletic department money. We're paying money to be in the classroom; it's senseless for the school to save money by pulling kids out of class.

I expected students to disagree. I expected to get nasty emails from athletes, and maybe even coaches or alumni.

What I did not expect was my article garnering 6,000 views in about a day. I couldn't have dreamed that I would be receiving angry emails from alumni of other schools, telling me that I won't get a job because bosses prefer athletes. One of them concluded with, "Oh, and I only hire former college athletes."

I also didn't anticipate that the social media discussion would become so personal. One individual wrote that he could probably "shake [me] with a split-dodge and steal [my] lunch money." Another student posted that I got a 47 on a statistics test last year, which is true. I received my first-ever death threat when a student tweeted, "John Parry must die. #don'tf***witucfb."

Naturally, I was called a number of words not fit for print. I was glad, however, that athletes called me a narp, or non-athletic regular person. I brought that upon myself when I referred to athletes as jocks.

The intensity of the reaction makes me wonder whether I've stumbled upon the most controversial argument one can make on a college campus. Is there anything I could have written—aside from anything overtly racist, sexist, or homophobic—that would have evoked such a negative reaction?

Or would anyone have cared if I argued that Ursinus should eliminate theater? Does that ar-

ticle get 6,000 views and alumni outrage?

My challenge for you, Ursinus, is to prove me wrong. Prove that you care just as much about campus issues that aren't kept track of on a scoreboard. When you read an article you like in the paper, find it online and share it on Facebook. If that article doesn't exist, write it.

I'm confident I'll hear about it if any of them break 6,000 views. For now, though, it looks like we actually are sports-obsessed as a community.

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Freedom of speech is a beautiful thing, but if you are going to write opinion piece, please at least show some respects to reality. John Parry's opinion article "Varsity Teams And Athletes Overvalued At Ursinus" is incredibly offensive to the 34% of students who are athletes at Ursinus and has absolutely no basis in fact. Mr. Parry's attempt to portray Ursinus athletes as less than serious students who are here solely for sports is flat out wrong. I feel completely comfortable speaking for every student-athlete at this school that Mr. Parry states his opinion out of ignorance and disrespect.

Mr. Parry claims "Many of them (student-athletes) neglect to plan out their next step after athletics." I would ask Mr. Parry with what evidence do you make this claim. As a sprinter on the track team, I know that not one member of our team is here to run in the Olympics. We have future humanitarians, doctors and teachers, not professional runners. Every other team shares the same make-up. This is not the University of Miami. Student-athletes go to class, do their own homework, and don't receive any other extra benefits. This is not Penn State. The culture of Ursinus is about so much more than sports. Ursinus embodies the goals of all liberal arts schools, to show each student how to examine their own life and learn how to live it.

Ursinus does not give out athletic scholarships. All athletes here earned their way academically, and must continue to work

hard to maintain financial aid.

We play by the same rules as you Mr. Parry. If our GPA slips, we lose our scholarship. There are no free riders. Academics come first for the vast majority of athletes, and to try to highlight a small minority as representative of the whole is irresponsible and unfair.

Being an athlete is challenging, demanding, and rewarding. The generalization that athletes at Ursinus are "overvalued" is insulting. No one at Ursinus is overvalued. We are all a member of the same wonderful learning community.

By trying to paint Ursinus as a crazed sports-driven culture and ruled by dumb jocks, Mr. Parry shows that he has missed a lot of the great things at Ursinus. Running track here has left a major impact on my life, but it's not the only thing. CIE has had a profound impact on my life. The diverse people I've met have impacted my life. Working with the amazing professors here has impacted my life.

It is sad that after however long Mr. Parry has been a member of the Ursinus family, this is the conclusion he has reached. Mr. Parry may see me and other athletes as 34% of the population that he is better than, but we see ourselves as part of the 100% that make Ursinus such a special place.

From: Kaitlyn Ott

Class of 2013

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Dear Grizzly Editor(s),

The opinions piece written in the last issue of *The Grizzly* about athletics being overvalued at Ursinus deeply infuriated me not only as an athlete here, but also as a student. It is disappointing that Mr. Parry feels as though varsity athletics are not worthwhile on college campuses. After reading the article, a series of reactions exploded online, all feeling that this opinion was not intellectually based. The society that we live in is obsessed with sports culture which is why Ursinus (and most other schools) devote a large amount of resources to the athletic department. Being an athlete means much more than just acquiring the skill needed to play that sport. It allows you

to learn the value of dedication, commitment, and time management, just to name a few.

Mr. Parry, your comment stating, "I feel bad for these students on some levels. Many of them neglect to plan out their next step after athletics. Sometimes it seems like they don't think about anything else" angered me beyond belief. Who are you to tell me that I have not worked my hardest over the past four years in school, while playing on the varsity volleyball team, in order to be successful once I graduate? I work four jobs, I am involved in a few other organizations on this campus, I play a collegiate sport, and somehow I manage to maintain an above average GPA. You do not know me, therefore you do not get to pass a judgment regarding whether I have planned my next step once my final season is over. Every single athlete that I know on this campus (and others) are involved in other organizations besides the sport that they play as well, and they also each manage to maintain an above average GPA.

Intramural sports, while extremely valuable on campuses, should not be the only option. There are plenty of people who enjoy playing these sports without the competition and dedication that a varsity sport commands. Playing against people who have little to no experience in a sport you're passionate about is not fun nor is it challenging. Varsity teams, and club teams, work extremely hard and put in an incredible amount of time and effort, whereas intramural sports do not.

If you are going to write about an opinion you have and publish it for an entire campus (and society) to see, then you should probably do a little research in order for your opinion to be at least a little educated. Mr. Parry, you argue that President Fong's signature of "Go Bears" is not saying it to all Ursinus students unilaterally, rather it speaks in "sports terminology." You've quite contradicted yourself by also calling Ursinus "The U," which if you paid attention to your fellow classmates, you would realize is also what you deem "sports terminology." Don't run before you can crawl.

P.S. - If you do have a 3.7 GPA then you'll be inducted into honor societies and will receive the banquet you so long for.

Sports recap: football falls to JHU

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The Ursinus Bears (5-3, 4-3) football team was defeated by the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays (8-0, 7-0) by a score of 35-17 on Sat. October 27. The Jays were ranked a top of the Centennial Conference standings and remain unbeaten on the season.

The atmosphere was there for a big game. With fans and alumni completely taking over the venue at Patterson Field, the energy levels from the previous game seemed to be rolling into this one.

But after the Bears' commanding 36-0 victory over Susquehanna last week, the wells just seemed to come up dry on Homecoming Weekend. For their efforts in last week's shutout victory, QB Chris Curran and DT Greg Fontaina were awarded with Centennial Conference player of the week honors.

The Blue Jays got off to a quick start after capping off a 42-yard drive with a rushing touchdown to make the score 7-0 Hopkins less than five minutes into the game. Ursinus immediately responded on their next possession by putting up some points of their own on the board with an Eric Boyer field goal.

The rest of the first quarter became a defensive battle, but then Hopkins came out in the second quarter with a 70-yard rushing touchdown with 11 minutes left in the half. The score put the Blue Jays up 14-3.



In front of a large homecoming crowd of students, alumni, faculty and staff the Ursinus Bears fell to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays 35-17 on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Ursinus' next score wouldn't come until a little less than two minutes left in the third quarter, off a three-yard rushing touchdown by senior Teddy Conrad. This touchdown cut the Hopkins lead to 21-10.

Again, Hopkins came back with a score of their own. But then the Bears responded with a touchdown hook up from junior quarterback Chris Curran to junior wide receiver Jerry Rahill. Rahill was named the Kenneth Walker Trophy winner for the most outstanding player from Ursinus in the Homecoming Game.

The Blue Jays scored once

more to make the final score 35-17 Hopkins. Curran ended the day with 239 passing yards and a touchdown pass. Rahill had 105 yards and seven receptions.

Ursinus plays an away game against the Muhlenberg Mules (6-2, 5-2 Centennial) next Saturday, and then will end the regular season at Patterson Field against Dickinson college on Saturday Nov. 10.

Field Hockey

The Ursinus Bears clinched the final spot in the Centennial Conference playoffs with a 2-1

homecoming win over Muhlenberg on Saturday afternoon.

Senior forward Catherine Bitterly scored both Ursinus goals. She scored the game-winner two minutes into the second half on a deflection. Freshman defender Megan Keenan assisted on the goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Danielle DeSpirito made four saves to help preserve the victory.

Men's Soccer

The Bears closed their season out with a 5-1 loss to Muhlenberg on Saturday. They finish their sea-

son with a record of 5-12, and 1-1 in Centennial Conference play.

Freshman midfielder Charles Brodsky scored the lone goal for the Bears. Muhlenberg was led by two goals from senior forward Cody Antonini.

Women's Soccer

Ursinus dropped their season finale on Saturday night to Muhlenberg, losing 1-0. The lone goal of the match was scored by Muhlenberg's Nicole Karsch in the 40th minute.

Ursinus goalkeeper Kara DiJoseph made eight saves in the defeat. The Bears finish their season with a 3-9-4 record overall, and 0-6-4 in conference matches.

Volleyball

Ursinus ended their season with a 3-0 loss to Muhlenberg on Saturday. They end their season with a record of 7-17 overall, and 2-8 in Centennial Conference affairs.

Senior middle blocker Kristin Hanratty led the Bears with seven kills. Sophomore setter Gina Powers had 14 assists in the loss.

Set scores were 25-18, 25-17, and 25-21.

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Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

11/3
Wrestling
Messiah Invitational
8 a.m.

11/3
Men's Swimming
vs. Salisbury
1 p.m.

11/3
Women's Swimming
vs. Salisbury
1 p.m.

11/3
Football
@ Muhlenberg
1 p.m.

11/7
Men's Swimming
vs. Albright
6 p.m.

11/7
Women's Swimming
vs. Albright
6 p.m.

11/10
Men's & Women's
Cross Country
MCAA Mid-east Regional
Championships
@ Dickinson, 10 a.m.

