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Students debate alcohol rules



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One of the most highly debated rules in the Student Handbook is the college's open container policy, which restricts consumption of alcohol to "inside individual student rooms, suites and residence houses."

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The alcohol policy of Ursinus has been a very controversial topic over the past few semesters. Many students believe the policy is unfair for students over the age of 21 who want to let loose on the weekends.

According to the Ursinus Student Handbook, "In compliance with Pennsylvania law, the College does not allow those under the age of 21 to possess liquor or malt or brewed beverages on the property of the College. At the same time, the College recognizes that the use of alcohol by those under 21 is a pervasive feature

of current United States society. Through a combination of counseling, discipline and educational programming, the College endeavors to provide students with meaningful and responsible assertions about the use of alcohol."

One of the hottest debates

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UC conservatives feel outnumbered

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Politics in the United States are often described as evenly split between Democrats and Republicans but Ursinus students say that's far from true on campus.

"I think it's a lot more Democratic or to-the-left," junior Jenna Yaich said, who described herself as a Republican but not conservative because "they're a little too traditional on certain social [issues]."

Brett Hillsberg, head of the UC Democrats, agreed that conservatives are in the minority at Ursinus.

"I do believe that most people are slanted towards the left and are more likely to vote Democrat than in an outside community," Hillsberg said.

The numerical imbalance can leave right-leaning students feeling awkward or out-of-place.

"I never really feel comfortable talking about my political views on campus because there's such a large liberal population," senior Andrew LaPier said.

"I don't want to use this term, but I guess I feel kind of like a minority on the campus," Yaich said. "Even though I very strongly believe in my political views, I start getting that feeling, like, 'Am I wrong?'"

Yaich said that feeling has even seeped into the classroom.

"[In CIE], I participated a lot. ... I felt like my professor wasn't comfortable with some of the answers I gave. I've noticed, though ... now that I'm a junior, I'm participating a lot less in class. ... There's things that I disagree with, but I won't necessarily come right out and say."

LaPier, however, said CIE discussions are about core values and that, for such topics, "it

doesn't really matter what your point of view is." Still, he said, "I might not necessarily feel comfortable speaking up in class because I've had instances where teachers have negatively treated me due to my political views."

All three students agreed that socially conservative views are more controversial on campus than fiscally conservative ones.

"A lot of my liberal or Democratic friends can agree with Republicans on economic issues and we find that common ground there. But when it comes to things like illegal immigration or gay marriage ... that's where we start butting heads and the differences become more clear," Yaich said.

"I'm more outspoken on the fiscal issues because the social issues tend to get a bit touchier because people get more emotional with those," LaPier said.

Hillsberg said social conservatives "have a little bit more of a problem speaking on campus because a lot of times they feel like their religious or social values should be imposed on others, and I think a lot of people do have problems with that."

LaPier and Yaich said there is a stigma attached to the labels "Republican" and "conservative" on campus.

"If you're viewed as a conservative, you tend to be pinned as, 'Oh, well you're a conservative, you don't like Obama, therefore you're a racist,'" LaPier said.

"I've talked to a few Republicans myself, and they usually say that they're independent because they don't agree with the extreme recent policy initiatives of the Republican Party," Hillsberg said.

Yaich talked about becoming the subject of a joke.

"[I was] studying in Thomas,

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UC celebrates LGBT history

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Teenage years can be difficult and turbulent at times. This is especially true for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer individuals. The Ursinus College LGBTQA Connection is working toward creating a network of hope and support for these teens with their annual contribution to the It Gets Better Project.

The project is just one LGBT History Month program happening on campus throughout October.

The It Gets Better Project is a nationwide initiative created in 2010 in response to queer teenagers being bullied. The project is a video campaign that works to communicate a message of hope and positivity to students who might be suffering from bullying.

LGBTQA Connection Director Kim Taylor said, "LGBTQA teens have a higher rate of suicide and are more likely to feel less supported, bullied, left out or hopeless."

Taylor said the project provides LGBTQA teens with relatable role models and reminds

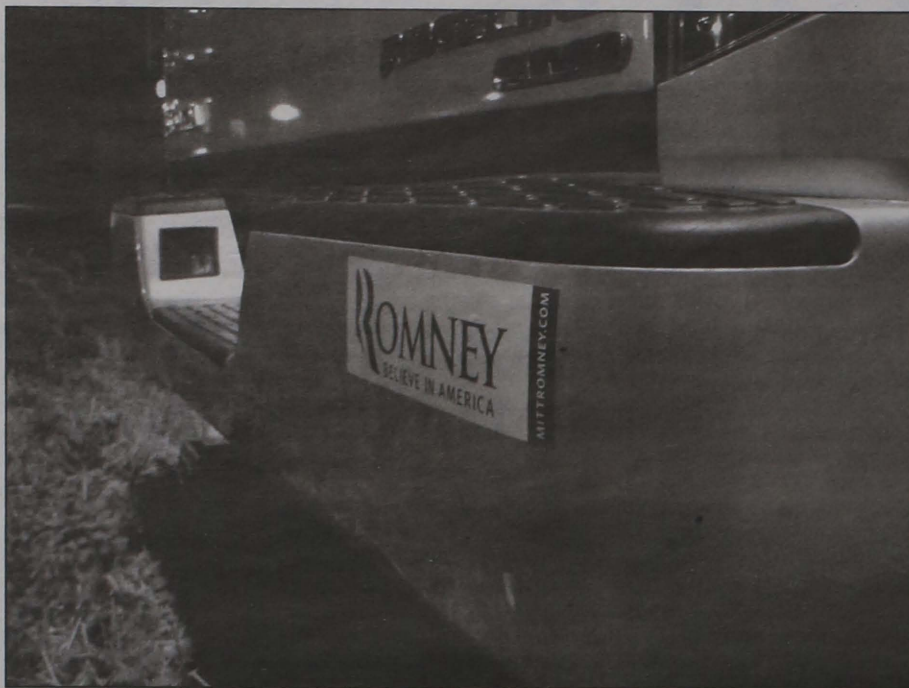
them that they are not alone in their struggles.

"People can relate to stories they made it through. Just one encouraging word can make a difference," Taylor said.

Taylor said Jennifer Davis, a junior and the LGBTQA Connection associate, is the "driving force behind bringing this project to Ursinus College."

The Connection has begun accepting online video submissions

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John Parry/The Grizzly

Many conservative students say they feel outnumbered and uncomfortable voicing their opinions at Ursinus. Pictured is one of the few bumper stickers supporting Romney on campus.

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and a kid I don't even know came in and sat down and started making a joke about a Republican and I just looked and I was like, 'Uh, I'm a Republican,' and then it got awkward and he left."

When the UC Democrats and UC Republicans co-hosted a debate-viewing party, Yaich said she felt hesitant to attend.

"I really wanted to see it, but I was like, 'Can I go to Lower and watch it?' or am I just gonna get

upset at what people are saying?"

"Maybe it'd be nice to see more classes or interest groups that focus on more conservative topics or literature," LaPier said. "It'd be nice to read some Ayn Rand or [talk] about the constitution."

"We are very progressive-thinking as a generation, and [with] a conservative viewpoint I think you'd be in the minority," Hillsberg said. "I want them to speak up and I think it'd be very brave if they do."

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On Oct. 4, in the article "Profs. up for tenure," The Grizzly incorrectly stated that students must be pursuing a major in the department of the professor who is up for tenure to submit comments for that professor's tenure review. Students of any major may submit comments for individuals up for tenure regardless of those professors' departments. Comments were due Oct. 5. The Grizzly regrets this error.

Art, music festival

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On Saturday, Oct. 13, Collegeville will hold its first Art and Music Festival. The festival will be open from noon to 5 p.m. and will be held on Collegeville's Main Street, spanning from DaVinci's Pub up to Fourth Ave.

The Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is hosting the event and Susquehanna Bank is sponsoring it.

This is not your traditional fall festival. The Collegeville Art and Music Festival is an attempt to "bring more people into Collegeville and make Collegeville a destination," Rachael Morrison, Collegeville's Main Street manager, said.

The festival will feature wares from local artists, including handcrafted jewelry, leatherwork, lotions, soaps, jackets, bags, etchings and framed artwork. For Ursinus students, the festival could be a good opportunity to get a head start on holiday shopping.

According to the event's page on Ursinus' website, a "Chalk It Up" sidewalk art contest will be part of the festival as well. The "Chalk It Up" contest will be open to all ages. There will be a \$5 charge per participant to enter the contest. Each person will be assigned a section of the sidewalk to turn into a work of art. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative artists.

The festival will also feature music from up-and-coming local bands. Morrison said the music being showcased at the festival includes oldies, folk and modern rock. In between musical acts, a disc jockey will play music for constant entertainment. Local-area music groups, entertainers and students of the Community

Music School will perform at the festival. There will also be a performance from Dance Depot, a local dance school.

Additionally, Morrison said festival-goers will have the opportunity to try dishes and drink from Collegeville and restaurants. DaVinci's Pub will sponsor a beer-and-wine garden at the festival in their parking lot. Local chefs will highlight some of their best dishes. Holy Cheese will be serving up their gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches and Phamous Phil's will offer barbeque dishes. Morrison said there will also be fun food items at the CEDC tent.

According to the Ursinus website, a kids' corner will be available at the festival to entertain children throughout the day. Morrison said kid-friendly activities will include face painting, pumpkin painting, balloon animals, jewelry making, sand-art, nail-art, games and a "bouncy house."

This festival is free to Ursinus students. If Ursinus students have a craft they would like to sell, Morrison said the table fee of \$15 will be waived. There are still openings for student musicians interested in sharing their talents. Contact Collegeville Main Street manager Rachael Morrison at manager@collegevilledevelopment.org for more information or to volunteer for the event.

The Collegeville Art and Music Festival is one of nine events scheduled by the Collegeville Main Street Program for the upcoming year. Future events include the 5K Hero Festival on Oct. 21, the Jingle Jog and holiday tree lighting on Dec. 1 and the Holiday House tour on Dec. 15. More information on all of these events can be found at http://collegevilledevelopment.com/news_and_events.php.

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about alcohol on campus has been the open container policy, which prevents students from taking their beverages into public areas. If a student is caught with an alcoholic beverage in a public area, he or she is subject to discipline from Residence Life and/or Campus Safety.

Discipline includes write-ups from RAs or Campus Safety officers. After a student is written up, a letter is sent home to the student's parents and a meeting with a representative of Residence Life is scheduled. Residence Life then follows up on the meeting at a later date. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, disciplinary action from the school can include consequences such as a hearing with the Judiciary Board.

"My freshman year, they were not as strict. They never really used to care about the open container. As long as you were not making a ruckus, Campus Safety never really used to write you up for it and would just tell you to go inside," senior Mike D'Amico said. "It seems to me like the school is taking steps to become a dry campus."

Assistant Dean of Students

and Head of Campus Safety Kim Taylor wants students to know that there have been no talks of making Ursinus a dry campus.

"I'm not convinced dry campuses work or are any more effective than wet campuses," Taylor said. "We want students to be safe and make good decisions. If you are 21, we want you to drink responsibly."

"All of the policies we have in place are keeping safety in mind," Taylor said. "If everyone were out drinking in the Reimert courtyard, that has the potential to become an unsafe environment."

Taylor also touched upon the subject of kegs and other drinking paraphernalia that are prohibited by the school.

"We get criticized a lot for no kegs. All of the research says drinking from kegs is more likely to lead to binge drinking because it is much easier to lose track of how many drinks they have had," Taylor said. "At the end of the day, we do not want to transfer anybody to the hospital."

"Each semester, Campus Safety transports eight to 10 students to the hospital," Taylor said. While not all hospitalizations result in emergency care, the incidents are serious enough for

emergency medical technicians to recommend a student's transportation to the hospital. Ursinus College Emergency Medical Services (UC EMS) is called in by Campus Safety or an RA when a student appears to be overly intoxicated. The decision to send a student to the hospital is made by UC EMS and is a judgment call with no set criteria.

Although there is a lot of controversy surrounding the alcohol policy, many students understand the aims of it.

"Some of their rules may be a little too strict and go past the equilibrium of that balance. However, I think that there does need to be some balance between being a wet campus and being completely out of control," senior Ben Abitz said.

"I think it is fair because it is the law. It is the actual borough of Collegeville that does not allow open containers. It doesn't matter if you're on campus or if I go down the street and step out of the bar with an open container. I would either get cited by the cops or written up," junior Meagan Gatley said. "So, if I had to choose, I'd rather get written up."

sexual men from the 1920s-1970s and English professor Meredith Goldsmith on a to-be-announced topic. Fong will kick off the series with his lecture on Wednesday, Oct. 17 in Pfahler Auditorium. Discussions will be held after each lecture.

"The LGBTQA Connection is especially excited to be able to involve members from different areas of the Ursinus College community – administrators, faculty and staff, and students – in its celebration of LGBTQ History Month," Davis said.

The campus' plans for LGBTQ History Month are evidence of the growth of the LGBTQA community at Ursinus. Taylor said there has been a steady increase in activity and programming, and students are more comfortable discussing issues regarding gender and sexuality as compared to 20 years ago.

Taylor said she hopes the events and initiatives planned for October will open some eyes and hearts and will help make LGBTQA students feel supported inside and outside of the Ursinus community.

"It's a huge problem when people aren't accepted for who they love," Taylor said.

Top stories from around the globe

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Flooding hits Nigeria

Flooding in Nigeria has led to 148 people dead throughout Nigeria's three dozen states, according to CNN. The floods began in July and are still causing conflicts in Nigeria. According to the National Emergency Management Agency, more than 25,000 people in Benue, Nigeria were relocated after a river overflowed.

CNN reported that the flash floods do not appear to be waning and the Nigerian people are in desperate need of aid.

"We are targeting 10,000 people in 10 locations of Adamawa, Taraba, Kogi, Plateau, Katsina, Cross River, Jigawa, Kogi, Benue and Edo," a Red Cross spokesman said to the Daily Times.

for elections. The royal decree that dissolved the parliament did not state the date for new elections.

BBC reported that these elections will decide who is in the 120-member lower house of parliament. Under Jordan's constitution, the cabinet must resign within a week of dissolution.

According to ABC News, "Abdullah said recently a new parliament will elect a prime minister early next year, in response to popular demands."

ABC reported that after parliament was dissolved, a crowd of 15,000 protestors formed outside Al-Hussein Mosque in downtown Amman on Friday, Sept. 28.

In response to naysayers of his decree, Abdullah said, "The elections law is not perfect. But there is no better consensus on an alternative. What is critical is that we keep going forward."

Pope's butler sentenced

A stressful chapter of Pope Benedict XVI's papacy came to an end with the decision of presiding Judge Giuseppi Dalla Torre.

According to the Huffington Post, the court found Paolo Gabriele, personal butler to the pope, guilty of theft and remanded him to house arrest. Dalla Torre originally gave Gabriele three years but cut it to 18 months due to his service rendered to the Catholic Church in the past.

After Gabriele started working for the pope, a tell-all book was written based on the dozen of leaked documents. The documents included details about financial misdeeds, infighting and widespread tensions.

Gabriele was taken to a holding cell in the Vatican after thousands of photocopies of official documents were found in his apartment in Vatican City, according to CNN.

"The thing I feel strongly in me is the conviction that I acted out of exclusive love... for the church of Christ and its visible head," Gabriele said to the court, according to the Huffington Post.

Boy finds mammoth

Last week, an 11-year-old Russian boy, Evgeny Salinder, found a mammoth in the Siberian Tundra, according to the Huffington Post. The Post reported that the 30,000-year-old mammoth is the second-best preserved mammoth in the history of paleontology.

According to ABC News, professor Alexie Tikhonov of the Zoology Institute of St. Petersburg announced the discovery of the 6-foot-6-inch mammoth that weighs approximately 1,100 pounds.

The mammoth was found 2,200 miles northeast of Moscow, ABC News reported.

The mammoth will be displayed in the Taimyr History Museum.

Jordan's parliament dissolved

According to BBC, King Abdullah of Jordan has dissolved his parliament, setting the stage

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sions. The videos will be posted on the Ursinus College LGBTQA Connection's YouTube channel. Video submissions can also be viewed on the Connection's Ursinus webpage. Davis said the value of these videos is "for an LGBTQA individual to have access to a constantly increasing number of stories that inspire hope, courage and strength and that is an incredibly powerful gift."

The Connection is one of several developing initiatives to support the queer community on campus.

Taylor said that special interest house Schaff Hall has been designated as the Queer House, home to 15 students passionate about creating a safe space on campus for LGBTQA individuals. She also noted that the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is an active student organization that strives to foster the LGBTQA campus community.

The Connection began a mentoring program, which Davis said gives LGBTQA students the opportunity to meet one-on-one with trained mentors if they are in need of support or guidance. Davis said the Connection also

conducts Ally Training, an initiative developed by Emily Arndt, a senior and the GSA president, to equip students, faculty and staff with the tools necessary to support LGBTQA individuals on campus.

Davis said the Connection's contribution to the It Gets Better Project is yet another one of Ursinus' efforts help to make LGBTQA students feel more comfortable and welcomed on campus. Students interested in contributing to the project can send an email to lgbtqaconnection@ursinus.edu for more information.

The Connection and the GSA have several other events planned for LGBTQ History Month. Davis said that senior and GSA Secretary Eddy Kosik organized a queer film discussion series, which began last week with a showing of "Milk." Davis said two additional films to be shown on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 will be announced soon.

Davis said the LGBTQA Connection organized a lecture series, including President Bobby Fong on the life and work of Oscar Wilde, history professor Susanna Throop on medieval sexuality, Resident Director Mike Mullin on campus spaces for non-hetero-

Literary Society welcomes student writers



Heidi Jensen /The Grizzly

Sara Sherr and Quinn Gilman-Forlini are the unofficial leaders of Literary Society, which is held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Olin 104.

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Do you write? Do you love poetry and prose? Then come to Ursinus' very own Literary Society. Though the title of this club might sound intimidating, the experience is anything but. Led by its unofficial leaders Sara Sherr and Quinn Gilman-Forlini, Literary Society is a place for any and all aspiring writers to share their work with their fellow students and hear the work of many others.

It's not just a club where you sit around talking about old poets and it's not a glorified class. Lit Soc is a club for you to feel safe in. The people who go are all very interested in what you have to say. Your words are important no matter how you use them.

Sherr said, "Anyone is welcome to come and share their work and either receive feedback or not. Students are also extremely welcome to simply come and listen. We want people of all sorts of interests. Lit Soc was started by a football player in the '80s, and is certainly not reserved just for English majors."

Your voice is yours, and you can ask for any feedback you'd like. Writers are sometimes afraid to share their work, but at Lit Soc you can do it without having to worry that someone will hurt you because of it.

Historically, writers can be seen to flock around each other, craving guidance. Author Mary Shelly and her husband spent the summer of 1816 with Lord Byron, where she came up with her

idea for Frankenstein. In pop culture, we've seen literary societies in movies such as Dead Poets Society. Writers have left their mark everywhere, and at Lit Soc you can help further the tradition.

Sherr said, "I love when someone who hasn't shared their work before gathers the bravery to share it in front of the group. Reading your writing to a receptive group like Lit Soc is a unique experience and one that's often enlightening and empowering. Seeing the way this affects people, especially people who were initially scared to share, is extremely rewarding."

This is Sherr's second year leading the group, and she highly recommends that any and all interested join the group every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Olin 104.

No bells ever resided in Bomberger bell tower

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There is not, nor was there ever, a bell in Bomberger Memorial Hall's bell tower. The only "real" bell ever to be rung on campus has its unlikely home in the Myrin Library.

The chimes that echo throughout campus each hour are produced by recorded carillon bells. Dr. John French, professor of music at Ursinus, said carillon bells are "a set of bells that are tuned to play melodies."

French said that the bells are controlled by a computer unit in Bomberger basement and can be programmed to play a variety of

songs. The simulated bells "give you the carillon effect, but are not real," French said.

"There is no formal policy on which songs are played," James Tiggett, manager of Network Operations at Ursinus, said in an email. "We sometimes get requests from various administration and event planners for holidays and special occasions."

Tiggett noted that the repertoire of songs Ursinus owns is limited, so "we can't accommodate very many requests."

The second floor of Myrin Library houses the only non-electronic bell ever to be heard on campus.

Carolyn Weigel, Ursinus' archivist,

said that there was a bell tower in Freeland Hall, which stood on the current grounds of the Myrin Library. Each semester a student earned the prized title of "hunchback." The student lived in a dorm room under the bell tower and was charged with the responsibility of ringing the bell every hour, on the hour.

The bell was stolen by students in 1970 when Freeland Hall was demolished in preparation for the construction of the library, and since then has been on the library's second floor.

According to the May 1891 edition of the Ursinus College Bulletin, the construction plans for Bomberger Hall were to in-

clude "an open belfry and clock." For economic reasons, the clock and bells were eliminated from the plan.

In recent years, alumni have taken interest in the state of the bell tower. Andy Feick, Director of Facilities and Community Relations at Ursinus, said that "some of the older alumni, over the years, remember that there was some decorative woodwork up there." Feick said that the wooden columns that used to adorn the tower became "severely deteriorated" and "started to look really terrible."

Upon alumni requests, Facilities explored the options for installing new woodwork and arti-

ficial bells in 2006. The estimated cost of the job totaled \$239,000. "We opted not to do it," Feick said. Part of the cost derived from the difficulty of accessing the tower. A ladder leading to the tower stands in an office in the basement of Bomberger, but it is too old for use. "We use a ladder on the roof [of Bomberger] to access the tower," Feick said.

However, maintaining the tower is a dangerous job. The tower stands at a height of 97 feet. Feick said that there are "no immediate plans" for the tower, but there is a continuing push from faculty and alumni to restore the tower closer to its original state.

Word on the Street

"Do you attend CAB events? Why or why not?"

"No, because I don't have time. If I had time to attend CAB events, I probably would. I just don't have the time."

—Chelsea Carman, Senior

"No, I don't, mostly because I don't have time."

—Sam Talerico, Sophomore

"No, I get too many emails so I delete them [the CAB ones] right away."

—Kristen Prijs, Freshman

"I do not attend CAB events. They don't sound fun to me. However, I appreciate the effort."

—Kayleigh Weaver, Junior

"Yes, only when they're good, because sometimes they give you opportunities to do things off campus that you wouldn't be able to do for little or no cost."

—Eric Pfeiffer, Senior

R.D. Brooks Karns is a 2nd Lt. in the National Guard

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Brooks Karns is well known on the Ursinus Campus for being the residence director for New, Richter/North, Reimert, and 201 9th Ave. While many people are aware of the work he does on campus, most probably don't know that he is a member of the National Guard.

Growing up in a poor household that relied on food stamps, Karns always wanted to serve in the military. "I wanted to pay back the country," Karns said. "Give back for everything the state gave me." Another reason Karns decided to join the service was because there was a sense of "personal challenge" to complete Officer Candidate School training. Karns said, "Only 19 out of the 64 who originally came into the program got commissioned."

Karns originally wanted to join the military when he graduated high school. However, his mother would not sign the waiver to allow him to do so. With the idea of joining still in the back of his head, he attended West Chester University for both his undergraduate and graduate education. He received his bachelor's degree in psychology and his master's degree in higher education counseling.

After finishing his degrees, he joined the Pennsylvania Army-National Guard. Once he joined, he went through basic training.

The OCS training that Karns experienced was in Fort Indian Town Gap, Pa. "It was leadership training in an infantry setting," Karns said. "Lots of fighting on the ground and simulated combat."

His OCS training began in May 2011, and he was hired at Ursinus in July as a residence director.

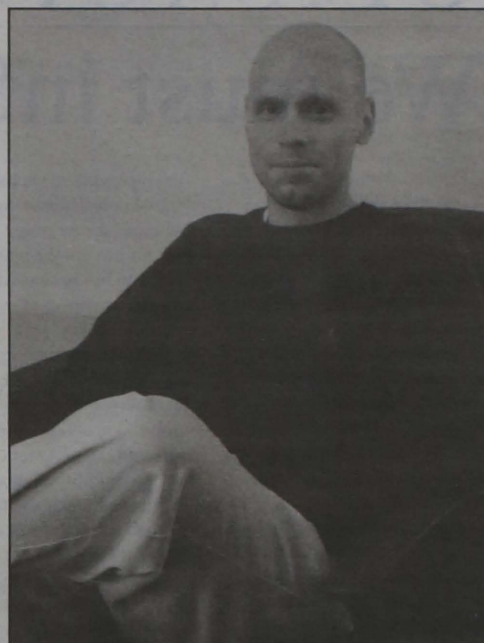
"The OCS training is divided into three phases," Karns said. The first phase takes place over 18 days, which Karns completed during the summer of 2011. This is what Karns called a "weeding out" process.

The second phase, which is much longer, occurs one weekend a month for an entire year. "This includes both in-classroom and field instruction," Karns said. The third phase is like the first as it is only two weeks in length, however, it's also much different. The third phase "is when you are given a team and move them into position to obtain an objective," Karns said. "Basically get the bad guys before they get you. There aren't live rounds, but the weapons being used are real but are firing blanks."

Karns recently returned from part of his training and received commission. Karns said he has been promoted to 2nd Lt. There is a transportation unit in Phoenixville, Pa., where Karns will be in charge of a platoon-sized element, which typically includes 30 to 60 soldiers.

"I feel as though sometimes students think I'm a scary person because of what I do," Karns said. "But what I do for the National Guard and what I do for Ursinus are completely different. I want to be as accessible as possible to any student that needs me."

That is one of the things that Karns enjoys the most about Ursinus. "I love working with the students" Karns said. "There's a much more personal atmosphere that allows you to build personal relationships with them."



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Resident Director Brooks Karns recently received commission from the National Guard and has been promoted to 2nd Lt.

UCTV returns to campus after 3-year absence

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UCTV Live, Ursinus' T.V. broadcast, is making its return to campus this school year for the first time in three years.

Sophomores Sydney Rotman and Lindsey Flor are heading the club, supported by the 60 plus interested students that signed up to join during Ursinus' Activities Fair as well as the Associate Dean of the College, Jay Miller, the club's advisor.

The live T.V. broadcast is anticipated to begin in early October, airing on channel 11. Rotman is hoping to

include segments on Ursinus, Collegeville, national news, sports and entertainment. Rotman also wants to introduce new types of segments and said, "There's actually a segment that we're going to bring called 'Appealing or Appalling.' It kind of works like a student or faculty spotlight, in which we will select a student or faculty member, bring them in and ask them to talk about it, just freely."

Both Rotman and Flor realize that bringing back UCTV to full force will be no easy task. Rotman spent her entire summer gathering followers via Facebook, and communicating with admin

istration to re-establish the club.

Despite the long emails and endless paperwork, the pair is confident that the officers they've chosen, combined with the students who have recently joined, are ready to step up to the plate. And, accords Dean Miller, that's all you need.

Miller said, "It [UCTV] succeeds on the energy of somebody coordinating... it succeeds on getting a group of students that become really interested in it and really like doing it."

Flor said, "I want it to be a hit. I want people to be watching... to enjoy it... to be engaged with it."

Flor expects that the club will have to meet two to three times a week for the show to be "a hit." The first meeting will establish what will air on the show, the second will be a rehearsal and the third will be the live broadcast.

She said, "It's a little three-step process of brainstorming and then turning it into something and then presenting it."

Rotman agrees that rehearsals are needed to create a successful broadcast. She said, "When you're shooting something live, you can't really afford a lot of mistakes... you have to make sure the people behind the camera, as well as the people on the camera,

are well versed."

Once the broadcast gets on its feet, Rotman wants to introduce more advanced techniques into the shows. Some of these ideas include airing sports and campus events live as well as archiving the footage online for additional references.

Rotman said, "In its most basic form, it's taking the entire experience of Ursinus College and putting it on television. And I think a lot of people are going to be responsive to that."

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Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Zumba class, in the Kaleidoscope, 12 p.m.	Math Talk: R.L. Moore, in Pfahler 107, 12 - 1:30 p.m.	Collegeville Art and Music Festival, 12 - 5 p.m.	Fall Break	Fall Break	Fall Break	Teaching and Learning Initiative, Musser Auditorium, 12 - 1 p.m.
History Internship Lunch, in Olin 104, 12 - 1:15 p.m.	P.A. Communications Association Annual Conference, in Pfahler Auditorium, All day	Collegeville Farmers Market P.A. Communications Association Annual Conference, in Pfahler Auditorium, All day				LGBT History Month Lecture Series: President Fong discusses Oscar Wilde, in Musser Auditorium, 7- 9 p.m.
Aikido Night, in Musser Hall, 7 - 8 p.m.						

We must inform ourselves on Syria

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American apathy is nothing new. However large or populated our country may become, it will never change the fact that, as a whole, the US stays uninformed, naive and at times apathetic. Americans remain isolated from the world and its issues that, perhaps paradoxically, will only be solved through American involvement.

Apathy over the conflict in Syria that has recently begun to bleed over into neighboring countries is no exception. It seems that while a massive amount of people fight, die, and suffer, the attention of the general population remains on the latest celebrity gossip or the newest reality T.V. show.

Granted, the US is at a pivotal time in its history. We are combatting a recession and

unemployment, we have constant social debate about issues such as same sex marriage and political reform, all the while the 2012 election has become the most important aspect of our daily rhetoric.

These issues are important, and it's wonderful for individuals to be involved in any informed discussion about societal matters, but we as Americans have a responsibility to those who are suffering human rights violations abroad and to inform ourselves about these issues.

I am not advocating for any particular stance on the Syrian conflict. What I am advocating for is the involvement of our citizens.

Every person is entitled to his or her own opinion. After reading up on the issue, you may decide the Syrians should settle the conflict themselves, or you may come to believe that American

intervention would be the best path to take.

Whatever your position may be, we must break our tradition of ignoring issues until they arrive at our doorstep. We need to begin educating ourselves, and by doing so spark a debate that can move us in the direction of a peaceful solution for the people of Syria.

You may be asking what change you could possibly bring to a civil war around the world by merely educating yourself. If you are asking that question, you've already taken the first step.

The United Nations, specifically the U.N. Security Council, has been in a deadlock concerning the appropriate actions to take. The only way the US will begin to take proactive steps that will result in decisive action is if the American people call for it.

Part of our apathy may be

attributed to the lack of coverage by the media. If you were to flip on CNN or NBC, any coverage of the conflict would be overshadowed by news anchors fighting back the tears as they tell us how President Obama actually won the debate. Turn to Fox News and you'll likely find a comedic rant on how the liberal media lies.

The bipartisan system that hampers American political processes has infected our media and led to the deterioration of the ultimate mission of a free press system: to inform the people without bias.

I would hope that we as a society would have no choice but to become more involved if we could see the devastation and suffering in Syria just as much as we see bickering between journalists (and I use that term loosely).

Perhaps it seems too facile in

nature, or maybe I am an idealist but I refuse to believe that the American people simply don't care about a world issue as prominent as the Syrian conflict.

The fact is that we have a challenge ahead of us. If the world is going to see change and peace, the American people will have to sift through the proverbial muck that is our media and make an active effort to inform themselves.

If we continue on the beaten path, only reading the headlines that are fed to us, or not reading anything at all, the world will continue to see the evil that has permeated US culture, the evil that is indifference.

Romney, a stronger candidate after debate

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"[Gov. Romney] is going to come in Wednesday night. He's going to lay out his vision for America. He's going to contrast what his view is and what the President's record is and the President's view for the future and this whole race is going to be turned upside down come Thursday morning." — NJ Gov. Chris Christie

Well said, Gov. Christie.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, we finally have ourselves a race to the finish, with 26 days standing between now and election day.

In the wake of Gov. Romney's clinical takedown of President Obama in last Wednesday's debate, this contest has changed. Most notably, though, expectations for both candidates have been adjusted and polls now show a shrinking gap between the president and his challenger.

According to the latest Rasmussen national tracking polls,

as of Oct. 7 Gov. Romney leads by two points, 49 - 47, over President Obama and holds leads in key battleground states such as Fla., Va. and Colo. He has also cut the President's lead in Ohio to a single point.

While Romney did very well in the debate, these recent poll numbers are truly indictments of President Obama. At this moment, two major problems stand in the President's way. The most glaring problem is the economy, which is still mired in a stagnant recovery. I cringe watching the Obama campaign tout the unemployment figures when it stands at 7.8 percent

The other problem, perhaps to both a lesser and greater degree at the same time, lies in these debates, with last Wednesday as a prime example. While President Obama is a gifted orator and public speaker, it is evident that a debate setting really isn't his schtick.

He simply is not terribly good at thinking on his feet. If you look over the past year and into the president's life as a public

servant, all of his worst moments have come when the teleprompter was off or when he was forced to think quickly.

Although he won in 2008 by a landslide, it wasn't because of his debating ability. He was very average in his three debates with Sen. John McCain.

He also wasn't the best debater during the Democratic Primary Convention that year, which was marked by his response to then-Sen. Hillary Clinton. She was asked about the likeability edge that then-Sen. Obama enjoyed over her when leading up to the N.H. primary election, where Obama said she was "likeable enough."

This July, he made his infamous "You Didn't Build That" speech to a crowd in Roanoke, Va. without the teleprompter. When he does not have prepared texts, the president is very ordinary. And when 70 million people are watching, ordinary does not cut it.

While the economy is the major issue to voters, it is very possible that the debates could

have a bigger impact from here on out. They are the only major events left before Nov. 6 that could move the needle to the left or right, barring anything unforeseen.

Obama needs to get his act together, but it will be tough for him to do so. Romney is no McCain, and he is certainly capable of pulling out this election with a strong final month.

To steal a phrase from a professor, there is no such thing as a coincidence in politics. Right now, it's no coincidence that the economy and the debates are letting down the president and boosting Romney.

However, a lot can change between now and election day, and it's the upcoming debates that will hold the key.

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UC athletics struggle throughtout week

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Field Hockey

After a midweek conference victory over Haverford, the Ursinus field hockey team experienced the other side of the sporting spectrum in a weekend loss to Johns Hopkins.

In the Wednesday game, Ursinus was led by senior attacker Catherine Bitterly's two goals to beat No. 11-ranked Haverford, 5-1. Goalkeeper Brittany Dolson held off a strong Haverford attack in the second half by making 15 saves to preserve the win.

Ursinus was on the losing end, however, on Saturday in their 3-1 defeat at the hands of Johns Hopkins. The home Blue Jays scored three consecutive goals to finish the game and sent Ursinus' record to 5-5 overall and 3-3 in confer-

ence play.

Women's Soccer

The Ursinus women's soccer team was upended on the road by nationally-ranked Johns Hopkins 6-0 on Saturday night.

Johns Hopkins scored all six of their goals in the first half and held Ursinus to two shots.

Ursinus did manage a 1-1 midweek draw against Haverford. Ursinus' goal was scored by sophomore midfielder Alexis Haug.

Goalkeeper Kara DiJoseph made five saves in the tie.

Men's Soccer

A week of struggles plagued the Bears as they dropped two games and were outscored 8-1.

On Tuesday, Ursinus fell victim to three consecutive King's College goals, including two second-half goals that put the game

away for the Monarchs. Freshman forward Dean DerSimonian scored the lone Bear goal of the night.

Ursinus ended the week with a 5-0 road loss to Johns Hopkins, who had five different players score in the weekend affair. Ursinus was outshot 23-8 in the conference match.

The Bears fall to 4-8 on the season and 1-4 in Centennial Conference play.

Volleyball

While they dropped their first two matches of the week, the Ursinus volleyball team rallied for a strong victory over Hood College to culminate the week.

Ursinus dropped their Wednesday match at home to Haverford, 3-0.

On Saturday afternoon, the Bears went 1-1 in a tri-match at

Johns Hopkins. Ursinus dropped their first match to the Blue Jays by a 3-0 match score.

However, a 3-1 win over Hood ended the week on a high note for Ursinus. Sophomore middle blocker Anahi McIntyre led both teams with 10 kills in the victory.

The Bears now sit at 7-11 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

Men's Tennis

The Ursinus men's tennis team completed a successful 2-0 fall season by defeating York College 7-1 and Lebanon Valley 9-0 on Saturday.

The Bears were led in the morning match against York by Evan Stutchin, Dylan Marsh, Mike Melchiorre and Tyler Arsenault, who all won their singles matches in straight sets.

In the afternoon match at Lebanon Valley, it was all Bears as

they swept the Flying Dutchman. Once again, it was the contingent of singles players who once again did their job. Of the six singles matches, only one was not won in straight sets.

The Bears are now finished for the fall and look toward their spring break trip to Orlando, Fl.

Cross Country

The Ursinus College men's cross country team finished 10th at the Jack Saint Clair Memorial Invitational. The Bears were led by freshman Vincent Flood, who finished 22nd with a time of 30:02.

On the women's side, Ursinus was led by sophomore Emelia Perry, who finished in 26:28 and 27th overall. Freshman Grace Barter was the second top finisher for the Bears with a time of 27:13.

Senior spotlight: Leah Shaw, soccer

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Leah Shaw is an Ursinus student who has a lot on her plate. Shaw is a dual-sport athlete, being a member of both the women's soccer and track and field teams. Even with her busy schedule, the senior psychology major manages to excel in the classroom, earning her a spot on the Dean's List last semester.

For Shaw, a schedule filled with sports is all she's ever known.

"I've been playing soccer ever since I can remember... probably since I was five or six" Shaw said. Her love for soccer has earned her one of the captain's spots this year, where she impressively leads the team in points with 12-4 goals and four assists so far. Shaw plays both forward and attacking midfield positions.

When soccer season ends, Shaw's focus shifts to her other team— track and field. "I started track freshman year of high school," Shaw said. She competes in the long jump and the triple jump events for the Ursinus track team.

As a dual-sport athlete, Shaw has become accustomed to exemplifying the term "student-

athlete."

"I am just used to balancing it all. I actually am better at time management when I am in season... It forces me to do my work efficiently and plan ahead." Shaw's grades reflect a successful balance between her academic and athletic lives, with a GPA qualifying her for Dean's List last semester.

Being a dual-athlete is time consuming, but Shaw wouldn't trade the responsibility for the world. It has become the norm for the New Jersey native.

"The environment that I'm competing in— my teammates, my coaches and the level of competition makes the commitment worth it," Shaw says.

Her admiration for her teams is fully reciprocated. Natalie Massari, fellow senior and teammate on both the soccer and track and field teams, described Shaw as the complete package. "She is the embodiment of a student athlete. On and off the field, she's a hard worker who is efficient in managing her time and maintaining high standards for herself."

Kelly Wakeman, coach of the women's soccer team, agrees. The first-year coach counts herself among those thankful to have a team led by Shaw.

"The Ursinus women's soc-



Ursinus senior Leah Shaw, middle, leads the women's soccer team with 12 points, including four goals. Courtesy of Athletic Communications

cer team is privileged to have a player such as Leah leading our team this year. She works hard at practice and is a leader with her consistent play during games," Wakeman said. "She admits mistakes, is tough on herself and holds high expectations for her teammates."

Massari concurred, saying that "Leah leads by example and has a

tremendous work ethic that people want to match."

Shaw's presence in Ursinus athletics will undeniably be missed once she graduates this spring. Shaw knows that what she will miss the most at the end of her time at Ursinus will be her teammates. "Both teams, they're my family. That sounds stereotypical and

cliché, but it's true. Ursinus is so unique, and it's an environment that's impossible to recreate," Shaw said.

Shaw will carry her leadership abilities and strong work ethic onward after her departure from the Ursinus campus. She is currently applying to graduate schools with the intent of studying social psychology.

Sports Spotlight: Bryan Ellis, football

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Bryan Ellis, the starting Running Back for Ursinus' football team, is modest when it comes to his performance on the football field. As a junior and Media and Communications major at Ursinus College, he has been such an asset and blessing to his team.

Since day one, Ellis has been giving one hundred and ten percent for the Bears, who now sit at 3-2 overall and 2-2 in Centennial Conference play.

"[He brings] energy, toughness, a lot of things really," said senior offensive lineman and Captain Mike D'Amico. "The kid runs hard every play. It doesn't matter if we're up by twenty or down by twenty. He always comes ready to work, and I couldn't ask anything more from him."

Football is something that has been part of his life since an early age. He started playing football in 1998 as a 6-year-old.

"It's real hard to forget when I first started playing exactly. [I'll never forget] first time I ever got hit hard. It was the worst experience of my life," Ellis said.

Ellis is originally from Owing Mills, Maryland. He attended the McDonogh School before Ursinus College.

He has had some really great football experiences in his past. Before college his team has gone to the championship every year.

The junior running back is intent on bringing his success from high school to the college level. During Ellis' freshman and sophomore years at McDonogh, his football team was undefeated.



Junior tailback Bryan Ellis looks to lead the Bears to their third straight victory and up in the Centennial Standings on Saturday vs. Juniata.

Courtesy of Athletic Communications

"I've always been on pretty good football teams," said Ellis. "My worst season was probably my senior year of high school, when we lost in the first round of the championships."

Ellis said there are two major differences between high school football and college football: The size of the guys and the intensity of the sport.

"It's just grown men out there. The intensity is at a whole other level in college," said Ellis. "Now you're playing with some of the

best players from high school since they were all recruited."

Those two differences do not stop Ellis from giving his best performance. In fact, he is more motivated to run faster and hit harder.

"Without Bryan the games wouldn't be as enjoyable," said D'Amico. "Blocking for him is awesome because of how talented he is. He makes us look good sometimes. He brings an edge to the offense. Bryan definitely brings our offense to another

level."

Ellis and the Bears, fresh off their bye week, face off on the road against Juniata on Saturday.

On October 19th, Ursinus plays host to Susquehanna, a game that Ellis is looking forward to.

"Our next home game is the Friday night game (against Susquehanna), so we will be playing under the lights, which is always exciting," said Ellis.

Ellis is in the prime of his football career and is making the best

of it. One day in the future, he hopes to get back to the game and maybe even coach.

"I enjoy working with little kids. I would really like to get back to my roots and help out my hometown," said Ellis. "It's hard when you have been doing something your whole life, and then you just have to walk away from it. That's why I would like to get back [as a coach] even if it takes a little time."

Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

10/11
Field Hockey
@ Bryn Mawr
4:30 p.m.

10/13
Men's and Women's XC
DeSales Invitational
@ DeSales, 10:00 a.m.

10/13
Field Hockey
vs. William Smith
12 p.m.

10/13
Men's Soccer
@ Swarthmore
7 p.m.

10/11
Volleyball
@ Franklin & Marshall
7 p.m.

10/13
Football
@ Juniata
12 p.m.

10/13
Volleyball
@ Neumann
2 p.m.

10/17
Women's Soccer
@ Washington
4 p.m.

