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Campus crime rates

Banners call for student power

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On Sunday, Ursinus published its Annual Security and Fire Safety Report on the college's website, according to an email announcement from Campus Safety Director Kim Taylor.

Campus Safety publishes this report every year in compliance with the Clery Act, a motion passed in 1986 that requires most colleges across the country to make specific crime statistics public. The report's statistics show crime rates on campus, in residence halls and on public property, including Main Street, for the years 2009 to 2011.

Taylor said Campus Safety lists the reported offenses in categories as defined by the regulations of the Clery Act. Crimes that do not fit the act's definitions

or occur off campus are not included.

The criminal offenses reported include burglaries, liquor law violations, drug law violations, sexual offenses and several others.

Taylor said the most common violations at Ursinus are burglaries and liquor violations.

According to past reports, there was an increase in the amount of disciplinary actions due to liquor violations but a decrease in the amount of arrests from 2008 to 2010. This trend continued in 2011, with 158 total disciplinary actions due to liquor law violations on campus, according to this year's report, in comparison with 115 violations in 2010.

The amount of reported burglaries has been inconsistent. In

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Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly

Last Wednesday, banners demanding more student power appeared on four campus buildings. Safety Officer Tony Salvo removed the banners because their messages had not been approved by SAO.

UC prepares to vote

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In response to the new Pennsylvania voter ID law, Ursinus has started providing stickers with expiration dates for students to attach to their ID cards to make them valid forms of identification for Election Day.

According to Ursinus' Network Technologies Manager James Shuttlesworth, students can get the expiration stickers from the Tech Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To meet the requirements, the expiration date is set for five years from now but that will not affect their usage at Wismer or the dorms.

"People should be prepared... to take the steps they need to do to make sure that they can have their voices heard," Shuttlesworth said.

An amendment to the 1937 Pennsylvania Election Code Law,

the new regulations require a valid proof of identification when a voter goes to the polls. In addition to student IDs, other common forms of identification include driver's licenses, a non-driver ID (also known as a state ID) and passports. Other acceptable forms include recent utility bills, bank statements, pay checks and government checks, as long as they contain the voter's name and current address.

Since it passed last March, the law has been met with much criticism. While those who support it say it will prevent voter fraud, opponents argue it will prevent large groups of people, particularly Democrats, from voting in the November election. The primary objection, critics say, is the time frame for those without a valid ID to get one.

The new law has already been

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At the start of Common Hour on Wednesday, Sept. 26, banners demanding greater student power at Ursinus unfurled from four major campus buildings, just in time to catch the attention of students and faculty leaving their classes and heading to lunch.

Before noon, a canvas banner spray painted with the message "Apathy is Complicity" was draped above the front entrance to Pfahler Hall. Banners reading "31 trustees. 1600 students. Who has the power?" and "Wisner isn't the only problem. 52 K and rising - Where is it all going? Powerless student body." were hung out of windows in Bomberger and Olin, respectively, soon afterwards.

The last banner to drop was the first one to be discovered by Campus Safety officers.

Kim Taylor, the director of Campus Safety, said a group of four students witnessed a male

student run up to Wismer with a chair, stand on top of the chair and throw a banner onto the dining hall's roof before running out of Olin Plaza. The student, whose face was hidden by his hooded sweatshirt, could not be identified.

As the breeze unraveled this fourth banner, the message, "You don't know shit. They want it that way!" fell across the windows of the Bears' Den.

Taylor said her immediate response was to check if the banner's message had been authorized by the Student Activities Office, which recently implemented an approval process for messages posted by clubs and organizations around campus.

Ultimately, the banner, which had not been approved by Student Activities, was taken down. The other three banners were reported to Taylor's office and removed by 1 p.m.

"We support freedom of speech," Taylor said. "But if we didn't have an approval process,

the campus would look crazy."

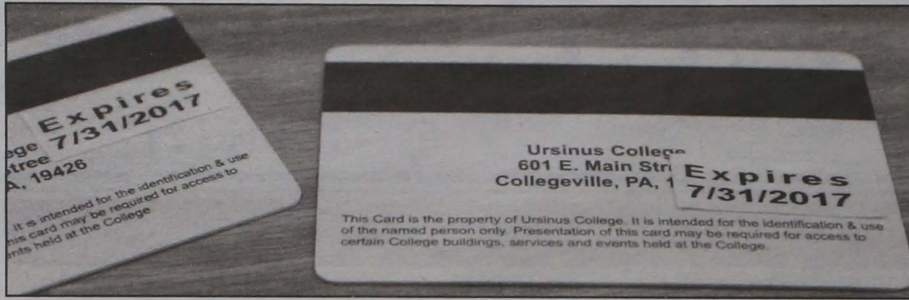
Taylor said the banners sparked safety concerns for professors who teach in Pfahler. At some point, students must have climbed out onto a third story ledge to hang the banner.

Taylor said no student organization has taken responsibility for the action. Many students, however, believe the campus activism group We Care About the Nation (WeCAN) hung the banners. Senior and WeCAN President Nicholas Silcox said the organization "did not have anything to do with the banner drop."

"My organization is attempting to go about activism through approaching the administration and it seems that the banner drop group doesn't care about that," Silcox said. "Although I do endorse their messages and support the effort, WeCAN cannot take the credit."

Campus Safety is not pursuing disciplinary action but Taylor said they will have no choice if

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Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly

The Tech Center is supplying expiration-date stickers to make Ursinus student identification cards valid voter IDs in compliance with the controversial regulations set forward by the new Pa. voter ID law.

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taken to court. Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson upheld the law but the Pennsylvania Supreme Court recently nullified that decision.

"Overall, we are confronted with an ambitious effort...to bring the new identification procedure into effect within a relatively short timeframe," the court reported in an unsigned order.

But the court did agree with some parts of the law.

"Given reasonable voter education efforts, reasonably available means for procuring identification and reasonable time

allowed for implementation, the appellants apparently would accept that the state may require the presentation of an identification card as a precondition to casting a ballot," the court concluded. According to The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Commonwealth Court has until Oct. 2 to render a new verdict.

Students have had mixed reactions to the legislature.

"I don't think it'll have as big of an impact as some are expecting it to," sophomore Emily Black said, adding she does not agree with the theory that the purpose of the new law is to prevent people from voting.

"I think it's sort of unnecessary. They're saying that it's to reduce voter fraud...but there has been either none or very few cases...anywhere in Pennsylvania," sophomore David Martin said.

Shuttlesworth said the Tech Center will offer the stickers until the election and may offer expanded hours on Election Day.

For students who aren't registered to vote, registration forms are available outside the Registrar's Office. The Ursinus College Democrats set up tables on campus to register students throughout the fall semester and mail registration forms free of charge.

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similar banners appear again and violate the approval rules a second time.

"Whoever owns the banners, if they'd like to come and get them, they can," Taylor said. "I'd like to have a talk with them about the policy."

Taylor said Ursinus strives to support student initiatives on campus but there are certain procedures that must be followed for the good of the community.

"It's almost a bummer because the energy they're putting into this is wasted," Taylor said. "You're not being a good citizen of this campus. There needs to be communication or else there is anarchy."

The banners evoked a diver-

sity of opinions from students.

"The variety of messages on the banners clouded their message and made them seem unorganized and foolish. Also, the word 'shit' on the banner on Wismer made them seem childish and angry rather than genuinely concerned about making changes to Ursinus," senior Julia Westermeyer said.

Other students welcomed the banners as positive signs of student activism on campus.

"Our campus is too complacent with decisions that are being made without the student body's consent," senior Cydney Van Dyke said. "There are plenty of issues that get students upset but rarely is any action taken against them by more than a few people at a time."

Van Dyke said she is unsure, however, if the banners will spark more than a buzz around campus. Katherine Cosner, a senior, agreed.

"They certainly got everyone talking," Cosner said. "I think the message about taking ownership of one's educational experience is important, but I also think there are more acceptable ways to get your message out there."

Senior Pamela Horn was more concerned with the message than the medium.

"People are angry. They want answers. Finally someone, or a number of someones, have decided to raise their voices and step on their soap boxes and start fighting for something," Horn said. "It is important for the student voices to be heard."

Profs. up for tenure

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This fall, students have the opportunity to make an impact on the tenure review process for faculty.

"When a candidate has taught here for six years on a tenure-track job, an assistant professor is allowed to come up for tenure," English professor Patricia Schroeder said. "They're evaluated in three categories: teaching, scholarship and advising. Teaching is the most important but they all count."

Professors up for tenure are evaluated by the college's faculty and administration.

"They are first evaluated by their department. Then, they are evaluated by the dean and then the promotion tenure committee as a whole discusses the candidate before their decision goes to the president, who makes the final decision," Schroeder said.

But students have more power than they might think when it comes to a professor's tenure.

"Students play a very big role. Since teaching is the most important category, we try to gather as much information about faculty members' teaching competence as we can," Schroeder said. "A huge piece of information is the student evaluations, the SPTQs."

The SPTQ is the student evaluation form that students are asked to complete at the end of each semester. These forms are evaluated by the department and the tenure promotion committee.

"I know students find them annoying to fill out but they should know they really matter. You really have a voice, you students, in the tenure decision," Schroeder said.

"Everybody looks at course evaluations of every single course and we get a really good

overview," Schroeder said.

"We look for patterns, and if we see a pattern of people saying, 'We don't get our papers back for a month' or 'We never stuck to the syllabus,' or a third of the class saying, 'I never understood the lectures,' we take those seriously. The faculty members are reviewed their second and fourth year here and in each of those times we'll say, 'Here is what you need to work on in your teaching' and a lot of that is based on student evaluations," Schroeder said.

This is not the only way students can impact the tenure process. The Grizzly runs an advertisement every fall inviting students to submit comments to Dean Terry Winegar's office on behalf of professors under tenure review.

"Students can give their input on their experience with those professors," media and communications studies professor Sheryl Goodman said.

In order for a student to submit comments on behalf of a professor, he or she must major in that professor's department. Students can send their comments electronically to deansoffice@ursinus.edu. Comments must be submitted by Oct. 5.

Goodman said students are also asked to comment on their advisers later in the school year.

"There is a questionnaire that you fill out," Goodman said. "For first year advisers, you fill it out second semester and for major advisers you fill it out when you are a senior so you get to comment on their advising as well as their teaching."

Taking part in these three processes can go a long way for in making Ursinus' academics stronger.

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2009, it was quite low but the numbers in 2008 and 2010 were fairly high. According to this year's report, 2011 saw a slight decrease in burglaries on campus.

Taylor said that it is important to Campus Safety that the information be accurate.

"I would rather our numbers give a clear picture of what's happening on campus," Taylor said. She said the accuracy of the college's security report is supplemented by reports from the Collegetown police.

Taylor said it is important to analyze the information and determine areas where Ursinus needs improvement. Taylor said she believes Ursinus' crime rates are on par compared with other colleges.

Though she is not sure whether the Clery Act helps prevent

crime, Taylor said she thinks it is important for students to have a broad understanding of criminal activity on campus. Dean of Students Debbie Nolan agreed. Nolan said the Clery Act "got us more conscious of making sure we let the public know about things."

Nolan said Ursinus takes preventative measures to address areas in which the crime rates are high. She said one example of a preventative measure is the alcohol awareness sessions that freshmen are required to attend during orientation.

Campus Safety also attempts to identify patterns in burglaries. Taylor said burglaries on Ursinus campus are most commonly committed by community members, not students.

Taylor said Campus Safety tries to notify people about criminal activity on campus through

timely warnings but they do not want to overwhelm students' email inboxes for fear they will begin ignoring the messages. Taylor said the Campus Safety Facebook page, created in 2011, provides another opportunity for students and Campus Safety to communicate effectively.

Overall, Taylor said the community has been receptive to the role Campus Safety plays in the Ursinus community.

"I think the fact that our students are willing to call us when a student is in trouble speaks volumes," Taylor said. "They know we ultimately care about our students," Taylor said.

This year's Security and Fire Safety Report can be found online at <http://www.ursinus.edu/netcommunity/document.doc?id=2161>.

Corrections

On Sept. 27, in the article "Services at Wellness," The Grizzly incorrectly stated the number of sessions a student may meet with a counselor: Counseling services are available for up to 10 times during the academic year. Also, The Grizzly incorrectly identified Shama Gupta as the student Wellness coordinator. While Gupta was coordinator at the time of reporting, she is no longer and was not at the time of publication. The Grizzly regrets these errors.

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 members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

- Tom Carroll, Physics
- Liz Ho, English
- Patrick Hurley, Environmental Studies
- Stephanie Mackler, Education

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 October 5, 2012. Your comments can be sent electronically to deansoffice@ursinus.edu.

Top stories from around the globe

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Hitler's birthplace sparks controversy

According to the Huffington Post, the residents of Braunau, Austria, the birthplace of Adolf Hitler, have debated over what should be done with the building Hitler called home.

The Austrian Independent reported that, although now vacant, the building has been occupied by the offices of the Austrian Republic, a public library, a bank, a school and a charity for the disabled since the end of World War II.

Braunau's mayor, Hannes Waidbacher, is opposed to the idea of turning the house into a museum or memorial. He told the Independent, "We in the town of Braunau are not prepared to take the responsibility for the atrocities of the Second World War."

Global bacon shortage

According to a Sept. 20 press release by the U.K. National Pig Association, a "world shortage of pork and bacon next year is now unavoidable."

The Financial Times reported that this shortage is ultimately a result of the droughts in North America and Russia.

"Pig farmers have been plunged into loss by high pig-feed costs caused by the global failure of maize and soya harvests," the National Pig Association reported.

Great Britain is already experiencing the shortage and the Huffington Post reported that "the problem may soon become global."

Explosions hit Syrian military building

The Huffington Post reported that rebel forces bombed the General Staff Command Building in Damascus, Syria, around

7 a.m. on Sept. 26. The building is among one of Syria's top military command buildings.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene but according to the Post, the Syrian information minister said the attack resulted in only material damage and security forces were chasing the "armed terrorists."

The Post reported that attacks like this one have resulted in more than 27,000 deaths during the 18-month uprising.

Foxconn factory reopens

CNN reported that Foxconn Technology Group's factory in Taiyuan, China is running again just one day after a "large-scale brawl" on Sept. 24 forced the facility to close.

Foxconn employs 79,000 workers at the facility and supplies parts to Apple, Intel, Microsoft and Cisco.

According to CNN, Thousands were involved in what a worker at the scene described as a "riot" that resulted in about 40 hospitalizations and a number of arrests. The incident began Sunday night and lasted until early Monday morning, CNN reported.

According to the Mercury News, the brawl was a result of pressures surrounding the iPhone 5 launch.

Everest plane crash kills 19

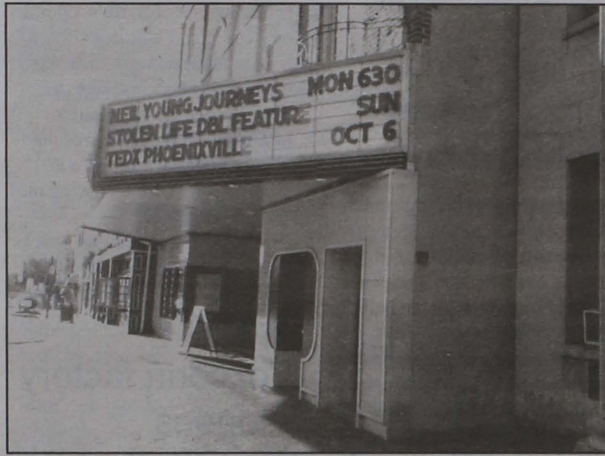
According to the Huffington Post, a plane carrying trekkers to Mount Everest hit a vulture and crashed just 500 meters from the airport on Friday, Sept. 28, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Post reported that an airport official said the pilot reported trouble two minutes after takeoff and appeared to have been trying to turn back when the plane crashed.

There were no survivors. Of the 19 passengers, seven were British, five were Chinese and the remaining four passengers and three crew members were from Nepal.

The bodies were taken to the Trubhuvan University Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu.

Phoenixville to-dos Resumania offers résumé aid



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The Colonial Theater offers a variety of movies and concerts and is located on Bridge Street in Phoenixville

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Phoenixville, Pa., a 15-minute drive from Ursinus, provides an escape for students longing to get away from Colledgeville for the day. The following list of restaurants and entertainment venues make Phoenixville an ideal destination for any college student.

Molly Maguire's Irish Restaurant and Pub is a local favorite in Phoenixville. The restaurant, which claims to be "one of the finest authentic Irish pubs in the entire Philadelphia area," offers both Irish cuisine and a wide selection of alcoholic beverages.

Another popular restaurant for those craving an evening pub crawl is Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant. In addition to offering a family-friendly menu, this brewery produces its own handcrafted beer.

For those with a Southeast Asian palate, the Thai Place on Nutt Road serves as an affordable and savory option. The menu includes a variety of appetizers, soups, salads, Thai curries, meat and seafood entrees, fried rice, vegetarian dishes, and desserts.

If interested in a night of fine dining, visit the Black Lab Bistro. Despite the lofty prices on its menu, this restaurant boasts high quality entrees that are perfect for special occasions.

Phoenixville also features a number of entertainment venues that will satisfy any artistic temperament. The Colonial Theatre

has a history extending back to 1903, when it staged a variety of live shows, musicals, and vaudeville acts. Every summer, the Colonial hosts its famous Blobfest in commemoration of the classic science-fiction film "The Blob" (1958), which featured the theatre in one of its scenes. In addition to hosting this festival, the theatre promotes a variety of film screenings, live concerts, and community events.

Upcoming events at the Colonial include screenings of the films "The Hunger Games" on Oct. 13 and "Where the Wild Things Are" on Oct. 20.

Steel City Coffee House presents live musical performances, including open mic nights every Thursday at 7 p.m. While listening to the live entertainment, customers can enjoy a range of traditional hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, garden salads, macaroni and cheese varieties, French bread pizzas, and desserts.

The café will host artists such as Sharon Little, Carsie Blanton, Dirk Quinn Band, Travor Gordon Hall, New Sweden, Jessica Smucker, Cliff Eberhardt, and Rolly Brown throughout the month of October. To purchase a ticket for any of these events go to www.steelcitycoffeehouse.com.

Phoenixville also hosts a number of city-wide festivals throughout the year. The annual Firebird Festival, dated for Dec. 8, will feature a variety of music and theatre performances, a craft bazaar, and the burning of a giant phoenix statue.

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Job opportunities are very hard to come by. With the economy being the way it is, people find themselves constantly searching for jobs with no promise or guarantee of receiving one. When looking for a job, every aspect of your approach is vital to the decision making process by companies. Career Services strives to help the students by having different programs geared specifically for students who are searching for jobs.

Resumania is Career Services' program that helps students become better job and internship candidates. "Resumania is an all day kind of walk-in program," said Carla Rinde, director of Career Services. "It's a program where all of our staff is available to have walk-in appointments rather than students scheduling appointments and we can do quick, on-the-spot résumé reviews."

"Usually what happens is we read them through and kind of look for tips in ways we could im-

prove it either just visually, how it looks, but also in terms of its content and how experiences are listed in what order and what fashion and how they are described," said Rinde.

Students interested in attending Resumania are encouraged to come in with a draft of a résumé so that the Career Services staff can gauge where the résumé stands and offer tips to the students on how they can improve it. "It's most productive when students come in with a working draft rather than create from zero," Rinde said. "It's really much more effective if we can work from a working document."

On the day of Resumania, students are allowed to walk in to Career Services, having made no appointment, and meet with a Career Services staff member and review their résumé.

"In the past we found that for some reason, when we do things that are stop-in, students seem to prefer that than actually scheduling appointments," Rinde said. "So we create this day, Resumania, just to sort of encourage the walk-in traffic and make it easier for students to know that that's a

day you can go and do that."

Career Services holds this event only once a semester. They hold the first Resumania program during the fall, and the second one occurs again in February, right before the annual Job, Networking and Internship Fair.

Career Services is the only organization that help out at Resumania. "We kind of have all hands on deck so to speak," Rinde said. "We also have two students that we trained that are résumé associates and they will also be able to review résumés. There is no one coming in from the outside, just us."

Senior Tony Rosa, a business major at Ursinus, attended a past Resumania event and found it to be very helpful. "The staff at Career Services was very positive about figuring out how to better my résumé," Rosa said. "I came in with a very rough résumé and left with a well polished one. This helped out tremendously because I was able to go to the career fair inspired and worry free."

Resumania will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All students, no matter what year, are welcome to attend.

Word on the Street

"What do you think about Greek life on campus?"

"It's cool. I'm not a part of it but it's cool. I could have joined if I wanted to but it takes too much time." -Frank Devone, Sophomore

"It's relaxed. I haven't experienced anything besides APes. It's pretty chill." -Nate Marsh, Freshman

"I like the Greek scene and its presence on campus. It's well balanced and therefore gives individuals freedom to join. I think the Greek life is very diverse and strong in community service...It allows many people to be apart of something on the Ursinus campus." - Kelly Fallon, Junior

"I think Greek life is great for networking and it really builds a strong community on campus." -Andrew Stacy, Senior

"I think that Greek life is important to have but unfortunately it's not as popular as I wish it'd be." -Colette Gabler, Senior

"Well I think what Ursinus did to the rules [of Greek life] made it look better." -Diane Mathew, Sophomore

"I'm okay with people doing it if that's their thing, but it's definitely not my thing." -Quinn Gilman-Forlini, Sophomore

Marisa Roman joins Ursinus faculty



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Dr. Marisa Roman is a new physics professor at Ursinus College

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For the 2012-2013 academic year, Ursinus has welcomed seven new faculty members onto campus. One of the new faculty members is Dr. Marisa Roman, a

visiting professor who has joined the Physics Department.

Roman was raised in Argentina. She received her bachelor's degree at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in electrical engineering. Once Roman received her undergraduate degree, she came to the U.S. During her time in the U.S., she received her Master of Science in physics at the University of Miami and later received her doctorate on biophysics at Drexel University.

She first learned about Ursinus College when her daughters received brochures from the college. Roman then discovered that Ursinus was looking to fill a teaching position and applied for the job. Even before she started teaching here, neighbors informed Roman that Ursinus is a great en-

vironment in which to teach.

Although we are only a few weeks into the semester, Roman said she already loves the atmosphere of Ursinus. When she first reached the Ursinus campus she loved its feel.

"What attracts Ursinus to me is that there is an embracing, positive environment. Students are really open to discussion," Roman said. "They learn cultural aspects from me and I learn from them."

Though she has only been here for a short time, Roman has noted some major differences between Ursinus College and her alma mater Universidad de Buenos Aires. Roman explained that the Universidad de Buenos Aires gave students the feeling of survival of the fittest. There were approximately 1,500 students in her Engineer-

ing class, so there was a lot of competition. Because the classes were so big, she did not have access to as many opportunities that Ursinus students have, like doing research with professors.

She loves that Ursinus is a liberal arts school that allows students to make connections outside of their desired field of study. Through the variety of classes students take, students learn to make associations to everyday life. Although Roman is only here for one year, she said she would love to continue working at Ursinus.

Not only does Roman enjoy being at Ursinus, she also is passionate about teaching physics, especially because it causes humans to constantly challenge new theories and to constantly challenge each other.

Roman said, "Teaching the fundamentals of physics is important but I love to use different forms of media to keep the class engaged." She sometimes utilizes YouTube videos in order to better illustrate principles of physics.

Roman also said that she really wants to see more women being brought into the hard sciences and management positions.

Roman said, "There is an underrepresentation of women in hard sciences and I would like to help inspire more young students to pursue sciences such as physics."

Due to this desire, Roman hopes to reach out to more high school students and encourage more girls to go into physics and science in general.

Grad School Guru returns to offer tips and advice

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Grad School Guru, Don Asher, returns to the Ursinus campus on Oct. 8 with an informative and entertaining presentation about the graduate and professional school admission process.

Asher, who has visited Ursinus several times over the years, is an expert on graduate school admissions, according to Sharon Hansen Powers, associate director for Employee Relations at Career Services. "He's a very engaging speaker," she said.

Carla Rinde, Director of Career Services, agreed with Powers and also described him as "dynamic." She said, "The presentation moves very quickly... He

makes it fun."

Rinde also said she attended his presentation many times when he has visited Ursinus. "I always learn something," she said. "He keeps current."

Students who attended Asher's talk in previous years have always given positive feedback. Rinde said people who hear his seminar find it helpful and reaffirming, confirming any convictions they had about the admissions process that they were not certain about.

Both Rinde and Powers agree that students can learn about all aspects of the graduate school admission process from Asher's presentation. Asher answers several common questions that students usually have when applying to grad school, including

what to look for in a graduate program, how to get funding for school, what should be included in a personal statement or essay, what schools look for in a candidate, and when to submit the application.

Powers advises students to "come prepared with questions" because a question and answer session is held after the presentation. She said that in the past, students are "grateful for the time he spent answering specific questions."

Rinde hopes students leave the seminar motivated to either begin or continue the graduate school admission process. She said it is beneficial to obtain this information to be able to better anticipate what is involved in the process.

Furthermore, Powers said students who attend Asher's event gain useful resources to help with the process and "will leave feeling well-equipped to embark on their graduate school applications."

Powers encourages all students, from underclassmen eager to learn about the opportunities that graduate school can provide, to the juniors and seniors who want to fine tune their applications, to attend the presentation. Asher has something to offer any students considering continuing their education beyond the undergraduate level.

"This is a very unique opportunity to get very specific information from an expert," Powers said. "It's an opportunity that

they shouldn't pass over." With the combination of the personal and enjoyable level in Asher's method of communicating and his extensive knowledge of the admissions process that he possesses, the presentation provides a chance to learn about the vital process for anyone interested in continuing their education.

Rinde encourages students to stop by Career Services in Bomberger 110 after the presentation for additional help in developing a graduate school plan. "We are happy to assist in any way as a follow-up to any information that he shares with students," she said.

Asher's presentation will take place on Monday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in Pfahler Auditorium.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Zumba Class, in Kaleidoscope, 12 p.m.	Shabbat Dinner, in Hillel House, 7 - 9 p.m.	Collegeville Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Opening receptions for 'Four Visions/Four Painters' and 'Interstitial Spaces: Void and Object' exhibitions, Bertram Museum, 2 - 4 p.m.	President's Forum, in Wismer Lower Lounge, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Resumania, in Career Services Office, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	The JET Programme, in Bears' Den, 12 - 1 p.m.
Bi-textual Writers Series: Linh Dinh, in Bomberger Auditorium, 7 p.m.	Performance of Archibald MacLeish's 'J.B.', in Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theatre, 7:30 p.m.	Grad school practice exams, in Olin Hall, 12 p.m.	Heefner Organ Recital with Alan Morrison, Bomberger Auditorium, 4 p.m.	Grizzly Meeting, 6:30 P.M.	Health Care Panel: Our Options Have Changed, in Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theatre, 7 p.m.	Literary Society Meeting, in Olin 104, 7 p.m.
Interdisciplinary Careers in the Creative Arts Lecture Series, 5 p.m.		Opening of 'Four Visions/Four Painters,' exhibition, in Bertram Museum		Don Asher - The Grad School Guru, Pfahler Auditorium, 7 - 8 p.m.		

See UC Link for more info!

We should distance ourselves from technology

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Everyone has had the feeling. The cold, harrowing, "naked" feeling that washes over a person when he realizes his phone is not with him. Granted, many people rely on their phones to communicate emergencies, but as a society, our obsession with our phones and other technologies is quite dismal.

Of course, there are times in a person's life when having a form of communication is of the utmost importance, whether it involves an ailing family member or the well-being of one's children. However, my issue lays with the individuals who become enthralled with their devices during social interactions, whether it be at the dinner table, in class or just out with friends.

One of the most frustrating things I have encountered while interacting with people is staring

at the top their heads while they are enamored by the pretty lights on their smartphones. Granted, phones and other tools can be useful to find asylum from someone to avoid, but when these tiny tools distract us so much that all other occurrences in the world are phased out, it's a problem.

Aside from it being rude in social settings, an obsession with technology may in fact be dangerous. Dr. Larry Rosen, a psychology professor and former chair of physiology at University of California, Dominguez Hills, has a few assertions on what he calls "iDisorder."

In his identically-named book, "iDisorder", Rosen says that there is an array of psychological problems that have roots traceable to technology. For example, Rosen mentions how narcissism can develop among people who blog too often and without proper credentials.

Rosen also says that some

forms of hypochondria can stem from technology. We all are guilty of panicking over harmless hives after reading a WebMD article. Some may actually become obsessive over harmless disorders or resort to self-medication rather than seeing a doctor because they believe that with their iPhone they have precedence over doctors on medical issues.

Technology is incredible. We can capture and share cherished memories simultaneously with our loved ones, as long as they have service. We can communicate via text, Skype, Face time or what have you. And perhaps most importantly, technology has become a tool for the oppressed to organize and overcome in an extremely tumultuous world.

At the same time though, old fashion, face-to-face, intelligent rhetoric has been hampered, and it seems like those bright little screens have something to

do with it. How pervasive these tools have become, and how immersed we have become in them, is downright depressing.

Think of a time when all you wanted to do was talk to someone and that person found his phone more interesting than what you had to say. If you cannot recall a time, perhaps you need to pay a bit more attention, because

it seems like burying your head into something electronic at inappropriate times has become all the rage these days.

Perhaps I'm a Luddite, maybe this is just a first-world problem or maybe it's not a problem at all. All I know is that it makes me genuinely upset when I am trying to talk with someone and his eyes are fixed on a screen.

Grizzly Staff editorial

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The Grizzly, Ursinus' on-campus newspaper, is composed of student staff members and student writers. Our collective goal is to reflect the opinions of the student body.

That being said, the opinions of one student do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the entire student body. In order to represent as many voices as we can, we need to publish varied perspectives.

"While our school may seem small, there's still a pretty substantial population of students who are affected by what's going on throughout the campus," opinion editor Dave Muoio said. "It's our role to put that information out to the community."

So if you find yourself in a position of discontent, write about it! Aside from informing the campus, we also hope to encourage change, as well as promote interactivity on our campus. Conversely, if you find yourself especially pleased with something that's happened at Ursinus, please come and share it with us. We look to celebrate the good things about Ursinus, too.

"I think it's important to maintain a well-informed community," co-features editor Sabrina McGettigan said. "When you are well-informed, you are more likely to be more active and take more pride in your community."

"There are so many ways to access our newspaper: you can like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or even read our online content," social media editor

Sam Salomon said.

Feel free to email The Grizzly editors. If there's something exciting going on at Ursinus that you'd like to see previewed or you're planning a campus event and would like to inform your fellow students, please let us know.

"I want the Grizzly to be something that can allow students to be up to date with campus events and news as well as serving as an open forum for the UC community," co-feature editor Sara Hourwitz said. "It's The Grizzly's job to inform the students on our school's actions, organizations and opportunities in order to become more productive members of the Ursinus community."

We hope that our readers feel comfortable participating and working together to achieve a more open and interactive community as we move through this year and the years to come.

Give CAB events a chance

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Among the dozens of emails sent to our inboxes daily are reminders of different events going on around campus. From last-minute tickets to Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" to reminders about a free screening of the "Avengers," it seems as if there is never a time when events are not being held.

But there are many students who don't feel this way. Many of them complain that there aren't enough events offered or the current ones don't interest them.

Are these students right? Are on-campus activities merely limited forms of entertainment attended by few and enjoyed by even fewer?

Personally, I disagree. Already this school year, I have attended a number of events here, from a country-rock concert in the Kaleidoscope to the entertaining and informative Sexual Quizzo, and I have enjoyed just about everything I've been to.

To me, there is nothing better

than going out with a group of friends for a couple hours and experiencing something new. And while there have been some things I wasn't really interested in doing, the few I was dragged to turned out to be interesting and a lot more fun than I had originally thought.

That being said, there is some truth to what other students are thinking and a way to solve it. In this case, it will take both the school and the students in order for it to be truly effective. The Campus Activities Board (CAB), the group behind many of the events, could poll students to see what they are interested in and use their own creativity to broaden the events offered.

Why not show a football or baseball game on the big screen in Lower or have a coffeehouse night where students sign up for stage time and tell jokes, play an instrument or anything else they think of? Doing so will not only benefit those already participating but will also definitely bring new students in as well.

But this change isn't one-

sided. Students: if you don't like what is offered, say something. Talk to CAB members or advisors (their office is in Lower) and suggest what you would be interested in doing; chances are, others will agree with you.

Want a band to play a concert in the Kaleidoscope or a campus-wide game of humans versus zombies? Tell them about it. Don't complain that you are bored if you don't do anything to change it.

As I said, I've loved the events I've been to so far this year and I give credit to the people who have worked so hard to make them happen. For students who want something to do, they should know that there is almost always some activity happening on campus that promises to be a great time.

And for those who haven't taken advantage of them, find a group of friends and try them out. Worst-case scenario, you waste a few minutes there before leaving. Best-case scenario, you discover something you really like and have a blast.

3-0 UC Rugby looks to extend streak

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The Ursinus College rugby team is off to a 3-0 start in its 2012 campaign. The team defeated Washington College, University of Delaware and Philadelphia University. The team has Widener University coming up next on their schedule on Oct. 20.

The Bears are led by Captain Christian Poslock and seniors Andrew Saa, Sam Brenner, Bill Cornely and Chris Cannito.

Cornely said this year's team is filled with the talent needed to get national attention. "This is easily the best team in the school's history, by far," Cornely said.

Most of the success this year has been due to the senior leadership and the backs. This year, the Bears have relied more on speed for offensive attacks.

"In the past we didn't have really good backs. We depended more on the big guys," Cornely said.

This offensive pick up was evident when Ursinus defeated Dela-

ware by nearly 70 points. Cornely said, "We're looking pretty good. Delaware was supposed to give us a pretty good match and they just didn't show up."

Saa and Cornely have been the leading scorers on the team so far this year and Poslock has been an enforcer at the forward position. As well as playing a major role on the field for the Bears, Poslock also serves as a captain-coach for the team, as the volunteer coach is away with an illness.

Poslock said this position can be stressful but his team has relieved some of that.

"I love the game and I love these guys. I can't thank them enough for their dedication and willingness to listen and learn," he said.

The talent on this season's team sets the Bears up to potentially go undefeated through the regular season. The game to look out for is the Widener matchup, according to Poslock. The game could potentially shape the way the team's season will go.

"Our goal has been to win our union since the end of last season,

"We are all playing for each other, and we expect to not only play a game that we love but also to win.

—Christian Poslock
UC Rugby Captain



Courtesy of Christian Poslock/UC Rugby

The 2012 Ursinus Rugby team, after ranking nationally last season, looks to keep the good times going as the season wears on.

and I am very confident that we can do so," Poslock said.

The Bears are on the road for the remainder of the season. However, Cornely said the team appreciates the support they got from the fans during its home games.

"That [Washington College] game was awesome. Under the

lights, there was a ton of people there. It was a real cool atmosphere," Cornely said. "It definitely added to our success."

Poslock also said the limited time that the team has left together gives them a boost in their play. With one season left for this senior class, they are all in.

"We are all playing for each

other, and we expect to not only play a game that we love but also to win," Poslock said.

The men's rugby team will look to keep their undefeated season intact in their upcoming games against Widener, Haverford and Swarthmore.

UC recap: Mixed week for the Bears

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Football

Behind a strong defensive effort, Ursinus defeated Moravian 24-7 on Saturday afternoon.

Ursinus shut down Moravian's offense, holding them to 95 yards total, including only nine yards on the ground.

Ursinus racked up 366 yards in total offense, including 225 passing yards from junior quarterback Chris Curran. Junior running back Bryan Ellis ran for 133 yards on a whopping 33 carries in the victory.

Ursinus now sits at 3-2 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

Field Hockey

After enduring a tough 2-0 loss to national-power The College of New Jersey, Ursinus was

able to rebound at home against McDaniel Saturday afternoon, recording a 3-1 victory.

In the midweek affair, the No. 3-ranked Lions, who outshot Ursinus 21-5, scored a goal during each half in the rematch of the 2011 NCAA Division III Field Hockey semifinals.

The Bears (4-4, 2-2 Centennial) were able to break their two-game skid with a Saturday afternoon triumph over McDaniel. The Bears got second-half tallies from sophomore Nora Kornfeld and senior Julie Pilla in the conference tilt.

Men's Soccer

Following a difficult midweek loss to nationally-ranked Franklin & Marshall (F&M), the Bears lost Saturday night in a defensive struggle to Washington in overtime.

No. 20-ranked F&M scored three first-half goals en route to their 3-1 win over the Bears, who are now 4-6 overall and 1-3 in the Centennial Conference.

Freshman Ryan Butler scored his 11th goal of the season in the loss.

In the Saturday match, Washington's Bob Libera scored in the 94th minute to defeat Ursinus 1-0. Freshman goalkeeper Kieran Keyser made six saves in the loss.

Women's Soccer

Ursinus finished the week 0-0-2, securing two scoreless conference draws with foes Bryn Mawr and McDaniel.

The Bears outshot the two conference opponents 20-12 over both games.

Junior goalkeeper Kara DiJoseph recorded her second and third shutouts of the season,

making six saves over the two games.

The team now sits at 2-5-3 and 0-2-3 in conference matches.

Volleyball

Two big-match wins over the last week have put the Bears back into the conference playoff conversation.

The Bears took a 3-2 match victory at Bryn Mawr on Thursday night. Set scores for the match were 15-25, 25-20, 11-25, 25-17 and 15-8 in the Bears' first conference victory.

Seniors Kristin Hanratty and Kayla McLeod led the way for the Bears. Hanratty led the offensive attack with 15 kills while McLeod had 12 digs in the win.

Their winning ways continued on Family Day, Saturday afternoon, with a four-set win over McDaniel. Set scores were 26-

24, 23-25, 25-23 and 25-21 in the close conference win.

Hanratty led the way once again with 28 kills.

The Bears are now 6-9 and 2-2 in conference play.

Other News

Ursinus football's Andrew Fiorentino was named Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week. In Saturday's home game against Moravian, the junior defensive end registered three sacks for 25 yards total in the Bears 24-7 win.

Fiorentino leads the Bears with five sacks through the first five games of the season. Check out the UC sports schedule on page 8 to see when Fiorentino and the Bears take the field next.

Coach profile: Joe Groff, Volleyball

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The volleyball team welcomes head coach Joe Groff to Ursinus for a fresh start to the fall season.

This is not his first time coaching at Ursinus. Not only did he graduate from Ursinus in 1980, but he coached the volleyball team here from 1986-1990. He started the men's club volleyball team on the Ursinus campus as well.

His experience extends well beyond Ursinus. Groff said he has coached at many different age levels, from grade school to a men's team for ages 55 and older. He hopes to bring this experience to his new position at Ursinus. Groff was an active player of the United States Volleyball Association from 1982-1995.

"I've been in their shoes, so I think I have a good feel for the game during match play," Groff said.

A new perspective signifies a change in focus from past years. New drills show that Groff has observed the team and knows what the players need to do to step up their game.

"I think our coach is focused on going back to the basics, back to the essentials of volleyball that we learned in high school. We kind of skipped over that in the last three years," senior captain Kristin Hanratty said.

Senior captain Erica Dickey believes the transition to a new coach has been beneficial. The Bears have now won three of their last four matches and are on the upswing after a rocky start to the season.

"I think it went from just a lot of playing and just playing continuously to working on technique as well as playing," Dickey said. "We struggled a lot with passing and now our passing is better."

Groff's coaching extends beyond the court. He understands what it means to be a team and encourages bonding among the players.

"I think he's definitely promoted being a team, being a community," said Dickey. "He wants the team to be very close both on and off the court."

Groff has made observations of his team in his short time as head of the program. "We have kind of a mixed bag of players, some with a lot of experience, others not so much," Groff said,

"We definitely have a lot of work to continue to do throughout the season but we seem to be progressing and getting better each match we play and each practice we have."

The team finished 12-12 last season, and the team hopes to improve on that mark this season. Almost two-thirds of the way through the season, the Bears sit at 6-9 and 2-2 in Centennial Conference contests.

Check out the weekly schedule on the back page to find out when the Bears take the court again.

Other News

Senior middle blocker Kristin Hanratty was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week. In two conference wins this week, Hanratty accumulated 43 kills and a .386 hitting average.



Head Coach Joe Groff looks to guide his team to the playoffs after winning three of their last four matches
Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Ursinus Overall Team Statistics (as of Sept. 29, 2012)

Overall record: 6-9 Conf: 2-2
Home: 1-2 Away: 1-3 Neutral: 4-4

TEAM STATISTICS	UC	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills.....	516	527
Total Attacks.....	1858	1443
Attack Pct.....	.083	.207
SET		
Assists.....	472	458
Assist Pct.....	.407	.460
SERVE		

Aces.....	128	112
Attempts.....	710	844
Serve Pct.....	.830	.865
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors.....	87	121
Attempts.....	751	608
Reception Pct.....	.884	.801
DEFENSE		
Digs.....	766	691
Digs/Set.....	13.2	11.9
BLOCKING		
Block Solo.....	37	34
Block Assist.....	36	74
Total Blocks.....	55.0	71.0
Block Errors.....	23	41

Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

10/6
Men's and Women's XC
Jack St. Clair Memorial
@ Fairmont Park, 10 a.m.

10/6
Volleyball
vs. Hood, 2:30 p.m.
@ Johns Hopkins

10/6
Men's Soccer
@ Johns Hopkins
4 p.m.

10/6
Football
BYE

10/6
Volleyball
@ Johns Hopkins
12 p.m.

10/6
Field Hockey
@ Johns Hopkins
1 p.m.

10/6
Women's Soccer
@ Johns Hopkins
7 p.m.

10/9
Men's Soccer
vs. Goucher
7 p.m.

