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## Students fight prisons

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Students who met for Dr. Roger Florka's Philosophy of Race class in the fall have reconvened this semester to bring the mission of Decarcerate PA, a grassroots organization campaigning against mass incarceration in Pennsylvania, to campus.

Last month, the students hosted a screening of "Broken on All Sides," a documentary that explores the intersection of race and mass incarceration, and a follow-up discussion led by a panel including the documentary's director, ex-convicts and activists. The students will be hosting a poetry slam featuring Decarcerate PA activists tonight, Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Theater.

Following the film, senior and

event host Alex Niedmann asked audience members to stand if they know someone who is or has been incarcerated. Almost all of the approximately 60 Ursinus students, faculty and staff members gathered in Olin Auditorium rose from their seats.

"Many people on this campus have friends, family members, loved ones who are either currently or formerly incarcerated. For them, mass incarceration is not just an abstract social or political problem, but a concrete reality that burdens and drains and even breaks up their lives," Niedmann said.

Flyers distributed prior to the film drew attention to Graterford State Prison located in Skippack. Shawna Hershberger, a therapist from Montgomery County who

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## St. Paddy's Day cleanup trouble



Courtesy of Christopher Colliers

Vandalism over St. Patrick's Day weekend included the theft of bathroom stall doors from a Reimert Suite.

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The Ursinus College campus is still recovering from the excessive damage incurred during last week's St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Although the campus is familiar with St. Patrick's Day parties and celebrations, this year's parties involved much more than just a few beverages.

According to Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator Carol McMillin, the cleanup spread well beyond just the Reimert Courtyard.

"Our Facilities guys were over there cleaning up the outside of the building, and spent most of the morning raking up the glass out of the grass at Reimert," McMillin said.

Although no other campus sources were able to comment

on any other damage on the campus, McMillin said that Facilities workers were on duty to resolve the issue before visitors or potential students were able to take note of the damage.

"I got up there around nine-thirty, ten o'clock. By that time Facilities was already cleaning up, and they had also asked the cleaning services to come over in mass because Admissions had a solid booking of visitors that day," McMillin said.

While Facilities dealt with the aftermath, students noticed reckless behavior as it was happening.

"It was really awesome to be a part of the celebrations that day. There were speakers in the Reimert Courtyard, and it felt like we were a community. No one was fighting, everyone was doing something. Some people were playing in a pick-up soccer game or playing ladderball. A lot of peo-

ple were just hanging out," Junior Doug Hickey said. "Still, even I felt a little nervous watching kids climbing up trees and throwing things off the balconies."

Much like Hickey, Senior Stephanie Breitsman felt unnerved by her peers, but also said she enjoyed seeing the community come together to celebrate.

"No one was viciously attacking anyone else. It's been a long year for everyone. I think everyone is just trying to regain a sense of community," Breitsman said.

While many students enjoyed the day's atmosphere, the damage may have outweighed the entertainment.

"It took a combination of custodial people as well as a couple Facilities people to clean it up. There were quite a few bags of

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## Science plans change

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Recently, new plans were proposed for the funding of renovations to science buildings on campus. The renovations include an addition between Pfahler and Thomas and the repurposing of two spaces that already exist in the buildings, one for the neuroscience program and one for biochemistry.

"[The biology department's] needs have far outstripped the capabilities of Thomas Hall," Dr. Tortorelli of the chemistry department said. Now that neuroscience and psychology have been thrown in to the mix, the science faculty has an even bigger need to adjust and adapt to the growing departments. The rapid obsolescence of science facilities and equipment also contributes to the fact that science buildings must be adapted more frequently

than humanities buildings. Along with the new facilities comes new equipment.

Dr. Carlita Favero, a professor of neuroscience and biology, said the renovations will allow students to "be more engaged in the entire part of their projects." For example, the new plans for renovation would add fume hoods in the labs. Students would be able to see whole projects through from start to finish rather than the professor providing them with samples that they do not have any part in creating.

"There are always obstacles in the sense that you have to have a reality check every so often, that is, you know you don't have infinite resources to build everything in the ideal way that you want," Tortorelli said. To jump these hurdles, Tortorelli said he and the

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Rosemary Clark/The Grizzly

Jondhi Harrell, center, tells the audience about his experiences as an inmate at Graterford State Prison.

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works with Decarcerate PA, was among the panel speakers.

"Growing up, I thought [Graterford] was the sun coming up, because I could see the lights. I think that illustrates how Montgomery County feels about the prison," Hershberger said. "The people in this area, if they knew what was going on, I believe wholeheartedly that they would act."

According to the flier, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett recently initiated the construction of two new \$400 million prisons on the grounds of Graterford, which currently holds approximately 3,500 inmates.

"These new prisons are being built at a time when the state is slashing funding for education, healthcare, social services and environmental protection," the flier stated.

Hershberger said Decarcerate PA partnered with Matthew Pillischer, an activist lawyer who directed "Broken on All Sides," to raise awareness about mass incarceration in Pennsylvania.

According to Pillischer's documentary, the U.S. has the highest incarceration rate in the world and Pennsylvania has the third fastest growing prison population in the country.

The majority of inmates crowded into the area's prisons

are black. A 2008 Pew Center study cited in the documentary found that, in the United States, one in 15 black adults is behind bars compared with one in 106 white adults.

"There is slavery. I was a slave for 18 years," Jondhi Harrell, a former inmate at Graterford turned activist and counselor for the formerly incarcerated, said during the panel discussion.

Harrell said while he was incarcerated in a federal prison, he was employed by a U.S. government corporation called UNICOR, which produces an array of products including university furniture.

"We were making products in competition with the free market and they are paying us a dollar an hour," Harrell said. "You have to wonder what profit they are making. It's incredible."

Michelle Alexander, a professor of law interviewed in the documentary, compares mass incarceration to segregation in her book, "The New Jim Crow."

According to Alexander, conservative politicians responded to black Americans' gains in the Civil Right Movement by portraying them as criminals through the "Get Tough on Crime movement," perpetuating racial biases that impact police officers' and prosecutors' discretion in who should be arrested and convicted of crimes. This, Alexander ar-

gues, has resulted in the overrepresentation of black men in the prison population.

Alexander said the criminal justice system enables legal discrimination against people of color once they reenter society.

"You can be legally discriminated against for employment, housing, access to education and public benefits," Alexander said in the documentary. "Many of the old forms of discrimination we thought we left behind in the Jim Crow era are suddenly back."

At the conclusion of his documentary, Pillischer calls for an end to racial profiling as well as a redistribution of government funds away from the prison system and into resources like education and healthcare programs both inside and outside prisons.

"The beginning is raising consciousness and educating people," Pillischer said in the panel discussion. "I think that wall is there not only to keep prisoners in, but to keep us out from knowing what's going on."

"It's in our neighborhood, and we don't even know anything about it," Florka said. "We have to find out about it."

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# Town, gown growth

The relationship between Ursinus and the community has become much more closely knit over the years.

"When I went to Ursinus there was very, very little relationship between Ursinus and the community," Tony Sherr, a 1981 alumnus, said. "Our football coach told us freshman year that we should set a good example for the kids in town, and I remember thinking that I'd never seen kids in town while I was at Ursinus."

Thanks to Ursinus' community based programs like UCARE, which was founded in 2009, and Bonner, founded in 2006, that sentiment has been drastically altered.

"Since our founding in 2009, we've increased our off-campus volunteer sites by a manifold amount," senior and UCARE Service Fellow Jessica Neuman said. "I personally feel much more connected to the commu-

nity because I know about service sites like ACLAMO, St. Christopher's Hospital in Philadelphia and all of our other community partners."

According to the Ursinus web site, the mission of the Bonner Scholars and the Bonner Leaders Programs is to "transform the lives of students and members, the life of their campuses, the local communities and the world through service and leadership."

"We're increasing community service and improving the town and gown relationship," Senior Bonner Intern Madeline McEvily said. "One of the core commitments of Bonner is community building, which has definitely increased throughout my time at Ursinus. I also expect our relationship with our community partners and our impact on the community to continue to im-

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science faculty have to "look for efficiencies. You look for ways to design a facility that's going to meet 99 percent of your needs, but yet be economical and feasible within the climate that we're faced with."

Unfortunately, the climate they are faced with is a harsh one. According to a recent memorandum sent to faculty and staff from Ursinus President Bobby Fong, the groundbreaking to the additions to the science facilities is going to be delayed.

Originally, the administration proposed a plan of borrowing \$20 million and fundraising to pay off the debt so as to allow construction to begin much sooner. The Board of Trustees ran through many scenarios to see if the proposed plan would work but found

that, in every situation, funds ran out. Fong said there was not one scenario that the additional annual debit service would be affordable without extremely aggressive fundraising. In short, Fong said the administration and trustees "could not recommend that we proceed with borrowing to underwrite the addition."

Fong said he was disappointed because he "raised people's hopes" and the building was so close he "could taste it," but they simply could not come up with a safe plan to fund the project in order to pay off the debt service of the loan. Instead, Fong said the college will pursue a more traditional fundraising plan for the new additions to the science facilities, raising funds first and starting construction after most of the funds are secured.

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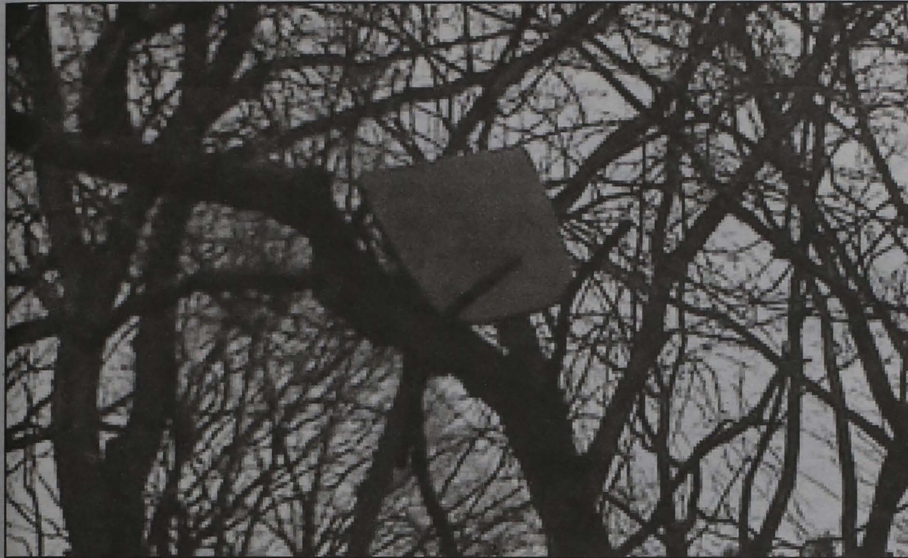
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Courtesy of Joshua Walsh

Some time over St. Patrick's Day weekend, students threw dormitory desk chairs into a tree near Reimert.

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empty bottles," McMillin said. "It's my understanding that there was shattered glass everywhere. And then the other thing was, somebody in one of the suites took a toilet seat cover off and threw it through one of the windows. The window was broken."

In order to resolve these issues, Facilities works with Residence Life to assess the damage that has been done and estimate a cost for the repairs. After last week's St. Patrick's Day celebrations, Facilities was forced to estimate a cost for the work of not only Facilities

workers but members of the custodial staff that were a part of the cleanup process.

Although St. Patrick's Day only comes once a year, the ongoing shattered glass issue and the cost of the damage after last weekend are causing a great deal of discussion. The school hopes for a better and safer future for all members of the Ursinus College community.

"The safety committee I am on, we did have a discussion on it, so we are going to relay our concerns on the excess glass. We had a discussion on banning bottles in Reimert, but a lot of

people are worried about Snapchat bottles and things like that," McMillin said. "Res Life really looks at how these changes are going to affect the whole campus. Ultimately, it comes down to Res Life and using students to affect change. They're going to be the ones to make the final decision."



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prove in the future."

UCARE is Ursinus' center for advocacy, responsibility and engagement. UCARE, according to the Ursinus website, strives to "improve civic engagement by students," which ultimately "promotes the bond between students, our community and our institutional vision to influence society in future generations."

"Our goal is to make our initiatives more visible and give students an opportunity to connect with the greater Collegeville community," Neuman said.

Bonner and UCARE have both garnered more community partners. This past year, they have formed relationships with ACPA Community Arts Center, which is located in Collegeville, and Longview Farm, which has locations in Collegeville and Norristown. UCARE also runs a giving tree program every year for families in the area.

"This year, we donated more than 300 presents to children who wouldn't normally receive gifts," Neuman said. "Different sports teams sponsored the event and a lot of professors purchased gifts. It was a very successful service opportunity."

The relationship between Ursinus students and the Collegeville community has also been strengthened through years of change and progress, including growth of the surrounding Collegeville area.

This relationship's growth has most recently been cultivated in an initiative outlined by Ursinus President Bobby Fong in Proposition Six of the Strategic Plan. Fong's March edition of "President's Perspective" stated that further strengthening of the town-gown relationship will be a priority of the college throughout the next five to seven years.

Senior Abby Rude also believes that the relationship between Ursinus and its surrounding community has improved over her time at Ursinus, especially given the college's outreach to businesses in the area through initiatives like Bear Bucks, student flex dollars that can be spent at off-campus restaurants.

"I do think the relationship has improved," Rude said. "I think Bear Bucks shows that the surrounding businesses like having us around, and appreciate that we're spending money in the community. I think there is room for improvement, though."

Neuman said she hopes that the dynamic between the Collegeville and Ursinus communities will continue to improve through initiatives like the Strategic Plan, UCARE and Bonner.

"I'm extremely confident with the direction UCARE is headed," Neuman said. "We have more fellows than ever before, and we are going to continue to get more students involved."

UCARE will be holding its biannual Community Week from April 13 - 21. Students can email UCARE@ursinus.edu to sign up to host or participate in a Community Week event.

## Top stories from around the globe

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### Supreme Court reviews same-sex marriage

NBC reported on Monday that the Supreme Court was scheduled to hear two cases on whether state governments can prevent same-sex couples from marrying.

NBC reported that one of the cases involves Proposition 8, an overturned ban on same-sex marriage in California, and the other deals with the Defense of Marriage Act, which prevents the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriages. This marks the Supreme Court's first ever review of same-sex marriage, according to NBC.

### Obama fears extremism in Syria

According to the Guardian, President Obama warned about the dangers of a post-Assad Syria becoming a Haven for radical Islamists. Obama spoke about this at a press conference in Jordan with King Abdullah II on Friday, March 22, during which the president announced \$200 million in aid to Jordan to help them cope with an influx of 460,000 refugees in Syria, the Guardian reported.

Obama is resisting pressure from congressmen and Secretary of State John Kerry to get more involved in Syria, the Guardian reported, and some have suggested that Obama should impose a no-fly zone to keep Bashar al-Assad's air force grounded.

### Senate passes budget

Time Magazine reported that the U.S. Senate approved a Democratic budget of \$3.7 trillion on Saturday, March 23. The budget calls for \$1 trillion in tax increases for the next decade, but it protects domestic programs targeted for cuts by Republicans,

according to Time.

Time reported that all the Republicans and four Democratic senators opposed the budget. A rival budget plan proposed by Republican Paul Ryan claimed \$4 trillion more in savings than the Democratic plan by cutting Medicaid, food stamps and other social programs, according to Time.

### Moscow, China make trade agreement

According to the Christian Science Monitor, Chinese President Xi Jinping met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Friday, March 22. The Monitor reported that Jinping and Putin are talking about a bilateral trade agenda regarding Russian gas, oil, arms and engineering goods in exchange for Chinese consumer products. China expects 30 agreements to be signed mainly related to energy, the Monitor reported.

Some experts believe that Russia is looking for new relationships with China, as, according to the Monitor, Russo-American relations are deteriorating.

### UK may approve three-person in-vitro

According to the BBC, the United Kingdom may allow the creation of babies from three people via in-vitro fertilization. If the techniques are approved, this could help many families since one in 6,500 children develop mitochondrial disorders, and using mitochondria from donor eggs can prevent disease while giving babies a small amount of DNA from a third donor, the BBC reported.

Defects in mitochondria can lead to complete lack of energy, muscle weakness, blindness, heart failure and death. But according to the BBC, scientists in the U.K. may be able to take genetic information from a mother with mitochondrial defects and place it in a donor's eggs with healthy mitochondria.

# 9th annual Edible Books Festival April 2

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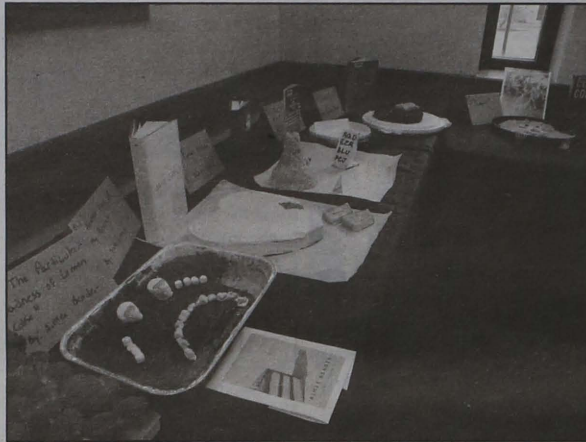
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Every spring, the Edible Books Festival in the Myrin Library offers the Ursinus community the chance to create something tasty and clever while paying homage to literature.

"To enter, you can make, bake, fry, carve, cut, cook or otherwise present any foot at all in some literary manner. The only requirements are that entries are (1) edible and (2) 'bookish' through the integration of text, literary inspiration or form," according to the Edible Books Festival Facebook event page.

Julia Glauberman, a junior and the student coordinator of the festival, will work with reference librarian Diane Skorina to organize this year's event on April 2.

Glauberman described her role as "a catchall job," saying it includes poster design, the Facebook promotion, setting up and tearing down, as well as announcing winners. She has also entered the contest herself in previous



Heidi Jensen/The Grizzly

Submissions from last year's Edible Books Festival included a cake for Aimee Bender's novel "The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake".

years, in both the individual and group divisions.

"Two years ago Zeba Hussaini and I entered the team category with 'A Clockwork Orange.' We made a yellow cake with buttercream frosting, orange wedges, and a clock face drawn with icing," Glauberman said. "Last year

I entered the individual category with 'A Walk in the Woods/A Wok in the Woods.' I surrounded a wok with lots of broccoli on toothpicks." Puns are encouraged, but not required, according to the festival's website.

Glauberman said a group called "Phi Kaps & Friends" sub-

mitted a pork-based entry for the "Three Little Pigs" last year. "It was pretty much entirely made out of raw pork products, which was simultaneously revolting and impressive," she said.

The most impressive entry, in Glauberman's opinion, was Andy Prock's "Walking Dead/Walking Bread." She described it as "a zombie made out of bread, pasta, and other grains." Prock took home first prize for the creation last year.

For inspiration, Glauberman and Skorina suggested reflecting on texts required for class. Skorina said students even integrated all the CIE texts into a 2011 entry, which she said was her "all time favorite."

Once a literary concoction comes to fruition, entrants should drop off their creations in the vending machine café area of Myrin between 9 a.m. and noon on April 2. Judging will take place between noon and 3 p.m., when the reception begins and winners are announced. Finally, at 3:15 p.m., the edible books are

allowed to be eaten.

First place in the group division will receive \$200. The top individual entry will receive \$75, and the second-place individual entry will receive \$25. Small tokens will be awarded to all entries this year in the form of custom bookmarks, Glauberman said.

The Ursinus event dates back to 2005, when it was led by student assistant Jessica Gallagher, according to the website. Photos from years past are available on the site.

"The Edible Books Festival is an International event, with participation from venues in countries from Australia to Luxembourg to the United States, and almost everywhere in between. The festival was created by Judith A. Hoffberg and Beatrice Coron in 1999, and has grown ever since," according to the website.

"It's a great creative outlet for those who submit entries, as well as an amazing opportunity to engage with the Ursinus community for all who attend," Glauberman said.

## 'Ricochet,' new CIE event

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20 student artists, involved in dance, art, music, theatre, or a combination of these disciplines, have been working together to create a piece that combines their many talents and passions. On April 10 and 11, their work will be showcased as an event for the Common Intellectual Experience program and one performance that is open to the public.

The idea for this project came from Colleen Walsh, a junior dance major, who was inspired to organize an innovative outlet for students to get together and express their creative abilities.

"I just realized that there was never an opportunity where, as a dancer, I had a chance to work with people in the music department, or people in the art department, just to have the freedom to create something," Walsh said. "I think that's really important, especially at a college like Ursinus,

so I felt this project was a great way to fill that gap."

With guidance from faculty mentor Jeanine McCain, Walsh spread this creative process over the semester, opened the project to all of campus, and actively recruited students for the project.

As the project developed, the collaboration grew to include the CIE fellows and coordinators, and the work, titled "Ricochet," will be a CIE common event.

Junior Julianna Lepore, who is painting a picture that reflects one of the three CIE questions, wanted to offer her artistic skills in this project. "I've never seen anything like this collaboration project done at Ursinus. I definitely think it will be an interesting and creative CIE event, and one that anyone on campus could be a part of," Lepore said.

Walsh hopes that the performances accomplish two goals. The first is how the CIE questions are applicable in everyone's daily lives.

"I think as a freshman, it's easy to succumb to the idea that the only reason you're looking into those questions is that it's for the CIE course, but I think, if you look at the broader picture, my understanding is, the whole purpose of the CIE course is that those questions are going to be integrated into the rest of our lives..."

Walsh's second goal is for the performances to embody the importance of collaboration. "Life is just a constant collaboration. In order to create to the best of our abilities, we have to work together. So I think that idea is really important, and I hope people that come to the show can see the beauty of working with others," Walsh said.

The show will open to CIE students on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 and 8:30 pm. On Thursday, April 11 the 6:30 show will be for CIE students and the 8:30 performance will be open to the public in the Black Box Theatre.

## Word on the Street

**If you were to rename the Grizzly, what would you call it?**

"I wouldn't rename it. I think it's appropriate for a college newspaper. Most schools would have something like "Ursinus Times." I think this is slightly more original, at least when compared to stereotypical options."

- Allison Cavanaugh, Senior

"The UC Update. I think it flows well seeing as the college starts with a "U." - Brett Hillsberg, Senior

"The Bear's Business. The alliteration is cute and we have a funny mascot." - Brett Nelson, Junior

"The Ursinus Word" - Senior Chris Fox

"Beary Good News at Ursinus College because it's a cute play on words. I'd like to see something having to do with journalism if it were to change from the Grizzly, though." - Marina McCann, Junior

"I think I would make it something that sounds more legitimate like the Ursinus College Examiner."

- Lauren Tedesco, Senior

# WeCAN raises awareness

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WeCAN is an acronym for "We Care About the Nation," the student-led organization dedicated to raising awareness about social justice and human rights issues on and off campus.

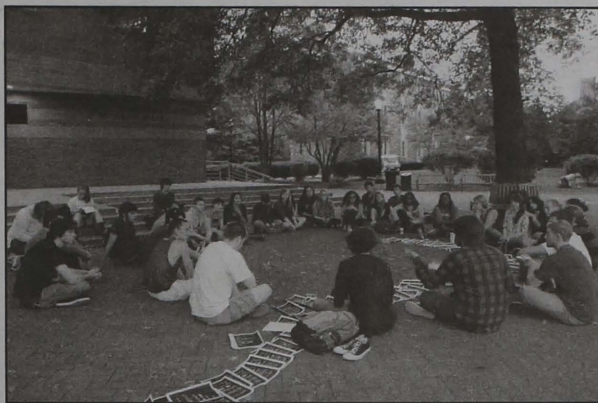
President of WeCAN Senior Nick Silcox said, "The goal of WeCAN is to encourage students to take a new route in expressing their political voice, whether that be for something like Wismer's food is horrible or something like mass incarceration, whatever people want to do something about. WeCAN tries to inspire people to take on an active role about issues."

One major project that WeCAN was involved in was the unionization of the Wismer workers during the 2011 fall semester. WeCAN was successful in getting the vote passed to unionize, which they worked on all of last year, Silcox said.

Senior Jacob Hope, a member of WeCAN, said the organization heard about Wismer workers trying to unionize and that some individuals had been fired over the issue. WeCAN decided to help by making the school's administration aware of how the workers were being affected.

"We looked at this and said this is where we as an organization can help. We wanted to show the workers we were behind them 100 percent, because the students here really do love the workers and know them by their first name. We were successful in showing the workers that the students do care about them," Hope said.

Currently, the organization is working on a new project. WeCAN is working with a group



Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly

Student-led organization WeCAN held an outdoor meeting in Sept.

called Decarcerate PA, which according to the group's website, seeks to end mass incarceration by exploring ways to shrink the prison population and close unnecessary facilities in Pennsylvania. They are fueled by Governor Corbett's intent to spend \$685 million to expand the state's already massive prison system.

"We want to educate the campus about mass incarceration because there is a big \$400 million expansion of the Graterford Prison, which is actually right down the street," Hope said.

Hope said Decarcerate PA laid a lot of groundwork for WeCAN, spreading leaflets and documentaries so they are well prepared to educate students on campus.

Even though the organization has taken part in some-major activism projects, Silcox and Hope agreed that WeCAN does have a negative stigma due to the controversial issues they address.

"The confrontations about the messages that are on banners, flyers, demonstrations what have you, is success[ful] because there are so few people willing to do that in this community...I hope that it encourages people to think

in a new way," Silcox said. "With professors and staff we only received positive encouragement and feedback but with the student body it is very mixed."

In the past, WeCAN faced controversy when students believed their organization was responsible for several unapproved banners that were hung outside Wismer.

According to *The Grizzly's* Oct. 4, 2012 article "Banners Call for Student Power," no student organization had taken responsibility for the banner and Silcox said WeCAN had nothing to do with the banner drop. In the article, Silcox said, "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. Although I do endorse their messages and support the effort, WeCAN cannot take the credit."

Those interested in getting involved in WeCAN can attend their meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Olin Plaza.

# UC Tech Support

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a new one.

Not all of the computer problems that student technicians are approached with can be resolved. Students must pay a \$178 laptop warranty fee each year to cover the cost of replacement parts or technology services that they may need. "The warranty encompasses everything," Dehelian said.

Ursinus provides every student with a Dell laptop, and ensures that damaged laptops can be replaced. "The Support Plan means that students can get pretty much anything replaced if they break it," Dehelian said.

The laptops that Ursinus gives each student before their freshman and junior years cost \$500 at face value, but the student only pays the warranty fee. If a student breaks their computer or printer, Tech Support will replace it.

Sophomore Christine Saraco accidentally spilled milk and cereal on her printer during her freshman year. "It was very embarrassing, but the people at Tech Support were very nice about it. They gave me a new printer on the spot."

Students and faculty can bring their laptop to Tech Support as much as needed, but some people take advantage of the service more than others. "There are some teachers on campus who have been through roughly 20 computers," Erkkila said. "They come in every other day."

"We obviously have some frequent flyers," Dehelian said. "People who have been down to Tech Support a lot."

Tech Support is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Student technicians are on call on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m.

Colleges are becoming increasingly dependent on technology as the primary medium for academic work. Computers have made resources available to college students infinite, but at the price of occasional (or not so occasional) technology-induced chaos when a paper won't print, a file won't open, or the computer screen turns an unnaturally bright shade of blue.

Ursinus' Technology Support Center, located in the basement of the Myrin Library, often comes to the rescue when computers stop behaving as they should. "We're here for any tech that needs support," said Jeff Erkkila, a sophomore student technician at Technology Support.

Technology Support, more widely known as Tech Support, offers many services beyond simply repairing computers. According to the Tech Support website, student technicians are able to assist with printing formal posters, answering network questions, and setting up audio/visual equipment.

Dan Dehelian, another sophomore student technician, said that teachers often request assistance setting up projectors, televisions, and other technology-related teaching tools.

No prior computer knowledge or training is necessary to become a student technician. "You have to learn as you go, and you'll learn a lot," Erkkila said.

Dehelian said that the computer problems that keep student technicians the busiest are viruses. Viruses can be removed by a virus scan and a reimaging process that entails replacing the hard drive of the computer with

## Happening on Campus

| Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday                                     | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  |
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| William Willson Baden Faculty Lecture, in Musser Auditorium, 4:15-5:00 p.m. | Math and Art: The Good, the Bad, and the Pretty, in Ber- man Museum room 016, 12-1 p.m. | Urban Tree Con- necton, in Philadelphia, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | The Third Annual Stairs Challenge, all day | Grizzly meeting, in Ritter Lobby, 6:30 p.m.                     | Myrin Library's 9th Annual Edible Books Festival, in Myrin Library, 3-5 p.m. | Career Services Walk-in Wednesday, in Career Services Office, 1-4 p.m. |
| PhillyGoes2College SWAG Week, in Philadelphia, all day                      | Shabbat Dinner, at Hillel House, 7-9 p.m.   |   |  | Sustainable Move- out Volunter Meet- ing, in Bears' Den, 7 p.m. | Free Piloxing Class, in Helfferich Dance Studio, 8-9 p.m.                    | Sustainable Move- out Volunteer Meet- ing, in Olin 101, 7 p.m.         |
|   |   |   |  | UCommunity Bike Shop, in BPS, 7:30-9:30 p.m.                    |  |  |

# Campus safety isn't customer service

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"I'm locked out of my room?" "I need an escort." "My friend is throwing up." "There's glass on the floor." "The toilet's broken." "The room downstairs is being really loud."

The list doesn't end there. Calls have come in with students asking to kill bugs in rooms, take in lost dogs, change tires and even directions to the nearest auto shop. It seems that Campus Safety is morphing into Customer Service.

According to the Ursinus website, Campus Safety aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment by providing frequent patrols and quick response to "safety concerns." There is an overabundance of calls about various, and sometimes odd, circumstances that are of no "safety concern" or are under Campus Safety's jurisdiction. Unless someone is allergic to bees, they

shouldn't be calling campus safety for a can of bug spray.

Students need to assess their problems before they call. They should be asking themselves one of two things: "Can I solve this problem on my own?" or "Is this really a problem that Campus Safety needs to handle?" Campus Safety is not a customer service hotline for students to call in with their random problems that they experience throughout the average day.

"We are responsible for the safety of the campus 24 hours a day, every day," said Safety Officer Anthony Bruno. "We also provide auto assists, escort services, lockout assistance and a lost and found, but we tend to go over and above what a job should be."

As a Campus Safety desk assistant, I know firsthand that students are unaware of the situations that Campus Safety puts up with every day.

Many students do not realize

the amount of work that Director of Campus Safety Kim Taylor, the officers, or the student staff put in to make sure that the campus is safe, any emergencies are taken care of, situations are handled, and questions are always answered. Even when we receive calls that do not fall under our job description we do our best to take care of them.

Additionally, we at Campus Safety believe some aspects are underappreciated by students at Ursinus in regards to rule breaking (mainly with parking enforcement and generalized policy enforcement), attitudes and complete disregard for the amount of work that gets put into this campus. Students call in or walk in with complaints expecting us to fix the problem immediately. Campus safety officers cater to the needs of students but we are not a customer service line waiting by phones to solve complaints.

As college students, we need

to be aware of the decisions we make as well as the consequences that come along with it. Campus Safety is performing its job when they enforce policies on campus. Students need to respect the fact that there are consequences for their actions and it's not the fault of the safety officer who is just performing his job.

Policies are there for a reason and students need to abide by them, such as parking enforcement. Students can apply online for parking passes and if they don't, they will be ticketed. It's as simple as that; however, there are many that come in to complain about being ticketed. The system is not out to get anyone.

Students need to realize that Campus Safety is not their servant or their mom. Helping patrol for skunks or squish bugs are not a part of their job description, their job is to help keep the campus running smoothly by focusing on more important

situations.

"We constantly work to make campus a safer, more secure place for students," Bruno said. "Campus Safety is contacted about various problems and circumstance making it seem like we are a Customer Service department rather than strictly for safety concerns. However, we attempt to help students and staff with any issue and they know that they can call us at anytime if they need us."

Next time you find yourself in a situation or faced with a problem think before you call Campus Safety. Think, "Is there someone else I can call who is more suited for dealing with the problem?"

As we leave college we will not have that one place we can call that will try to handle all our problems. It's time to solve problems on our own when necessary and respect those that are performing a job to keep the campus safe and running efficiently.

# Dorm security shouldn't be compromised

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When moving to college there were many adjustments I needed to make. There were no more home cooked meals, my curfew was gone, and I had to take a shower in what felt like a 4-by-4 box. But the one thing that should have never been compromised was feeling safe in my own home.

Last year as a sophomore, my roommate Kara Bowen and I moved into our new house on Main Street. With boxes of clothes stacked up past our eyes, we walked into the only all girls quiet house on campus. Excited to start our second year of college and have the room right next to the front door on the first floor, we did not realize the dangers of living in Fetterolf Hall.

The biggest security issue was the door being unlocked on the weekdays so students (or anyone) could come straight into the building without any difficulty. Fetterolf is the only resident hall

on campus that has a classroom in it. If the classroom is intended for Ursinus students, why can't the school place a swipe card reader like the ones used in New or North? It is unbelievable that a college would have a resident's hall full of young women open to the public like this.

Campus Safety was supposed to come every night to lock the doors; however, this did not always happen. There were some nights where I would come back at 2 a.m. with laptop, books, and essays in hand. After digging around for my key, I would be pleasantly surprised to find that the door was left unlocked. Although it would be convenient to not have to unlock the door, the fact that it was left open to anyone at 2 a.m. was frightening.

One of the first nights there, we quickly realized our windows did not lock. We contacted facilities who brought us a glass window pane. They told us to place it on top of the window so if someone tried to open it they would fail. A bit weary with

our new system, we trusted the college's solution. It wasn't until one night that we both forgot our keys inside the room, that we tested the security of our windows. It took us less than two minutes to break into our own room. The window pane was easily removed without breaking it or making a sound.

Located in the back of the building, there is a classroom which was the home to some CIE students. Every week, hundreds of people would walk in and out of our house. We had no idea who they were, and they would use our bathroom like a public restroom, even though it was meant solely for girls.

The first floor only had one bathroom. It was located directly across from the classroom. Anytime I attempted to take a shower during the day, I had to deal with freshmen awkwardly gawking at me as I walked over in my towel.

A bathroom is obviously a private place. After two weeks, all of the girls felt so comfortable with one another that we started

leaving our shower caddies in there. Well, we did until there was "the incident."

One girl in our house had two Dove body washes stolen. I guess we will never know who stole it, but in all of our hearts we know it was not one of us; it was an outsider. The worst part was knowing that we did not have privacy in arguably one of the most private areas in a home.

Looking back, the house was not 100 percent terrible. I met new women and created bonds with them. And on cold, winter nights when the library seemed so far away, I could use the classroom to study in.

But all in all, a college that charges more than \$11,000 for room and board needs to put more effort into the security of its students. Allowing 17 women to live together with close to no security is baffling. To me, a school that arms its students with windows that don't lock, no nearby security call boxes, and front doors left open to the public isn't doing its job.

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# Coach profile: Sam Campo, softball

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The Ursinus softball team enters its first year under new Head Coach Samantha Campo. She comes to Ursinus after serving as both an assistant and a head coach at Gettysburg College.

"Everyone from the administration, to the other coaches in the department, to the players has made this really a great 8 weeks," Campo said.

Campo has an extensive background in the Centennial Conference. As a player, she was a four-time, first-team All Centennial Conference selection at McDaniel College. As a member of the Green Terror, she won the conference championship in 2002 and 2004. However, 2003 was no down year as Campo was named the Centennial Conference player

of the year.

At Gettysburg, Campo was an assistant coach for the Bullets' 2007 Centennial Conference championship team, and posted a 27-win season in 2009.

"Being a part of the C.C. for over 10 years now, I know the competitive level of Ursinus softball and where it needs to be and respect what has been established," Campo said.

So far this season, the Bears strung together a series of big wins during their spring break trip to South Carolina. In three games, they outscored their opponents 40-0. The Bears also split their opening conference doubleheader with Dickinson, with both a win and a loss by the score of 4-3.

Focus and improvement will be crucial for the Bears during the next couple of months.

"Our goals for the 2013 season

are to maintain consistency and focus every game. We are looking to build upon and maintain the tradition that has been created at Ursinus," Campo said.

Campo is the all-time Centennial Conference leader in career doubles, so it is no wonder why a big emphasis on her coaching philosophy is team hitting.

"She [Coach Campo] has us focusing on hitting more, which has been really beneficial... she'll come down to watch us hit in the middle of her day, and she'll even throw balls to us at midnight if that's what we want. Our biggest thing is that we want to improve every day," Bonitatis said.

The junior said her coach is always available for extra help, and in the short amount of time Campo has been on campus, efficiency has been one of the biggest differences from previous seasons.

"I feel we get a lot more done during the allotted two hours for practice we get," Bonitatis said. As more development is taking place on the field, Bonitatis said there have also been big gains off the field.

"We're all trusting each other's skills now. It's a team sport. It's so much better," Bonitatis said.

A lot of the chemistry bonding took place in the off season as the players had to get together to take on most of the responsibilities while the search for a new coach was still ongoing.

"Every one really had to step up. We formed four different committees and had to take on the coaching role for a little," Bonitatis said.

The junior said they got a lot of help from Director of Athletics, Laura Moliken, who offered to go with the team during their spring break trip if they were still with-

out a coach. Fortunately, Campo was hired for the beginning of the 2013 campaign.

The team was able to get things going right away when Campo got to campus.

"The seniors and the rest of the team did a great job over the fall and the winter to stay focused while maintaining the goal of getting back to conference tournament," Campo said.

Campo leads the Bears into action on Friday afternoon where they take on Moravian in a home double header. Game times are set for 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.



# Senior Spotlight: Allison Pfrommer

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Coming back from Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Ursinus College softball team's senior co-captain Allison Pfrommer is already standing out as a player, captain and friend.

After an impressive 2012 season, which saw her lead the Bears in batting average, hits and RBIs, Pfrommer is determined to make this upcoming season even better.

In addition, she is ready to lead the team as co-captain along with Emelie McFarland and Kelly Schymanski.

"What first attracted me to Ursinus was the great biology program and from there I fell in love with the softball team. I watched a game and I could tell that Ursinus had a passion for the game," Pfrommer said. "Their love of softball radiated from the field. After watching that game I knew that Ursinus was the college for me."

Pfrommer has been playing softball since she was about nine years old and, even before that she started playing tee-ball at the age of six.

Softball comes as a second nature to Pfrommer so it comes

as no surprise how successful her Ursinus College softball career has been. In 2010 and 2011, Pfrommer was a first-team All-Centennial selection and a second-team All-Centennial selection in 2012.

"She's a very consistent and that's a key component of why she performs so well," Monica Bonitatis said, who has been playing with Pfrommer for the past two years.

Samantha Campo, who is in the midst of her first season coaching the squad, already sees Pfrommer's potential as an athlete and leader.

"Allison is a very driven and focused player with tremendous skills. She is always composed and fights to get better every day," Campo said. "Her ability to lead by example increases her teammate's level of play around her. That in its self is a really special quality to have."

As a player Pfrommer has made a personal goal to not over think this season. If her play during the past two seasons is any indication of her senior campaign, things are looking up for the senior first baseman.

"I just need to relax and let things flow. I use that mantra when I'm playing to help me relax



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Allison Pfrommer, who is currently hitting .594 with seven doubles, two triples and a home run through 10 games, looks to lead the Bears through the rigors of the Centennial Conference season.

"Let it flow," Pfrommer said.

As a captain, she has also made a team goal to get better after every time they play.

"This is possible because our team meshes together really well on the field. As long as we stay focused anything is possible," Pfrommer said.

Softball is not only a sport to

Pfrommer, but the bonds made within the team have created a family for her. These girls have not only created a bond on the field, but off the field as well.

"I like the bond I have with my teammates," Pfrommer said. She is not only a leader and teammate, but a friend to the girls.

The Bears, led by Pfrommer,

currently sit at 6-4 and 1-1 in conference games.

"She's not only a silent leader that never complains, but she will give great advice to people on the side as well," Bonitatis said.

Check out the UC Sports Schedule on page 8 to find out when Pfrommer and the Bears take the field next.

# Recap: Warren named All-American

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In their first trip back to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Championships in five seasons, the Ursinus gymnastics squad finished sixth, posting a score of 181.325 in the season finale.

Highlighting their venture to Whitewater, Wis. was senior Jo Warren's performance. The Minnesota native was named an All-American on uneven bars, posting a 9.550 on Saturday and finishing sixth in the individual finals.

Warren's success marks the third time in four years the senior earned her All-American accolades on bars. She was also named a second-team All-American during both the 2009-10 and the 2010-11 campaigns. However, Warren saved her best for last.

Warren, who was one of three Bears who competed in the individual competition on Saturday, posted a 9.575 during the team competition to qualify for the individual competition.

Also qualifying for the individual competition for Head Coach Jeff Schepers' squad were senior Stephanie Schmidt and sophomore Kristin Aichele.

Schmidt finished 13th overall in the floor competition, posting a score of 9.325. Meanwhile, Aichele posted an 8.500 and finished 14th on the beam.

## Women's Lacrosse

In their conference opener, the Ursinus women's lacrosse team fell to Swarthmore 12-9 on Saturday afternoon.

Leading the way for the Bears



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Senior Jo Warren (third from left) was named All-American on the uneven bars for the third time last weekend at the NCGA Championships after finishing sixth in Saturday's individual competition, which took place in Whitewater, Wis.

was junior midfielder Nicole Kovacs, who posted three goals, all in the second half, in the road affair.

Sophomore attacker Kitty Dawson scored two goals, while causing two turnovers and picking up three ground balls in the defeat.

Junior goalkeeper Riley Pembroke made six saves on the afternoon. Swarthmore outshot the Bears, 18-15.

The Bears now sit at 2-4 overall. They look to rack up their first conference victory on Saturday vs. Dickinson. Faceoff at Patterson Field is scheduled for 1 p.m.

## Baseball

The Ursinus baseball team

struggled over the course of two weekend double headers, finishing 0-4 overall.

On Saturday, the Bears dropped a pair of games to Richard Stockton, 8-1 and 6-1, at newly-titled Thomas Field.

Freshman first baseman Chris Jablonski led the way for the Bears. The Galloway, N.J. native went 4-6 overall, including a run scored.

Meanwhile, the Bears dropped two heartbreakers on Sunday afternoon, falling to PSU-Abington in extra innings in both affairs, 6-5 and 5-4.

Ursinus posted three runs in the seventh inning of game 1, forcing the game into extra innings where PSU-Abington

pushed the winning run across in the bottom of the eighth.

The Bears fell in the ninth inning of game 2, where they were led once again by Jablonski. The freshman went 2-3 with an RBI and a sac fly.

The Bears sit at 3-10 overall and open conference play with a Holy Saturday double header at Gettysburg. First pitch is slated for 12:30.

## Softball

In their first action since returning from their spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C., the Ursinus softball team split their conference opening double header with Dickinson, with both games decided by 4-3 score lines.

Senior Kelly Schymanski played a starring role in the Bears' victorious effort in game 1, where she threw a complete game, allowing only one earned run on nine hits without walking a batter. The Pottstown native also helped her cause at the plate, where she launched a two-run home run in the third inning to give her team the lead for good.

However, Dickinson took game 2 after scoring a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh to win in walk-off fashion. Leading the way for the Bears was senior first baseman Allison Pfrommer, who went 2-3 with a double and an RBI in the losing affair.

# Upcoming UC Athletics Schedule

3/29  
Softball  
vs. Moravian  
3 p.m.

3/30  
Baseball  
@ Gettysburg  
12:30 p.m.

3/30  
Women's Tennis  
@ Dickinson  
1 p.m.

3/30  
Women's Lacrosse  
vs. Dickinson  
1 p.m.

3/30  
Men's Lacrosse  
vs. Dickinson  
1 p.m.

3/30  
Men's Tennis  
vs. Dickinson  
1 p.m.

4/2  
Baseball  
@ Muhlenberg  
3:30 p.m.

4/2  
Softball  
vs. Washington  
3 p.m.

