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Students and fans of Ursinus athletics sit in the stands watching the football game and cheering for the Bears during homecoming last year.

## Homecoming 2013 preview

### MCS anniversary, Grizzly Gala and alumni reunion

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There are many different things that are happening on the Ursinus campus for homecoming this year.

On Oct. 19 many alumni, students, faculty and staff will be celebrating this holiday that is well-known on campus.

There are many activities going on including the 25th anniversary of the media and communications studies department, the second annual Grizzly Gala and a new workshop called Admissions 101.

For the media and communications studies department, it is their 25th anniversary. The celebration will take place in Ritter Center between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Over the past 25 years, there

have been over 600 students that have graduated with a major in media and communications studies.

The department has changed names three different times and grown from three faculty members in the entire department at its start. There have been new classrooms and new classes added throughout the years.

Lynne Edwards, a media and communications studies professor, is organizing the event with the help of students. Not only is she a professor here at Ursinus, but Edwards also graduated from Ursinus in 1988.

Working hard on this project, Edwards has been meeting with students once a week to organize and plan this special event.

In preparation for the event, students have been setting up Facebook pages for all the graduating years. By searching "Ursinus College MCS" and your class year on Facebook, these pages can easily be found.

The department has also start-

ed its first official Twitter page to inform current students, staff, faculty and alumni on what is going on in the media and communications studies department.

This page will help promote the media and communications studies department in the new age of technology.

Edwards said, "Please come to check them out and to meet the new majors, see old friends and make future connections."

Another event taking place during the weekend of Homecoming is the second annual Grizzly Gala. This is taking place on Friday, Oct. 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight.

This cocktail reception will take place at the RiverCrest Golf Club in Phoenixville and will feature the Slippery Band. This event is open to all Ursinus alumni, students, faculty and staff.

The Ursinus website stated, "No time knew how to Let the Good Times Roar quite like the

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## Annual Ursinus College crime report released

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On Sept. 30, students, faculty and staff received via email a copy of the Ursinus College 2013 security and fire safety report, an annual summary of on-campus crime required by the Clery Act.

Dean Kim Taylor, head of Campus Safety, said the figures are mostly typical, with drug and alcohol violations and burglaries being the most common crimes on campus.

"We were really cracking down a lot harder on the open containers [last year], and that's where you saw those increase," Taylor said. "Liquor law violations are always going to be among the highest stats."

The number of alcohol and drug violations is far higher than the number of alcohol and drug-related arrests, Taylor said, because Ursinus prefers to handle such matters internally.

"If there's alcohol in the first-year center, we're not calling the police for that," Taylor said. "We don't want a student cited for that. ... [W]e want to take more of an educational stance on that, in response, to hopefully talk with the

students."

Ursinus has also seen an increase in reports of sexual assaults. Forcible sex offenses rose from two in 2010 to four in 2011 and seven in 2012.

Taylor said she believed the increase in reporting is due to increased awareness and the Peer Advocate program, as opposed to an actual increase in sexual assaults.

The fires listed in the report occurred in Brodbeck-Wilkinson-Curtis, Beardwood-Paisley-Stauffer and Musser.

—Kim Taylor  
Head of Campus Safety

Cooking accidents caused fires in Musser and BWC.

In BPS, a Post-It note was set on fire. Because the Post-It note fire was intentional, it was listed as an arson. Another arson occurred in 2011 when a poster was lit on fire in a residence hall.

The report contained a discrepancy about arsons. The on-campus column includes everything that happened in the residence halls section, but the 2011 arsons on campus was listed as zero, despite the poster fire that year.

"College campuses are a breeding ground for burglaries

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	Criminal Offenses								
	On Campus			Residence Halls			Public Property		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses- Forcible	2	4	7	2	2	7	0	0	0
Sex Offenses- Non-Forcible	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Burglary	15	11	14	9	12	12	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Hate Crime/Larceny-Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime/Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime/Intimidation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime/Destruction/Vandalism	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

2013 annual security and fire safety report emailed to students on Sept. 30

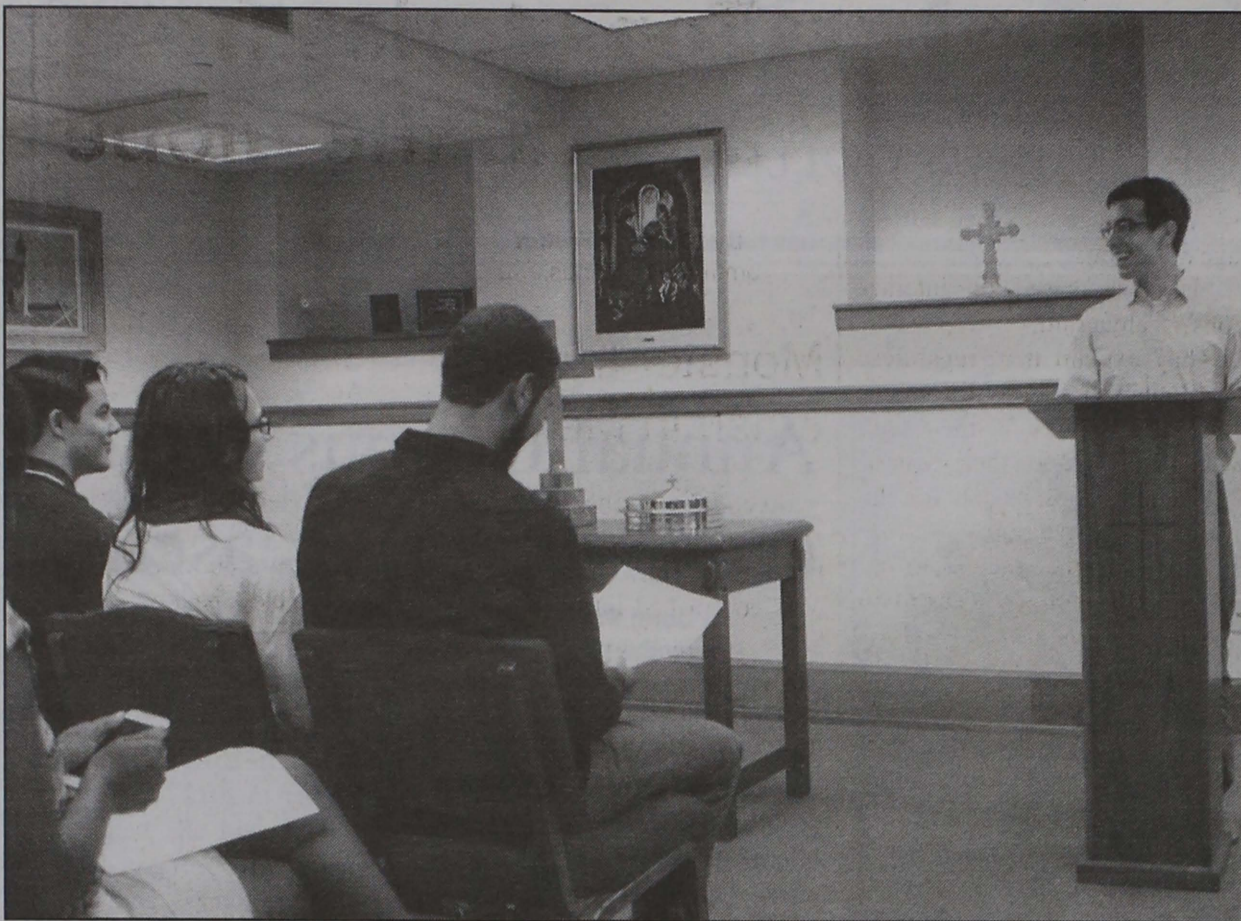


Photo courtesy of Andrew Tran

Students gather at the chapel service in the basement of Bomberger last Sunday. They meet every Sunday at 11:10 a.m. while school is in session.

# Religious faith on campus

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Diversity runs through Ursinus in all aspects including religious faith.

Ursinus does its best to provide an atmosphere that respects each religion and to provide the means for students to prosper within them. However, Ursinus is not obligated to essentially provide methods of practice or to accommodate religions unless it is requested.

Each week at Ursinus, students, faculty and community members work together in effort for their individual faith to prosper within the campus. Interservice, Hillel and Friday afternoon prayers are only three of the opportunities given to students to

practice three of the religions found at Ursinus: Christianity, Judaism and Islam.

“Faith is about being a part of something bigger than yourself,” Interservice coordinator Rebecca Everhart said.

Interservice is a student-led and staff-empowered service held on Wednesday evenings. It is offered to the whole campus, promoted primarily by email, to worship and celebrate Christian faith. Everhart sees many students on campus keeping their faith private, which she does not see as helpful to the campus expanding religiously.

Everhart described Interservice as a way to open a student’s soul to be more honest with its thoughts and questions towards Christianity and faith in general.

Juniors, Haylee Mevorah and Erica Gorenberg, explain the benefits of Hillel to the Jewish community within Ursinus. Hillel offers Jewish students a place to retreat to openly express their faith.

Shabbat dinners are provided, prayers are shared on Friday nights and there are occasional events sponsored for major holidays.

Along with 10 Islamic students on campus, Yousif Yahya and Adam Hassan attend a Friday afternoon prayer in the Bomberger chapel. Since the Muslim community is so small at Ursinus, families and community members join the students for the prayer to make more of a presence for the

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and thefts,” said Taylor, who suggested locking doors to prevent theft. “There are a lot of colleges in the Philadelphia area, and what we find is that when it happens one place, [the thieves] start to move from campus to campus, because it’s just an easy target.”

About five or six years ago, burglars would sometimes “pull up in Reimert circle, walk through a building and just try doors,” Taylor said.

“We can have the best locking system in the world, but if you’re holding the door and letting the person behind you walk in and you don’t know who they are, then all of a sudden the rest of the building is at risk,” she said.

Taylor said that burglaries committed by Ursinus students are rare, and “sometimes things that are reported as burglaries or thefts turn into misplaced items.”

The lone motor vehicle theft listed in the report occurred in 2010, when students stole and crashed an Ursinus golf cart, Taylor said.

She said ongoing dialogue with students, as well as the Reimert Courtyard Pilot Program, have helped reduce vandalism and caused students to confront bad behavior themselves.

Taylor said the goal is to “get people to really take more of a sense of ownership” of the campus.

“We’ve been very happy with the results,” she said.

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Roaring 20s! Celebrate with fellow alumni, students, faculty and staff at our 1920s themed cocktail party before the big game. Enjoy signature cocktails, fierce food and the sounds of The Slippery Band.”

In Pfahler 210 from 11 a.m. to noon, the admissions office is running a special offer for all alumni and UC families called Admissions 101.

This information session will help students make decisions and answer questions about colleges and universities.

Logan Duffie, Ursinus assistant director of admissions, said, “We hope that this program helps our families gain a clearer picture of what their search process should look like.

People will be able to reach out to members of the Ursinus family and help make a time-consuming task a little less daunting.”

This session will provide information from Duffie, a 2011 graduate, and Ursinus assistant director of admissions, Alyssa Daloisio, of Ursinus’ class of 2010. Advanced registration is needed.

Duffie said, “There will be some Ursinus specific info given, but the main purpose of the program is to help navigate the college search process in general. We will discuss the importance of visits, the differences between certain colleges and universities and the application process, among many other topics.”

“The Grizzly” will not release an issue on Thursday, Oct. 17 due to Fall Break. Check out our website at [www.ursinusgrizzly.com](http://www.ursinusgrizzly.com) to read an exclusive online opinion piece about the government shutdown.

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# Student affairs' new mission statement

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On Tuesday, Sept. 23, the student affairs office invited a variety of student leaders around campus to discuss the new mission statement in small groups.

The main objectives of this meeting were to facilitate discussion about the new mission statement and the four core values, how the four values reflect the role of a student leader and how to incorporate these values into the everyday life of students.

The students came up with many different ways in which this mission and its values could be spread throughout campus. Some ideas were: "Practice what you preach – holistically and personally," "Always stay curious and grow. Try to be open to new and unfamiliar ideas," and "Highlight one of the main values each month."

Student affairs met with faculty and staff members the week of Sept. 30 to discuss similar topics relating to the new mission statement and set of values.

Ursinus College's office of student affairs has been developing a mission statement, as well as a set of values for their office.

Since August 2012, student affairs has made strides in developing their new philosophy.

Retreats, research of other schools and reflection about what the student affairs office means to the students, to the faculty and to the staff have led the student affairs office to adopt the following mission statement and four core values.

Student affairs at Ursinus College is dedicated to helping students become engaged citizens by living lives of authenticity and integrity.

They strive to foster a community of care with respect for difference and seek to grow our students' curiosities by connecting their classroom experiences to our campus and local community. They value respect, personal responsibility, communication, service and social justice.

Dean Debbie Nolan said, "There is a different level of empowerment and student engagement than ever before, guided by

this mission and value statement."

This notion is exemplified in the Reimert Courtyard Pilot Program.

"We can try lots of things that may have appeared to be too risky to try," Nolan said, "so it's really going to come down to how we play this thing out."

The student affairs office communicates constantly with the student body through student governments and presidents discussing things that are going well, things that are not going so well and about striving for communities to come together.

Nolan said, "We want this campus to be run by students, and students are stepping it up right now and are saying, 'We can rise to this challenge,' and it is a much better place when we can work together and work as partners."

Nolan reflected on the change in the psyche of the student body as a result of changes to the campus like the Reimert Courtyard Pilot Program. The Reimert Courtyard Pilot Program was created over the summer and implemented at the start of the 2013-2014 school year. This demonstrates the cooperation between academic affairs and students.

"It felt like in the past that we were antagonistic, and students felt like they had to ban together against the administrator to get something," Nolan said, "Now it feels like the students and administration are binding together saying, 'That's a problem,' and cooperating together to fix it."

John Roda, a junior media and communications major at Ursinus College, reflected on this same idea.

Roda said, "I really like the fact that Ursinus shows a willingness to try new things and listen to the student body. It shows that they care about their students and want them to get the most out of their four years at Ursinus."

Student affairs hopes to make big strides with their newly implemented mission statement: working with the student body, to create positive change.

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religion and to practice one of the key aspects of Islam: interaction. Yahya and Hassan use their practice of interaction to their advantage at Ursinus.

"Islam is based on interactions," Yahya said.

They explain that, regardless of a student's religious denomination, opportunities for their faith will be granted upon their request.

"Ursinus does its job for the most part," Yahya said.

It is up to the students to decide what the college needs to do to make the students feel comfortable with their choice of faith.

However, many religious holidays within practiced religions at Ursinus fall during the academic calendar.

Mevorah and Gorenberg explain that a simple email is needed to be sent to a professor to be excused on these special occasions. Yahya and Hassan agree but argue that some professors are not understanding about their reason for being absent.

Hassan further explains the possible purpose behind this is a lack of awareness of the diverse on-campus religions. Yahya adds that it is simply not Ursinus' obligation to be aware of their faith.

If the affiliated students wish to have the calendar accommodate their religious holidays or other possible issues related to religion, it is up to the students to bring about the change to higher-ups.

Intervarsity students took advantage of Ursinus' flexibility with faith and recently began church tours.

Church tours give the students the chance to spread their faith to local congregations. Everhart says that this new addition gets the community directly connected with their organization.

Practicing religion at a student's home does not translate to a college campus.

However, compromises are made and Ursinus is more than willing to provide support and action towards bettering religious lifestyles on campus.

Yahya and Hassan cannot participate in all five prayers during the day practiced in the Islam religion, and Mevorah and Gorenberg do not have a synagogue close enough for them to attend. Therefore, it is up to them to notify Ursinus of ways to strengthen their practice of religion.

"It's more the student's choice at this point," Mevorah said.

# Top stories from around the globe

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## Irish vote 'no' to amendment

According to "The New York Times," on Oct. 4, Irish voters decided against abolishing a part of Parliament, which hurt Prime Minister Enda Kenny, who supported the motion that was expected to pass. Kenny's argument was that this upper section of Parliament was too expensive and ineffective for Ireland to continue its operations.

Although opinion polls taken before the vote had the public supporting this abolishment by as much as 17 percentage points, the voters ultimately decided not to accept it with a 51.3 percent majority. Political analysts credit this result to voter apathy since only 38 percent of eligible voters turned out. The timing of the vote could have been an issue as well, since the vote occurred a week before the release of the annual budget that was expected to reveal tax increases and spending cuts.

The results also signified a divide between the area surrounding the capital of Dublin and the other rural parts of Ireland. Those close to the city voted against the abolishment, while people living in more rural areas supported the motion like the Prime Minister.

## Endangered crocodiles

According to "U.S. News," once-abundant crocodiles in Jamaica have been disappearing in increasingly large numbers mainly due to human consumption of both their meat and eggs.

Because of this newfound taste, which may be due to an increase in Chinese immigrants who reportedly eat them or due to media emphasis on exotic foods, poaching has taken a great turn upward. The crocodiles in this area have decreased in number at an alarming rate, and reptile and environmental conservationists have noticed. Byron Wilson, a reptile specialist at the University of the West Indies, said the problem is relatively new but no less disturbing.

## Monster truck crash in Mexico

According to the BBC, a vehicle that was part of a monster truck rally show in Chihuahua, Mexico crashed into a crowd of spectators on Saturday evening. Eight people are dead and dozens are injured. Among the dead, there is at least one child.

The truck, which had wheels nearly five feet tall, over-accelerated, turned and crashed into a stand filled with people as it tried to perform a stunt involving crushing two cars.


Carlos Gonzalez, spokesman for the Chihuahua state prosecutor's office said that the number of injured people is around 80. People are calling for an investigation into the safety measures taken at events like this and whether or not the audience should be located so close to the stunts.

## At least 34 dead in Cairo clash

According to the BBC, at least 34 people were killed in Egypt when the police force and supporters of the former Islamist president Mohammed Morsi collided during a demonstration on Sunday.

Hundreds of people met in Cairo's Tahrir Square to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war. When military aircrafts flew over the crowd, people cheered in support of defense chief Gen Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, a man some people would like to see as the new president. Other people jeered at this response, and thousands moved into the streets to both denounce al-Sisi and support Morsi.

The military used tear gas to control the crowd, but for hours, the struggle between the crowd and police force continued. Although these demonstrations are still occurring three months after Morsi was deposed, the BBC reported that the number of people participating is dwindling.



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Photo courtesy of Steven M. Falk

UC students, faculty, staff and alumni attend the Grizzly Gala dinner, Friday, Oct. 26, 2012. This year, the gala will be held on Friday, Oct. 18.

## Ursinus' Grizzly Gala returns

### Event will be held at the RiverCrest golf club

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On Oct. 18, the office of advancement will be hosting the second annual Grizzly Gala.

At its core, one of the office of advancement's main goals heavily focuses on the aspect of community here on campus. They look to strengthen our community by making alumni feel and stay connected to the college and current students, ultimately working to keep the Ursinus community together.

While these duties vary from setting up homecoming events to scheduling reunions based more towards building alumni relations, the upcoming Grizzly Gala will look to bring together students, faculty and alumni for a night of fun and laughter.

Initially meant to be a one-time thing, the Grizzly Gala and similar events have had great success at Ursinus in the past.

"We initially got the idea during Bobby Fong's inaugural year," said Elizabeth Burns, project coordinator of alumni rela-

tions and annual giving for the office of advancement. "We had an inaugural ball celebration where faculty, staff, alumni and students were all invited to the Phoenixville Foundry for live music, cocktails and great food."

Once the event was over though, it was hard to ignore its overwhelming success and the impact it had on all who attended. According to Burns, the feedback received from this event was tremendous.

Students, both past and present, enjoyed meeting with professors and other members of their alma mater so much that the advancement office decided to try it again last year for homecoming and again this year for the second annual Grizzly Gala.

Put simply by intern Taylor Manferdini, the Gala is a cocktail party.

"We have live music," Manferdini said. "We have food, drinks and it's a nice chance to socialize with alumni, staff, faculty and students and it's just a nice opportunity to bring the community together."

The theme for the Gala this year is the 1920s, in conjunction with the homecoming theme, Let the Good Times Roar. People are welcomed but not required to

dress according to the theme.

Although the event was held in the Floy Lewis Bakes field house last year, it is scheduled to take place off campus in Phoenixville this year at the RiverCrest golf club.

The event will feature music from The Slippery Band, who performed at both last year's gala and Bobby Fong's inaugural celebration.

All who wish to attend the event will have to pay five dollars in advance. This covers buses to and from the event, set up by the student activities office and food at the venue.

This cost does not however include beverages from the bar, which will have to be purchased once there. Although alcohol will be served only to those who are of age, students of all ages are encouraged to go.

"We're hoping that students and alumni get a chance to connect," Burns said. "We're all a part of the same community and same family. We're all a part of Ursinus. Whether you were a student in the 1960s or now, we all have that common thread."

Senior Jonathon Lawrence is

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## Student retention

### Ursinus looking to improve sustained enrollment

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Despite the strong retention rates at Ursinus, the college still looks to increase the graduation rate in the future.

With the help of Priority 3 in the college's strategic plan that was proposed during Ursinus College president Bobby Fong's first year of presidency, Ursinus is focusing on academic progress to maintain the retention rates.

Ursinus' first year freshman to sophomore retention rate on average is somewhere around 90 percent.

The national average is roughly 75 percent, and maybe even lower for a big state institution. For very strong liberal arts colleges like Ursinus, they can be as high as 95 percent.

Part of Priority 3 states that improving the retention rate will require more explicit coordination among the admission, instructional and advising functions of the college.

Fong said that the college is already taking necessary steps in carrying out that duty.

In terms of admission, Fong addressed the fact that the college is extremely careful when it comes to financial aid and academic strengths.

"If you are bringing in students who are either academically unprepared or cannot afford to sustain an education here financially, you are not doing them or the institution a favor," Fong said. "To Ursinus' credit that has never been a major problem. Of greater concern for us, and one reason why we have been bulking up institutional financial aid, is that we are still trying to come out of a recession."

Another tool that the college plans to use to help students when it comes to increasing graduation rates is Recommendation 12 in the strategic plan.

This portion of the plan talks about the use of upperclassmen as peer mentors to help underclass students get connected with their department. One of the ways that this is already in place is through the CIE fellow program.

"What we are talking about, which you see a little bit sometimes in faculty research situations, is people working in collaboration where [upperclassmen] students are working with

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### WORD ON THE STREET

#### How often do you use the library to work or study?

"I go a lot to read since I can't study in my room, and I do a lot of my harder research there." -Sonya Washington, senior

"I use the library considerably. Probably almost every day. It allows me to just focus and get out of my dorm with all its distractions." Jovanni Waters, senior

"I study in my room because I basically have a single." -Meghan Ciminello, senior

"I go there pretty much every day, sometimes a few times a day." -Ian Rand, freshman

"I never go to the library, because I'll just study in my room or an open classroom or the lab." -Eli Tohme, senior

"I have needed tech support's assistance a few times this semester for major computer issues." -Megan Hanscom, sophomore, via Facebook

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first years or second years,” Fong said. “It’s not so much that they are formal mentors but they are role models for you, ... how you deal with a particular question, or how you can complete a group project.”

Fong believes that these are things that the school wants to be able to give more opportunity for, both by formal work study opportunities and by the kinds of assignments that professors give in classes where people are working in tangent with one another in groups.

Vice President of Enrollment Rick DiFeliciano said that his responsibilities in the admissions office are not simply to get students into Ursinus, but to try his best to make sure that students graduate.

“It is really one big puzzle

and doesn’t do us a whole lot of good to admit kids who aren’t going to make it through to their senior year or get to their second year,” DiFeliciano said.

DiFeliciano said that one of the reasons for this is that Ursinus is selective to begin with.

The question for him is what more can the admissions office do to make sure that they are serving students so they are pleased with their own performances, the kind of services the school is offering and their own personal academic progress.

Within the strategic plan there are eight priorities. Each of the priorities has essentially two team leaders.

DiFeliciano is one of the leaders of Priorities 3 and 4. His co-leader for both of these priorities is Joel Bish, associate professor of psychology and director of the neuroscience department.

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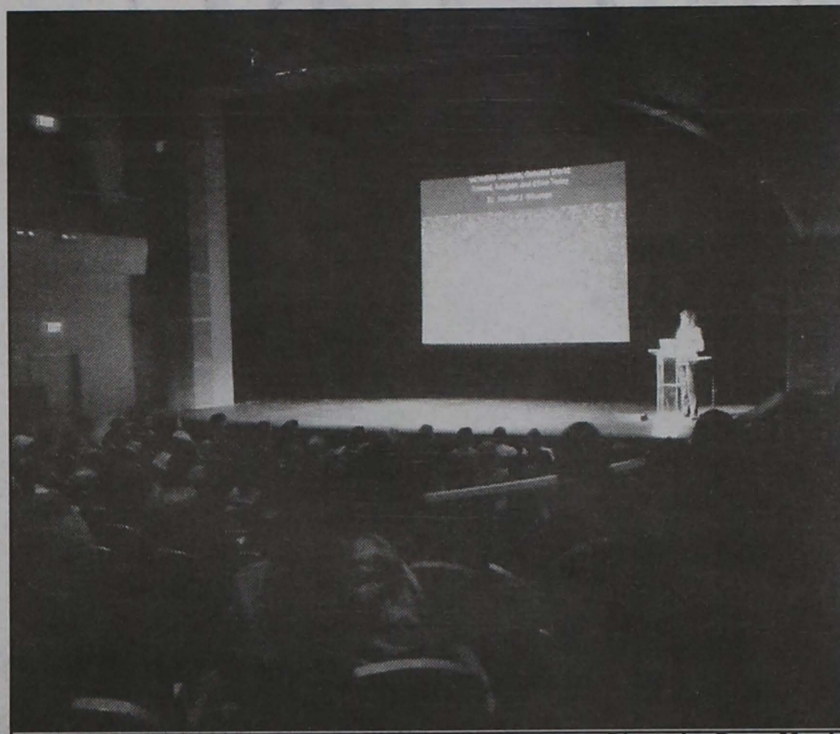


Photo by Dave Muoio

Astronomer Jennifer Wiseman addresses an audience of students, professors and community members in the Lenfest Theater.

## CSCG features speaker

The Center for Science and the Common Good featured a presentation by astronomer Jennifer Wiseman last Monday.

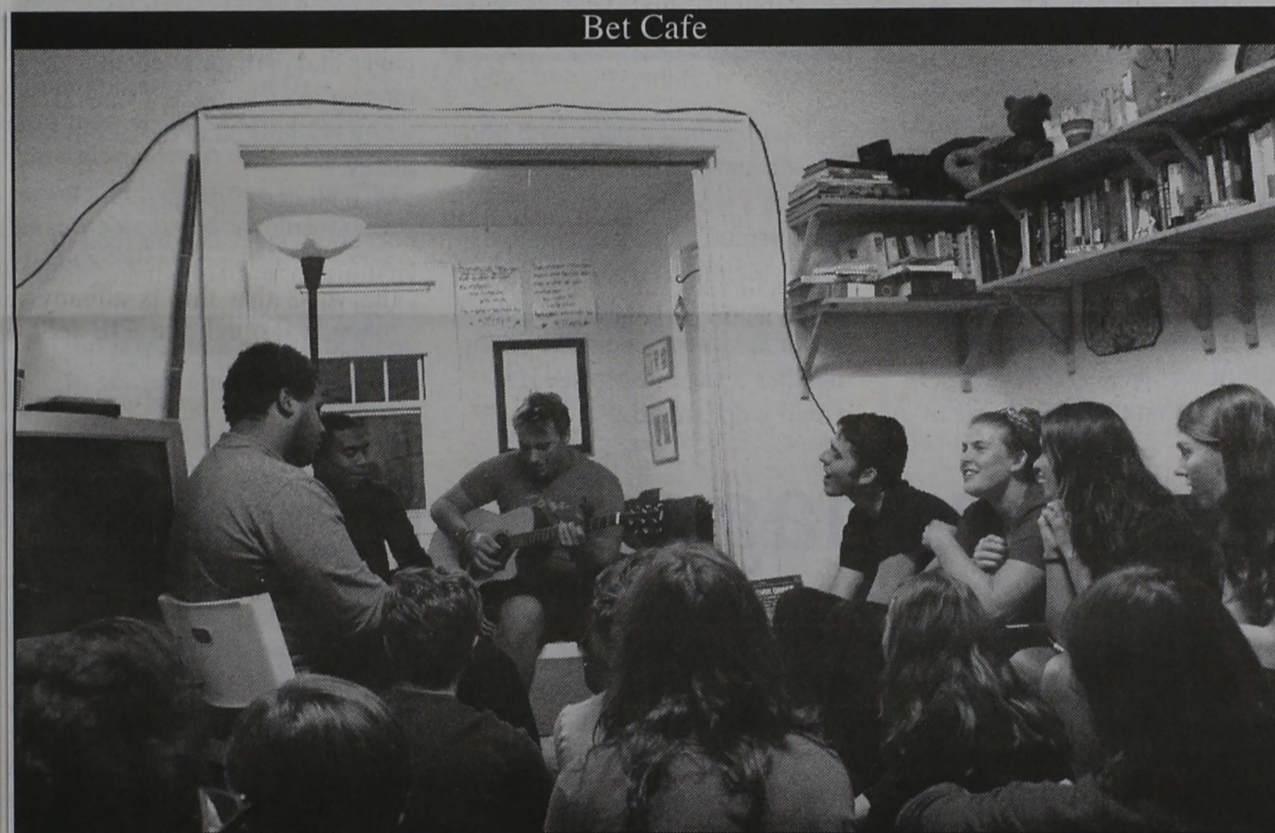
A senior project scientist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, she spoke to an audience of students, professors and community members. The topic of discussion was outer space, scientists’ growing ability to observe it and where religion falls within our understanding of the universe.

Wiseman drew upon her experience at the Laboratory for Exoplanets and Stellar Astrophysics

and her own trip into space when explaining the importance of observation equipment and technological advancement.

She also argued against the viewpoint that science and religion are incompatible, often referencing her personal beliefs and those of her contemporaries as evidence of their consonance.

Wiseman’s presentation drew a strong crowd. Science students and community members filled both floors of the Lenfest Theater, spilling into standing room throughout the hour-long event.



Bet Cafe

Photo courtesy of Andrew Tran

Students Lucas Benjamin and Amos Green play guitar and sing at the Bet Cafe last Sunday in the Hillel house. The event had students engage in a variety of performances including playing music, singing, poetry reading and art showing.

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excited to attend this year’s Gala.

“I didn’t attend last year but heard good things about it,” Lawrence said. “A lot of my friends who graduated last year went and said it was a good time.

“I think this is more important for people in my grade though who are about to go into the real

world. We get to build some crucial connections that could really help us out with our job searches. That, and I get to drink with some of my professors.”

In continuing to build Ursinus’ community through similar events, the office of advancement will be looking to continue the tradition of the Grizzly Gala for years to come.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hillel Lunch and Learn, 12:15-1:15 p.m.	Fall Break begins after classes	Fall Break continues	Fall Break continues	Fall Break continues	Fall Break ends	History fall lecture, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
25 Years of the Crigler Institute, 4 p.m.		Collegeville Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Snell Alumnae Game, 1:00-4:30 p.m.			NEWu yoga class, 4:45-5:45 p.m.

# Ursinus curates its web presence poorly

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The Internet is a blessing for those of us who are fascinated with the past. The "Wayback Machine," found at archive.org, creates snapshots of prominent websites for future reference.

Ursinus' web presence functions much in the same way, mostly because all of our old pages have never been deleted.

First there's the Ursinus Wiki, wiki.ursinus.edu. In the past, professors often used the Wiki to post course materials, and some science courses still operate there.

Hitting "random page" on the Ursinus Wiki will frequently revive course work from four or more years ago. I arrived at a detailed English project with a dozen subsections, a spring 2010 CIE paper and a couple unfortunate students tasked with crafting a "webzine."

With the CIE paper at least, there should be concern about academic dishonesty, but that misses the larger point. Are we

okay with assignments living on forever like this? Would you want your response papers publicly visible with no apparent removal date in sight?

I've posted work on Blackboard that's publicly visible to my classmates. We expect, though, that Blackboard discussions are deleted at the end of the semester and not accessible by the Internet at large.

Students who posted their assignments to the Wiki, some of whom graduated as recently as this year, probably held a variation of the same expectation. They might not have assumed their posts would be deleted promptly, but it's unlikely they thought their words would live on indefinitely either.

Maybe they knew anyone could access the Ursinus Wiki. Maybe they assumed there would be no interest in their work, outside of the Ursinus bubble. Maybe nobody ever told them that security through obscurity isn't really security at all.

Another living museum of Ursinus history is webpages.

ursinus.edu. Ursinus Webpages have also fallen out of favor, with most tapering off around the 2007-2008 school year.

Phi Kappa Sigma maintains one of a few up-to-date entries at webpages.ursinus.edu/pks. The fraternity also redirects people to the site using the domain ucskulls.com.

"Because we continually maintain our website, the web developer for the school gives us access," junior Steve Medeiros, who maintains Phi Kappa Sigma's page, said. "We give [Todd McKinney] the username of someone we want to have access to it, and then we can access the domain through a file-sharing program ... It's just like if you were to have any other website that you owned, except it's hosted by the school."

Medeiros said editing the website requires knowledge of HTML, making it unfriendly for many students.

When I sought access to wvou.ursinus.edu, which is not part of webpages.ursinus.edu, I was told that the school was in

the process of shifting everything onto the main Ursinus page. We created a new site there. Medeiros and the Phi Kaps haven't felt the same pressure.

"We haven't really gotten any push to move the Phi Kap page over," he said.

Abandoned Ursinus Webpages include crime figures from the late 1990s courtesy Campus Safety, a sadly-defunct Students for Creative Anachronism club, and a risqué photo from the 2004 iteration of the paintball club.

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Then I found a page with photos of a staff member's kid.

That's when it became clear that Ursinus' failure to curate its online identity is a serious privacy concern. I tried to download one of the photos from the staff member's page just to see if it would work. It did.

There are also decade-old photos of student exchange trips, professors and even other children. We, too, might be documented in photographs on Ursinus servers long after we've graduated.

If there's an emphasis on Blackboard and an effort to transition club pages onto the main site, why are these mostly-abandoned subdomains still active? Can't we notify the few remaining users that they should back up their content and that the servers will go dark in a month?

My hope would be yes. Part of building an online presence is tearing down what's old and rotted. If nothing else, we should resolve to remove abandoned pages and perhaps even take an interest in creating new ones if we're committed to those subdomains.

Each time you update your Facebook page, Twitter feed or Ursinus page, sit down and think about the next time it will be updated. If you don't, you might be responsible for a decade of web rot.

# We all need the stress management course

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College throws a lot at you. There have been days where I go from classes back to back, right to a workout, then lunch and then try to get some homework done before practice. Attempting to get homework done means trying to resist the urge to watch TV,

take a nap and surf the Internet.

All I want is some free time without feeling guilty about all of the more productive things that I could be doing instead. A course that would help me get all of my work done in a reasonable amount of time would be very beneficial.

I think in order to help students manage their time, every-

one should be required to take the stress management course that is offered here. It could especially help in the transition from high school to college for first-year students. Everybody could use more help, however, when it comes to managing stress.

Four in 10 students at a Boston high school said they are "under a lot of stress," and one in 10 said they feel "extreme stress," according to a boston.com article. The stress management class offered here tries to help prevent that level of stress.

"I think we're seeing a trend more so that kids don't deal with stress very well," said professor Kristin Paisley, who teaches the stress management class at Ursinus. "Not that any freshman is fabulous at dealing with it, but I even think as sophomores, juniors and seniors, they still haven't learned coping mechanisms to deal with this."

In the class, the students learn about the impact that stress has

on you physically, emotionally and spiritually. They also talk about how to deal with stress through coping mechanisms. Students present a technique on how to deal with stress, and the whole class will actually try it.

They have assignments that help them identify time robbers, things that eat up their time. The class also filled out a time crunch questionnaire where they try to find the things that distract them the most, so that they can cut that out and use their time more efficiently. A creative project involves filling a slideshow with pictures and music intended to help relieve stress.

The students get a lot of take away knowledge and apply these techniques in real life. Sophomore Jess Hill takes the class and applies one specific technique where she tries to find the silver lining in things to her daily routine.

"Every night before bed, I'm stressed thinking about what's to

come so I take a few minutes and try to find the silver linings from the day, and in doing so I feel much more relaxed and at ease," Hill said.

"We all learn different coping mechanisms and on our own we can apply one and see if it works for us, and then hopefully it will become a habit. I do make an effort to try the things that we talk about."

Applying one of these techniques is exactly what Paisley wants her students to do. She said she shows them all these techniques that they can use in hopes of them choosing even one that works for them and applying it to their lives.

I think that this class could really benefit everyone. College students seem to never have enough time. We are constantly burning the candle at both ends. A stress management requirement would help students manage their time more efficiently and be happier overall.

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# Carty balances football and pre-law

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Upon visiting Ursinus, senior John Carty knew he was where he belonged. Out of the other small schools Carty visited, such as Moravian, Muhlenberg and Albright, he felt Ursinus suited him both athletically and academically.

The Cherry Hill native knew that football was not the only reason to commit to Ursinus four years ago. He found solace in the close-knit community, atmosphere from the other athletes and pre-law program.

"My parents told me to choose a school not just based on how good their team is," Carty said. "This was my first visit and I knew right away this is where I wanted to be my next four years."

Carty felt accepted by his potential teammates upon his recruitment trip to Ursinus.

Majoring in politics and Spanish, Carty wanted to get involved outside of athletics. The pre-law society interested him the most at Ursinus because of the advisors and professors.

He established a close rapport with his pre-law advisor and professor Jim Baer. Carty has taken three classes taught by Baer who described Carty as a leader.

This senior is regarded highly among those surrounding him. On and off the field, those that know

Carty have nothing but positive things to say.

"Dedicated," Baer said. "I think that is the word I would use most for John. He is a very personable and solid student."

Baer visited Carty at his internship at a real estate company in New Jersey over the summer and was impressed by Carty's work ethic. He also said he did well on the pre-law entrance exam.

"What I saw over the summer is consistent with what I see John do in the classroom," Baer said. "It is the same with how he is on the field."

Carty began playing football when he was in first grade and has continued to play throughout high school and college. His teammates elected him as football captain both in high school and at Ursinus.

Aside from being captain, Carty is vice president of the pre-law society.

Baer thought he would be a great addition to the pre-law society and encouraged him to join. He said the program has been stronger than it has ever been this year.

"With how hard he worked on the LSATs combined with how he is on the field, he is well on his way to being successful," Baer said. "All are consistent with the fact that he's going to be a huge success in the practice of law."

During a game against Mc-

Daniel, Carty sprained his ankle in the beginning and has been doing physical therapy since. The team is well aware of how significant the loss of Carty is, for morale as well as his athletic ability.

Despite Carty's injury, assistant coach Marc Lordi has no doubts about him getting back onto the field as soon as possible.

"John's a fighter," Lordi said. "Young guys can look up to him as a model of what they should be. He's done nothing but meet our expectations. We're lucky to have him for sure."

Lordi described Carty as an athlete who took the time during off-season to reach his potential as a football player. He said Carty is always the first one to speak up and help out the underclassmen.

"Just the other day, he was helping a younger player work on his pass rush drills while on his crutches," Lordi said.

Aside from recovering from his injury, applying to law school is a priority for Carty. Within the next month, he plans on applying to Drexel, Temple, Villanova and Rutgers.

Throughout the past two summers, Carty has interned at the Title Resource Group and the Camden County prosecutor's office which have each helped him in the legal field.

Carty hopes to be ready to play

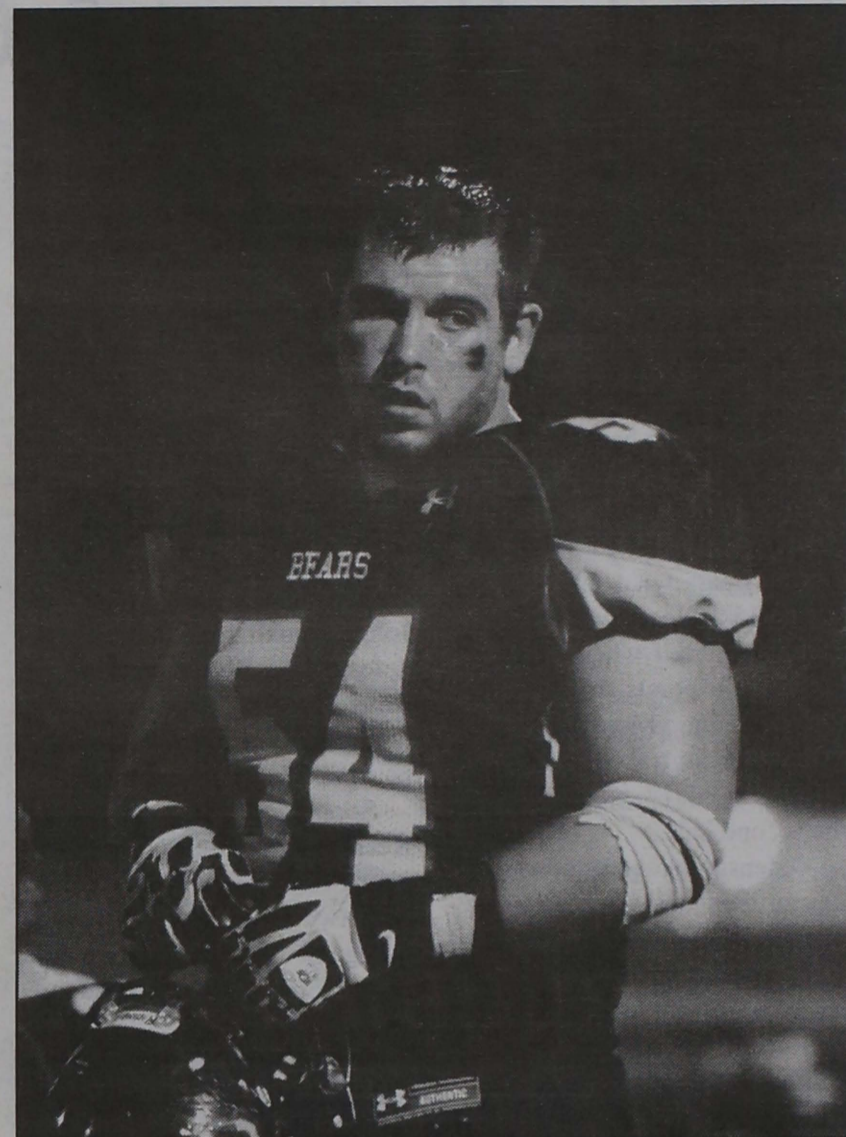


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Senior John Carty breaks during a game against TCNJ on Sept. 6, 2013. Carty has been a significant anchor for the UC defense.

by the homecoming game against Juniata.

For Carty, the recent injury has had a silver lining. If nothing else, it has helped him appreciate his time on the gridiron.

"Just enjoy every moment that you're out there," Carty said. "It hits home when you're a senior. I know it's only a minor injury but you never know when a game could be your last."

## Golf prepares for spring during fall season

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The Ursinus men's golf team teed off their fall season in mid-September.

Senior captain Chris McCann said, "The season has been going okay. We have had a few good rounds including a solid win for Russell Hill at the Moravian invitational. As a team, we just need to put everything together to post a good score."

"As captain, Russell [Hill] and I need to lead by example. We try to practice and play as much as possible, and bring everyone else out with us," McCann said.

The golf team has both co- and assistant captains, so the responsibilities get spread among all of them. They mainly focus on making sure people are prepared for

tournaments by having captain's practices and team workouts.

The Bears made coaching staff changes in 2011 when head coach Ted Mackenzie retired and Coach Wes Hollis took over.

As with any major coaching change, the philosophy of the team will change. Change in this case, according to the team, will be nothing but beneficial.

Russell Hill, a junior captain on the team, said that Hollis has helped his game improve, especially in the mental part of the game. He helped him learn how to focus on his pre-shot routine which is a vital part of the sport. A key and repetitive pre-shot routine can really help calm one before a shot.

"Coach Hollis has helped a lot with bringing the team closer together and organizing practices,"

McCann said. "He has helped give instruction to all of us and helped us improve our game on and off the course."

At the Muhlenberg Fall Invitational on Sept. 30, the team took

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— Chris McCann  
Team Captain, Men's Golf

a 10th place finish.

Team captains, Hill and McCann, led the bears shooting a 77 and 78 respectively. They both placed in the top 10 in a field of 17 colleges and over 80 competitors.

Freshman Anthony Barbine hit the ball well over the hilly and

newly toughened Lehigh Country Club course. Sophomore Matthew Holmes counted in the team scoring, and Matthew Sherman competed for the Bears.

With the fall season coming to a close, the Bears have high hopes for the spring season. The fall is used for practicing the right skills and getting prepared for the longer season in the spring.

"I mainly expect to keep practicing and working on the short game as much as possible," Hill said. "As the fall comes to a close, it's important to ingrain fundamentals and not develop bad habits before the brunt of the winter comes around."

"I expect us to have a few good showings at our last tournaments this fall," McCann said. "We need to finish strong this fall to carry momentum over for the

spring."

During the off-season in the winter, the team holds indoor practices in the field house.

Although it may seem unorthodox, the team hits specially designed balls to improve habits and techniques. The team believes that putting in extra work and practice now will lead to a successful season.

Hill also stressed how important it is to stay in shape for spring season, both mentally and physically.

He said, "I try to make sure my body is physically prepared for when the spring comes around by training a little more vigorously during the off-season. This ensures me that both my game and my body are prepared for the spring season."

# Football sits at 5-0, men's soccer takes a loss

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The football team continued their winning streak on Saturday when they defeated Moravian College 52-44. This is the second time in the last four seasons that the Bears have been 5-0.

Junior quarter back Kevin Monahan had his first start and did not disappoint with 383 passing yards and four touchdowns.

The Bears went into halftime with a 35-10 lead over Moravian but were tested when Moravian scored 20 points in the third quarter alone. Moravian's push was not enough though, after the Bears scored 17 more points in the second half.

Defensively, senior nose guard Austin Fox and sophomore defensive back Kyle Adkins had eight stops each. Freshman linebacker Tim Rafter recovered a fumble in the end zone gaining another score for the Bears.

The Bears enter their bye week tied with Johns Hopkins for first place in the Centennial Conference. They will look to keep their streak alive against Juniata homecoming weekend.

## Men's soccer

The men's soccer team ended their winning streak on Saturday when they played against Johns Hopkins and lost 3-1. Johns Hopkins got two of their three goals in the first half of the game.

Ursinus' only point of the game came from a Johns Hopkins defender kicking the ball into the goal. Junior goalie Ryan Murphy had three saves for the Bears.

The team said they will not let the end of their streak ruin their attitude for the rest of the season.

"We weren't happy with it ending," said captain Chase Crawford, "but we are looking at it as just a bump in the road and are ready to bounce back."

The team will face conference foe Washington college on Saturday. Hopefully, the team will keep up it's impressive conference play.

## Field hockey

The field hockey team faced Johns Hopkins on Saturday and defeated the Blue Jays 10-4. Ursinus had five goals in the first half alone, leading the game into halftime with a 5-1 lead.

Sophomore defender Megan Keenan started the game off with a goal for the Bears and followed with two more goals throughout the game. Freshman midfielder Amber Steigerwalt also had three goals.

Sophomore goalie Danielle Despirito had four saves throughout the game.

The team is excited to see their practice paying off.

"It always feels good to win," said sophomore Samantha Macchio, who also had a goal in the game, "and we did a great job of finding the back of the cage, which is something we've been focusing on a lot at practice throughout the season."

## Volleyball

Ursinus women's volleyball took on Johns Hopkins on Saturday and fell short to the Blue Jays with a 3-1 loss.

Throughout their season, the team has been starting each of their matches out slowly and unenthusiastically, and they faced the same problem in their match

against Johns Hopkins.

"I think it's definitely something we still need to work on," said captain Gina Powers. "This weekend we actually did the opposite and started off really strong and then let them come back and take the first set, so if we can just have a consistent game, then we'd be awesome."

Ursinus had 35 kills throughout the match, 16 of them coming from sophomore Karla Thiele, a D1 transfer. Eight of the kills came from senior Gina Powers.

Defensively, juniors Leah Masiello and Joy Oakman each had 13 digs.

## Men's cross country

The men's cross country team participated in the annual Paul Short Run on Saturday and placed 31st in the College White Race.

Sophomore Vincent Flood led the Bears, placing 140th with a time of 29:38, followed by sophomore David Slade with a time of 30:01.

James Hartop, Luke Schlegel, Jason Rudich, Andrew Mackin and Dylan Ammons all also finished in under 33 minutes.

## Women's soccer

The women of the soccer team sit with a record of 5-5-1. The coming days will prove to be as daunting as they are important.

On Saturday, the team will take on a talented Scranton club, followed by a conference game against Washington College on Wednesday.

As the season comes to a close, the team faces a series of must win games if they hope to see the playoffs.



Photo courtesy of David Morgan

Sophomore Kelsey Shafer fields a loose ball in a match against Moravian on Sept. 4, 2013. UC won 3-1.



Photo courtesy of David Morgan

Senior Andrew Fiorentino waits for a play call in a game against McDaniel on Sept. 28, 2013. UC won 40-21.

## Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Football	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Field Hockey	Volleyball
10/19: (Homecoming) versus Juniata on Patterson field at noon.	10/12: versus Washington College on Patterson field at 3 p.m.	10/16: @ Washington College at 4 p.m.	10/16: versus Washington College at 7 p.m.	10/19: (Homecoming) versus Dickinson at 1 p.m.
	10/19: @ McDaniel at 1 p.m.	10/19: (Homecoming) versus Dickinson at 5 p.m.	10/19: @ Dickinson at noon.	10/23: @ Muhlenberg at 7:30 p.m.