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## Sexual misconduct numbers in security report explained



The Peer Advocates at a meeting last Sunday. The group works to increase awareness of sexual misconduct on and off campus.

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### Redefining terms leads to increase in reported cases

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In recent years, the number of reported sexual assaults on campus has risen, according to the 2013 Security and Fire Safety Report.

In previous years, the number of reported cases has been as low as two a year. This past year, there were seven reported cases.

One topic on campus that students usually do not find themselves talking about is sexual misconduct.

Sexual misconduct can be defined as harassment, assault or any unwarranted sexual act.

Kim Taylor, associate dean of students at Ursinus, handles all of the crime statistics on campus, including reported cases of sexual assault.

Taylor said that although the issue is not prominent on campus, it remains a problem, even if only

one person is affected by it each year.

Taylor said the main reason for the number rising is because the issue has been talked about more recently due to Ursinus changing the sexual misconduct policy.

The policy was changed after students at Yale University challenged the school about multiple reported sexual misconducts that

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— Kim Taylor  
 Associate Dean of Students

had no repercussions.

This launched a letter from the Office of Civil Rights to all educational departments.

The letter laid out regulations for sexual misconduct and prompted many different universities and colleges to change their policies, including Ursinus.

Because of the attention brought on by the letter, students at Ursinus saw a growth in the

discussion about the issue.

Taylor said that this is the reason for the rise in the number of reported sexual assaults.

When a report of assault or misconduct is filed, administration does everything they can to help the victim and make sure all of options for course of action are made known.

There are different options for students to take, whether it be to confront the assaulter or to take judicial actions.

"We put everything out there for them, so that they know what is available, and then we will help them through that process," Taylor said.

Taylor said the most important thing is making sure all students know that the school will work with them to make sure they are safe and comfortable.

"For us, the most important thing is their physical and emotional well-being," Taylor said.

Part of feeling safe and comfortable on campus is having a

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## Live feed from Ritter stirs debate

### Unaffiliated website streams activity on the outdoor track

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A webcam on the roof of the Ritter center constantly monitors the outdoor track.

The camera has been there since 2011, according to Dean Kim Taylor, director of Campus

Safety, but it is only recently receiving attention because students are finding access to the live feed online.

The website that shows the live footage is called "Open-topia." The site also makes it possible to access footage of the athletic field from up to 15 hours ago.

According to Taylor, the website has no affiliation with Ursinus College. She was unaware that the live feed is currently available to the public on the Internet and does not know who posted it there.

The camera was originally part of an athletic department project.

"Our football field used to be a grass field, so through fundraising we raised money to put in a turf field and a new track," Taylor said. "As part of the groundbreaking and the excitement over the project, we put up a webcam so that people could monitor its progress."

Pictures taken by the camera were posted on the website each

month during the project, according to Taylor.

The camera allowed the alumni who had donated money to the project to see the construction and the finished field on the school's website, even if they were not able to take a trip to campus.

"The webcam was an informational piece more than anything," Taylor said. "We've done that on campus with other projects as well. When we do renovations to buildings we'll put up a webcam so people can monitor it."

Though the camera has not been used primarily for security, that does not mean it is not a possibility in the future.

Campus Safety does not monitor it regularly, but if they ever needed to look at it they would be able to, according to Taylor.

Taylor also said that the camera could act as a deterrent.

"People don't know who's watching it" she said. "I can pull it up on my laptop at any time. I can see that and any other camera that we have on campus, but right now there's nothing that tells us that we need to monitor it constantly."

There haven't been any instances of suspicious or unwanted personal on the field or track. "That has not been historically an area that we've had a lot of problems with," said Taylor.

During construction the camera was monitored more often than it is right now. This was to

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# Colleges soon to consider the impact of MOOCs

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In a 20 student survey, all Ursinus student respondents said that they believed online higher education has long term potential.

When asked if the students should be able to be awarded credits online, 70 percent responded that it depended upon the course offered, 25 percent said yes to all courses and five percent said no.

None had been awarded credit for an online course, which could be possible in the future.

Massively Open Online Courses, also known as MOOCs, were taken by millions around the world in the last couple of years. Ursinus students have not taken the courses, at least not for credit counted by the college.

Ursinus does not have current plans to offer MOOCs or allow its

students to get credit for any taken from these online courses, but every college must soon consider whether they will allow MOOCs to count as credit, and determine its influence.

According to Molly Corbett Broad in her article "Beyond the Skepticism," 2,000 schools have accepted the credits as the American Council on Education, ACE, suggests they be transferred.

Ursinus students are not alone in questioning subject matter of online courses before awarding students credit.

There seems to be a consensus among journalists that the subject matter of the course matters.

"Most online education pioneers have come from distinguished engineering schools," Carol E. Quillen wrote in "MOOCs and a Liberal Arts College."

Some suggest that courses geared toward the sciences are more effective because lectures can become available online and do not require participation.

Online courses, though not free, are considerably less expensive than being enrolled in a college or university.

"Students must pay fees to Coursera in the range of \$30 to \$99 for screening to authenticate their identities and an additional \$60 to \$90 to take online proctored exams," wrote Nick Anderson, in the "Huffington Post" article "MOOCs Take a Step Toward College Credit."

In the article "The Great MOOCs Experiment," Gary S. May wrote MOOCs are "financial enigmas."

How colleges and universities transfer the credits from online courses "are up to individual in-

stitutions on a case-by-case basis, as they should be," wrote Broad.

Institutions are increasing in dependency on technology in their "long term strategy," according to a survey including over 4,700 colleges and universities conducted by Babson Survey Research Group.

Online education remains popular across the United States.

"The 2012 Survey of Online Learning by the Babson Survey Research Group showed that more than 6.7 million students were taking at least one online course during the fall 2011 term, an increase of 570,000 from 2010, and that 32 percent of higher education students now take at least one course online," Broad wrote.

Broad wrote that MOOCs address specific struggles students face in higher education: "affordability, access and accountabil-

ity," challenging colleges that do not provide all three.

In "Books Are MOOCs, Too," Bernard Fryshman argues that in some ways MOOCs and books provide similar potential. For example, they are available on a global scale, and we can learn from them independently.

One question that arises is this: Will MOOCs ever serve as a replacement for higher education institutions? Most find it unlikely.

"MOOCs, like books, will not empty our classrooms," Fryshman wrote.

According to the article "Coursera Launches iPhone App," the MOOC provider has a mobile app as of last December.

"There is an undeniably greater attraction to an exciting online

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## 'Non-Traditional Careers for Psychology Majors'

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The psychology department and career and professional development office are co-sponsoring an event called "Beyond the Norm: Non-Traditional Careers for Psychology Majors" on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bear's Den.

A panel of Ursinus College alumni who majored in psychology and pursued non-traditional career paths were invited back to talk about their experiences after leaving college.

The panel consists of three alumni. One of these speakers is Kevin Adams, from the class of 1990, who now works as senior project manager at Fiserv.

Another speaker is a recent graduate, Amanda Finch from the class of 2011, who works as an assistant managing director for the city of Philadelphia.

The last speaker is Allyson Smith, from the class of 1998, who became the regional vice president at Blackhawk Network.

Smith had a lot to do with getting this event started. She wrote to Jennifer Stevenson, the psychology professor running the event, with a detailed update about her career path following Stevenson's communication with alumni for the new bimonthly psychology newsletter "Think Psych!" Her response led to the idea for this event.

"I run into many people who were psychology majors during

their undergraduate studies and who subsequently don't work in the direct line of clinical psychology," Smith wrote in an email. "Many of them comment on its lack of relevance to their current occupation. To me I see it quite differently. My studies have made me a better business person and shaped my approach."

Two years ago, the psychology department teamed up with career services to sponsor a similar event of a panel of Ursinus alumni who went on to graduate school in psychology. They found that it was a great success with the students.

"I thought it might be nice to do something similar but cater to a different audience," Stevenson said.

Some of the psychology students at Ursinus are looking forward to attending the event.

"I'm always curious about the diverse ways that people plan to go about their psychology majors because there are quite a few of us at Ursinus and in the U.S. in general," said Yusira Aziz, psychology major in the class of 2015 and Ursinus RA.

Aziz's plans for graduation make her the ideal person to go to this talk.

"For myself in particular, I'm hoping to go to grad school for social work after I leave Ursinus if all goes well," Aziz said. "In particular, I want to increase mental-health awareness in immigrant and refugee populations."

This event was timed to be

during the week prior to the Job, Internship & Networking Fair as Stevenson and Sharon Hansen, from career and professional development, thought it might be beneficial for students to hear from these alumni before attending the fair.

"Any student who is curious about careers for psychology majors should attend," Hansen said. "Students of any major who are interested in the fields of business, government/non-profit administration and communications, which are represented by our alumni panelists, are welcome as well."

There will be time for questions following the panel, and pizza will be provided at the event.

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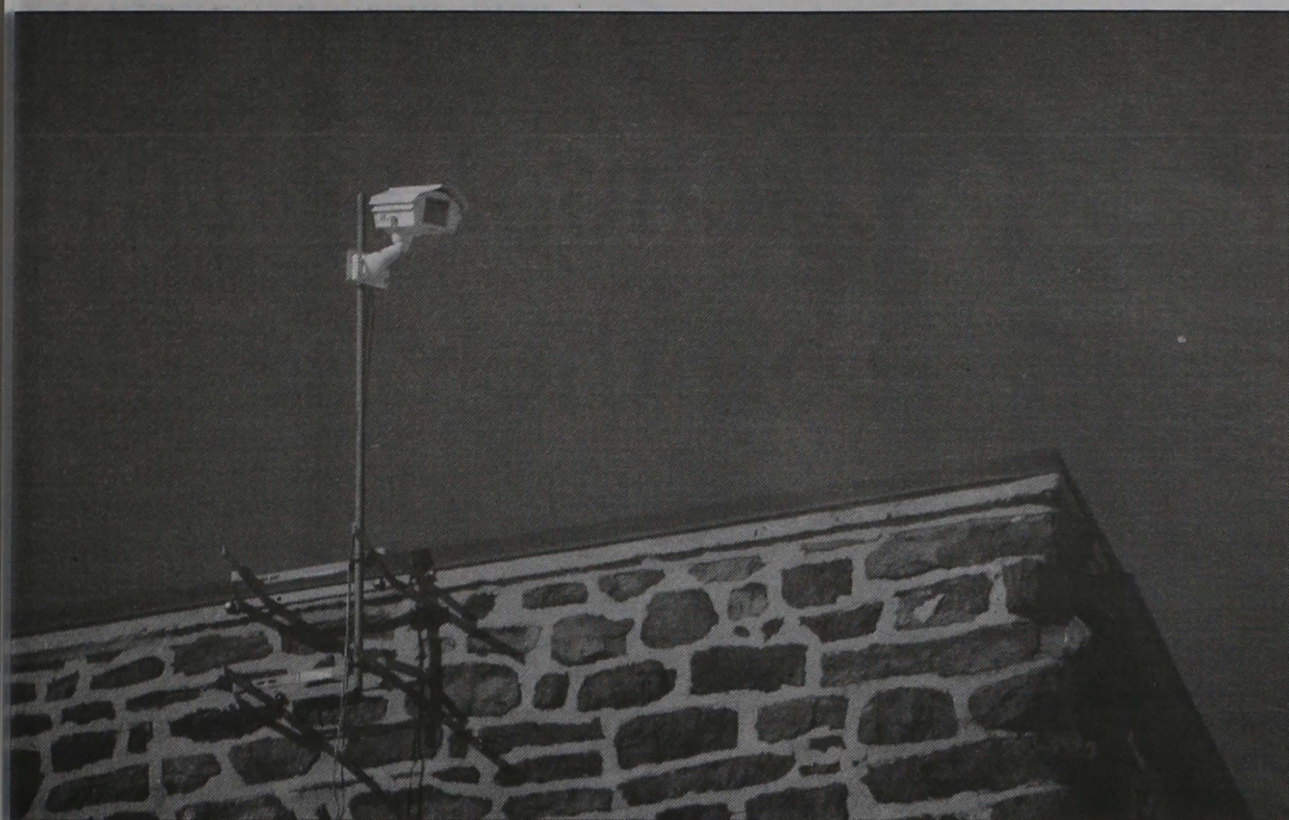


Photo by Heidi Jensen

The camera on top of Ritter records the track daily, and the feed is available online

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ensure that students or townfolk were not accessing the construction site and endangering their own safety, according to athletic director Laura Moliken.

Although the camera films both the field and the track, which are used by many of the teams on campus, none of them ever use the camera.

"The camera does not belong to the athletic department, and the coaches don't use this camera to watch footage of practice or games because it's pretty far away," Moliken said. "Every team does their own filming, mostly from atop the new press box."

This camera has sparked some

controversy among the student body here at Ursinus. Kelly Johnson, a freshman at Ursinus, was surprised to learn about the website.

"I feel like the school should investigate that," Johnson said. "I don't think that people should have stuff on the internet about them that they don't have any idea is on there. The school should be aware of it and try to do something about it. I understand that they didn't know about it, but now that they do they should definitely do something about it and look into it."

Senior Gladys Martinez said, "I've been here for four years and I didn't even know a camera existed on Ritter."

Although she was surprised to learn about the camera, Martinez did not think it was an invasion of privacy. "Usually when cameras are placed in public, it's for a reason. I don't take it as an invasion of privacy if it can be used for our safety."

While Martinez thought that it was acceptable for Campus Safety to use the track camera, she was uncomfortable with the idea of a website that was not linked to Ursinus monitoring the field.

"I find it disquieting that a random person is putting up a live feed," Martinez said. "I would want to know their reasons for putting it up."

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MOOC presentation than even the best-written book," Fryshman wrote.

Though MOOCs are unlikely to act as a substitute to colleges and universities and Ursinus is unlikely to develop an online course soon, these online courses impact higher education throughout the United States.

Technology impacts education daily. Students are unlikely to succeed without a computer and the Internet. Students can Skype into classes. Some students are expected to complete blogs in order to pass a course.

According to the poll, Ursinus students recognize the impact of technology, but there are mixed opinions about how to use and respond to these online courses.

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sense of community and knowing that people will always be around to support others and be there for them.

Gia Butera, a sophomore peer advocate, said this is one of the main things the peer advocate group stresses.

Peer advocates "strive to educate the campus as a whole about the issue of sexual misconduct," according to the Ursinus website.

Peer advocates want students to be aware of all of their options when reporting a sexual assault.

Butera said it is extremely important for students on campus to stick together and look out for each other.

More so, it is important for students to beware of how much alcohol they are consuming if they are involving themselves in

the party scene.

Taylor said alcohol and parties are in fact correlated to the reports of sexual assault on campus.

Almost all of the cases reported have had alcohol involved, whether the assaulter, victim or both of the two were drinking at the time it occurred.

When students involve themselves in parties or alcohol, it is important to remember to always look out for each other and to keep a tight sense of community throughout the campus.

Also, students should recognize that it is important to talk about sexual misconduct and the effect that it can have on students and the Ursinus campus as a whole.

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# Top stories from around the globe

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and their value but were said to include pricy shopping sprees, catering and golfing bills paid.

## Ukrainian unrest continues

Peaceful anti-government protesting in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, has evolved into violent clashes with riot police as President Viktor Yanukovich cracked down on dissenters, reports "The New York Times."

Much of the conflict stems from the majority of the Ukrainian population's desire to align with the European Union, while President Yanukovich's policies make clear he hopes for a closer alliance with Russia.

What initially began as calm, non-violent protesting in the capital city quickly spiraled out of control as news spread that police used high-powered water cannons on protesters in single-digit temperatures.

As fights broke out, reports of multiple protesters dead from gunshot wounds and brutal beatings spread and further agitated the city's population. An opposition group known as UDAR, headed up by former professional boxer and one-time heavy-weight world champion Vitali Klitschko, called on President Yanukovich to resign and for new elections to be held or his supporters would "go on the attack."

## Turbulence in Thailand

Disruptions to the early voting process for February's elections in Thailand bring fear a larger conflict is on the horizon. "The New York Times" reported that anti-government protesters seeking to rid the country of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and her powerful family, which has many ties in the Thai political system. Yingluck Shinawatra is the sister of former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was removed from power in a 2006 military coup.

Seeking to replace the Prime Minister and Parliament with a non-elected "people's council," the protesters blocked more than 2 million potential voters from casting their ballots in the southern regions of the country. Violent clashes between the anti-government protesters and security forces left nine dead.

## Pay raise for criticized CEO

Despite a year full of lawsuits and record breaking settlement payments, JP Morgan's executive board voted to grant CEO Jamie Dimon a 74 percent raise, according to "The Wall Street Journal." The pay is said to be predominantly restricted stock: \$18.5 million dollars with in addition to his \$1.5 million annual salary.

Some industry analysts considered the move surprising, noting that JP Morgan's profits had declined by 19 percent in 2013 due to enormous payments to regulatory bodies as punishment for involvement in various illegal activities, including the London Whale scandal and for its involvement in the mortgage crisis.

JP Morgan announced it justified the raise after studying the firm's long term financial position and concluding gains in market share and negotiated ends to legal troubles were worth the compensation afforded to Dimon.

## Ex-gov of VA indicted

The former governor of Virginia, Bob McDonnell, and his wife Maureen were indicted on federal corruption charges, according to "The N.Y. Daily News." Allegations that the pair illegally accepted gifts of value during McDonnell's tenure as governor had stained his final year in office, and these charges confirm the scandal is far from concluded.

The heart of the issue revolves around lavish gifts from a Richmond business owner, Jonnie Williams, that investigators contend was in exchange for preferential treatment and promotion of his company, Star Scientific. The FBI is involved with probing exactly how many gifts were given

Escape Velocity presents winter performance



Photo by Heidi Jensen

A group dances last Thursday night at the Escape Velocity show. Their next show is March 6, 7, and 8.

## School spirit on the rise

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At large universities, school spirit is typically much more substantial and involved than it is on a small campus like our own. Many students at Ursinus who toured or applied to larger schools note the fact that they feel they are missing out on something at our school, since our school spirit is not anything remarkable. To solve this problem, a few groups have been formed in the recent years at Ursinus to increase school spirit among students.

Last year, a few students recognized the lack of spirit and formed the group Outstanding Students Organizing Spirit, otherwise known as UC OSOS.

One of the co-founders and current president of the group is Jessica Bove, who said the idea of the group came from talking to friends about how they thought it was sad that students did not go out to events to support each

other and that the lack of spirit cannot be blamed on the size of our school.

"Since it is a small school, everybody already knows each other, so we should go out and support the people we already know," Bove said. "We just wanted to get people to go out and be more of a community because people put so much time and work into their theater performances or their sporting events, and we want more people to go out and appreciate it."

Bove said the main goal of the group is to get students to feel more like a family when it comes to supporting each other. She said one of the best ways is to bring big crowds to all events to show appreciation for the hard work all students put in.

Bove also emphasized the idea that since each and every student puts hard work into something, whether it be theater or sports

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## First Salinger Read-a-Thon brings 'Holden' back to Ursinus campus

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Ursinus is known for many things, but one of those things is particularly special to the literary society: J.D. Salinger's semester with Ursinus.

His 1951 novel, "The Catcher in the Rye," was an immediate success. The novel remains widely read and controversial, selling around 250,000 copies a year.

Salinger is special to Ursinus because he was once a student here. He attended the school in the fall of 1938 and wrote a column called "Skipped Diploma," which included movie reviews. After one semester, he dropped out.

On Sunday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m., the Ursinus College literary society held its first annual J.D. Salinger Read-a-Thon.

This event featured Salinger's book "The Catcher in the Rye." Along with the group reading of the book from start to finish, there were giveaways, music and themed refreshments. The entire event concluded around mid-

night.

Quinn Gilman-Forlini is the president of the literary society and a part of the Read-a-Thon organizing committee. Gilman-Forlini has high hopes for the future of this event.

*"I thought we could do more with our Salinger legacy on campus."*

— Dr. Meredith Goldsmith  
Associate Professor of English

"We wanted to honor our Salinger legacy," she said. "Our hopes are to have this event every year."

Meredith Goldsmith, associate professor of English and assistant dean of academic affairs, is credited with coming up with the Read-a-Thon idea.

"I thought we could do more with our Salinger legacy on campus," Goldsmith said. "The idea is modeled on Bloomsday, one-day events where all of James Joyce's "Ulysses" is read from beginning

to end. I'm coordinating with the event with Charlie Jamison, head of the libraries, and in conjunction with lit society students."

Goldsmith knew that it would be a big help to have support from the school and organizations surrounding it.

"I wrote a grant for some modest support for the event from the campus planning and priorities committee," Goldsmith said. "We also received some support from the Ray Hamilton Fund."

Goldsmith said that the overall event was relatively easy to put together because of the great support and coordination that she received from the literary society and the campus activities board.

Aside from having this first annual Read-a-Thon, Ursinus honors Salinger through the Ursinus College Creative Writing Award, a \$30,000 per year major scholarship for creative writers of outstanding originality and potential.

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### Word on the Street

*Did you make a New Year's resolution? If so, have you kept it?*

"My New Year's resolution was to be a better person this year, but I don't know if I've done that yet because it's hard to quantify." -Caroline Sandberg, 2015

"My first was to study abroad in Japan and my second was to stay fit in the new year. So far, so good." -Keon Jerry, 2016

"I'm really trying to focus on being more mindful of the moment and checking technology less. I'm all about living in the now." -Bri Keane, 2016

"No, I knew I wouldn't keep one. I don't think you should need to make a resolution. I saw a study that said 80% of resolutions aren't kept by January 15." -John Roda, 2015

"My goal for the year was to improve on the accomplishments that I had the year before and to make myself a better peer, person and student." -Marquis Wilson, 2015

# Culture shock: Returning to UC

## Assimilation after study abroad can be difficult

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For many Ursinus students, the first week back at school feels like business as usual. Most of us use the time to catch up with friends, feel out our new classes and get used to Wismer food again. For those students returning from study abroad, however, the transition may not feel so smooth.

Regardless of whether a student is returning from China or Spain, every single one experiences a distinct process in order to acclimate themselves to the Ursinus way of life.

Some aspects of the transition are easy to anticipate and almost expected. After being away for almost half a year a lot can change on the Ursinus campus, from friend group dynamics to building renovations. These changes, as students may hear about them ahead of time from various sources, do not faze some returnees in the slightest. In fact, some barely go through an adjustment period at all.

Junior Deanna Madison, who studied abroad in London, said, "I felt like I didn't know anyone... There were a lot of faces I didn't

recognize but I figured that would happen given the semester I chose to leave ... so honestly it wasn't that bad."

Though Madison said most of what she has gone through during her first week back was what she expected, not everything about coming home to Ursinus was simple. One major aspect about the move that she was worried about was finding housing.

"My biggest concern was coming back to terrible housing," Madison said. "I had the worst lottery number ... but somehow I ended up in North."

Though Madison has experienced a relatively easy return, her reaction to being back at Ursinus is not necessarily the norm for other study abroad students.

Paula Alvarez, Ursinus' study abroad advisor, said the unforeseen challenge many students face is an inability to find people with whom they can share their new experiences.

"Their peers don't understand. They don't want to hear it," Alvarez said. "They can't really understand, they haven't really gone through the same thing. Everyone's really focused on being academically successful and abroad they have a chance to discover themselves."

Alvarez touches upon a subtle aspect of the transition many students struggle with well after they have adjusted to the more minor changes of being back at Ursinus.

The personal growth students experience while abroad is often unparalleled to anything they have experienced at Ursinus and is not something that students can simply get used to. What they experience while abroad is something that changes them forever, and becomes a part of who they are permanently.

Alvarez went on to explain why the change students experience is something that does not go away once they come back to college.

"Ursinus represents your old life, your old self," Alvarez said. "Though you still identify with it, you have new interests and a new way of approaching difficult situations ... a different perspective on how to be."

Moreover, the adjustment students go through upon their return is multi-faceted—one that is not a challenge at all and may feel easy—as though they have never left.

However, Alvarez said that it's not always such an easy process. Ursinus may feel different for many students returning from abroad, but often they are actually the ones that have changed.



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ing Ursinus College freshman.

To qualify for the award, applicants must submit a portfolio of no more than 10 pages of creative work in fiction, poetry or some combination of genres. Candidates should also be comfortably able to achieve admis-

sion to Ursinus. The submission alone will not get the applicant admitted into the school.

"We need more events to celebrate what's unique about Ursinus," Goldsmith said. "Salinger's time here, although brief, is one of them."



Photo courtesy of UC OSOS  
UC OSOS attends a home wrestling meet against USMMA and Gettysburg last Saturday.

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or academics, it is appreciated when we all come together to support those activities.

This semester, UC OSOS plans to continue to support and appreciate the different groups performing on campus. Additionally, UC OSOS is planning a campus-wide "spirit day" this semester which will incorporate all dormitory halls in the school and have games and events for students to compete in.

They plan to also continue to show their support at sporting events and supply snacks and hot chocolate for students.

Another new source of school spirit at Ursinus is the pep band, a small group of musicians who play at events, typically football games.

Last year, Holly Hubbs, the band director, and band member Gabe Gordon started the group when they decided they also realized a lack of school spirit on our campus and wanted to

do something to attract bigger crowds to events, especially football games.

This past semester, the pep band attended multiple football games. Gordon said this was a type of pilot program for the group to see what they could do and to see how many people would come out and support them. Un-

*"We just wanted people to go out and become more of a community"*

— Jessica Bove  
President of UC OSOS

fortunately, the group got smaller once football season ended. Because of this, they plan to extend the group in following semesters and bring more school spirit to events as they did last semester.

Both of the groups agree that attending a small school is not an excuse to not support each other in all of the various activities each student here is involved in. School spirit is important and enhances events for not only the people competing, but also the audience.

UC OSOS is happy to be present at any event that they are asked to attend and intend to improve school spirit even more as time goes on and the group grows.

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The award winner will have the honor of living in the dorm room once occupied by Salinger located in Curtis Hall, room 300. The award is given to one incom-

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Theater and Dance 'Get Involved' Party, 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Last Day to Add Classes, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.		Recyclemania, All Day	'Freedom: The Greatest Souce of Energy' Presentation, 7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Introducing Yourself to Employers: Your Elevator Pitch, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	The Commonwealth Medical College Presentation, 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
Opening Reception for Barbara Zucker Exhibition, 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.	Shabbat Dinner, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m.				Careers in the Pharmaceutical Industry Chat, 6:30 p.m.	InterVarsity Community Gathering, 9 p.m.- 10 p.m.

# Drug policy's punishments are too harsh

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At Ursinus College, any student who is found in possession of drugs is considered to be acting in a way that does not benefit them or the campus community. Such violations could result in a disciplinary warning or even disciplinary probation.

Sanctions for receiving a disciplinary warning or probation usually consist of some combination of a letter to the student's parents, community service, a survey about marijuana use called e-Toke and a follow-up meeting with a dean or resident director. Repeat offenses in one semester could get a student suspended from the college.

Ursinus' drug policy has been an issue of debate with many students arguing that the consequences for marijuana are often too harsh. The distribution

of drugs and use of hard drugs, however, is seen as something that does warrant harsher consequences.

I agree with most students on their assessment of marijuana and how the punishments that are associated with the possession of it are extreme. We have reached a point in America where marijuana is no longer seen as a gateway drug to more serious ones like crack cocaine or heroin.

According to Gallup, 53 percent of Americans believe "the government should treat marijuana the same as alcohol." Given the high number of people with this opinion, it makes sense to stop going down the road of locking up small-time weed dealers. More importantly, it allows the nation to stop spending billions of dollars per year to continue fighting the wrong war.

The drug trade is profitable for those who are fighting hard-

est to keep it illegal, and I am not talking about some crazy conspiracy theory. When thinking about supply and demand, doesn't it make sense to stop giving criminals a reason to supply the drug?

The reasons for why marijuana should be legal may be numerous, but I do not think it is in Ursinus' best interest to change the drug policy. Consider the amount of federal oversight the school would receive if the administration were to make those changes now.

Since neither medicinal nor recreational use of marijuana is legal in Pennsylvania, we can still be punished for not acting in accordance with state and federal laws. It is best to allow those things to figure themselves out first.

Maybe, instead of pointing out all of the faults there may be in the drug policy, we would be

better served to do as my high school chemistry teacher would suggest: "Take your loss like a boss."

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—Debbie Nolan  
Dean of Students

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Debbie Nolan, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, has been at Ursinus for 26 years and has witnessed many changes to Ursinus' drug policy.

"When I first started here, the college was very, very serious about drugs," Nolan said. "If students were caught smoking marijuana or any other drugs, the student was in a lot of trouble. The police were called immediately even for one joint in a room."

I have not heard of instances of students having the police called on them for drugs. In fact within the last year, there has been just one student suspended from Ursinus for a drug-related offense.

Nolan said the school is not interested in ruining academic careers over a mistake made while in college. Nolan does not advocate the use of drugs, but she believes the best way to handle such offenses is through the school rather than involving the authorities.

In April 2013, "The Grizzly" reported that a student had his room searched by Campus Safety after another student reported an odor.

Campus Safety does not need permission to search a dorm room.

Best tip until conditions are best for such acts: don't let the stank out.

# Netflix streaming is hogging our resources

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Yes, Netflix, I want to continue watching. And I don't mean one more episode. I mean like five more. Finishing a whole season of a show in a few days is not out of the ordinary for some of us, or at least I know I'm guilty of that.

When Netflix came out in 1997, it was not as ubiquitous as it is now, although I am not ashamed to say I would rent the seasons of "The Simple Life" and get them in the mail so I could laugh at Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie. Now I just use Netflix's instant streaming so I do not have to make the trek to my mail box to return the DVD.

Recently Netflix has blossomed because of the instant streaming and its convenience. Renting DVDs has become a thing of the past, and sitting on my couch all of winter break watching Netflix has become reality. Please tell me I was not the only one who would wake up, make breakfast, watch Netflix all afternoon and then maybe do something productive later that

day like let my dog outside or something.

Then 10 p.m. rolls around and — oh, what's that I see? Another documentary I haven't watched yet. Oh, this one's on whales. OK, why not?

I found myself saying that a lot over break about random shows on Netflix. I would scroll through the list of shows every day, adding even more shows to my queue.

While watching the documentary on the science of babies over

break was interesting, I found myself feeling secluded and antisocial during my Netflix binge. You never realize how much you love Netflix until you are up until 4 a.m. watching "Grease," eating nachos that you just microwaved while trying not to wake your family.

I am not only guilty of splurging on Netflix: I love watching YouTube videos and can spend hours on it jumping from video to video. I will start out watching something like underwater births

and then I end up watching some type of miracle surgery.

Although Netflix and YouTube have entertained me, they have also made me really lazy and ruined my sleep patterns. I would stay up all night watching shows, sleep late the next day and repeat the cycle. I felt sluggish during those five weeks home, not that there was much to do besides eat and watch TV. Being back at school, however, I am getting back into the swing of not watching Netflix. It's for the better. Plus, I have all the live entertainment I need by living in Reimert.

Other students are still facing the trouble of adjusting to the new semester. Sophomore Caroline Gambone said she watched five seasons of "Law & Order: SVU" in two weeks over break. She said it has been hard to not watch as much this week because of her new classes.

"When I'm home I have a lot more time to relax, so I love to binge watch the seasons," Gambone said. "My friends have to literally beg me to get off the couch to hangout, but honestly, I'd rather just stay home and watch Netflix."

Our Netflix habits are draining bandwidth at colleges across the country, too. A February 2013 article in "The Chronicle of Higher Education" described the effort to reign in what some network technicians called the "virtual flood" of wifi-enabled devices, while colleges simultaneously try to continue offering the same comforts most students are afforded at home.

Ursinus director of infrastructure James Shuttlesworth said that Netflix and YouTube account for 60 to 70 percent of Ursinus' internet traffic because of the streaming video. This has slowed our connection speeds so much that tech services had to upgrade to broadband capacity over winter break. Remember when the Internet was really slow last month and everyone was angrily tweeting about it every day?

These websites have become quite addicting over the past few years, and I am sure a lot of students can relate. I hope to use Netflix and YouTube less for the sake of time management and social life. Besides, I think I can live without watching another documentary on whales.

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# As Olympics near, controversy grows

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With the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi rapidly approaching, Russia has made clear its ambitions to stage the most glamorous competition in modern history.

Record amounts were reportedly spent on the construction of the facilities and courses required to host the 15 events contested during the Winter Games.

According to BBC.com, construction costs totaled over \$51 billion, an amount that dwarfs the amount spent on the previous Winter Games in Vancouver, Canada: a mere \$8 billion.

The most expensive Olympic Games prior to Sochi were the Summer Games of 2008 in Beijing, which added up to approximately \$40 billion.

The escalation in budgets ded-

icated to the Olympics has been a testament to the desires of world powers intent on displaying their superiority and improve their world image during the media frenzy surrounding the Games.

Both Russia and China's preparations for their Olympics were inundated with claims of graft, corruption and shady business dealings, often with private firms allied with dishonest government agents to secure jobs via kickbacks.

To make matters worse, Russia has also garnered a number of complaints about civil rights abuses as they build the infrastructure needed to host the Games.

"The World Post" reported that many occupied houses were destroyed to make way for venues and a brand new \$635 million dollar highway leading into Sochi, a resort town located on the

Black Sea.

Other allegations of illegally dumped construction waste and debris has residents worried that the waste will remain long after the athletes have packed their gold medals and headed home.

Considering Sochi's lack of electricity and running water in some areas, the grandeur of these games seems odd against the backdrop of a somewhat underdeveloped area.

To add to the controversy surrounding the games, Twitter was abuzz with photographs of the bathrooms located in the Biathlon Center, originally brought to light by a BBC correspondent. The facilities feature multiple toilets in the same room, prompting questions about whether the odd lack of privacy was the result of corrupt figures skimming from construction costs and cutting corners.

In addition to questionable methods used to prepare the city for its debut on the international stage, concerns are emerging that construction on many courses and venues may be incomplete.

Reports of missed deadlines and building delays regarding the status of the groomed runs required for snow sports, such as alpine skiing (traditional downhill racing), freestyle skiing (involving tricks and stunts), luge, skeleton and snowboarding are the source of increasing anxiety for many athletes and coaches.

With the games only weeks away and construction in a questionable state, the competitors will not have much of a chance to practice on the courses and learn their intricacies, something considered essential for top performance.

While Russia has entrenched

desires to project a new, cosmopolitan image to the world, the process of bringing the Games to Sochi has been drawing suspicions from the international community from the start.

Initially, the International Olympic Committee appeared poised to select the South Korean city of Pyeongchang, but a surprise visit to the IOC from Russian President Vladimir Putin at the last moment was enough to sway the committee to delegate Sochi as the next host city.

"The Associated Press" reported that rumors swirled that Putin had perhaps made luxurious promises that explain the feverish pace of spending on the project he deemed his legacy act.

Regardless of the truth of the matter, the world's elite athletes will soon captivate the focus as the competition of the games heats up.

# Super Bowl: Fierce competition, big personalities

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Sunday, Feb. 2 marks the 48th installment of one of America's most revered sports traditions, the Super Bowl.

Both the Denver Broncos and the Seattle Seahawks were NFL preseason favorites to reach Super Bowl XLVIII, boasting the league's best offense and defense, respectively.

The game, which will be held at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., is scheduled to kick off at 6:25 p.m.

Denver's relentless scoring attack is led by four-time NFL MVP quarterback Peyton Manning.

Manning set league records for both passing touchdowns and passing yards this season and is

favored to win the MVP award at the NFL Honors Awards show on Saturday, Feb. 1.

One of the reasons for Denver's immense offensive success this season, aside from Manning, is the overwhelming talent of his supporting cast.

The quarterback has no shortage of receiving targets, as Wes Welker, Julius Thomas, Demaryius Thomas and Eric Decker have been a collective nightmare for opposing defenses.

Running back Knowshon Moreno also provides a change of pace for the offense out of the backfield.

The production of the Broncos' offense is likely the main reason why they are favored by three points in next week's face-off. A win on Sunday will be the fran-

chise's third Super Bowl victory and its first since 1998.

Denver's offense will likely face the toughest challenge of the season when they line up against Seattle's defense, which led the league in both passing defense and total defense.

One of the main reasons for Seattle's defensive success is the Seahawk secondary, known unofficially as "The Legion of Boom."

Richard Sherman, the All-Pro cornerback that has become the visible leader of the Seattle defense, is expected to be a major problem for the high-octane offense of the Broncos.

Sherman, who led the NFL with eight interceptions in 2013, added fuel to the already blazing fire that surrounds the spectacle

of the NFL post-season.

The 25-year-old Stanford graduate made headlines for his post-game antics after an NFC Championship victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Sherman sealed the Seahawks victory by breaking up a pass late in the fourth quarter. Sherman then visibly antagonized 49ers receiver Michael Crabtree.

More controversy arose in his post-game interview, during which Sherman said, "I'm the best corner in the game... When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you're going to get."

Sherman will have the chance to prove these statements next Sunday, as his "Legion" will have their hands full with Denver's receiving core.

An often-overlooked factor of the upcoming Super Bowl is the game's location. MetLife Stadium in New Jersey is a far cry from the sunny, warm locations of past Super Bowl venues.

Super Bowl XLVII will be the first championship game to be played outdoors in the cold weather.

According to weather reports on Weather.com, Super Bowl Sunday will have a high of 37 degrees with a low of 27, along with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow.

The possibility of a snowy Super Bowl, along with the immense talent and polarizing personalities of the participating teams, will make for a great gridiron spectacle following Sunday's 6:25 kickoff.

## Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Women's Swimming	Men's Swimming	Wrestling	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball
2/1- versus Washington College at 1 p.m.	2/1- versus Washington College at 1 p.m.	2/1- Tri meet @ Johns Hopkins against Johns Hopkins/Stevens at 11 a.m.	2/1- versus Gettysburg at 1 p.m.	1/30- versus Bryn Mawr at 7 p.m.
2/8- versus Bryn Mawr at 1 p.m.			2/5- @ Swarthmore at 7 p.m.	2/5- versus Swarthmore at 7 p.m.

# Winter recap: Wrestling, women's swimming shine

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The men of the wrestling team have been outstanding in their matches this season. The team is without a loss at this point in the season, earning a ranking of 21st in the nation for NCAA Division III schools.

The team has achieved in a few different competitions in recent weeks.

On Jan. 25, the team took a win over Gettysburg and The United States Merchant Marine Academy at the team's first conference tri-meet. The week prior, the team took the top spot at the Will Abele Invitational Tournament, earning 140 points, 35.5 more points than Wilkes University, who came in behind the Bears.

Some notable individuals on the team include juniors Robert Scaramuzza at 174 and Chris Donaldson at 125. Taylor Gload, a senior, has also produced well for the team wrestling at 197. Sophomore Anthony Carlo has also earned plenty of points for the Bears.

"We've been doing well in the past few weeks, but things are really starting to get going with conference matches," Scaramuzza said. "We have to remain focused."

Centennial competition will become the main priority for the team in coming weeks, and although the Bears are off to a great start, there is still plenty of season left.

"Every week is a new opportunity for us, and we have no intention of slowing down," Scaramuzza said. "When we came home with the Centennial title last year, it was amazing. We're shooting for that feeling again."

## Women's swimming

The women of the swim team have been perfect in the pool. On Jan. 25, the Bears took down Franklin & Marshall 114-89. Prior to this win, the team beat York on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Cabrini on Friday, Jan. 17.

The meet against F&M was no exception in the already impressive seasons of senior Malena Lair Ferrari and freshman Katie Pielmeier. The two were mem-

bers of the 400-yard medley team that took first. The team also included junior Rebecca Schroll and sophomore Michaela Lyons.

Pielmeier and Lair Ferrari were double winners in this meet. Pielmeier took the top spot of the 200 individual medley, and Lair Ferrari won the 200 backstroke.

During the meet against York, Pielmeier contributed first place points after winning the 400 individual medley.

The 1000 freestyle race was also dominated by Bears. Senior Bryn O'Niell took first, senior Molly Serfass was second and sophomore Kyleigh Hamilton in third.

## Men's swimming

The men's team also recently took down F&M. In a closely contested meet, the Bears pulled out a 107-98 win against the Diplomats, aided mostly by five first-place finishes.

Like the women of the pool, the men's team also defeated York on Jan. 18 and Cabrini on Jan. 17.

The 400-medley relay team, consisting of seniors Charles Messa and Alexander Pandelidis, freshman William Benn and sophomore Chris Hoops, has been outstanding as of late. The team took first place finishes against both F&M and York.

## Men's basketball

The Bears have been experiencing one of the most disappointing seasons in recent memory. The talent of the Centennial Conference proved to be extremely daunting, and the team has not recorded a conference victory.

The Bears sit with an overall record of 2-18

Perhaps the most frustrating part of the season is the irony that has permeated this year's campaign. Several Bears are among the leaders in different statistical categories, yet losses have plagued the team.

"It's tough, obviously the season hasn't been what we wanted," said senior captain Ryan Adams. "Right now, all we can do is focus on what's in front of us."

Adams is eighth in blocks in the conference with 15 and sixth in the points-per-game category with 14.6.

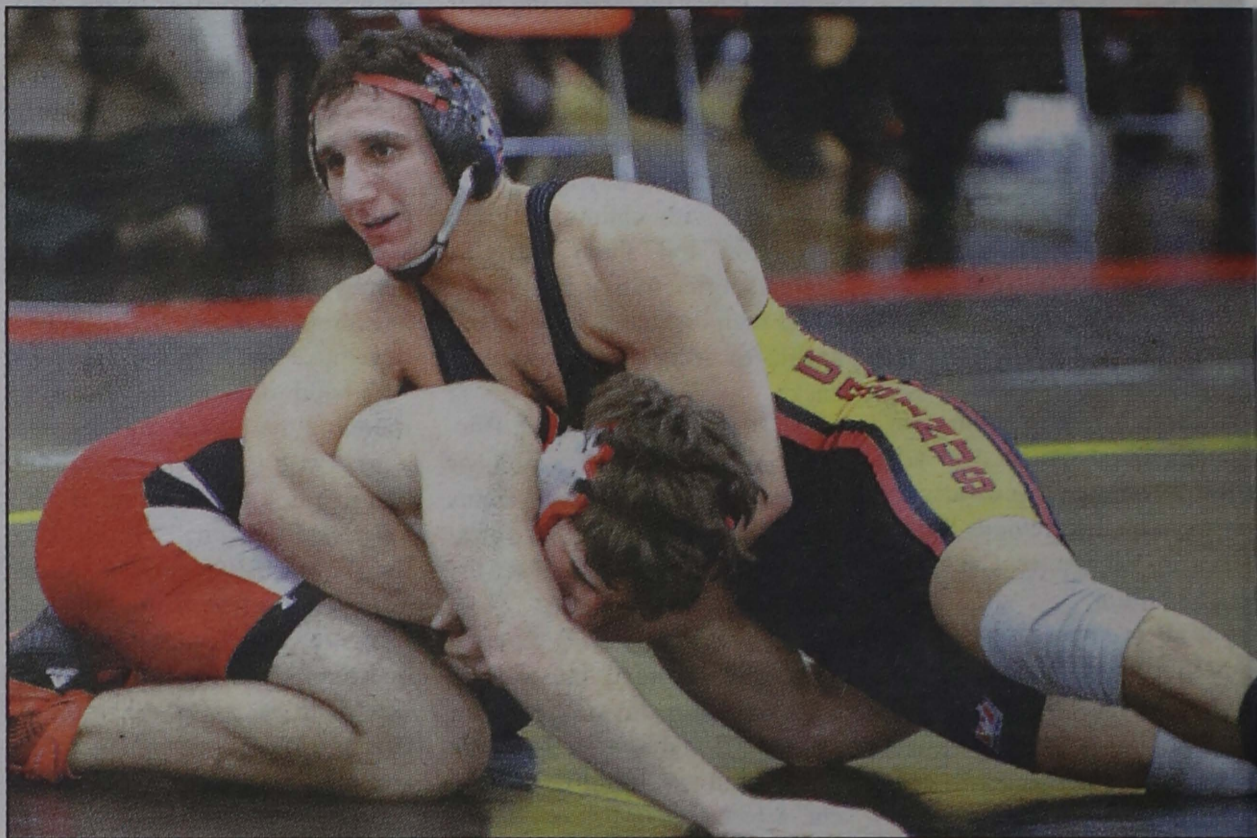


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(Above) Junior Robert Scaramuzza gains control over his opponent last week at the Will Abele Invitational. (Below) Senior guard Diamond Lewis (21) attempts to drive past two Muhlenberg defenders in a game against the Mules on Wednesday night.

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Pat Vasturia, a senior, sits at eighth in the conference in three-point percentage, shooting 39.1 percent from the three-point line.

Senior captain Jesse Krasna has also been impressive, sitting at fifth in the conference in assists, with 54 in the year.

"We still have some basketball to play, and we have no intention of rolling over," Adams said. "All we can do is keep working and playing hard."

## Women's basketball

The women of the hardwood sit at eighth in the conference with an overall record of 6-10 and 4-7 record in the conference.

Like the men's team, the women face difficulty with conference competition in the past few weeks, losing five of their five last games all to conference opponents.

Although the team has faced adversity in the last few weeks, a few Bears have stood out.

Jessica Porada, a sophomore, sits at eighth in the conference in PPG with 13.7. Porada also is among the best rebounders, sitting in fourth with 8.5 per game.

Sophomore Tori Steinberg sits in the number one spot of three-point percentage, shooting 43.6 percent.

Senior Diamond Lewis has also had an impressive season, assisting her teammates 55 times, enough to earn second place in the conference.