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Ursinus Bearitones perform at the President's Circle dinner preceding the Grizzly Gala. Their next performance will be Nov. 15 at 9:00 p.m.

Bearitones and B'Nats perform this weekend

Two groups, two nights of music

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The Bearitones will be sporting their new group jackets as they step onto the stage of Bomberger Friday night at 9 p.m. to perform their first concert of the year.

The cost is \$3 for students and \$5 for general admission.

The men will be singing a Mumford and Sons song which has never been covered before.

The group is also bringing back "Only the Good Die Young" by Billy Joel which they sang a few years ago.

The 11 women of the

B'Naturals will take the stage on Saturday night at 7 p.m. in Bomberger to sing in their show "Not Your Basic Pitches."

The cost of the B'Naturals concert is \$2 for students and \$5 for general admission.

During their concert, the B'Naturals will be performing a duet with the Bearitones to the song "I Won't Give Up" by Jason Mraz.

The Bearitones have been practicing since the second week of school to debut their new show "We are not a Sports Team."

President of the Bearitones Dave Nolan said the group has become closer this year than in previous years. The a cappella

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UCEA waste watching at the Philadelphia marathon

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When mentioning college students and trash, generally only one thing comes to mind—a litter-filled campus due to lively parties and events by the students who attend the college.

However, the Ursinus College Environmental Action club positioned service projects in order to change the way college students view recycling and environmental principles.

Through these projects and campus-wide discussions, the members hope to educate students on the importance of environmental conservation.

"We try to educate the campus about environmental issues and to get involved in any volunteer activity to improve the environment," UCEA President Megan Maccaroni said. "We are models of sustainable and green living.

We want to do things out of the norm to show that we care about the environment and want to make a change."

One of those changes has been put into effect. On Nov. 17, UCEA will be traveling to the Philadelphia Marathon from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The campus organization will act as waste watchers for both marathon participants and attendees.

Students will sort waste from recycling and will monitor the grounds for littering. By doing this, the club hopes to create a segue between Ursinus environmental efforts and the greater community.

This is not the only environmental action plan that the campus can expect from the organization.

Maccaroni stated that UCEA will be participating in RecycleMania in the upcoming spring

semester.

Schools across the United States and Canada battle to obtain the greatest percentage of recycling compared to garbage waste after eight weeks of sorting.

"RecycleMania is a way to make recycling fun," UCEA secretary Brenna Rasmussen said. "It's essentially a competition to provide motivation for being more eco-friendly."

However, the organization would like students to know that not all environmental efforts are so demanding or extravagant.

Currently, UCEA is working to petition for a new water bottle refill station in Pfahler auditorium.

Maccaroni said that not only would students have more convenient refill options, but this would help conserve water.

The organization's main objective is to educate students and promote discussion about the



Photo courtesy of UCEA

Students who are part of the Ursinus College Environmental Action organization on campus pose on Earth Day 2012. They work to promote sustainable initiatives on campus.

everyday environmental issues people face.

The group uses activities like petitions, eco-crafts and field trips to promote awareness and unity

in conservation efforts.

"UCEA has given me an op-

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Climate and Sustainability Action Plan announced

UC becoming carbon neutral and aware of sustainability

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Recently, Ursinus College announced its first Climate and Sustainability Action Plan in order to work toward becoming carbon neutral and achieving sustainable living.

After signing the American College and University's President's Climate Commitment in 2007, Ursinus was required to make this plan.

Shannon Spencer, Ursinus' sustainability planner, separated the plan into sections by work area.

By doing this, she hoped that each area would find actions and particular efforts which were tailored to their own field of work.

Spencer said that this way instead of simply telling each area to be more sustainable, they instead were given specifics and actual goals.

According to Spencer, the plan is composed of 32 chapters and a number of appendices that include guides for green living, green purchasing, green office and eco-driving.

The document, which is aimed not only at students, but also largely at faculty and staff, is over 500 pages long.

"All members of the Ursinus community have a role to play, and that is also one of the things that I think is great about this plan

in how it really brings everyone into the fold," Spencer said.

"If you look into one or two of the chapters, they're laid out so that it begins with a description of current actions that are already taking place right now, and then the rest of it is all perspective actions," Spencer said.

This long-range planning document is where a reader can find things that are all options of things that could be initiated and completed.

Although some of these options are looking up to 30 years ahead, the CSAP is what is known as a living document, which will

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Ursinus Sustainability Planner

be updated over the years in order to maintain relevancy and top efficiency.

President Bobby Fong expressed both a hopeful and excited attitude toward the CSAP.

Fong said that the leaders of the CSAP want to maintain continuous strides towards the different goals of the plan, regardless of when it is actually able to be fully reached.

"I think that what the commitment that we have to make in our Sustainability Action Plan is saying is that here are some of the steps that we can take as a community of our faculty, students

and staff to reduce our impact on the environment around us, whether it's large things like going away from coal fire gas and natural gas or small things like turning off our computers at the end of the day," Fong said.

Fong stressed the importance of every small effort toward sustainability and awareness when he said that there are a lot of the big strides that will be completed by numerous small steps that need to be done first.

"We are talking about changing lifestyles and habits," said Fong. "I think getting students behind it is more a matter of creating a culture of sustainability where turning off a light when you leave a room becomes second nature and that is not necessarily the case for a lot of people."

The plan was created locally and specifically for Ursinus and has been under construction for the past two years. It is compiled of goals that are believed to be realistically obtainable at Ursinus.

"I think that (the program) is Ursinus' way of living out the meanings to be a good corporate citizen in the world and, in turn, an essential part of the Ursinus education to learn to live in accordance with the environment," Fong said.

"One of our three perennial questions is 'What is nature and our place in it?' and this is a very practical way that we are trying to answer it," Fong said.



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group spends time together outside of practice as well.

The group will perform their traditional "Real Men of Ursinus" song where they satirize recent events happening on campus. The Bearitones make this skit a surprise every semester.

"This concert I'm really excited to see how the new guys perform under pressure," Nolan said. "Two of the freshmen have solos. I think they're more excited than nervous."

At previous concerts, the group sang "Teenage Dream" by Katy Perry and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros' "Home."

For this concert, the group wants to entertain a whole range of audiences by singing a song from several genres ranging from pop to country.

An a cappella group from John's Hopkins University will be performing at the concert as well.

"Our aim is to have a good time through music," senior Bearitone Shawn Caven said. "We'll be singing songs that'll range from making you laugh to songs that'll make you cry. We want to incorporate songs to make everyone enjoy themselves."

Nolan said the group wants to expand their repertoire this year by releasing their music instead of just posting YouTube videos of their performances.

In the past, the Bearitones have released an EP, a smaller version of a CD. Nolan hopes the group can do this again at the end of the year. The Bearitones also plan on doing singing-grams around the holidays.

"I am looking forward to the overall blend of the concert and sounding like one voice," Nolan said. "I want to focus on the dynamic and just making sure everyone is having fun."

Saturday will be the B'Naturals' first full fall concert as well. In the past, the B'Naturals have performed spring concert but never a fall concert when they solely performed.

President of the B'Natural Michelle Swenson said this year's concert is similar to a mixtape because it will feature many different songs, compared to last year's spring concert "Divas" which focused on female artists.

Some of the songs the women will be singing are Katy Perry's "Roar" and "Come on Eileen" by Dexys Midnight Runners.

"The B'Naturals are appealing to the masses for this concert," sophomore music director Kim Nolan said. "We are also doing harder arrangements. We basically picked all of our favorite songs to sing."

The B'Naturals will sing a few favorites from previous concerts such as Christina Aguilera's "Something's Got a Hold on Me" and "Jar of Hearts" by Christina Perri.

Kim Nolan said this concert will include two student-arranged pieces. In previous years, the B'Naturals hired someone to arrange songs, but this year two B'Naturals are doing it for their first time.

"We are featuring a much smaller group this year," Swenson said.

"We are excited we are doing something new to showcase our voices," Swenson said. "Every year we get smaller but better. We went from 22 members freshman year to 11 members senior year. Our blend is a lot more crafted. The smaller group allows for better balance of voices because there are less voices you have to blend together."



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Process of making new classes at UC

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Next semester, new classes are being offered in many majors and departments. These classes are added by professors who propose their course ideas.

Dr. Jay Miller is the chair of the academic council, the committee that determines new classes. Miller now works in the Dean's Office and is the chair of the media and communications department.

Miller said that the process a professor must go through to get a course approved works in steps. First they must pick a topic and write a syllabus including assignments, readings, exams and other work.

"The academic council will look at the syllabus and determine whether it meets the standard of an Ursinus course," Miller said.

If a majority votes for the class, it is approved and will go through a pilot semester. The profes-

sor proposing the new class then goes to a faculty meeting where they must go to get approved by the whole faculty.

"The academic council consists of 10 Ursinus professors and two students," Miller said.

The council discusses core requirements for the college and if a class qualifies to fulfill a diversity or global requirement.

"Most new classes that are being offered are special topics classes that are level 250 and 270," Miller said.

Most special topics courses are in the 200-level, as shown on the academic page for each department on the Ursinus website.

New classes next semester include Art Crime taught by Dr. Deborah Barkun. This class is on crimes involving art theft and other art related mystery.

"Barkun went to a seminar on the subject and found it to be so interesting that she decided to teach a class on art crimes," Miller said.

Miller said the media and com-

munications studies department is offering two special topics classes. One class is Science Writing and is taught by Faye Flam. This course is teaching students how to write scientific articles for research and science journals.

Sports Journalism is another new class being offered. This is taught by Professor Matt Veto. This has been a course that students have wanted on campus, but there was never the right professor to teach the course.

"Veto, who specializes in sports journalism, was the perfect professor to teach this class for the first time," Miller said.

Another class that is being offered next semester that is rarely offered is CIE 300: What is Love? This course discusses what love is and includes books and literature on the subject of love. This is an extension of CIE 100 and 200.

This course is taught by Jonathan Marks.

Miller has gone through the process of getting classes approved

before. A few years ago, Miller went abroad with a group of students for a semester.

He proposed the classes Documentary Photography and Global Media. Now both of those classes are part of the media and communications studies curriculum. Documentary Photography is being offered next semester and is taught by Professor Sarah Kaufman.

Special topics classes are courses that are offered rarely. These classes are on specific topics that are related to the department. One example is Japanese Film which is taught by Dr. Matthew Mizenko. This class is offered as a course for East Asian studies and the film studies department.

"When a class is offered for the first time it goes through a pilot program," Miller said. "The students taking the course are asked to fill out evaluations to give their input on the course."

Students comment on how the professor is teaching and on the material they are learning.

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portunity to meet people with similar environmental passions," Rasmussen said. "I enjoy being involved in the community, and through UCEA, we've been able to spread awareness through our efforts."

By spreading those efforts, the organization wants students to understand that every action, no matter how small, helps. Students are asked to design and commit to a pledge that promotes environmentalism.

Examples of environmentally-conscious efforts within the plan include vowing to turn off lights when leaving a room, reducing shower time and decreasing the use of one-time products.

"There is not enough awareness to promote environmental conservation," Maccaroni said. "People are not consciously aware of the efforts they can take to help make a difference."

UCEA meets every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. in Pfahler 109. All students are encouraged to attend meetings and get involved with the organization regardless of class year or place in the semester.

The group stresses that it is never too late to begin conservation practices.

"We are all living in this environment together," Maccaroni said. "And the things we all do help, no matter how small."

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Stolen art trove recovered

Works by artists such as Picasso, Chagal and Matisse were amongst 1,400 paintings recovered from an elderly man's apartment in Munich, Germany, according to "The Wall Street Journal." Museum curators at Free University in Berlin appraised the collection at approximately \$1.3 billion.

The discovery was made two years ago, but news of the find has just been released as authorities wanted to investigate ownership before announcing the treasure. The Nazis, during their rise to power in the late 1930s, confiscated art work they deemed destructive and indecent from public and private collectors. Many of these masterpieces were owned or created by Jewish artists and collectors, according to "The Wall Street Journal."

\$1.8 billion settlement

SAC Capital, the hedge fund owned and operated by billionaire investor Steven A. Cohen, pled guilty to criminal charges related to insider trading this week and agreed to pay \$1.8 billion in penalties, reported originally by "The Associated Press." In addition to the fine, SAC Capital will be barred from taking money from outside investors, essentially meaning SAC Capital can now only invest Cohen's personal fortune. SAC Capital was one of the most successful hedge funds on Wall Street, returning gains of up to 25 percent, year after year. By accepting the guilty plea deal laid forward by NYC prosecutor Preet Bharara, Cohen will avoid the possibility of jail time.

Negotiations with Iran

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry indicated this week an anticipated deal with Iran over end-

ing its nuclear energy program had not yet come to fruition, according to BBC News. The nuclear energy program, suspected by many Western countries to be a cover for developing nuclear weapons, has been an issue of international debate. Hopes were high for a resolution after Iran elected a relatively moderate as president: Hassan Rouhani. The next round of talks begins Nov. 20, and a deal could potentially be in place by December.

Typhoon hits the Philippines

According to the BBC, 10,000 people may have died in one area of the Philippines hit by the Typhoon Haiyan on Nov. 8. The storm destroyed homes, schools and an airport in Tacloban. The neighboring Samar Island experienced the loss of 300 people, and 2,000 more people are missing.

The Philippines has been offered helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and search and rescue equipment, according to U.S. defense secretary Chuck Hagel. The European Commission released 3 million euros in emergency funds. The U.K. also provided 5 million pounds in aid and 600,000 pounds of emergency equipment.

Election night 2013

According to "The Huffington Post," the democrats have made significant gains on election night in 2013. Democrat Terry McAuliffe defeated Republican Ken Cuccinelli to become governor of Virginia, 48.0 percent to 45.5 percent. Republican Chris Christie was re-elected governor of New Jersey with 60.4 percent of the vote against Democrat Barbara Buono. In New York City, Bill de Blasio has become the first Democrat in 20 years to become mayor, defeating Republican Joe Lhota with 73.3 percent of the vote versus 24.3 percent of the vote. In Boston, Democrat Martin Walsh will succeed Thomas Menino after defeating John Connolly -- another Democrat -- with 51.8 percent versus 48.2 percent of the vote.

UCDC hosts local choreographers

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Ursinus College Dance Company will perform their fall show in the Lenfest Theater, Nov. 21-23 at 7:30 p.m.

The show, titled "Waking Dreams," will feature the works of Philadelphia-based choreographers in addition to some of the Ursinus dance department faculty. Audiences will see numerous genres of dance including modern, jazz, hip-hop and tap.

Every UCDC show begins with a series of residencies with the chosen choreographers. A residency starts with an audition and follows up with up to 30 hours of rehearsal to compose the piece.

"It's a really exciting process for us, and I think it's a very valuable one that we offer here," professor in the dance department and co-director Karen Clemente said.

The uniqueness of this UCDC concert is the residencies, according to professor in the dance department and co-director Jeanine McCain.

Instead of the choreographers coming from all over the country, they are less than an hour away. With this, the dancers are able to work with their choreographer in more one-on-one sessions because of their accessibility.

McCain takes pride in Ursinus being able to bring in professionals who are currently working in the dance field. McCain said that the students are not confined to learning about the dance world through studies, but they are actually getting the opportunity to take part in it.

For the multiple first-year students, the hands-on experiences have provided insight to their thoughts of a dance major. Along with the handful of choreographers, the upperclassman members of UCDC have provided guidance to the younger portion of the program.

"It's really exciting for us to see how the first-year students seem invigorated and excited," McCain said. "It seems like it's making a really nice start to the next few years."

Junior UCDC member Haylee Mevorah said that the bond be-



Photo courtesy of Bryon Calawa

Junior Haylee Mevorah jumps during the Apr. 18 Ursinus College Dance Company performance. Their next concert is on Nov. 21-23 at 7:30 p.m.

tween the dancers is incredible. Within the company, there are mentors and pupils, providing the dancers with companions to explore the art and the major with.

"Having a mentor, being a mentee and having my own mentee is amazing, and it has really reminded me of why I love dancing so much," Mevorah said.

According to Clemente and McCain, nothing but hard work from all of the dancers has been put into the concert. Their work creates the dreams featured in the show and forms a certain motif within all of the pieces.

Throughout rehearsals, Clemente and McCain began noticing unintended correlations throughout the pieces.

"The dreams started to drive what we were doing," Clemente said.

Similar movements and even prop usage had evolved, and according to Clemente and McCain, the dreams began to take over. The choreographers even found

themselves having to pull back somewhat to keep their pieces from morphing together.

Each UCDC show offers something different to its audiences. The audience members have the opportunity to stay after the show to speak with the choreographers and dancers to discuss what they took away from this year's concert. This is called a talk back, which takes place on the opening night of the show, and it is an open invitation.

In addition to the talk back, after every show, there will be a reception with light snacks, refreshments and a chance to mingle with the UCDC cast.

Clemente and McCain are more than ready to give the Ursinus student body and community the opportunity to explore what UCDC has to offer this season. Both said that even more hard work will continue in the second semester in preparation for the UCDC spring concert.

Ursinus athletics honors graduates

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Being considered a Hall of Fame player for on-field play is one of the biggest compliments an athlete can achieve, topped only by the induction itself.

This dream will become a reality for nine former Ursinus College athletes. The Ursinus College Hall of Fame for Athletics induction ceremony will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. The reception for the induction ceremony will be held in the Wismer Center.

The nine former athletes being honored are: Jaime Matty Ciarllo (2002), Traci Davis (1982), Sandra M. Fetterman (2003), Amy Transue Hartenstine (2003), Richard P. Lowe (1988), Daniel J. Luciano (2003), Jennifer Stone Mandato (1996), Darren J. Torson (1997) and Frank R. Vecchio (2001).

The nine nominations for the Ursinus College Hall of Fame were chosen by a committee run by alumni and several school officials. The committee reviewed files of athletes who had been nominated and were at least 10 years removed from college grad-

uation. The meeting takes place in June, and that is when the final picks are made. The 2013 Hall of Fame class will be the biggest class in years. A typical Hall of Fame class includes six inductees, but the committee decided to extend that a bit and include a class of nine.

"Every year we have a great class of nominees inducted," said James Wagner, Ursinus College sports information director. "We have a ton of people that we consider for the Hall of Fame but only induct the best of the best."

One of the athletes being inducted this year is Sandra Fetterman, known on campus as Professor Fetterman. Fetterman, who attended Ursinus from 1999-2003, is now a professor in the media and communications department.

While a student at Ursinus, Fetterman was a skilled field hockey player during the time when the school's team was Division I. The team dropped to Division III her senior year. She was a four-year starter and two-year team captain. She was also selected 2nd All-Patriot League Team.

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Word on the Street

Have you been to or are you planning to attend any Ursinus performances?

"I'm a big fan of the Bearitones. It's great to see everyday students around campus sing and sing well.

I'll be there." -Jim Worriow, sophomore

"I haven't been to any since I've been pretty busy. I'm only a freshman, so I feel like I'm still trying to figure things out on this campus." -Allie Castro, freshman

"I'm going to the Bearitones, B'Nats and Wind Ensemble concerts. I like music, and I want to support my friends." -Jess Peterson, senior

"I haven't gone to any shows yet. I've been busy with schoolwork, but if I see anything in emails when I'm free I'll definitely check it out." -Joe Devine, freshman

Wind Ensemble performance

Will be playing selections from "The Hobbit"

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Professor of music Holly Hubbs will be heading the Wind Ensemble concert on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater located in the Kaleidope.

The Wind Ensemble is a traditional concert band, made up of brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.

The Wind Ensemble concert will include a variety of musical styles, from modern film score music to traditional marches by

John Philip Sousa.

Hubbs and students have been rehearsing every week to bring the Ursinus community a full show. Building a successful program takes time and dedication.

"We meet twice a week in the evening, Monday and Wednesday from 5-6:30," Hubbs said.

The work is not only restricted to meetings. Performers are expected to continue rehearsing on their own.

This independent work includes any difficult sections of the music that may need extra attention. Students involved enjoy going the extra mile to make everything run smoothly.

"My favorite part of prepping for the concert is being able to rehearse such intricate pieces that

are so important to the culture of music performance," sophomore Emily Cooper said. "We get to play everything from movie scores to famous classical and orchestra pieces, so the performing never gets boring."

Oftentimes, students who performed in high school do not continue to play due to a shortage of opportunities at the college level. The Wind Ensemble allows students to continue doing what they love and have so much passion for.

"The ensemble is about making music," Hubbs said. "It is an opportunity for students who have musical talent, and have played an instrument in high school band, to continue playing in college, whether they are music major, minor or just interested in music as a hobby."

Members of the ensemble are excited to show the final product to the campus community. In this particular concert, the band members look forward to performing the suite from "The Hobbit." It is a band version of Howard Shore's film score from the movie.

"I always look forward to being on stage with my students," Hubbs said. "It is nice to reach the point of playing publicly everything that we've been working on in rehearsals all semester."

"If I could ask for one thing, it would be that I really hope students, faculty and staff would come out and hear the band, especially if they have never attended a UC bands concert," she said. "The students work hard, are talented musicians and deserve support from the campus community."

Pause for Paws: Halloween edition



Photo by Dana Feigenbaum

Senior Meagan Gatley shows off Frankie the dog during last Friday's Pause for Paws event. Campus pets attended the event dressed in costume to celebrate Halloween.

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"I have so many fond memories of my days at Ursinus," Fetterman said, "but my favorite one as a team had to be when we upset Holy Cross 3-2 in OT on our home field at homecoming."

"The day before our game, we were told at practice about the plan to drop field hockey from DI to DIII at the end of our current season. We didn't take the news well, but we rallied around each other and stunned the team that would go on to win its second straight Patriot League regular season title. I will always be proud to say that I was a member of the UC field hockey team," she said.

Fetterman's success was not only limited to the field. She was a star in the classroom as well. During her college career, she was named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, NFHCA Division I National Academic Squad, Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll and NFHCA Division III National Academic Honor Roll.

"The athletes we induct into our Hall of Fame were not only great athletes, but were just as amazing in when it came to their academics," said Wagner. "Our athletes are truly one of a kind."

The Hall of Fame is the final award for many athletes. Even with an induction to the Hall of Fame, the Ursinus athletes have gained much more throughout their experience in Collegeville.

"I consider myself truly blessed and proud to have been a student-athlete at Ursinus, and I will forever be grateful to the incredible friends, teammates, professors, athletic trainers and coaches that I met during my college years," Fetterman said.

"I could not have achieved what I did on the athletic fields or in the classroom without them, but no one contributed to my development as an athlete and person more than Laura Moliken. I have never met someone with so much passion and determination, and as a coach she used those qualities to bring out the best in me."

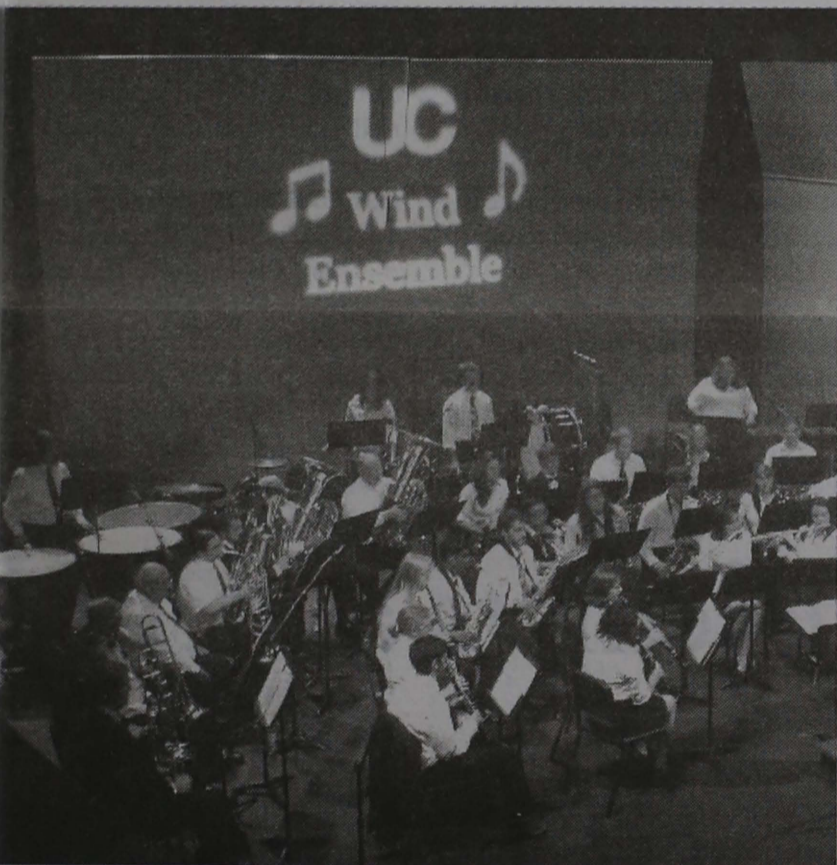


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The Ursinus Wind Ensemble performs last fall. Their next performance will be Friday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6th annual Pie-Eating Contest, 6:15 p.m.	UC Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m.	Christmas Mall on Main Street at Trinity Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	U-Innovate! workshop: Finding the Idea and Validation, 6 p.m.	Anxiety support group, 3 p.m.		Bear Hugs Day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Piano Recital, 7-8:30 p.m.	Bearitones concert, 9 p.m.	B'Naturals concert, 7-9 p.m.		Dress for Success, 6:30 p.m.		GSA meeting, 7 p.m.

Assign credit for varsity athletics

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Student-athletes have the same amount of coursework as other students but have to balance it with over 15 hours of meetings, lifting and practice for their particular sport. We play football for Ursinus, and balancing schoolwork and football responsibilities can be extremely challenging.

Although it is our choice to play a sport in college, and we know the time and effort that goes into it, we should not have to stop doing what we love just because there isn't enough time in the day.

We feel that playing a sport in college should count for academic credit during the semester the team is in season.

In order for a player and team to be successful at the Division III level, there is an abundance of effort that needs to be given.

Lifting and building our body is crucial for the positions that we play in football, defensive line and safety, respectively. Meeting with our position

coaches to go over film and plays we are going to run each week are vital for success. Watching film on our own so that we know exactly what our opponent is going to do is another exercise added to our day. Practicing for two hours each day consumes time as well.

We should not have to stop doing what we love just because there isn't enough time in the day.

Playing a sport is much more to an athlete than wins and losses. Sports, especially football, teach players to be dedicated to their future professions and how to commit to a team. It allows the athlete to develop excellent time management – an extremely important life skill. Finally, playing a sport teaches leadership.

A simple way to help the student-athletes out with their scheduling would be to count their sport as four credits for that semester. Taking one less class while in season can free up some much needed time for athletes

to get their school work done and allow them to focus more on their sport's demands.

Even sports that do not require nearly as much of a time commitment as football can still be a struggle. Junior golfer Russell Hill admits that his sport does not have the same level of commitment as some other sports at Ursinus, but he still believes that, at times, academics and athletics can create a difficult balancing act.

"Practices are mainly on your own," Hill said. "We have practice once a week that lasts for two hours ... I would say that it probably takes up about 20 percent of your time."

While that may not seem like a lot, varsity golf still comes with its challenges.

"The hardest part about it is when you have a tournament, it's all day," Hill said. "We leave here at about eight or nine in the morning and don't get back until nine at night."

Golf presents an additional challenge because players cannot practice the sport on campus. Each tournament means missed class.

Hill said that he has been lucky and has not had any problems with his professors. Even so, anytime a student has to miss two or three classes in one week, professors are going to be unhappy. Golfers do not have a choice.

"When you have work to do in four different classes that give homework basically every night, it becomes stressful to add sports on top of that," senior football player Giovanni Waters said. "When I have to support myself financially and pay for all the things I need, being a student-athlete only allows me to work on Sunday. There just isn't enough time to make everything work how you would like it to, but giving up the sport I played my entire life isn't an option."

Students who cannot make a varsity team could serve as managers or statisticians to receive credits as well.

"I have had to drop classes and base my schedule around football entirely," junior Ronald Armstead said. "I have definitely considered quitting because it became so hard, but I have come this far so I just push through it."

Taking biology and chemistry in the same semester with football is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do."

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Football

Of course, we are not the first to propose giving credit for varsity athletics. Professor David Pargman of Florida State University noted that dance, voice and theater are recognized majors and sports are not.

"While sport is on the campus, and while it is using millions and millions dollars of annual budgetary units, let's make it more legitimate," Pargman said in an NPR interview.

There are many athletes here at Ursinus who would benefit greatly from receiving credits for their sport. We feel that there would be an improvement in athletes' grades, and their teams could see better results on the field.

Academic probation policy exempts athletics

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The NCAA says that Division III athletes require a certain amount of credits but does not mention anything about GPA – that's where the school has discretion.

According to the NCAA, "Division III does not use the NCAA Eligibility Center. Contact your Division III College regarding its policies on admission, financial aid, practice and competition."

Since Ursinus College has the power to make the decision, it made a policy.

According to the Ursinus College website, students who have a GPA lower than a 2.0 are placed on academic probation. Under the policy, students on academic probation are prohibited from participating in extracurricular activities.

There is an exception, how-

ever, for athletics.

"A student-athlete on Academic Probation is eligible to participate in athletics but must meet expectations set by the coach in regards to academic improvement in conjunction with the Center for Academic Support," the policy stated.

Coaches certainly do not want to see their star players on the sideline, so they most likely will be biased with the type of consequences they give a player based on their performance in their sport.

If the school excludes sports from the academic probation policy, how does it expect student-athletes to take their college work seriously?

As a member of the women's soccer team, I know that juggling school and soccer is hard enough as it is, and it takes a lot of work to maintain a good GPA.

With the tough competition

in the Centennial Conference, an athlete spends lots of time training to be successful.

If the school excludes sports from the academic probation policy, how does it expect student athletes to take their college work seriously?

The NCAA lists 20 hours as the maximum amount of time per week that student-athletes may spend on their sport. Teams usually practice at least 12 hours a week, and that does not include personal training. A football player, for example, would need to lift daily on his own time to build muscles and maintain them.

Time management is a crucial skill to master in order to be a successful college athlete. I have to write all my school work on specific days, and I have to

complete it on time or else my workload gets very overwhelming.

Not everyone is that disciplined. Some student-athletes need consequences as motivation.

Participating in a sports team should always be treated as a privilege and not a right.

According to the College Sports Project, students who do not partake in a varsity sport have higher GPAs in general than student-athletes. Its findings from 2010 concluded that college athletes have a worse GPA than non-athletes.

The project analyzed 83,728 students from 84 NCAA Division III colleges and universities. The average GPA for the male athletes was 2.97. Male non-athletes averaged 3.04. The average GPA for female athletes was 3.22, and for female non-athletes, the average was 3.24.

Even though the GPA gap between the athletes and the non-athletes might seem small, college students know that even one-tenth of a percentage point can be a substantial change. In the case of DIII male students, playing sports is the difference between a C+ average and a B-average.

The majority of high schools have a required GPA to maintain in order to participate in sports, so why should Ursinus be any different? The only downside is a college athlete is at risk of being prohibited from playing her sport. Receiving good grades should trump that consequence.

The skills learned from playing a DIII sport can be acquired succeeding in all facets of an education. If student-athletes are struggling in the classroom, they should sit out and hit the books. Academic probation should apply to all extracurricular activities.

Women's basketball will rely on young talent

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The Ursinus women's basketball team will tip-off at Messiah College Nov. 15, followed by five straight conference games to start off a challenging season.

The Bears ended last season with a loss at Muhlenberg College. They had an overall record of 12-13 and a conference record of 9-11.

The 2013 record placed them in the middle of the conference at the end of the season, out of playoff contention.

Atop the conference was Gettysburg with a record of 16-4, followed by Swarthmore at 15-5 and Muhlenberg at 14-6.

The Bears will face challenges early on. They will open conference play against defending Centennial champion Gettysburg on

Nov. 20.

Head coach Jim Buckley is optimistic about this year. He believes he has a group that is as good as any group before.

The team is young, with only two seniors in a group of 16 women. The two seniors are guard Diamond Lewis and forward Devin Butchko.

"Devin had an ankle injury that she is coming back from now," Buckley said. "Nothing serious, she will be ready for the season."

This year they will be led by team captain Alyssa Polimenti starting at guard and Jessica Porada starting at forward.

Polimenti is now in her sophomore year and is from Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights, N.J. She started 24 out of 25 games last year. She led the team with 266

total points and averaged 10.6 points a game.

Porada is also in her sophomore year and is from Morris Catholic in Morristown, N.J.

She started 22 out of the 22 games she played before suffering a season-ending injury against Haverford.

She put up an impressive 11.5 points per game and grabbed a notable number of rebounds, averaging 9.1 a game.

Her rebounding numbers put her at fifth in the conference.

Porada received an honorable mention on the 2013 All-Centennial Conference women's basketball team, and is expected to contribute even more this season.

"I am excited that we all have experience now and can't wait to see how much faster we play together," Polimenti said. "I feel

my job as a leader is to mentor the freshmen coming in, to guide them towards the team goals. We have a lot of new players and I think we have a lot of depth this year. We are excited to see the new contributions we are going to get from the team."

With the loss of graduated senior Amber Yacenda last year, Buckley hopes to see the void filled and some serious work out of his forwards, one being sophomore Elana Roadcloud.

"We had a lot of growth out of Elana towards the end of the year," Buckley said. "We're hoping she keeps rolling with that to give us more size."

Preseason ranking for women's basketball in the Centennial Conference will be released at a later date, but the Bears try to avoid the distraction such a ranking can bring.

Both Buckley and the players agree that the Conference is balanced and that all the games are going to be difficult.

"I feel that we are more prepared this year," Porada said. "We are in better shape and we are faster, so I feel we'll be able to keep up with some of the faster paced teams. I'm excited to see how far we get into the conference. We need to be strong because no team in our conference has lost a lot of players, so all of them should be tough."

The conference favorites look to be the same from the 2013 season, with Gettysburg returning six seniors and Muhlenberg returning four.

That sort of experience will make the conference all the more difficult, but for the team, the challenge will be met with a talented group of young players.

UC wrestlers ready to meet expectations

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The UC wrestling team is coming off an excellent season, and has no intention of slowing down this season.

Already a few weeks into their season and with most of last year's starters returning, Ursinus is projected to be first in the league.

According to the Centennial Conference website, "The Bears are the preseason favorites to defend their Centennial title and welcome back three CC champs and an All-American... Ursinus is ranked 22nd in the preseason and will be the team to beat in 2014."

Ursinus junior wrestler Robert Scaramuzza said, "The team is projected to be first this year, but that doesn't mean we can just count on that... we have to put the work in."

All of these projections are just talk, but the team is backing these statements with some serious bite as numerous UC wres-

tlers finished well during the Fall Brawl tournament held in the Field House this past Saturday.

Ursinus hosted the all-day tournament which included schools from all over, including the Naval Academy, McDaniel, Franklin & Marshall and many more competitors.

Junior Chris Donaldson finished as the champion in his 125-pound bracket accompanied by the champion Christian Pomas in the 197-pound bracket, beating Nathan Leer from The College of New Jersey. Senior wrestler Taylor Gload was one match away from meeting Pomas in the 197-pound bracket for the championships but lost his match to Leer.

The team also showed some early dominance at the Messiah invitational with freshman Derek Arnold taking first in his 149-pound bracket, giving only one point the whole tournament.

Other notable wrestlers were Senior Taylor Gload, who fin-

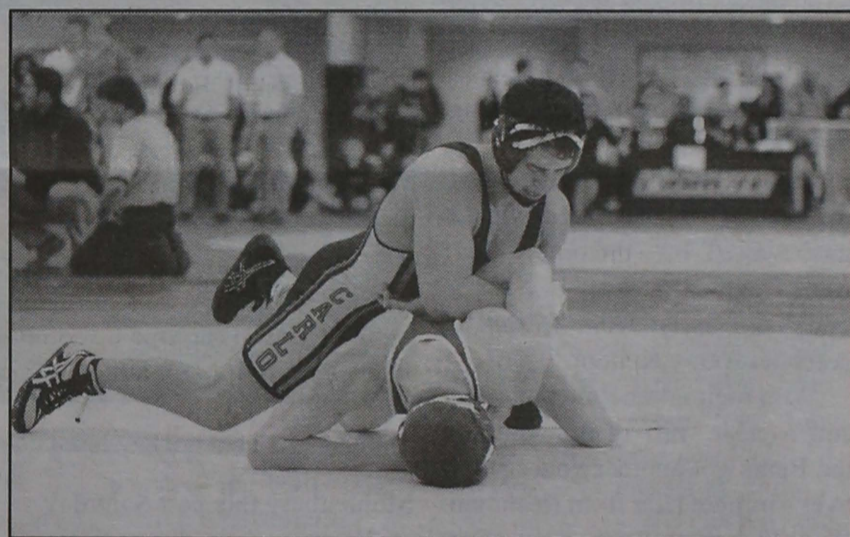
ished runner-up in his 197-pound bracket, and freshman Zachary Fisher, who won third in the 125-pound bracket. While the rest of the team was at Messiah, Donaldson traveled to the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic.

Making weight provides a difficult challenge as always for the men of the wrestling team.

The constant threat of either being too heavy or too light stays on the minds of the wrestlers. For a championship team, though, it is all part of the grind.

"The team did pretty well with weighing in this year, and the coaches helped by three percent Wednesdays, which means that we all weigh-in on Wednesdays and have to be within three percent of our target weight in preparation to weekend matches," Scaramuzza said. "It also is there to make sure there is no unhealthy cutting right before the matches."

The season is not without its struggles. UC senior and team



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Sophomore Anthony Carlo puts opponent in a hold this past Saturday, Nov. 9 at the wrestling tournament.

captain Elisha Gaylor was injured early on.

Scaramuzza said it was rough not having the captain out there, but he is looking a lot better now. The team is ready for him to come back and get some wins.

Now that the season is a few weeks in, the team is looking to meet the expectations they face. As a team they are training and

determined to finish higher than 22nd this year.

"We are working to be in the top five," said Scaramuzza. "We talked as a team early this year about making team goals and individual goals for each player to keep ourselves focused this season."

The team will be traveling to Scranton University this Sunday to wrestle Scranton and Yeshiva.

Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Football	Field Hockey	Swimming	Wrestling	Basketball
11/16- @ Dickinson College at 1 p.m.	Game TBA following NCAA playoff match versus Wilkes	11/16- Men's and Women's @ McDaniel College at 1 p.m.	11/17- versus Scranton / Yeshiva @ Scranton at 11 a.m.	11/15-11/16- Men's and women's teams @ Messiah for Messiah Tip-Off Tourney

Exciting weekend for UC athletics

Field hockey wins conference, women's swimming pulls out big win

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After defeating Dickinson 4-1 on Saturday, the UC field hockey team defeated top-seeded Franklin & Marshall 2-0 to win the Centennial Conference championship on Sunday.

With the win, the team increased its perfect record in Centennial title games to 9-0. This win allows the Bears to make their way back to the NCAA tournament after a brief one-year hiatus.

"We were disappointed we didn't make it to the tournament last year," junior defender Nora Kornfield said. "We're excited to be back in it and we have high hopes for how far we'll go."

The game was closely contested, with a 0-0 point total going into the second half.

At 63:27, the Bears finally got themselves on the board with a goal scored by sophomore forward Devin Brakel off of a take-away and assist from freshman defender Annie Kopera.

With their adrenaline pumping and a clear shift in momentum, the Bears got another goal barely over a minute later from freshman forward Amber Steigerwalt after she put home a shot that rebounded off of F&M's goalie.

The Diplomats were not able to bounce back from the offensive attack as sophomore goalkeeper Danielle DeSpirito had yet another shutout performance, stopping four shots while in net for the Bears.

After the game, sophomore defender Megan Keenan was named as the tournament MVP as she scored three unassisted goals in the Bears win over Dickinson in the semifinal.

Keenan was also named as the Centennial Conference Player of the Year. The psychology major has also been named to the All-Centennial All-Academic squad.

Football

The men's football team dropped its last home game of the season with a 41-10 loss to



Photo courtesy of David Sinclair

The Ursinus field hockey team celebrates their win at the the Centennial Conference Semifinal last Saturday, Nov. 9. UC won 4-1.

Muhlenburg this past Saturday.

"It was very disappointing," junior defensive back Kevin Kohout said. "We're better than that. We just didn't show it."

Ursinus' first and only points in the first half came with 52 seconds left before halftime. Sophomore kicker Eric Boyer split the uprights from 32 yards away.

After being banned from seeing the end zone for most of the day, Ursinus' lone touchdown came off of a 10-yard pass to senior running back Jason Golderer from junior quarterback Kevin Monahan in the fourth quarter.

Monahan finished the game completing 22 of 40 passes for 247 yards and the aforementioned touchdown to Golderer. Senior wide receiver Jerry Rahill caught 10 of his completions.

With his 10 catches, Rahill is now only two catches away from breaking Ursinus' all-time reception mark.

He finished the game with a total of 127 receiving yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, sophomore defensive end Steve Ambs led the Bears with nine tackles.

In their final game of the year, the Bears will head to Dickinson College where they hope to end their season on a high note.

Wrestling

Hosting their annual Fall Brawl tournament on Saturday, several wrestlers found success on the mat.

At 125 pounds, junior All-American Chris Donaldson dominated his bracket with two pins coming in under two minutes, a 3-0 clean sheet in the semi-finals and a 9-4 decision in the championship.

At 197 pounds, junior Christian Psomas also took first. After getting a bye in the first round and having his opponent disqualified

in the second, Psomas dominated his next opponent with a technical fall after outscoring him 16-0.

With a 5-1 victory in his semifinal match, Psomas dominated his championship match with an 11-1 major decision to secure his position as champion.

Several other Bears also made deep pushes in their brackets. At 157 pounds, junior Richard Jasiniski took second, while 184-pound junior Daniel Manganaro also took second.

133-pound sophomore Kevin Hoogheem came in third, as did 197-pound freshman Matthew Roberts.

At 171 pounds, junior Robert Scaramuzza lost his match for third place, taking fourth.

The Bears will head to Scranton University on Sunday to take on Scranton and Yeshiva University.

Swimming

The Ursinus women's swim

team made history on Saturday as they defeated the Gettysburg College Bullets for the first time in school history with a score of 135-127.

In the 400-yard free relay, the team of four, including sophomore Micaela Lyons, freshman Alli Hemp, junior Chelsea Koziar and senior Malena Lair Ferrari, finished with a time of 3:39.06, four seconds ahead of Gettysburg's A-team. By doing so, they earned 11 points for the team.

The Bears had several other first place finishes.

Sophomore Corrine Capodanno won the 200 freestyle and the 100 free. Lair Ferrari also had two wins in the 100 back and the 200 back.

Sophomore Kyleigh Hamilton won the 200 fly, and Lyons took first in the 50 free.

Freshman Katie Pielmeier won the 200 breast.

The team will face conference foe McDaniel on Saturday.