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Greek Week to wrap up on Sunday

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This year's Greek Week at Ursinus began on Sunday, April 6 in Lower Wismer. The opening ceremony took place from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The ceremony marked the beginning of a week of activities planned by the Greek community on Ursinus' campus that will take place throughout the week until April 13.

This year the planners of Greek Week are trying to get non-Greeks to participate.

"We are really emphasizing the importance of unity throughout this week," Angela Cuva, assistant director of leadership development and student activities, said. "It is really important to highlight the community that demonstrates the pillars of Greek Life: brotherhood/sisterhood, scholarship, service and leadership."

On Monday a Newlywed-style game took place in Lower. This game was set up for roommates to see who knows each other more. People that are not in Greek life were allowed to participate in the game, which took place from 8:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Omega Chi sorority hosted their annual spring blood drive that took place from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Bear's Den next to Upper Wismer.

On Tuesday night, there was a Greek carnival in Lower Wismer, which included games that ran from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Greek unity has been our biggest campaign this year, and, while Greek week is inherently competitive, we have plenty of

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Photo courtesy of MJ Stewart

Members of the Greek community gather in Reimert courtyard for the opening ceremonies of Greek Week 2014. Greek Week will conclude this Sunday with the closing ceremonies.

Relay for life focuses on participation this year

CAC surpasses
participation goal,
28 teams sign up

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Ursinus' branch of CAC, also known as Colleges Against Cancer, will be holding this year's Relay for Life in the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. on April 12-13.

According to Rachel Evans, Jenna Stover and Briana Anderson, the CAC chairs for this year's Relay, efforts for the Olympic-themed event have been stepped up considerably compared to last year.

"We've focused on getting more team participation," Anderson said. "We're also focused on getting more community involvement both on Ursinus' campus, as well as in the local community."

"We've definitely broadened our reach," Anderson said. "We've sent emails to the deans, and we've reached out to local businesses to ask for their support...Planning-wise, we tried to broaden what we're doing as a group, since we're not just the Relay team."

"We're Colleges Against Cancer," Anderson said, "and we're trying to promote that message."

The group's goal was to have 25 teams participating in the event, and 28 teams are registered at the time of this writing.

Another number they have surpassed is the total amount fundraised—last year's Relay event brought in a total of \$16,913, and

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Financial aid, interest, preparedness in focus as national decline in enrollment continues

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In response to a national decline in college applications, the Ursinus administration is focusing on ensuring financial aid and interpersonal communications with applicants.

Students and colleges are focusing on how to address the decline.

"The concern is their level of preparation, interest and ability to afford private and higher education," Ursinus President Bobby Fong said. Fong said the administration is working toward addressing those three concerns.

"The number of 18 to 22-year-olds who are going to college is experiencing a downward decline nationally," Fong said. "After that it is supposed to stabilize and maybe even rise mildly."

Fong said there were reasons to be concerned and reasons to be hopeful.

Fong said this decline im-



Photo by Heidi Jensen

Senior tour guide, Connor Kanya, leads two prospective students and their parents on a tour last Friday afternoon in hopes that this will enhance accepted students' experiences.

pacts at least half of colleges nationwide. "Half to two-thirds of schools are experiencing some sort of devolution of applications," Fong said.

According to Fong, the college is experiencing a 15 percent devolution in applications. Two

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years ago Ursinus had an incoming class of 456, compared with last year's 425 students.

"The New York Times" said several colleges plan to decrease tuition in response to the decline in enrollment according to a survey that included 165 nonprofit private universities and 127 four-year public universities.

"Overall, 18 percent of private universities and 15 percent of public schools in the survey projected a decline in net tuition revenue for fiscal 2013," "New York Times" journalist Andrew Martin wrote.

The Ursinus administration will focus on financial aid because it is a strong, rising concern of applicants.

"Last year at this time we had 900 FAFSAs," Fong said. "This year we have 1,400."

Ursinus is responding to these numbers by trying to develop competitive financial aid packages.

In response to concerns about financial aid, Ursinus is asking for a 3.5 percent increase in tuition for the purpose of being turned into financial aid, Fong said.

Fong said he is worried about the amount education is valued

by students as an investment.

"I have a concern that we've lost a sense that higher education is something that's well worth investing in," Fong said. "Beyond cost, there's a sense of value and there's a sense of whether liberal arts education is a better value or a comparable value to career-oriented training."

Another approach the administration is using to respond to the national decline in college applications is to show students they are valued.

In addition to addressing concerns about financial aid, the administration is focusing on the level of interaction with applicants.

One way in which the administration is encouraging student's interest in Ursinus is by reaching out to them, Fong said. Alumni, students, faculty and parents are contacting accepted students to answer questions and show that the applicants are valued.

"Rather than sit back and just wait, which was the strategy in prior years, we have decided to get more proactive," Fong said.

Families are interested in the college's investment in the individual applicant, according to Fong.

"Families seem to be more

and more interested in individual contact in a sense that they are special and the college is trying to reach out to them," Fong said.

Something colleges must carefully assess with the national decline in college applications to four-year institutions is the mutual benefit of the student and college. Fewer applications mean fewer acceptances and deposits, Fong said.

Though Ursinus must enroll a certain number of applicants in order to remain open, the administration must also only accept students who are adequately prepared.

Fong said he does not expect standards to wane.

"For (Ursinus) to accept students who can't function on a college level from day one is ultimately a disservice to the student," Fong said.

There are different possibilities for the cause of the decrease in college applicants. One is possibly the monetary factor. Another explanation could be students are seeking other options, according to Fong.

"I think, in large part, rather than not applying at all, they may be applying to different kinds of colleges," Fong said. For example, community colleges and

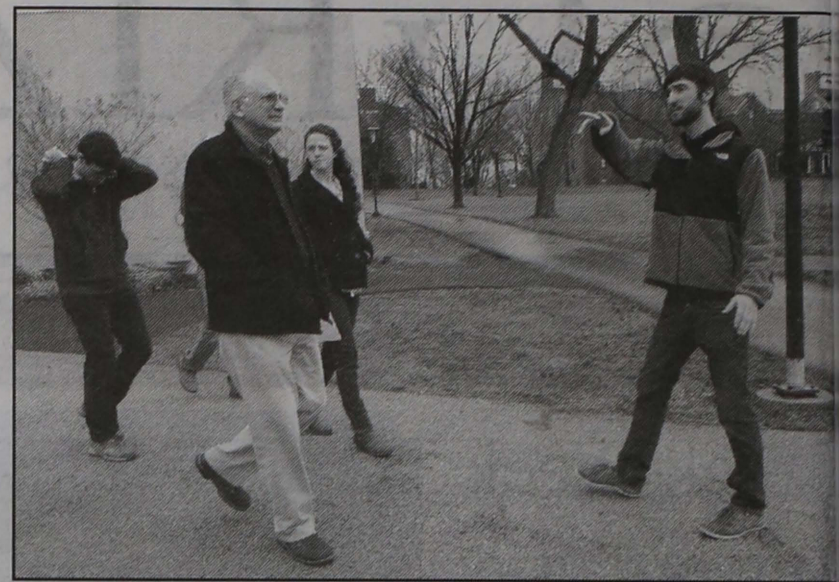


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The administration is focusing on interaction between applicants, alumni, students, faculty and parents, as well as providing students with competitive financial aid packages.

two-year institutions are gaining popularity.

Another possible cause of the decline in applications nationwide could be the amount of colleges students decide to apply to.

"In recent years, the average number of applications per college student has been about 10," Fong said. "If they are applying to seven, it does not mean that they are not interested in the college."

Fong said he is concerned with opinions about liberal arts education. "There's a denigration of liberal arts education as opposed

to more career oriented education," Fong said.

The liberal arts education prepares students for their future in a different way than career oriented colleges, according to Fong.

"I think, at least within Ursinus, there's a sense that could be very shortsighted because you're not preparing for a career, you are preparing for a series of careers," he said, "and you can lock yourself into a fairly narrowly tailored occupation by going professionally in your undergraduate degree."

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events to encourage unity both among Greeks and between Greeks and the rest of the Ursinus community," Melanie Daley, the inter-Greek council president of sororities, said.

During common hour from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, an informational event about being a Greek member took place in Olin 107. There was also a Can Castle building contest in Lower from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"Each team will get as many canned goods as they can and build whatever they want out

of it," Daley said. "Then after the castles are judged, all of the cans will be donated to Philabundance."

A barbeque will take place on Thursday in honor of Greek Week. From 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. barbeque food will be available by Paisley beach, the patch of land in between BPS and Richter-North Hall.

On Friday night from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., students will have a chance to meet brothers and sisters from fraternities and sororities on campus during an event called Greek Gods and Goddesses. This event is a way to meet

active members in Greek life and will take place in Lower Wismer.

On Saturday, at Paisley beach, students will also host the Greek field games. This event will include active games and activities that Greeks and non-Greek members can participate in. Games will include volleyball, speed-sliding, dodgeball and more. The event will take place from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

A campus-wide event will take place Saturday evening. Relay for Life, an event held by the American Cancer Society, will come to Ursinus. This event will be held in the Field House and will include

games and fun for a good cause. Starting and 7 p.m., students can spend the night in the Field House until the event concludes at 7 a.m.

"This year's Greek Week is looking to better emphasize the pillars of Greek life here at Ursinus with philanthropy incorporated and celebration of Greek unity and pride at the closing ceremonies on Sunday," Matthew Hope, the inter-Greek council president of fraternities, said.

The final event of Greek Week will take place on the lawn in front of the Berman Museum. This will be a game of powder-puff football. Lasting from 12:30

p.m. to 2 p.m., this event will conclude Greek Week.

"This year's Greek Week is certainly a starting point for the growth of Greek Week in the future," Cuva said. "The students involved in the planning process are working hard to make sure that there is healthy competition, educational components, service aspects and, most importantly, fun."

According to the Ursinus College website, the purpose of Greek Week is to encourage unity through different events.

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At CoSA, 341 students to present this year

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CoSA, the Celebration of Student Achievement, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Scheduled classes are suspended for the day in order to allow for larger attendance and participation.

CoSA is an all-day campus-wide event where students at all levels of their college careers present their academic and creative work through oral presentations, poster presentations, performances and other displays.

On this day, 150 presentations were submitted comprised of 341 students, excluding the musicians.

In past years, CoSA took place on Wednesdays, but this year, a change has taken place in order for the event to kick off the alumni weekend, which usually takes place during the summer when students, apart from Summer Fellows, are not here. The alumni coming are celebrating their 50th, 55th and 60th reunions.

"It's a good opportunity for alumni to see what students are doing here and for students to interact with older alumni who pos-

sibly have had long careers in areas that students are looking into perusing," Greg Weight, assistant dean of academic affairs, said.

Weight is the person in charge of the CoSA program and organizes the schedule for the day.

Senior projects and poster presentations compromise the most number of participants. Often classes will present research they have done during the semester in groups. Bonner students also have presentations, although they are not affiliated with a department on campus.

"We try to encourage students to present from CIE, but first year students tend to be a little gun shy because they don't know what CoSA is yet," Weight said. "However, there are some freshmen presenting this year"

The departments that are most represented this year are biology, chemistry, business, English, neurology and psychology. Usually the sciences are a large majority of the presentations, but all departments are typically represented each year.

"CoSA is great way for students to involve their peers in their work and practice their pre-

sentation skills," said Tim Winters, a sophomore who is presenting his history paper about the Civil War at CoSA this year.

At 3 p.m., the honors presentations on senior student research from departments, including history, English, mathematics, computer science, psychology and biochemistry are scheduled.

The Jazz Band is scheduled to perform, and details are still being worked out for performances from the B'Nats and the Bearitones.

If alumni respond well to attending CoSA and enjoy coming to campus during this time, the change from Wednesday to Thursday could become permanent in future years.

"This is my first year presenting at CoSA, and I'm really excited to have the opportunity to present my work to students and faculty on campus," senior Courtney Stewart said. "I've put a lot of time into my research and look forward to being able to share my findings."

All students, staff and faculty are encouraged to come out to see the presentations and support the students.

Top stories from around the globe

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Afghan election results in record turnout

Afghanistan's first presidential election in five years has observers cautiously optimistic, according to "The New York Times." An important milestone as the country's first true democratic transfer of power as American forces prepare to leave the country, the election was closely watched by the international community.

The 2009 elections were stained by accusations of fraud, voter intimidation and ballot box stuffing. Determined to insure safety among voters and instill confidence in the judicial system, Afghan security forces heavily fortified each polling position and searched each potential voter before entering.

As a result of social media traffic spreading the word that the voting process was indeed safe, the election had a record turnout of 7 million, well above the 4.6 million votes deemed legitimate that were cast in the 2009 election. To combat fraud, each polling station was limited to 600 ballots. Although a supply of additional sheets was maintained, it was unable to reach many of the more remote rural polls in time, and thousands of voters were turned away.

covery as potentially more credible, despite the fact the detection came using equipment and technology less accurate and powerful than that of the Australian Joint Agency Coordination Center's ship. Either location would be much further south in the Indian Ocean than the plane was previously suspected of traveling.

The ships have been unable to locate any other pings even when in the same locations as the first encounter, which indicates the aircraft's "black box" may have lost battery power. The battery is designed to last a month under water, and Sunday would officially be the 30th day the flight was missing. On board, 227 passengers and 12 crew members remain missing and presumed dead. Additional naval vessels from the U.K. and the U.S. are en route to the locations to assist.

Ukrainian unrest continues

The BBC reports Kiev, Ukraine has experienced renewed political violence in the past week as pro-Russian mobs swarmed government centers of the new political party controlling Ukraine and demanded a referendum to join the Russian Federation, similar to the one Crimea used to initiate what many international observers deem an annexation. Ukraine purchases nearly all of its natural gas and energy from Russia and would be devastated by an increase of that magnitude. However, Russia relies upon pipelines running through Ukraine to reach its large customer bases in the rest of Western Europe.

Continuing activity from pro-Russian protesters, most of whom are ethnic Russians, is troubling to Ukrainians, as Russian President Vladimir Putin has reiterated intents to intervene in Ukraine affairs further if "Russian speakers are threatened." The interim Ukraine Interior Minister Arsen Avakov publicly stated the resistance to the protesters will remain peaceful and bloodless, the opposite of the reaction of former President Viktor Yanukovich, who used brutal police action in an attempt to suppress demonstrators.

Pulse in Indian Ocean may be missing aircraft

The search for Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 may be coming closer to a conclusion, reports "The Wall Street Journal." Ships from China and Australia have narrowed the area of examination after receiving "acoustic pings" from an underwater source, most likely emitted by transponders attached to the airplane's "black box" flight recorders.

The Australian and Chinese vessels put the pings at locations about 300 miles apart, but authorities are treating the Chinese dis-

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this year, the event has already reached nearly \$18,000 with a goal targeting \$26,000.

"I think if we keep pushing as a school and community, we'll hopefully be able to reach that goal," Stover said.

The fundraising works in three main stages: before, during and after the event. Pre-event CAC fundraising involves anything from a Zumba event to selling pizza slices donated by Palermo's in Trappe for \$1 a slice in the library.

CAC has been working year-round on their events—another difference from last year.

"Last year, I think we did maybe three or four fundraisers," Stover said, to which Evans added, "The month before the event."

"This year, I couldn't even tell you how many we've done," Stover said. "We've done so many, and that shows in the results. That comes through the committee's work, as well as the entire student body. Most of our money is raised through personal fundraising—the students going around doing fundraising because they want to."



Photo courtesy of Colleges Against Cancer

Students participate in a Zumba class at the Relay for Life event last year.

The event itself will feature an Olympic theme, in part because of the Winter Olympics that took place in February, and, as Stover said, a theme with the opportunity for a lot of activities is well-suited to the structure of the event.

"There are so many ways to do competitions and make things fun," she said regarding the Olympic theme. "It's a great way to get students excited. We have a huge athletic body here, so it's something that will interest a lot of students."

The 28 teams are encouraged to do onsite fundraisers, many of

which will take the form of contests such as a volleyball tournament or a donut-eating competition. These events add to each team's total fundraised and make up the majority of the events on the Relay schedule.

Because their year-end for fundraising is Aug. 31, the group will continue to raise money after the event.

"We're going to go around afterwards for more fundraising," Anderson said. "We're going to go out to local businesses looking for more sponsorships, things like that."

Taiko drum and dance group to perform sold-out show

Bikeshare kicks off new cycling season



Photo courtesy of the Ursinus Press Room

The Tamagawa Taiko and Dance group will return to Ursinus on April 14 in the Lenfest theater in the Kaleidoscope.

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Since 1961, the Tamagawa University Taiko Drum and Dance group has been touring the world. They have performed in Mexico, Greece, Malaysia, England and the U.S. In 2006, the Tamagawa Taiko group won third prize out of 450 competing groups in the Tokyo International Taiko Contest. On April 14, the group will perform an already-sold-out show in the Lenfest theater.

The group consists of 39 students: 15 male students and 24 female students. A majority of the students perform during the taiko portion and dance portion of the show. From one of Japan's top performing arts universities, they are one of Japan's top-ranking taiko drumming groups.

Taiko drumming is a Japanese musical art form that involves an ensemble playing Japanese drums while performing tightly choreographed movements. There are a few different size drums that are used during a taiko performance. The shime-daiko is a small drum that is about the same size as a snare drum. The o-daiko is the

largest type of drum used and they are usually about the same size as a small car.

The most common drum used in taiko is the chu-daiko which is about the same size as a wine barrel. Taiko drummers strike the taiko drums with bachi, a pair of straight, wooden sticks.

One of taiko's most defining aspects is its dynamic, energetic playing style. Taiko playing is loud, hard and fast and involves a lot of choreographed movements.

The dance portion of the performance is based on traditional Japanese folk dances. The dances often include modern elements, modern rhythms, modern music and choreography. Some are traditional folk dances while some are hybrids of both the modern and traditional styles of Japanese dance.

The Tamagawa University Taiko Drum and Dance group has not performed at Ursinus since April 2011 following the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. In 2011, donations were collected on behalf of the Philadelphia Japan Disaster Relief Fund to aid in the relief efforts following the disaster.

Matthew Mizenko, an East

Asian studies professor, said, "The performance was very emotional considering that their tour started less than one month after the disaster and it was very inspiring to see them come to the United States to demonstrate the strength and resilience of the Japanese people in the face of terrible disaster."

The event is free, but tickets are necessary for admission. Tickets have recently been sold out, but students are still encouraged to show up in case of cancellations. On the day of the performance, Ursinus students are encouraged to have lunch at Wismer with the students from Tamagawa University.

At 3 p.m. on the Lenfest stage in the Kaleidoscope, there is a taiko drumming workshop. The director leads a workshop on the Lenfest stage which will demonstrate some of the basic taiko techniques and give participants an opportunity to try their hand at taiko drumming. Following the performance, students are welcome to talk with the students from the Tamagawa University

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The UC Bikeshare, a year-round program at Ursinus, is designed to make it easier for members of the Ursinus community to get to and from their destinations.

It is also a way for the community to go outside and get some exercise while enjoying the local scenery.

Students, faculty and staff can sign up for \$10 and ride all year. Members who register online can sign out a bike at any time from sun up to sun down.

There are a variety of bikes to choose from that are kept in great shape. This is in large part because of the work of Matteo Favero.

Favero was hired as part-time staff to teach students, staff and faculty bicycle mechanic skills to fix and maintain the Bikeshare bicycles as well personally-owned bikes.

The overall goal is to contribute to building community on campus and foster ownership

of the Bikeshare bikes through hands-on work, Favero said.

"Before moving to Collegeville, I was very involved first as a volunteer and then a manager at the nonprofit Community Bike Shop in Charlottesville, Va.," Favero said. "When my wife was hired as a faculty member at Ursinus, I was happy to see that there was a Bikeshare program and began looking for opportunities to get involved. It has been a joy working with students like Travis Maider and Dean Scott."

Favero's riding experiences have taken him from the rural roads of central Virginia to the busy city streets of Hong Kong and New York City to the flat roads of the Midwest.

After many hours of learning from his mistakes, he has become a capable bike mechanic with an obvious love for his craft.

"There is more than meets the

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Word on the Street

What would you change about Ursinus' party culture?

"It's too much dancing and not enough socializing." — Kelly Cohen, 2016

"I would suggest that one time per month, there should be a dance in Lower. They could move the chairs and have the drink fountains open. It's better than going to Reimert where you don't know anyone." — Briana Walker, 2015

"They need more publicity so people know what's going on beforehand. Also, there need to be more options for non-partyers." — Veroneka Mikhail, 2017

"I would like to see improvements in the party culture by introducing a campus bar and more live music performances." — Jeff Erkkila, 2015

Student athlete on a mission

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Fans that followed the Ursinus men's basketball season will be familiar with freshman guard John Kanas. The Pennsylvania native out of Souderton High School started 16 of the 24 contests, and his energetic play was one of the few bright spots for a Bears team that struggled throughout the season.

Kanas regularly dealt with the task of guarding the opposing team's best player, but he was also a physical presence, willing to give it his all regardless of the time and score. While his competitiveness and talent is evident, fans may not know that Kanas possesses a passion that extends far beyond the hardwood.

The 6'2" freshman is part of an inter-denominational Christian missionary group called Youth With A Mission and has taken part in three service trips to different continents, including Africa and Europe. What started out as a service trip experience with his immediate family has crystallized into a passion that Kanas holds near to his heart.

"It's something I'm really glad I had the chance to do," Kanas said. "I first got to visit with my parents about seven years ago but was able to go back two more times with a group called Youth With A Mission. I've met so many people over there that I truly will never forget because they've had

a significant impact on the way I think and how I want to live my life."

Kanas said that his first trip resulted from his parent's desire for his entire family to get a closer look at world poverty. Upon returning from his initial excursion, the Ursinus guard was immediately itching to plan his next trip to Africa.

"The people I've met on my trips are so nice and genuinely happy to see people visiting, offering help," Kanas said. "I'm amazed how they are so underprivileged but are still able to bring so much joy to the people around them. I wish more people had the opportunity to get to know some of those people."

This open-minded perspective might have some correlation to Kanas' fearless but composed demeanor on the basketball court. Upon being added into the starting lineup after his first seven games, Kanas developed a reputation as a relentless defender and an opportunistic scorer. However, despite the frustrations of a 6-19 season, Kanas remained optimistic and often reflected on his time spent in Africa.

"When we were really struggling at times this year, it was easy to get frustrated," Kanas said. "When our season was at its lowest points I remember trying to think of just how lucky I was to even get to play college basketball. So many people I've met in Africa don't even know if

they'll have clean drinking water any time soon."

Kanas' mature, down-to-earth outlook is something that has not been lost on his teammates. Ursinus sophomore guard and forward Mark Wonderling was also a teammate of Kanas' at Souderton Regional High School and has become accustomed to the freshman's attitude.

"On the court John's as intense and competitive as any kid I've ever played with," Wonderling said. "Once the game's over though, he's back to being the mild-mannered, unique person that everyone has come to know so well."

As for this offseason, Kanas is excited to work on his individual game with his coaches and teammates. On a team that is losing three seniors who logged lots of minutes this year, he will be asked to take on a bit more responsibility next season. In addition, he is leaning toward declaring a major in computer science, an area in which he has always had a lot of interest. As for his next trip to Africa, the only thing the Souderton grad knows is that he wants to go back.

"I definitely see myself making another trip to Africa in the next few years," Kanas said. "I'm not sure if it's going to work this summer since our team is going to Paris, but, I know that this type of missionary work is something I'd like to continue every few years for the rest of my life."



Photo courtesy of Brandon Hoover

UC Bikeshare bikes parked outside of Upper Wismer. The rental fee is \$10 per year.

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eye when it comes to bicycles," Favero said. "Weekly bike shop time provides an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to better understand the nuances of these complex machines. The knowledge gained can prevent mishaps and strengthen rider confidence."

The Ursinus College website also states that UC BikeShare currently has eight Trek 3700 Mountain Bikes, four high performance 4500 Mountain Bikes, one Allant Grocery Store Bike with a basket included, two Fuji mountain bikes and two Trek Allant bikes.

The bikes are located on the right side of the main entrance to Wismer.

All of the bikes can be checked in and out through the Campus Safety office. Locks for the bikes

will be provided, but helmets will not.

According to the Ursinus College website, any Ursinus student, staff or faculty member can become a member of UC Bikeshare by following a few steps.

"Weekly bike shop time provides an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to better understand the nuances of these complex machines."

— Matt Favero
Bikeshare manager

First, membership fees are payable through PayPal — to do this, a credit card, debit card or PayPal account will be needed.

The membership fee is \$10 per year, beginning at the time of sign up and ending June 30. Upon completion of the registration form and payment, a grace period of 24 hours should be given to the Office of Sustainability prior to checking out a bike.

If students are under 18, they will need to have a parent sign the Bikeshare contract. This is possible by making individual arrangements.

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group. The Japan Club is sponsoring the event and they will also be selling commemorative T-shirts to help raise money for the event.

"It's a wonderful experience," Mizenko said. "Their performances have always drawn a large number of people from their community along with people of the Ursinus community. The performance is extremely loud, and

the Lenfest literally shakes. You can feel the drums in your bones. One thing that always gets to me is how happy and uplifted the audience members are when they leave."

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Student poetry slam	Wind ensemble concert in Lenfest theater, 7:30 p.m.	Relay for Life, 7 p.m.	Greek powder puff game on the Berman front lawn, 12:30 p.m.	Tamagawa University taiko and dance in Lenfest theater, 7 p.m.	Passover seder in the Hillel house, 7 p.m.	Annual environmental roundtable with Sen. John Rafferty in the faculty dining room, 9 a.m.
Greek BBQ on Paisley beach, 5 p.m.	UC Pause for Paws, Olin plaza, 12 p.m.	String ensemble concert in Bomberger auditorium, 7:30 p.m.		Passover seder in the Hillel house, 5 p.m.		

Not black enough, not white enough

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In this on-going conversation concerning race, we tend to leave out one very important group: those of two or more races, or as I like to call it, the minority of the minorities.

I have been a part of many different things on campus: an American Studies major, an athlete, an Ambassador and a student worker, but my biggest problem is that within every area, I feel as though I am defined by my race first.

This is the most difficult part of looking at all of the things I have accomplished in college. Even though I am involved in many diverse activities, I actually feel as though I do not belong to one group or another, and especially not one race or another.

I am the first one to admit that there is a noticeable difference when I go out in public with my white mother versus my black father. Being biracial never bothered me until I came to UC, however.

I attended a predominantly white, upper-middle class high school with great diversity and never once felt marginalized be-

cause of my racial background. My first semester at UC was an entirely different story.

I was viewed as not black enough to identify as a student of color. I played lacrosse, a "white" sport, and was labeled as whitewashed. On the other hand, because of these pressures, I began to wonder if my friends who were not of color viewed me a certain way as well: Was I their token black girl?

Let me clarify that I am not writing this article to gain sympathy nor am I asking for empathy. I am not writing to attack or placate or fill in any gaps. I am solely writing it to explain my views and to urge students of all colors to reevaluate what it means to be a student because it is the one thing we all have in common.

Yes, Ursinus has forced me to grapple with where I stand racially, but I have never allowed it to control me. Ursinus has given me countless incredible opportunities, and for that, I am forever grateful.

Except for one thing: I often feel as though I am one of the only students who feels this way.

I have often heard students of color discuss how they feel

alienated, or that they do not receive the same opportunities as other students. I have also heard the same students say that there is often more value in a class taught by "someone that looks like them."

There are few things I hate more than comments like these because it makes me believe that instead of enjoying the privilege of education, the chance for independence and the opportunity to build a network of infinite possibilities, these students have a chip on their shoulder.

They tend to take professors at face value, literally, and refuse to acknowledge the fact that they could bond with a professor because of their intellect or common passions rather than the color of their skin.

Students of color complain their voices are not heard and that nobody could ever possibly walk a mile in their shoes—but so what? What are they saying that should be heard? What are they actively doing to create change?

Many do nothing. Instead, they tend to sit back and actively complain.

They self-segregate, which only widens the racial divide that

many students feel, and continue to punish themselves and others for wrongs of the past. By only choosing to identify with those of similar backgrounds, they are actually harming themselves rather than advancing their own positions.

Before you say minorities should stick together, rethink exactly whom you mean because I bet there are still some people that you would exclude. Even within minority groups there is discrimination and to me, that is where the worst of it happens. In these groups, the discrimination is often unrecognized, unquestioned and accepted as a part of being a member of a particular group of people.

As discussed in previous "Grizzly" pieces, I also beg to ask, "Why can't white students have a say in class?"

If students are willing to ask questions about race, they are on their way to expanding their views, and I can only hope that this can be appreciated. But often times, this is not the case. Many white students often feel as though they cannot discuss race in class because they may be attacked for lacking any real idea of what it is like to be colored.

Again, so what? How do you think anything was ever accomplished without pushing back and questioning something one knows little about?

As graduation approaches, I ask the following question: Why can I not be identified as a student? Why must I always be defined by my race?

And when I say by my race, I really mean the black part, because everyone refuses to acknowledge the fact that I am made up of two races. Similar to the old one-drop rule, nobody ever refers to me as being part of the white race—many students are still living with norms from the past.

If I must be judged, why can I be judged based on my intellectual capacity or my sense of humor? Why, in 2014, do we still feel the need to argue about black versus white?

To conclude, I must ask more questions. What about those of us who are of a mixed background or represent another faction of the minority of the minorities complex? Are we allowed to speak on behalf of all the parts that make us who we are, or should we not speak at all? Where do we stand?

Using study drugs is dangerous and unfair

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ADHD is a disorder in which an individual cannot focus, cannot control behavior, is overactive or a combination of the three.

The diagnosis of ADHD is on the rise in the United States, with 11 percent of children ages 4 to 17 diagnosed with the disorder, according to a survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Approximately 2 to 8 percent of college students are diagnosed with ADHD, according to a 2009 article in the "Journal of Attention Disorders."

The popular treatment of the disorder is the use of stimulants such as Adderall, Ritalin and Vyvanse.

As many as 34 percent of

college students use attention disorder drugs illicitly, according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information.

These stimulants are most often used for cramming and studying and have rightfully earned the nickname of "study drugs."

Not only is the use of someone else's prescription drug not advised and potentially dangerous, most students do not know the details behind these stimulants.

Most are amphetamine-methamphetamine-based drugs and are classified as Schedule II Class drugs—the highest potential for addiction and abuse with medical purpose.

Study drugs are in the same class as drugs like cocaine, morphine and percocets. The side effects of taking a drug

like Adderall include irritability, insomnia, headaches and, more severely, heart attacks and addiction. They can have serious drug-to-drug interactions with many medications, but also with alcohol.

Taking these drugs without a prescription is dangerous, and it has an effect on the academic community among college students.

The presence of study drugs on campus can almost cause a rift between those who use and those who do not. Having study drugs available can cause a student to push off work and procrastinate with the knowledge of having a magic pill that will allow them to focus and study all hours of the night.

Students not taking the drugs may feel at a disadvantage knowing their peers have taken a

brain-enhancing drug. I know using these drugs does not increase one's overall intelligence or ability to learn. It just allows users to concentrate for a longer period of time—but is it fair? If everyone else can use this resource, why shouldn't I?

Not using study drugs and still getting good grades in a prestigious college kind of puts a sense of pride in you. I know that some of my peers are using study drugs to study for tests, and I am doing just as well, if not better, without them.

I believe a combination of societal pressures and the availability of attention disorder prescriptions has caused students to change study habits for the worse. Students are no longer managing their time and doing a little bit of work each night but, instead, pushing it off until they

have 10 hours' worth of work to do for the next day.

The social pressures need to somehow be alleviated. It seems more and more essential that everyone goes to the best college, goes to graduate school, gets a doctorate, and I feel that is not meant for everyone.

If students cannot handle the workload in the academic environment they are in without the use of taking drugs illegally, then that environment obviously is not the right place for them. And that is okay—not everyone has to get a doctorate.

I think stricter limitations should be placed on the prescriptions to reserve the pills for those who need them.

The benefits of being able to use a pill like Adderall or Ritalin to study do not outweigh the risks.

Northwestern football faces landmark decision

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The longtime debate of whether collegiate athletes deserve to be paid for their services made major headlines last week as the National Labor Relations Board ruled on March 26 that Northwestern University football players qualify as university employees and can unionize. For years there have been discussions and disputes about the services offered by college athletes and whether or not they deserve financial compensation beyond an academic scholarship.

Proponents of the movement toward unionization and compensation argue that the hard work of these athletes is exploited by universities, who generate millions of dollars from sports-related revenue. Critics of this movement claim that a full scholarship in itself is enough compensation for college athletes, who have the opportunity to obtain a degree and can graduate without any outstanding debt.

The push toward unionization is led by former Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter, who believes that his scholarship was compensation for an employment contract with the university. He argues that he was offered a \$75,000 per-year scholarship in exchange for his services as an athlete. When asked about the importance of academics with regards to his scholarship to be a "student-athlete," Colter said, "You fulfill the football requirement and, if you can, you fit in academics." According to ESPN.com, when asked why Northwestern gave him a scholarship of \$75,000 a year, he said, "To play football. To perform an athletic service."

This case began to make headlines in February, when Colter and several other representatives stood before members of the National Labor Relations Board's Chicago district chapter to state their case. Regional director Peter Sung Ohr was then given a 30-day window to make a decision on the matter. On March 26, Ohr offered his final verdict, finding that the time commitment of the players along with the relationship between their scholarships and their performance on the field was enough to classify them as employees of Northwestern University, thus giving them the right to unionize. According to ESPN.com, within his 24-page ruling, Ohr said that the players "fall squarely within the (National Labor Relations) Act's broad definition of 'employee' when one considers the common law definition of 'employee.'" Northwestern University has until April 9 to offer an appeal of the verdict to the agency's national board in Washington, D.C.

Colter and Ramogi Huma, who

co-founded the College Athletes Players Association, traveled to Washington D.C. last Thursday, where they participated in a series of informational briefings with Capitol Hill lawmakers. "We want them to understand why we're doing what we're doing," Huma said, according to ESPN.com. "Obviously, Congress has the power to affect conditions for college athletes as well, and we want to correct some of the false statements that have been made about what we're trying to do."

Northwestern head football coach Pat Fitzgerald finally had the opportunity to speak to his team as a whole last week to discuss an upcoming vote among the players regarding unionization. According to ESPN.com, Fitzgerald spoke out about the meeting on Saturday after a team practice and said, "I believe it's in their best interests to vote no... With the research that I've done, I'm going to stick to the facts and

I'm going to do everything in my power to educate our guys. Our university is going to do that. We'll give them all the resources they need to get the facts."

Many of the current Northwestern football players are skeptical about the possible ramifications of unionization, worrying that it may make things more problematic for the team. According to ESPN.com, when asked about the issue, senior running back Venric Mark said, "Things do need to change, and I hope the NCAA sees that. But at the end of the day, Northwestern treats us very well, and we do not need a third party to come in between us and the coaches."

As of right now, the decision for Northwestern to unionize has been left to the players, who will hold a vote regarding whether or not to organize with the College Athletes Players Association. The vote has been scheduled for April 25.

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UC quarterback balances biology and starting spot

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For college football players, the season never really ends. Granted, winter break is usually less organized and time-consuming in comparison to the school year, but players are still expected to keep up with their workout regimen if they plan on competing in the fall. Most people probably think spring is the season when football players are most removed from the game, but in the case of the UC football team, and its likely starting quarterback, junior Kevin Monahan, that could not be any further from the truth.

Balancing biology as a major with the starting spot at the helm of the UC offense, Monahan has gotten used to having long days. Monahan is also a member of the Center for Science and the Common Good, commonly referred to as CSCG. In the program, Monahan hopes to take on a research project in the field of biology.

Professor Kelly Sorensen had Monahan as a student in his biomedical ethics class and said Monahan excelled in the class. "He received consistent high scores on the exams," Sorensen said. "And he was a particularly fearless participant in classroom discussions. His comments are bold and crisp, and he makes the professor's job easier by engaging directly with other students." Bold and crisp are two words that also describe Monahan on the football field. This past season, being a junior, Monahan was second in the lineup behind senior quarterback Chris Curran. During a game against McDaniel College, Curran went down due to a knee injury. Being undefeated in the season thus far, the team was depending on Monahan to step in and keep up the intensity Curran had started. And that is exactly what Monahan did. Oddly enough, Monahan only played basketball and baseball

throughout his youth. During his freshman year of high school, Monahan decided to try football solely because all of his friends played. Seven years later, Monahan is storming the field with a different team but a greater love for the game. After the game against McDaniel, head coach Peter Gallagher said that nobody was surprised that Monahan did as great as he did. Gallagher described Monahan as a tremendous quarterback, somebody the team was fortunate to have. Playing in more games while Curran was injured, Monahan kept two pieces of advice in mind. One, coming from a summer baseball coach, was "forget it and move on."

"That's definitely something that I abide by," Monahan said, "because sometimes things just go wrong and you just kind of have to forget it. So I've always followed that."

Another piece of advice Monahan follows came from his father.

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Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Men's Lax	Women's Lax	Baseball	Softball	Tennis
4/12- @ Gettysburg at 1 p.m.	4/12- versus Gettysburg at 1 p.m.	4/12- doubleheader @ Dickinson at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.	4/12- doubleheader versus McDaniel at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.	(Men's) 4/12- versus Gettysburg at 1 p.m. (Women's) 4/12- @ Gettysburg at 1 p.m.

Tough weekend for many UC teams

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The men's lacrosse team fell short last Sunday against York College. The game went down to the wire, ending in a 10-9 final score. The Spartans of York were ranked 18th prior to the victory. The Bears now sit at 6-4 for the season.

UC had eight different goal scorers. Junior attack Mark Stratton netted two, while sophomore attack Logan Panaccione, junior defender Cody Lefevre, freshman attack Tucker Noel, junior attack Mike Neal, junior midfielder Jake Weber, senior midfielder Dylan Spangenberg and sophomore Rob Dewey also had a goal apiece.

Senior midfielder Shawn Caven stayed hot in the faceoff circle, nabbing 10 out of 16. Sophomore Brian Neff had 10 saves in net.

Women's lacrosse

UC defeated Bryn Mawr last Saturday, putting up an impressive 14 goals. The win came at a good time for the Bears, who had lost their last three games. The team improved to 6-4 on the season.

Sophomore goalie Margaret Philbin started in her sixth win of the season. All around defense aided Philbin in the win, holding Bryn Mawr to only two shots.

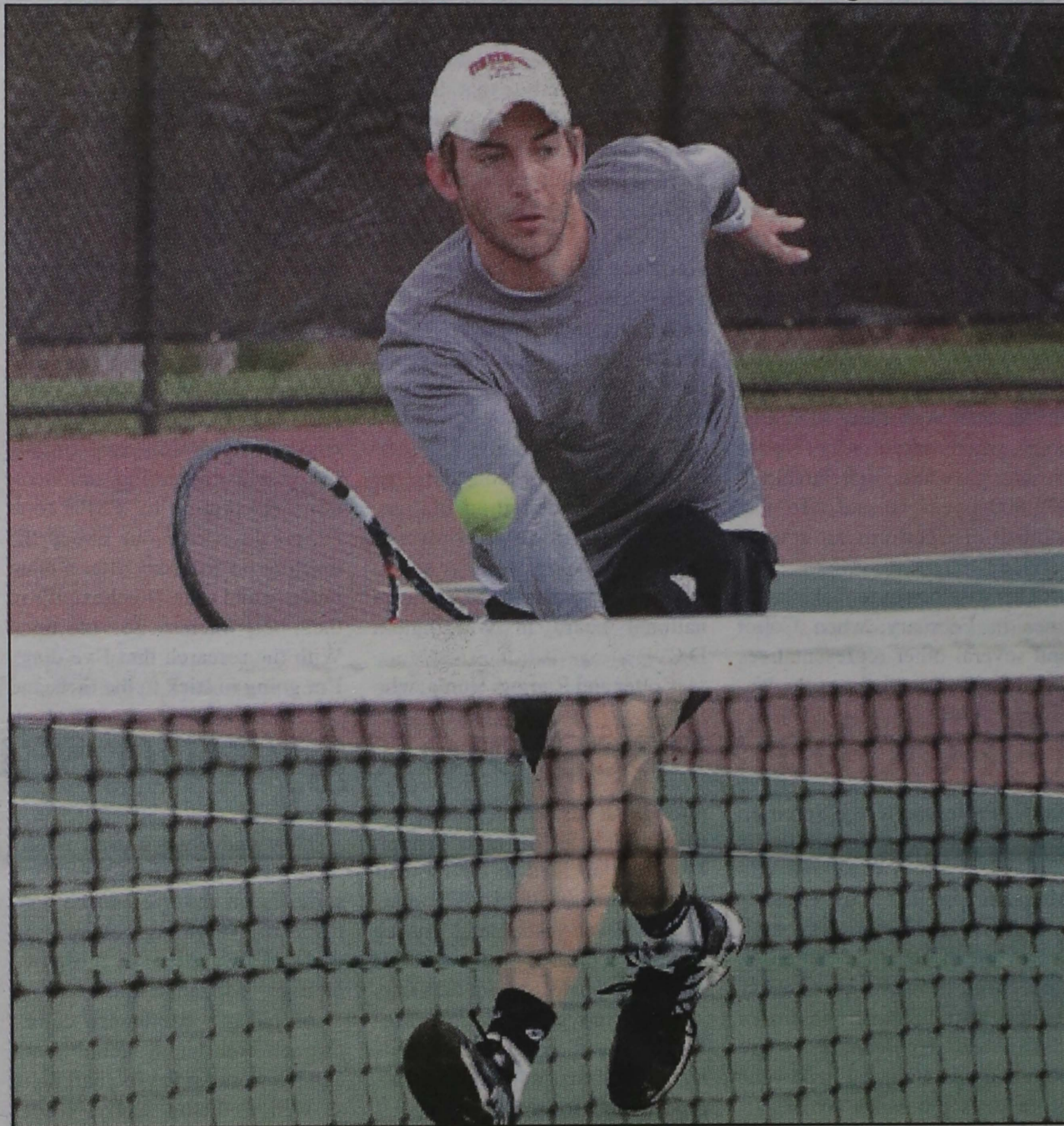
Sophomore Katie McElroy had a great day for the offensive unit, scoring a goal and assisting two. Nine other players scored for the Bears. Sophomore Brynn Dietzel, freshman Amy Kohout and freshman Zoe Barnett-Ohori each scored two.

Baseball

The men of the diamond were swept by Gettysburg last Sunday, losing both games. In game one, the team went down 9-1, while game two ended in a much closer score of 9-6. With the losses, the Bears sit with an 11-8 record.

Freshman Austin Feuerman had an impressive day at the plate during game one, going 3-4 as a designated hitter.

In game two, senior Josh Schnell, freshman Austin Kurey



(Above) Senior Evan Lord returns a ball in a tennis match last year. (Below) Katie McElroy (13) throws the ball in a match against Bryn Mawr last Saturday. Bears won 14-0.

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and sophomore Chris Jablonski brought runs for the team. Freshman Jose Colon had a sacrifice fly that brought home another run in the bottom of the sixth, along with Feuerman who stayed hot during the day and had a RBI in the same inning.

Softball

The women of the diamond also faced Gettysburg on Sunday and split a doubleheader on the Bullets' home field. In game one, the Bears won 5-4 but were shut out in game two 8-0. The Bears now sit at 6-12 on the season.

UC had great hitting in the first games. Sophomore Zoe Heinke blasted her first home run of her college career, bringing in three runs.

Freshman Casey Derella went 3-5 in both games, while senior Caitlin Whelan went 2-3 on the day with one RBI.

Men's tennis

The Bears took a loss to Dickinson last Sunday with a final score of 6-3. The team now sits at 10-5 but is winless in the Centennial.

Doubles play went well for the team. Seniors Evan Lord and Logan Metcalf-Kelly won their match 8-2.

Women's tennis

The women of the tennis court fell short at Johns Hopkins with a final score of 9-0.

The team holds a split record with six games in the wins and losses column.

Track and field

The men and women of the track and field team competed at the non-scoring invitational at Muhlenberg College last weekend.

Notable UC athletes included junior Darius Jones, who won the 200 meter, as well as junior Marquis Wilson, who took fourth in javelin.

On the women's side, seniors Victoria Goodenough and Amanda Birnbrauer took the top spot in hurdles and shot put, respectively.