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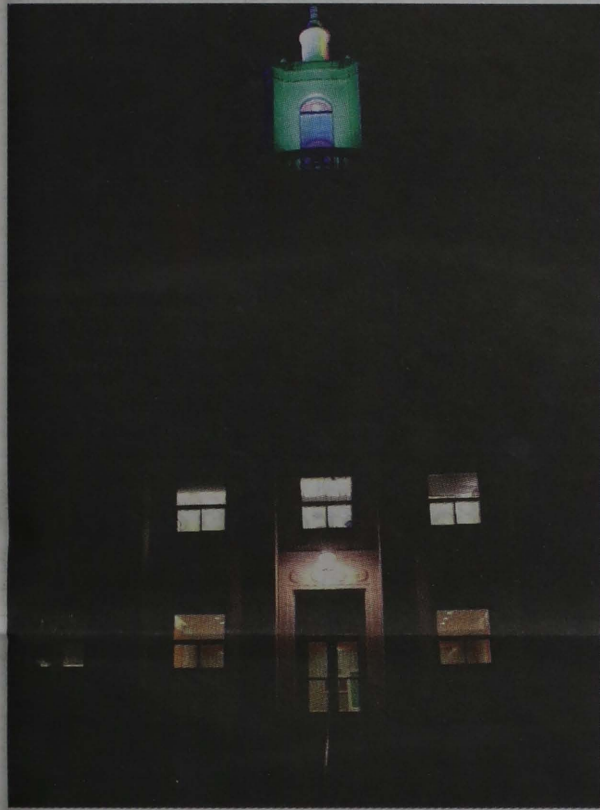


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Over the summer, facilities worked to install the lights that now sit on top of Pfahler tower. The lights can be programmed to emit various colors and patterns during certain holidays.

Lights installed on roof of Pfahler

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The integration of the multi-colored light show on the roof of the Pfahler building has provided an aesthetically pleasing sight for members of the Ursinus community. The lighting system is designed to make the building more interesting and emphasize the beauty of the architecture at Ursinus.

"I really enjoy the new lights on the top of Pfahler. I think it makes our campus more interesting and it provides a pleasing sight on the walk back to Reimert," said senior Austin Oscovitch.

The idea for the new lighting system was hatched by director of facilities Andrew Feick. The idea was to highlight the campus and present the true beauty of the buildings in order to make the school more unique. The idea was partially inspired by the buildings on Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Technical operations director Jon Brighton and several Ursinus students were put in charge of designing the complex light system. The architectural lighting was similar to the theatrical lighting used in the theater department, with the major difference being that the lights needed to be able to withstand the rough Pennsylvania

weather.

The system took several months to design and required work over the summer in order to have them successfully installed. The installation process required having to wait for the weather to improve in order to successfully install it. It also required the use of a crane to get up to the top of the building, according to Jon Brighton.

After some research Brighton determined LED lighting would be the best route to light up the building because of its efficiency and its ability to be used outdoors.

LED lighting is extremely sustainable which makes it very cost effective overall. The equivalent of a 100-watt light bulb is now only six watts in the form of LED technology. This will also allow the lights to be sustainable long term. After the concept was formed, a test run was performed with some theatrical lights in order to gauge student's reactions.

"My initial reaction was definitely one of surprise when they first installed the lights, but they look great and really light up the campus," said sophomore Declan Brown.

In addition to the daily lighting patterns, there was the idea to provide each holiday with its own themed colors. Each event in the year has its own set of colors. The planned color events include orange and purple for Halloween, Christmas will be red, white, and green, Valentine's Day will be red and white, Saint Patrick's Day will be green and white, and Independence Day will be red white and blue. There has been some thought to make an Ursinus-themed lighting display of red and gold for Homecoming or graduation.

The lights are designed to run from sunset until midnight in order to be the most effective. The lighting system is a new and aesthetically pleasing installment for the Ursinus community.

On-campus sexual assault investigated

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A female student was sexually assaulted in Reimert Hall during the early morning of Monday, November 22, according to associate dean of students Kim Taylor.

An unidentified male or males sexually assaulted the student while she was sleeping in a Reimert common room, said Taylor. She was awakened and successfully defended herself against the assailants. The assailants then fled the scene.

One of the assailants is described as tall (approximately six feet) and was wearing a red baseball hat, according to a campus-wide email sent on Nov. 25.

Campus safety asks that anyone who has information about the incident contact the campus safety office, as a full investigation of the incident is underway.

Kim Taylor, an associate dean of students and the school's Title IX coordinator, said that student affairs decided to send a campus-wide email about this incident of sexual assault in the interest of the greater good of the campus.

"We are required to do our best to keep our community safe," Taylor said. "A student has said that someone entered a suite [in Reimert], and it's our responsibility to at least try to share that information so that students can make informed decisions about what they do."

There are numerous resources available to students who have been complainants of sexual assault. Resident advisers, student affairs, the wellness center, and the Montgomery County Victim Services Center are available to support students who have experienced any type of sexual misconduct.

When an incident of sexual misconduct is reported to the school, student affairs takes the necessary steps to ensure that the student and the campus commu-

nity is safe in the short term and then develops a plan for the long term.

"Every case is different. Some people just want to talk to their RA's and that might be okay for now, as long as we determine that they're safe," Taylor said. "Ultimately, we have a list of topics that we talk about, including emotional health, resources at the wellness center, and the option of having a peer advocate get in touch with you."

Peer Advocates, a student group that works to educate the campus about issues of sexual misconduct, is an additional source of peer support for complainants of sexual assault.

"If a student wants to talk to someone confidentially, they can come to us," Will DiCiurcio, a junior and peer advocate, said. "We have been in training sessions about how to deal with it and we can point them in the right direction to get the help that they need."

Peer advocates are also trained to assist students with any questions they have regarding sexual misconduct policies, procedures, and resources. Their goal is to foster a campus dynamic where there is an "increase in awareness and less unreported incidents of sexual misconduct at Ursinus," according to their webpage.

DiCiurcio emphasized that, regardless of any other circumstances, the most critical first step that complainants of sexual assault can take is to ensure that they are safe and healthy.

"The most important part is taking care of yourself first," DiCiurcio said. "People will handle the punishment [of the accused] later, but it's important to make sure that the incident doesn't affect your life more than it already has."

The peer advocates can be reached through their email account, peeradvocates@ursinus.edu.

Main Street freshmen to move to main campus

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When residence life realized that there were more students in the class of 2018 than spaces in freshmen housing, they opened three Main Street houses as a last resort. Now that spaces are available in traditional first year centers, most of the displaced freshmen would rather keep their community intact.

About twenty freshmen were assigned to move into 424, 426, and 444 Main St., living spaces located a ten-minute walk from campus that have always been reserved for upperclassmen in an effort to keep freshmen close to central campus, according to residence life. Residence life, as well as some of the parents of freshmen living on Main Street,

was concerned that the students would feel isolated from their peers in freshmen centers on main campus.

"It was always the intention to move the first years back to campus, and now we are in the process of doing that," Jordan Toy, assistant director of residence life, said. "We indicated in the letters that they received that it was our intention to move them to traditional first year centers over the course of the year and the opportunity arose."

That opportunity arose in early November, when residence life met with the freshmen living on Main Street to inform them that they would be reassigned housing on main campus and would be moved by Dec. 6.

However, most of the fresh-

men living on Main Street do not see their living situation as isolating, but liberating.

"I'm really bummed that we're moving," Quinn Doherty, a freshman living in 426, said. "Res Life tried to make us into a community, and they did. Now that we're all close, they're ruining it."

The class of 2018 is the third-largest class to ever move into Ursinus, according to the college's website. The unexpectedly large freshmen class forced the college to find an alternative housing option for the overflow of incoming students that did not fit in the traditional first year centers, which include Beardwood-Paisely-Stauffer, Brodbeck-Wilkinson-Curtis, and Sprankle.

"Obviously isolation is always

a consideration, and that's why we wanted to move them to the first year centers as quickly as possible," Toy said. "It wasn't ideal for us to place them down there but at that time, we didn't have any other options. Parents are concerned about students living farther away from campus but they have access to the same resources as the rest of the first years."

At least three of the freshmen currently living on Main Street have been making an effort to leave since move-in, according to Doherty. However, no one from 424 or 426 has been moved to main campus at this point.

"I don't like that the majority of the people in the house want to stay, but that we have to leave

anyways," Doherty said.

At the meeting discussing the moving process, residence life cited the fire that occurred in 444 on Oct. 20 as a reason for the pace of the moving process. Following the fire, the freshmen living in 444 were relocated to other residence halls on campus, but not exclusively freshmen centers. This further isolated the freshmen on Main Street, and heightened residence life's concern towards the situation.

Doherty said that at the meeting, the freshmen were "defensive and angry" with Toy about the abrupt move.

"We really are just upset and think that it's unfair," Doherty said. "It's really bad timing, right before finals week. I just think it's all ridiculous."

Students debut independent theater production

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For junior Hannah Marshall, putting together a full-length production is anything but a one-man show. However, unlike the vast majority of other organizations at Ursinus, every phase of production is planned and executed without the assistance of a single faculty member.

Breakaway is a student-run theater company that relies on the efforts of students to plan and perform one major production each semester. The group's current efforts will be on display with the opening of "Dog Sees God," a play that imagines what the Peanuts characters would be like in high school.

The executive board of Breakaway, which consists of an executive producer, artistic director, treasurer, secretary, and production manager, chose the play both because it would allow them to include a relatively large number of student actors as well as for the content of the show, according to executive producer Marshall.

"This is one of the most engaging pieces I've encountered at Ursinus," Gemma Foley, a junior and actress in the play, said. "Everyone always says their show is really great, but this show really is great. It hits on some very worthwhile points."

Every aspect of production is controlled by students, from the selection of the play to casting to the construction of the sets.

"I like the aspect of putting all of the pieces together ourselves. We have the actors, the set, the sound, the lights, crew members, and props to keep track of. It's a lot," Marshall said.

Mary Lobo, a senior and the director of the play, sees the value of an independent theater company when it comes to directorial decision making.

"It gives us opportunities to be more out there with play choice," Lobo said. "It gives us a lot of freedom to do what we want. It's a great learning experience."

The process of putting together a production is a collaborative one. Each of the approximately twenty members of Breakaway contributes in at least two ways. On an ordinary rehearsal day, an

actress helps paint sets, the director may help design costumes, and a crew member can be found running lines with an actor.

"We are a surprisingly well assembled group," freshman actor Jordan Gagan said. "Some people might think that this would be all over the place, but it really is a high-caliber production, similar to a main stage show."

"Dog Sees God" will run from December 4-6, but Marshall said that Breakaway's focus will quickly shift toward their annual second semester project, the one-act play festival.

The one-act play festival consists of about five shorter plays, each lasting twenty minutes or less. The condensed performances are also entirely student run,

and in some cases, student written.

Last year, Arthur Robinson wrote and directed a play called "Lemonade Stand," which was received positively by the audience, according to Marshall.

The one-act festival will be held late in the spring semester

Both the full-length show and the one-act play festival are opportunities for students who do not want to try out for the main stage shows to participate in theater, according to Marshall. Students are encouraged to audition for the one-act plays in the spring and attend a performance of "Dog Sees God," running December 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. and December 6 at 4:30 p.m. in the Blackbox theater.

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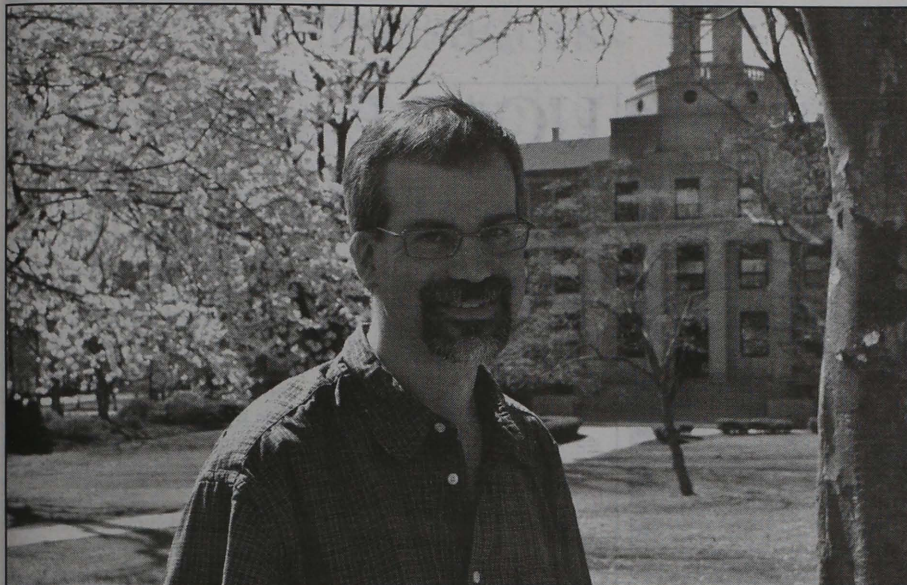


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Dr. Richard Wallace was recognized as the Pennsylvania Professor of the Year. On Nov. 20, Wallace was honored at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

Wallace receives award

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Dr. Richard Wallace, chair of the environmental studies department, was named best professor in Pennsylvania by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Wallace received the award on Nov. 20 in Washington D.C.

Wallace, who received his doctorate in environmental studies from Yale, oversees the environmental studies department, and believes that the curriculum that the department created is very innovative.

"Our department believes in marrying innovative classroom teaching strategies and civic engagement, and community-based problem solving," said Wallace.

The innovative classroom strategies are theories learned throughout the semester. And "civic engagement" is working with both the Ursinus and the

local community and applying knowledge found in class to these settings.

"Our environmental studies department seek partnerships with organizations," said Wallace. "Then we create courses that marry theory-heavy learning in the classroom with actual work with those organizations outside the classroom."

An example of one of these organizations is the organic farm, which can be found next to the Hunsberger Park. Junior Grace Barter helps run the farm, which has become growingly popular over the past semester.

"Dr. Wallace was the one who created the farm, and because of him I've had this great opportunity," said Barter. "He has encouraged and supported me throughout the entire process."

Barter also participates with the Collegeville Farmers Market, another example of the environmental studies department's civic engagement. Wallace was a member of the committee that

founded the market. Barter feels that these hands-on applications have added to her college career.

"He is a huge advocate for interdisciplinary and integrated learning both inside and outside the classroom," said Barter, "And in doing so he has shaped my college experience on both an academic and personal level."

Wallace believes that these additional projects can become outdoor classrooms, which can teach students stewardship. Another goal, according to Wallace, is to create relationships with the organizations outside of the classrooms.

While at the award ceremony, Wallace met other professors, which he found to be one of the best parts of the experience.

"Seeing the other recipients really showed me how these strategies can be used in all disciplines," said Wallace. "It is emboldening to see people doing the same applied work that we are doing here in our department."

International Perspective

Preparing for final exams in Myrin

Xinyue Kang (Luna)

I am a freshman this year and I'm an international student from China. Although I've only been here since August, I love our college so much just like you do. Most students are becoming busy these days because of final exams, as I am. And for that reason, I spend a lot of time in the library every day. I used to have a stereotype for libraries. I thought they were boring and rigid but after I spent several days in Myrin library, I realized that the positive energy in the library makes it special.

One day when I was studying in a corner of the first floor in the library, I felt really tired and wanted to have a rest. And then, I noticed something written on the wall when I was stretching. I felt terrible at first because I thought that the writing might be some bad graffiti but it turns out I was wrong.

On the wall were some phrases like "take a breath, it will be okay" "you got this" "keep working" and "you can do it". That made me feel much better because I got so much positive energy from the phrases on the wall. And then, I just kept on doing my work.

Another day, I felt really tired of studying and so I stood up and walked around to look at the art in the library. I was thinking about leaving my work for the next day. But, I noticed other people in the library were working hard on their studying when I walked around. And then, I realized everyone is doing their work so there is no excuse for me to give up.

I also feel good about the desks and the study rooms in Myrin library. They provide me with a small, private room to study.

When I am studying, I will feel uncomfortable if there are people around me who are looking at me. So, group study rooms and desks in the library make me feel totally relaxed when I study.

The reason why I feel good about the desks and group study

rooms here is because of a spiritual thing that the Chinese believe in: Chi. Chi is a kind of energy in our body.

From our point of view, Chi exists in everyone's body and if you stay in a relatively smaller room, your Chi would be gathered together, which can make you feel a sense of security.

An example of Chi would be when little kids like staying under tables, in the corner or in tree houses. What are the similarities of these places? They are all small.

The "Chi" of kids is weaker than that of adults, so they need a smaller room to gather their Chi so that they would feel more comfortable.

Likewise, Chinese don't like their bedrooms to be too big and even the emperors in ancient China had small bedrooms. It's because when we sleep, people need to relax themselves and if the bedrooms are too big, we cannot gather our Chi and it's not good for people's health.

The desks and group study rooms in Myrin work the same way as small bedrooms and tree houses – they gather people's Chi and make people feel a sense of security.

I noticed that 80% of the desks in Myrin contain a divider at two edges and group study rooms provide us private spaces to do work and gather our Chi. These are the positive energies I found in our Myrin Library.

I hope you can feel better when you study in the library in the future. And good luck on your exams!

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Comments sought for tenure review

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness and student-faculty interaction are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure. Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be withheld, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promo-

tion and Tenure Committee, and the faculty member.

This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

- Dale Cameron, Biology
- Jonathan Clark, Anthropology & Sociology
- Akshaye Dhawan, Mathematics & Computer Science
- Susanna Throop, History

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Peter Small, Office of the Dean, by December 10, 2014. Your comments can be sent electronically to deansoffice@ursinus.edu.

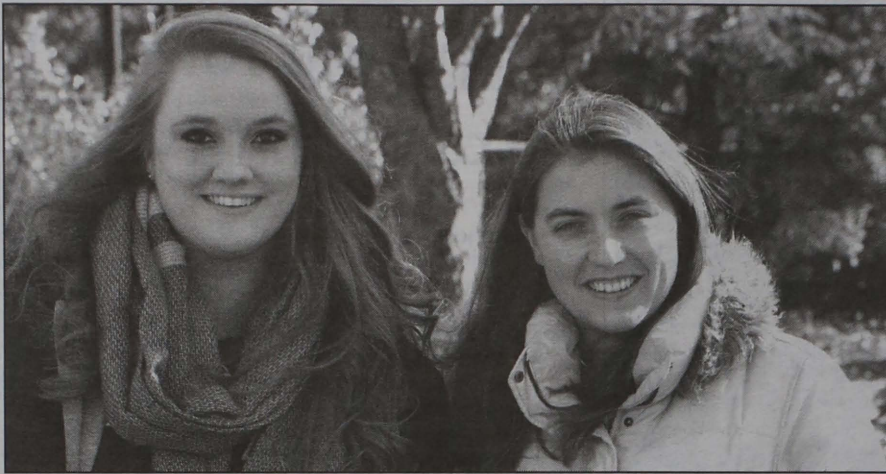


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Upsilon Phi Delta has only two members remaining. These members, Alyssa Sardone (left) and Mary Schardt (right), are seniors.

UC sorority faces extinction

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In 2012, The Grizzly published an article about a sorority that only had three members left and was on the verge of becoming 'extinct' at Ursinus. Two years later, Upsilon Phi Delta is facing the end of their existence on campus at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Upsilon Phi Delta currently only has two people in the sorority, Alyssa Sardone and Mary Schardt, both of whom are seniors. While there's technically one more member, she transferred to Delaware Valley College, and is no longer active in the sorority. The sorority decided not to do pledging this semester and therefore does not have any younger members to carry on their legacy.

"We had people that expressed interest, but then they decided to go to other recruitment events for other sororities," said Sardone. "We had one recruiting event. More people came out than anticipated, but then at the end, no one really expressed enough interest to pledge."

Upsilon Phi Delta is not like other Greek life organizations on campus in that they don't typically hold parties as an organization.

"It becomes a problem when the key factor to drawing people in is alcohol because that's not what we stand for and that's not what we're about, and I think that's a huge part of Ursinus, so

I think that the population we're appealing to is just smaller to start with," said Sardone. "We've thought about holding parties, but we realized it wouldn't be as fruitful as we wanted it to be."

"I think drinking has a lot to do with why we didn't get any pledges," said Sardone. "Our dues go towards community service instead of towards alcohol. We don't host parties, we're more low-key compared to other sororities in terms of hosting events and I think that was a real turn off for kids that have the stereotype of joining a sorority to party. Every Greek life organization does community service, we just stress it more than the rest."

When Sardone and Schardt pledged the sorority their sophomore year, there were only two members in the sorority, both of whom were also seniors. Confusion arose when the seniors graduated, and none of the remaining members were given positions.

"I still receive emails keeping me in the loop with Greek life," said Sardone. "I wasn't appointed to a position, I wasn't told anything, it's also my fault because I haven't asked any questions. People don't seem mad, I think we're just there."

To Sardone's knowledge, the sorority never had a Reimert suite, but possibly had a Main Street house a decade ago.

"There were about 30 girls at one point and then it just dwindled down," said Sardone.

Two years ago, when the sorority faced the same type of adversity, sorority president Michelle Finnegan made a push to prove to the campus that the sorority wasn't dead and that it was still recruiting members. Sardone and the other pledges bought into it.

"Michelle is my best friend. She was the first person I ever met when I visited Ursinus for the first time. She was a real leader, and went out of her way to make me feel comfortable. When I was a sophomore, it just so happened that we were living across from each other in Musser and Michelle was just there for me and told me to join," said Sardone. "Michelle and I are still best friends to this day, and I feel like pledging and the sorority overall helped solidify that friendship before she graduated."

But with only two people and no spring pledging, the sorority's existence on campus will be coming to an end in May.

"It's not for lack of trying, but I don't know who would come up to us and tell us we're dead, maybe it's just an unsaid thing," said Sardone. "Mary and I have this joke that we're the unicorns of Ursinus. Nobody really knows who we are, but we exist."

According to the Ursinus website, without Upsilon Phi Delta, there are still six sororities and seven fraternities on campus which represents 20% of the student body.

UCARE created by three UC students

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With Thanksgiving just passing, many believe it's time to reflect and be thankful for all the things in life, no matter how seemingly insignificant.

It's also a time to help others in need, often through food and clothing drives, and other community service activities.

The Ursinus Center for Advocacy, Responsibility, and Engagement, also known as UCARE, offers various service opportunities year-round, which include opportunities to tutor children in the community and serve meals to members of the community.

With all the service opportunities that UCARE provides, it's hard to realize that UCARE was only founded five years ago.

Before UCARE, Ursinus did not have a centralized center for community service opportunities. Elizabeth Cannon, Ryan Collins and Jess Devaul, graduates of the class of 2010, wanted to change that.

According to Dr. Christian Rice, who helped coordinate the effort to found UCARE, the students wished for an active and centralized civic engagement office.

"There would be service events here and there, but they wanted a more consistent presence for service on campus. They were an extraordinary group of

individuals to have that mindset as undergraduates, and then, essentially found the office."

The students felt that Ursinus was lacking in terms of community engagement, especially at a time when civic engagement was becoming an increasingly important tenet of higher educational institutions.

"As an undergraduate, I didn't think we were doing enough in this realm," said Cannon, one of the co-founders of UCARE.

"Fortunately, President Strasburger also agreed. As a result, I had the opportunity to be part of a committee to help create a greater institutional emphasis on the ideals of civic engagement.

The committee was comprised of faculty, staff and three students. UCARE was cofounded to be a central hub to help coordinate service efforts by providing opportunities for students to become socially responsible citizens and catalysts for positive action."

Cannon wished for UCARE to become a center where students would truly have the ability "to become actively involved in their community, to think critically about social issues, engage in dialogue across difference and inspire civic action."

In developing a center on campus that focused on service

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Word on the Street

If you could do anything you wanted on campus and not get caught, what would you do?

"I would stock up on some nice Ursinus hoodies, sweatpants, and t-shirts from the bookstore. They cost a fortune!" - Janel Forsythe, 2015

"I would go to the roof of the Kaleidoscope at the top of the spiral stairwell and hang out on the 'runway'" - Hale Soloff, 2016

"I would probably play pranks on everyone" - Alex van Ooy, 2015

"I would probably enter the chem labs after 6 to get extra time to do my research or camp out on top of Pfhaler." - Peter Willard, 2015

"I would steal a golf cart and ride it everywhere." - Jenna Koch, 2015

Student ambassadors assist the community

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Student Ambassadors are often seen in their blue t-shirts around campus, helping other students. What most people do not know about Student Ambassadors is that the organization does a lot inside the group.

"We are a very introspective group," said Brittany George, a senior ambassador. "It is a group in which I learned a lot about myself and about others."

The student ambassadors appear at both the Spring and August orientations, Family Day, Homecoming, and various other events throughout the year. Each Homecoming the ambassadors are in charge of the kids' tent. They play games with them, and help them with arts and crafts.

This year, the ambassadors are all about community service. The ambassadors have been broken into groups and will be working on different community service projects throughout the year. One of the groups had a food drive in the Collegeville area a couple weeks back. The students are dedicated to their community service projects.

"We had a pickup in the cold and the wind," said Julianna Tantom, a junior ambassador. Tantom and her group collected a big load of non-perishables to take to the food shelter in Phoenixville. This was just one of the CIE projects that are taking place this year. Not CIE as in Common Intellectual Experience, but CIE as in Community Involvement Exercises. All ambassadors are required to do a CIE project.

"We really want to expand and

affect the greater community," said George.

This is something the group as a whole has agreed on. George hopes there will be more service events that take place in the greater community, like the food drive.

"It's nice when the college students are doing something good for the other people in the community," said Tantom.

The ambassadors do not just jump into all these projects just like that. To prepare for orientation, Dean Todd McKinney, Angela Cuva, and the ambassadors go to a camp and do many activities that help them to get to know each other.

"We become one big huge family," said Bryan Carter, a junior ambassador.

"We have athletes, musicians, artists, a whole range of people," said Tantom.

"Everybody works as one big cohesive unit. Everyone is a leader in their own aspect, but they also bring different perspectives and ideas to the group."

"We have to know everyone [in the group] and be connected with each other to be able to help others out," said George.

It is a big commitment to be a part of Student Ambassadors. The ambassadors meet once a month, they participate at events and they plan and hold service projects. "It is really rewarding because you are changing someone's life, whether it is little or not," said Carter.

"The ambassadors have definitely changed my life and at the end of the day, you know you have 29 other people supporting you no matter what you do," said George.

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and engagement within the community, students would be able to connect their experience in the classroom to issues that were occurring in the community. From this connection, students would be able to use their knowledge to engage in action to serve their communities as informed, active citizens.

UCARE was developed with a founding philosophy that it should "inspire thoughtful and positive civic involvement of all students, empower students to think critically and become agents of change, and promote community partnerships through developing new relationships with outside organizations."

UCARE has developed many partnerships with various orga-

nizations so that students may be able to actively engage in following its philosophy. UCARE is involved in early education and after-school programs, food and shelter assistance programs, environmental service opportunities, health-related volunteer programs, and also one-time service events on campus. There are numerous organizations in these varying fields that students can get involved in.

Cannon feels that UCARE has definitely helped her grow as a person, and as a young professional.

After graduating from Ursinus College in 2010, she served as assistant director for UCARE for the past 4 years and is now the associate director of civic house at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked with faculty who supported, pushed and challenged me; staff that created a community where it was evident that people really and truly care about you as an individual; and students who helped me shape my own values, beliefs and ideals," said Cannon.

Cannon believes that service and civic engagement allows students to develop knowledge, skills and values to make a difference, especially during college.

"I believe college is a great time for students to learn across differences, reflect on their experiences, to develop knowledge and to think critically about the world around us - so get involved with service," said Cannon.



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Students sign up to participate in the UCARE program at the 2013 Student Activities Fair in Olin Plaza. UCARE was created by three Ursinus students in the class of 2010. The program is designed to engage Ursinus students in serving the local community.

Happening on Campus

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
RA Information Session

Friday

Saturday

7:30 p.m.
77th Annual Handel's "Messiah"

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Jasper's Holiday Open House in Paisley 142
Puppy stress relief during finals week!

Wednesday

Kim Kardashian breaks the internet

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Just when we thought we could not see Kim Kardashian's butt any more, it is breaking the web in a big and greasy way. Kim Kardashian's scandalous picture on front of Paper Magazine's winter 2014 issue has sparked a lot of controversy in the media world.

At first, I was under the impression this photo was receiving so much media because of the emphasis on Kim Kardashian's large butt. However, this picture was taken by photographer Jean-Paul Goude, and it seems as though his intentions were to go a little beyond breaking the internet, according to Kat George from Bustle. There is hint at a racial joke in this photo that is starting unfold.

The media is saying this pic-

ture hints to a reference of Saartjie Baartman, a black woman who lived between 1790 and 1815, and who was exhibited as a freak show attraction in 19th century Europe because of her large, "shelf-like" behind, says Kat George.

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It was noted that the photograph of Baartman has been criticized recently for poking fun at the black figure. Blue Telusma, from The Grio, calls the picture of Kim Kardashian the "reincarnation" of Baartman, "imagery that is steeped in centuries of racism, oppression and misogyny." This photo of Kim is almost an

exact re-enactment of another photo of a black model against a blue backdrop, popping champagne into a glass balanced on her bottom which was used for a book titled "Jungle Fever."

This new cover is making the whole world talk about what kind of decisions Kim Kardashian is making in her life. She is being criticized for being a brand new mother and showing her bare butt to the world. Not to mention, Jessica Blankenship, an editor from Bustle, said, "A woman being complicit in her objectification doesn't make it less egregious or absolve her of responsibility, and to think otherwise ignores the deeply complex dynamics between that woman and herself within the context of how society has made her view her own worth and her own body."

The fact of the matter is, Kim

should have known, even if she was given the benefit of the doubt and we assume she had no idea there was a racial history in the meaning of her photo-shoot. She has so many people working for her that someone should have been able to figure it out. "Someone, somewhere in the Kim Kardashian publicity empire, should have done some research," said George.

I personally like Kim Kardashian. I applaud her for being a mother and being able to whip her body back in shape to do a photo shoot as revealing as this one. She is confident. I'm convinced she did this risqué photo shoot as an attempt to boost her confidence after having a child. I also highly doubt Kim would have one hundred percent agreed to this photo-shoot if she knew the background and offense that is in the underlying the image.

Not enough blame has been put on the photographer, Jean-Paul Goude. George said, "Telusma notes an interview with Goude from People magazine in 1979 about his then-relationship with model and singer Jones. In it, he said he is captivated by 'ethnic minorities—black girls, PRs. I had jungle fever.' He's also responsible for photos of Jones, his lover, caged and baring her teeth, her blackness reduced and objectified to his subservient wet dream."

This makes me think Goude had an alternate ambition for taking this picture of Kim. Goude had a very disrespectful view of women's bodies and the blame should be more on him. Kim is getting the brunt of his distasteful views because she is the celebrity in the picture.

Ebola: a controversial clash to prevent the spread

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The word 'Ebola' has been uttered billions of times since the disease's outbreak earlier this year. With over 5,000 victims already under its belt, the ailment remains a major concern for people around the world. An additional 13,500 cases have already been reported and there are no signs as to when this epidemic will draw to a close. Ebola has cemented itself as the largest healthcare hazard since the swine flu pandemic back in 2009...except worse.

The virus is systemic, meaning that it attacks every organ and tissue of the human body except the bones and skeletal muscles. Small blood clots form throughout the bloodstream, thickening blood and slowing down flow.

This eventually leads to a very limited supply reaching key organs such as the brain, kidneys, liver, lungs, and intestines. With-

out a cure in sight, this disease is quickly sending shivers down the spines of people everywhere.

Despite originating in West Africa within countries like Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, the disease has managed to make it overseas into the U.S. Doctors, nurses, and other personnel working to cure victims have started to migrate back to their homes here in the states. This has started to become problematic, however, as state officials have begun to debate the necessity of mandatory quarantines.

Although the CDC (Center for Disease Control) suggests a 21 day self-monitoring period, state legislatures have started to take matters into their own hands to ensure public safety. Governors Chris Christie of New Jersey and Andrew Cuomo of New York have been in deliberations and have instituted mandatory 21 day quarantines for selected individuals based on their level of exposure and place of origin. Christie

was quoted saying, "The decisions we make at Newark, John F. Kennedy, and LaGuardia Airports have a ripple effect... We need to set a standard for our two states. We will take any measures to ensure the public health and if that means expanding beyond the CDC standards then I will not hesitate to do so."

Governor Cuomo continued explaining, "We believe it is in the state of New York and the state of New Jersey's rights to control access to their borders. We will establish an interview and screening process to determine an individual's risk level." Better safe than sorry right? Not everyone believes so.

On October 21st, Kaci Hickox, a nurse, arrived at Newark International Airport after treating patients in Sierra Leone. She was detained and interrogated against her will and was released almost a week later. Hickox tested negative for the virus twice but was held in a quarantine tent at the University

Hospital in Newark anyway. She has spoken out against the policy stating, "I was treated as a criminal" and "My basic human rights were violated." This case has caused particular outrage in the community.

Many people including myself hold a stance opposing nurse Hickox's reluctance to be quarantined. If these health officials care so much about humankind that they would go to a foreign country to fight an incurable disease, asking them to be quarantined for 21 days upon return to avoid any possibility of transmitting this disease to their fellow countrymen does not seem that unreasonable.

Although the apparent aggressive and disrespectful approach of screeners does seem problematic, the 21 day quarantine should be followed to ensure maximum safety.

I asked a few Ursinus students what they thought of the subject. Biology and business major Wil-

liam Eble seemed to have the most outspoken response stating, "We need to make sure Ebola doesn't spread throughout the states. It isn't the common flu; it's more serious than that. This thing is lethal." He continued commenting on the mandatory quarantine policy saying, "I think the federal government needs to step in and set a stricter standard. What's stopping an infected person from landing in Philly and making a quick stop in Collegeville? Other states need to follow New York and New Jersey." Eble certainly prioritizes safety first, especially in these times of havoc.

Self-monitoring relies on the assumption that people will be compliant with CDC regulations. When it comes to Ebola, we can't comfortably make this assumption. In my opinion, governors Christie and Cuomo have made the right decision by imposing stricter regulations. After all, once the disease is out, there's no reeling it back in.



Photo courtesy of Jon Vander Lugt

Matt Knowles (left) is seen here guarded by Albright's Evan Ward. The Bears lost to the Lions 86-52.

Track assistant is an Olympic hopeful

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Track was never really a big part of the plan for Carmen Graves when she got to college. In fact, it wasn't even her main sport, so nobody was really expecting her to be training for the Olympics at the age of 24. However, the plans have changed.

Growing up, track took a back seat to soccer for Graves, who initially committed to college to continue her soccer career, but ultimately ran track as well. In high school, Graves's main events were the triple jump, the 400 meter dash, and the 200 meter dash.

"I couldn't have ran Division I coming out of high school, but soccer was my main focus anyways. I actually got recruited to play soccer and I couldn't play D-I either, so I decided to just do both," said Graves.

"I experimented with the 800 meter, the mile, and the steeplechase," Graves said. "By senior year, my goal was to break as many school records as possible."

Breaking school records seemed to be a simple task for Graves, who ran the 3000 meter steeple chase just once in her college career and broke the record, running a 10.59.02. To put it in perspective, Graves ran nearly two miles in under 11 minutes.

During her career, Graves won 24 first-place medals at the ODAC indoor and outdoor championships in individual and relay events.

"My main focus during my first two years at college was soccer, but then there was a shift where my junior and senior year I mainly focused on track," Graves said.

The shift can largely be credited to her new coach at the time, Carl Blicke. Blicke came in as the assistant coach and pushed

Carmen to run more distance type events and put in his new training methods, which made Graves skyrocket to the top of Division III track.

Under Blicke, Graves competed at Division III nationals twice as the favorite to win, but never captured the top spot.

Graves was in a state of confusion when her career at Roanoke ended. She didn't exactly know what she wanted to do in life.

Leaving college, Graves found a job in her field that she very much didn't like. "I was wondering, should I keep this job I hate that I got my degree for, or should I keep training?" Graves said.

The decision was an easy one. Graves quit the job and went back to training. While she trained, she worked at a shoe store to help make ends meet. Things started to get better when she got sponsored by Brooks running company to compete on their race tour.

All the training and hard work is paying off for Graves, who has one of the best steeple chase times in the entire country. Graves is now a favorite to qualify for the Olympics, as she currently holds one of the top three times in her field of competition, and five people qualify. Only two Americans have qualified for the Olympics after competing at a D-III school.

In September, Graves was hired by her former coach Carl Blicke to be the associate head coach of the men's and women's cross country and track and field teams. It's convenient for Graves to be here because she can coach and be trained by Carl Blicke at the same time.

"I am amazed when I see her doing her workouts," said junior runner David Slade. "She gives hope to all of us Division III runners who hope to continue our careers someday."

Crossing over

Men's basketball team will bear loss of assistant coach and 1,000-point scorer

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With the loss of several upperclassmen, the Bears will rely on youth to carry them through the season in 2014-15.

"This is a team that has worked really hard in our first month," said head coach Kevin Small. "We are around really remarkable young men. It's inspiring to be around kids who are able to balance their athletic career with such commitment to their academics. We did some really great things in our first couple of games this season. Stats and scores don't always reflect that—but I was proud of what they did."

This year's young team includes largest recruiting class since Small has been with the school. The Bears will look to gain experience and knowledge of the game throughout the entirety of the season with a new

team dynamic. Malik Draper and Mark Wonderling, two of the team's leaders and lone upperclassmen, are working hard to provide the freshmen and sophomore with that experience.

"We all realize that it might be a little bit of process," said Wonderling, a junior guard from Ledarach, Pa. "But all of the young players are working really hard to compete, and are great guys to be around."

One of the team's biggest losses comes from the departure of Jesse Krasna. Last season, Krasna eclipsed the 1,000 career point mark after starting at point guard all four of his years at Ursinus.

"You really can't replace a guy like Krasna," said Small. "I can't describe what a guy like that meant to our coaching staff. Now, for us, it has been shaped differently toward a full overhaul. If you look at our roster, we have 11 guys—9 are underclassmen,"

Small continued. "These new guys are ready for the task. They aren't working hard for praise. They bring a sense of calm determination."

The team also brings in a new assistant coach in Keith Hack. Hack comes to Ursinus from SUNY-New Paltz where he assisted the basketball program with recruiting and day-to-day operations. Hack is replacing Ursinus' all-time scoring leader, Dennis Stanton, who stepped down after last season. Hack is a guy who brings integrity, honesty and rock solid basketball knowledge to the program, according to Small.

"We are looking for achievement not in wins and losses, but in the way that we play basketball," Small said. "We are making it about getting better every day and working together, because that what you need to do to be successful."

Last Week's Scores as of Monday Dec. 1:

W Basketball (2-4)	M Basketball	W Swimming (5-0)	M Swimming (4-1)
Nov. 25 vs Swarthmore UC: 69, Swarthmore: 60 Caroline Shimrock: 13pts, 8reb Gianna Pownall: 14pts, 4reb, 5ast, 4stl	Nov. 25 at Swarthmore UC: 63, Swarthmore: 75 Malik Draper: 16pts, 6reb	Nov. 22 at Gettysburg UC: 155.5, Gettysburg: 106.5 Top performer: Olivia Tierney, Fr. (broke school record in 100 and 200 breaststroke)	Nov. 22 at Gettysburg UC: 156, Gettysburg: 105 Top performer: Marcus Wagner, So. (24 points, won 1000 free and finished second in 200 free)
Nov. 29 at Albright UC: 69, Albright: 81 Jessica Porada: 17 pts, 13reb Alyssa Polimeni: 11pts, 7reb, 6ast	Nov. 29 at Widener UC: 63, Widener: 78 Matt Knowles: 16pts Malik Draper: 16pts, 6reb		

Women's soccer had season to build on

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It was a year to remember for the Ursinus women's soccer team. In their last regular season game, the Bears beat Muhlenberg 2-1 in overtime securing the third seed in the Centennial Conference Tournament—their first postseason appearance since 2010.

"We went into overtime and came back from being down a goal," said Alexis Haug, a senior. "We pushed ourselves to the limits to prove how much we wanted the bid to the playoffs."

Ursinus finished their regular season on a tear, going 8-2-1 in their final 11 after a meager 1-4-1 start to finish at 9-6-2 and 6-2-2 in the Centennial Conference, their best record since 2007. They reached the playoffs for the first time under the tutelage of third-year head coach Kelly Wakeman.

The Bears, who surely surprised almost all of the conference with their playoff seed, were ranked ninth of eleven teams in the preseason poll in August. Most did not think that this team would even make the playoffs, let alone get a first round bye.

"We just pushed ourselves everyday at practice and pushed each other," said Haug. "We played the season one game at a time. Over the years we have always kept in mind playing as hard as you can everyday because you never know what day is going to be your last."

Since going 0-6 in the Centennial in her first season in 2012, Wakeman has rebuilt the program taking them to their second highest finish in the Centennial since Ursinus joined in 1996.

"The success of this season can be attributed to lots of hard work in the off-season by a dedicated group of returning players,"

Wakeman said. "[Additionally], a talented group of players coming in from the last two recruiting classes are really elevating the level of practice every day, a supportive and knowledgeable staff (assistant coaches and athletic training staff) and administration have provided guidance and input, and a set of ideals that we have dedicated ourselves to as a team [are reasons for success]."

Going into the tournament, the Bears had a tough task, facing nationally-ranked (sixth overall) Johns Hopkins. In the regular season meeting between both sides, Johns Hopkins shut down the Bears at Patterson field, handing them a 4-0 loss.

The Bears put out a good fight in their 2-1 loss to the Blue Jays, a significantly better showing than the regular season shutout.

"The games that have defined us this season have been all about showing grit," said Wakeman. "Sometimes we get unlucky and sometimes luck is on our side—but we can always control our attitude and how we respond to adversity."

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"As a team, we faced a lot of adversity this year between injuries and having such a young team," said Haug. "We needed to learn how I work together since most of us had not played with each other before. I think that we have always faced adversity in the conference, and we rose above it this year."

"We have chosen that no matter what we will keep fighting and play with class," said Wakeman. "I am so proud of what this team has accomplished."



Photos courtesy of David Mogan of Stylish Images
Above, Anna Budny works to get by an Alvernia defender. Below, Danielle Beal is seen trying to evade her opponent in the same match. The Bears topped the Crusaders 1-0 in their Sept. 24 matchup.



Upcoming Schedule:

Friday

W Swimming @ West Chester, Golden Ram Classic, 4:00 p.m.

M Swimming @ West Chester, Golden Ram Classic, 4:00 p.m.

Wrestling @ Messiah, Petrofes Invite, time TBA

Saturday

M Basketball @ McDaniel, 3:00 p.m.

W Basketball @ McDaniel, 1:00 p.m.

M&W Swimming @ West Chester, Golden Ram Classic, 9:00 a.m.

Wrestling @ Messiah, Petrofes Invite, time TBA

M&W Track, UC Bow Tie Classic

