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Instruments stolen from Bomberger

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Within the last month, four instruments have been reported stolen on campus. Currently, the investigation remains open with the Collegeville Police Department and the thief still remains to be caught.

All of the stolen instruments belonged to students in the music department at Ursinus and were taken from their appropriate storage closet in Bomberger Hall. All reports were filed the week of Nov. 3, 2014.

The first incident that occurred was the disappearance of a violin a few weeks ago.

Fortunately, since then, the violin has returned to the hands of its rightful owner.

According to Dr. John French, professor of music and conductor of the school's choir and Meistersingers, the violin turned up in Myrin Library's lost and found, even though the owner of the violin did not have any recollection of ever leaving it there.

Among other instruments stolen were two flutes, one of which belonged to senior Emily Cooper. Cooper said her Yamaha flute was stolen sometime between the 3 and 5 of November.

"I'm really sad that this happened, it's a shame that people feel the need to steal other people's property," said Cooper, in response to losing her flute. "However, it's more important to address that we need safer conditions for our instruments like lockers or tighter security."

All instruments that belong to students within the Ursinus music community are currently

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Memorial attendees rise to honor the life of Ambassador Joseph Melrose, Jr. '66. Melrose, an Ursinus graduate, returned to teaching after serving as an ambassador for the United Nations for over 30 years.

Memorial honors Ambassador Melrose

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On Sunday at 3:00 p.m., a crowd poured into Bomberger auditorium, all dressed in black. Students, faculty, alumni, family and friends all gathered together to honor Ambassador Joe Melrose, who passed away on the morning of Nov. 8, due to critical injuries he sustained after falling. He had been hospitalized since October 22.

Melrose graduated from Ursinus in 1966 with a degree in political science, then went on to Temple University to receive his master's degree. He has also received an honorary degree in democratic and human rights studies from Hilla University in Iraq. Melrose was the ambassador in residence at Ursinus College,

and professor of international relations. Melrose is perhaps most famously known for serving as the American ambassador to Sierra Leone. At the time he served, Sierra Leone was in civil war. Melrose negotiated a peace treaty and is commonly credited with improving and benefiting Sierra Leone's future. More recently, Melrose served as the acting U.S. representative for management and reform at the United States Mission to the United Nations, according to the Ursinus website.

At the memorial, faculty, family, and friends all shared fond memories and funny stories of their experiences with Melrose. Interim president Terry Winegar told the story of his first interaction with Melrose, when he received a call from Melrose say-

ing they were going to lunch and Melrose was paying. At lunch, Melrose asked Winegar, "how can I be of help to you?" This led to Melrose telling Winegar how much his advisor had changed his life, and how he wanted to be an advisor for students as well. This was the general theme of most of the speeches: Melrose's unwavering generosity, compassion, and determination to help others.

A former student of Melrose's spoke about the relationships Melrose would form with all of his "kids." She told stories of Melrose calling students about their favorite wines, or pausing class to answer a phone call from a student who needed directions. She commented on Melrose's inability to outwardly show emotion, and the one time a student

told Melrose he loved him. In response, Melrose awkwardly shuffled his feet, said "okay," and abruptly changed the subject. Despite never hearing the words, all of Melrose's students knew he loved them solely because of the intense amount of time, work, and resources he put into the students. Other politics professors who have offices near Melrose's talk about the constant flow of students into Melrose's office, many leaving with government internship recommendations thanks to Melrose, or just simple advice on what classes to take.

Professor Jim Baer, who graduated from Ursinus with Melrose, spoke fondly of his times in col-

Senate calls emergency meeting

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On Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., about 20 students sat in Pfahler trying to come up with a way to solve the recurring problems of Reimert. Tony Sierzega, president of the student senate, called different representatives from each group to what he called an "emergency meeting" because of massive trash problems in Reimert after weekends.

The major problem that does not seem to go away is the trash overload in Reimert. After weekends, the courtyard is covered in beer cans, sticky residue greases the stairways, and shattered glass can be found on the floors. In response to this, the senate enacted the "courtyard clean-up program," which means if a suite registers a party, then they are randomly assigned with clean-up duty one weekend out of the academic year. The problem is that groups are not following through with the program and the cleaning staff is left with the trash problem.

Sierzega told everybody in attendance that administration was threatening to shut down party privileges in Reimert if the senate

did not come up with a better solution. Many representatives had new ideas for getting people to respect Reimert more, therefore making a more conscious effort to keep the area clean.

Sierzega mentioned how important accountability is, and how students really need to take the blame when they are part of the problem. One way of achieving this that Sierzega emphasized was to have older members of a sports team or organization talk to younger members, especially freshmen, about Reimert culture and how it actually is a home for a lot of people, therefore they should respect the space and keep it clean.

Many in the room agreed with Sierzega but expressed concerns about how to reach underclassmen who are not on a sports team or in any organization. For those cases, one student suggested that representatives from the senate team up with freshmen RAs and talk to freshmen halls about this issue. These suggestions are all still being considered.

One of the biggest recent issues at Reimert happened this past week, when a desk was thrown off of the third floor balcony. Obviously, this is very dan-

gerous and a lot of students were concerned about events like this happening again.

Patrick O'Donoghue, a junior men's lacrosse player, spoke to the issue. O'Donoghue stated that the men's lacrosse team is often blamed for a lot of the trash in Reimert, and in recent years they have avoided that blame. But now, O'Donoghue says, the team is stepping up and taking responsibility for not only their own actions, but the actions of their younger members if they are the source of some problems. O'Donoghue apologized to everybody in the room for the disruptions caused.

In response to taking the blame, O'Donoghue spoke on behalf of the team when he said they have all volunteered to clean up the courtyard every Friday morning. Sierzega said this is a step in the right direction, and he believes administration will be happy to hear about the lacrosse team stepping up.

It is clear that something needs to change in order to keep Reimert a safer, cleaner place. With the help of representatives from different organizations on campus, the senate has plenty of ideas to work with.

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stored in one large closet in Bomberger. Access to the closet is by ID swipe only, so only musicians should be able to open the room. According to campus safety, up until this point, records have never shown an incident like this happening before on campus.

"I've been here for 36 years, and this is the first time this has ever happened," said French.

The music department has been looking into the investment of having personal lockers for the musicians—a system employed at numerous other colleges.

Especially with the size of the department now easily exceeding 100 students, tighter instrument security is one of the top priorities for the music faculty, particularly for French.

"Typically, with students who own instruments, they just don't leave them laying around," said French.

Music students are being advised to be, "more vigilant", specifically when it comes down to the storage closet.

They are being asked to stay cautious and be certain the closet is locked and secured tightly each time after use.

Alex Wiltz, assistant director of campus safety and community standards, advises students should be, "securing their valuables, not propping open doors, and having a general awareness of their surroundings."

The investigation is still open and everything is being done to make sure the theft will be caught soon.

Anyone who may know any information regarding the theft or any of the incidents at all should report what they know to Kim Taylor, associate dean of students and director of campus safety.

Theft, in general, is a common issue that a lot of college campuses run into.

However, for people such as Emily Cooper, a member of both Ursinus's Wind and Jazz Ensembles, a devoted flautist for thirteen years, and a lover of music since a very young age, the situation still remains distressing.

"I just want people to know that none of us are mad, the people who lost instruments just would like them back. It's disappointing, but it is what it is, and there's no use being upset if the instruments are returned."

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lege with Melrose, and all of the memories he shared with Melrose. Claiming to have known Melrose longer than anybody in the room, Baer spoke of the life paths the two of them took and how they both ended up back at Ursinus. Baer said there is a "well-worn path" between their two offices, and Baer even added a third chair into his office, specifically reserved for his morning chats with Melrose.

Cathy Bogusky, administrative assistant to the politics de-

partment, recalled her mornings when Melrose would come out of the elevator, brief case flopping, and sit in the chair next to her desk to talk. Bogusky says a part of her is still waiting for the elevator to open and for Melrose to take a seat next to her.

Becky Evans, professor of politics, recalled many memories with Melrose. In the beginning of her speech, Evans hung an American flag button-up shirt on the podium, along with a beanie from Melrose's office, and a "freshman guide" from Melrose's freshman year at Ursinus. Evans said by the

end of her speech, the audience would understand what the American flag shirt meant. She spoke of times with Melrose, including a trip where they were told to wear a shirt that represented their nation so that others would have an easy time depicting who was from where. She says Melrose was the type of person who would make you feel comfortable wearing an American flag button-up shirt.

The final speaker was Andrew Melrose, Melrose's son. Andy, for short, traveled with Melrose his entire life, and wrote some of Melrose's speeches, involuntari-

ly, he said. Andy spoke of his father's love for Ursinus, for peace, and for helping others. Andy Melrose has a two and a half year old daughter, Nina, who was brought up in most of the speeches at the memorial. Melrose loved Nina immensely, and was sure to constantly brag about her and show off pictures of her whenever he could. Many people who spoke made comments directed to Nina saying they hoped Nina could one day comprehend just how much her grandfather loved her, and how much good he added to this world. Andy Melrose closed his

emotional speech by saying that even though Melrose likely did not show his love for his students, he loved them all immensely and wanted nothing more than to see each and every one of them succeed.

Houghton Kane, a politics professor, says there are three things he thinks Ursinus will miss most about Melrose. The first two, emotional things, are his warm personality, his deep commitment to Ursinus, and the last one, a practical thing, is Melrose's immense international contacts and his ability to relate students to international relations.

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The composting machine outside of Wismer dining hall is infamous for bad odors, but now the company was forced to stop operating.

Compost company shut down

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The compost program at Ursinus College is temporarily on hold after Peninsula Compost, was forced to stop most of its operations.

The organic waste recycling center opened in 2009 and has faced harsh criticism from residents and businesses in Wilmington for the foul smells it produces as it processes compost. The facility has failed to meet standards for reducing the odor, despite their efforts.

Compost is organic matter that has been decomposed and recycled as a fertilizer and soil amendment. Compost is a key ingredient in organic farming.

Ursinus' Sustainability program has been working hard to help produce compostable waste. This closing of sustainability's main compost facility has presented them with a bump in the road, but one they will overcome.

"We are still committed to composting as much organic

waste as possible on campus, and we are currently working to find a facility to accept our compost," said Collen Monahan, recycling and composting coordinator.

"Because of this, our compostable waste is currently going to the Waste-to-Energy plant with the rest of our campus trash to be incinerated."

The Peninsula Compost site was recently hit with multiple complaints, court orders, and hefty fines, before being forced to stop most operations in September 2014, and will shut down entirely in January 2015.

According to Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), the composting facility's odor emissions, oversized waste piles, storage outside of approved boundaries and keeping prohibited waste, e.g., plastic bags are all violations of its operating permit.

DNREC wants to see composting in Delaware, but stressed that Peninsula needed to remedy these violations to continue to operate.

Despite the violations, there

were no problems found with Peninsula's overall compost as it previously passed the states test of finished product and meet quality standards.

Compost use can result in a variety of environmental benefits. Compost enriches soils, compost helps cleanup (remediate) contaminated soil, compost helps prevent pollution, and using compost offers economic benefits.

Due to the many benefits that can come from composting waste it has become a crucial part of the Ursinus Sustainability's mission.

This set back will not stop the organization in their effort to help give back to the environment. This does not impact recycling on campus.

Please continue recycling plastics #1-7, paper, cardboard, cans, and bottles. Anyone may contact Ursinus Sustainability for more information on this story or how they can get involved with assisting their efforts.

International Perspective

Religious realizations

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The very first thing that surprised me when I came to the United States was that the students in my Christian high school and my host family would say grace before nearly every meal. They closed their eyes, bowed their heads, cupped their hands, gave thanks to God for the food and prayed for others. My first religious realization when I was an international student in high school was that this country seems overwhelmingly religious to me.

Church classes were required in my American high school and most of the families in the neighborhood went to church every Sunday morning. It was not entirely mandatory but mostly recommended for people from outside to join the belief and to be baptized by the pastor. Once I was asked to join the church and the church pastor talked to me for two and a half hours to persuade me to become a Christian. I felt pushed, but also surprised and moved by the value religion possesses in this country and in its people's heart.

I went to a Lutheran high school in Texas during the three years of my stay in the U.S. I had never quite heard the word Christianity, or any other word that is relevant to it, before I became a student in the U.S. because Chinese schools don't teach religion to students.

Instead, we are too busy studying the required courses to be concerned about our spiritual world. The attitude towards religion in Chinese society is in a way ambivalent. Most of the students in my generation are influenced by their parents and grandparents to develop an ambiguous attitude towards religion since the Chinese Cultural Revolution. That is, people who lived in the twentieth century considered religion as an entire belief in the political party and the leader of China during that period. Their descendants believed both in the political party and scientific studies. After the Revolution though, everything was corrupted and people got extremely directionless in terms of seeking beliefs. As the children

who were born after these two generations, we were taught by our family that belief is nothing, while school educated us to believe simply in science.

In the states, about 73% of Americans consider themselves Christians and 36% of them state that attending services every week is a general way of living. I struggled to accept everything I was taught in my high school and questioned a lot about the existence of God. Meanwhile, I got a great amount of help from my schoolmates, teachers and from the people in my community church. I started to be willing to think and act like the people around me and learned to be selfless to my neighbors and the world in general. That was when I realized that God has been working in me.

After experiencing the strongly united religious atmosphere in the southern part of the United States, Ursinus brought me a brand new understanding towards religion. Students, especially those who have different beliefs from the majority, have the freedom to have a religious belief or not. It is not mandatory but I can still feel the belief people hold in their hearts. This environment is part of what makes Ursinus a caring, open-minded and energetic community.

When I came to Ursinus, I felt the free atmosphere towards religion. People don't ask me to practice my religious belief, but rather they show that part of themselves by how they behave. People don't impose their beliefs on others or expect others to share their beliefs. I thus have learned that religion can be a core part of a person's identity even if it is not demonstrated openly. I'm very glad to have had the opportunity to see how God is working in us in this rather different way.

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Photo courtesy of Thomas Carey

Young Americans for Liberty meets weekly to discuss libertarian perspectives and ideas. YAL is a large national organization with a local chapter at Ursinus College.

YAL spreads philosophy of freedom around UC campus

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Freedom. This is the heart of libertarian philosophy. The Young Americans for Liberty organization hopes to spread this philosophy through its chapters across the country.

Libertarians believe that people should have the freedom to live their lives, as long as they are not harming anybody else. They believe that people should be able to live without the government constantly telling them what to do. The goal for libertarians is to figure out how to make all of that possible.

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) is a political, non-profit organization. The club at Ursinus is a chapter of the larger national organization, which goes by the same name.

YAL was founded in 2008 after the campaign for liberty movement, which was Ron Paul's campaign for presidency. There are more than 500 chapters nationwide, making it the largest libertarian youth organization in the country.

In its third year on Ursinus' campus, the club is finally becoming a success. The club has gone from three members last year to around 50 students on the mailing list this year, with about 15-20

regular attendees at the meetings.

YAL holds weekly meetings where they discuss issues from a libertarian perspective. Each week, the club has a different topic to talk about. They have talked about ideas such as encroachment on civil liberties by the government, the drug war, foreign policy, and the Federal Reserve and monetary policy.

"Having a group of people where we can talk about these ideas and develop these ideas is really important," said Ethan Wright, who was president of the club last year.

However, the members are not just sitting around agreeing with each other.

"There's a surprising diversity of perspective, which leads to substantive discussion," said Wright.

The club also discusses events they are planning for the future. One event they have planned is a trip to a shooting range in the middle of November. Since most of the members do not come from gun-friendly places but are avid supporters of second amendment rights, they think it will be a nice experience.

YAL has also been active on campus, holding events and trying to raise awareness. For Halloween, they held "The Grave-

yard of Civil Liberties" event, where they tried to bring awareness to civil liberties that they believe the government is infringing upon. They have also put out the free speech wall in front of Wismer and handed out pocket constitutions on Constitution Day.

YAL does not focus its efforts on electing a specific candidate.

"We're just supposed to try to spread the ideals of libertarianism, we're not supposed to promote certain candidates," said Tom Carey, president of the club.

They will, however, get as involved as they please with the election process when the opportunity arises.

With the midterm elections recently passing, there were not any serious libertarian candidates in Pennsylvania, according to Wright.

"There's not a whole lot of opportunities for us to get involved because most of the people who are running tend to be contrary to our ideals," Wright said.

"It can be difficult for libertarians because their ideas are not part of the national mainstream media discourse on politics," said Wright.

This is why sitting down and talking about the ideas is so important to YAL.

"As long as the ideas keep getting spread, I'm happy with that," Carey said.

Transitioning from undergrad to Corson

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Elizabeth Burns joined the Ursinus community as a student in 2008, and continues to make an impact as a program coordinator in alumni relations.

"It's definitely a different perspective, seeing the school as a staff member then as a student," said Elizabeth Burns, a graduate of the Ursinus class of 2012.

After graduating in May 2012, Burns found herself back at Ursinus the following fall semester, except this time she wasn't a student. She was a member of the Ursinus staff.

Prior to returning as a staff member, Burns was an active student during her four years. The media and communications major worked in the writing center, was a writing fellow, worked on the Ruby, The Lantern, graduated as salutatorian, and was president of the Campus Activity Board (CAB) during her junior and senior year.

Pamela Panarella, Ursinus' director of alumni relations, hired Burns to assist in planning events during Dr. Bobby Fong's inaugural year. Burns planned his ball at the local Phoenixville Foundry.

"CAB got me started working events," said Burns. "I was very much interested in the event process. I loved the end result, I didn't have to be the center of at-

tention but I could see everyone enjoying something that I had worked really hard on so I could see it at a bigger scale."

When applying for jobs, Burns realized that she loved being on campus and working in the advancement office doing college events.

Burns still stayed in contact with many staff members including, Sharon Hansen. As the associate director for employer relations, Hansen worked with Burns to edit cover letters even after graduation.

It was Hansen who sent Burns the job description for program coordinator of alumni relations and annual giving.

Burns received the job during the fall semester of 2012. It took her some time to transition from a student to a staff member.

"When I first started I knew a lot of people of campus. I was getting mistaken for a student often because I just left. I still had a ton of friends on campus so I could meet them for lunch or they would stop by my office if they were in Corson," said Burns.

Corson provided Burns with the opportunity to not only grow as an individual, but as an Ursinus staff member.

"Since Corson wasn't a building I spent a lot of time in as a student, I didn't really feel like I

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Word on the Street

What has been your favorite housing option thus far?

"I live in Clamer now which I don't like. I liked 424 because it was relaxed and felt more homelike. But that's because few people lived there, there are only 8 rooms I think on the second two floors where I lived. And only 4 or 5 were occupied." - Tim Winters, 2016

"Musser! Musser is one of the most tight-knit diverse communities on campus. You can find people cooking or laughing almost all the time throughout the house!" - Yusra Azeez, 2015

"Clamer because I have a super nice room. It has three windows and my roommate and I have a really cool set up." - Ryan March, 2016

"North because it is super close to everything and has air conditioning as well as awesome suites." - Mary Schardt, 2015

"I really like Hobson because all the wood work is unique and pretty but I haven't lived there." - Matthew Rink, 2015

Sycamore tree remembered in new logo shield designs

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With the new website design came new logos. Sycamore leaves have enough importance to Ursinus that they became one of the three new logos on the homepage.

"We have one primary logo—the 'U' shield with the Ursinus College word mark," said Thomas Yencho, the chief communications officer at Ursinus.

"The collection of other shields, which should be used more sparingly, represent hallmarks of our campus—things that are unique to Ursinus. When juxtaposed with the modern and clean look of the website, the icons give a nod to both the old and the new."

Yencho also shed some light on how the sycamore leaves were chosen.

"When we initially surveyed faculty, staff, students and alumni in the early stages of the visual identity project, the sycamore trees were a constant theme and were fondly remembered for being such an unusual quirk on campus," said Yencho.

"They garnered a lot of attention for their placement and remain an iconic symbol that many alumni still identify with today. The trees were a long-standing tradition and we decided to embrace that part of our campus' legacy."

The sycamore tree has deep roots at Ursinus. Back in the day, a 250-year-old sycamore tree grew in the end zone of Patterson field. When the field was first installed in 1920, it was done in such a way that the sycamore tree

could stay in its designated spot.

The college officials made sure the tree fit into the layout of the field. The tree sat just 20 feet outside of the end zone. The branches hovered over the field.

This tree was the only tree in the end zone of a college football field in the country, and it gained recognition of that quirk in "Rip-

"The sycamore trees were a constant theme and were fondly remembered for being such an unusual quirk on campus."

— Thomas Yencho
Chief Communications Officer

ley's Believe It or Not," and the Parker Brothers included it as a question in Trivial Pursuit, according to the new Ursinus website.

Normally a sycamore tree has a life span of 100 years. However, this tree was so loved by Ursinus that when it was struck by lightning several times, the inside of the trunk was filled with cement and reinforcement rods were placed inside it to make sure it still stood tall in the end zone.

On March 29, 1984 the tree came crashing down during a storm. Students and members of the Ursinus community felt the loss.

This tree was more than just a tree: it was a symbol and a member of the Ursinus community. The sycamore was part of many traditions on campus. The football team would meet under the tree after every game. Some of

the fraternities posed under it in their yearbook pictures.

It was featured in the catalog and alumni newsletter. It was a place for the campus to come for reflection and inspiration, according to the Sarasota Herald Tribune in 1984 when the tree first came down.

The decision was to then use the trunk of the tree and have it professionally carved into something all of Ursinus could enjoy every day. The tree was made into the school's mascot, the bear, and placed in the Helfferich lobby.

With all that history, it is no wonder why the sycamore leaves were chosen as one of the new logos.

Yencho also encouraged students, if they were interested in submitting a design of an icon or symbol of the college, to submit it to the college communications office

"We intentionally created a visual identity that is flexible with supporting artwork," said Yencho.

"You'll see the shield with the leaves and the other elements appear on campus over time as we showcase the distinctive characteristics of our campus and reinforce the sense of history and pride at Ursinus. As of now, there are five supporting pieces of artwork with the shield being one. We are more than happy to accept ideas that should be added to the mix, too."



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was still on campus. It gave me enough space to grow as a staff member of the college. It's when I step on campus in Wismer or something is when I get nostalgic," said Burns.

Nostalgia truly sets in when Burns runs into her sister on campus. Burns' sister, Megan Burns, is a freshman at Ursinus.

"I see her fairly often but the best part is when family comes up, they can see the both of us. Also being able to watch her grow as an individual is going to be fun. It's the little things," said Burns.

Burns emphasized the new view she has gained in her last

two years working as a staff member at Ursinus.

"You get to see the inner workings of Ursinus and it has made me more appreciative of my time here as a student because I now get to see how much work goes into fundraising, res life, how hard facilities work to keep these grounds together because I'm working with these people on a regular basis," said Burns.

Burns is very appreciative and humble for the opportunity given to her by Ursinus College. She is in her second year as program coordinator of alumni relations and annual giving. Her office can be found in the basement of Corson.



Photo courtesy of Neomi Haut
Elizabeth Burns graduated from Ursinus in 2012 and now works for the Advancement Office in Corson.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Ursinus Craft Fair	12:00 p.m. Open Forum with Interim President Terry Winegar	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Collegeville Farmers' Market	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Spoken Word Open Mic			Thanksgiving Break
6:30 p.m. International Film Festival: 'The Wind Rises' (Japanese)	7:30 p.m. Dance Alumni Night at UC Dance Company Concert	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Yule Ball	5:00pm Together We Worship			

People aren't listening to victims of rape

Student of Columbia University still fights for justice

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Even a dozen students carrying twin sized mattresses around their campus isn't enough to get people talking seriously about sexual assault. Students have resorted to doing this at Columbia University in response to the administration not taking Emma Sulkowicz, a senior at the university, seriously when she said she had been assaulted. After almost a full three months, Sulkowicz is still carrying her mattress in an effort to be heard and rectify the unjust way that Columbia University addressed her case of sexual assault.

Sulkowicz said she was assaulted by a fellow classmate after a party one night. The two were orientation leaders together at their school, and had consen-

sual sex two times before the assault. The night of the assault, Sulkowicz was sober and Paul, the assailant, was "buzzed" and carrying around a handle of vodka, according to The Cut, a section of NY Magazine.

Sulkowicz did not immediately press charges, but when she found out that two friends had also been assaulted by Paul, she took her case to the administration. After Paul was found not guilty, Sulkowicz tried to appeal the case but a dean at the university immediately refused to overturn the verdict.

One of the problems in this case is obviously that Sulkowicz does not feel comfortable at her own school. Another problem is that she is not the first woman to accuse Paul of some sort of assault. One of Sulkowicz's friends

who accused him was in a long-term relationship with Paul. The other claims to have been groped by Paul. Neither of these women went to police or the administration, but when Sulkowicz heard these stories she went to administration with her own story about assault.

The biggest problem to me in this case is how none of this is taken seriously. Anti-feminist twitter sites have begun bashing Sulkowicz and her "followers" for trying to get the message across that sexual assault needs to carry a heavier weight on college campuses. Sulkowicz has been called dramatic, an attention-seeker, and a liar. It's disheartening to constantly see stories like this in the news.

They'll be popular for a week or two and then die down in

popularity, just like Sulkowicz's case has. It's not enough for us to be reading them for a week and feeling passionate about them and then just forgetting that they ever happened. We need to be more proactive about assault as a whole. We need to really, truly listen to these stories and think about how to solve them. Sulkowicz's story is unfortunately one in a million, but it could be a stepping stone towards a bigger movement that fights the public ignorance toward assault.

Sulkowicz's protest stands for more than just grabbing attention from other students and media. It goes to show that at colleges and universities, we're learning more than just our academic curriculum.

In cases like this, it teaches students more about morality and

life lessons, something nobody can really learn in a classroom. I don't think it is rational or morally acceptable to ignore this situation. In a statement Sulkowicz said her and the two other girls who claim to have been assaulted have no other motive than to simply be listened to, and I believe them when they say they really just want to be heard.

It's fair to say that nobody will ever know what happened in that room with Sulkowicz and Paul except for the two of them. Regardless, we can learn something from the situation. We can learn when to stand up for something we truly believe in, when to lend a hand to a struggling student, and when to stop turning a blind eye to the problems that can't seem to go away in our society.

UC website emphasizes students too much

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Changing the format of an entire school's website will always cause a stir, especially when said change didn't really seem necessary. I liked the old website just fine, and I have heard several remarks made against the new website. I personally take issue with the addition of student profiles.

Ursinus' website is an academic website. So, if it starts to resemble a social media website, there is a serious problem. According to one of the programmers of the website, Paul Dempsey, the intention was that this new feature would give the website more of an identity and allow new or potential students to relate to students on campus and learn about their experiences.

I admire the intention behind the addition of this feature. However, I have to admit that, if that is what the programmers where

going for, they massively failed.

Potential students and their parents will not be drawn to the school by its senseless promoting of its students. I can only see it scaring students away with its egotism. Egotism is actually a good word to sum up all of my problems with this feature.

A school should take pride in the accomplishments of its students, not the students themselves. The student profiles talk about the individuals as people and what their personal traits are, as opposed to talking about the programs that they are in and the accomplishments that they have made.

In fact, looking at the profiles, it almost seems like the programs were added as an afterthought, as the bulk of the focus is on the students themselves. An issue like this could easily be remedied by making profiles that discuss specific majors, clubs, or internships and, after the viewer had clicked

the tab, then the students and their information would be brought up. Said information would relate strictly to their experiences in the relevant field, and contact information would be listed if the viewer had more questions.

Once again, this method would let on about the success of the students in a humble, relevant way, as opposed to shoving it in peoples' faces. Every time I log onto the website I have at least three of these obnoxious profiles shoved in my face, showcasing students that I don't know engaging in programs that I don't care about. They did nothing to improve my opinion of the school.

Not only does this system actually make it more inconvenient for people to find the information that is relevant to them, as they will need to shuffle through several profiles before they find the one that contains the program they are looking for, but it causes the Ursinus community to come

off as cocky and arrogant. Usually, when I go on the website, I see the same profiles over and over again. So, not only are we implying that our students are better than those at other colleges, we are implying that some of our own students are better than others.

I tend to see the same four or five profiles on the Ursinus homepage whenever I log on. I don't believe in coincidence, so I am forced to believe that the website is rigged to promote certain students more than others, for reasons relating to campus activities and positions. Again, I see the intention behind this, but the execution is all wrong. If one student was an expert in communications, and I clicked on the communications tab, it would be reasonable for their image to pop up. However, because every student must access the homepage to reach blackboard for their classes, the website is forcefully

trying to make students admire accomplishments in fields that may be completely irrelevant to them. Because students can't be expected to relate to students in these positions, it undermines the intention that the programmers were going for. This would not be an issue if these profiles were at least spaced strategically.

The person who said, "never mix business with pleasure," would probably agree that one shouldn't fuse an academic website with a social media page. There is a good idea here, fumbled by bad execution. The programmers should redesign this feature, with the focus on the actual programs and the students themselves as an afterthought. Also, information on individual students should only come up where it is relevant. This change would do away with the sense of egotism, and make the sight much easier to navigate for people considering attending the college.

Sans seniors, women's b-ball hopes to improve

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For Ursinus women's basketball, Jim Buckley will be heading into his 16th season as head coach for the Bears. A young squad (the team featured just two seniors and no juniors) went 11-13 in their 2013-2014 season and only plans to improve.

"I think our connection on and off the court will improve because of the small team we have this year," junior co-captain Caroline Shimrock said. "We really understand each other as players and are learning each other's strengths and weaknesses."

The team returns with no seniors, but a lot of junior leadership according to Buckley. "We are matured enough this year to now have junior leadership, we don't have any seniors but I think the four juniors have taken ownership," he said.

They had a very green team last season, so they plan to take their experience from returning players as a driver for improvement in 2014-15.

"We have some strong returning juniors this year," Buckley said. "Jess Porada named second team All-Centennial [and will provide leadership] along with Alyssa Polimeni, and Caroline Shimrock as our co-captains this year."

The team has the main goal of getting to the conference playoffs this season. "The fact that we are more experienced will help us improve from last year," said Buckley. "I get a sense that this group is very close and they do have a sense of purpose. They want to

get to the playoffs and try to finish this thing."

Shimrock added, "I expect big things from this upcoming season; we have really worked hard in the off season and I do not see any reason why we should not make playoffs and improve our record from past years."

According to Polimeni, the team looks to have a successful year as long as they work together and play solid defense. "We are not as young and inexperienced anymore, which I think will help us out a lot," she said.

One of their main strengths on the court is their speed. "We have some really quick hands and feet which is key to our offense and defense this year," said Shimrock. Offensively the team is a threat from all different areas: perimeter shooting, deep shots, inside shots, mid-range shots, and even driving to the basket. "I think we have the ability to score from both the outside and inside by utilizing our shooters and taller girls down low," said Polimeni.

Overall, the Bears will come into the new year with a wealth of experience already under their belt. That they have four returning starters from last year's team bodes well for the squad as they try to navigate through what promises to be a testing Centennial Conference slate.

As the team continues to play together, they will work harder on the court to achieve some of their main goals for the season.

"The improvement of the team will come throughout the season," Buckley said. "I think our talent is good, it's just a matter of putting it to work now."

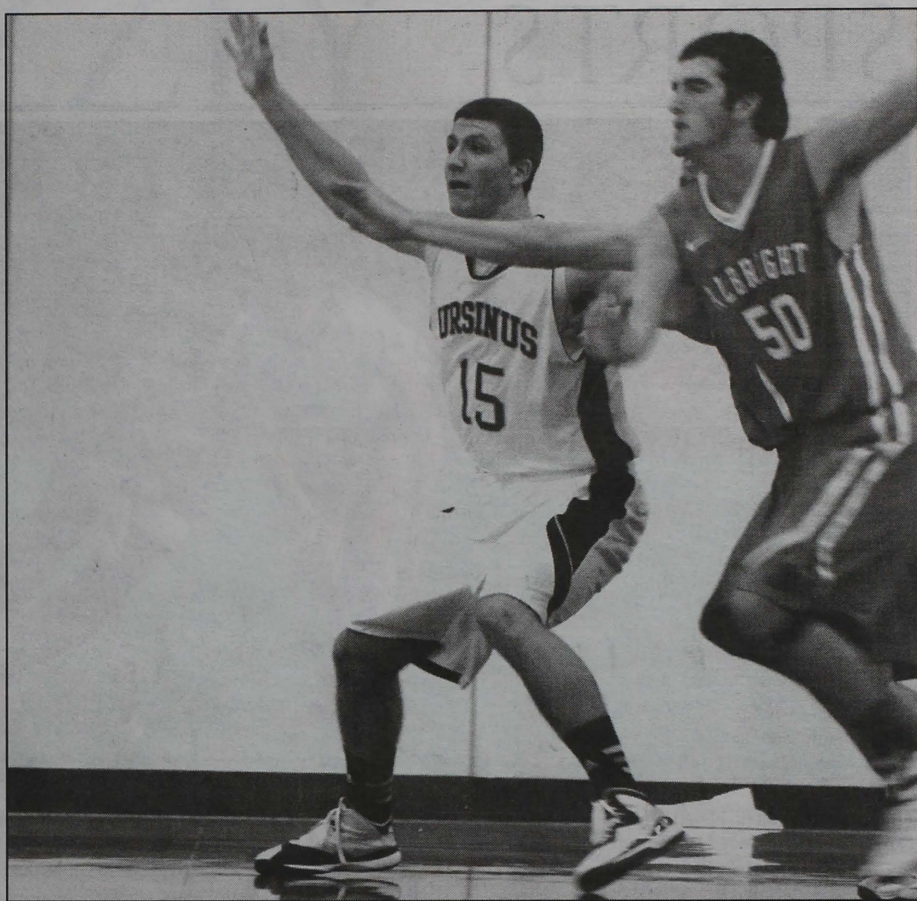


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Remi Janicot (15) is seen here being guarded by Albright's Thomas Vazzana. The Bears fell to the Lions 86-52.

An ocean away

Freshman Belgian baller stays in the states, comes to UC

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Three-thousand, seven-hundred and sixty miles. That is how far Remi Janicot is from his home in Mol, Belgium. The freshman, whose talent was first spotted at the Hun School of Princeton, decided to come back to the U.S. for four more years to play basketball at Ursinus.

At 6-feet-7-inches, Janicot is one of the tallest players on the basketball team, providing the Bears with much needed size in

the paint, and is also one of six freshmen to be playing this year.

Janicot grew up with three other siblings, all of which are older than he is. His brother was the one who taught him how to play the sport when he was only seven years-old. "He was basically my first coach," Janicot said. He enjoyed playing with his brother enough to go and join the local basketball club.

Where Janicot is from, the school days are longer so there are not team sports at school. After a long day at school, Janicot

had to go to the local basketball club to play.

"[Playing basketball] was not my dream for the first couple of years," Janicot said. "Then I met a coach from Buffalo University who told me more about playing basketball and that is how I got interested." Fast-forward a few years and Janicot found himself playing basketball on the varsity team at the Hun School of Princeton.

That is where Ursinus bas-

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Last Week's Scores as of Monday Nov. 10:

Football (7-3)	Hockey (17-4)	W Swimming (4-0)	M Swimming (4-0)	Wrestling	M&W XC	W Basketball (1-1)	M Basketball (0-2)
Nov. 15 vs. Dickinson UC: 47, Dickinson: 31	Nov. 14 NCAA Round of 16 UC: 2, Franklin and Marshall: 1 Goals (UC): Devin Brakel, Annie Kopera	Nov. 15 vs. McDaniel UC: 120, McDaniel: 79	Nov. 15 vs. McDaniel UC: 109, McDaniel: 90	Nov. 15 at Penn College UC: 51-0W	MXC: 33rd of 47 teams Malcom Rambert finished in 27:38.1, 141st overall.	Nov. 15 vs. TNCJ UC: 63, TCNJ: 52 Jessica Porada: 17 pts, 11 reb. Gianna Powell: 14 pts, 4 reb, 4 ast.	Nov. 15 at Arcadia UC: 67, Arcadia: 85 Malik Draper: 16 pts. Matt Knowles: 15 pts.
Kevin Monahan broke the school in-game passing yards record with 442 on 26-47 passing.	Nov. 9 NCAA Quarterfinals UC: 1, Middlebury: 5 Goals (UC): Danielle Stong	Highlights: Chelsea Kozi- or captured two wins and a second-place finish, in the 400 medley relay, 200 freestyle, and 500 freestyle, respectively. Sydney Gunderson won a pair of events, the 1000 freestyle, and 100 freestyle.	Highlights: William Benn led in points with 17, placing second in the 400 medley relay, third in the 200 freestyle, and first in the 200 backstroke.		WXC: 29th of 52 teams. Emily Lamb finished in 24:26.5, 105th overall.	Nov. 16 at York UC: 44, York: 55 Elana Roadcloud: 10 pts, 10 reb.	Nov. 16 vs. Albright UC: 52, Albright: 86 Matt Knowles: 13 pts.
Darius Jones set the school in-game receiving yards record with 263 yards on seven catches.							



Amber Steigerwalt (in black) is seen here driving downfield in Ursinus' 2-1 conference championship win over Franklin and Marshall on Sunday, Nov. 9. The Bears faced the Dips in a rematch in the NCAA round of 16, again winning 2-1, before falling to Middlebury in the next round.

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Stellar hockey season ends

Bears downed by Middlebury in NCAA quarterfinals

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The Ursinus field hockey team's hard work, their strong bond, and their coach's dedication has resulted in a successful season that ended in a tough, but well-played, game on Sunday, Nov. 16.

The Field Hockey team lost to Middlebury in the NCAA Regional Finals on Sunday, ending a season that saw a perfect 10-0 regular-season conference record and Centennial championship.

The team moved on to the NCAA DIII quarterfinals after beating Franklin & Marshall 2-1 on Saturday, lost 5-1 to Middlebury, the number-two ranked field hockey team in the nation. Danielle Stong notched the Bears' lone goal against the Panthers.

"We wanted to finish our season out strong and I think we did that," Torrence said. The team feels that they played a strong game and put up a fight against a very talented, skilled team. UC played hard throughout the entire 70 minutes and they refused to give up, Kornfeld said.

Athletic director Laura Moliken and Benner have been a big part of the reason that the hockey team has been so successful during this season and for the past several years, according to Torrence and Kornfeld. Since Moliken hired Benner as head coach, the team has continued to become and remain a well-respected team on campus, Torrence said.

"Laura recruited really good players and I think Janelle just continued doing that and continued with Laura's ways which has brought us to where we are now," Torrence said. Even in her fourth season as head coach, Benner has still managed to continue the tradition that Moliken started, Kornfeld said.

"I think Janelle is a really good problem solver," Kornfeld said. "If she sees something that you have to work on, she will take time to help you focus on that one particular skill and improve that. She takes the time to really help you improve on all the different aspects of your game."

The team's hard work and dedication has also been a large part of the reason that they had such

a successful season, as exemplified by observations made by the captain as well as the coach. The team faced a couple of challenges early on, according to Kornfeld. The team suffered an early loss to Elizabethtown because they did not play to their best ability during the game, Kornfeld said. From that loss, the players learned what they each needed to work on individually and as a team in order to play their best during games. The players on the team became more mentally tough as the season went on which is why they managed to play a good game against the second best team in the nation, Kornfeld said.

"The growth of this team throughout the season was incredible," said Benner. "They worked hard each day and pushed themselves beyond their limits to achieve many great things this season." The team managed to improve their scoring ability and defensive presence throughout the season, according to Benner.

As the season progressed, the team's unity continued to grow stronger and make them a tough team to beat. The team smiled and

laughed with one another as they sat at lunch the Monday after their season ended. The underclassmen on the field hockey team are going to miss the senior players who will be graduating, said Torrence, a sophomore. As Kornfeld talked about graduating and leaving the team, her teammates patted her on the back and expressed sadness.

"I'm going to miss my teammates the most," Kornfeld said. "Yesterday was my last game, officially. I'm playing in the Division III Senior All-Star Game this coming weekend, but I just cannot even imagine not being a part of spring season this year."

The team feels confident about next season, according to Torrence. The team is losing one senior starter and they are returning with 10 starters on the field which is very unusual. "I think we can definitely carry the tradition from this year to next year and get another Conference Championship win and have another poke at NCAA's and get to the final four," Torrence said.

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ketball coach Kevin Small first spotted Janicot—and his first experience wasn't exactly a pleasant one. "He got knocked unconscious and his head split open. There was blood everywhere," Small said. Small and then-assistant Dennis Stanton went to Janicot's first game last year. That game featured another injury—Janicot was elbowed in the face by a player on the opposing team.

Small kept in touch with him after the incidents. "[Janicot] is unusual because we did not even know who he was until about a year ago," Small said. "He was kind of a risk because he's an international athlete."

The recruitment process for Janicot was different than most because Small is usually recruiting kids for several years, but for Janicot it was only one. In the end, the admissions department looked at his portfolio from Belgium and gave Coach Small the okay for bringing him to Ursinus.

Janicot is a neuroscience major on the pre-med track. He chose this major because the brain and how it functions fascinates him. He also likes to play some pickup with his teammates in his free time.

Adjusting to life at Ursinus was not difficult for Janicot. He had already gone through the process of adjustment when he moved from Belgium to the Hun School of Princeton. When asked what he misses the most, Janicot responded with "My bed. I am 6-foot-7. The beds at Ursinus are not big enough for me."

As for his future after Ursinus, Janicot would like to stay in America and continue to play basketball in conjunction with either doing research in the medical field or studying to become a doctor.

Saturday

M Basketball vs. Johns Hopkins
3:00 p.m.

W Basketball vs. Johns Hopkins
Coaches vs. Cancer Classic (York)

M&W Swimming at Gettysburg
1:00 p.m.

M&W XC at NCAA Championships at Wilmington College
11:00 a.m.

Wrestling: Alumni Math
TBA