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Art department debuts new class

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Ursinus College's art department is offering a new course next semester which is filled with mosques, porcelains, manuscripts and more. ART250B: Introduction to Islamic Art and Architecture is a four credit art history course that is open for spring 2015 student course registration.

"The Art department is very excited about offering this course to Ursinus students," said Deborah Barkun, associate professor of art history. "The field of Islamic art and architecture is rich and dynamic, and this course fills a considerable need in our department's curriculum that we have been eager to address."

The course has never been taught at Ursinus before. Sumreen Chaudhry from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University will be the instructor for this course.

"One of my goals for the course is to introduce students to Islamic tradition through investigation using visuals," Chaudhry said. "We are going to examine ancient artifacts, mosques, tombs and explore the diversity of the material."

The course will survey different examples of art and architecture of Islamic civilizations from the seventh-century to the modern period, both thematically and chronologically. Religious and secular arts will be surveyed in their historical backgrounds.

Students will be introduced to Islamic traditions, culture and religious practices through the investigation of Islamic visual culture. The course will also incorporate didactic, religious and philosophical writings, as well as poetry.

Chaudhry is a new face to the Ursinus campus community. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Art History, Criticism and Con-

servation at Temple University while teaching there as well. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelors of Arts in art history and received her master's degree in museum studies at Johns Hopkins University. Chaudhry has worked as a new media and interpretation assistant and adjunct faculty member at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, PA.

"My specialty is in American and European arts," said Chaudhry. "But I am very interested in Islamic manuscript traditions."

Chaudhry hopes to give students the opportunity to see ancient artifacts and manuscripts for themselves through field trips. Field trips to museums in Philadelphia and the Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. are planned. At the Smithsonian students will view the Asian and Islamic art exhibit called the "Freer and Sackler Galleries of Asian Art." This exhibit has many pieces on display depicting how calligraphy transformed simple objects into works of art as well as the use of abstract designs to decorate works intended for religious purposes. This exhibit has many unique 14th century Syrian glass as well as ancient manuscripts from Iran. "It is so interesting how written text can be shaped into an art," said Chaudhry.

Chaudhry is very enthusiastic about Islamic art and architecture and optimistic about this new course offering.

"This course is not just for Art History students, but for students from all disciplines," said Chaudhry. "I hope to have a lot of great dialogue from class discussions."

The course is scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:35 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

As of this year, Delta Pi Sigma has become the first gender neutral fraternity in Ursinus history. While it initially received mixed views from students and alumni, the overall response from the campus has been very positive.

Delta Pi becomes first gender-neutral fraternity in UC history

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For quite some time, different members of the Delta Pi Sigma fraternity wondered the same thing: why not just switch to a gender-neutral frat instead of rejecting people based on gender? Delta Pi has just become Ursinus' first gender-neutral fraternity on campus.

The idea started to form when Ben Jones, vice president, went to the gender neutral house at University of Pennsylvania to see a concert.

"I went to see a show at the gender neutral house, they had some bands playing, and I thought it was a really cool idea, and that's where the fire really ignited in me," said Jones.

But Jones wasn't the only one involved in the challenging process and making the switch.

"It really took a group effort to make this happen," said president of the fraternity Dom Knowles. "Everybody in the fraternity agreed to the switch, but we took

a lot of flack from some of the alumni."

A few years ago, a movement was started to make a gender-neutral fraternity, but the plans fell through and it seemed like a tough task to get approved. Knowles thought otherwise.

"I had to change the charter and change some pronouns around, but besides that, it was pretty easy," Knowles said.

After switching to gender neutral, Knowles posted on the Ursinus Delta Pi Facebook page that the fraternity was going gender-neutral. It didn't sit too well with some of the alumni, who in total left about 300 comments on the post stating their differing views.

This did not change the group's mind, though, and they continued to advertise themselves as gender-neutral.

"We were basically being cyber bullied by these 30 year old guys who now have kids," said Jones. "But it turned out well because a bunch of them had lost touch over the years and this really reunited them."

Knowles says the alumni eventually came around and were accepting of the change.

"A bunch of the alumni ended up coming for homecoming and they all embraced it. It really turned out nice," said Knowles.

Two female students joined the group this year, and both had their own reasons for joining a gender-neutral group rather than a traditional all-female sorority.

"I'd never really been too interested in Greek life because I didn't like the distinction between gender," said new member Florrie Stoop. "I feel like the fact that this is gender neutral, we can make this a bigger thing in the future."

The fraternity did not get an overwhelming amount of interest from women, but that can largely be blamed on timeliness of approval. It was only approved to be gender-neutral the week bids were being given, so they barely had any time to spread the word.

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Twin brothers host 5 hour study marathon

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One Saturday at noon, 10 or so Ursinus students gathered in a room in Pfahler. They separated in groups to study their own subjects. It was quiet unless someone discussed presentations or problems they encountered. "Thirty minutes to go," said one of them. Half an hour later, they started to have a one-hour break, watching "Blue Mountain State." Soon after this period of fun time, they returned back to their work for another two hours.

This five-hour study marathon with a one-hour break was carried out by twin brothers Robert Bandstra and Brian Bandstra, which helps them and their friends boost study efficiency. They started to do this study mar-

athon last year once a month, and still continue now because of the benefits of this mechanism.

Friends were invited to join the study marathon project. They gathered in one of the Pfahler rooms on Saturday at noon, and then divided into groups according to their subjects. They studied for two separate two-hour sessions, with a one-hour break in between, when they can do anything to relax. After this study marathon, they could either hang out together at night or go back to study.

The most essential part in the study marathon is that everyone makes a commitment to each other. No one can leave early or indulge themselves in social media.

"We don't want anyone to walk in, Skype or Face Time their friends. We can have some fun

time, but study is serious. People leaving in the middle are a huge distraction," said Robert Bandstra.

At first the twin brothers invited their friends, but their friends were shocked. "This is not gonna study for five hours," said one of their friends.

However, it turned out that people loved this idea. Their friends invited their friends, and then they started to see some new faces.

They studied in different groups, such as biology, economics, chemistry and law. They could either work on their own or discuss with others. As students come from different classes, they can seek reference from someone who has finished the same courses.

"Robert has a friend taking a class in the business department that I have already completed. It's really an asset to have a diversified group of students, which can really help each other feed off the knowledge, like having a personalized tutor all Saturday, free of charge. It's amazing," said Brian Bandstra.

Other benefits of the study marathon include high efficiency, socializing and better time management. During the intense period of study, students focus on their work, while they can socialize with each other during the break. After completing their work on Saturday, not only can they move on with their weekend, but also they have "a sense of achievement", according to Brian Bandstra.

The idea of study marathon is

spoken highly of by assistant director of the center for academic support, Jan Levengood. The two elements she valued most, group study and relaxation, were included in it.

"I think it's important to make a commitment to each other, which helps them stay disciplined... The model they came up with is wonderful," said Levengood.

Study marathon is strongly recommended by the Bandstra brothers and Levengood. For those who want to join this efficient study marathon, Levengood shared a few tips. "Reserve a room so that you can use the digital appliances, help out with each other, study in a group, when you're telling someone about something you're actually teaching yourself," said Levengood.

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"I was rushing sororities kind of halfheartedly," said member Annie Rus. "And then I was walking home from a rush event and met up with Andrew Tran who was joining Delta Pi and he told me they were going gender-neutral. I was so excited, I also didn't want to join an organization that was binary," said Rus.

Knowles believes the group has made changes in the right direction, changes that affect more than just the members of Delta Pi.

"In a fundamental way, we sort of reinvented the whole thing, but that was for all of us, not just because we have girls joining the organization," said Knowles.

According to older members, the new members did their part in working towards being a member of the organization.

"New members were very motivated to step up to what we expected because they knew they had a lot to prove," said senior member Chris Lipsett. "All of

us were extremely proud because about halfway through the process they took hold of the fact that this was their organization and they were going to inherit this and they had a lot to prove to the alumni, but they definitely stepped up and we are all very proud."

Even new members acknowledge their part in a change that could potentially spread to many more greek organizations.

"I think it's really cool that we got to be part of this change, because I feel like this is just the start," said first year member Rob Hickey. "I don't think we're going to be the last organization to do this, but I was part of the first organization to do this. I joined because I am for this and want to support this, and I love these guys whether or not we're in the same fraternity. It's not about us anymore, it's much bigger than us."

With the change, the organization is more accepting of anybody that is interested and they no longer have to deny somebody membership based off of gender.

"The ultimate goal is to create a safe space for people, for anybody, regardless of their genitalia, that seems so irrelevant," said Knowles.

Members of the organization are excited about the way this will affect students who are non-heteronormative, homosexual, or transgender.

"The thing I'm most proud about is not only does this open the way for females to join, I always feel like this opens the door for students who are trans, or don't identify by a gender, and also those who are not heterosexual," said Jones. "Greek life is very polarizing in the sense that its basis is basically heteronormativity, and I feel very proud that we've created a space for queer and transgendered students."

It's unsure whether any organizations in the future will switch to gender-neutral, but Delta Pi is certainly revolutionizing the way Greek life functions, and trying to make people realize that organizations should not be based off of gender or sexuality, but rather based off of who a person is.

Midterm election results

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where Ursinus sits, in Harrisburg. Vereb earned 63.84 percent of the vote.

Despite the national trend towards Republicans, Pennsylvania has elected a Democratic governor. Tom Wolf won on Election Day by double digits, unseating incumbent Republican Tom Corbett. Wolf was the only Democrat statewide candidate in the country to defeat a Republican incumbent. Corbett became the first Pennsylvania governor in modern history to not be elected to a second term.

Despite Wolf's large margin of victory, the Pennsylvania state house and state senate saw their Republican majorities increase. In the Senate, the majority was increased by three seats, giving them 30 seats to the Democrats' 20. The Republicans picked up eight seats in the house, increasing their majority in the lower chamber.

Incumbent Republican Mike Vereb defeated Democratic challenger David G. McKenzie to represent House District 150,

In the State Senate, incumbent John G. Rafferty beat Democrat Kathi Cozzone by similar numbers, earning 61.38 percent of the vote. Ursinus sits in Senate district 44.

In the race to represent the sixth district of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives, Republican Ryan Costello defeated Democrat Manan Trivedi. Costello earned 56.23 percent of the vote compared to Trivedi's 43.77 percent. The race, which was considered early on to be one of the most competitive in the country, was the closest House race in Pennsylvania. Costello won Montgomery County, where Ursinus is located, by about 10 points.

Montgomery County voters appear to have split the ticket while voting. Wolf, who won the county by nearly 20 points, was the only Democrat the voters elected. Vereb, Rafferty and Costello all won by large margins.

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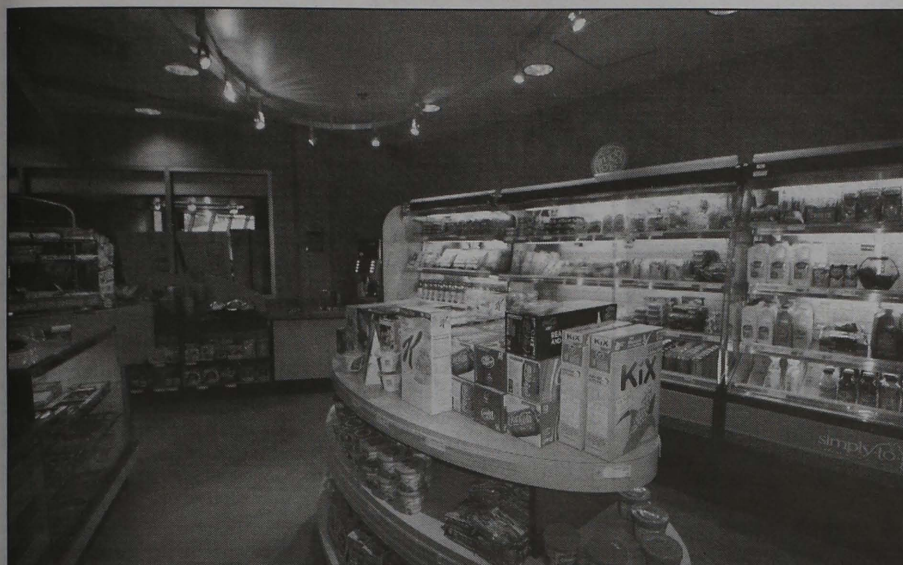


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Students are complaining of spending dining dollars too quickly due to high prices at the C-store.

High prices cause complaints

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Ursinus students who make regular trips to the on-campus convenience store are running out of their dining dollars before the end of the semester and they must use their own money to pay for C-Store purchases.

The C-Store, established in 2008, offers a variety of snacks such as prepared sandwiches, candy bars, coffees and energy drinks. Students start out with 50 or 100 dining dollars which can be used to purchase something in Lower Wismer or go towards paying for a meal that goes over the fixed meal price, said Ron Wood, the general manager of Ursinus dining service. Bear Bucks were created as a purchasing convenience function that differ from dining dollars, said Andy Feick, the director of facilities and community relations. Before this year, Bear Bucks could be used at up to 13 different local food places located off-campus.

At the end of the 2014 spring semester, the off-campus Bear Bucks function was disabled, according to Feick. Bear Bucks can now only be used in Wismer, for some campus vending machines, in the C-Store, and for network printing, according to Feick. Every student starts off with \$10 worth of Bear Bucks and they can purchase more Bear Bucks online or at the business office located on the second floor of Corson Hall, according to the Ursinus website.

"I mainly use my Bear Bucks

towards printing," said senior Colleen Fida. "I rely on my dining dollars as a way to get snacks at night because there are no other food places on campus open late at night."

Some students believed that their dining dollars are running out because they are being ripped off by the high prices at the C-store, as demonstrated by multiple complaints made by some students. "I know a lot of people that have already run out of dining dollars," said senior Rayleen Rivera-Harbach. "The high prices at the C-Store are the reason many people run out of dining dollars and people are realizing this."

"I am on the 14 meal plan with 100 dining dollars, but I only have \$2.30 left in dining dollars," Fida said. "There will be times where I will be studying late and I'll want something to eat and I will go to the C-Store to get a snack or a coffee. Recently I've gone to Wawa instead, because a Mocha is only \$1 or \$2 at Wawa and it is over \$3 at the C-Store. After a while, it really begins to add up but I also don't always have time to drive to Redners or Wawa."

"I find it absolutely ridiculous and appalling that one pack of gum is \$1.39 in the C-Store when at target you can buy three packs of gum for just about \$2," said junior Chelsea Sayegh. "I mentioned this to the lady working in the C-Store and her response was, 'hey good thing you're not spending real money on this gum.' I thought that was strange because

dining dollars are real dollars and when I run out of them, I have to put my own money back onto my Bear Bucks account."

Some items are the same price at the C-Store as they are at Wawa and Redners. However, the deals that Redners and Wawa have allow people to get a greater amount of certain items for less money. However, some C-Store items are more expensive. For example, a 24-pack of water at Redner's costs \$4.98, but at the C-Store, one water bottle costs \$1.29.

The C-store products are purchased in smaller quantities since they come from a secondary specialty vendor that services small stores, said Wood. Redners or Wawa are able to purchase in case lots which drive the unit price down, according to Wood. Sodexo can purchase food in large quantities for Upper and Lower Wismer, but Sodexo does not have many C-Store locations so it does not have the ability to purchase as much as bigger venues, said Wood.

Zack's has evolved into a second dining hall for many students which was not the intention, said Wood. Students expect Zack's to provide them with the same amount of food consumption as an "all you can eat environment," Wood said.

Students do not recognize that the purposes of dining dollars are to allow students to purchase from lower between Upper's main meal times or spend more than the fixed meal price, Wood said.

International Perspective

Chinese culture should be shared, not hidden

Haochen Yan

es at Ursinus.

Walking on the streets of Chinatown in Philadelphia, and glancing at colorful billboards with Chinese characters, I was really confused. Where was I?

I tried to observe the reaction of my companions because I wanted to know if I was the only one who got confused with where we were. I said to my friends, "I don't know why but when I see so many Chinese people walking around the streets, and hear them speaking Chinese, I am really not sure if I am in the U.S. or if I am still in China." Other friends looked at me and we were all silent. One girl broke the silence.

"I have the same feeling," she said. "Especially when I'm eating Chinese foods here."

We all laughed, but it reminded me that feeling homesick really influenced us so much; even when we did not recognize it.

There are almost 6 million ethnic Chinese living in the U.S. nowadays, and 42 Chinatowns located in different places all around the United States.

Chinatowns were more like communities for Chinese people at first, though they are more like business streets today. So basically, people call it China "town" because many Chinese people live there.

I have always wanted to know the reason why ethnic Chinese chose to live in a Chinese community instead of living in a common community among different people. So I made some assumptions.

First, are people from other countries not willing to know Chinese culture? I think that the answer is "no" for sure. My roommate, Matt, really likes Chinese culture, and he learns some Chinese from me when he has free time. Matt is not the only American who is interested in Chinese culture. I know many American students and other international students who take Chinese courses

Second, is it a part of the Chinese culture that Chinese people just don't want to know their neighbors, and American people cannot bear that? Americans are a kind of "social animal" but most Chinese people prefer to live their own lives, and expect no one to bother them.

I lived in a homestay when I was in California. It is in a small community and one thing really shocked me was that my homestay mom really had a good friendship with her neighbor. I even don't know who my neighbor is in China, even when we live so close. I'm sure that this phenomenon is so common in China because it is also a part of Chinese culture.

The way I see it is that Chinese culture is more introverted and many people end up hiding from the social aspect of their lives. This leads to Chinese and Americans not knowing about each other.

It is as if traditional Chinese people are holding an invisible shell which traps the Chinese culture and nobody can open it unless Chinese people allow it. But the Chinese culture is more like the pearl inside the shell.

If we want to see and share the pearl, the first thing we should do is open the shell. As my mother always told me, "Share whatever you think is good and fantastic with others."

To me, as I can see so many shining points in Chinese culture, I really feel it is a duty for me to share that with other people.

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A timeline displays the history of Philip and Muriel Berman in the basement of the Berman Museum. The timeline includes works of art as well as information panels to bring the Bermans' story to life.

Berman Museum timeline installed

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Over the summer, members of the Berman staff wanted to add color, life and history to a dull hallway. This hallway is one of the first things seen in the lower gallery of the Berman.

"We were looking for a way to make the downstairs hallway more inviting and aesthetic while also educating visitors on aspects of the museum's history," senior Rachel Bonner said.

Four students worked on the timeline and were very hands-on throughout the entire process.

Seniors Bonner and Emily Immel spent the entire summer working on this project, as well as the portrait wall. Recent graduates from the class of 2014, Nathan Labourdette and Kelsey Bullington-Hodge spent some of their summer at the Berman working on the project as well.

The hallway where the collage and timeline sit was built in 2010. This wing of the museum, called the Pfeiffer Wing, was used to expand the gallery space and to add a classroom. This wing features cases holding Pennsylvania German and Asian pottery.

The history on the walls isn't just of the Berman family but of the building itself. The Berman Museum used to be the campus library. The Berman Museum of Art was introduced in 1987, and

opened in 1989.

Julie Choma, the head of collections at the Berman, learned more about the couple and museum by completing the timeline.

"This whole idea began with the A-Z exhibition last fall," Choma said.

The A-Z exhibition was curated by students who were able to work with the 1,200 piece donation made by the Berman Foundation. The foundation is run by Phillip and Muriel Berman's daughter, Nancy.

"Almost everything included in the timeline was new information that we discovered," Choma said.

This research took place for three weeks this summer. Choma and the students sketched a history of the museum and its collection.

Phillip Berman studied at Ursinus for a short time and was then sent to war. He and Muriel married and moved to Allentown, Penn. They started their art collection there and collected thousands of works over the years.

The design and project started in the summer and was completed in October.

"The painting of the hallway alone took a month and a half," Choma said.

The students worked with the curator of the Berman, Ginny Kollak. The conceptual and curatorial aspects are what Kollak

helped with.

The timeline is organized in salon style. This style is when works are hung on top of one another in an asymmetrical way.

"Emily did most of the final arrangements for the salon wall and I wrote the final version of the wall text," Bonner said.

To find all of the information, Choma and the students had to read through archives.

"We wanted to do this timeline to show the background of the institutions and as a dedication to the museum collection," Choma said.

Bonner and Immel were given ample responsibility during the entire process.

"The best part was that Emily and I got to select portraits from the vaults and photos from archives and design the salon wall, which we had a good time doing," Bonner said.

Nancy Berman and the founding director of the Berman, Lisa Tremper Barnes visited the timeline after its completion.

"Nancy and Lisa were very excited about this timeline and dedication to the Berman family and museum," Choma said.

Choma is thrilled with how the timeline turned out and plans to add more as time goes on.

The timeline and collage are in the lower gallery of the Berman. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday.

Walking through a day with UC EMS

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An EMS worker is a certified first responder, basic, or intermediate emergency medical technician (EMT), or paramedic. Being an EMT worker at Ursinus College is a little bit different. Senior William Haussner has a standard daily routine for an Ursinus EMS worker.

Haussner came into Ursinus four years ago wanting to become a doctor when he "grew up." Freshman year, he thought it would be smart to get involved with EMS and learn the ropes on campus in order to fulfill his dream. He took a class to receive his EMT certification the summer after his freshman year.

The 200 hour class was tough, but allowed Haussner to learn how to use many different skills to deal with life and death situations.

At home, Haussner works on an ambulance, which is different from what Ursinus EMS is like, but only contributes to his experience.

A night on duty as an EMT at Ursinus can be dull at times but may also get surprisingly exciting, according to Haussner. Each EMT carries a pager while on duty and are notified when there is a call.

"When I am on call it's like I'm just going about my life," said Haussner. "It's not like I'm sitting in the EMS office waiting for a call, I'm student first and EMT second. I'm not just an EMT."

The pager gives all the information about the patient that the EMT who is on duty needs to know. They will also receive an automatic text from Campus Safety, who works closely with the Collegeville Police along with the State Police in order to keep the campus safe.

According to the Ursinus website, UC EMS is in service 24/7 during each term and occasionally during summer and winter breaks.

"The pager is incredibly loud, especially when I am sleeping," said Haussner. "I can receive a page any time of day, whether I'm in class, sleeping, doing homework, I may even be running on the treadmill. It's completely unpredictable."

There are currently only four certified EMTs. There are a number in training but only a few who are allowed to provide care by themselves. This creates even longer hours for the certified

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Word on the Street

What is your favorite building on campus and why?

"The Berman is my favorite because of the relaxing atmosphere. It is usually really quiet. Shout out to all my ladies at the Berman. And Matthew!" - Ann Crowley, 2015

"I like Pfahler because science" - Frank DeVone, 2015

"Ritter because it's the only place I don't feel super judged. Everyone there is really nice." - Kyle Peterson, 2015

"My favorite building is probably the Kaleidoscope. It's so pretty with so many windows and it's in a hill!" - Mattie Egerter, 2017

"I like Bomberger, one of the oldest buildings on campus and I like that I can go into a space that has been for almost all of Ursinus' experience." - Max Molishever, 2015

"The Berman Museum. It is a beautiful space filled with a diverse selection of artwork" - Jack Meyer, 2015

Feminists in Action club tackles the issue of gender inequality

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Before the Feminists in Action club was formed in 2013, there was no formalized space to discuss feminist issues on campus. In 2013, a group of students formed the organization to “promote and foster leadership development among the women and men at Ursinus College,” according to the group’s webpage.

The Feminists in Action club here at Ursinus discusses feminist issues through a bi-weekly Thursday meeting in the Bomberger Meditation Chapel. They tackle topics regarding gender equality, race, and sexuality issues. Their goal is to encourage the campus community to consider gender issues in their daily lives and decision making.

Club secretary Olivia Keithley broke down the origins of the Feminists in Action. She explained that the idea for the club first sprouted her freshman year and after a long process, finally became reality in November of 2013.

“We became a club because we wanted to create a space for students to talk about different issues related to gender, inequality, and how femininity and masculinity are constructed in the U.S.,” said Keithley.

The founders felt that there were many clubs that highlighted a variety of issues, but not one that focused on gender primarily.

“The definition of feminism is the belief in equal rights for men and women,” said Keithley. “So

we talk a lot about how both genders can work towards that mission together.”

Their meetings take on the form of an open discussion based on current news, discussion questions, or pieces composed by the media such as documentaries.

The club’s success in this short time can be attributed to its prioritization of diversity issues, particularly those pertaining to gender. The Feminists in Action club strives to bring together all groups on campus to discuss these issues from a diverse variety of perspectives.

“Having the boys there was really great,” said freshman Julia Crozier-Christy. “We were having talks about the masculinity ideal and having guys there made it such a more well-rounded discussion”.

Senior Lauren Marano furthered this point by explaining her nerves after hearing her boyfriend, junior Connor Murphy wanted to join her at one of the meetings.

“I was kind of anxious when Connor told me he wanted to come along,” said Marano. “I wasn’t sure how many boys would be there. I was actually surprised at the amount of males that showed up.”

The atmosphere of the meetings is also something that seemed to resonate among the members.

“I’ve gone to both of the meetings this year and I just really like the environment that is set up,” said Crozier-Christy. “Having a forum to discuss all of these things is really important and it’s

actually one of the reasons I decided to come to Ursinus.”

Marano expanded more on the physical aspect of the meeting.

“We were all arranged in a circle and in chairs without the obstruction of a desk,” said Marano. “It was just a very unifying vibe. I also loved the fact that meetings are discussion based and not dominated by just one person or the officers. The discussion is furthered by bouncing off ideas and asking questions”.

Both students agreed on the fact that the atmosphere was very comfortable and distinct from a typical classroom setting.

Although some may be misguided by thinking that feminists are a group of extremists with picket signs and urges to protest, Keithley stresses the contrary.

“There are so many different ways and so many little choices that you can make in your life that reflect how you view equality,” said Keithley. “Calling somebody out when they call a girl a slut for example. We just want to raise awareness on those everyday small choices we can make.”

Keithley hopes that the club can become self-sustaining by the time she graduates and that it will start to make an impact in the choices the student body makes on a daily basis.

If you’d like to have your voice heard and discuss some of the gender issues facing our world today, do not hesitate to attend a meeting in the near future. The first step to change is awareness.

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EMTs.

A typical call involves leaving whatever the person on duty is doing and taking the EMS truck to the scene. The type of call will determine what type of equipment is brought to the scene. The EMT will go to the call, do treatment, and finally determine if they need to go to the hospital or not.

If the patient needs to go to the hospital for additional treatment, the Trappe paramedics will be called and take over.

At that point, once the door on the ambulance shuts, Ursinus College EMS is finished and is ready to care for another patient.

“My job is pretty fun, it is really enjoyable to treat people; es-

pecially students,” said Haussner. “It’s really different at Ursinus treating people; I’m just another student coming to treat my fellow peers and it’s pretty cool in that respect. It’s just overall really gratifying because the people on campus really appreciate what we do.”

Being an EMT at Ursinus is strictly a volunteer job; the workers are serious in the job they perform.

“Being an EMS responder is about being there for the worst day of a person’s year or life and trying to make it just a little less bad.” said Brian Kennedy, a senior EMS responder.



Photo courtesy of Grace Steel
William “Billy” Haussner is a senior emergency medical service worker on the pre-med track at Ursinus College.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
5:30 p.m. <i>History dinner/lecture on China</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Shabbat dinner</i>	9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. <i>Collegeville farmer’s market</i>	3:00 p.m. <i>The Speaker’s house annual meeting</i>	12:30 p.m. <i>Justin Hines, Lafayette College Biology department seminar</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Obama’s Climate Plan: State Action, Grassroots Opportunities lecture by Professor Eban Goodstein of Bard Center for Environmental Policy</i>	12:00 p.m. <i>Tour of “Good Neighbors” at the Berman</i>
7:00 p.m. <i>Discussion of Palestinian-Israeli conflict</i>				5:30 p.m. <i>Bioethics club discussion: soda ban</i>		7:00p.m. <i>UC STAT game show night - Jeopardy!</i>

Denial of birth control is unconstitutional

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The Affordable Care Act was a big step forward for women's rights, because women were finally being promised the healthcare coverage and the reproductive autonomy they should have already had access to. A recent Supreme Court ruling, however, limits insurance coverage for women, and undermines the only aspect of the Affordable Healthcare Act that was a big step forward for women's rights.

The owners of Hobby Lobby crafting stores, David and Barbara Green, felt that covering four emergency contraceptives under their company's healthcare plan went against their pro-life religious beliefs and is a violation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, according to the official Hobby Lobby Case site. On June 30, the Supreme Court declared that closely-held companies do not have to abide under certain aspects of the Affordable Care act that offend their religious beliefs, according to The Christian Science Monitor.

The Supreme Court's ruling treats women as if they are less human than companies. According to an article in Time Magazine, "[up] until this point the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) has been interpreted as a protection for individuals' religious practices—not those of corporations." The Supreme Court's new interpretation of the RFRA implies that Corporations are people and women are not. The Supreme Court is also relaying the message that people's religious rights are of higher significance than women's reproductive rights.

The Supreme Court's ruling is ultimately handing employers of closely-held, for-profit companies the ammunition they need to deny their female employees any say in their reproductive rights. Corporations can now receive legal permission to deny their employees coverage of any birth controls that arguably go against their religious beliefs. After the Supreme Court's initial ruling, there were forty-eight pending cases and fourteen more companies who were likely to deny their female employees coverage of contraceptives, accord-

ing to a Huffington Post report. Some of these companies, such as Eden Foods, are fighting to deny the coverage of all forms of birth control in their healthcare plans, according to a Huffington Post report. The pill, which is covered for free under the Affordable Healthcare Act, would cost approximately three hundred dollars a year without this coverage, according to Time Magazine. This ruling could make it difficult for American female employees to obtain healthcare coverage for their birth control pills.

IUD (intrauterine device), one of the devices Hobby Lobby la-

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beled as emergency contraceptives and refuses to cover, has been a big step forward for women's reproductive rights. This advance device is more often used in place of birth control pills than

as emergency contraceptive. With a "failure rate of less than one pregnancy per 100 women in a year," IUD is the a more effective form of birth control than both birth control pills and condoms, according to Time Magazine. Without coverage, the IUD can cost up to \$900, according to Time Magazine. That is a month's pay for minimum wage workers. With this new ruling, women are being denied affordable access to one of the most progressive forms of birth control because corporation's rights are being treated as more important than women's reproductive rights.

If women are unable to afford emergency contraceptives, they lose a large aspect of their right to make their own reproductive choices and their autonomy. A federal report released in 2013 stated that half of the 5.8 women who have used Plan B have done so because they feared that another birth control method may have failed, according to USA Today. Emergency contraceptive is important because other forms of birth control do fail in certain cases and are not always reliable due to medication interactions.

Women deserve the autonomy

in making their own reproductive and sexual decisions. They may want to complete their education or obtain a stable job, wait until marriage, or obtain the financial stability they need before they have a child. Many women are thinking about their own lives just as much as the lives of a child when they make their decision to take contraceptives. Denying women affordable access to emergency contraceptives implies that women should not be trusted with the autonomy that comes along with having affordable access to emergency contraceptives.

The Supreme Court's ruling suggests that Christian Scientists, those who follow religious beliefs that oppose the use of conventional medicine, who are employers of closely-held companies should be exempt from covering any medicine. Many would argue, in this case, that the rights to affordable medication are more important than a corporation's religious freedom. Women have just as much of a right to have contraceptives covered as the men who have their Viagra covered by health insurance.

Letter to the editor

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I am disappointed by the one-sided nature of the reporting in the recent article, "UC responds to drop in ranking." There are many Ursinus community members who feel that the absence of Ursinus College from US News and World Report's 2015 Best Colleges is indeed a big deal, yet their views were not represented in this article. The Best Colleges List is a go-to reference for student and faculty applicants alike, and the fact that Ursinus does not rank in the top 100 liberal arts schools has real potential to affect the quality of applicant pools

for the incoming Class of 2019, as well as this year's tenure track faculty searches, associate dean search, and even our search for a new president. The article makes plenty of excuses for the reporting error, and even goes so far as to try to blame US News and World Report for the mistake. It would have been nice to see those responsible simply admit wrongdoing rather than try to dismiss the blunder and downplay its potential impact. What kind of example are we setting for our students if we as faculty and administrators fail to accept responsibility for our mistakes and apologize when appropriate?

Jewish frat vandalized

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Symbolic meanings are based on our agreement about them. Advertisers utilize symbols to form brand recognition in their targeted consumers, so that they will always recognize the products. Sometimes a single image provides a much more powerful message as compared to the spoken word or written sentences.

Symbols are a concentrated form of communication. They can leave lasting impressions that are imprinted in our minds. "Religious, magical or artistic symbols from the remoteness of other centuries and other cultures can still move us," according to Jolande Jacobi in his article "Complex, Archetype, Symbol in the Psychology of C. G. Jung."

Some images can provoke powerfully negative associations which can create feelings of numbness and anger. Earlier this month at Atlanta's Emory University, a Jewish fraternity was

defaced with cruel and offensive graffiti. The Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house was vandalized with anti-Semitic markings shortly after the end of Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement. Multiple swastikas were spray painted on the building during the night and were identified early next morning.

Most people, including myself, identify the swastika as symbolizing the many pernicious acts associated with the Holocaust. The swastika is synonymous with pure evil. It is interesting how one potent symbol can evoke such powerful emotions. "The Nazi swastika is the textbook example of the power of a single symbol to ignominiously alter human behavior," according to Malcolm Quinn in his journal article "The Swastika: Constructing the Symbol." Whether this was a joke or not it is still an illegal, hurtful and offensive act.

The perpetrators targeted and singled out the Jewish fraternity in an egregious and malevolent manner. This fraternity has many

members who are family of Holocaust survivors, making this act even crueler. The persecution of family members just two generations ago by the Nazis strikes a nerve with these fraternity brothers in a way that most of us can only imagine but not truly understand. An act such as this reverberates through the entire Jewish community and campus. All students should feel safe in their home and on their college campus. This anti-Semitic act against one fraternity actually hurts all of us by taking away our sense of comfort and security.

The symbols can be washed off the building with soap and water but the offensiveness of the act cannot be so easily washed away. Acts of incivility like this rob all of us of our sense of security and well-being and promote intolerance. As we approach the seventieth anniversary of the end of World War II, let us all remember how even the smallest sentiments of intolerance can lead to hated and unspeakable acts.

BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPS

Field hockey sneaks by F&M in 2-1 thriller for Centennial title



Photo courtesy of Jon Vander Lugt

The field hockey team is seen here hoisting the Centennial Conference championship trophy after their win over Franklin and Marshall. The Bears face a possible rematch with the Dips in the upcoming NCAA tournament, should 17-2 F&M beat 6-13 Regis College (MA).



Photo courtesy of Jon Vander Lugt

(Left to right) Amber Steigerwalt, Jordan Miller, and Samantha Macchio are seen here in an embrace following their championship clinching win. Macchio scored the goal that proved to be the winner 21:52 into the first half.

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passes by juniors Kelsey Reed and Danielle Stong.

The Ursinus College field hockey team won its tenth Centennial Conference Championship this past Sunday, with their 2-1 win over Franklin and Marshall.

The Bears defeated Johns Hopkins on Saturday afternoon 7-0 in order to move on to play the Diplomats on Sunday, and the latter contest was tight throughout.

"When I heard the final buzzer I immediately found my teammates and we all started hugging and jumping up and down," said senior captain Nora Kornfeld. "There's honestly nothing quite like winning a championship and I wouldn't want to have done it with anyone else."

The Bears scored two goals in the first half, and only allowed one goal, which came three minutes before halftime.

Despite being outshot 15-8, the Bears had eight saves from junior goalkeeper Danielle DeSpirito. DeSpirito was named the tournament MVP, as she only let in one goal in both Saturday and Sunday's game.

"I was nervous," DeSpirito said. "I think we all were nervous and felt the pressure to win...I don't really care about statistics or honors, I just want to win."

"We really try to focus on taking it one game at a time. We didn't go into Saturday's game knowing we'd be playing again on Sunday," said Kornfeld. "We focused on that game and took care of business so we could play in the championship."

Each goal for the Bears came in the first 22 minutes of the game. Ursinus got their first goal at 6:03 when junior Megan Keenan scored on a corner off of

The second goal came a little later when junior Samantha Macchio scored at 21:52 with a shot past the Diplomats goalkeeper Allie Morey off of a rebound.

The Diplomats inched toward a comeback shortly before the half when Tamara Mills scored on a deflection off of a cross from Maria Guarisco and scored.

In the second half, the Diplomats had three shots on goal in the first nine minutes with one saved by DeSpirito and two of them went wide.

The Dips had their best opportunity at 52:44 when a shot by Sydney Cole was saved by DeSpirito, and a second shot four seconds later by Guarisco was stopped at the line by Reed.

Keenan stalled in the near corner on FM's side of the field for most of the final three minutes to close out the contest and finished the game with three shots for the Bears.

Ursinus now advances to the NCAA tournament for the second straight year. They play Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. against an opponent to be decided, and should they win, will advance to the next round Sunday at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at Middlebury College in Vermont.

"We have been preparing for this upcoming weekend all season by pushing ourselves to be the best we can be," said junior Kelsey Reed. "We will continue practicing and working hard just like we always do to prepare for upcoming games."

"[We have four] games left," DeSpirito said, "to play for each other, play for our seniors, play for our school, and most importantly play for our coaches who have dedicated so much time to us and for us."

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

Football (6-3)	Field Hockey (16-3)	W Soccer (9-7-2)	W Swimming (1-0)	M Swimming (1-0)	Wrestling
Nov. 7 at Muhlenberg UC: 27, Muhlenberg: 41 Kevin Monahan: 21-39 passing, 191 yards, 3TDs Mike Morones: 3 sacks, 7 total tackles Steve Ambs: 2 sacks, 9 total tackles	Nov. 8 Centennial Semifinal vs. Johns Hopkins UC: 7, Johns Hopkins: 0 Goals (UC): Danielle Stong (3), Devin Brakel (3), Megan Keenan	Nov. 8 Centennial Semifinal vs. Johns Hopkins UC: 1, Johns Hopkins: 2 Goals (UC): Katherine Bell	Nov. 5 vs. Albright UC: 120, Albright: 80 Highlights: Sydney Gunderson won the 200 free and 500 free. 200 medley team won.	Nov. 5 vs. Albright UC: 111, Albright: 92 Highlights: Marcus Wagner won the 1000 free and the 500 free.	Nov. 8 Fall Brawl at UC 125 class: Austin Petril (3rd) 133 class: Christian Hoogheem (3rd) 157 class: Derek Arnold (3rd)
	Nov. 9 Centennial Final vs. Franklin and Marshall UC: 2, F&M: 1 Goals (UC): Megan Keenan, Samantha Macchio		Nov. 8 vs. Lebanon Valley UC: 116, LV: 77 Highlights: Corinne Capodanno won the 1000 free and 100 back. 200 medley team won.	Nov. 8 vs. Lebanon Valley UC: 113, LV: 84 Highlights: Colin McNamara won the 50 free and the 100 free. 200 medley team won.	

Sticking together at Ursinus

Siblings Jeannie and Rich Jasinski are excelling in athletics at UC

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Having the opportunity to play a college sport can be a rare experience in today's society. Something more impressive is having two siblings competing at the same school. It's a unique situation to say the least.

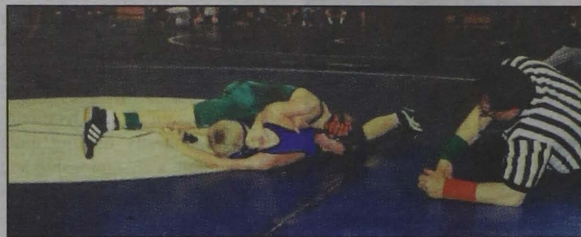
"My relationship with my brother is really awesome. We have become so close over the last few years. It's really nice knowing I have someone who always has my back," said Jeannie Jasinski. "He motivates me when I most need it."

The sophomore recently assisted her soccer team into the Women's Centennial Conference Tournament this past week; it was the first playoff appearance since 2010. In fact, Jeannie sent the Bears to the playoffs with the game winning goal minutes into overtime. Unfortunately, the Bears dropped their playoff match to Johns Hopkins 2-1, but that doesn't diminish the overall season or the playoff-clinching score.

"The game winning goal was such a crazy experience," said Jeannie Jasinski. "Especially for the seniors, they really deserve this. Sincerely, these girls are my family."

While Jeannie shines on the soccer field, she isn't the only Jasinski on campus seeing success in her athletic career here at Ursinus College. Rich Jasinski, her old brother, is an All-American wrestler at UC as well.

"Being an All-American was one of happiest moments in life," said Rich Jasinski. "The grit, grind, sweat and blood are all a



Above photos courtesy of the Jasinski family. Jeannie, top, is seen playing soccer as a child. Richard, bottom (top) is seen wrestling in his younger years. The two are both graduates of Pennridge high school.

part of the process."

With an impressive season last year, older brother Rich is looking forward to his senior year. Of which, he hopes to help lead his team to success.

"This is my final season wrestling and I am going to enjoy every second of it. I want to lead this team to a Regional Championship, considering last year we were one point away from winning the region," said Rich Jasinski.

Aside from the success on the athletic fields, the two athletes work very hard behind the scenes. When speaking to both of their coaches, they had nothing but good things to say.

"Jeannie is a hard working player on the field who is competitive and wants to improve as an individual and make the team better as well. She worked very

hard during the spring season and during the summer to improve her fitness," said head women's soccer coach Kelly Wakeman. "She is very internally driven and has taken huge strides forward as a contributing player on the team from her freshman year to her current, sophomore year."

Head wrestling coach Bill Racich, spoke highly of the senior.

"He is without a doubt the hardest worker we have in the practice room and elevates everyone he trains with," said Racich. "At the same time, he is wholesome guy who always has a big smile on his face and he'll do anything you ask."

Rich is a leader with his sister and for his team. It credits to the type of person he is.

"He is a leader by example. With leadership comes responsi-

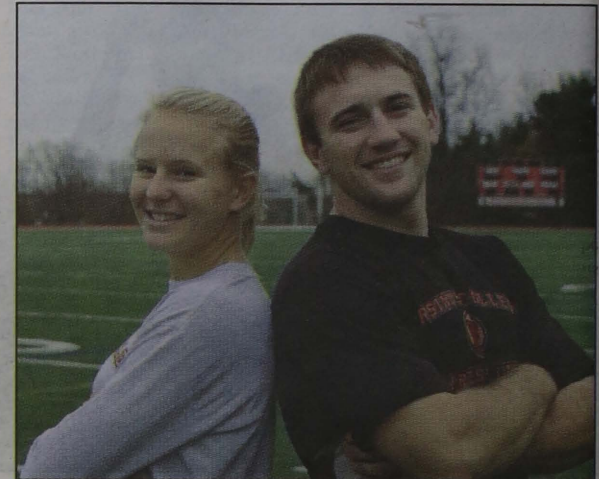


Photo courtesy of Alexis Primavera. Jeannie and Rich are seen here in a current photo. Jeannie led the soccer team in goals with seven, and Rich will look to build off of an All-American 2013-14 season.

bility and Richie is one who takes his role seriously and is a two-time NCAA Scholar All-American so he provides the positive academic attitude we are looking for from him," said Racich.

The experience alone is something that will forever stay with these two. While they both are individuals, the brother and sister duo each have a legacy to leave behind.

"It's a great experience being able to play athletically here because the girls are so great," Jeannie said. "Also the community and support of the school make the wins so much sweeter. This season has really taught me a few things, I don't need to stress or get down when I have a bad game. This season really put that into perspective for me."

While Rich is working hard to prepare for his final season, he

knows how fortunate it is to have a sister, especially since she is here on campus with him during the journey.

"My sister and I have always been close, yet always competitive with one another," Rich said. "We always challenge each other to be better, and whenever one of us is down we always encourage one another to stay positive and focus on the important things."

In the same regard, Jeannie is very thankful to have her brother here as well. Being at Ursinus still allows the sophomore to be herself.

"I'm my own person here. It's funny thinking about my brother being on campus because in high school I was constantly in his shadow," Jeannie said. "But I love having my brother on campus; it really makes it feel more like home."

Upcoming Schedule:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
M Basketball at Arcadia Centennial/MAC Challenge (Arcadia) W Basketball vs. TCNJ Coaches vs. Cancer Classic (York) M&W Swimming vs. McDaniel 1:00 p.m. M&W XC at D3 Mideast Regional at Dickinson 11:00 a.m.	M Basketball vs. Albright Centennial/MAC Challenge (UC) W Basketball vs. TBA Coaches vs. Cancer Classic (York)	Wrestling at Scranton/Yeshiva TBA		W Basketball at Gettysburg 7:00 p.m.

