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Jewish holiday Sukkot begins

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Wednesday Oct. 8 marks the start of this year's Sukkot celebration. Sukkot is an eight-day-long celebration in which members of the Jewish religion build a structure called a sukkah.

A sukkah is a hut-like structure similar to the building used during the 40-year travel that took place during the exodus from Egypt. A sukkah is constructed from wood, canvas, or sheets.

During this weeklong event members of the Jewish community eat their meals and are encouraged to sleep in the constructed building.

The first day of Sukkot is a holy day in which most forms of work are discouraged. Sukkot provides an opportunity to spend time outside reflect and connect with nature. This celebration is quite a unique experience and students on campus have lasting memories about the event.

"It is quite an experience to eat and sleep in the sukkah, especially on a clear night when you can see all the stars," said senior Gabriel Schwartz.

Sukkot is meant to be a time where individuals are thankful for their homes because of the temporary nature of the structure. There are two main stories about the origins of Sukkot which involve wandering through the desert and agriculture.

The first explanation is taken from the Hebrew Bible and states that it is a celebration of the commemoration of when the Israelites wandered around the desert after they were freed from slavery.

The second explanation is that it is a huge harvest festival.

The Ursinus sukkah will be constructed of a metal frame and

a roof that does not prevent the users from seeing the sky. It has to be built so if there was a storm it would be knocked over because it is a temporary structure. Sukkahs' roots are deep in Jewish heritage.

The Sukkot celebration has many different meanings and symbolizes different aspects of the Jewish religion.

"Some people see this as an awareness of God, but others seek Sukkot as a symbol for our place in the universe," said Rabbi Michael Ramberg.

Students across campus are looking forward to this event and for the opportunity to express their Jewish heritage. The strong presence of the Jewish community is quite evident on the Ursinus campus. Students from all parts of the college will come out to participate. Sukkot is celebrated throughout the world and has a strong presence in the Ursinus community.

"It's nice the Jewish community has such a strong presence on campus. It's great to take place in events like Sukkot because it makes me appreciate my Jewish heritage," said sophomore Jacob Bigelow.

Above all, Sukkot symbolizes the fragility of life. The Ursinus community will begin building the structure this week. The annual Sukkot celebration begins at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 8. Students across campus are welcome to come to the Hillel House and show their support for the celebration.



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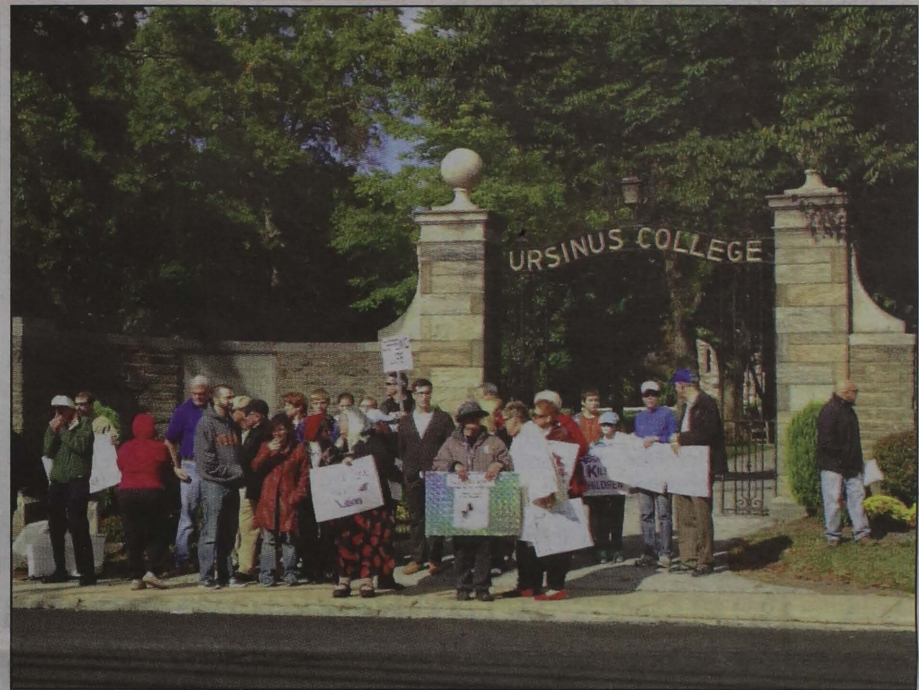


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Pro-life demonstrators gathered along Main Street on Oct. 5, outside of Ursinus's main gate. The protesters held various signs and remained silent as cars drove past the college.

"Life Chain" on Main Street *Anti-abortion church members hold protest*

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"Abortion Kills Children." "Pray to End Abortion." "Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation." These phrases, among others, were printed on the signs carried by pro-life demonstrators outside of Ursinus' gates on Sunday afternoon.

The demonstration was affiliated with St. Eleanor Parish in Collegeville, a Catholic church. It was one of hundreds of "Life Chain" events held across the country on the first Sunday in October, the beginning of what the organization calls "Respect Life Month."

"Our ultimate goal is to save babies from being aborted," said Chris Wentzel, an organizer of the demonstration. "Humans rights shouldn't come from the govern-

ment. They come from God."

Over thirty people holding pro-life signs, rosaries, and pictures of saints lined the sidewalk on either side of Main Street, immediately in front of Ursinus' campus.

Following multiple students' inquiries to Campus Safety, the office contacted the Collegeville Police Department to ensure that the protest did not violate any local laws. According to campus safety officer Anthony Bruno, the sidewalks are not Ursinus property, only the grassy areas. The sidewalks are Collegeville property.

"It's an event about changing hearts; we don't see it as being on someone's turf," Wentzel said. "But I don't know if the location is unrelated to the college. We

want to reach out to young people because the nation has to heal from this issue."

The premise of the annual Life Chain events that are held each October "is to minister to its own participants—to those who call Christ their Lord and hold pro-life messages that declare abortion a grave evil that defames the name and holiness of God," according to the organization's website.

Life Chain events have been organized in the Collegeville area for more than 20 years. From 1995 until this year, the demonstrations were held in front of the Collegeville Planned Parenthood location.

The demonstrators, who

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Reimert courtyard program becomes permanent

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Last year there was a noticeable problem with the relationship between students and authoritative figures on weekends. Students looked at campus safety, Residence Life, and even fellow student Resident Advisor's as the enemy when they were holding social events in Reimert. Jerry Gares, president of the student government at the time, and David Nolan, Senior RA of Reimert at the time, noticed the problem and wanted to do something to change the dynamic. Over the summer of 2013, the two met with each other and Student Affairs to come up with solutions to the weekend life on campus.

The solution they came up with came to be known as "The Reimert Courtyard Pilot Program." Under the new rules of the program, students were permitted to have drinks outside of suites but they had to stay within the

four walls of Reimert. Students were only permitted to have one drink at a time, in a 16 ounce or less cup, and absolutely no glass outside of suites. In order to keep the rules, students had to be conscious of the amount of trash in Reimert and on the balconies.

This semester, the pilot program in Reimert has officially become the rules of Reimert, meaning it is no longer just a pilot program. The rules that were made last year are still the same rules this year.

Gares and Nolan worked through the logistics of the program with student affairs last year. Then, towards the end of summer, Gares invited around 60 students to come to campus. The group invited consisted of leaders from clubs, sports teams, and Greek organizations. Gares talked to this group about the pilot program and took their opinions on how it would be handled once students were back on campus. At the time, this group served

as a non-official student senate.

The pilot program was put into place at the beginning of the fall semester of 2013. Each week, Gares would send out updates on how the students were keeping up with the program. He would list the strengths and weaknesses of the past weekend and tell students what needed to be worked on in following weekends.

The program had ups and downs. This past January, Reimert was doing so poorly that it was "shut down" indefinitely. During that period, Gares met with many students and tried to come up with a solution to the problem. That is when the Student Senate was formed.

So far, according to Colleen Valerio of Residence Life, the student body is keeping up their part of making the new rules stay in place. There hasn't been a decrease or an increase in the number of problematic incidents in Reimert, she said. The program

has been successful in creating a more social courtyard and most weekend nights, the courtyard is filled with students. Valerio said though that the trash issue in Reimert has not improved.

Melissa Sanders-Geiss, director of residence life, said student affairs wanted to implement the program to empower students, enabling them to make adult decisions.

Angelo Montenegro, senior RA of Reimert area, says the trash is the biggest issue that RAs and Residence Life are facing with Reimert this year.

"The biggest thing has been glass," Montenegro said. "Even though you're allowed to have drinks outside you're still not allowed to have glass bottles and that's been a problem, especially the last couple weekends."

Last month, there was an incident where a police officer was almost hit with a glass bottle. In response to this, Valerio sent out an email to all of the residents of

Reimert. In her email she wrote, "The amount of broken glass in the courtyard is disrespectful, dangerous, and unacceptable". She then stated that any student seen with glass in the courtyard would be "documented for violating college policy".

To mend the problem of trash last year, there was a "suite clean-up program" put into place. Under that program, if a suite registered a party they were then assigned a weekend of clean-up duty. The Student Senate is still working on implementing this program this year. According to Sanders-Geiss, Residence Life is eager for the Student Senate to put that program into place this year.

Despite the ups and downs and problems of the courtyard program, Montenegro, Valerio, and Sanders-Geiss all agree that the courtyard program was effective in empowering students to have a say in the rules they must abide by.

UC partners with Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

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Ursinus College's partnership with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy gives students an opportunity to do local volunteer work, according to sustainability coordinator Brandon Hoover. Students were scheduled to work with the conservancy to plant over 300 native trees and shrubs at Lodal Creek as a part of Sustainability Week on Saturday, but the event was canceled due to the rain in the forecast. Hoover said that he hopes this event will be rescheduled.

"Ursinus students are very passionate about volunteering in the community," Hoover said.

"We saw this partnership with the conservancy as a really great opportunity to engage students in community service that has positive benefits to our immediate community."

The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy works to keep the Perkiomen Creek as clean as possible, and they rely on volunteers for a lot of their projects, according to Hoover.

He said that often, when it rains pesticides and fertilizers that people use on their lawns get washed downstream, so the PWC and volunteers plant rain gardens, which are native shrubs and trees that collect and filter these pesticides and fertilizers before they can get into the creek.

Ursinus College has worked closely with the Perkiomen Watershed over the past few years, according to Hoover. A watershed is a region of land and all of the streams and rivers in it, and Collegeville is located in the Perkiomen Watershed, which Hoover said spans from Oakes to the Green Lane Reservoir.

"The PWC has had a strong presence in this area for 50 years, and they're a very well respected organization," Hoover said. "Our partnership with PWC provides students with a tremendous opportunity; whether a student is just planting one tree with them or is doing a project with them for a semester as an intern, the work they get to do is really important."

"We've always worked closely with the PWC because Ursinus is a liberal arts college and we strive for a sense of community," said Zach Trauger, an EcoRep. "We have a lot of students with an eco-mindset, and they want to help improve the stream just as badly as the other community members living here."

Ursinus' role in helping the PWC keep the creek clean is important because a lot of the area's drinking water comes from streams and wells, according to Trauger.

"If there are polluted streams we'll start seeing that in our tap," he said.

Pollutants can also cloud the water and made it difficult for fish

to see prey, according to Trauger. "Ecosystems are a pretty complex balance, and if one species is destroyed it has a ripple effect," he said.

"Once pesticides and fertilizers get into the creek they can have a harmful impact on invertebrates and fish, and this could negatively impact the biodiversity of the creek," Hoover said. "There are bodies of water that have green slime on them, and that's what happens in a creek that doesn't have rich biodiversity."

He also said that the PWC works with volunteers to preserve the health of the creek by protecting its biodiversity.

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Students plant on green roof

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On Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Oct. 3 Ursinus volunteers planted on the roof of Berman Museum for the new green roof.

Although it was a new feature in this year's Sustainability Week, it actually has been in the works for eight years.

The idea was first researched beginning with Summer Fellow and honors research done by alumna Meggie Porrini in 2006, under the guidance of Dr. Leah Joseph, who is a professor of environmental studies.

As part of Porrini's honors research, test planting boxes were built with help from facilities for the Pfahler rooftop. The goal was to determine plants that would be well suited for being used on campus roofs, as well as to determine the safety of water filtering through the green roof. Students Ashley Sacks and Sara Lee con-

tinued this research by monitoring temperature, the amount of water runoff, and water chemistry. Both presented their research for CoSA in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

The first attempt at planting on the Berman rooftop was in 2010, with the help of Lee who had researched the program for a year. "We were very excited when the architects planned a green roof on the Berman roof/patio, and Sacks actually came back to help plant it even though she had already graduated," said Joseph. However, the program was not maintained, and this year marks the beginning of its revitalization.

The planting this year was planned for last Tuesday, but there were not enough student volunteers to complete the job. This is why they ended up also planting on Friday. Only five students and one alumnus were able to help out. Some of the plants included were sedum (stone-

crops) and sempervivum (hens and chickens). Additionally, they planted some larger plants in the ground level area of the Berman.

Facilities has tested different rooftop possibilities, including Pfahler, Myrin, and a portion of Wismer. Pfahler was determined to be unable to support the additional weight of a green roof and the water it would absorb from rain. However, there is some hope to try green roofs on the other potential buildings.

When speaking with Shannon Spencer, the campus sustainability planner, about the possibility of expanding the project beyond the Berman, she said, "We still plan to do this at some point in the future, but it is not in current plans. We've researched buildings on campus to determine where we might put a green roof. Wismer is one of the options, likely an area that would be visible from the dining hall."

Top Stories from around the globe

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Hong Kong Protestors to Enter Talks with Government

Hong Kong student activist organizations Scholarism and the Hong Kong Federation of Students, which have been protesting in Hong Kong's financial district for over a week have announced they will soon enter talks with the political committee that runs the island enclave, according to the BBC. The "Occupy Central" movement, as it has become known, seeks greater political representation and voting power for residents of Hong Kong, who are largely under the control of the Communist Party of China in Beijing.

What began as peaceful marches appealing changes to the governance system that would seek to only allow the people of Hong Kong to vote for pre-approved members by the solidly Pro-Beijing Hong Kong Election Committee soured after riot police fired nearly 90 tear gas canisters in an attempt to break up the protest. Demonstrators responded by barricading public locations and refusing to disperse, creating a precarious situation for the Chinese government, which is unwilling to appear overly hostile to political freedoms while there is a large amount of international attention. When student leaders such as Joshua Wong, 17 year old organizer of student movement Scholarism, meet with representatives from the government, including Carrie Lam, the second in command for the government of

Hong Kong, they hope to cement a formal basis for discussing the demands of the widely supported protest movement.

Mass Grave Discovered in Mexico

The Mexican Government announced that a mass grave had been discovered in Guerrero, a state infamous for its proximity to warring drug cartels, says the New York Times. The unknown number of discovered bodies were feared to be that of 43 missing college students who disappeared last weekend after attempting to use several buses they had seized to attend a march in Mexico City commemorating the 1968 massacre of hundreds of protestors in Mexico's capital city by the members of its Armed Forces.

The students had come from a local teacher's college and had sought to use the buses to organize a rally of educators supporting reforms to local governments. Two of the students were shot by police officers in the taking of the motor coaches and later died. The next morning, another student was found gruesomely dismembered with much of the flesh carved from his face, sparking suspicions that local organized crime groups had gotten involved, due to the level of brutality. While the circumstances are unclear, local observers were quick to accuse local gangs who have a long history of mass murder and violence against innocents. The Governor of Guerrero claimed that members of the gangs had infiltrated local police departments, which is likely to hamper investigations.

Students respond to Yik Yak

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Ursinus students have conducted and participated in studies that reveal the negative ways students have been using Yik Yak and how this anonymous application negatively affects students. Yik Yak is an application that enables users to anonymously post on a local message board, and read and respond to posts created by other users in the area.

A small social psychology experiment using Yik Yak and Facebook was conducted by senior Crysta Zurad. Zurad posted a Facebook status that summarized a Wismer assistant's caring gesture and went on to state that she felt lucky to be on this campus and that she was going to miss this tight knit community after her graduation. Zurad posted a condensed version of her Facebook status to Yik Yak under the handle "Crysta Zurad" a little later that day. She had chosen to put an optional handle for the purpose of this experiment and she had to shorten her Facebook status to fit the Yik Yak character limit.

"Within seven minutes on Yik Yak I received negative four down votes on my Yak but within seven minutes on Facebook I had received twenty likes on the same status," Zurad said.

Junior Chelsea Sayegh is doing a study on the ways Yik Yak and sub-tweeting affect Ursinus students for her intro to new media class. Sayegh is interviewing various students around campus and asking them about their personal experiences with Yik Yak, their thoughts about the anonymous app, and their reasons for having and/or checking the app.

"We found that currently, Yik Yak is such a massive, pressing issue around this campus and everyone goes on it, everyone knows about it," Sayegh said. Even some students who do not have Yik Yak will check the application on other people's phones out of curiosity or to see if anything has been written about them or their organization, Sayegh said.

"To outside people it's funny but when you're actually being Yaked about it isn't," Sayegh said. "Out of all the people I have interviewed, the only good responses I have gotten is from people who don't have Yik Yak because they think it's stupid. All the other people I have talked to, if they have not been personally victimized on Yik Yak, then they know someone who has been."

People are able to bully others on the internet so easily, and with anonymous applications emerg-

ing, such as Yik Yak, cyberbullying is becoming a bigger problem, Zurad said. "This app is a place where you can say whatever you want without any repercussions, without anybody finding out who is saying it," Zurad said. "If there are no repercussions, then people are more likely to make other people feel bad."

"People reading the app could see something about themselves, or the organization that they are a part of or sports team that they are a part of and feel hurt by these comments," Zurad said. "We're at the age where we are very vulnerable." It can take a negative comment on Yik Yak to ruin someone's day and bring someone's self-esteem down.. Yik Yak can also have a really negative affect on people who are prone to anxiety and depression, Zurad said.

Sayegh believes that Yik Yak should be blocked from Ursinus' server or at least more carefully regulated. "I know a lot of the pros of Yik Yak involved schools arguing that it was a good way to learn about the school and individuals within the school," Sayegh said. "However, I feel the racism, the bullying, the degrading of people overpowers this pro."

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ranged from young children to the elderly, expressed a variety of motives for attending the event.

"This is a peaceful, pro-life witness to the value of human life," Mary Roth, a demonstrator, said. "We are praying for life to be valued. It's a gift from God."

Demonstrator Victoria Naoe has had three abortions, and participates to "help someone not go through" her experience.

"The big thing is 'my body, my choice,'" Naoe said. "But is it your choice to kill a child? That's what you're doing."

Ursinus students have responded to the demonstrators on the edge of their campus.

"I was startled when I saw them standing there in front of our gates," junior Kim Nolan said. "I was surprised because we're a liberal arts school, so most people probably have a pretty liberal view of the pro-life, pro-choice debate."



Photo courtesy of Andrew Tran

Clara Kiss, Jordan Gagan and Dustin Brinker practice a scene during a dress rehearsal. "The Picture of Dorian Gray" had a successful opening on Oct. 1 to the Ursinus and Collegeville communities.

Dorian Gray comes to Ursinus

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Oscar Wilde will forever remind the Ursinus community of their late president, Dr. Bobby Fong. Just three weeks after his death, "The Picture of Dorian Gray" came to life on the Ursinus stage.

In the program there is a dedication to Fong. "This project was inspired by the work of Dr. Fong, the preeminent Oscar Wilde scholar and our President. He was excited and supportive of this production from the start. With his untimely passing, we devoted ourselves to his memory while rehearsing. We know he is with us in spirit, in performance and we continue to be motivated by his dedication and passion for the works of Oscar Wilde," it read.

Ursinus professor Domenick Scudera adapted Wilde's novel to the stage. The transition was smooth and strong. Scudera blended Wilde's clever tale to fit the stage.

Something that stood out during "Dorian Gray" was the range of majors represented in the cast. From biochemistry and molecular biology to international relations and American Studies, many different fields of study were apparent. A majority of the cast were also underclassmen.

The title role was played by

sophomore Dustin Brinker, who is a double major in neuroscience and biochemistry and molecular biology.

"Dorian Gray," set in the late 18th century, felt more modern with the architectural set, bright, colorful and bold lighting and breathy dance music. The stage was bare, featuring little set changes and props.

The set was made up of light wood, unpainted, that created architectural shapes. There were archways, windows, and paneling creating passageways for the actors.

The set at first seemed bare and unused, but as the story went on the cast interacted more with the set. There was also a black curtain that dropped on each side creating new shapes and locations.

The back of the stage had a screen set up, like it does during most shows. To symbolize a change in place the lights would change color. The lights also changed when Dorian Gray had a dramatic emotional change. Red symbolized the anger and rage Dorian Gray felt towards Basil, Harry and himself.

This show dealt with difficult themes such as suicide, questioning one's sexuality and the fear of growing older.

Even with these themes and

the constant thought of death, however, the show incorporated comedy and was filled with laughter.

The cast acted with animation. The use of sound also dramatized serious moments. The use of gasps over the loud speakers caused the audience to laugh and the cast to pump up the volume.

The second act occurred 20 years after the first. Dorian Gray was still the same age after he sold his soul to keep his youth. Earlier in the show Gray hides the portrait Basil painted of him in his attic.

The painting has changed and aged while Dorian Gray has stayed the same. The painting, however, looks much older than Dorian should be because it is bearing the sins that he has committed.

In the first act Dorian says that he is a year away from being of age. This makes him around seventeen. The portrait looks as if Dorian is at least 50.

Dorian faces conflicts in the second act and realizes that he sold the best part of himself. He realizes that being young and beautiful isn't everything. When he realizes that he is becoming a worst version of himself he

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Students' campus jobs

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Many students come to Ursinus after the summer and wonder what kinds of jobs are available to them on campus. Campus jobs are ideal for Ursinus students because they are close and accommodating to the hectic schedules that many Ursinus students have.

Emily Cooper, a senior as well as the human resource student associate for student employment at Ursinus, talked about her job on campus and how students can find jobs available to them on campus.

"What we do is deal with staff employment, and we deal with student employment," said Cooper. "I personally deal with application logs for the staff positions, and I deal with posting and manipulating the website so that students know when the jobs are open and closed. I also update the job lists on campus. Basically, I am the liaison for all the student body to talk to students to see what they should go for and what's available for them."

If students are interested in looking for a job on campus, they have a couple options.

The human resource office is located in the basement of Corson

Hall; this is where students can go to have someone like Cooper assist them in a campus-wide job search.

Students can also go right to the Ursinus website and to the Human Resources page, and then there is a link on the left hand side that says 'job openings,' from which they can then choose student employment. This November, there will be a new website and easier access to this page.

The types of jobs that are available are all over the spectrum. On the website the positions are broken up within the departments, and then all the openings are posted underneath.

For example right now under "admissions department," there are positions open for tour guides, overnight tour guide interns, a head tour guide, office assistants and senior fellow interns.

In other departments there are jobs available like first responders for sports teams, lifeguards, dining room attendants, tutors and lab research assistants.

Lily Kehoe, an admissions senior fellow intern, has been work-

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Word on the Street

If you could be a professor for the day, which one would you be and why?

"I would be Tortorelli because organic chemist with bowties."
-Dennis Shull, 2016

"I would be Lynne Edwards because she's fantastic, has a really great energy, and can relate to students." - Olivia Schultz, 2015

"I would be Dr. Jaroff. She's incredibly intelligent, well spoken, and has a fantastic sense of humor. I love that she teaches at the college she graduated from. She's a wonderful woman." -Amanda Sierzega, 2016

"I would be Dr. Volkmer because it would be great to have his level of enthusiasm for writing and experience." -Brian Thomas, 2017

"I would want to be Dr. Dale Cameron because he not only has an aptitude and passion for his research but also is an excellent teacher and all-around great person. As someone who does want to be a professor one day, I feel like he exemplifies all of the qualities that I hope to strive for one day." - Dan Selechnik, 2015



Photo courtesy of Andrew Tran

Bomberger was built in 1891 and is the oldest academic building on campus. The building is named after the first president of Ursinus, John Henry Augustus Bomberger.

History of Bomberger Memorial Hall

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Since Ursinus College's early years, Bomberger Memorial Hall has been the most prominent building on campus and a place for the college community to gather. Bomberger is the centerpiece of the campus; it is the heart and soul of the Ursinus College community. All of the major events and formal services on campus are centered in this building.

According to Daniel Yost in his book, "The First 100 years of Ursinus College," "the central and largest space is the chapel which was used for daily worship and communications with the assembled faculty and students."

Currently, Bomberger houses the chapel along with academic departments and offices. The chapel is used every Sunday for religious services.

The music department has concerts there and it is the largest auditorium on campus for special

programs and services. Bomberger Hall is named after the college's first president and one of its founders, John Henry Augustus Bomberger, a German Reformed clergyman and abolitionist.

It is the oldest academic building on campus, built in 1891 as a multipurpose building for both administrative offices (president, dean and registrar), classrooms, teaching laboratories, two literary societies as well as the early library.

The college's religious roots are apparent in this building, which was designed by Frank Rushmore Watson, one of the most prominent architects in Philadelphia at the time. He specialized in the design of churches. The concept of a meeting place for campus wide congregation is still the emphasis today.

The addition of the Heefner Organ in 1986 increased the prominence of the auditorium. The organ is the backdrop as well as focal point for the auditorium.

When the organ is played, everyone gathers to focus their attention and becomes unified by the music bringing them together.

The music department is housed in Bomberger Hall and has many different programs and performances that bring the college community together.

This has included organ performances by Alan Morrison, choral, jazz and other ensembles, most notably Handel's Messiah which has been performed consistently during the holidays for 75 years.

"The auditorium is very good acoustically, it is friendly to choirs," said Dr. Holly Hubbs, associate professor of music. "It is a warm, peaceful and relaxing place."

It is a space where listeners can enjoy music while for others it is a quiet place for contemplation and solace. For these reasons many students study there for finals.

Renovations to Bomberger Memorial Hall in 2006 did not

touch the exterior Romanesque architecture but rather were used to modernize the internal space.

The original concept of a multipurpose building was retained. Visitors to departmental offices see a modern interior and are then transported into a historical auditorium with post and beam framework typical of a chapel.

The original intent of a daily use building with a large congregation area is still the building's purpose.

Bomberger Memorial Hall welcomes freshmen to the campus community for convocation every year to hear the president speak as they embark on their college career.

During commencement, the seniors are situated on the lawn between the Berman Museum and the Bomberger Memorial Hall.

This building ushers students into the campus community and helps to launch the newly graduated into the greater world with a sense of community.

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ing her way up from a tour guide for three years and has just started her first semester as a senior fellow intern.

Like Cooper said, the departments find certain people they like and those students are the ones who work their way up after proving their skills and dedication to the departments.

Not only are students making a little extra cash, but they also are performing jobs they love and making impacts on the people they work with.

"I really love being able to pitch Ursinus to prospective students," said Kehoe. "I really love Ursinus. Ursinus has given me so much. I love having the opportunity to potentially encourage someone else to take the chance I did. My interview and my info session, when I was a prospective student, played a huge role in what sold me to Ursinus. The possibility of providing someone else with that is huge for me."

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cracks. He kills Basil, someone who truly cared for him and his well-being.

The end is when the show truly hits its climax. When Dorian realizes that he will live forever and that that the painting will forever remind him of all the bad that he has done. Dorian decides to stab and ruin the painting to see what it will do. The second he does this the lights go down. When they are up Dorian aged at least twenty years is lying dead, ending the show.

Overall, "Dorian Gray" had the audiences laughing and thinking about Wilde's story.

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. <i>Internship Exploration</i>	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. <i>Chemistry Seminar</i>	All Day <i>Fall Break</i>	All Day <i>Fall Break</i>	All Day <i>Fall Break</i>	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <i>'Good Neighbors' Exhibition Opens</i>	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>Graduate and Professional School Fair at Rutgers</i>
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. <i>Feminists in Action Meeting</i>		7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. <i>Eastern PA Chapter of National Hemophilia Foundation 5K Run & Family Walk</i>			All Day <i>Fall Break</i>	7:00 p.m. <i>Silent Film/Live Music: 'The Mark of Zorro'</i>

Islamic State In Syria conflict heats up

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With U.S. military officials carrying out President Obama's word to initiate airstrikes against ISIS, the President's military strategy is more important than ever.

In the near future the American public and our allies around the world will see whether the decision to only utilize a limited, non-combat ground force and coordinated airstrikes instead of using combat troops against ISIS will succeed.

Now that there has been an initial round of airstrikes, it is possible that a change in tactics will be made, but thus far President

Obama has remained steadfast in his refusal to put boots on the ground.

Airstrikes, if executed properly, have the capability to be extremely effective. Additionally, solely using airstrikes decreases the risk to American lives by using drones and high-flying jets to drop bombs on the militants.

Low risk military action for American troops does not come without its trade-offs. Airstrikes greatly increase the risk to civilian lives, and while government officials have knowledge of some ISIS strongholds, other unknown strongholds are difficult to target.

According to a recent "International Business Times" article, the CIA reported that ISIS could

have up to 31,500 fighters under their control. Such a large number would be extremely difficult to target, and many fighters would revert to clandestine cell tactics for refuge, rendering airstrikes less effective and more likely to endanger civilians. Prolonged drone usage could lead to further retaliation and recruitments, continuing the cyclical conflict.

Instead of the airstrikes, the implementation of a Western force of 10,000 troops on the ground could be effective against ISIS. These troops would be specialized in training, advising, and mentoring the Iraqi Security Forces. The strengths of ground troops are their capability to limit civil-

ian deaths and collateral damage while inflicting direct damage to ISIS infrastructures.

Just as the airstrikes has its confines, so does the insertion of U.S. troops on the ground. Even though the insertion of troops would most likely reach around 10,000 over the course of numerous months, putting U.S. boots on the ground will significantly increase American casualties.

Ultimately, it is likely that a combination of both military tactics would end up being largely effective in battling ISIS, but not without employing other means of weakening ISIS' overall capabilities as well. Regardless of what military action that is taken

against ISIS, it will be spun on social media to increase recruiting and further the conflict.

We must counter the narrative created by videos released by ISIS through comprehensive cyber warfare, thwarting local and foreign civilians from joining, and reducing their financial capabilities.

If ISIS' rate of growth is reduced it is possible that it will fracture internally and not be able to sustain itself. For the meantime we remain vigilant, await military action, hoping to eradicate a great evil, allowing a once revered region and religion the opportunity to stabilize. But this is just the beginning.

Military strategies for U.S. foreign affairs

The United States should use their power more responsibly in worldwide issues

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Despite the President's conflicting messages from the NATO conference in Wales in September, it has become very clear that the White House sees military action as the preferred way of handling ISIS as it becomes a growing international issue.

I am not discounting the threat ISIS has the potential to inflict, but I feel we must think long and hard before putting the lives of brave American soldiers in harm's way. President Obama also must have the courage of his convictions given that under his leadership the United States withdrew from Iraq.

Like all international paramilitary terrorist organizations, ISIS is very frightening and based on its past actions of beheading and the like, it's not hard to imagine the dangers and escalations that ISIS

could wreak as a nation-state. But we spent nearly a decade in Iraq the first time we marched in there preemptively and "you break it, you buy it."

My intention here is not to cast any judgments or aspersions on any aspects of the Gulf War of the 1990's or Operation Iraqi Freedom of 2003, but I do want to say that I feel the third time won't be the charm and that this would be the third consecutive decade the United States launched war against Iraq.

We as a nation aiming to protect our citizens and interests abroad, would be better off utilizing covert, drone, and/or espionage tactics.

I can understand where those in favor of waging are coming from, as encapsulated by Dexter Filkins of the New Yorker in his piece "The Death of Steven Sotloff," in which he states that "the final moments before an ISIS

executioner beheaded the American journalist Steven Sotloff, the masked man offered up, in an English accent, a message to his viewers: "We take this opportunity to warn those governments that enter this evil alliance of America against the Islamic State to back off and leave our people alone."

It's hard to watch the video of Steven Sotloff's last moments and not conclude something similar: the ostensible objective of securing an Islamic state is nowhere near as important as killing people.

For the guys who signed up for ISIS—including, especially, the masked man with the English accent who wielded the knife—killing is the real point of being there.

Last month, when ISIS forces overran a Syrian Army base in the city of Raqqa, they beheaded dozens of soldiers and displayed their trophies on bloody spikes.

Beheading an American hostage—and a bound, kneeling one at that—hardly seems likely to keep the United States out of the Middle East.

What finally executed Osama Bin Laden was not a large standing army, but a small group of well-trained navy seals. The United States spends billions of dollars a year on foreign intelligence gathering agencies and advanced weaponry, let's try and make use of those options before we endanger the lives of thousands of young men and women and spend billions more.

Furthermore, it's not like there aren't many other pressing global security matters on the horizon. Russia is walking all other Eastern Europe, the Israelis and the Palestinians just stopped fighting in Gaza, and the Ebola virus is rampant throughout West Africa. And let's not forget that U.S. Armed Forces are still involved

in operations in Afghanistan.

Before our government continues to waste political capital on the world stage, the politicians elected to represent us should return to their districts and states and take the pulse of the people. The reaction to these international difficulties should not be to rashly and impulsively launch a massive ground offensive. To do so would set a dangerous precedent, the Cold War is long over, and America can't spread itself thin putting out fires across the globe. The United States may be a superpower, but with that power comes a responsibility to use it wisely.



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Local HS star running well for Bears

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Corey Kelly, a sophomore running back, did not travel too far to college. The 5-foot-11-inch sophomore not only plays football, but is also a standout player for the Ursinus men's lacrosse team.

Kelly comes from Plymouth-Whitemarsh High, which is about 20 minutes from Ursinus, near Plymouth Meeting.

"I like being close to home. I live about 20 minutes away which is just far enough from home for me," said Kelly.

As a sophomore in high school Kelly saw limited playing time. It was his junior and senior year, however, where his career took off as the starting fullback for the Colonials.

"We really built our program around him," said Kelly's high school coach Dan Chang. "He is one of the hardest workers I have been around, his desire and drive during the game is something I don't come across too often."

During Kelly's junior year he led his team to a Suburban One American Conference championship, and went into the PIAA District 1 tournament seeded eighth.

His success carried into his senior year when his team was yet again league champs and

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Senior Emelia Perry competed in the Paul Short Run on Oct. 4 in Bethlehem, Pa. Perry, who hails from Japan, finished with a season best time of 23:54. Photo courtesy of Grace Steel

Far-away runner excelling for XC

Perry, from Japan, is one of the team's leaders on the trail

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From Daiti City, Japan to Ursinus, Emelia Perry has certainly made strides in becoming one of the best cross-country runners on campus. Perry, a senior, is one of the captains of the cross-country team.

One adjustment for Perry was the learning curve from Japan to America. "I spoke English a lot

with my father for a while, so that wasn't that hard. The biggest difference was the cultural barrier." Perry found her niche right away with the cross-country team.

Fellow senior Emily Lamb had nothing but good things to say about Perry. The two have been friends ever since freshman year and Lamb commented on Perry's performance. "She joined the distance team after never having

run more than sprints before and she made an immediate impact." Lamb also described Perry as a hard worker. "I think I can speak for both the cross country and track teams as a whole when I say that her hard work and dedication to the sport, as well as her kindness and caring nature outside of practice, are an inspiration." Her willingness to learn a new sport and exceed at it almost immedi-

ately speaks volumes about her character.

Cross country coach Carl Blickle also had high praise for Perry. "Emi is one of the best runners on our team and is one of the better runners in the competitive Centennial Conference. Based on her work ethic and talent level, she is capable of competing at the national level. I'm excited to see

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Last Week's Scores as of Monday Oct. 5:

Football (5-0)	Field Hockey (9-1)	M Soccer 4-6-1	W Soccer 4-4-2	Volleyball (12-6)
Oct. 3: vs. Moravian UC: 24, Moravian: 0	Oct. 4 vs. McDaniel UC: 9, McDaniel: 1	Oct. 3 at Swarthmore UC: 1, Swarthmore: 0	Oct. 4 at McDaniel UC: 1, McDaniel: 1 (2OT)	Oct. 4 Tri-Meet at McDaniel UC: 1, McDaniel: 3 (6-25, 10-25, 25-20, 19-25)
Steve Ambs: 5 tackles, 2 sacks	Oct. 5 at West Chester Snell Cup UC: 4, West Chester: 3 Goals (UC): Megan Keenan (2), Danielle Stong, Amber Steigerwalt	Goals (UC): Dean DerSimonian	Goals (UC): Jeannie Jasinski	UC: 3, PSU-Harrisburg: 0 (25-9, 25-12, 25-11)
Taylor Paul: 94 yards rushing on 21 carries, 2 touchdowns				



Photo courtesy of Alexis Primavera

Corey Kelly is seen above in a Sept. 17 practice. Though he didn't play in the Bears' 24-0 win against Moravian on Oct. 3, he leads the Bears on the ground with 372 yards rushing on 82 carries and five touchdowns.

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captured a four-seed in districts. Kelly saved one of his biggest performances for the championship clincher with a 183-yard day in a 28-6 win.

"When I needed a big play I always could turn to him, he never let us down, and offensively carried the team around," said Chang.

In a playoff game Kelly's senior year, he had gotten hurt a few days before the game. Kelly shrugged it off and didn't really say much about it. His hand was wrapped up for the game, but

there was no complaining from Kelly.

"He didn't say anything to me until after the game," said Chang. "It turns out that his hand was broken, but you would have never known by the amazing game he had."

By the end of his senior year Kelly rushed for over 1,000 yards, one of two players to do so. However, his talent was also carried into the spring with his love for lacrosse. Chang said it never interfered with his football career.

"In the spring after lacrosse practice, he was always doing extra strength in the gym, he never

took a day off," said Chang.

When the time came to look for colleges, Chang helped facilitate the process. He was in contact with the Ursinus coaches as well as talking to them at the all-star selection, which was held at Ursinus.

"I knew Ursinus had a prestigious reputation for its academics so that was the first reason, and also I loved the coaching staff of both my lacrosse and football team," said Kelly. "I felt that they cared about me a lot and I didn't have that feeling with other schools."

The decision process was Kel-

ly was not an easy one. He had Division II schools looking at him as well as Division III. Kelly was pretty set on going to Muhlenberg College. However, it was just before he committed that Coach Gallagher called him and told him he would love for him to visit.

"I came here and loved it," said Kelly. "My experience so far at Ursinus has been unreal. I couldn't see myself attending anywhere else and having the same amount of fun and success and being so close to home. I enjoy having my family come to all my games and being able to see my friends support me."

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Emi progress throughout her senior year." The team will surely miss her when she graduates.

During winter and summer breaks, Perry goes on a flight back home to Japan to spend time with her family. Her sister lives in Philadelphia and her uncles live in New Jersey, who she has vis-

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— Emily Lamb
Senior XC runner

ited a lot throughout her tenure at Ursinus. "When I go back to Japan it actually feels kind of weird because I'm used to seeing a lot of people from different countries at Ursinus. I'm getting more comfortable here." Perry has found her place on the Ursinus campus and hasn't looked back.

The exercise and sports science major, while comfortable, isn't certain of what she wants to do in the future. "I still haven't figured out if I want to go back to Japan or not, or if I want to stay in America. I guess it's going to be whichever place I can get a job at."

Perry has certainly made lots of strides since coming to America and has certainly made an impact on the Ursinus campus. Her passion, dedication, and determination will be missed in cross-country and track and field. Being an international student is not easy, but Perry has made it look like a walk in the park.

Upcoming Schedule:

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Volleyball: Tri-Meet @ Neumann vs. Catholic, 5:00 p.m. vs. Emory & Henry, 7:00 p.m.	M Soccer: vs. Johns Hopkins, 3:00 p.m. Field Hockey: at Johns Hopkins, 1:00 p.m. Volleyball: vs. Johns Hopkins, 1:00 p.m. W Soccer: vs. Johns Hopkins, 12:00 p.m. XC: Charger Invite @ Lancaster Bible College, 9:00 a.m.			Volleyball: @ Swarthmore, 7:00 p.m.	W Soccer: @ Swarthmore, 7:00 p.m.

