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## A Disturbing Night on Main Street

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Instead of relief for the weekend, what greeted the Ursinus student body last Friday afternoon was a group of protesters standing on the sidewalk along Main Street, hurling hateful slurs and verbal abuse. Before long, counter-protesters from the student body gathered on the Berman Lawn, attempting to “Defend the Den,” as they have been instructed in literature plastered around dorms, classrooms, and facilities. That is when things took a turn for the worse.

By the time of the events captured on video and posted to Instagram by Claire Burke '24, an Ursinus senior was on the lawn, being handcuffed and subdued by Collegeville police while he squirmed and shouted, his mask on the ground beside him. Bystanders told The Grizzly he had approached the police, two of whom are seen maskless in the video, and asked them to put their masks on. In a statement, Collegeville Mayor Aidan Wright-Riggins and the Collegeville

Borough Council said, “a male student instructed by an officer to step away from the area, failed to do so. When directly ordered by the police officer to step aside, the student refused to do so. This led to his arrest, which he resisted.”

Ursinus College has released two statements to the student body on the matter as of Monday, April 12, condemning the hateful speech by the protesters and stating that the school has been in contact with the Collegeville police chief, the family of the student arrested, the mayor of Collegeville, and other local officials. The school also stated that since the sidewalk is private property, the protesters had a legal right to be there. The statements did not address the manner of the student’s arrest. Some students claim the school’s response is not enough.

Because this particular group has come to Ursinus (and other campuses in the area) before, students have argued that the school needs to do more to prevent their presence. One student using the handle “molly.blume”

on Instagram wrote, “Do something. They have been here for years and you tell us to just turn our heads. That’s teaching us to ignore racism, homophobia, sexism, ableism, etc. instead of fighting against it.”

On Saturday night, the Ursinus College Student Government issued a response to the events of Friday and Ursinus’ reaction, stating that there is an “expectation” when students come to Ursinus that the college “will do everything in its power to ensure our security, our wellness, and our foundational growth,” and that they are “confused and deeply disturbed” by the fact that protesters could gather and spew hateful speech.

In a joint statement, Missy Bryant, associate vice president and dean of students, and Mark Schneider, vice president and dean of the college, replied to The Grizzly’s inquiries Monday by stating that the school has “already committed to one significant change: Whenever we become aware that groups who espouse hate appear on campus, we will issue an alert to the com-

munity letting students know to avoid that area.” They also wrote that students who “feel threatened or unsafe... should immediately contact campus safety.” Noting that a variety of campuses are dealing with this issue, they said, “it is unfortunate these hate-inspired protests occur with such frequency on public property.” They are “moving quickly to learn more about what occurred on Friday night” and “as the process unfolds over the next few days, we’ll share information with the campus.”

In the aforementioned statement, Mayor Wright-Riggins and the Borough Council wrote that they are “grateful to our police officers and the Ursinus security officers who were on the scene .... In accordance with Collegeville Police Department policy, the incident is under investigation.” The Council confirms the officers on the scene were unmasked. “Both officers have been fully vaccinated, and because they were in a situation that required clear communication with two groups, one of which was using bull-

horns, they needed to be heard clearly,” they wrote.

In a separate email to students, the mayor states that “Freedom of speech and peaceful assembly is foundationally important to me. Yet, I wish I could ban hate speech.”

Claire Burke, asked for a follow-up comment after her video circulated in the Ursinus community, said, “why are people so preoccupied with the circumstances around [the] arrest? It is not necessary to know the context to recognize that what these officers did was unacceptable.” Asked for comment, the Collegeville Police Department referred The Grizzly to the Borough Council’s statement.

With these events still unfolding and more details yet to come, the Ursinus College Student Government voiced exasperation. “We are exhausted of [“Defend the Den”] being merely performative.”

# Interview with a Student Athlete

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Brenna Trukla is a junior Psychology major who plays on the Ursinus Women's Tennis team.

We asked Trukla, "how do you juggle a sport while being a full-time student?" She said that she always makes sure to prioritize her most important work, and she bases priority off of due dates. She works based off of her schedule, both classes and tennis, and makes

sure she gets homework done before her practice and matches. Next, we asked about how her current Spring 2021 season has been. She explained that the season has been pretty good so far. The team is one and one as of the second week of April. She boasted that there's a bunch of amazing freshmen on the team who have really contributed to their success this year!

We then asked how the changes due to COVID have impacted

her junior tennis season. The biggest impact due to COVID for her has been the spectator rules changing. There are no spectators allowed, so family and friends -- those not on the tennis team -- cannot come support her play. She happily explained that despite the changes, her team is amazing at creating a supportive atmosphere and making sure the experience is still meaningful.

Trukla then discussed her favorite

thing about her major, Psychology. She said it is her ability to develop a greater understanding of mental health and therapy, a field she wishes to go into after graduation.

When asked her favorite thing about tennis, Trukla responded that what she enjoys most is being able to spend time with her teammates. She also genuinely enjoys playing a sport that she loves and has worked hard to excel in.

Lastly, we asked if

she has ever been able to apply insights from her major into tennis, or incorporate tennis into her psychology studies. She replied that she incorporates mindfulness, an aspect she studied in psychology, into tennis by reflecting on the present moment and telling herself the current score after each point in order to keep herself grounded and focused on the match.

## Dining Dollars Meal Plan Extended

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On March 31, 2021, in an email sent to the student body, Ursinus College announced that it is extending the Dining Dollars Meal Plan for students who are on that meal plan only. As stated in the email, "[e]ffective immediately, we are providing students on this meal plan with an extra 21 meals (three meals per day for seven days). These meal swipes can be used in Upper Wismer, Lower Wismer, and Natural in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center."

This update occurred after many students "expressed concerns about the availability of [their]

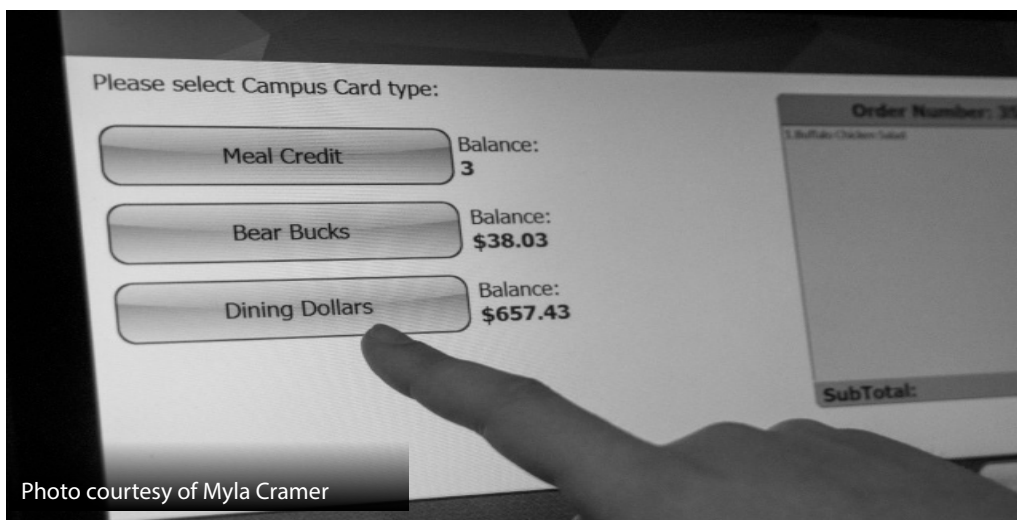
dining dollars for the remainder of the spring semester, mostly due to an absence of a traditional spring break." Indeed, this spring semester implemented spring "break days" (five days scattered throughout the semester) to make up for the loss of the

for the 2020-2021 school year during COVID time, it made sense that the college also encouraged minimal travel. Having the traditional, one-week off campus spring break meant that students would return with possible contact tracing, testing pos-

Dining Halls are still open, which means that those days are treated like any other day when students might spend their dining money on campus. Missy Bryant, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, confirmed via email response to

any time. "It is a total of 21 meals to use any time before the end of the semester," she stated.

The Grizzly also asked Dean Bryant whether the "extra 21 meals plan" would be reimplemented, in case some of the students on the Dining Dollars Plan would run out of the first extra 21 meals given to them, or Dining Dollars altogether, to which Bryant replied, "[w]e will make sure that students have access to meals while they are on campus. We do expect that students are budgeting their dining dollars and the 21 meals accordingly."



normal, one-week spring break off-campus. Since Ursinus has found ways to allow students on-campus

itive for COVID, or just putting the campus-body at risk.

During these spring break days, the

The Grizzly that the 21 meals that have been added onto the Dining Dollars meal plan can be used at

# Ursinus College Student Government and their email, “The Purpose of Break Days”

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If there is anything the whole campus can agree on, it is that break days are no substitution for spring break, especially with this semester seeming like there is always some big project coming up after every break day. On March 30, the day before the second-

to-last break day, the Ursinus College Student Government took the time to reach out to both students and faculty to address the issue, telling students that they know we are burnt out, but we need to tell our professors this, and telling the faculty that they need to stop assigning work with deadlines on/after the break day. Has this

helped?

At least in my experience, it has helped the faculty reach out, with professors asking us about break days and assignments in both the physics and mathematics departments and even moving some deadlines back. Still, break days have proven to be no replacement for the week that we all missed back in March.

With looming deadlines on Friday when the break day is Tuesday, it can be hard not to do any homework. And then, the times when you may opt out of doing homework, the random day off still makes it hard to focus the rest of the week (that is ignoring the fact that many of us still have lab meetings on our break days, which

there is no getting out of).

Ultimately, break days have been a better solution to have no extended break than last semester's no breaks at all, but they still leave us yearning for a true and proper spring break.

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## Interview with Abbie Painter from Naked Lake

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**Q: Who are your new band members?**

A: My band members are Jordan Hartsfield (they/them) who is guitar, synth, and co-writes some stuff; Arik Dayan (he/him), [on] drums; and Kelvin Ahora (he/him), [who plays] bass. [Our] new members are Grace Eskin (she/they), second guitar, backup vocals; and Rhiannon Newcomer (she/her), [on] keys.

**Q: How has the pandemic affected your work as a musician?**

A: I made Naked Lake amidst the time of COVID, August 2020, so we have created during [the pandemic]. I honestly am unsure of how it will be when COVID dissolves. It's hard because we can't book gigs, which is kinda good because we can perfect songs, which is cool. Thankfully, Jordan's roommates are cool with me and the band coming to their house to play and create in the basement. We've played at Ursinus when [the band was] only together for 3 weeks, and now we've been together for almost 8 months and it's been amazing and I hope we can play at Ursinus again. We've played many online shows but it's not the same. I've never played live except [at] Ursinus with a band. I used to do solo performances, but it was just me. But, now that we

have boppy music out I'm excited for the crowd to know the lyrics and sing and dance with us. COVID is hard because we want so badly to perform live to be heard and share our hard work, but we just have to have patience and gratefulness that we can still create together. Also COVID brings genuineness to the music, [as] it's more raw and honest because of how tough these times are.

**Q: What inspired your new EP/ what do you want listeners to know about it?**

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- Abbie Painter  
2023

A: We have a huge project coming out hopefully by November, but we had songs not going into that project that we wanted to be heard.... The title "Dreaming Of" is one of the songs, but it has the undertone of, "we are still dreaming, and soon we will wake up and have dreaming be reality." It is me and Jordan that wrote the songs in the EP (as we are the writers) and all of which were written in the span of a few months during the pandemic, so ~pandemic induced~. There is a lot of talk of gardens, and nature, because nature is what is real right now. Even though we are



Naked Lake (Courtesy of Astrid Dong)

in a pandemic, we can step outside and what is constant is nature, gardens, sun, etc. as long as that is there, we will be okay.

**Q: Who are your musical influences, and what inspires you to write/create music?**

*"Listeners and fans can support by streaming... 'Naked Lake' and... our new EP 'Dreaming Of' on any streaming service!"*

- Abbie Painter  
2023

A: What inspires me to create is that I have a story to tell and to be honest I really want to be heard and listened to. There's a difference between hearing and listening, I think when one is listening, they take it

all in with an open mind. Hearing is just hearing. With music, you can see how much people actually listen to it. I want people to listen. To be honest, I'm not sure who inspires me. I don't really look to other bands and want to make music like them because they already made music like themselves so why should I try remaking that! I dunno, I just kind of write what I'm feeling and if I like and feel something with the sound I'm making.

I do love Freddie Mercury though. To be honest it's my dream to be a sort of trans Freddie Mercury. I know that's contradictory [to] what I just said, but I am a performer. I like engaging with and to people.

**Q: How can listeners and fans support Naked Lake?**

A: Listeners and fans

can support by streaming our music! Buying cassettes! We have music out as "Naked Lake" and you can find our new EP "Dreaming Of" on any streaming service! Most proceeds go towards my top surgery, so any stream or purchase helps. If you add Naked Lake to your playlists, liked songs, and have them play it helps so much. You can find updates by following our Instagram "Naked.lake," we have a link tree to buy cassettes and soon T-shirts!! Any listen, share, any purchase, any appreciation we APPRECIATE SO MUCH!!

# Tau Sigma Gamma

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Greek Life organizations have had to re-shape how they conduct their activities during COVID-19. By implementing COVID-19 safe measures, Tau Sigma Gamma was able to conduct New Member Education and induction, and continue to engage with the Ursinus community.

Tau Sigma Gamma sorority (Tau Sig) was established in 1929, and currently has 30 members and over 800 alumnae. The sorority gained 12 new members in October 2020. They aim to obtain a “nobler womanhood” through loyalty and commitment to the sorority and their sisters. Tau Sig has a strong network of alumnae who come back during the annual “Big Gun” event in April to meet with and help educate new members. The sisters of Tau Sig uphold standards of inclusion, support for one another, and academic success through campus

events and study groups.

In order to recruit new members, Tau Sig holds homework sessions, movie nights, and COVID-structured lawn games to stay safe while still getting to know new potential members. At the start of Rush Week, in the fall, Tau Sig invites interested students to an ice cream social and round robin in order to get to know them and attract them to the sorority. Throughout the week, Tau Sig holds more events including a karaoke night, crafts night, cookie decorating, tie-dying, a pancake breakfast and more. Once new members have fully committed, the sorority jumps into bonding activities where the sisters learn about each other, sorority cheers, and the history of Tau Sig.

Tau Sigma Gamma strives to give back to the community as much as possible. In past years, the sisters have attended a service



Courtesy of Jenni Berrios

at Chenoa Manor, a farm sanctuary. After the service, the sisters help out by mulching or doing maintenance such as fixing the fences on the animal ranges. This year, the sisters are working with the Collegeville community and facilities to help with the upkeep of campus, and the surrounding areas, by performing Perkio-men trail maintenance and planting flowers around campus. On top of that, Tau Sig strives to maintain a clean community by participating in Main Street

cleanups.

The sorority’s biggest event, which they were unable to hold due to COVID-19, is Cuts for a Cause, where a barber is invited to campus and students can either donate their hair, or just get a trim and give a monetary donation.

The sisters of Tau Sigma Gamma are led by a dedicated group of seniors: President Mary Fuchs, Vice President Laura Santori, Secretary Jackie Henigan, and Treasurer Zoe Cougal. These ladies have worked hard during the

pandemic to ensure that the sisters of Tau Sig are able to get the most out of their time with the sorority.

Tau Sigma Gamma continues to create a tight-knit community of women who embody the spirit of inclusivity and community service. The sisters look forward to welcoming new members in the 2021 fall recruiting season.

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## Backlash from Ursinus' Admitted Students Day

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Ursinus College announced in an email, sent on March 25, 2021, its objectives for Admitted Students' Day (ASD), in which it planned to have many visitors on-campus for in-person tours, broken "into four smaller sessions split across two weekends." Most students were rightly upset that these visiting families would not have to abide by the same strict safety precautions that students have all semester. As stated in the email, "visitors are required to complete a

pre-visit health questionnaire, have their temperatures taken upon arrival, and must wear masks." No pre-visit nasal tests? Ursinus students are required to go through weekly COVID testings and cannot have large or even moderate-sized gatherings. Apparently, it is different for the visitors. Most likely because Ursinus needs to make sure that the visitors put money into their pockets. The email asserted that Admissions was sure this event would be handled safely, without giving a clear explanation as to how.

Ursinus' hypocrisy was really evident in its

in-person tours. The families were allowed inside buildings and to explore portions of campus. The virus can live on surfaces for up to three days. So guess who will be affected-- those who remain on campus.

Seniors, in particular, were disheartened by the nature of Admitted Students' Day. They voiced their concerns to Commencement 2021, the committee in charge of planning the seniors' graduation ceremony, via an email chain that included many seniors. Seniors have been jipped out of their normal celebratory senior events, such as senior gatherings and parents watching

them play sports, due to COVID, and many expressed anger about this. There were also several seniors on the email chain who disagreed, writing that the complaints and outrage towards Ursinus Admissions were "selective" and showcased a "sense of entitlement," as the senior class had experienced far worse than no senior events.

While some students shared petitions across social media, and created art to convey their dismay, others acted on their frustrations by vandalizing school property, a disgusting display. Yes, the student body needs better answers, and the

seniors deserve better, but this didn't help their case.

The seniors remain upset, and the student body concerns are left unaddressed. How are we students expected to "defend the den" when the Administration puts us in harm's way? How can the senior class come together when unity has been hard to find since freshman year? Ursinus should be more focused on keeping current students safe than satisfying potential ones. Overall, everyone on campus needs to do better.

## The Power of a Morning Routine

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Believe it or not, having a sense of structure is quite powerful. Make every effort to make pandemic life as close to normal life as possible. Working from home can make it tempting to sleep in because you don't have to be physically somewhere but this will actually upset your mental health and familiarity. According to NYC Therapy, studies show that "daily routines have far-reaching mental health benefits, from alleviating bipolar disorder and preventing substance abuse to managing the symptoms of other mental disorders." Structure makes us feel like we

have a sense of control in a world full of uncertainty. Struggling to find just that? Check out my morning routine below for some inspiration!

After sleeping a full eight hours, most days, I roll into the "office" (aka my standing desk in the den) at 9 AM. A later start to the day, but a key to college life happiness. From there, I'll answer emails from editors, professors, or fellow classmates. However, I'm up and at'em by 6 AM for a run or a yoga class. And NO, I don't hit the snooze button and I do refrain from checking my phone. I find that my mornings can be kept sacred because no one is awake and pulling at me! From there, I hop in the shower, blow dry

my do and throw on a slab of mascara and eye cream to hide the bags. I'll hit Starbucks in Westfield, NJ to catch up with my favorite baristas and grab my cup of cheer, a strawberry acai lemonade refresher or a white chocolate mocha. Drinks are my breakfast since I don't have much time to chew! But at 10 AM, I'm charged for my journalism class!

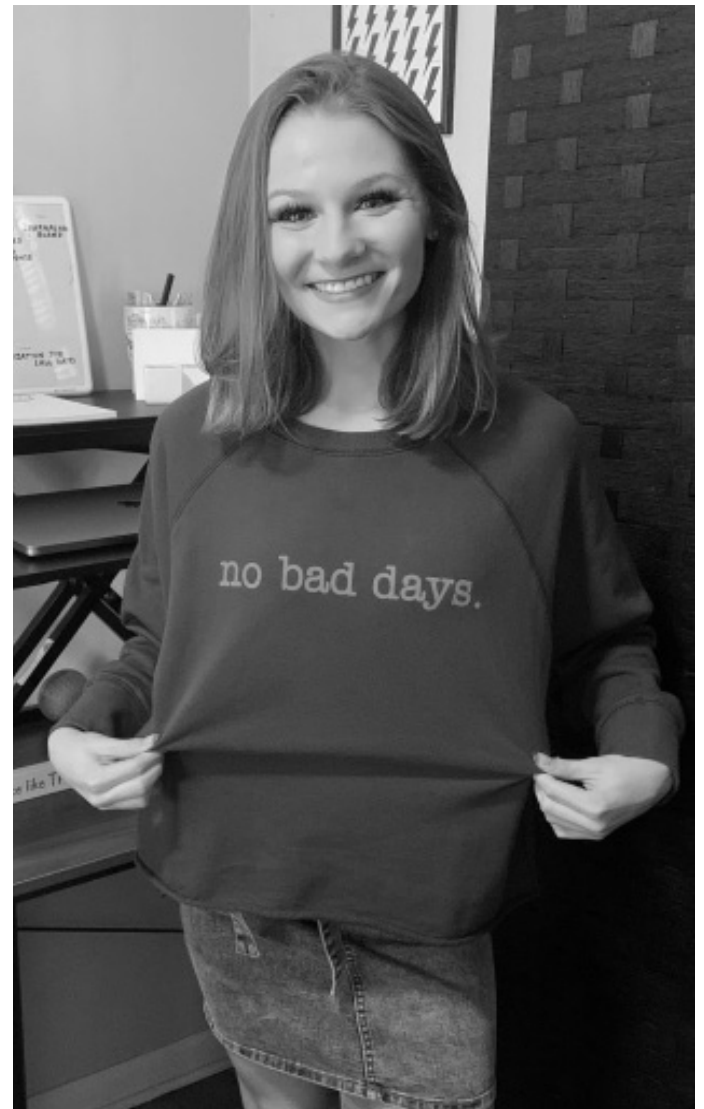


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also split their double header. The Lady Bears fell behind quickly to WAC in the beginning of the first game, 4-0; however, the Bears performed offensively. Senior catcher Kailey Martin drove in 2 runs for the Lady Bears in the 4th. Jordan Moore and Allyson Meakim made contact with the ball but could not bring in any more runs. The final score of game one was 6-2, Washington College. In game two the Lady Bears brought the thunder, making a statement by bringing in five runs in the second inning, followed by three in the third. Mackenzie Brennan led the Bears at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two RBI and four runs. Sophomore pitcher Alexis Miller lit up the pitcher's mound with five strikeouts. The final score was 11-3 Ursinus.

The Ursinus Women's Tennis Team took a tough loss against Washington College 7-2. The Lady Bears were up 2-0 before the first serve even struck due to WAC only having five players. Both doubles teams lost graciously in a challenging 8 game pro set, Avery Samer matching up against her own sister at second doubles. Brenna Trkula almost gained another win, reaching a third set and into a tiebreaker, but her opponent clinched the match.

Synchronously with

the women down at the courts, the Men's Tennis Team took down Washington College 7-2. The Bears took the court already winning 3-0 due to WAC only having four men on the team. Historic first doubles team Mason Groff and Matt Fontanese crushed their opponents 8-2. The two took tough losses at singles, both going to third set tie-breakers and being edged out by the Shoremen. Second doubles freshmen Lars Jespersen and Will Oberholtzer had a successful day, winning both their doubles and singles matches. A massive win for the Bears.

On Wednesday the 7th, the Men's Lacrosse Team dominated over Washington College, crushing them 18-6. The star of the show, Rutgers University transfer Tyler Neal, landed himself a spot in the record book by equaling the program's "most goals scored in a debut game" record with 10 points, 7 assists and a hat trick. Neal found Jerry Bardol for a goal and Rei Lopez also scored a goal. Both Hakan Atillasoy and Tommy Reinhart put up hat tricks. Joe Mercurio, Aaron Grill, Tyler Falco all scored goals to bring the Bears to 8-1. Atillasoy is now four goals away from 100 in his career, while Jake Ojert scored the first goals of his career. Luckily, goalie Chris Porzelt was

powerful in net with 11 saves to help the Bears finish the game.

This past weekend, on April 10th, sports hosted and traveled to Gettysburg. It was a great weekend for Ursinus Tennis, with both men's and women's defeating Gettysburg on their home courts 8-1. Baseball split with Gettysburg; in game one the Bullets came out victorious 7-4 and the Bears bounced back to win the second game 9-5. Men's Lacrosse went into overtime to fall to Getty 10-9. Softball split on their senior day; in the first game the Bullets dominated 6-0, but the Lady Bears did not give up and won the second game 2-0. Women's Lacrosse took a tough loss at Gettysburg 20-5.

We wish all the Bears best of luck with their next competition!

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with his second family on campus. COVID has brought challenges to baseball, but these young men work through it with resilience and unity. Falcone has been an asset at the plate for the past two years. "It's good to be back playing with a great group of guys, our roster is bigger compared to years past with a lot of younger guys looking to contribute now and in the future for this program. The environment this team brings makes each week more fun," says Falcone.

***"Through the pandemic, our team has stuck together like a family. Moving forward, the work ethic, persistence, and leadership within our team will separate us from others as we continue to strive to be the best on and off the field."***

***—Brady Antolick,  
Class of 2023***

Senior lefty outfielder and pitcher Will Peiffer has made a name for himself on the field. Peiffer has put in the work both on and off the field to be a great role model for his team. After this past year, a COVID hiatus from competition, Peiffer could not be happier to have such a unique season with a closely bonded team. "It's a weird time to be playing baseball but I'm thankful to have a season. I want to leave it all on the field every game and enjoy the moment," says Peiffer.

Coach Exeter has prepared these young men for an incredible season, making sure they put 110% into every game because we never know when things could get turned upside down.

The team has worked extremely hard to keep themselves in good academic standing, as well as complying with the COVID guidelines to make sure they do not lose their team to the virus or quarantine. The Bears are now 1-3, but there is plenty of time left in this short season to turn that around. We wish them the best of luck as they take on their next conference opponent. Go Bears!

## Baseball Looks to What is to Come

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Thomas Field is back in action this spring, and the Ursinus Baseball Team could not be more excited about this unique 2021 season. All planned competitions are double-headers; the Bears lost both games against F&M on opening weekend, but split with Washington on April 3. With 15 freshmen, the team has a lot of new talent to work with. After graduating some historic seniors in 2020, the current 10 seniors could not be more thankful to have a season this year after the abrupt stop last spring. The thought of missing out on the back half of their collegiate baseball careers was nothing less than terrifying, and they are bringing their all to the field this year for one last ride.

The Bears were picked 6th in the Centennial Conference preseason poll with 23 points, behind Muhlenberg by just one point.

The playing field this year will be intense for Centennial Conference baseball, and we cannot wait to see what the Bears have hidden up their sleeves.

Sophomore pitcher Brady Antolick shined through his shortened collegiate experience last spring. During his first career start in Florida, Antolick struck out nine batters, an impressive start for a rookie. It has been a long year since spring break, but Antolick could not wait to get back out on the mound with his teammates' support behind him. "Through the pandemic, our team has stuck together like a family. Moving forward, the work ethic, persistence, and leadership within our team will separate us from others as we continue to strive to be the best on and off the field" says Antolick.

Junior outfielder Matteo Falcone could not be more ecstatic to be back

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Courtesy of Josh Walker

## Bears, Bullets and Gus the Goose

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It was an intense day of competition for the Bears as they took on Washington College in the second week of the 2021 spring season. Softball and baseball traveled down to Maryland while both tennis teams took on the WAC on the Bailey Courts at home. Baseball split with Washington. The Bears got off to a slow start offensively in game one but exercised their bats well in game two.

Sophomore Solomon Griffith, delivered one of the best performances of his collegiate career so far, putting up three hits and RBI. Senior pitcher Casey Fitzsimmons had control on the mound, limiting the Shoremen to only one run and four strikeouts in a little over four innings. The final score was 5-3, Washington College. Peiffer ended a scoreless three frame streak with back-to-back singles in game two and went on to score the first run. Connor Barrett soared with a homerun, the second

of his career, and another double, finishing 2-for-4 at bat. Scoring only in the fourth inning, the Bears brought in 7 runs to gain a large lead over WAC. The Shoremen struggled to get past the Bears' defense for the rest of the game. Senior pitcher Nolan Graber struck out seven Shoremen without a walk in seven shutout innings. The final score of the game was 7-1, Ursinus.

The Women's Softball Team made their way down to WAC to

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Thinking of you!



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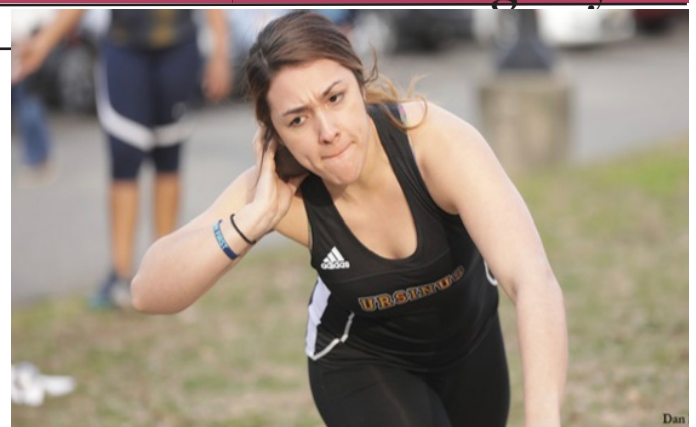


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