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Ursinus College Democrats Making a Comeback

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The Ursinus College Democrats are moving on to new endeavours. The group has been inactive since the 2018-2019 school year, but now they’re coming back better than ever. Ursinus Democrats is officially affiliated with the Pennsylvania Democrats and is meant to serve as a partisan voice for left-leaning students on campus. Miles Noecker ‘22, the club’s interim vice-president, stated that the club gives

“valuable connections to local and state officials who might be willing to come to campus in the future and take part in discussion about different political issues.” Alongside Noecker, the interim executive board consists of: Ben Henwood ‘23, Drishti Khandelwal ‘23, Isabel Wesman ‘23, and Olivia Negro ‘23.

The club announced their revamp on their new Instagram page @ursinusdems, and

have since updated their constitution. The revamp started earlier this semester, after the club died out when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Noecker jokes, “when the world needed UC Dems the most, we vanished.” Since the beginning of the revamp, the interim chair members have been working tirelessly to build relationships with Pennsylvania Democrats and organize the logistics of the club. After all their

hard work, the UC Dems are finally in a position to welcome regular members.

The club focuses on the theme of “lead by example.” It wants to help state and municipal candidates in the Collegeville area succeed. As the club’s page on the Ursinus website states, they are “dedicated to a lifestyle of active citizenship, multi-partisanship, and helping politicians on campus, especially those who wish to pursue Democratic candidacy.” Their goal is to establish a partisan voice that aims to express the political beliefs of students for key issues, whether it’s something happening on campus or in the national political landscape. They aim to build more interest around campus and get additional peers involved with the club. A big desire of the organization is to create “an atmosphere where we can have more of a dialogue about in-

herently political topics.”

Elections are scheduled to happen on November 18th at 5 pm. Those on the board are in interim positions until the club’s election results are finalized. The club’s Instagram page, @ursinusdems, has more information. With the club finally open and not much of the semester remaining, there isn’t much time for activities. However, the club is hopeful for “bigger, brighter, and more liberal opportunities for the spring semester,” according to Noecker.

“When the world needed UC Dems the most, we vanished” - Miles Noecker ‘22

Feel free to reach out to the club at ucd@ursinus.edu or follow them on Instagram @ursinusdems if you have any more questions!

Bears Frightened Bullets

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Have an interesting fridge? Want *The Grizzly* to poke fun at its contents? If any of these sound like you, then you should consider sharing a picture of it with our team!

To submit, please email your photo to **grizzly@ursinus.edu** by every Sunday at 11:59pm.

The Grizzly is bringing back our advice column!

Ask us anything ranging from questions about navigating college, life on campus, friendships, relationships, and more. All submissions will be published anonymously.

All questions are due every **Tuesday** throughout the semester.

UCSG Suggestion Box QR Code

Ursinus College Student Government wants to hear from you! Scan to fill out a Google survey to submit ideas or suggestions you want to see from Exec Board and Class Councils! Or if you have any problems you want us to address.



Bears Bring In Bucks for #Giving2UCday

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Ursinus College's #Giving2UCday, an event focused on giving to the college's Annual Fund and other aspects of the college community, is being held on Tuesday, November 30th this year. "Our 8th annual #Giving2UCday is the college's largest single-day giving event of the year, and coincides with internationally recognized Giving Tuesday," said Vice President of Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow, Kevyn Dewees '22. "Each #Giving2UCday gift supports Ursinus College's Annual Fund or another designated area of need, and provides vital resources for our students," she added.

Donations made on November 30th will have a lasting impact on the Ursinus community. Dewees mentioned that "when you give on #Giving2UCday, your gift becomes a ROAR that echoes across campus for generations. Donations made on #Giving2UCday (and any day) support nearly every part of the unique Ursinus experience." Those who donate are also able to contribute to specific areas of the Ursinus community that are especially important to them. "You can donate to the Annual Fund generally, or choose a specific designation for your donation [eg. Bear2Bear Student Emergency Fund, Bruins Club/Athletics, research, student life, and so much

more]," she further said. It is recommended that all donors choose an area that is meaningful to them. This allows current and future Bears to benefit from all Ursinus has to offer.

Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow and the Senior Class Gift Committee will be outside the Bear's Den from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to host the ROAR-a-thon, so be sure to stop by.

There are several ways to get involved with this annual tradition. "Students can make their donation and receive fun UC SWAG items!" Donations can be made in person or online, but online donations are strongly encouraged. Please note: there is a five dollar minimum for online gifts. Though, those who give over five

dollars will be eligible to spin the wheel inside the Bears' Den to earn UC goodies. The link to donate can be found on the Ursinus website: <https://giving2ucday.ursinus.edu>.

Giving back to the campus community and others is important every day of the year, not just on November 30th. Giving back doesn't always involve a monetary donation, either.

"Philanthropy is not just about money, but can be time, talent, or treasure. If making a monetary donation is not in the cards for someone, that is ok! We encourage everyone to think of how they can support the campus community in any way possible," Dewees concluded.

The Grizzly wants to know what students would like to see their money go towards!

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The Re“MARK”able Feinberg

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With six Women’s Swim Team Conference Champ titles, eight consecutive Coach of the Year awards, and 200 plus wins, head Swim Coach Mark Feinberg, has had a number of successes going into his seventeenth season. His most recent accomplishment? He grasped his 200th win in a meet against York College two weekends ago. You may be wondering how Feinberg has continued to make such strides, and what has motivated him to do so. Let’s dive in!

Feinberg’s success did not stop with the benchmark win. On the weekend of November 5th, the Women’s Swim team beat Bryn Mawr

College and Widener University. Also, the Men’s Swim team shut down Widener, leaving him with a total of 202 wins.

“Sharing it with this particular team and on Homecoming couldn’t have worked out better. Every class means something different to me with this group of student-athletes,” Feinberg highlighted. “They’ve been through a lot and we’ve shared all kinds of highs and lows. There was a lot of reasons to celebrate that day, the 200th win was just a cherry on top,” he added. Sharing this win with his swimmers, after almost two years away from the meet scenery, has been nothing short of enjoyable for Feinberg.

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In addition to his swimmers, there are more people that contributed to making his 200th win a very memorable day. The UC Swim Team coaching staff is among them. Alongside Feinberg, this team also has six other assistant coaches, one of them being the team’s massage therapist. “The coaches take it to a whole new level as well. They are some of my best friends, they are talented, dedicated, and bring professional contributions that I could never match by myself. The student-athletes they have touched over the years are better adults because of their work. No way I have any of this success without them,” Feinberg proudly exclaimed.

But how did Coach Feinberg begin his successful streak and where did his drive for this sport and his team come from? In college, he was a

swimmer at Shippenburg University, so his love for the sport started there. His motivation for becoming such a successful mentor started with his coach. “My college coach was the biggest influence in my life other than my parents. I strive to learn and affect lives like he did every day.” Feinberg believes “it’s one of those unattainable goals, but shooting to coach at his standard helps me when I need motivation and makes celebrations a little sweeter when they come along.” While his own coach may have been one of the biggest cheerleaders, there are two people in particular who he strives never to disappoint: his parents. “Ultimately, my parents provide the best foundation. They still come to the meets [why you come to a meet to watch someone coach, I’ll never know], they know all of our times, who’s gunning for champs or NCAAs and how my recruiting is going. If I hold myself



Courtesy of Jenni Berrios

to the standard of my mentors and strive to make my family proud, I can’t fail.”

Driving the success of student-athletes like the UC Swim Team has been a huge triumph for him, and something that he does not plan on stopping anytime soon. As he continues to reach for more, this year in particular will be an unforgettable year. UC looks forward to seeing and celebrating many more of his accomplishments. Congratulations to Feinberg on all his success thus far. He sure has made his mark and then some.



Courtesy of Jenni Berrios

Exchanging Sticks for Cameras

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Jumping up from his couch in a fit of pure ecstasy, Mike Johnston '23 cheered as he read the email that led to his biggest opportunity yet, filming a lacrosse game but not just any game. This was an offer to go film for Johns Hopkins University, a perennial powerhouse program with an incredible track record of success. He quickly gave a triumphant fist pump and high fived his suitemates. After that, he ecstatically called his father to tell him the news. For Johnston, this was more than a simple job offer. This was the opportunity to take his burgeoning videography career to new levels.

Arriving at Ursinus his freshman year, Johnston had hopes of having a successful career on the Ursinus Men's lacrosse team. Things didn't go according to plan

though as he soon found himself facing the difficult decision of choosing between his two passions. Having previously done freelance videography for E-sports leagues, Johnston realized that he had a passion for capturing moments using his camera. Early on in his first semester at Ursinus, he decided to take the gamble and hang up his lacrosse helmet and pick up the camera full time. Johnston's close friend, Michael Green '23, remembers him agonizing over the decision. "It took him a couple of weeks to come to terms with his decision, but eventually he realized it was the best thing for his career and what he wanted to do after college."

"It took him a couple of weeks to come to terms with his decision."
- Michael Green '23

Soon after filming the Ursinus lacrosse team, Johnston be-

gan branching out to different sports, with his edits garnering more fans. Gambling on himself was paying off as he began to receive offers to film additional events. Eventually culminating in an offer from STX, a major company that supplies lacrosse gear and equipment to all levels of the sport. "This was the opportunity that I had been working so hard for," Johnston remarked. "I feel like this is a vindication of my work. It is showing that all my work is finally paying off," he added.

Jumping at the opportunity to film for a Big Ten program, Johnston eagerly drove down to Baltimore, Maryland that weekend to film the game.

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- Mike Johnston '23

For Johnston, the end of his journey as an athlete meant the beginning of a successful videography career. Betting on himself and his own abilities, he took the plunge and greatly shook up his life. He didn't know it at the time, but this decision would end

up being one of the best decisions he's ever made. Beginning his own production company, with hopes of setting up his own LLC, Johnston aims to continue his career in videography and hopes to eventually work with the NFL. However, even with the road ahead of him still unwritten, he will always be able to look back with glee at that moment when he was just sitting on the couch.



Courtesy of Mike Johnston

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A Spooky Homecoming

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This year, Ursinus's Homecoming celebrations took place on the week-end of Halloween. This by no means was done on purpose, as the Homecoming date was already set in stone. However, many students agree that having Homecoming on the same weekend as Halloween was a unique and fun experience. For students, this meant that there was always something to do throughout the two days, whether that be during the day or night. For alumni, this meant enjoying the Homecoming activities while also soaking up the Halloween festivities on

campus. For families, this meant enjoying the nostalgia of the fall holiday with their "all grown up" kid. While others expressed distaste for "losing" two weekends, we believe this serendipitous combination made for an extremely memorable weekend.

On Saturday morning, there was an alumni game between current and graduated lacrosse athletes. Luckily, the students prevailed. Later in the morning, students could log into Facebook Live to join President Jill Marsteller for a pre-game show or drop by the Schellhase Commons for a drink at Café 2020. While at the Commons, students could take advantage of Homecoming deals that were happening at

The Bookstore. Not only that, but students could go to the Kaleidoscope to see the production of *Pride and Prejudice*. And of course, students and alumni alike made their way down to Patterson Field to watch the Bears take on the Gettysburg Bullets. Besides the big football game, though, students could also support their beloved school by attending a swim meet, field hockey game, or volleyball match. This year's Homecoming festivities ensured to leave no member of Ursinus's alumni out, as there were designated reunion spaces for the Class of 1975 all the way up until the Class of 2021.

If students were not interested in any of the

Homecoming activities, the school provided a few Halloween activities. On Friday night, there was a crafting opportunity in Olin Hall. On Saturday night, there was a costume party in Lower Wismer. While all of these events were surely balls of fun, many students opted to dress up and celebrate the holiday with their friends beyond the scope of school-sanctioned events. In addition to this, many students chose to celebrate the holiday on both Saturday and Sunday.

We believe that the Halloween ambience only added to, not subtracted from, the Homecoming experience. The jam-packed weekend, while exhausting, provided a unique and

memorable experience for many on campus. Watching a play, supporting a plethora of the college's sports teams, reconnecting with alumni, and celebrating the holiday were just some of the ways that students could get involved. The joy of these experiences was only magnified by the shared excitement for Halloween on campus, like seeing students walk in their costumes, spooky decorations in resident halls, etc. During a student's four years at Ursinus, it is not guaranteed that the events of Homecoming and Halloween will happen simultaneously again, therefore we suggest that students look back fondly on this weekend.

Life After Ursinus: What will I do?

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As the fall semester winds down, seniors all over campus are confronted with the reality that they will soon leave Ursinus. I and my fellow classmates are constantly faced with the question: What will you do after graduation? Questions like this are incredibly big and scary, especially for those who do not have a plan in place. Throughout our time at Ursinus, we were taught the core questions that are meant to guide our learning and help us find purpose. One of the biggest core questions that is a recurring thought in a senior's mind is,

"What will I do?" After speaking with my senior friends and suitemates, we all agreed that it is one of the most difficult questions, especially at this point in our lives. Having to weigh out desires versus needs in post-college life is no easy task, and adding the general question of "What will I do?" throws a wrench into the mix.

Kamil Nazih expressed her uncertainty by saying, "I don't feel ill-prepared for whatever comes next, but when asked what I'll do, I literally think: I don't

know." Anellie Freed, shared similar feelings. "It's bittersweet going into a new chapter." It is "scary because of all the uncertainty, but I feel like I've had enough time here," she added.

"It's bittersweet going into a new chapter."
-Anellie Freed '22

Many of the seniors I spoke to communicated the same feelings as Nazih and Freed, but have a more definitive direction. Zach Quinn recently accepted a job offer from the company he finished an internship

with a few weeks prior. "It's definitely strange being a senior and coming up on second semester, I know I have a job lined up so I'm kind of just finishing my school work and trying to stay busy. It's weird yet exciting with graduation around the corner and preparing for the real world."

Whether seniors have a plan or not, it's safe to say that we are fully feeling the pressure. Fortunately enough, we're all in this together. Sharing our insecurities will only help us get power through this tough and

confusing time. Ultimately, it strengthens our ability to conquer the curveballs life throws at us.

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of doing big things,” Knapp added.

“Soccer has kept me fit. I will miss seeing these girls and miss the strong bond I created with them over these four years.”

—Skylar Knapp,
Class of 2022

Although she didn't get the wins she wanted, she experienced some highs and lows that she will never forget. Winning against Muhlenberg College in the Centennial Conference was a notable success, despite the abundance of injuries that plagued

the team. But they managed to bounce back even stronger toward the end of the season. Another player, Zoe Moosbrugger, said “in my eyes, our team tends to have a lot more injuries than most. Some injuries are playable but others aren't.” Moosbrugger and Knapp will miss the lifestyle soccer has created for them. “Soccer has kept me fit. I will miss seeing these girls and miss the strong bond I created with them over these four years,” Knapp stated. She added that she “enjoyed playing for something big-

ger than myself. But most of all, I'm disappointed that I can no longer physically help the team and program grow.” However, Knapp is excited to see what the team does next and Ursinus could not agree more.

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—Zoe Moosbrugger,
Class of 2024

On behalf of The Grizzly staff, we would like to wish the graduating senior soccer players the beary best in all their future

endeavors. You will be missed.

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collegiate level, snapshots of athletes playing their sport in childhood or high school days.

Finally, Fanatic Friday promoted unity across all team sports. Teams were encouraged to swap gear to represent how UC athletic Bears support each other, no matter the team name on their jersey.

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—Marqus Hunter,
Associate Athletic Director

Especially for stu-

dent-athletes out of season, Noah Mandel '23, a member of Men's Tennis, believes spirit week is a good time to bond before the approaching spring season. “Spirit week is one of my favorite things that SAAC does. All teams can spend more time together bonding, especially for our teams, off the court and outside of the gym. It's also a great opportunity to connect with other student athletes on other teams.” SAAC's Thanksgiving Drive has been successful every year, but SAAC always set themselves a higher goal to encourage more participation.

Students can donate canned goods, boxed goods, toiletries, and blankets to those in need this holiday season. Associate Athletic Director Marqus Hunter is joyous about these two events.

“These two initiatives serve as great opportunities for our student-athletes and coaches to rally around a common cause that stretches beyond sports....the food drive, in particular, shows us the power of joining forces to serve others in our greater community,” Hunter stated. The drive donations go towards the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, which is a local food

pantry in Collegetown.

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—Noah Mandel,
Class of 2023

If every student-athlete donates one pound of food, their total 600 pound goal will be surpassed. Additionally, SAAC is hoping students outside of the athletic community will donate too since the drive is not restricted only to SAAC members and student-athletes. Collection boxes are inside and out-

side of the Fitness Center and Marqus Hunter's office in Coaches' Row in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center.

SAAC's Spicy Spirit Week

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Thanksgiving is around the corner, and Ursinus' Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) has encouraged student-athletes to get in the giving spirit. The Executive Board of SAAC has organized and is currently promoting a social media spirit week leading up to their annual Thanksgiving food drive.

For those unfamiliar with SAAC, it is "The Ursinus College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ... an organization of student-athlete leaders who represent the best interests of the student-athlete experience at Ursinus College, within the Centennial Conference and within the NCAA Division III," according to the Ursinus College website. SAAC has representatives across all sports teams who come together to meet and discuss how to improve

athletic unity and the community.

The week following Homecoming weekend was Spirit Week, where teams would post on their social media accounts themed pictures corresponding with SAAC's schedule. Monday, November 1st, kicked off spirit week with Mindfulness Monday! Numerous teams posted pictures of how their student-athletes practice mindfulness with small actions throughout the day to make day-to-day life as a student-athlete less stressful. Teams posted selfies at lifts, practice, class, and even in dorm rooms for Teammate Tuesday! Wardrobe Wednesday allowed all teams to show off their team and UC swag. SAAC's Instagram was bleeding the colors of red and gold along with smiley faces. Throwback Thursday allowed everyone to see their teammates before the

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Women's Soccer Final Kick

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The fall semester is nearing its end as students will soon be diving headfirst into a much needed Thanksgiving break. The end of the sports season doesn't hit anyone harder than a senior athlete. Although some senior fall athletes receive an opportunity to play in the spring, all their major, memorable moments happen in the fall.

Skylar Knapp, a senior and soccer player, has been on field for 17 years as the forward. The forward position, also known as the primary attacker, plays closest to the opponent's goal. The responsibility demands speed and stamina from its player, which Knapp definitely has. She communicates that her favorite part "about playing this fall was simply playing one last season of the sport I love with teammates I would consider

family. Every game, I left everything on the field knowing that it was soon coming to an end." Her least favorite encounter this fall was when she and her teammates put in so much work only to not receive the results they had hoped. "There is always room for growth and I cannot wait to watch UCWS continue to build themselves up within the next few seasons. These girls are capable

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Upcoming Games

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Tuesday
			Men's Basketball@ 2pm	Men's Basketball@ 8pm
			Cross Country@ TBD	Wrestling@ 7pm
			Women's Basketball@ 1pm	Women's Basketball@ 6pm
			Wrestling@ 7pm	
			Football@ 12:30pm	