



12-2-2021

The Grizzly, December 2, 2021

Layla Halterman
Ursinus College

Evan Stinson
Ursinus College, evstinson@ursinus.edu

Ashley Webster
Ursinus College

Morgan Grabowski
Ursinus College

Cole Gannon
Ursinus College

See next page for additional authors

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/grizzlynews>

 Part of the [Cultural History Commons](#), [Higher Education Commons](#), [Liberal Studies Commons](#), [Social History Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

[Click here to let us know how access to this document benefits you.](#)

Recommended Citation

Halterman, Layla; Stinson, Evan; Webster, Ashley; Grabowski, Morgan; Gannon, Cole; Hurley, Brooke; Peabody, Abigail; and McGinley, Sean, "The Grizzly, December 2, 2021" (2021). *Ursinus College Grizzly Newspaper, 1978 to Present*. 973.

<https://digitalcommons.ursinus.edu/grizzlynews/973>

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Newspapers at Digital Commons @ Ursinus College. It has been accepted for inclusion in Ursinus College Grizzly Newspaper, 1978 to Present by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ Ursinus College. For more information, please contact aprock@ursinus.edu.

Authors

Layla Halterman, Evan Stinson, Ashley Webster, Morgan Grabowski, Cole Gannon, Brooke Hurley, Abigail Peabody, and Sean McGinley

the grizzly

IN THIS ISSUE:
 Mail Center Dispute.....3
 Meet Will McCoy.....4
 Holiday Decor Around Campus.6

Collegeville, Pa.

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

Vol. 47 Issue 10

How Should We Eat Together?

Evan Stinson

evstinson@ursinus.edu

Every day most students step into Wismer's Upper or Lower, to the buffet or the kiosks, without much thought. This is where dining services are and so it's the easiest and quickest place to get a meal. Through the pandemic, dining services have been challenged with keeping services running, as Director Mike Forstoffer stated in Chase Portarto's op-ed in the Grizzly's most recent edition. The department has lost staff, and added styrofoam items to its annual budget. Uncertainties about dishwashing staff have produced a "red-light, green-light" play between styrofoam and ceramic utensils. In these moments of disruption, it may be time to reflect back on changes and consistency across the span of the Ursinus College's dining services history.

Ursinus opened its doors in 1869 to the first class of students in buildings formerly used by Todd's School, a one-room grammar school, and Freeland Seminary, a German Reformed church school. The Seminary would operate as a department through the early years of the college. Founder and President John Bomberger in 1872 wrote a description of the school's day-to-day activities later quoted in *Alumnus Calvin D. Yost's "Ursinus College: A History of its First Hundred Years."* According to Bomberger, the original dining hall layout was two long tables with bench seating, and professors sat at the end of each table. In roughly twenty minutes, all were finished eating and were "dismissed in order by a stroke of the tap-bell" (18). Much of early student life was run in this ordered way, and would remain the

case in some respects until the 1960s-70s.

As the school grew into the 1880s-90s, it became clear these accommodations were not going to be able to serve all students. Students began forming "Eating Clubs" where they might cook and have dinner with one another to make up for this deficiency. By the early 1900s, it was clear that something had to give. Renovation and new dining hall plans were drawn up in 1910 and then initiated three years later under the recently elected Pres-

ident George Leslie Omwake. The renovations took until December 1913, and saw actual plumbing installed at the College. The dining services functioned as a sit-down restaurant with a full wait staff. This upgraded dining space included the Lower levels and Upper level of Freeland Hall, a white stately building of the former seminary where Myrin now sits. Including the dorms, this former hall was called Freeland-Derr-Stine, a format still present in our freshman dorms. Photographs show white clothes,

forks, knives, spoons, and plates spread out across every table. Waiters dressed in white suits standing at the edges of thick square columns. The later upper addition appeared to have thinner columns and a set of windows acting as a skylight.

Freeland Hall as the center of dining services lasted until 1964, when the construction of Wismer Hall began as a modern, expanded spot for eating and administration on campus. The new cylindrical building was completed in 1965 with alumni support.

Continued on page 2



Images courtesy of Ursinus College Archives

Continued from pg. 1

An article in the Winter 1965 Alumni Bulletin stated, “It is not one building but many, and all of them together make a profound and permanent difference. It pleases the senses and stimulates the mind in a new way” (19). At this time, the design was said to have “a quickening effect on student waiters and waitresses as they make their pre meal preparations” (20). Freeland-Derr-Stine was soon demolished in 1968 for the construction of Myrin Library, as Wismer and the

“New Dormitory” (Yost 187)---now Reimert---took its place.

Nearly ten years after Wismer’s grand opening, The Ursinus Weekly [now The Grizzly] reported on the dining services replacing the “family style dinner” with an open cafeteria. Many students were in favor of this self-service, and was officially signed off on by the Dining Hall Committee on November, 23, 1977. Issues of more students than seats in Wismer continued to plague the college. A series of major

architectural and managerial renovations characterized the 1990s and 2000s. The stairs into Lower Wismer were moved, the Bears Den constructed in their former place, the entrance to Wismer completely redone, the Institute of Inclusion and Equity added, and art such as the World War II memorial relief [found on the wall facing the new stairs]. Different people and their beliefs pushed these alterations from alumni, students, and administration. The managerial change

came in 2001 with Wood Dining Services purchase by French multinational Sodexo. Following this in 2004, Jazzman’s Cafe was originally added to Myrin, only to then move to Lower Wismer once the space’s 2006 renovations were complete. Tres Habaneros, The Grill, and Sub Connection would soon join Jazzman’s. The name Zack’s Express has faded, but is the technical name of Lower Wismer. All the changes in this period came with improvements and challenges. The lat-

est editions to dining service came in 2020 with the opening of Café 2020, and the addition of new computers to Lower Wismer to the order system this year.

The future of dining services is uncertain, but if the past is any indication, there is the possibility for large changes that could alleviate current disruptions.

December Editor’s Letter

Layla Halterman
lahalterman@ursinus.edu

Dear Ursinus Family,

If I’m frank, I will not miss this semester. Leading a newspaper, balancing the demands of my course load, and learning In-Design (the layout program we use for the Grizzly) was no easy task. It sometimes left me pulling out the fine hair I do have. One professor in particular, Dr. Sheryl Goodman of the MCS department, taught

me never to settle for mediocrity. She continuously challenged my skills and boldly pushed me to excel. She never once doubted my potential everytime I sat in her office, questioning my ability to accomplish assignments, especially that darn Content Analysis! Doing this complex project only reinforced my hatred for numbers, but her cheerleading made me realize that I can fulfill any aim. And for that, I’m forever grateful.

Along with crushing that task, I have a list of short-term and long-term goals in the notes section of my phone waiting to be achieved patiently. I’ve listed things from learning how to french braid to landing an internship at a media conglomerate. Also, I have a list that says: be a better listener, call grandpa more often, etc. Yet, year after year, I can never dig up any resolutions. Since I’ve made it a habit to have an on-going

list of goals, the hype behind the New Year’s resolutions seem a bit silly to me.

Goals, big and small, should be practiced day in and day out throughout the trajectory of the year, not merely considered at the beginning. There is too much coercion at the advent of a new year to change, to work out more, to eat healthier. Sound familiar? It’s a laundry list of improvements that can leave you feeling stuck in

an unproductive cycle. Instead, broaden your perspective and think about the long-term goals that will invigorate your life, that you can realistically attain.

My hope is that when you put this issue down, you’ll feel more inclined to take action and conquer your greatest ambitions. Much like Dr. Goodman, I have faith in you too.

Yours truly,

Layla

Mail Center Mishap

Ashley Webster
aswebster@ursinus.edu

On Friday October 29, 2021, the Ursinus College Mail Center sent out an email about deliveries made through third party services such as DoorDash, Instacart, and Postmates. According to the original email, those services had been “dropping students’ packages all over campus.” They want students to specify to the companies that they want packages delivered to the Mail Center during its hours of operation.

Some of the third party services listed in the email also offer food deliveries, but the Mail Center is only open Monday through Friday until 4:30. The email did

not clarify whether it referred to all types of deliveries or just food related ones.

This caused much confusion as students do not currently direct their food deliveries to the mail center.

According to Stephen Gehringer, the Director of Facilities, awareness of this problem arose when students began contacting the Mail Center about the status of packages that had reportedly been delivered, yet the Mail Center had not received them. Additionally, “faculty and staff were also finding packages sitting outside their buildings.” The Mail Center “would try to track down where the packages needed to go to the best of their ability,” but

hoped the original email sent out would resolve the issue.

Gehringer believes that the email was successful in resolving the issue. He stated that “to date, we have not received any additional calls from students, faculty, or staff concerning deliveries.” He confirmed that directing third party deliveries to the Mail Center excluded food deliveries. All non-food deliveries between Monday through Friday 8 am- 4:30 pm should be delivered to the Center. He reinforced that although food deliveries are not meant to be directed to the Mail Center, students should provide all necessary contact information to avoid delivery confusion

across campus.

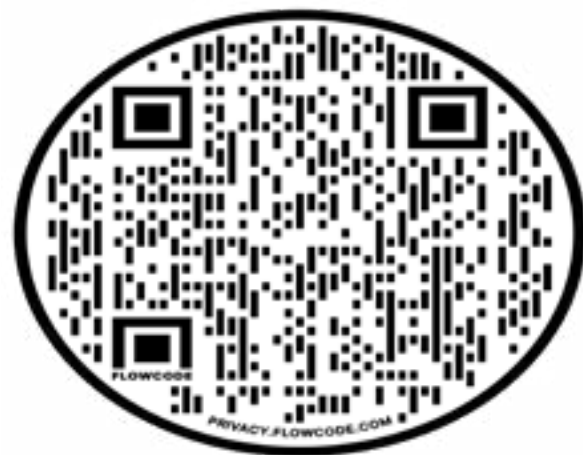
Briana Lambright ‘24, ordered a “moderately expensive vacuum cleaner” online through Walmart. She assumed her package was “completely lost” when she received confirmation that it had been delivered in conjunction with a photograph of the package which appeared to be left outside of a warehouse. She was later informed that it had been left outside of the Kaleidoscope, presumably near the 9th Avenue parking lot. Folks at the Mail Center reached out to Lambright and she ended up receiving the package about two weeks later. She was grateful that the package arrived in decent condition and de-

scribed it as “intact, all things considered.” It is unknown how long the package spent outside of the Kaleidoscope.

Fortunately for students, the Mail Center was able to track down “lost” packages and deliver them free of damage. Although third party deliveries are not directly the Center’s responsibility, they want to make sure student packages are accounted for, which is most efficiently done when sent through mail services.

Student Government Suggestion Box

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.



Dancing In the Lenfest Once More

Morgan Grabowski
mogradowski@ursinus.edu

The Ursinus College Dance Concert (UCDC) made its comeback to Lenfest theater for the first time since the pandemic hit in 2019. Produced by Dr. Karen Clemente, this showcase features five dances of distinct styles. The show was performed by UCDC dancers, along with a couple of special guests. The performers have been working hard since January to put on this showcase and bring light to subject matters that are important to them.

The program begins with the piece *We Care*. This dance was choreographed entirely by the dancers: Amira Jowers, Elizabeth Kandler, Raeann Risko, Chelsea Stitt, and Kalina Witkowska. Together, they show how each individual's personal experience comes together to form the world we live in. *We Care* reminds us that we are not alone, and that there is always somebody out there who cares about us.

Back to You, the second dance of the concert, was choreographed and performed by visiting assistant Professor of Dance, Dana Powers-Klooster, and guest choreographer Jessica Anthony. Their piece depicts the different phases of a relationship. Powers-Klooster said that the piece can be about any relationship, and is about "those moments when we feel so connected, like we're one person and then different phases of that same relationship where you have phases of disconnection, separation and tension." As the title suggests, this dance has a positive outlook on the ebb and flow of relationships. "We choose to always go back to each other," Powers-Klooster stated.

"Those moments when we feel so connected, like we're one person and then different phases of that same relationship where you have phases of disconnection, separation, and tension."

- Professor Dana Powers-Klooster



Courtesy of Jenny Berrios

Guest choreographer Clyde Evans Jr. brought his autobiography to Lenfest theater in the piece *Welcome to America*. Together with guest artist Virgil Gadson and the dancers of UCDC, *Welcome to America* first showcases the many genres of dance and cultures that Evans was introduced to upon his arrival in America from Trinidad. It then delves into his struggles with conformity and learning how to navigate his new life. The piece is hopeful, with a triumphant message of perseverance in the face of doubt. Evans praises the dancers for "rising to the occasion" and "helping to validate some of the things I'm going

through by executing these actions." He is also grateful for the opportunity to work with Gadson again, who played Evans in the stage play version of his autobiography.

Walk Me Through is another piece choreographed by Powers-Klooster. This dance, however, was choreographed in collaboration with the dancers in the Dance Repertory class. The class gives dancers the chance to work in conjunction with a professional choreographer.

The final dance of the program, *It's Only A Matter of Time*, choreographed by Jenn Rose, depicts the passage of time, and how many people feel like they just

need more time. Clemente, showing her dedication to this concert, stepped, or more appropriately, tapped into this dance for a dancer who was out sick. She began learning the dance on Tuesday, and was ready to perform on Thursday for opening night.

Clemente and the dancers are happy to be back on stage after two years of COVID-19. Many of the dancers claim it feels "wonderful" to be performing for a live audience again. Clemente also wants to give a special thanks to the production team and student crew for their work and support throughout the entire process of the show.

Meet Will McCoy

Cole Gannon
cogannon@ursinus.edu

In any college environment, students are faced with stressors left and right. Balancing class work, a social life, and extracurricular activities is no easy task. For the majority, time management is difficult and being forced to implement this skill can be overwhelming to some. Will McCoy '22 is one of the many individuals on campus who is used to this juggling, but one of the few who does it most gracefully. McCoy is a student and Campus Safety Officer who balances his course load and job duties! Let's see how he does just that and then some.

What made you decide to take classes at Ursinus while also working as a Campus Safety Officer? "I already started my degree in 2012 at The Lincoln University and this job came with free tuition. So, it was imperative that I continued my journey."

How do you balance school and work? Was

it challenging? Why or why not?

"It's mind over matter for me. If you stop giving so much time to things that don't matter and begin prioritizing, you will understand the true definition of balance. Nothing is hard if you set time aside. Anything can be done [made dean's list last semester while taking 4 classes and working]."

"If you stop giving so much time to things that don't matter and begin prioritizing, you will understand the true definition of balance."

Are there any drawbacks to being an officer and having to uphold the rules to students you've become friends with?

How do you feel about being on the inside of both student circles and campus safety? Do they conflict? If so, how?

"No, I honestly try to keep the friendship at a distance. I am older by many years to some, so I place caps on friendships. To be completely honest the only circles I am on the inside of when regarding students are



Courtesy of Jenny Berrios

students of color. We understand each other and share the same experiences so I get all their problems. On the other hand, campus safety does cause conflict because when students I share such connections and experiences with get in trouble, I must put my job first. Most of the time the student is glad it's me showing up to relate the news."

"We understand each other and share the same experiences so I get all their problems."

Is there anything else you want people to know about being both a campus safety officer and

student? How do you make it work?

"What I would like them to know is that anything in this world is possible. Whenever it is difficult, apply more pressure and stay focused. Run your own race because you are only in competition with yourself. My graduating year was 2016. I left my original school in 2015. Now here I am graduating in 2022. Lastly, prioritize your time."

After an incredible amount of perseverance and time management, McCoy will graduate knowing he helped students on and off the job. He is a concrete

example of hard-work and determination. As the saying goes, nothing worth having comes easy. A huge thanks to McCoy for protecting and serving the Bear community.

Want to Write for the Grizzly?

Pitch meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm in Ritter 141!

Want Your Club Featured?

Send 50-100 Words

On Your Club

TO GRIZZLY@URSI-NUS.EDU

DUE EVERY WEDNESDAY!

Holiday Season on Campus

Brooke Hurley

brhurley@ursinus.edu

The holidays are in full swing on this bustling campus. The ability to travel home and visit family mid-semester is an exciting development for students.

As most would agree, the last few weeks of the semester are a grind. This time of year can be mentally and physically draining. It can often squash all the holiday cheer and festivities -- but it does not have to. As deadlines and final exams creep up on us, it is easy to lose sight of the joy.

The recent decorations in Cafe 2020 have surely gotten many students in the spirit. Along with the holiday inspired drinks, The Commons is bringing the spirit early as well. Students can contribute by making a conscious effort to decorate dorms or residence halls, an act that never fails to brighten days. Take advantage of spaces like common rooms and hallways to hang festive decorations.

Gather friends, roommates, and hallmates to collect simple

and easy holiday decor from home or local stores like Michael's or Target. This is a great opportunity to bond and build relationships with peers outside of your direct circle. It's a solid excuse to de-stress, too. Making small ornaments or decorative pieces, baking cookies, or coordinating a small gift exchange will also help bring an extra charge of holiday spirit. An Ursinus College sorority, Phi Alpha Psi, is holding a sorority event for each sister to make a personalized ornament to hang on

their personal Christmas trees. As the season gets closer, more on-campus events will be offered for students.

Mariah Lesh '22 shares her tips on how she transformed her space into a festive and cozy room. "I brought back some Christmas lights from home and hung them across my room and have been using holiday scented wall diffusers in our house. Other girls have hung wreaths on their doors, and we put up a Christmas tree in our common room."

There are so many ways to participate

no matter what you celebrate. Holiday scented wall diffusers are a good alternative to candles, small Christmas trees and ornaments, and plastic menorahs are easy, inexpensive decorations. String colorful lights to brighten the space, too. Send fun cards or gratitude notes to family and friends to spread smiles. Who doesn't love the smell of fresh baked cookies? Next time you and your friends aren't looking to bear the cold or school realities, stay in and consider decking out the dorm room halls.

Growing Concern over Course Registration

Abby Peabody

abpeabody@ursinus.edu

Course registration is the time of the year when every social media story is filled with a random schedule full of green, yellow, or red boxes. The student posting is either upset or thrilled with their schedule.

As an International Relations major there are several requirements I must fulfill, including courses in history, economics, politics, and anthropology. The rest are electives for the major. I have run into various issues trying to register

for these. For instance, the history course I need to take is listed as HIST 207, but has been changed to 102 on paper. I spent the majority of my three years trying to take HIST 207 but then found out that it no longer exists.

The anxiety of wondering if you're going to land a spot in a class is something all students face, but especially underclassmen. Students in the first two years of the college experience are usually dealt the short end of the stick. But

in my case the reverse was true: the 100 level course only has a few seats allotted for juniors and seniors. I understand why the registrar does this, but when I need to complete a final class for my major, being wait-listed simply isn't fair.

As a senior, I've had my fair share of ups and downs regarding registration. My first year, I went with some hallmates from BPS to Ritter to register, and a kind upperclassman suggested we move to a different building with fewer

people so that the connection would be more reliable. Of course, the spinning circle that refreshes the page has always caused me to think otherwise.

Even at home during the Spring 2020, registering for my Fall 2020 courses made me understand that perhaps I have not solely a Wi-Fi issue but partly an anxiety issue too. The students at Ursinus are constantly having to face the dilemma of whether they can fulfill their core requirements or major(s)' requirements.

Many students are forced to overload one semester because the next semester does not offer the same courses that could help them graduate on time.

The burnt-out Ursinus student is a common trend these days, especially with all the course requirements we have to juggle. It's ridiculous that students need to fulfill requirements such as: LINQ, XLP, D, G, and BBQ. The list is only getting longer, and I supposed it will never end.

Field Hock. cont. from pg. 8

both the freshmen and the sophomores, who had not yet had a competitive season. Although it was different, McIlhenny and the team kept a positive attitude, saying, "It was pretty exciting, and we felt great about our chances this season."

"Overall, we were able to rely on each other and balance academics, field hockey, and other commitments."

—Laura Rothschild,
Class of 2023

They all continue to be hopeful for the

Rugby cont. from pg. 8

women's rugby team is any benchmark for the men's, this team is sure to be a lot of fun!

"My personal interest in starting the rugby team is I wanted to try something new and build a bond with others."

—Ben Henwood,
Class of 2023

This is an exciting development for Ursinus College. This is just another example of how an old institution, such as Ursinus, is still taking strides to reinvigo-

team in future seasons. She is confident in the existing group of players that she and the rest of the seniors are leaving behind, and is looking forward to "the 2022 team picking up where we left off, but pushing it further." Some of her favorite memories from this season include beating TCNJ in double overtime with a score from Jordan Moore '23, and finding out that the team received a bid from the NCAA. She describes the moment the team found out: "There was so much excitement, screaming,

rate its campus and meet the demands of its students. This new rugby team also shows how receptive Ursinus can be to its students, completely allowing students to present their interest and follow through.

"Our season would be played in the spring and we'd probably play a similar schedule to the women's rugby team."

—Ben Henwood,
Class of 2023

If you're interest-

hugging, and phone calls. It was an unbelievable moment and a feeling that I will never forget."

"It was pretty exciting, and we felt great about our chances this season."

—Erin McIlhenny,
Class of 2022

Laura Rothschild '23, felt that despite the difficulties with coming back from COVID-19, and multiple highs and lows throughout the season, the team's hard work paid off. She is proud of making it to the NCAA first round and is grateful for the fifth-years, and their

help with acclimating the freshman and sophomore classes to the competitive season. "Overall, we were able to rely on each other and balance academics, field hockey, and other commitments." She is looking forward to another great season, with another chance at the CCC finals and NCAA tournament, as well as "growing both as an individual and as a team on and off the field." Her favorite moments of this season include the two top 10 wins, and beating F&M 6-0. Coach Janelle Ben-

ner is proud of her team, describing their season as, "amazing overall." She is looking forward to the 2022 season, and is working on grabbing the Centennial Conference title and returning to the NCAA tournament. Benner believes in the dedication of the Field Hockey team, and is "rebuilding and refocusing" to prepare for next fall. The Field Hockey team had an outstanding season, and is working toward doing even better. Go Bears!

UC Men's Rugby is Back

Sean McGinley
semciginley@ursinus.edu

This spring will see the return of another Ursinus club sport, Men's Rugby. The revival is a product of heavy interest amongst students along with the addition of a student coach, according to junior Matt Parias. Practices for rugby are occurring weekly with the goal of a spring start date.

When asked about his specific interest in Men's Rugby, Parias stated, "I've always wanted to start playing a club sport since I stopped playing lacrosse freshman year." Ben Henwood, a junior, also shared his feelings about why he chose to get involved with the

team. "My personal interest in starting the rugby team is I wanted to try something new and build a bond with others." This new team is a great opportunity for any undergraduates on campus to get involved and build new bonds with their future teammates.

As far as the logistics, the men's rugby season would look much like what Ursinus is used to. "Our season would be played in the spring and we'd probably play a similar schedule to the women's rugby team," said Henwood. There is sure to be warm enough temperatures for spectators to come out and support their fellow Bears! If the

See **Rugby** on pg. 7



Courtesy of Jim Beaver

Field Hockey's Huge Success

Morgan Grabowski
mograbowski@ursinus.edu

The Field Hockey team just wrapped up an exciting season, coming back strong after a season off due to COVID-19. They ended their season with a record of 13-6, going so far as to beat Messiah University and The College of New Jersey, two top 10 teams. Beating TCNJ on their own home turf was a major accomplishment for the team, as Ur-

sinus hadn't managed the feat since 2010. After losing in the CCC semi-finals, field hockey got a second chance and received an at-large bid from the NCAA. Field Hockey completed their season seeded 2nd in the CCCs, and ranked 12th in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Coming back after COVID-19 meant dealing with a different team dynamic. Erin McIlhenny '22 decided last year to

defer for a semester after finding out the season was canceled. The four seniors were worried about the uncertainty the pandemic presented, but they all knew, as McIlhenny says, that they "weren't ready to hang our sticks up yet." The leadership of the fifth-years was much appreciated by the rest of the team. This year, instead of only one new incoming class, there were two classes,

See **Field Hock.** on pg. 7

Upcoming Games

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Tuesday
Women's BB@ 7pm	Women's BB@ 7:30pm	Swimming@Gettysburg Wrestling@York	Women's BB@3pm Men's BB@1pm Swimming@Gettysburg	Men's BB@7:30