Every exit is an entry somewhere else.

- Tom Stoppard
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The staff of the 2002 Ruby dedicates this yearbook in memory of a committed professor and trusted friend, Dr. Eileen England. Sadness struck the campus community on September 25th, as we learned of the loss of a beloved faculty member. Professor of Psychology Eileen M. England died at her home in Doylestown after an illness of some weeks. Professor England joined the Ursinus faculty in 1989. She was highly regarded by all for her kindness, her gentle, nurturing nature and her outstanding qualities as a teacher and mentor of students. An active scholar who published frequently, she focused on the areas of child development, educational psychology, human sexuality and community psychology. At Ursinus, among other duties, she was coordinator of Women’s Studies from 1995 to 1997. She will be missed and her work here at Ursinus was greatly appreciated.
A year of many tragedies and heartbreaks, Ursinus students proved tough and willing to go the distance. After the “Attack on America,” as the media termed it, Ursinus students responded by wearing patriotic clothes, hanging American flags on dorm windows and main street houses, and by running various money, clothing, and blood drives. Among these two fundraisers included the USGA sponsored Coin Drive for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, and the American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 16th and 17th sponsored by Omega Chi Sorority. These two drives raised $1,524.50 and a total of 105 pints of blood. The blood alone will go towards saving the lives of 525 patients. So, despite the devastating loss, Ursinus comes out strong in the effort to rebuild the nation.

Other blows to the Ursinus community were in result of the death of Psychology professor, Dr. Eileen England and the news of a construction worker who was struck by a falling brick. President Strassburger sent out emails to inform the students and to offer condolences to the friends and families of both individuals.

On a lighter note, many new additions have been added to the popular Ursinus College campus. The new residence hall remains a work in progress and should be completed by July or August 2002. Another new-comer is the highly-praised Floy Lewis Bakes Field House, named after Floy Lewis Bakes a four sport athlete at Ursinus. With this new sports facility, the students have the luxury of using a better equipped, state of the art weightroom. It also much improves the status of the training facilities and the conditions of the lockerroom. The project, estimated to cost about 12 million dollars, was an enormous success.

Ursinus was also named to the prestigious Watson Fellowship Program. This honor places the college among the top 50 liberal arts colleges in America. According to College Communications, the program is designed to provide college graduates “the freedom to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad following their graduation.”

And don’t forget those SENIORS! The class of 2002 has spent the past year preparing for graduate/professional school, the workforce, or simply new adventures. With their goals set high, the Class of 2002 has proved ready to enter a new phase in life, one that will surely lead to future success. They are truly...

Going The Distance
The Class of 2005, the largest freshman class in the history of Ursinus College, faced many changes this year.

408 members of the Class of 2005 arrived on Ursinus' campus August 23, 2001. After unpacking and decorating, the students got down to business. Orientation included fun activities, such as Playfair, a dinner dance, and a rewarding community service project. Freshmen were also able to deal with more serious issues. The new students received their laptops, had their first CIE classes, and listened to a presentation from Drs. Lynne Edwards and Krista Hirschmann concerning how to approach the topic of sex. After an exhausting few days, the Class of 2005 was ready to begin their four years as Ursinus students. As upperclassmen can attest to, these new students were only beginning to learn. Over the course of the year, many started new clubs, joined activities and organizations, made Dean's List, and were elected to student offices. The Class of 2005 has already begun to make its mark on Ursinus' culture and will prove to be just as successful in the coming years.
I enjoyed doing summer research because it helped provide a strong foundation for my senior honors project.
--Kelly Rothermel, Class of 2002

Interacting with other fellows and learning about their work taught me a lot about current research issues and also a lot about myself.
--Emily Callaghan, Calss of 2002

Having two months to focus on one project over the summer allows much faster progression than does trying to complete research in the midst of a full course load during a semester.
--Dave Brown, Class of 2002

Observing the presentations of others taught me that learning is not just about research; it is also about the presentation of yourself, as well as the presentation of information.
--Leilani King, Class of 2002
Experience

Ursinus College had its largest summer research program to date in the summer of 2001. Ursinus College Summer Fellows were joined on campus by students supported by a Howard Hughes Medical Institute grant and two federal grants. The fifty-one students were actively engaged in research for eight to ten weeks, and also enjoyed lectures and discussions with their faculty mentors, as well as fun times, such as a swim party.

--Kate Goddard, Sponsor of Summer Fellows Research
Southern Style—Several students travel from far down under to attend Ursinus. Among them are (clockwise left to right) senior Steven Wilkes from Georgia, freshman Marcus Ressler from Florida, junior Harry Michel from Florida, and junior Ben Petro from Florida. The only thing I don’t like about going to school in Pennsylvania is the crazy weather. One day it’s in the 90’s and then the very next day it could be like 50 degrees. I don’t get it,” remarked junior Ben Petro.

Students travel from far and wide to have the Ursinus College experience first hand. These students make up an important part of the campus and diversify the student body. They bring in a different way of life that students only traveling from the tri-state area have never known. One thing that all of these students traveling far away from home agree on is that the atmosphere created at Ursinus is a lot different than what they once knew. Between the food at Wismer, the parties at Reimert, or simply doing their own laundry, life has certainly changed. These students chose to come to Ursinus for different reasons, but most agree that they wanted to break away from the only environment that they knew and learn to depend on themselves more. Rebecca Chilcoat, a senior from Nebraska, remembers her reasons for coming to Ursinus, “To expand my horizons and to know that I could survive on my own without my parents.” Kyla Mocharnik, a freshman from Florida, chose Ursinus because of its size and small suburban setting, saying “you can really get personal attention from teachers.” Her one fear about coming to school in the Northeast...Winter! She says that she is both looking forward to it and dreading it, commenting, “It is something new so it’s good, but it will be difficult since I’m not used to it.”
In A State By Themselves—Douglas Hogoboom, a freshman from Colorado, Rebecca Chilcoat, a senior from Nebraska, and Neil Shah, a senior from Illinois all share one thing in common...they are the only students at Ursinus from their respective states. "It is really hard being away from home and I miss Colorado, but Ursinus is definitely a good change in pace, I like it a lot," remarks Douglas.

The Lone Statesman—All by himself, Jeremy Barnett, a freshman at Ursinus represents the West Coast population on campus. A small sample of students actually attend Ursinus from this region. Jeremy, one of two students from California, insists that he made the right choice in coming to Ursinus.

Foreign Friends—13 students venture all the way from Japan with the study abroad program. These students include Akiko Ogasawara, a junior, Ryo Igarashi, a sophomore, and Minako Waizumi a junior. Although Minako says getting an education is much harder in America, she thinks it is a better opportunity. "I get a chance to learn more deeply here than in Japan," she adds.
When 408 freshmen students stepped foot onto Ursinus College this fall, physical developments to the 165-acre campus were well under way.

As the seniors of the class of 2002 embark upon graduation, many still recall the physical campus changes that they encountered in their freshmen year and were similarly able to relate to the sounds of bulldozers and sight of construction workers working diligently to meet time demands. Nationally known for its academic excellence and remarkable student centeredness, Ursinus has positively strove daily in its attempts to accommodate the college's increased enrollment, technological demands, academic success, and desire to maintain the campus' natural historic beauty. This year, as students walked across campus, a newly constructed water fountain, brick walkway that links academic buildings, residence halls, the student center, and the sight of artistic sculptures provoked insightful thoughts of imagination. In late September, the opening of the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House offered an array of workout equipment, a 200-meter indoor track and indoor tennis courts which allows students to move closer towards their physical fitness goals. Many seniors remember the completion of Pfahler Hall of Science, in 1998. The renovations have allowed for additional student workspaces, and settings for faculty and students to work collaboratively in the sciences. Improvements were also made in the Wismer Center as hours were expanded, and food stations were added. Not only are the classes of 2004 and 2005 able to access internet from their own laptops supplied by the college, but all Seniors are now offered an opportunity of a full year of travel and inquiry abroad through application of the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship program. With a new dorm to open in the Summer of 2002, a new performing arts center several years away, and additional campus improvements, it’s clear that Ursinus is going the distance to help students achieve rigorous academic and personal aspirations.

Across: Upper: Ursinus expands with new state-of-the-art dorms on Paisley Beach. Middle: Going to work out at the new field is one of the top priorities of athletes and students alike. Lower Left: The new fountain outside Pfahler Hall was not intended to be a slide, despite popular belief. Lower Right: Pfahler Hall received a facelift this past summer. This Page: Above: A newspaper clipping from the opening of Pfahler Hall in 1932. Left: Ursinus is got wired this year, with the incoming freshman receiving Dell Laptops. Middle: Ursinus is going the distance, literally, with the recent addition of construction vehicles to the college atmosphere. Right: Ursinus is going quite artistic with the recently added statues on campus.
Homecoming is one of the oldest traditions that are held by many schools, both college and high school. This year's festivities started with the annual Oktoberfest, "Battle of the Bands," held in Reimert, sponsored by USGA, on October 12, 2001. It was a time for the students of Ursinus to shine and show off the talent that they have kept hidden. There were seven bands that entered this year; it was an unforgettable time to say the least. The main events came on Saturday where the Homecoming king and queen were crowned during halftime of the football game. This year's king and queen were Gil Cook, nominated by Upsilon Phi Delta, and Heather Potts, nominated by USGA. This was also a big day for sports teams. The Lady Bears' Field Hockey team upset a major powerhouse, Holy Cross, in overtime, and Football battled Gettysburg for the win. Homecoming is a special time; a time to honor the alums that travel great distances to visit Ursinus from all over the world. They have come to see the new changes that have occurred since their graduation and to reunite with long-lost friends. It is a time of laughter and fun for all alumni that have made their way to a place they called home for four years.

Top Right: "Overshooting Jacob" entertains Ursinus students during Oktoberfest 2001.
Center: Former homecoming king and queen Jon Crooker and Brandy Kline pose with this year's crowned king and queen Gil Cook and Heather Potts.
Bottom: Sherrod Duncan takes the ball from Chris Rayhill for one of his many gains in the UC Bears victory over Gettysburg.
Opposite Page Top: Kristin Katona goes for the ball.
Opposite Page Middle: Ursinus field hockey tries to score against Holy Cross.
Opposite Page Bottom Right: Amy Garber shows her school spirit during this year's homecoming game.
Opposite Page Bottom Left: Patterson Field is packed with Ursinus students and alumni.
On Saturday October 13, 2001, Ursinus welcomed alumni and their families for this traditional Fall event on campus.
Going Greek

National Greeks Arrive on Campus
Throughout 2001 and 2002, two national greek organizations made their way on campus. After a long process of student and faculty approval, Phi Kappa Sigma and its 17 brothers and Sigma Sigma Sigma, with 30 sisters, were welcomed to UC. Both groups will be officially recognized as of January 2002. At the time of their approval, the acting president of Tri Sigma was Patty Quinn and Greg Striano for Phi Kap. Bringing national greeks to Ursinus goes a long way in making the college a more recognized school across the nation as it begins to increase in size and prestige. Tri Sigma and Phi Kap also bring strong community service and leadership qualities to the campus which, along with the local greek organizations, bring UC students and the local Collegeville and Philadelphia communities together.
After almost two months of classes and possibly a few visits home, Saturday, October 20, proved to be a nice treat for student's and their families alike. The Family Day committee put much time and effort into creating a fun-filled and unique day to be enjoyed by all. The morning began with student poster presentations and a student art show in Pfahler Hall. The beautiful weather urged people to attend the Country Fair in front of BWC. Ursinus’ own Jazz Ensemble, featured in Bomberger Auditorium, helped put a memorable ending to the morning. Men’s and women’s sporting events were held throughout the day and the festivities closed with a delightful Candlelight Dinner for the families.

Opposite page top left: The sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma sponsored face painting for any interested children. This girl anxiously waits for Elizabeth Drobot-Blair to finish.
Top Right: Young children are having a ball in this ball pit! Sophomore Katie McLaughlin and seven of her eleven siblings show their love! 
Opposite Page Bottom Left: Krista Bailey displays the results from her extensive research as a Summer Fellow in 2001.
Opposite Page Bottom Right: An interested parent views the students’ art work.

Above: This soon-to-be Ursinus student is all smiles in her new balloon hat.
Below left: Family Day co-chairs Erica Henninger and Aaron Ranck devoted a lot of time and effort to make the day enjoyable.
Below Center: Quarterback Chris Rahill hands off to superstar Shearron Duncan on their way to a Bears victory against Wooster.
Below Right: Quinn Dinsmore and Adrienne Moore happily handle the registration table.
Ursinus increased the number of incoming students, as well as international students, this year. There are fifty international students from eighteen countries around the world. They are here for a semester, a year, or all four years. They leave their homes and families, hop on a plane for more than ten hours, arrive in the States with ambitions and dreams. Ursinus becomes their home during the school year, just like it is for us. There may be cultural differences, but they all have the same reasons for traveling across the ocean and the continent. They are adventurous, they are thinking about their future, and they are making a difference in their lives. They all know the time at Ursinus is precious and priceless! They are here to experience the best years of their lives, and that's why the 'distance' is worth the travel for them!

"I am not sure exactly what made me come the 'distance,' but I sure am glad that I did."
--Rosy Bitar, Jordan

"Sometimes I think to myself, I could have had a very good education back home, but nothing on Earth could have given me what Ursinus gave me; it shaped my personality, it gave me a new Rami!!"
--Rami Musmar, Jordan

"Too many things! Some of the most important factors were: my career, infinite curiosity, and love for challenge."
--Debora Sarmento, Brazil

"Seeking knowledge and culture."
--Enrique Covarrubias, Mexico
The common room in Musser hall is where International students hang out, watch movies, and play games.

Meejee Lee and Soo Ham, both from Korea, study Calculus homework together while they munch on Korean cookies for a late night snack.

"I'm still trying to figure out the answer! I'll find it soon, otherwise, it'll be time for me to go back."
--Chaitanya Desai, India

"It's a great opportunity, sounded fun, and who really wants to stay in one place all of his life anyway?!"
--Alejandro Wilder, Peru with Takashi Torii from Japan

Andreas Engel and his friend, both from Germany, smile for the camera.
Choosing to leave Ursinus for one semester or even for a whole year may be a difficult and frightening decision for some; however, many UC students are enriching their academic experience by studying abroad. Studying abroad not only gives students the opportunity to take different courses not offered at Ursinus, but also allows them to expand their horizons. This year, students are immersing themselves in the cultures of France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, England, and Spain. Many of these trips include exploration of the arts, architecture, and culture of foreign countries. All in all, students who go abroad have an unforgettable experience and bring back many pictures and stories to remember their journey abroad.

Clockwise from Top:
Ursinus's computing initiative is a program which began last year. Each incoming student was provided with a personal laptop computer. Originally, students were provided with IBM laptops, but after considerable reevaluation it was decided that freshmen this year would receive Dell laptops instead. The new Dell laptops were equipped with a 700 MHz processor, a hard drive of 10 GBs, 128 MB of memory, as well as interchangeable CD-ROM and floppy disk drives. Many students are pleased with the change and consider it an improvement.

All around campus, students can be seen enjoying the benefits of their own portable computers. In classrooms, many students take advantage of the laptop in keeping study notes. Students can enjoy the nice weather while doing homework in the convenience of their own rooms, students can access information on the web and utilize many other resources included in the computer software which was provided with the laptops.

The computing services office provides all freshmen and sophomore students with technical support for their laptop and printers from 8:00 a.m. until midnight.
Welcome home to the places that house a large percent of Ursinus students. Whether it be a dorm - the Quad (where the majority of freshman are housed), BWC, a suite in Reimert, or a house on Main St. (where many upperclassmen reside), Ursinus students enjoy the comfort of rooms in which they can study, sleep, or hang with friends. All of this will be made easier with the newly built residence hall. Construction on the new residence hall on Paisley Beach has peaked interest as to what luxuries the upperclassmen of 2003 can expect. With the new residence hall opening up next year, Ursinus has the ability to welcome with open arms the freshmen class of 2006.
Top: Where is the most fun place to hang out? In someone else's room, of course!

Middle: Corie Kerns studies on her bed in her room in Reimert.

Bottom: The computer, a college student's best friend.

Bottom oval: Elliott and the Wellness house, two Main St. houses, provide quiet alternatives to living in the bustling dorms.