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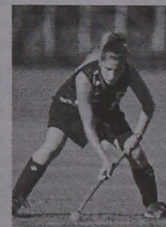
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Inside Scoop: What's new at UC

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As you moved back into your dorm room, visited your friends, or headed over to Wismer, you may have noticed that there are a few major changes that are happening on campus. Whether it's the 400 new freshmen (or if you are a freshman, the other 1000 students), the major construction sites, or everything else, The Grizzly wants to give you a heads up on what's new at UC.



Freshman Class

On Thursday, August 26, 2004, around 400 students from 18 states and 9 countries, which compose the class of 2008, moved in to their rooms. Although the class is smaller than last year's, Vice President for Enrollment, Rick DiFelicantonio states that the students are "all very bright and motivated!" The top intended majors include Biology, Business & Economics, and Psychology.

Parking

Parking violators "beware" or else your car might get the boot! Every year students think they can get away with not paying the \$60 for vehicle registration. It tends to end up in excessive parking tickets; however, this year safety has additional methods to keep the parking situation evenly balanced for all upperclassman. Rather than towing a vehicle (which will still be another option for parking violators), the vehicle boot is used to immobilize a vehicle's wheels until their parking fine and/or parking registration is paid. Also, Campus Safety is working with the Collegeville Police to run license plates faster in order to identify owners. Suddenly, that \$60 registration fee isn't looking so bad...

Sprinklers

While most of you noticed the major construction on campus, some people may have been wondering why there are now pipes running across the ceiling of your dorm room or in your closet. This summer around 17 houses on Main

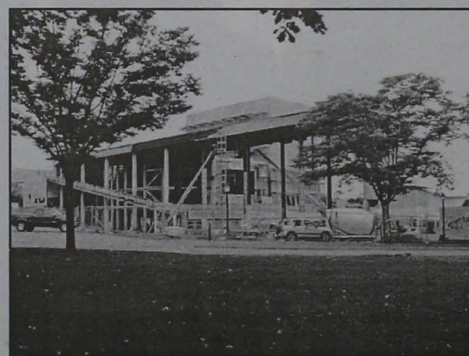
Street had a new sprinkler system installed. As a result of Collegeville installing a new water-line down Main Street (the major construction that occurred in the past two years), the Residential Village (i.e. Main Street Houses) now have enough water pressure to support a sprinkler system for fire safety. The houses that have not yet been installed with the sprinkler system should be completed by or during winter break. The key thing to know is **DO NOT TOUCH!** Setting off a sprinkler can cause severe water damage not only in that room, but also in the rooms around it and below it. And let's not even get into the consequences of intentionally setting it off...

Construction

Behind the Hockey field, there is more construction going on, and this time, the college is installing a central chiller plant. Around campus, some of you may have noticed large, noisy machines next to Berman, outside of North, or behind Thomas – these are chiller units, which are designed to provide chilled water to campus buildings. The college hopes to create one main chiller plant away from the main campus to provide chilled water and remove the smaller units, in hopes to preserve the appearance and sounds. The piping and padding has already been laid; however, the project is hoped to be completed sometime in September.

The college also installed a new steam pipe leading into Reimert, which may explain for the slightly torn-up appearance around that area.

Performing Arts Center



If you haven't noticed that massive building that has overtaken the Reimert parking lot, then open your eyes. According to DiFelicantonio, the Performing Arts Center is slated to open in April 2005. Although the site may be frustrating to students now with the loss of parking and the constant noise, once completed, it will give many students

and faculty a new way to express themselves. Vice President for Finance & Administration, Win Guilmette, describes that the Center will not only have a Proscenium Theater that seats around 350 people, but also a Black Box theater, set design workshop, classrooms, dressing rooms, a dance studio, art studios, and faculty offices. As a result, next summer Ritter Hall will be renovated to accommodate the college radio station and newspaper, while the Theater and Dance departments will move into the Center shortly after its opening.

Myrin Library



With a new café and interior renovation – you'll want to be in the library all day! Check out the Grizzly article on Myrin on page 7.

Safety Concerns

Find out what Residence Life & Safety are doing to keep your year as safe as possible on page 5.

Computers

Whether you are in or around the Wismer center, Olin Auditorium, or in the Myrin Library, you can go wireless. As of last week, Computing Services has installed a wireless connection in the heart of campus, so that students can access the network and internet on-the-go. An existing wireless connection is also located on the athletic fields.

According to Sr. Network Engineer James Shuttlesworth, the internet connection has also been upgraded and should result in a connection 20 times faster than before.

These changes are just some of the changes happening on campus and in reality, only the tip of the iceberg for those changes planned for the future of Ursinus. If you see something going on at UC that you want to know more information about, email the Grizzly Staff at grizzly@ursinus.edu and we'll get you the Inside Scoop.

Governor Ed Rendell visits Ursinus; presents \$5 million state grant for Performing Arts Center

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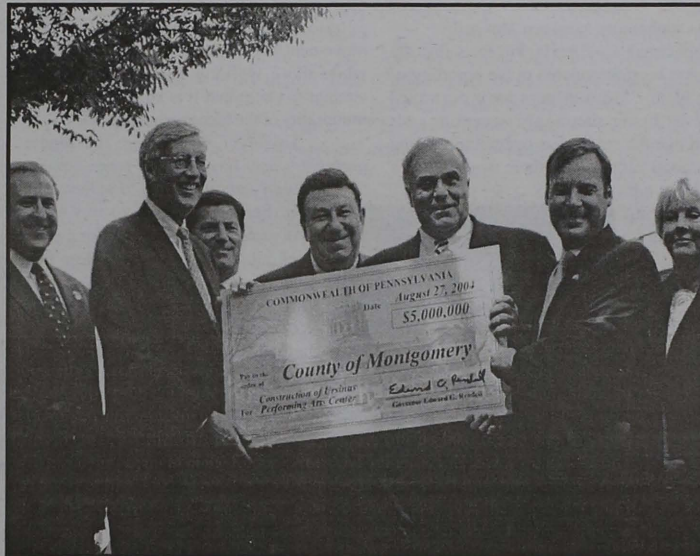
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Governor Ed Rendell presents a state grant of \$5 million to Montgomery County for the construction of Ursinus's Performing Arts Center.

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On Friday, August 27, 2004, the Honorable Governor Ed Rendell visited the Ursinus College campus and brought with him two checks totaling \$7.5 million for Montgomery County development projects. While the first check totaled \$2.5 million for the construction of a parking garage in Norristown, PA, the second check totaled \$5 million which will be used for the construction of UC's Performing Arts Center.

Overlooking the construction site of the Performing Arts Center, a gathering of students, faculty and staff, alumni, local residents, and media anxiously awaited the arrival of Governor Rendell. The stage was set, adorned with local and state political figures, including Montgomery County Commissioner Thomas Ellis, Collegeville Mayor Dennis Parker, State Representatives Raymond Bunt, Jacqueline Crahalla and John Fichter, State Senator Charles Rafferty, as well as President John Strassburger.

After Rendell arrived to a warm, Ursinus greeting, President Strassburger welcomed the honorable guests and conveyed special thanks to several benefactors of the college who were in attendance. He then introduced Senator

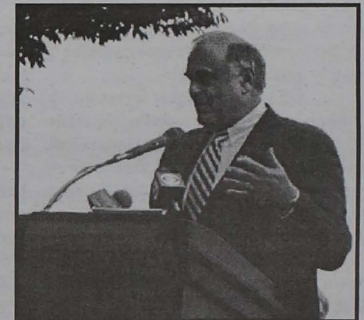
Rafferty, who spoke on the economic development in Montgomery County.

Rafferty described how the arts and economics go hand-in-hand together, stimulating economic growth and ensuring a better future for Pennsylvania. He introduced Rendell as former mayor of Philadelphia, who improved the arts and brought economical growth to the city during his time in office.

As Rendell took the stage, he touched on many of his political agendas, including the Economic Stimulus Package that began in March of 2003 and the state gaming plan, attempting to provide \$1.6 billion for economic development. Rendell then presented a \$2.5 million check to Commissioner Ellis for a Norristown Parking Garage and stating, "Parking isn't sexy, but it is important to economic development."

After the photo-op, Rendell moved onto the topic of the Performing Arts Center and the "extraordinary local effort" in developing a cultural outlet in the suburbs of Philadelphia. The \$5 million grant is from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP). RACP is a state grant program administered by the Office of the Budget for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic and historical improvement projects.

"Funding for these projects is part of my ongoing commitment to change how



Governor Rendell, during his visit to Ursinus, discussed his hopes for the economical development and revitalization of Montgomery County, PA.

we do business in Pennsylvania," said Governor Rendell. "Through bipartisan efforts, our goal from the beginning has been to develop an economic stimulus plan that will create jobs, retain talent, jumpstart the economy and position Pennsylvania for success in the 21st century. Today, we continue to put this plan to work right here in Montgomery County."

Upon presentation of the \$5 million check, President Strassburger took time to thank all those on stage, whose ideals and integrity lead them to the highest commitment to civic service. He also thanked the Governor and presented him with an Ursinus College hat and tie, so that he may too display his Ursinus pride.

Strassburger also noted that the Performing Arts Center is slated to open on April 26, 2005 with a performance from renowned Jazz trumpeter, Wynton Marsalis, whose performance in Bomberger auditorium a few years ago made a memorable impression on the campus.

Governor Rendell's promise "We'll be back," referring to the state's dedication to Montgomery County, was noted by all in attendance and hopefully implied that Rendell's visit to Ursinus College was not his last.

“I AM A GAY AMERICAN”

Reactions from the UC Community

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Earlier this August, Governor Jim McGreevey of New Jersey shocked citizens nationwide with his announcement that not only was he a “gay American,” but had taken part in an extramarital affair.

Furthermore, McGreevey explained that he plans to resign from office on November 15th, 2004. Questions still linger as to whether or not the alleged affair with his aide, Golan Cipel, was consensual, as well as to whether or not there was corruption involved in McGreevey hiring a possibly unqualified Cipel.

While his reasoning for resigning is “the circumstances surrounding the affair and its likely impact upon [his] family and [his] ability to govern,” the media focus seems to be more on his identity as a homosexual than on his identity as an adulterer.

Even the *New York Times*, widely known for being a leftist publication, has made such claims. In one of its articles released on August 26th, 2004, the *Times* states, “McGreevey...said he was stepping down because he had an extramarital affair with a man.”

Though in his announcement, McGreevey emphasized, “it makes little difference that as governor I am gay,” some Ursinus students have noted an interesting media response that would seemingly contradict this statement.

“I think the media is being extremely ignorant about the entire incident,” says Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) member Dana Roach. “If it were a heterosexual man, they would not be saying, ‘heterosexual governor has affair,’ but ‘homosexual’ is the first thing they throw out there about this man.”

GSA president Amy Hollaman expresses similar sentiments. “I am frustrated with the media coverage. The media seemed to focus on the fact that it was a gay affair and not just an affair. I guess that made the story much more interesting and therefore sold more papers.”

“I feel that they are harping on the most sensational part...and mistakenly

attributing his resignation solely to his coming out,” says senior Dennis Kearney.

However, some students do not share the same feelings regarding the media attention surrounding the McGreevey case. “I think the emphasis was only natural considering nothing like that has ever happened before. A governor coming out is news, no matter the context,” reasons sophomore Maureen McCarthy.

Sophomore Caitlin Hanlon feels that the media has been reasonable in the reporting of the incident. “Newspapers have portrayed people as being seemingly accepting....It seemed like the media was overcompensating for his good parts so that there wouldn’t be a backlash against him/gays,” says Hanlon.

There has been a considerable amount of concern, however, regarding the implications of McGreevey’s resignation on the gay rights movement and backlash against homosexuals.

“I do not think it is helping the gay rights movement by any means because it is just showing people that he has something to be ashamed of, and he cannot be in office because of his sexual orientation. But the fact is, none of that should matter because [being gay] does not affect his ability to govern the state,” Roach argues, “I definitely think this will have an impact on people’s views of homosexuals—a negative impact.”

Hollaman believes there is some chance that this occurrence may bring the public to some general realizations about homosexuals. She points out, “I think in some ways this incident is bringing out the fact that not only flamboyantly gay people have homosexual relationships. In some ways, a person with the status of governor admitting that he had a gay affair is admitting that anyone could be gay.”

McCarthy asserts that the McGreevey incident will have little to no effect on the public’s perceptions of homosexuals. “I think people’s views of homosexuals are mostly based on their portrayals on TV and movies—which

is very, very sad—and I don’t see why the McGreevey case would influence anyone to change their fixed perception of gays, positively or negatively. I don’t think it will cause a backlash against gays, but it has the potential to [do so].”

Kearney believes in the stagnant nature of many citizens’ opinions. He claims, “I feel the people working within the gay rights movement may not be noticeably affected, while those working against it may well attempt to claim that it is an example of the immorality of the homosexual lifestyle.”

However, the media portrayals may have incited some anxiety within certain people. “I believe that the slipshod coverage of this event will prove to be a sore spot for people seeking an excuse to avoid or fear homosexuals.

“Heterosexual [sic] married women, for example, may feel that gay men who befriend them and their husbands may really be trying to ‘pull a McGreevey’ and steal away their husbands, while men in political situations who have close male friends may be pressured to avoid relationships that could be seen as gay, for fear of their career being ruined prematurely, like McGreevey’s seems to be.”

Though he set the date of resignation for mid-November, Governor McGreevey is receiving a significant level of pressure from the Republicans to abdicate his office immediately. In a recent news conference, one such Republican, Bill Palatucci, the New Jersey state committee finance chairman, voiced caustic opinions in response to McGreevey’s speech. “He is the

master of deception. He has deceived himself, he has deceived his family, and he has deceived all the voters of New Jersey. He tried to deceive all of us yesterday by trying to make the basis of his resignation...his sexual orientation. This is...about his conduct in office.”

Maureen McCarthy has different thoughts pertaining to why the governor of New Jersey may be resigning, despite McGreevey’s own statement. She hypothesizes, “I think McGreevey made a personal decision to resign, and I think it had little to do with his homosexuality. I think he is resigning mostly because of the extramarital part of the affair, not the homosexual part. If he feels that it is best for him to resign, that New Jersey would be better off with another governor,” McCarthy continues, “then he should resign.”

Amy Hollaman supports McGreevey in his decision to resign, adding that McGreevey’s honesty now is a definite positive for him. “I think it was a wise decision on his part to initiate the resignation process himself because he most likely avoided accusations that would have been brought out by others against him.”

However, others feel that he is shying away from his identity by resigning. Dana Roach stresses, “He needs to stand up and be proud of who he is. It is no one else’s business who he is sleeping next to but his own, and the American people need to accept that fact.”

And as for the future? McCarthy feels that all the publicity will pass. “Since he is resigning, I think the people of New Jersey will elect a new governor, forget about McGreevey, and move on.”



career corner

New in Career Services

Semester Kick-off Event! Join us as we welcome and introduce our new staff members at our Career Services Open house on Wednesday, September 8th, from 3:00-5:00 pm. The first 50 visitors will also take home a goodie bag filled with your favorite treats!

New additions and changes to our staff! Jennifer Potson is our new Internship Coordinator. Jen recently completed her Masters degree at James Madison University in Counseling Psychology with a concentration in College Student Personnel.

Nancy Reilly will provide administrative support for the Career Services Office. Nancy is a professional and accomplished office administrator. Her most recent work experience was at St. Pius X High School in Pottstown where she was the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs.

Maria Beazley will take on a new role as the Career and Technology Program Coordinator, while Carla Rinde will continue her work as Director of the Career Services Office.

We invite you to schedule an appointment to talk with us by stopping in our office in Bomberger, calling our extension at 2274, or emailing career@ursinus.edu. Too busy to schedule an appointment? Need immediate assistance? Take advantage of our new **Walk-in Wednesdays** when no appointment is necessary – just walk-in and get what you need!

Also, you can now add us to your **buddy list!** Receive advice directly from your room! Just add our screen name, “UrsinusCareer,” to your buddy list, and you can ask for advice and information on line! You can be sure to catch us there every Monday and Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 pm.

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Ursinus safety concerns: past, present, and future

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As we embark on another year at Ursinus, with remnants of last year's crime wave still resonating in students' minds, one question remains to be answered—are Ursinus students really safe?

Despite several laptop thefts and the unforgettable master key-napping, resolutions to these incidents of crime were never officially presented to ease possible feelings of insecurity on campus.

To counter these feelings, it appears that Ursinus College has in fact dealt with each incident accordingly—though in a very low-key manner—and has stepped up to these unfortunate occurrences by instilling regulations throughout the campus as well as increasing awareness among staff so as to prevent such transgressions in the future.

Regarding the laptop thefts last year, Dean of Student Life Debbie Nolan assures us, "That's been resolved. A student has been...arrested and incarcerated. As for the stolen master key, Dean Nolan believes, "It

may have been related to the computer thefts, but we don't know that. The police are heavily investigating that. All the key locks were changed."

Being an open campus, it's a rather arduous task to guarantee students the complete safety that they deserve, but one imperative step has been taken. According to Dean Nolan, Resident Assistants will no longer possess a set of master keys, except while on duty. The master keys will be safeguarded elsewhere so as to foil any possible break-ins.

"That's been a dramatic change...Steve Larson, [Director of Residence Life], did that because of that fear," she states. Not only will RAs not possess these keys, but "they will have to sign them in and out," says Dean Nolan.

Ursinus has been very cautious as well in preparing its staff for the upcoming year. According to an anonymous source within Residential Life, "The RAs went through a lot more intense training to try to help their residents, to make them aware of dangerous situations, and just to make sure

that people are always with someone else. We've made everybody aware...to educate the RAs more on how they can help."

So, as far as crime goes, can students expect anything new this year? Nolan asserts, "Probably the usual, but students are trying to be more vigilant," she continues, "Overall, we had a pretty low crime rate compared to most other schools."

And Dean Nolan is correct. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act mandates that colleges and universities across the United States release on- and off-campus crime statistics.

Released every October, the latest crime report of post-secondary institutions in the United States can be read at www.securityoncampus.org. When compared to other schools, Ursinus College rates fairly low in the realm of crime, with the only significant numbers appearing in cases of liquor-law violations (56 arrests in 2002) and burglary (10 cases in 2002). These statistics are also available on the Ursinus Web site, at <http://www.ursinus.edu/>

[content.asp?page=StudentServices/campus_safety.html&tab=Student_Services](http://www.ursinus.edu/content.asp?page=StudentServices/campus_safety.html&tab=Student_Services).

Despite comforting statistics, the question remains—do Ursinus students feel safe? Sophomore Caitlin O'Connor maintains, "Yeah. I would never go out for a walk by myself at 1 o'clock in the morning, but most of the boys are tiny; if they tried anything, I could probably take them."

What measures should students take to protect themselves? Dean Nolan stresses, "I think students should be aware of their safety and take proper precautions," she advises, "Always lock your door. Don't prop exterior doors. Lock windows when you're not around...Use common sense...walking with people at night...Call safety for escort...Just be responsible."

In general, Ursinus College is doing everything possible to protect its students, from employing law enforcement to implementing new regulations for college staff. Right now, Ursinus is just a safe place to be.

They gave me a column?

Hello and welcome to my own little space. This is an introduction, so to speak. This column has no specific subject area. It is based on whatever is in my mind at the time. Usually it will consist of observations or anecdotes.

As is my interest, there may be a politics slant to some of the articles, but nothing too serious or heavy-handed, mostly because I've found that such things require research. There will be very little research involved. In fact, I can't promise 100% accuracy.

CAM FURMAN
It's the Mind

Stories might be slightly embellished, as my own personal slogan has always been 'don't let the truth get in the way of a good story.' Somebody might have said that at one time, but I don't know who. Sounds vaguely like Oscar Wilde. Anyway, the point is: don't come to me if you find a problem, I'm not promising perfection.

The column title itself comes from a Monty Python's Flying Circus sketch called 'Déjà vu.' Despite the inference, there will be nothing scientific about this column, so it's likely the pre-meds will be disappointed.

As will the history students, for the above confessed lack of facts and research.

In addition, the English majors will disavow this column I'm sure, for not being up to their standards.

The politics majors will likely disagree with my thoughts on politics, so they're out. The philosophy crew will find my ponderings not nearly serious enough.

The business and economics department is out, because I hate numbers, and you'll find very few larger than two digits anywhere in this column (disregarding the earlier 100).

The rest of the departments will probably find the article not particularly amusing or interesting.

So my target audience will tend to be myself. And occasionally my friends, who will mostly be amazed that someone with my lack of work ethic would agree to write a weekly column.

So I hold no false hope that this column will become wildly popular. I can only hope that occasionally someone will find something within here that they enjoy.

Next week: Can George Bush Be More Perfect? Or, My Debate with a Lunatic.
Cam Furman is a senior. You can reach him at cafurman@ursinus.edu.

Would you like your own column in The Grizzly?
Email us with your ideas at grizzly@ursinus.edu.

Dean Levy announces new faculty

This fall, Ursinus will welcome 10 new full-time professors and 12 new part-time professors to the campus community.

Greg Weight, Visiting Assistant Professor of English

FULL-TIME FACULTY

Walter Greason, Assistant Professor of History

Claudia Highbaugh, Thomas and Nancy Davis Chair of Judeo-Christian Values

Visiting Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Leah Joseph, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

Richard Liston, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Shannon Mudd, Assistant Professor in Business and Economics

Carl Ohrenberg, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Brian Pfennig, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Rebecca Skulnick, Assistant Professor of Education

Kelly Sorensen, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion

COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness and student-faculty interaction are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure. Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be held, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the faculty member.

This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

Dr. Carol Cirka, Business & Economics (Economics and Business Administration)

Dr. Rebecca Kohn, Biology

Prof. Domenick Seudera, Theater & Dance (Communication Studies and Theater)

Your feedback is strongly encouraged and will assist the Committee in its review process. Letters should be sent to Dean Judith T. Levy, Office of the Dean, by October 15, 2004.

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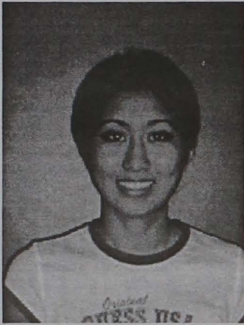
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Two sides to every story: On a date between a man and a woman, who should pay?

THE GOLD DIGGER

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Check, please! The waiter brings the tab for dinner to the table, where it is then strategically placed. Usually, the bill is given to the person who asks for it, and more times than most, it is the man's calling, his asking, and therefore his treating of the lady. On a traditional date, it is *expected* that the man become, just for a night, a gentleman. This means he must open doors, pull out chairs, and ultimately, pay for everything.

I can hear the laughter reverberating throughout campus at this point and feel the cringes coming from strong females who proclaim, "Equality! We do not need to be paid for. We can pay our own way!"

Now, do women really believe that? Would a woman rather split the check and fork up some of her hard-earned money, when it would simply be a more enjoyable night out if her date pays for everything? In all honesty, ladies, why spend that money on a man who should be vying for *your* attention?

For, where have the days of chivalry gone? In an age where equality is the idealism to fight for, even the slightest question concerning monetary expenses becomes heated. It becomes controversial because it involves the sensitivities of sexism and power. To have a man pay for everything may make a woman feel like she is being treated as

property, that she must rely on his money for a good time. WAKE UP! Be confident in one's womanhood, get that desired degree and career, and do not come off as a gold digger.

Then the worries of weakness and inability will then cease to exist because at the drop of a hat, such a woman can prove that she can hold her own. Live life without the need for a man's support, but make sure to preserve that sacred institution of chivalry. After all, allowing the man to take care of and spoil the lady makes him feel that he is in control. But towards whom does the balance of power really tip?

Another rule of thumb: if a man asks a lady out, he should undoubtedly pay for the date. It is a matter of respect to the lady; do not waste her time if you cannot produce a good time. And a good time for every girl is one where she does not need to open her wallet. It is not a matter of duty, control, or tradition, but of decency that a man should always pay on a date. Make sure it is an official date between potential lovers and not friends, since that area calls for equal payment regardless of sex.

My point is that in a committed relationship or one that is heading towards some commitment, it is mandatory that the man must pay for any fees involved in a "date." This shows that money should not become an issue when a man should be concerned with pleasing his woman, and meeting her needs. For this day in age, a woman can be her own person, yet still be pampered by a man.

Money should not be used as a controlling or debasing mechanism, but as a token of care. I love you, but I love you more when you show it. Kisses are lovely, but in this materialistic society, never underestimate the power of Tiffany & Company.

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A couple dines at a restaurant. After the two have delighted in their delicious dessert, a waiter places a small leather folder on the table. Suddenly there is a scramble. The male tries to forcefully grab the folder, while the female conversely attempts to overpower him. Whoever leaves the altercation victorious will place the payment in the folder and smile teasingly at his or her mate.

Though it may seem surprising, this scene is a common occurrence in many relationships. We have become so attached to our traditional gender roles that it's almost ludicrous that a woman would want to pay for her boyfriend's dinner. A man who pays for his significant other, however, is merely

"doing what he is supposed to do." A woman who does the same is "trying to be independent."

Why should women always have something to prove? The female has throughout history proved that she is as able as a man in nearly every respect to do anything.

Women expecting the men to pay for their fare is not only outdated, but it's a hindrance to the feminist movement. Women cannot anticipate being taken seriously if they always expect handouts! In an era where women make almost the same salary as men (though not quite yet), what sense does it make for a man to be paying for a woman's meal?

Now, I'm not saying that a meal paid for by a man from time to time is disgraceful and reprehensible; relationships are give-and-take experiences. However, the man shouldn't consistently receive the delectable surprise of finding out he has to foot the bill every time he takes a girl out to eat! Food is expensive—do you know how much a *lunch* can cost in Manhattan these days? Out of courtesy, women should let their wallets see the light of day every now and then.

Ultimately, however, it's up to the couple itself. If the man wants to pay, he should pay. If the woman wants to pay, she should pay. If they can't decide, then they shouldn't go out to eat.

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Word on the street...



Aaron Koumaras and Chris Young (2007)

"A guy, because that's the gentlemanly thing to do."



Austin Duckett (Director of Student Activities)

"Whoever asks for the date first should pay. After the initial date, you can split it."



Sue Klineberg (Parent of 2006 Student)

"A boy, because that's the conventional way. There's nothing inherently wrong or right about it, but the wheel of conventions does exist. If you attempt to reinvent the wheel in every social situation, you'll be on your first date until you're 70."



Nikkia Moss (2008)

"A man should pay because that's how it's always been. I am old-fashioned and believe that at least on the first date, a man should pay. Later on, the couple can split half and half, but the girl should never pay for both on a date."

Summer renovations at the Myrin Library

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Since the devastating flood of December 2003, a series of drastic changes have been made to the interior of Myrin to provide to students what Library Director Charlie Jamison calls "a much improved college library."

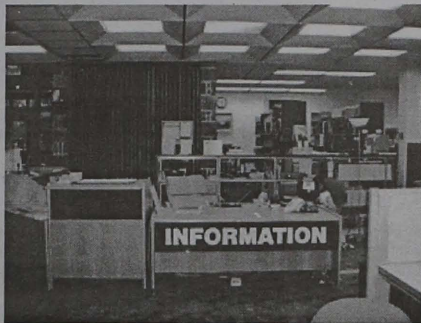
All three floors and the basement of the building were renovated to some extent, although the entire process is not expected to be completed until the end of the Fall Semester. New carpeting and ceiling tiles

have been installed to replace those damaged by the flood, and the walls have received a fresh coat of paint. The

most exciting change to many students is the creation of a coffee bar on the first floor of the library, however many other improvements in the layout and appearance of the building have been made as well.



Study rooms created on second floor to satisfy student demand.



The Reference Desk was relocated to the Circulation counter.

On the first floor, students will notice that the Reference Desk is no longer in its familiar location. The "glass house" has been removed, and the Reference

Desk has been combined with the Circulation counter. By the end of the semester the library hopes to have a new Circulation and Reference counter in place. Several stacks of books were relocated to the basement, with plans to install furniture and study tables in the middle section of the first floor where the stacks once stood. Circular workstations will soon house the catalog terminals. The journals have been relocated to the shelves on the pillars in the middle of the first floor.

On the second floor, several new group study areas were created to satisfy student demand. The Pennsylvania German Archives were relocated to the second floor near the Ursinusiana Room, and the Folio section was rearranged to make it easier to locate. The third floor of the library has been designated a Quiet Study Floor. The basement now houses part of the 900 section, and the multimedia rooms have been equipped with new televisions and media devices. Also, plans are in the works now to equip the entire building with a wireless signal.

With so many changes happening at once, Mr. Jamison is grateful for the

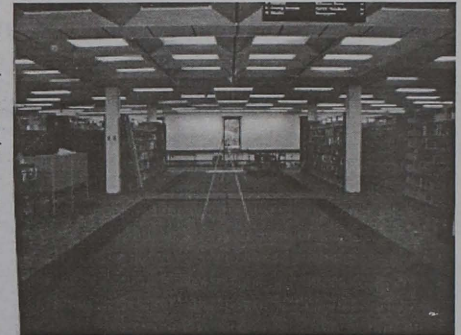
help received from so many individuals in the campus community. A student "focus group" guided the choices of furniture for the library, and the library staff and Physical Plant assisted with different aspects of this very large operation.

Sculpture on loan from the Berman Museum of Art as well



Library stacks now surround the basement lounge.

clubs and classes will continue to meet in the library and the First Friday program of arts and cultural programming will be continued



Patrons will be greeted with cozy furniture and new study tables.

as student artwork will decorate and liven the first floor. Several

as well. Mr. Jamison reports that the gate counts, a measure of how many students enter the library on a given date and time, are the highest they have ever been, indicating that more students are using the library's resources for either academic or social reasons than ever before. With the new "café" in place and the interior given a much-needed facelift, he says, "We [the library staff] hope that students will see the library as a destination point now."

Jazzman's opens "café" in Myrin Library

Jazzman's Café, the coffee phenomenon hitting campuses nationwide, opened its newest location in Myrin Library this past Monday. The coffee bar, nestled in the Ikea-furnished first-floor Library Lounge, serenades students with the sounds of smooth jazz as they sip any one of the many hot beverages offered, such as a cappuccino, latte, macchiato, Americano, espresso, Chai drink, Republic of Tea beverage, hot cocoa, or Jazzman's coffee. All drinks requiring milk are made with 2% milk, but skim milk, soy milk, whole milk, and half-and-half may be used upon request. A shot of one of several syrup flavors can be added to any beverage for \$.30. For those who would prefer a light snack with their coffee, Jazzman's offers upscale baked goods, such as muffins, pastries, and cookies as well as their line of signature mints.

Prices are generally lower than those of Starbucks, and students may pay with cash or with their Zack's bonus. Frequent customers may want to consider purchasing the travel mug, which can be refilled at a discount, or obtaining a frequent-buyer punch card to earn free drinks.

Three trained baristas staff the counter, as well as student employees hired through the Dining Services office. Jazzman's is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 9:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and is closed on Saturdays. The lounge which houses Jazzman's, however, will remain open during all hours of library operation.

For employment opportunities contact Marianne DiEgidio of Dining Services at mdiegidio@ursinus.edu.



Jazzman's baristas: Denise Rosenburg, Irene Lisinski, and Marci Mauger.

Fall sports outlook 2004: Editor's predictions

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With the 2004 fall sports season approaching, there are sights of a new breed of Ursinus athletes and coaches. Teams have to make up for stellar athletes that they have lost at the hands of graduation, and coaches who have called it quits. Which sports teams this fall season will rise above the rest and who will crumble among the stiff competition?

Women's soccer

Highlights: The 2001 and 2002 seasons were ultimate disasters, yet the 2003 team stayed confident and was able to turn skeptics into believers. This team has what it takes to win and believes it can obtain another successful season.

Lowlights: Their fairly decent starting goalkeeper, Cara Goldberg, graduated this past May. Is someone ready to step up and take her place as a goalkeeper who was able to keep her team in nearly every game? Also, their 5-4-1 record in the Centennial Conference was not impressive.

Prediction: Aubrey Andre and Debbie Jensen will continue to do a fine job at scoring, but I don't know if the team's goalkeeping will get the job done. They may finish the regular season with a record that looks to be about 9-7-2, and if they do make it to the Centennial Conference playoffs, I do not think they will be able to get very far unless their key players make key plays at the right time.



Women's volleyball

Highlights: The hiring of new head coach, Shawn Ganter, who has helped both the men's and women's volleyball teams of Exeter High School dominate in gaining league titles. This is just what the doctor ordered for this Ursinus volleyball team that is in much need for a huge boost.

Lowlights: The loss of Jen Nolan and Marie DiFelicianantonio, graduates of '04. The team underperformed last year and might have a tough time getting back on track.

Prediction: Regardless of what people say, coaching is just as important as player talent. It can make or break a team, and with Shawn Ganter as the new coach, I would be very disappointed if the team has a sub-par season. Hopefully, the end result is at least a 10-9 record and a shot at the Centennial Conference playoffs.

Cross country

Highlights: There are always records to be broken, and there is a new breed of Ursinus runners this season.

Lowlights: Overall, the team is not nearly as strong as many others. This will hopefully change this season.

Prediction: Since Cross Country is a sport that is so unpredictable and consists of individual dominance rather than team dominance, a prediction cannot be made. This team will be much improved with the help and guidance of the coaching staff.



Field hockey

Highlights: This team is coming off a 2003 season in which they ultimately dominated the Centennial Conference with a record of 10-0, while finishing the overall season 18-6. This team knows how to win, and looks to dominate again this season.

Lowlights: The losses of Amanda Young, Amy Midgley, and JoAnne Barbieri, graduates of '04, may prove to be damaging to the team's success. It is going to take a lot of stepping up by other players on the team to help fill this gap.

Prediction: With the way Joyce Anne Koubaroulis and Crystal McCarney played last year, they will do even better this year, and other members of this bunch will step it up as well. They will finish the regular season with a record of 12-6, while succeeding once again in the ECAC championships. I do not know if they will be able to pull out a win if they make it to the Centennial Conference championship.



Prediction: A 5-5 record which is an improvement from last season, but not enough to get them into Centennial Conference playoff contention.

Men's soccer

Highlights: Tom Hanlin and Chris Hood have continued to succeed, and the mental toughness of the players as well as their head coach, Wayne McKinney, has given them the confidence that the team will need to have a shot at performing well this year.

Lowlights: Starting goalie, Brian Berkowitz, came into preseason camp injured and his return is questionable. Trying to overcome several consecutive losing seasons will be tough.

Prediction: The men's soccer team ends the season with at least an even record of 9-9. They have more experience now, and this should help them achieve their goals.



Football

Highlights: With new recruits and more experience for returning players, this team may be able to rebuild itself to be a competitor in the Centennial Conference.

Lowlights: A disastrous 0-6 record in the Centennial Conference in 2003. They have their work cut out for them.



UC Sports Schedule 9.2.2004- 9.8.2004

Men's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Wed 9/1	at Alvernia	4 p.m.
Sat 9/4	Goucher	2 p.m.
Mon 9/6	Delaware Valley	4 p.m.
Tue 9/7	at Phila. Bible	2:15 p.m.

Women's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Thu 9/2	Immacula	4 p.m.
Sat 9/4	at Delaware Valley	1 p.m.
Tue 9/7	Houghton	4 p.m.
Thu 9/9	at Cabrini	4 p.m.

Field hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
Thu 9/2	at College of NJ	7:30 p.m.
Sat 9/4	at Misericordia	3:30 p.m.
Tue 9/7	Bryn Mawr	4:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Wed 9/1	Kean	7 p.m.
Sat 9/4	at Franklin & Marshall	10 a.m.
Wed 9/8	Albright	7 p.m.

Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat 9/4	Susquehanna	1 p.m.