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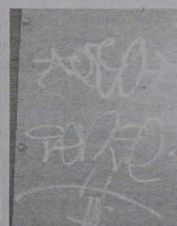


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Inside Scoop: Computer thefts under investigation

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Most students on the Ursinus campus are aware that several computers were stolen last spring, but more than just laptops were stolen. Overhead projectors as well as scanners were also on the list of recovered items totaling close to \$200,000 worth of equipment. The individuals responsible broke into some of the buildings in order to gain access to the equipment, while some other equipment was in areas accessible to students.

On the night of May 14, a suspect was apprehended during a scene that played out like a TV cop show. Mike Ditty, head of Campus Safety, gave a full account of the events that occurred that evening, but withheld any suspects' names, since the case is currently undergoing investigation by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and the Collegeville Police Department. Ditty received a call from Safety Officer Chris Wilcox, who was on duty for graduation. Wilcox noticed an individual carrying equipment matching the descriptions of what had been stolen and putting it in a car. Ditty reported on the scene, introduced himself to the individual, who got in the car and reached toward the glove compartment.

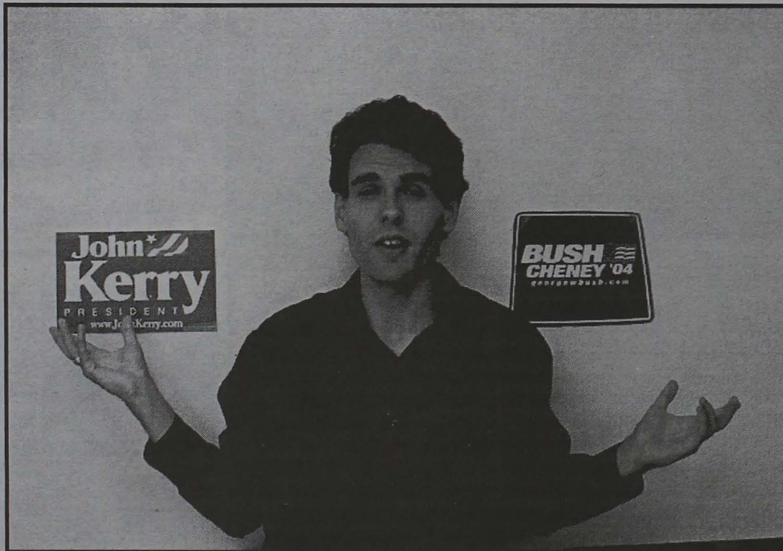
Ditty was able to keep the individual from starting the car at first, but found his right leg caught in between the

car door and the road. The individual then started the car, dragging Ditty for about 100 feet before he was able to use his left leg to kick open the door and free his right leg. Ditty then caused the driver to swerve the car into a telephone pole in order to avoid injury to any other campus community members. At this point, Sergeant Bruce Penuel of the Collegeville Police Department arrived at the scene and arrested the suspect.

Mike Ditty suffered numerous injuries as a result of this violent encounter, and was immediately taken to the hospital. His injuries included torn cartilage, damage to the meniscus, MCL, and patella. There were several lacerations to his right leg and he underwent surgery. The incident and his injuries did not prevent Mr. Ditty from his duties as head of security. He attended the graduation ceremony the following Saturday, although he came on crutches.

The suspect in the case has been banished from campus, while the case is pending prosecution. Students on campus should protect their personal property and continue to lock room doors as well as the outside doors to residential buildings. But campus members should not feel overly concerned about the prospect of more thefts. Mike Ditty states that Ursinus College is in fact known for its low crime statistics. He believes this to be an isolated incident and not one to be repeated anytime soon.

Election 101 coming next week...



Want to be educated about the upcoming election, but don't have the time to research the issues? Grizzly Reporter Ruth Dell will present the issues and explain where the presidential candidates and their running-mates stand. Don't miss it!

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Make a difference: How to register to vote

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"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." George Nathan was quoted saying this during the 1800's. America allows people the right and opportunity to influence their government. A persistent problem being faced since our country's founding is still an issue today. We the people need to vote in our elections. Voting is the only way ones country will be fully served to the standards declared by our forefathers.

As we approach the November election, it is time for everyone's voice to be heard. Get out there, state your opinion and vote! As George Nathan pointed out, it is primarily our fault if bad officials are put into office. The only way to avoid a damaging official is to vote.

Many of you may be wondering if you are eligible to participate in the Presidential Election on November 2, 2004. Anyone who is at least 18 years of age, has held U.S. citizenship longer than one month, and has lived in that election district for thirty days can register. College students may now choose to register within their home town or at their college's district. If you live in New Jersey, but go to school here in Pennsylvania,

it is possible to register and place your vote in Pennsylvania.

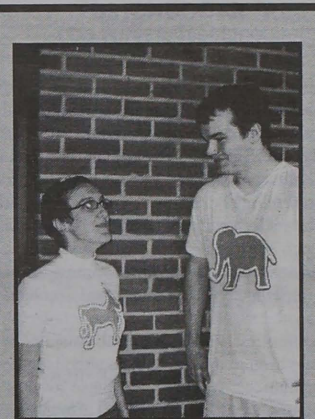
On Thursday, September 9, a voter registration drive will be held here at Ursinus College. Phi Kappa Sigma and the library are sponsoring the event. If you are interested, the drive will be stationed at Olin Plaza between 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Two packets will be available. Those of you not registered, will receive an application form, a sample application, and a list of deadlines. Absentee ballot applications will be the other available package. Mail-in absentee registration, for individuals already registered in those states, will be available for the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. If your state is not one listed above, it is still possible for you to register at the drive. With the absentee package, you receive the application, a sample, a list of deadlines, and a stamp to place your application in the mail. Every Tuesday leading up to Election Day, a research center will be located at Wismer. Voter registration will be encouraged at these times and questions you have will be addressed as well.

If you are unable to attend the drive here on campus you can still register! One of the most common registration methods is on-line. Internet registration takes a few quick minutes to complete. To register online you

can visit such pages as www.democracy.com or www.fec.gov/voteregis/vr.htm. Either of these web pages will prompt an application to be completed online. There you can also find information pertinent to the upcoming election. Sources are available at these sites so you can better determine where your vote counts. With ample resources available, every voter can be sure they are placing their vote wisely.

For those of you who do not wish to use the internet, mail-in forms are available: to request a form for the state of Pennsylvania call 1-800-552-VOTE. Each state has an individual 800 number. Mail-in forms can also be downloaded and printed from the internet. Once you have completed the form, simply submit your application through the postal service. Applications should be sent to your local election bureau.

In the last Presidential election, less than fifty percent of eligible voters participated. For a country that prides itself so highly for their democracy, this is a dismal percentage. In this election many important issues are being debated. Pennsylvania plays a decisive role in this election as a swing state. We are one of the states to clinch this election. Do your part in preserving democracy and freedom. Get out there and VOTE!



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Republicans say "yes" to four more years with Bush

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The Republicans held their four day convention in New York City last week, culminating with the re-nomination of President George W. Bush on Thursday night. The main focus of all four nights was the war on terror. The president addressed a throng of cheering delegates, saying, "I believe the most solemn duty of the American president is to protect the American people." In his speech, Mr. Bush covered topics that ranged from education to health care insurance. "I am running for president with a clear and positive plan to build a safer world and more hopeful America," he stated. "Government should help people improve their lives, not try to run their lives" added Mr. Bush. The president gave a strong speech, reassuring Americans that national security was his top priority. However, his position on the war on terror seemed less certain earlier in the week.

Day one of the Republican Convention got off to a controversial start

when President Bush stated, Monday, on NBC's "Today" show that he did not think the War on Terror could be won. "I don't think you can win it. But I think you can create conditions so that those who use terror as a tool are less acceptable in parts of the world" stated Bush. In response, John Edwards, the democratic vice presidential candidate, questioned this assertion, since the administration's campaign is based on the "ability to win the war on terror." However, Scott McClellan, the White house spokes person, said that Bush meant there would never be "a formal surrender or treaty signed like we have in wars past."

On Tuesday, in order to clarify his position, Bush told members of the American Legion at their annual meeting that this war against terrorism will be won. "We will win by staying on the offensive. We will win by spreading liberty." That night, Arnold Schwarzenegger, California's Republican governor, better known as Hollywood's Terminator, expressed his gratitude for being in the party that has been represented by "Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush."

Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria, said he became a Republican because it promotes the idea that in America everyone has equal opportunities. He also stated that Bush should be sent to "Washington for four more years," since Bush "knows you don't reason with terrorism. You defeat them. He knows you can't reason with people blinded by hate—they hate the power of the individual—the progress of women—the religious freedom of others. And they hate the liberating breeze of democracy."

That same night, Laura Bush and the Bushes' twin daughters assured Americans that George W. Bush should be re-elected. While, the twins called their Dad "awesome," Mrs. Bush stated that her husband could be trusted as president, since he would "work to protect our country and defeat terror so that children can grow up in a more peaceful world."

On the third day of the convention, Republicans welcomed Democratic Senator Zell Miller and Vice President Dick Cheney, who both promoted safety and liberty as the characteristics of the Republicans party, while describing the Democratic party "as an

occupier, not a liberator." Both political figures stated that the Democratic party has divided itself from optimism. Cheney spoke about "A land of opportunity" where the issue on defending freedom from terror became the predominant theme.

The Convention went smoothly from gavel to gavel inside Madison Square Garden, but it was not without protests on the streets of New York. CNN's Jonathan Wald and Laura Dolan reported that by Wednesday more than 1700 demonstrators had been arrested with charges that "range from disorderly conduct, obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest." The Republicans are no doubt satisfied with the overall outcome of the convention, as President Bush has taken a slight lead over his opponent, Senator John Kerry, in several national polls.

Insider's tips to undergraduate and graduate awards

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When it comes time to enter the so called "real world," it is very important to be prepared to compete for careers. Getting a good education is the most important way to prepare. But, is that enough? More and more people attend college every year, adding fiercer competition to the job market. Therefore, in addition to having a good education, it is very important to have something that sets you apart from others and can help you achieve your goals. Ursinus College, as well as many large foundations across the nation, understand the importance of building upon a college education, and therefore provide many different scholarship and fellowship opportunities. These awards allow students to conduct their studies around the world or to attend the graduate school of their choice. Not only do these awards offer excellent programs at reduced costs, they provide the student with the prestige of having competed for an award and won, which is a great addition to a resume.

There are twenty-eight major awards that Ursinus offers. Twenty of these are for graduates to help provide continued study after college, either through help with graduate study or with travel opportunities where graduate students would be able to pursue their goals overseas. The remaining eight awards are for undergraduates, which provide programs such as study abroad, internship, and independent study opportunities to upperclassmen while they are still in college. These twenty-eight awards consist of a very wide variety to cover all disciplines; some can be applied for in any discipline.

Although each foundation has its own criteria for the ideal award candidate, there are certain general criteria that help with any and all awards. The first of these is academic excellence. Again, what this consists of may differ between foundations, but generally students should have a good GPA and be consistent in their good grades. Foundations also look for students in leadership positions. This does not mean merely having the title of president or vice-president in a club. Students should be actively working to make a difference in their clubs, to somehow change it for the better. The third thing most foundations look for is whether the student has participated in any summer fellows programs or independent learning, anything that would show that a student has a

UNDERGRADUATE

- " Ursinus Summer Fellows Program
- " IRB Policy and Procedures
- " Ursinus Summer Fellows Guidelines
- " Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
- " David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarships
- " Morris K. Udall Scholarships
- " St. Andrew's Society of Phila. Scholarship
- " Commander George C. McFarland Scholarship
- " Thomas L. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships
- " United Negro College Fund-Merck Science
- " Initiative Undergraduate Science Research Award

GRADUATE

- " Andrew Mutch Graduate Scholarship
- " A. Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities
- " DAAD German Academic Exchange
- " Service Deutschlandjahr Scholarships
- " David E. Boren Graduate Fellowships
- " Fulbright Grants
- " Gates Cambridge Scholarships
- " George J. Mitchell Scholarships
- " Harry S Truman Scholarships
- " Hertz Foundation Graduate Fellowships
- " Jack Kent Cooke Fdn. Graduate Scholarship
- " Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program
- " James Madison Fellowships
- " Marshall Scholarships
- " NIH Marshall Graduate Partnerships Program
- " NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- " Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans
- " Rhodes Scholarships
- " Thomas L. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowships

passion for a certain topic and can take the initiative to pursue it independently. Finally, service to campus is important. Foundations want to see a student who not only concerns themselves with their own studies and goals, but tries to help make a difference in the community of which they are a part.

Now that you know what is expected, it is time to start moving toward the award of your choice. The application process is one that should not be embarked on alone. For this reason, Ursinus provides many different ways to help students find the award they would like to win and then to guide them through process. A full list of these awards is available online at the Ursinus website under the academics section, then under fellowships on the left side of the screen. The webpage not only has the title of the award, but information about the foundation providing the award and what they are looking for. The site also gives a list of deadlines, which generally range from October until April. Last year, the college started the Office of Scholarship and Fellowship Grants in order to help students figure out which award they should be trying to win. So for any student who looks online and is a little overwhelmed by all the possibilities and deadlines, this office is a great place to go for assistance. Once a choice is made, the award applicant is to meet with an advisor. Ursinus has appointed faculty award advisors to support students and to provide assistance with application and then training for an interview, should there be one after the application is reviewed.

I spoke with Jan Lange and Dean Miller about these awards and asked them what advice they could give to students who may want to apply for these awards. They said that the best advice they could give is to start early and be confident. These awards require a lot of thought and planning. Many require students to be very passionate about a certain area of study or to have clearly defined goals. It is important even as a freshman to look through these opportunities, see which ones fit your personal goals and needs, and in some cases, to start building your college career around these goals.

For any additional information on these awards as well as other, smaller awards, e-mail Jan Lange at jlange@ursinus.edu, or visit her in Corson

Turnpike tolls increase for commuters

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Beginning midnight, August 1, an important change for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission occurred. Unfortunately, that moment also drastically affected the 184 million drivers who travel on that very route. The oldest road in America increased its tolls 1.8 cents per mile. This increase will generate approximately \$1.3 billion in revenue over the next ten years. Roughly, that makes every ten miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike worth about \$10 million. It has been thirteen years since the turnpike tolls have gone up and more than a quarter of a century since the increase will be solely spent to rebuild the original road. The Turnpike Commission website states that "100% of the new revenue would go directly to safety improvements, reconstruction along America's oldest highway."

PA Turnpike CEO, Joseph G. Bimmeier, said "the increase will allow the Turnpike to double its current rate of capital spending over the next ten years, allowing the Turnpike Commission to fund critical infrastructure improvements along the aging east-west Main Line and Northeast Extension" (www.paturnpike.com). Therefore, this increase will go towards improving all aspects and problems of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and not a dime will spent anywhere else, like towards salaries of the higher-ups. Some improvements include rebuilding

bridges (which are soon to reach their life expectancy at fifty years old), creating wider shoulders, widening the medians from ten feet to fifty feet, adding new lanes where it is necessary, and adding concrete barriers.

Senior Heather Frazier commented on the Turnpike increases, saying, "Pennsylvania roads are terrible, so hopefully the money from the increases will go towards helping that out. I hate paying the higher tolls but if it helps, you've got to do what you got to do." Senior Anthony Virtue echoes her concern, stating, "I understand inflation happens, but I hope that there is a point to these increases other than just making more money for themselves. Sometimes you just don't ever see where your money is going."

It will take a while to see all these plans come to fruition, but the optimism is there. With almost 200 million cars driving on the PA Turnpike in 2004 alone, the roads do need to be improved in order to accommodate the heavy traffic. Since tolls have not increased since 1991, a raise in the price is not exactly unexpected. However, the earlier increase financed the cost of new turnpike construction and expansion projects mandated by the Pennsylvania legislature. This time, just as in 1978, the increase will cover the costs of rebuilding what already exists. So, commuters get out your wallets and hopefully, in ten years, we can enjoy a newer and more improved PA Turnpike.

A costly look at carelessness

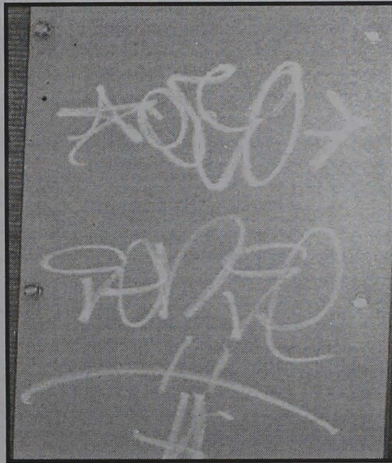
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It's the middle of winter at Ursinus College. A fresh batch of snow has just fallen. For most, it's just an average day of classes and studying, but for two students, this marks a day that will live in their memories forever. Two anonymous male students want to go sledding. The problem is they have no sled. Being creative, they decide that it's a bright idea to use one of their mattresses as a sled. But all good fun must come to an end--for one of these boys, paying roughly \$71 for a new mattress was the end to his fun.

Situations like Joe and Matt's are not uncommon to Ursinus College and many other colleges across the nation. As one can see, odd and often unnecessary acts of defacement to property occur on campus each year. Often times it is due to boredom, drunkenness, or plain stupidity. Dean of Students Deborah Nolan says, "Residence life staff implements community initiatives and discussions. We encourage people to be their best selves and inspire people to improve themselves." She also notes that damage has actually gone down within co-ed housing.

While co-ed housing and Residence Life programs have brought damage down, the overall cost to repair damage has

gone up. Last year, Ursinus spent \$24,500 on damages, which was much higher than usual. Last March, one fraternity house had \$6,000 worth of damages from only one party. Most of the intentional damage on campus occurs in the dorms and social housing.



So what exactly are students destroying? Vending machines, furniture, windows, and fire extinguishers are just a few of the items that have incurred damage at Ursinus. Fred Klee, director of facilities, has seen first hand what kind of damage the school has encountered. "Frankly, the one that is the most troublesome is the carpet replacements. There appears to be a trend where people spoil cigarettes on the floor. We had 60 of the 120 rooms in Reimert re-carpeted last year. Many of them were replaced that previous year," Klee explains. Klee also mentioned that the vandalism is disconcerting because a great deal of time and effort is being put into

unnecessary repairs when other things could be worked on instead.

Many students do not realize the consequences of destroying parts of the campus. Last year, one anonymous male student* stole a golf cart. Not only was he caught, but

his punishment included hours of mandated community service. Aside from community service, other punishments include being billed for damage done. Some of the high prices for such damaged property include exit signs (\$125), locks (\$150), windows (\$25-40), excessive trash (\$50-100), and holes in walls (\$100-150). If no one takes responsibility or if a college house accumulates over \$1000 in damage, however, the entire

**"Overall, I think all of us [have] to take care of the college."
Dean Nolan**

floor or hall can be billed and students may be relocated. Reading the Student Handbook can provide an in-depth understanding of all the fines.

So for those out there thinking about having some fun breaking or stealing something for a few laughs, just remember that there are consequences and punishments to which to look forward. Depending on the severity of a situation, a student can be expelled. Anyone caught defacing art work on campus, for example, is immediately expelled from the college.

To prevent the college from losing its pristine look, Nolan suggests, "Overall, I think all of us [have] to take care of the college."

STAR sponsors "One Night"

One night, four friends, alcohol, flirtation, and a conflicting story. Find out what happens when one friend accuses another friend of raping her. Who is telling the truth? This situation will be portrayed in PlayRights - "One Night", an interactive play about acquaintance rape. "One Night" will be performed on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 8 PM in the Wismer Lower Lounge.

"One Night" is an original theatre program, featuring four professional actors in a powerful story about rape among friends. One night, they get together to celebrate the end of classes, drinking beer, joking around and having fun. What happens behind closed doors later that night throws each character into an unexpectedly intense situation that will change their friendships forever. At critical points in the plots, the actors will stop the action and remain in character while audience members ask them questions to find out more about what really happened, as well as to uncover each character's motives, feelings, opinions and plans.

PlayRights - "One Night" is an entertaining forum in which to explore what rape is. Within a true-to-life situation, in which characters are so familiar they seem real, the program provides answers to these questions:

What should you do if a friend tells you she was raped? Would a friend rape a friend? If alcohol was involved, is it rape? When does seduction end and rape begin? Why are women reluctant to report rape? Why should men be concerned about rape? What do society's values have to do with acquaintance rape? What do rapists look for in a victim? What should you do if you were raped?

PlayRights - "One Night" was developed by Equalogy, Inc. a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding awareness and promoting social change around issues of equality. Members of Equalogy have over 60 years of experience in the sexual assault field and have direct experience working in a rape crisis center.

PlayRights has toured to colleges and universities in 14 states. The play has met with enthusiasm among a variety of audiences, who have described the PlayRights experience as "unbelievable", "incredible", "eye-opening", and "powerful". This is one night you won't forget.

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The Quick Start Guides to using UC CareerNet are available in the Career Services Office and on the Career Services website. These guides will give you step-by-step directions to navigating the system. If you have problems or questions, please call us at ext. 2274, stop by Bomberger 121, or email us at career@ursinus.edu.

Been to Synagogue lately?

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The sculptures that adorn the lawns and walkways have always been a landmark of the Ursinus College campus, and there are always new additions to the college. Recently, Betty Musser donated a new piece to the school, a sculpture by artist Christopher Cairns, which was installed during the summer.

The sculpture, a bronze statuette titled *Synagogue*, is located adjacent to the Berman Art Museum, near Corson Hall. *Synagogue* features a nude, eight-foot tall woman emerging from the ground. Cairns' usual style involves the incorporation of religious themes into his work, and this sculpture is no exception. The title, *Synagogue*, gives clear insight into the highly religious motifs with which he is commonly associated. The bronze construction adds an interesting element to the statue, as religious pieces are generally carved in stone. In contrast to the usual hue of bronze, a burnt gold color, this piece has a weathered, rusted appearance, which gives it age and history. Though the sculpture was originally created in 1985, it was placed on the campus as part of Ursinus's continuing plan to renovate the campus and add a more diverse, attractive appearance to the college.

Students have varied opinions on the new piece, ranging from complimentary to critical. Freshman Heather Turnbach says, "I like this one a lot more than the others—it seems more real and normal. Some of the other art pieces are just too weird for me."

Sophomore Xander Goldberg expresses, "I don't really like this sculpture. I'm not a big fan of art in general, so maybe I'm not the best critic, but I'm forced to question the artistic value of this piece."

The sculpture suits its purpose in inspiring opinions, creating ideas, and provoking

thoughts about the sculpture itself and regarding deeper symbolic concepts, despite students' like or dislike of the artwork. While the next piece and its location are uncertain, one thing remains clear: the art is a great addition to the campus.



Safety first

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The issue of safety in a college campus is always of high importance. The question we must ask is: has Ursinus put enough stress on campus safety?

Ursinus's campus safety staff consists of seven uniformed officers who patrol the campus either by bike, car, or foot. They provide service 24/7 and work with the State Police Agency as well as the Collegeville Police Department.

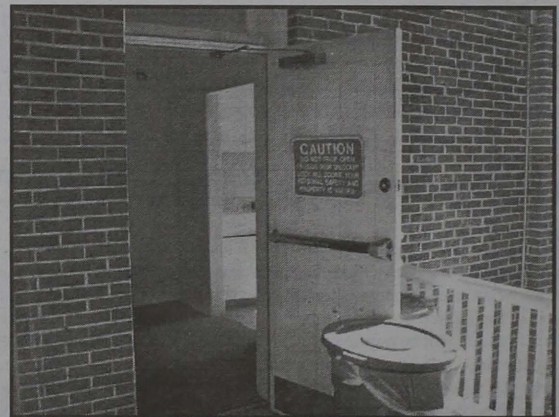
Unlike other colleges, Ursinus has not one, but many entrances to the dorms. On many other campuses, there is generally only one entrance at which security is on duty throughout the whole day. Security checks student identification and a guest must register at the desk immediately before proceeding into the dorm. Another safety measure that security of some other colleges employs is that in the evening hours they may stop students and check their bags for

any illegal objects. If a family member wants to see the student, the family member must ask the security guard to call up the student and verify the individual's identity. Though these measures may seem extreme, it appears that other colleges are playing it safe.

Ursinus, however, has no such precautions. People walk in and out of the building constantly without being checked. A person must have a key to enter, but what about that person behind you?

With such an open campus, as students worried about Ursinus's lax position on safety? Ashley Eisenberg says, "The location would suggest that there is not a very high crime rate, but even so, it is still a college campus and certain precautions need to be taken." Ewa Siedlecka adds, "Thus far, I feel quite safe on campus. I haven't had any reason to feel [danger]."

Overall, students are comfortable with the present situation; they feel safe and secure. Campus safety has succeeded in its task and continues to do so.



Propped-open doors, like this one at Schreiner, present real safety risks.

UC Fringe Festival opens Wednesday

Ursinus College will present four days of theater with its fifth annual Ursinus Fringe Festival from Wednesday, Sept. 15, to Saturday, Sept. 18, in Ritter Theater. Four theater companies, fresh from the highly-celebrated Philly Fringe Festival, will stage their latest productions on campus. At an Ursinus Fringe Cabaret, members of the campus community will perform their own artistic works. All Fringe Festival events are free, open to the public and no tickets or reservations are required.

On Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m., the Big Game Theater will present "Descartes' Blues." A drama of desire, heightened by

music and movement, explodes against a backdrop of the Thirty Years War. Descartes' obsession started with a revelation and a famous saying, "I think, therefore, I am!" Now, he's in love with three women, at war with his heart, and on trial for heresy.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, at 9 p.m., the Ursinus Fringe Cabaret will be staged. Modeled after the Philly Fringe Cabaret, the Ursinus cabaret features Ursinus talent and members of the local campus community sharing their latest works of theater, poetry, music, dance and comedy in what is sure to be an evening filled with lots of surprises.

On Friday, Sept. 27, two

performances will be held. At 7 p.m., Tina Brock will present "Tales of a White Hoe." A cornucopia of characters sprout forth from the ill-tended community garden of writer/performer Tina Brock's mind, sharing the confusion and absurdity of the American experience: infertility clinics, homeland security, Asperger's Syndrome, panic attacks at the altar, and the dismal state of art education in the elementary schools.

At 8 p.m., Neill Hartley will appear in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Hartley will portray Ichabod Crane in a one-man adaptation of the classic ghost story. See Ichabod interact with students, dance with

his girl, and battle his arch-enemy, Brom Bones. Follow him on his fateful journey home as he encounters the Headless Horseman and disappears from the Hollow forever.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m., the Giant Ape Theatre Co. will present "RGDG?" Two pairs of weary travelers meet on the road. They are oddly familiar to each other—and to the audience. Will they reach an understanding or remain lost? With respect to playwrights Messrs. Samuel Beckett and Tom Stoppard, Giant Ape Theatre presents this long-fabled comedic meeting.

Professor Domenick Scudera organizes the annual Fringe Festival.

Segregation by letter?

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With 26% of all Ursinus students in fraternities and 38% in sororities, chances are that many of your friends at Ursinus are probably in one Greek organization or another. There is also a possibility that some of your friends haven't pledged—yet. However small or unnoticed, a group of students still remain free of the bonds of brother- or sisterhood, and probably won't be pledging anytime soon. Despite the differences, we all get along just fine, right?

Seating arrangements at Wismer suggest otherwise. Observation shows that most sororities and fraternities tend to have their own tables; people who aren't in the fraternities or sororities avoid sitting at the tables that are unofficially but implicitly claimed by social groups. Non-Greeks tend to sit with other non-Greeks, and Greeks tend to sit with Greeks. Many residential houses and suites have been "squatted" by those in the same Greek organizations year after year, yet this luxury is rarely offered to the average "outsider."

Is this the sign of a schism in the student body: the segregation of those who are and aren't Greek?

Not necessarily so. Most people who pledge certain sororities and fraternities already have friends in the organizations or have friends who are also planning to pledge the same organizations.

Suite squatting or table claiming is simply a large group of friends sitting at a table or living in a house that fits everyone for extended periods of time. Most have both Greek and non-Greek friends and

spend time with both, not necessarily only with one or the other.

People with the same interests also tend to sit together. Jocks tend to sit and live with jocks, East Asian Studies people tend to sit and live with East Asian Studies people, and so on and so forth. It isn't that we don't get along, it's just that we like what we have, and we tend to keep it that way. People stick to familiar things, so what makes the Greek/non-Greek segregation any different?

If the "segregation" seems to be a hindrance, a solution is to "integrate" oneself into an unfamiliar group. Sit in a table of strangers sometime and introduce yourself. If you recognize someone at another table, drop by and say hello, and meet his or her other friends. If we all make an effort to meet new people and integrate ourselves into other groups, perhaps one day our tables in Wismer will be as diverse as they have the potential to be.



Lunchtime in Wismer

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The pop-up problem

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Ursinus students are back and settling in after the first week of the new semester. Rooms are set up, classes are attended, and, most importantly, everyone is back online. But along with the bliss of our convenient internet connections comes the hassle of those pesky pop-ups. It seems that if you do so much as think about the internet, a pop-up appears on your screen. While you may find yourself debating whether

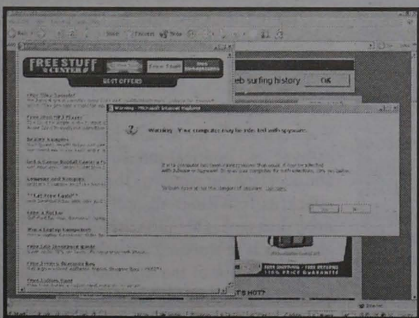
tend to generate pop-ups. Among others, the big types of websites to avoid are ones that feature pornography, song lyrics, online casinos, and games. Another way to avoid these types of websites is not to open spam or emails from people you don't know, as they could simply direct you to a website that will produce many pop-ups and possibly even give your computer a virus.

While avoiding websites prone to pop-ups is helpful, there are also helpful websites that will help block pop-ups. Both Yahoo! and Google have toolbars that will do this and they are free to

download. If you go to www.google.com and use the keyword "toolbar," you will find a link to download the toolbar. If you prefer Yahoo, simply go to www.yahoo.com, use the

phrase "yahoo pop-up blocker," and you will be directed to the link where you can download Yahoo!'s pop-up blocker. One more option for cutting down pop-ups is to download Ad-Aware. Ad-Aware prevents tracking of your internet habits, which is how pop-ups are sent to you. Once you are tracked online, pop-ups are sent to you based on the types of websites you visit. Ad-Aware scans your computer and blocks the tracking process, which in turn eliminates pop-ups. Ad-Aware is free to download and you can find the link to get it as well as additional information at www.lavasoft.de. Regardless of which path you choose to block pop-ups, all of these methods are quite effective and

bound to give you a much more enjoyable internet experience.



A mess of pop-up windows.

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 Scudera, 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.

Lick it, stamp it, mail it...and then Rock the Vote

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Choose or lose. Declare yourself. Rock the vote. Positive catch phrases like these entice the kids in America with flashy commercials, televised concerts and Todd Oldham-designed t-shirts. The war against voting apathy among youths is easily won, however. The 2000 election, decided by a small margin of controversial votes in Florida, had 18-24 year-olds heading to the polls in numbers lower than any other age group. As a result, Internet-based campaigns rolled in, boasting convenience in a medium that appeals to the younger crowd.

With the ease promised by the online voting campaigns, why wouldn't the age bracket, particularly college students who stay connected to the Internet for days at a time, be lured into the voting booths this fall? Signing on to chooseorlose.com, a young Pennsylvanian finds that they must print out a form and mail it into a state office, enclosing a form of ID, if they do not wish to include one with their absentee ballot. Declareyourself.com does not even offer registration to PA voters, despite the fact that 413,000

Americans have already declared themselves using the website. Apparently, changes to PA voter registration forms are at the root of this, although potential PA voters are encouraged to "check back later."

Dennis Vondran, president of the Ursinus College Young Democrats, doesn't think that the campaigns are working: "People should not vote because it is 'cool.' They should vote because it affects their lives and they want their ideas to be heard." He also mentioned that the organization will be manning voter registration tables outside Wismer during lunches for those at Ursinus who want to register the old fashioned way. Registration forms can also be picked up in Corson in the Registrar's office, and these must be turned in no later than 30 days before Election Day.

With all the push to register to vote, another problem arises. A student in New York was recently turned down when registering to vote on his college campus. Instead, the woman told the student, Young Han, that he should register where his parents are registered. Sadly, this is a fairly common occurrence, despite a ruling in 1979 declaring that students could register and vote in the districts where they attend college, even if they live in campus housing.

However, across America, more and more students are reporting that they are being denied registration in their college districts. Students have to go through several channels, and are even faced with threats of arrest when registering to vote. Lucky for us, Pennsylvania considers these situations discrimination, so students should not have a problem with registration here at UC. If registered in PA, however, voters must now show a form of ID at polling places. The address on students' IDs may not match that on their voter registration form if their parents live elsewhere, creating another obstacle.

And then there is the absentee ballot. If you are registered elsewhere and still wish to cast your vote in 2004, you will have to go home and find the county Bureau of Elections (or you can get good old mom and dad to do this for you). An absentee ballot request can be obtained here, and it must be mailed in no earlier than 50 days before the election and no later than 7 days before the election. You will then receive your very own absentee ballot in the mail, which must be filled out and mailed back to your county's Board of Elections before 5 pm the Friday before elections. Indeed, rocking the vote requires a bit more effort than the glitzy campaigns promise, but it pays to put your ideas out there, whether you think it's all BULLSHIT or want Four More Years.

Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt... Bush?

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day. We'll call him Larry, because that is quite clearly not his name.

Anyway, at a certain point, Larry inquired whom I was voting for in the upcoming election. Now I have a pretty clear idea as to my answer to that question, but so often such inquiries lead to unsatisfying long and boring debates concerning the various candidates, so I responded with a simple, "I don't really know yet."



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It's the Mind

Apparently Larry had his mind made up: "Well you'd be stupid not to vote for George Bush, he's the greatest President this country has ever had."

My mind stopped quickly, as if to avoid a squirrel that refused to leave the middle of the road. I stood there, desperately seeking some sort of sarcasm in his voice, his manner, but came there none.

I am a political moderate, and I can normally listen to any number of viewpoints with a reasonable amount of open-mindedness. But this case was slightly different.

Mustering up all my debate skills, for this was going to be a monumental confrontation, I managed to counter with, "Wow, I think you might be forgetting a few."

"Like who?" Larry responded with a smugness that indicated he was willing to defend his answer, no matter how ridiculous he would have to sound.

"Like, I don't know, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Lincoln..."

"Yeah well those are historical Presidents, that's different," Larry interrupted. "Let's just say the greatest President of the 20th century."

I kept the fact that Bush was never actually president during the 20th century to myself, for my own personal amusement. I instead brought up Roosevelt.

"Which one?"

"Either one, Larry."

"Well Teddy Roosevelt didn't really do anything, and Franklin got us into a war that we didn't want to be in, just like Bush, but people praise Roosevelt and criticize Bush. It's hypocritical."

It was a convoluted but fair point. But, I argued, Roosevelt actually managed to convince the American people that the war was something we had to do. And I mentioned how he led the country out of the Great Depression.

"So they're equal," responded Larry.

Now even my conscience was telling me to punch him in the gut. But I was this far into a debate that I really didn't want to have in the first place, so I had nothing to lose. I took it one step further.

"Nixon."

"Now come on, how can you say that Nixon is better than Bush?"

"He had a foreign policy that opened up communication with even our enemies, and from time to time actually had a domestic policy." It was an argument I wasn't completely prepared to fight, but thankfully, Larry went a different route.

He brought up how we didn't need France and Germany, how the tax cuts are the cornerstone to a successful domestic policy, how the world is different and our enemies are no longer gentlemen, they are pure evil.

In the end, it was all I could do to walk away with some sanity in tact. I shook his hand, looked in him the eye, and said, "Eh, I'll probably vote for Kerry."

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Life during wartime

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On August 1, 2004, the White House issued a warning that raised the terror alert status to orange, or high, stating that an attack was imminent in New York, northern New Jersey, or Washington D.C. Three days later that warning was repudiated when the intelligence information that led to the warning was found to be three to four years old.

Since then, the White House has taken sharp criticism from the media for stirring the public unnecessarily, which the administration sharply denies. Press Secretary Scott McClellan called the accusations "wrong" and "irresponsible."

With a war in Iraq progressing less than ideally and a record economic deficit, Bush's 9/11 record is critical. A wartime President has never failed to be reelected. Many question the Bush administration's motives in producing a warning with the November election looming.

Democratic Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont was suspicious of the administration's timing, calling terrorism the White House's "trump card" in a dead-heat election.

So who do we believe? September 11, 2001, happened; we lost thousands of American lives to terrorists. We are waging a war in the Middle East. Do we ignore the warnings as hype and political maneuvering, or do we bar the doors and duct tape our windows to protect ourselves from chemical attack, as Tom Ridge absurdly suggested in 2003? (Author's note: duct tape is about as useful in repelling chemical attack as a desk is at stopping an atomic bomb.)

Both sides of the argument are valid. We could face another terrorist attack tomorrow. On the other hand, there hasn't been an attack on American soil since September 11, 2001.

Terrorism works because it affects people on a deep, psychological level. It takes away the feeling of comfort and security. But is it worth heeding warning after warning? 3,025 people died in the attacks on the World Trade Center and

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Two sides to every story: Is technology making life easier or lazier?

MOVING FORWARD

MOVING?!

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Most of us have been hearing about the benefits of technology from our parents since we were very young. They would start with, "when I was your age," and our attention would immediately wander. Now that we are in college, at a school with such technological awareness, we need to look at whether our lives as students are easier or lazier.

Since the days of typewriters, students have been doing less rewriting and more editing. Editing tools in word processing programs save a great deal of effort. Beyond that, though, such editing tools also save paper and ink. Students can now afford to make mistakes because they can go back and fix them. This is very encouraging for papers in progress.

Professors can expect more from their students because the resources are right at hand. Gone are the days when students had to hit the library after nearly every class to find the answers to the day's questions.

No longer do professors have to limit the questions they ask to the information given in the textbook or provide time for the

students to research. A professor can ask a question about the lecture off the top of his head in class, and a student can come up with the answer off the Internet in a matter of seconds. This opens up a whole new range of teaching methods available.

Going back to the reminiscent parents, maybe you've heard your parents complain that they had to do all their research in the library when you can just press a button and get your information. They had to work so much harder.

Well, not necessarily.

The end result of your paper benefits from the time saved by researching over the Internet. You are free to spend that time on the equally important task of drawing conclusions from your research and actually writing the paper.

Communication has been made easier by technology as well as research. Emailing a professor is usually much easier than catching him during his office hours. It also makes it possible for a student to get a question to the professor while it is still fresh in the student's mind. Non-academically, it has never been easier for a homesick freshman to keep in touch with family.

The bio major can bring up many different results from the same scientific process, making it easier to find patterns he might miss by going through the results one by one. The statistics student can put all data into graphs and charts much more neatly.

The improvements technology has brought to the life of a student are countless, and Ursinus College, as a community, is making the most out of it.

Parking at Ursinus robs convenience

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I'm sure you all have heard previously from various administration sources that there are enough parking spaces on campus for each student who registers his or her vehicle.

While this is surely true, having enough spaces on campus does not solve the true problem with parking on Ursinus College. Simply put, there is a lack of spaces that are conveniently located to residence halls and academic buildings.

Reimert residents are particularly prone to the lack of convenient parking. The amount of spaces swallowed up by the construction of the performing arts center, plus the abundance of staff spots in the closest parking lot, makes finding a student spot close to Reimert a lost cause. Many residents such as myself are doomed to park towards

the end of Lot B, which is then followed by a mild hike back to the building.

Some residence buildings, such as Sprinkle Hall, do not even have a student lot near them. Even worse, residents living in houses at a greater distance from campus, such as Clamer or 424 Main, are faced with the choice of having to walk or drive and possibly not find a parking spot close to their class.

"It's usually a better idea to walk up especially in the afternoon, but if I'm going to be late, I've got to take the car," stated sophomore Christina Rosci, a resident of Clamer Hall.

Taking everything into consideration, a simple solution seems to arise—make more parking spaces. However, solutions are usually never that simple. Hopefully when the arts center is complete, some of the leftover ground can be turned into additional student parking.

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Blame it all on technology.

Technology was originally intended to benefit human existence by improving the quality of life. Naturally, with these benefits emerged the conveniences

we now take for granted.

However, in these times, despite the technological advances that are saving lives in the nation's hospitals, technology is also responsible for America's ever-expanding waistline and the myriad of diseases and other consequences associated with such weight gain. Humans have thus experienced an evolution of laziness, beginning when the first caveman lit smokestacks instead of walking to the dwellings of his or her neighboring Cro-Magnons.

Next came the invention of the wheel, which later evolved into the modern automobile, that has eradicated the notion of simply walking from place to place. Now even children's scooters are built with motors to prevent the strain of self-propelling.

Even with the ease that automobiles provide in traveling greater distances, the majority of Americans have preferred the use of ATMs since their invention in 1969 to the daunting prospect of waiting in line at the bank.

Though libraries are far more accessible with the use of an automobile, the Internet has nearly replaced libraries and become the nation's information highway.

The evolution of the telephone is also an interesting example of the nation's slow fall into sloth. Originally, telephones were equipped with a rotary dial, which quickly evolved into the push button phone, and has now progressed further with speed dialing.

With this widespread laziness a new spirit of impatience has surfaced. Technology promises the world at one's fingertips with the fastest connection and the greatest of ease. It is now possible to meet a soul mate without even leaving the conveniences of one's computer chair, as companies such as Match.com and eHarmony.com each claim to have united hundreds of thousands of couples.

Modern cold medication also shows the typical American's impatience, as now Advil promises that its liquid gels can provide pain relief in seconds, while a competitor's brand might not take effect for a whole minute. The fact that ibuprofen, the primary active ingredient in such cold medications, was only discovered in 1969, and now a mere thirty-five years later ibuprofen is contained in medication that offers relief in seconds, shows just how in demand faster, better, and more convenient products are in today's market.

In addition to improving the quality of life and convenience, technology was also intended to allow for more leisure time. Before some of the advances we now take for granted, families spent so many hours of the day working that there was hardly any time for familial interaction.

However, with these modern advances, the average American watches 3 - 4 hours of television a day, which translates into a staggering 19,656 - 26,208 hours before college enrollment. Most studies agree that these numbers also correspond to the hours of usage on the Internet. The hours of videogame usage are also climbing.

Television, the Internet, and video games have been deemed the most damaging of all of the technologies which promote stationary activity and have been connected to the rise in obesity in the United States. The American Obesity Association has published statistics showing that between the years 1976 and 1980, 46% of Americans were overweight (overweight being defined as having a body-mass index of over 25) and 14.4% were obese (with a BMI over 30). That same study was conducted again in 1999 - 2000, and by that time 64.5% of Americans were overweight and 30.5% were obese.

In essence, technology, which causes the saving of millions of Americans each year in hospitals, is also at times the reason for a hospital visit in the first place.

While technology allows us a myriad of previously unavailable opportunities, it also assures that we will soon forget how we once lived much more mobile lives without these new conveniences.

Technology supplies everything we need to satisfy short-term aims and watches pounds add on and work ethic diminish. Technology has ironically achieved all of its noble intentions and also caused the antithetical decline of the society it was built to support.

Have an opinion? Have something to say about the opinions of others? Simply want to be heard? Please send your questions, comments, compliments, and complaints to the Opinions Editor at tinguyen@ursinus.edu.

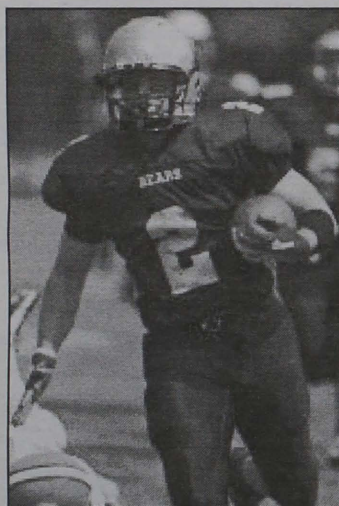
2004 Bears football outlook

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Football season is back and hopes are high in Bear Country again. This time the Bears are looking to meet those expectations despite Saturday's disappointing loss to Susquehanna.

Head coach, Peter Gallagher, is entering his fourth season and has a great staff working with him this year. New to the Bears coaching staff is offensive coordinator Rich Ulrich, whose most recent stint as the quarterback coach at Trinity found his offense putting up some of the best numbers in the NESCAC.



Ulrich has brought his own style of coaching, as well as his own offensive system here to Collegeville. Typically running three receivers and two running backs, the Bears offense is capable of striking at anytime from any position.

Calling the signals this year for the Bears is junior quarterback and co-captain, Vince Gallagher. He is making his return to football after a hit from a Muhlenburg defender sidelined him for the last four games of the 2003 season.

His experience coupled with that of a strong group of wide receivers and persistent running backs should help the Bears to break a 12 game Centennial Conference losing streak that stretches back to the last season.

When asked about pre-season and the Bears' training camp, Gallagher said, "There was a certain excitement that wasn't there in the past. The past two years we've had the excuse of being a 'young team,' but that is no longer true."

Gallagher will have plenty of choices downfield when the Bears need to throw the ball. Returning sophomore, Kieran Gorman, who led the team in receptions and yardage in his freshmen season, will be a primary target.

Gorman added that, "we have some big shoes to fill with [Gary] Sheffield being gone this year. I think we have capable running backs and a

number of talented wide outs to pick up the offense."

Juniors Randy Taylor, Derek Talley, and Justin Ziegler will also be in the offensive mix for the Bears. Talley stated that "the offensive line is going to play the biggest role in our offense this year. We have the talent to put up points, but the offense will only go as far as the line will take us. I am confident that they will get the job done."

Defensively, the Bears are coached by Chris Rusiewicz, who is also entering his fourth season. He will be looking for big stops from junior co-captain Justin Ellis at the defensive tackle position, as well as juniors Adam Schmidt and Austin Jones.

Also playing a big role in the Bears defense will be returning outside linebacker Josh Kemp. Last season, Kemp set a Centennial Conference record with 20

tackles for a loss and a school record 5 sacks against McDaniel.

Also coming back to the defensive unit are sophomores Nate Wagner and Rob Gibson, as well as juniors Frank Mallon, Kiernan Cavanaugh, Matt Lebo, Bob Graham, and Ian Bell.

With this good mix of size, speed, and skill, the Bears should hold up well against a tough schedule this season.

Kieran Gorman commented, "Last year we were 3-7. We're looking for big improvements this year. 6-4 would be great, but right now we just want wins."

Experience is no longer an issue to the 2004 Bears football team. Strong upperclassmen leadership paired with the willingness of freshmen to step up will hopefully bring the Bears into contention for a Centennial Conference Championship when late November comes around.

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Terror alerts continue in United States

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Pentagon in 2001. In contrast, the same year 4,901 pedestrians were killed by moving vehicles.

Not to be disingenuous, but clearly, in the average year in America prior to 9/11 there were virtually no terror-related deaths, especially from a foreign enemy. But these warnings serve only to either desensitize or frenzy the public.

"We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason," said renowned broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow. That is what terrorism and the threat of terror produces.

Fear is a paralyzing force, and the politics and persuasion of fear is critical. Fear coupled with ignorance will cow, control, and subdue a populace.

Thomas Jefferson knew, nearly 200 years ago, that the price of freedom – of democracy – is eternal vigilance. We can keep terror in check if we can keep our government in check: the executive, the judicial, and the legislative. We can keep terror in check if we keep our own fear in check. If our fear rules us, if our minds grow, if we let any body do our thinking for us, the terrorists win. Our freedom disappears.

That's real terror.

Now that Stanton is gone... Men's basketball preview

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Last season, the Ursinus Bears' Dennis Stanton scored 879 points, led the team in field goals, three point conversions, and averaged 32.6 points a game. While it is impossible to replace a player of his caliber, the Ursinus Men's Basketball team looks strong for the upcoming Centennial Conference season.

It is still hard to tell how the team is going to compete at this point in the off-season, but the players' thumbs are pointing up. Although Stanton has graduated, he is the only senior to depart from the program, leaving a team of experienced veterans to compensate for his absence.

Two of the returning players who will lead the team this year are Teddy Piotrowicz and Mike McGarvey, chosen by their team to be captains.

"Teddy did a great job last year as a captain. McGarvey was already a leader on

the floor and could have been a captain last year," says junior forward Bret Jenkins.

Head Coach Kevin Small expects a lot out of his two captains. "I'm really excited to see how they handle the team. Teddy is a returning captain, and in the past, returning captains are exponentially better. He's tough, fair, and passionate about the game. Mike is one of the best players in the league, and it's important for him to be a vocal leader more than he was last year," says Small.

The team is also very excited about their three main recruits. Tim Smith is a 6'1 guard from Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia who will "grow and mature under McGarvey" in coach Small's words.

Nick Shattuck is a 6'4 small forward from LaSalle High School in Philadelphia. Last, but not least is the tallest of the recruits. Mike Shema, an impressive 6'9", hails from Westtown Prep., originally from Belgium.

"We think that the freshmen can come in and contribute right away if they listen and work hard, which I predict they will," says Piotrowicz.

Let's not forget about returning players such as Matt Fabian who had an impressive freshman campaign and juniors Brian McEvily, Joe Scholz, and sophomore Will Furey.

An always important question is how tough the competition will be in the Centennial Conference. This year, the answer seems to be unanimous between players and coaches on the Ursinus squad.

"The league is as strong as it has ever been since I've been here. Franklin & Marshall, Hopkins, and Gettysburg are always good, but it is the lower tier teams that have improved and made for better balance in the league," says Piotrowicz.

Although the league is going to be tough this year, McGarvey thinks optimistically. "I think we will be up there in the top two or three spots towards the end of the season. The league is wide open. It depends on which team comes together at the right time."

Now that Stanton is no longer hitting incredible three point shots for the Bears, the team's game plan changes.

"Instead of one main scorer, we will have more contributions on offense. Defense is our main concentration though. Improving on defense, not letting other teams score as much will help a lot," says Jenkins.

"We will return to the post offense that we ran two years ago, which allows for more depth, balance, and point distribution. Last year, Stanton was a main focus in the offense; this year tough half court defense is the main focus. We will be playing more smash mouth basketball, grinding the other teams down," says coach Small.

Dennis is gone, but that leaves the options open ended on offense. It's not possible to replace him in one year with one player, but the team has the ability to step in and work together to win a conference title.

Bearcox Preview

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The Ursinus men's rugby team is once again gearing up for another season, and this time it counts. After completing the three-year probationary period required to join the Eastern Penn Rugby Union, the Bearcox are now eligible to qualify for playoffs, a task they feel more than up to.

"I'm excited for our first year of playoff eligibility. The teams in our division are teams that we've beaten in the past and can beat again" said senior Chris "Bunyon" Long, the team's president. "I'm looking for us make a serious run at the league championship and then continue deeper into regional playoffs," Long added.

This is indeed a possibility for the male ruggers, who are returning with fourteen of their fifteen starters from last year, losing only fullback Adam Molineux to graduation.

However, there are many players waiting in the wings looking to fill the fullback spot, as well others looking to challenge last year's starters for increased playing time. Even several promising freshmen, who never experienced the sport before starting practice earlier last week, are looking to make contributions to the team's success.

The Rugby team has also brought in an additional coach to help teach and guide the team. Jim Hall of North Penn Men's Rugby Club has volunteered to help with the team. The team's previous coach, Shane Flynn, also of North Penn, has been forced to take a more limited role with the team because his job in Princeton, NJ, requires a lengthy daily commute to practice.

The only foreseeable problem for the upcoming season is the lack of a suitable playing field. The team's previous field, located behind the field house, is being transformed into a new baseball field. This leaves the Bearcox scrambling to find a new playing field for the future.

"We've been working hard in the offseason to secure a field for our home games," noted team vice president Cris "Pops" Mathews. "Ed Gildea has been especially helpful in the process... the school has been cooperative in smoothing and mowing a practice location in Huntsberger woods for both our team and the girls' team," Mathews said.

UC hires new cross country/track & field coach

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After a three year stint as the head cross country and women's track and field coach at Loyola College in Baltimore, MD, Chris Bayless has accepted the baton from former coaches Neil Schafer and Dean Lent and assumed the position of head cross country and track and field coach here at UC.

Coach Bayless has clocked twenty-two years of coaching, leading his teams to conference, regional, and national titles. Already the cross country runners are noticing positive changes from previous years in the way of Bayless's workouts and attitude, which are certain to contribute to stronger programs and happier, more successful athletes.

Sophomore runner Larry Barr comments that Bayless "has a very positive attitude that's contagious, and the team greatly benefits from it. He's rejuvenated the team's spirit."

Coach Bayless's athletes, who have only known him for a little more than two weeks, already feel comfortable with his judgment and methods. "He's definitely a reliable coach whom you can trust for good advice because of his experience," sophomore Lynne Erickson adds. "And since he's full time we can always count on him to be there."

Coach Bayless's "athletes first, winning second" philosophy causes his teams to put forth their best efforts to please the man who cares so much about them.

He has shown a remarkable commitment to team unity and organization. Many of his runs are designed to include teamwork in what is usually seen as a highly individual sport. His frequent, lively banter reminds his athletes to retain a sense of humor.

On the first day of cross country camp, Coach Bayless distributed binders filled with workout schedules for the entire season, and revealed that he was already finished with a schedule for Indoor Track and planning for Outdoor. When he discusses his long term goals for the program, he mentions maintaining consistent numbers on the teams and in recruiting classes. The coach hopes to see the cross country teams rank in the top three in the conference and to have the indoor and outdoor teams competing for the conference championship every year.

Overall, however, he says his goal is one-hundred percent graduation of the team. "Our first priority is to have strong academics, and if we can win a championship and have fun along the way, so be it."

So far, Coach Bayless is just as pleased with the Ursinus community as they are with him. "I love Ursinus," he says, "and I want it to be my last coaching spot. I have never been at a school where the administration is so supportive of the program. I know they want the program to go in the right direction, because I am the first full time coach. I just look at the facilities, and I know they've given me everything I need to be successful."

Coach Bayless has walked on staff with a positive attitude, organization and clear goals. He is equipped with a devoted team, supportive administration, and state-of-the-art facilities. All the Ursinus community can do now is sit back and watch him run with them.

The Olympic games: competitive or controversial?

Tainted gold

Hardly a dream team

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In August, world-class athletes converged on Greece for the 2004 Summer Olympics. During the two-week competition, non-stop coverage allowed viewers all over the world to experience the highs and lows of the Olympics as they happened.

According to TIVO, the most watched moment of the entire Olympics was U.S. Gymnast's Paul Hamm's gold winning performance. His performance made him the first American in 100 years to win the men's all-around gold in his sport. His victory was short lived, however.

Just days after the competition, the South Korean officials realized that a scoring error had occurred, costing gymnast Yang Tae-young the gold and causing him to receive the bronze.

The error occurred when three judges mistakenly judged Yang on a scale of 9.9 instead of the more difficult 10.0 scale he was supposed to be competing on. The scale is determined by the difficulty of the athlete's routine.

Yang finished 0.049 points behind Hamm. If the scoring had been done correctly Yang would have finished 0.051 points ahead of Hamm.

South Koreans appealed to the International Gymnastics Federation for the viewing of the tape and were granted the review.

However, the Federation released a statement saying, "The FIG rules do not allow for a protest against judges' marks. The judges' marks have to be accepted as a final decision and cannot be changed."

The Federation suspended the three judges who caused the error in saying that they needed "to protect the integrity of the FIG, the judges, and to be able to maintain and ensure the highest possible judging standard at the Olympic Games." The ruling allowed Hamm to keep his medal.

The controversy continued to mushroom when FIG officials began pressuring Hamm to give his gold medal to Yang and take a silver medal instead. The U.S. delegation was angered by the request and refused to pass the request on to Hamm.

The Koreans also appealed to the International Olympic Committee to have a duplicate gold medal issued. They denied the request saying, "we are not going to give medals for so-called humanitarian or emotional reasons."

Paul Hamm has said that he feels he earned his medal and will not return it. He is moving on with his life, returning to the United States and performing in an Olympic exhibition with his Olympic teammates.

While this issue has been resolved legally, this episode remains a stain on the 2004 Olympics.

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What was the cause of this year's disheartening performance by the USA Men's Basketball Team?

There were two major problems in Athens, at the 28th Olympiad, with this year's team: who didn't show and the style of play.

The first thing that must be looked at is who decided not to make the trip. Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett, Chris Webber, Mike Bibby, Jason Kidd, Jermaine O'Neal, and Tracy McGrady all turned down invitations.

Shaquille O'Neal is the most dominant player in the NBA, Garnett is the league MVP, McGrady won the scoring title last season, Kidd led the league in assists and so the list continues. Their absence was felt in their three losses, which was more than they have lost in the previous 15 Olympics combined. Who didn't show hurt this year's team.

The other part of the problem is who the USA was forced to put on its team. Carlos Boozer, Shawn Marion, Lamar Odom, and Richard Jefferson are not Olympians. This year, however, they were. With these athletes playing against the best in the world, the USA was overmatched.

The second reason is that the NBA style of play is not what it used to be. In the days of Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, and Magic Johnson the NBA held

players that could do everything.

That means they could play team defense. They could hit an 18 foot jump shot. They could drive and pass.

What they didn't do made them great as well. They didn't try to win games on their own. They didn't try crazy dribbles, behind the back passes and no look alley oops that made the crowd go wild. Of course, they still had their highlight reel dunks, passes and blocks, but they didn't attempt them in the first quarter down by five points.

What was missing in these games was talent. Sure LeBron James can jump through the roof. Of course Camelo Anthony can break someone's ankles and throw a no look alley-oop to Shawn Marion. But that isn't what wins ball games and that was proven this year as the USA finished with bronze dangling from their necks instead of gold.

The USA brought a 109-2 record into Athens and left with a 114-5 mark. In one tournament, they more than doubled their loss total from the previous 14 tournaments. When NBA players started playing in 1992, the USA had an unblemished 24-0 mark. Not anymore.

Most countries would be thrilled to have a bronze medal in men's basketball. For the U.S.A., this team has proven to be the biggest disappointment of this year's Olympics.

UC Sports Recap 9.2 - 9.7

Men's soccer

Date	Opponent	Result
Wed. 9/1	at Alvernia	W, 2-1
Sat. 9/4	Goucher	L, 1-2 (OT)
Mon. 9/6	Delaware Valley	W, 1-0

Women's soccer

Date	Opponent	Result
Thu. 9/2	Immacula	W, 8-1
Sat. 9/4	at Delaware Valley	W, 4-1

Field hockey

Date	Opponent	Result
Thu. 9/2	at College of NJ	W, 2-1
Sat. 9/4	at Misericordia	W, 3-0

Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Result
Wed. 9/1	Kean	W, 3-2
Sat. 9/4	at Franklin & Marshall	L, 0-3
	Brockport at F&M	L, 1-3
	Dickinson at F&M	L, 1-3

Football

Date	Opponent	Result
Sat. 9/4	Susquehanna	L, 19-43

UC Sports Schedule 9.8.2004-9.14.2004

Men's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Tue. 9/7	at Phila. Bible	2:15 p.m.

Women's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Tue. 9/7	Houghton	4 p.m.
Thu. 9/9	at Cabrini	4 p.m.
Sat. 9/11	DeSales	12pm

Field hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
Tue. 9/7	Bryn Mawr	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9/11	Messiah	1 p.m.
Tues. 9/14	Lebanon Valley	4 p.m.

Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Wed. 9/8	Albright	7 p.m.
Sat. 9/11	Wilkes/Alvernia	11 a.m.

Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 9/11	Catholic	1 p.m.

Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 9/11	at Lebanon Valley Invitational	11:15 a.m.