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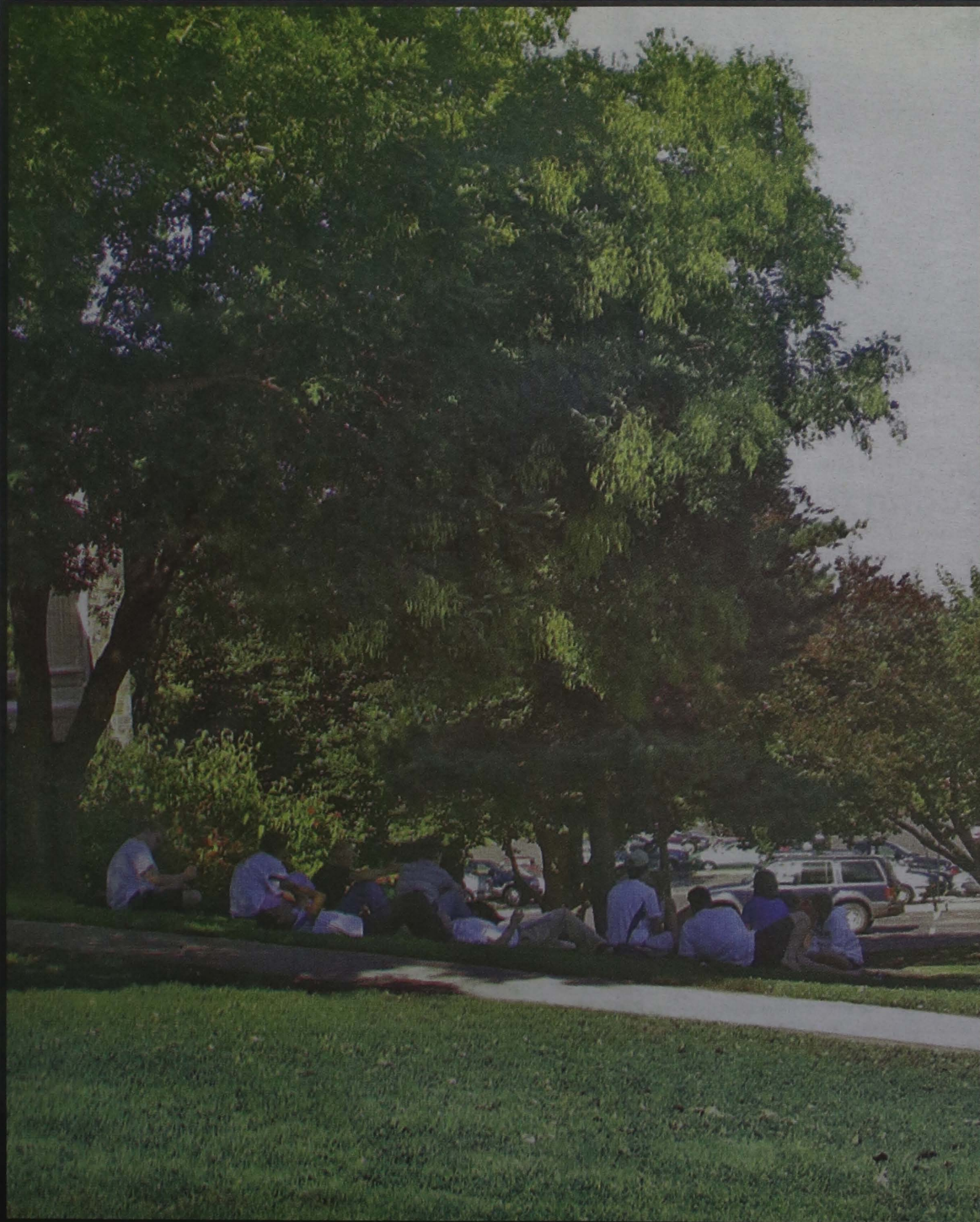
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a class takes advantage of the beautiful fall weather

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## Inside Scoop: Lights out at UC

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If you were on campus last Saturday night, there is a good chance that you were affected by, or at least noticed, the long power outage that swept almost half of Ursinus's buildings. From approximately 11pm to 6am, portions of the college were without lights, laptops, DVD players, microwaves, etc. Although many of us grumbled about the inconvenience, physical plant's Fred Klee suggests that the outage brought people together and strangely made us a stronger community for the night. Freshman Rachel Ratner agrees, "I think that the outage sort of brought people together in a childish way. I know people were playing a game of flashlight tag – and a huge poker game out in my hall."

We owe our gratitude to Hurricane Ivan. The 6.5 inches of rain that we received caused the Perkiomen Creek, Delaware River, and other waterways to flood. On campus, the floods caused water to leak into the sub-station in the basement of the freshman dorm Broadbeck-Wilkson-Curtis (BWC). The heat of the vault's transformer combined with the leaking water, tripped a breaker and caused the fatal electrical short that took down Beardwood-Paisly-Staufner (BPS), BWC, Myrin Library, and others. Staffers from

physical plant were called in to assess the situation; they did not leave campus until 6am. Klee joked that he and his staff were surprised by the number of kids walking around throughout the early morning hours.

Thanks to the services of an outside contractor the wires are now fixed. Can we expect to see such an outage again anytime soon? Klee comments that "this is the first time that it has happened in years. It's an unusual occurrence... and the rain was unusual too." Physical plant assures that such an outage won't happen again. Work will begin soon to reseal the vaults so that water leaks will not disrupt power in the future.

Some students, like freshman Francis Iacobucci, felt hassled by the outage, "I went home because I wanted power. I had homework to do and wasn't sure when my lights would be back on." Many others, however, enjoyed a relaxing evening getting to know their fellow Ursinus students a little better. No thefts or large scale vandalism was reported in that seven-hour period of darkness. With Hurricanes Jeanne and Karl starting their tour, it is likely that we will see more inclement weather. Perhaps another storm will help bring unity to Ursinus' campus.

## USGA has second thoughts

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Quick as the controversy over the USGA constitution began, it ended, as another round of changes were approved by an overwhelming majority of students at last Wednesday's meeting.

The latest round of constitutional amendments was presented by the Ursinus Student Government Association officers to appease the many students who expressed concern over the previous changes. The constitution now requires that all organizations receiving money from AFAC send at least one executive board member to a designated meeting each month. At least one week's notice will be given before the meeting will be held, and each representative may represent no more than two organizations.

"We are happy that we were able to accommodate everyone's needs. We took all ideas into consideration and came up with a conclusion that will hopefully leave everyone feeling satisfied," said USGA President Vince Rossomando, after the changes were approved.

Students also seemed satisfied with the compromise amendment. "It was a good idea because I think the school needs to be more united and everyone should have a voice," commented junior Steph Sapok.

The original amendments to the constitution required that each organization receiving AFAC funding send at least one representative to each meeting, and allowed for an organization's funding to be reallocated if a representative was not present. Representatives were only allowed to represent one organization.

Rossomando reiterated that no reallocations will occur this year and meeting attendance will not have any effect on organizations. However, reallocations will be possible next year when the new requirements are assimilated with the AFAC funding process. A procedure for any reallocations will be developed toward the end of this year and presented to USGA for approval, he also noted.

In related business, the procedure to amend the constitution was updated as well. The new procedures allow for the constitution to be amended at any meeting if the amendment was presented in-full at a previous meeting, in which organization representatives were asked to be present. Also, the student body is required to be given one week's notice prior to voting on the proposed amendment.

## Campus Philly kick-off week

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On Saturday October 2, the city of Philadelphia will be turned over to a bunch of wild, screaming 18 to 22 year-olds as Something Corporate and a handful of other bands perform on the Ben Franklin Parkway. For those wanting a quieter day in the city, Campus Philly will also open eleven art museums to college students for free from 10am until 5pm. The concert starts at 3pm and lasts until 7pm in front of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The best part is that the everything is free.

On Wednesday October 6, over 100 employers from the Philadelphia area will be showcasing their internship offerings at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station from 10am until 2pm. Ursinus will be providing transportation from the school, so be sure to stop down and bring tons of resumes to help you find your dream internship.

There will be plenty other events through the semester sponsored by Campus Philly. For more information on Kick-off week and more events coming this semester, go to [www.campusphilly.com](http://www.campusphilly.com).

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# Where will you go? UC study abroad programs



<http://www.ursinus.edu>

*Ursinus in Tuebingen (left) and Ursinus in Florence (right), which have been held in previous years, are just two of the many programs sponsored by Ursinus that students can participate in to fulfill their ILE.*

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Study abroad is a unique experience in a college student's life. The study abroad programs at Ursinus has unlimited potential and given the enthusiasm the experience can definitely be life altering. On Wednesday September 15th, students attended a study abroad workshop led by Dr. Melissa Hardin, the Ursinus study abroad coordinator. The workshop outlined the intended goals of study abroad and more importantly the different programs that are offered at Ursinus.

Dr. Hardin began by outlining the basics of study abroad. The main purpose of a study abroad program is to help students enhance their academic goals, while giving them the ability to travel and explore a new culture. "We want a program that is academically challenging," explained Harding, "but will allow you to explore a new culture in-depth." This explanation was followed by a self-assessment, which helps students determine whether they are capable of studying abroad at some point in their

academic future. Certain ideas to investigate in the self-assessment were independence, academic interests, personal goals, time commitments, financial commitments, and development of language skills pertaining to the specific area you intend to study in. Students should recognize that the study abroad programs are a very interesting way to fulfill the Independent Learning Experience (ILE) requirement for graduation from Ursinus.

Following this informative introduction, Harding gave a description of the various types of programs offered. Short-term faculty directed programs include: Costa Rica-Biology (Dawley), France-Photography (Camp), Mexico-Spanish (Cameron), Senegal (Novak), TGU Japan (Mizenko and Borsdorf), Tuebingen-Germany (Clouser). These programs do not necessarily have to be affiliated with your major but you must have an active interest in the course of study. Another more familiar option is the semester-long programs that are already established for next year: Florence in the Fall of 2005 (Volkmer and Fields), London in the Fall of 2005 (Miller), Madrid in the Spring of 2006 (Hardin), Paris in the Spring of 2006 (Hemphill and Trout), and Tuebingen

in the Fall of 2005 (Clousers and Doughty).

The final type of program was the independent semester/academic year program. The programs available here include: The Butler IFSA (organized at Ursinus through Dr. Doughty). Butler sends students to English-language affiliated countries including Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland and New Zealand. Opportunities to study in foreign language-intensive affiliated countries include: IUS Spain (Hardin), Hood-France (Trout), and AUCP France (Novak). Exchange programs are also at different universities across the globe. The independent study abroad programs focus more on your personal academic and social interests. For instance, you can be completely concentrated on studying your major and become more actively involved with the surrounding community.

Other non-traditional destinations that may not be organized can be researched online at [www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com). The website contains a database for finding a program that fits your specific interests. Internships are also available with study abroad through application.

## Upcoming Events

**September 30:** Doug Farah, discussion  
 UC Bookstore, 7pm

**October 2:** Family Day  
 See online schedule  
 \*Alex's Lemonade Stand  
 Zack's Patio, 10am to 3pm

**October 4:** Roko Kawai, Pew Lecture  
 Pfahler Auditorium, 7pm

**October 5:** Andrew Sullivan, lecture  
 Olin Auditorium, 7:30pm

**October 7:** Maureen Drdak, Gallery Talk  
 Berman Museum, Noon

**October 10:** String Quartet  
 Bomberger Auditorium, 2:30pm

**October 11:** Intercultural Journeys  
 Bomberger Auditorium, 7:30pm

## Andrew Sullivan to speak at Ursinus

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Famed TIME Magazine essayist and columnist for the Sunday Times of London will speak on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30pm in Olin Auditorium. Sullivan's literary works have become both controversial and national talking points. Sullivan, who is openly gay, is opinionated on social issues such as gays in the military and same sex marriage. His work also focuses on a wide range of subjects such as international affairs, domestic politics, culture, religion and faith. A notable piece of work is Sullivan's series of essays on the AIDS epidemic. He wrote three essays discussing AIDS, homosexuality, and psycho-therapy. Sullivan tested positive for HIV in 1993 and remains in good health.

Sullivan has spoken at many universities and colleges, including Harvard, Yale, Boston University, Boston College, Northwestern, and many more. He has appeared on over a hundred radio shows across the United States, as well as Nightline, Face the Nation, Meet the Press, Crossfire, Hardball, The O'Reilly Factor, Larry King Show, and many times on the Charlie Rose Show. Sullivan is the senior editor for the New Republic, and is currently at working on a new book.

Sullivan was born in 1963 in a small town in Southern England and grew up in a neighboring town. He attended Oxford and Harvard universities. He also earned a masters degree in public administration, as well as a doctorate in political science. His thesis won the Government Department Prize for a dissertation in political science.



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## Easy access to social security numbers causes some concerns

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"Slow down ladies, there's enough Larry to go around." Everyone recognizes the Citibank Identity Theft commercials, but many do not understand how identity theft is perpetrated. More surprisingly Ursinus College has a student enrollment system in which identity theft may be very easy.

In order to retrieve information about students, Ursinus uses prospective and current students' social security numbers to track addresses, current educational records, parental information, and any other sort of information about students. Some students are not concerned at all. Sophomore Alexander Goldberg stated, "I have never heard of anyone losing their identity that way. No one I know has ever had their identity stolen via credit card, social security number, or anything. Honestly, I'm not concerned with what anyone could do with my social security number."

Many students however, cringe at the thought of giving out their social security number. Freshman Sean Redline said, "Identity theft is a very real threat and it isn't difficult to do at all once you have someone's social security number. I know I'm concerned about who has access to my information."

Eric Relvas, freshman, said, "I wouldn't say that I panic about it, but it certainly makes me nervous whenever anyone, no matter who they are, asks for my social security number." These sentiments are echoed by a number of students; and their fears are not unwarranted. Not only does Ursinus use social security number to track students, but it is also used as computing services' password, course registration, and any other number of functions around campus. If someone knew a social security number, they could access e-mail accounts, log-in to laptops, and cause any sort of havoc for the unsuspecting victim. Even worse, they could apply for credit cards and unknowingly charge large sums before the victim even knew what was going on.

One concern stated by many students is that other students work in administrative areas of the college. This leaves a lot of room for students to exploit others' social security numbers and personal information. Although unlikely, a vindictive enemy or practical joke could easily be perpetrated if not monitored properly.

An alternate method for retrieving student information is for students to self-report their information and remove any connection to social security numbers. Ursinus College prints a directory of all students, so the need for most protective measures becomes ineffectual. Any information that could be accessed through social security number can just as easily be referenced in the student directory.

At the current time, there is no way to safeguard identity theft or prevent any sort of information leaks. The best protection is cautiousness in giving out information and a general apathy towards personal identity.



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### Take Charge of your Future: Thoughtful Career Decision Making

People often spend more time planning a large item purchase or vacation than planning their education and career. Some are reluctant to make decisions for fear of making the "wrong" decision while others just don't know where to start. Planning puts you in charge and allows you to design your own future. Below are essential steps to making thoughtful decisions about your major and/or future career.

1. **Know Yourself.** Assess your interests, skills, values, and personality. Discover the "real you" and what you want to achieve.
2. **Identify and Investigate Possible Career Options.** Focus your search—identify, explore, and research majors and/or career fields that may be a good match for you. Talk with alumni through the Grizzl\*E Network. Test out a potential career field by completing an internship!
3. **Time to make a choice!** Choosing requires that you make a commitment to one option and let go of other options (at least temporarily). Before choosing, carefully review and evaluate the information you gathered about specific careers.
4. **Take Action and Re-Evaluate.** Follow through on your decision—design and implement a plan to achieve your goals. Remember that career planning is an ongoing process—change is inevitable. If necessary, you can again begin the process of self-assessment, exploration, evaluation, and action.

Career Services can help! Join us for *Desserts and Decision Making* on Wednesday October 13, 2004 in Paisley Lounge from 6:00–8:00 PM. Career Counselors will be available to answer your questions and introduce you to the many resources and services that can help you make your career-related decisions, including major selection.

## The aid game

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In the game of Monopoly, you pass 'Go', collect \$200. If only financing college was that simple. All college students go through the financial aid game, though none of it is nearly as exciting as Monopoly.

The college process is something every student has gone through. From the applications to the decisions, each student has their reasons for applying to certain colleges. For many students, a lot of their final decision is dependant upon financial aid.

As the cost of college continues to grow, financial aid is becoming more of an issue for students. The cost to attend private colleges and universities, like Ursinus College, is totaling close to \$40,000 per year. This amounts to more than many family incomes in the United States. Students want a first-rate education but are finding that paying that amount is not realistic. This is where financial aid is supposed to step in.

What exactly is involved in the financial aid process? Director of Student Financial Services Suzanne Sparrow said, "Financial aid is broken up into two components: Gift Aid (grants, scholarships) and Self Help (loans, work study). There are four sources from which to obtain financial aid: 1. Federal Government (grants, loans, work study, scholarships) 2. State (grants, scholarships) 3. Institutional Aid (grants, scholarships, loans) 4. Private (Outside scholarships/loans). When a student completes the FAFSA and/or the CSS Profile forms, they are automatically being considered for financial assistance from these four sources."

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## Why Study Abroad?

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Each Ursinus student is required to complete an Independent Learning Experience (ILE) before he or she graduates. The ILE can come in the form of an independent research project, an internship, study abroad, student teaching, or participating in the Summer Fellows program. With all these opportunities, more and more students are opting to study

that would have ever happened," Fean explains.

Living and studying in a country in which you do not live is much like a constant class. While spending last semester in Madrid, I quickly discovered that there is more to learn while going about your daily activities than what is taught in the classroom. As a Sociology major, I was thrilled to have a chance to explore Spanish culture from the inside. Not only did I learn about Spanish society, but I also dramatically improved my listening and conversation skills. I almost cried as I said good-bye to a teacher whom I could not understand only three months earlier.

If you're looking for a way to grow personally while meeting great people and having fun, Study Abroad is the way to go.

Junior Alison Nesta, another Spring 2004 participant of the Ursinus in Madrid program, says, "...everything in Spain was as good, if not better, than here. It was the time of my life!"

John O'Donnell, of the Ursinus in Tuebingen, Germany, program, said that he "liked going to new places every weekend." Studying abroad gives you the opportunity to see and experience new people and places, whether it is with your group, a few classmates, or on your own.

Veterans of our Study Abroad program would encourage anyone to participate. Junior Heather Saunders, a Spring 2004 participant of the Ursinus in Madrid program, sums it all up. "It's a great opportunity to conquer your fears, enhance your knowledge of another culture and experience something not many others can say they have. It's a great time with friends and a great learning experience. My time abroad will forever stay with me."

abroad, particularly because Ursinus makes it so easily, both financially and academically.

According to the Ursinus website, "Ursinus believes that students in every field, not just language majors, can be transformed by contact with another culture."

Senior Melissa Fean, a Spring 2004 participant of the Ursinus in Madrid program, agrees. "I think studying abroad is one of the best things you can do for yourself as a college student. It may sound corny, but you learn about yourself and others in so many ways. I know...it helped me realize what I want out of life. If it [weren't] for this experience, I'm not sure if



## Financial aid at UC

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For students who fit into these categories, paying for college is not that big of a burden. Students who would never be able to afford schools like Ursinus are now able to attend them, thanks in part to grants, loans, work study programs, and, if they're lucky, help from parents.

Aside from those sources of tuition payment, a student may also earn scholarships. Ursinus offers a range of scholarships that are anywhere from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Sparrow explains, "This award is given based strictly on academic merit through the admission review process."

Some students, such as freshman Sean Redline, found that the financial aid system at the college is a great help in paying for school. Redline claims, "I receive the 'standard' \$9,500 academic scholarship, along with something like about \$11,000 for financial aid from the school. The government and other independent [sources] cover pretty much the rest of my tuition, leaving me to play about \$3,000 a year."

For some students, however, the financial aid system does absolutely nothing for them. Certain circumstances bar students from obtaining the money they may need. One anonymous student feels that because of his family situation, he should be receiving financial aid. Unfortunately, on paper, he is not eligible. He affirms, "My single mother has to cover two children. My father doesn't contribute at all but is counted as contributing. They expect me to pay more than I actually have. I'm going to be in debt for years, especially since I want to get my doctorate."

This is one of many situations some students face; they have special circumstances, but because of how the numbers look on paper, the amounts they receive are quite a bit lower than what they really need.

Regardless of the amount of money students receive, they all agree on one important concept: they need more financial help. Redline says, "If a student is attending a private school in [his or her] state and [is] financially in need of aid, [he or she deserves] it. If a student is attending any school in [his or her] state, [the student] should receive state aid simply based on the fact that [the student's] parents, and possibly even [some] students themselves, have paid taxes to the state."

Even if it seems that students are not getting need they think they deserve, the financial aid system tries to be fair. If a student feels that he or she is not getting enough financial aid, talking to financial services is the student's best option.

Sparrow emphasizes, "The Student Financial Services Office is always available to discuss what financing options best meet the needs of each student." Though

many students frequently ask for more money, they should also be reminded that financial aid is an annual process and that the amounts are limited. This makes deadlines extremely important. Sparrow notes that, "Students should be on the lookout for notices about Financial Aid Awareness Week in December, [during which] they will be instructed to pick up materials to reapply for financial aid for next year."

So, though the financial aid process may not be as simple as Monopoly, it can help get students through their education with as much help and rewards as the classic game.

### 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.

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## Appealing to a younger demographic

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The coming election seems to be one of the more important ones in our country's recent history. At a time when most political analysts felt that the election was going to be a close one, Chris Matthews of CNN's "Hardball" shocked his audience by claiming that it would be a landslide depending entirely upon the youth vote. It would appear that MTV agrees with this view, as they have been fiercely advocating their "20 million loud" program in conjunction with Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' "Vote or Die" program.

So if the youth vote is truly integral to the election, how should a candidate attract us to his campaign? What issues should John Kerry and George Bush be addressing? An obvious starting place is the rising cost of college tuition.

According to a quick estimation with 7% inflation for each year, the cost of an Ursinus students' tuition and room and board for all four years, without any kind of financial assistance, totals at \$163,389.90. This doesn't include books or any other fees.

According to his website, "as president, John Kerry will offer a fully refundable College Opportunity Tax credit on up to \$4,000 of tuition for every year of college and offer aid to states that keep tuitions down." On the Republican front, George Bush is planning on helping 10.3 million more Americans afford college by putting \$73 billion dollars into the post-secondary education system.

John Kerry's website leaves no doubt that in terms of social security, he will favor the current senior citizens in keeping their benefits. The social security system has been predicted to collapse as early as 2012. Social security will definitely become a main

concern for youth voters, who lose money on every paycheck to social security, but who are also convinced that social security will not provide for them in their old age. George Bush seems confident that he can provide both for the current and soon-to-be senior citizens and also come up with the money to secure social security for the generation now paying for social security.

There are many other issues that directly plague and concern today's young voters, from health care to the environment, from the job market and economy to national security. As you have seen, each candidate appears to have a plan. Is either plan feasible? Is there enough money to support all of these programs with the ongoing war against terror and the financially draining rebuilding of Iraq?

John Kerry's election or George Bush's re-election rests in the hands of the youth demographic. Choose carefully.

## Experiencing the Miss America pageant live

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"It's great to be from Alabama!" the supporters chanted as we began our long walk from the Atlantic City Convention Center to Trump Plaza, where our car was parked. The excitement was palpable. Miss Alabama, Deidre Downs, took home the Miss America crown and title after a tense two-hour showdown in Atlantic City last Saturday night.

"She did it! She won!" Deidre's family member shouted into a cell phone as he held it up for the absent family member to hear the roar of the crowd.

It was a hard choice for the judges. Miss Louisiana (Jennifer Dupont) wore a strapless figure-hugging satin gown that was easily the most stunning out of all the contestants. Unfortunately she hurt her chances after answering only one out of five questions correctly during the quiz show portion. These questions ranged from "How old does a man or woman have to be to run for President of the United States?" to "Who is the most powerful woman in America?"

Swimsuits were more risqué than they have been in

years, with girls sporting neon yellow and black Speedo string-tie bikinis. Also, the entire pageant was reduced from three hours to two.

Instead of the top ten finalists performing their chosen talent, only the last two perform on television. In addition to this startling news, the pageant directors cut the most important part of the show off the air: the platform questioning. The top three finalists were originally asked a question pertaining to their chosen platform issue. Miss Alabama's platform was "Curing Childhood Cancer." This portion of the pageant is now completed during the preliminary events that precede the final night.

Seeing the behind-the-scenes action was certainly different from watching the edited program on television. Men and women in black-tie tuxedos and ball gowns wandered around the auditorium with nachos and beer. Former Miss America Kate Shindle traipsed through the crowd in an elegant black evening gown with a plastic cup of beer swinging at her side. People twirled light sabers, rang cow bells and blew bullhorns



to cheer on their favorite contestant. When the program went back on-air after commercial breaks, the announcer would say, "Okay, we're back on. Everyone scream!"

I sat with the families of the contestants, and therefore, I saw a lot of things that you wouldn't see on television. Miss California, who scored the highest during the quiz show, was the first of five contestants to be voted off. The usher had to drag her off the stage. She was visibly upset.

After the pageant, a nameless contestant's parents got into the wrong line leading out of the auditorium and were quite angry about it. "I just want to get my daughter and get out of

here!" she screamed at the usher.

On the other hand, the Downs' family was more than ecstatic. Deidre's parents met her at the end of the runway, proudly crying. Outside, we were met with even more enthusiasm. "Aren't you proud of her? It's your sister! She's Miss America!" an aunt shouted at Deidre's brother, who beamed. I don't know about her brother, but the crowd was proud of Deidre.

## Why Emo is stupid

You know, going away to college can cause great emotional stress. So, instead of getting wasted, Dan and I decided to handle this stress through the power of song. Here is "Communism for Dummies" first venture into every pre-teen girl's favorite new genre... Emo!



MATT FLYNTZ  
DAN SERGEANT  
**Communism for Dummies**

The pain paints my tender heart black  
And misery eats at my soul to the core.  
I'm a wannabe Goth and a wannabe punk  
And combing my shagging black hair is a chore.

My life is so very dark and pointless  
My mom says I'm too melodramatic.  
My sew-on patches say it all  
"I buy my philosophy from Hot Topic."

I hate the suburbs  
I hate whiny moms  
I hate the sunshine  
I hate my upper-middle class white suburban life.

I wanted a Frappuccino,  
But my mom said no.  
I wanted to go to the mall,  
But my girlfriend wouldn't go.

I wanted some cheesecake,  
But I couldn't find the recipe.  
I wanted to play some PS2,  
But my mem'ry card wouldn't read.

I hate the suburbs  
I hate whiny moms  
I hate the sunshine  
I hate my upper-middle class white suburban life.

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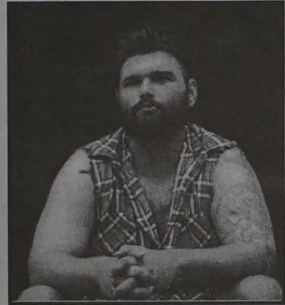
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## The MTV generation of choosers and losers

You know what? I'm not sure I want to be part of this "MTV Generation." Actually, I'm not sure I qualify, as my dad apparently does not believe in the concept of cable television. To this day I'm forced to whine and moan, "Do we have cable yet?" every spring, summer, winter, and fall break when there's nothing good on the television. My only real experience with MTV has been since I descended upon Ursinus...hell, people complain that there's no music on MTV anymore: I never knew there was.



**GOODY**  
The Skipped Diploma:  
Musing of a Social  
Senior

So now that I've excluded myself, let's see if I can convince a few others. First off, let's look at the poster boy of MTV: Ashton Kutcher. I admit that "PUNK'D" has potential. Let's say instead of telling Kelly Osbourne that her producer wants her to do a rap song, why not get Clay Aiken to blow about eight lines

of fake cocaine and then go smash Ruben Studdard's mailbox. Now that would be television.

And while I'm complaining about MTV programming, let's be honest, the last time I had my lesbian friend, an African American from Atlanta, that chick from my Bio class who gets around and drinks too much, my rural good-looking friend in a long-term relationship, and my religious virgin roommate to come over and drink wine coolers in the hot tub of my million dollar home, it went *nothing* like it does on "The Real World." Geez.

And "TRL" for example: Do you think the viewer has a choice as to which bands they play in what order this week? What do you think would happen if everyone's mom called to request Stevie Nick's "Edge of Seventeen?" My guess is that we'd still see Franz Ferdinand at #4 with some song that sounds just like Modest Mouse at #6.

Ok, back to the original subject. What bothers me so much isn't Ashton Kutcher himself - it's the fact that everyone seems to be emulating his clothes. Really though, if you want to go with the "meshy" or "trucker" hat look, why not dress like someone who didn't buy their John Deere hat at the mall? First, put on a stained up undershirt (preferably chewing tobacco and motor oil) and some overalls, then go haul some sticks in the back of your 1987 El Camino with a Marlboro 100 hanging off your lip. Pull that look off, my friend, and you will have fashion dripping out your butt to the extent that you'll have to sleep on your stomach. That guy wouldn't be caught dead wearing a \$15 Sean John wristband, neither should you.

Honestly, Kill Your Idols. (Figuratively, of course; I made it 2 columns without a lawsuit, why not go for 3?) It's hard. I actually got that slogan on an Axel Rose t-shirt. But just because some celebrity is doing it doesn't make it cool. But hey, if you're going to imitate pop-culture stars, three words: Paris Hilton Video.

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## Ital

First I should apologize, as this column will not have the quaint humor as some of my others. I had planned on writing something about my experience at the John Edwards rally, but that will have to wait for another time.

You, dear readers, must allow me to be serious for a few moments. My cat died today. He was put to sleep after an unexpected illness. He would have been seven in January.



**CAM FURMAN**  
It's the Mind

When I say my cat, that is not strictly correct, it was more of a family pet. Indeed, it had originally been my sister's pet in college. She brought it home after one semester, and home is where it stayed.

He loved my mother unconditionally, sitting in her lap, following her around the house, playfully biting her on the arm. His feelings toward me were less affable. He abided me. He wasn't mean; he was just unbothered or unimpressed by my presence.

My contact with him revolved around the fact that he and I hung out a lot in my room. I rarely saw him, as his favorite spot was under my bed. But there were nights when I would call out his name and a small meow would come from under the bed, and that was enough for me. I loved him, and he tolerated me. And that was enough.

Now I'm sitting in my room, and he's not here. If I called out his name, there would be no response, just a dull silence. They say you never fully appreciate

someone until they're gone, and I suppose that's true. I'm not a particularly emotional person, but in this case it's hard not to be.

The last time I saw Ital, he and I had the house to ourselves. It was these times, when there was no one else around that he was most likely to seek out someone's attention. I would sit at my desk, he would sit next to me on the floor, and he would whine until I scratched his head. Then, content, he would flop to the ground and roll around. When he had finished, he would sit up again, and we would start the whole routine over.

And in the mornings, when it was time to be fed, he would jump up onto my chest, and as a polite warning, would pat me in the face with his paw. Then I'd go downstairs, and get his food out, and he would be weaving himself through my legs, purring.

Sure, I knew it was only because I was about to feed him, but I didn't care. This was one of the times when he was my cat - him and me shuffling around the house alone, keeping each other company.

Now I want to do that again, more than anything. I'm sitting at my computer writing this, and I think if I just reach down, I can scratch his head one last time. But I reach down, and there's nothing there.

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## Ready... Maim... FIRE

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As of Monday, Sept. 17, assault weapons can once again be possessed by gun-loving Americans. This marks an end to a 10-year ban that was put into place by former President Bill Clinton.

While many Americans disapprove of the non-renewal of Clinton's assault weapon ban, some revel in it. There are gun-store owners who have a waiting list for incoming assault weapons and "accessories" such as bayonets, ammunition, and grenades. Men and women are clearing spots for their new machinery in their favorite gun closet to show the world the extreme meaning of the second amendment.

Are we ready for this? Are we comfortable knowing that our colleagues and fellow citizens can have the power to wipe out entire office buildings, schools, and other public places with one pull of the trigger?

Assault weapons are guns for dummies when in the hands of civilians. They are not associated with any sport; they are specifically designed to kill people. It does not take a marksman

to hit a target with an AK-47; a simple pull of the trigger will suffice. Any pride that owning a gun can have is taken away when you add an assault weapon. The skills associated with game or mark shooting take years of practice to perfect; all that is needed for using an assault weapon is an available finger.

One argument against renewing the ban was that "assault weapons are a minor part of the [gun crime] problem," said Steve Martin, a writer for the assault weapons ban "sunset" website ([www.awbansunset.com](http://www.awbansunset.com)). The fact is that only 2% of guns seized by police were assault weapons and less than 1% percent of gun charges were against those who used assault weapons. Also, even though gun sales increase by a million purchases every year, the crime rate is at a 10-year low. People use these facts to prove that the guns are not the problem, but the people are who own them.

These statements, while somewhat interesting, do not change my desire to see the ban continue. While the rate of assault weapon crime is low, the crimes committed with them

are heinous to say the least. One of the crimes that initiated the ban was the 1984 shooting at a San Diego county McDonald's in which 21 people were killed.

Five years later 5 people were killed in a schoolyard, and in a 1993 shooting, 8 people were killed and 6 wounded when gunmen entered a San Francisco law firm. That means 34 people were killed and six wounded from only three guns, all of which were assault weapons. Guns with such destructive power as these do not belong on the streets.

Personally, I do not have a problem with gun ownership; it has its place in society. Hunters and markspersons alike take pride in their retrospective fields, in which guns are use as tools of the trade. They would tell you that semi-automatic weapons are not a good choice when shooting a deer or necessary to hit a piece of paper. The purpose of an assault weapon is to do just that - to *assault* other human beings. There is no purpose for machine guns or grenade launchers to be on the streets of America. There are too many people in Iraq dying from them already.



## Baseball preview

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Coach Brian Thomas and Bobby Saeger have begun the fall training season with the Ursinus Baseball team. Last season the Ursinus Baseball team was projected to finish in second place behind a Johns Hopkins team loaded with talent. Early in their season they lost two heartbreakers to Hopkins which proved that Ursinus was a top flight team. The foundation of the Bears was a strong pitching staff and a very strong core of fielders which led them to the playoffs and a third overall finish.

Ursinus will once again have a strong fielding core for the 2005 season. Recently graduated left fielder Eric Shipe is the only fielder not returning. The real question for this season is pitching. Mike Lombardo, Scott Barr, and Ryan Bown, the three starting pitchers last season all graduated leaving the Bears to search for new leaders on the mound.

So who will climb onto the dusty mound and stare down the competition for the bears? "I think that Jimmy Garner will step up this year and needs to step up. He knows that he is an upper classmen with minimal experience, but that he will need to perform to help the team be a success," says junior starting outfielder Matt Platco. "Rob Caruso pitched a lot of big games for us in Florida and during the regular season last year as a freshman and hopefully he will have another solid year."

Senior Captain Ryan Regensburg is impressed with a new member of the team. "Transfer Chris Threadgill didn't get the

time he deserved at Gettysburg and I believe he will be one of our top pitchers for this upcoming season. He has very good velocity and a nice slider. Once he masters his change up, other teams will have a tough time hitting him."

If Threadgill, Garner, and Caruso perform well as starters, then the Bears will be well off. Center fielder Ryan Regensburg has proven to be a strong relief pitcher as well. And third baseman Bret Jenkins could prove to be a strong closer if the starters can't go the distance.

Pitching is not the only question mark for the Bears. Injuries have plagued the team in the off season. Starting Outfielder Matt Platco has a wrist injury and is out of commission for the fall training season. Utility player and sophomore Eric Sulock also has a wrist injury preventing him from joining the team this fall. To add to the pitching problems, junior Dan



Ortiz partially tore his rotator cuff and can no longer pitch, but should be a contributor at first base when he recovers. These players have jokingly been named "the walking wounded" by Coach Brian Thomas. He can joke around about their injuries because they are all projected to be healthy and in shape for the season in the spring.

"Due to the amount of injuries this fall, the freshman class coming out for the team will be able to get plenty of repetitions on the field and hopefully develop into solid contributors come game time," says Junior Dan Ortiz.

Junior Eric Wickersham says, "We have a great coach that has proven himself to be able to make his teams successful and I know he will have us competing for the playoffs again."

## Women's soccer defeats Immaculata

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The Ursinus Women's Soccer Team has started the first half of their season with pizzazz, sporting a 4-3 overall record. The Lady Bears are 0-1 in the conference, but they are out for blood, picking up season as the season unfolds.

Aubrey Andre, grinning, says, "These girls are great to work with and we all have the mentality that this is our season... the new girls really have blended and they are going to be a great asset to our team."

The team came out with a bang against Immaculata College, scoring big and walking away with an 8-1 easy win. Sophomore Katie Zurich went big, netting a hat trick in the first game of the season. Junior Debbie Jensen added two goals and

one assist in the Bears opener. Audrey McKenna also added a goal for the win.

The Lady Bears pulled off a nail biter versus Desales, with Aubrey Andre scoring the game-winning goal in their 1-0 win on Ursinus's home field. Elaine DiFelicianantonio hooked her up with the assist in the 35<sup>th</sup> minutes of the game, who scored her own hat trick against Cabrini earlier in the season. Ashley Potter collected her first collegiate shutout with two saves for the Ursinus Bears.

With five Conference games lined up in the Lady Bears near future, the team shows their excitement for the direction the season is headed. Senior Jen Cohen: "We are meshing together as we take on each game. We have so many key players on the team, and each player contributes their own personality and skill to make us the team unit we are."

## Women's rugby claws way to victory

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Ursinus Women's Rugby started the fall season with an impressive win over Muhlenberg on Sunday, September 26. The Ursinus team dominated right at the beginning of the A-side game, scoring a try within the ten first minutes. UC's defense only allowed a few break away runs from Muhlenberg, but completely dominated their offense.

Throughout the entire game Muhlenberg had to resort to kicking the ball down the field as the only way to get their offense moving. In the end, the Bears' strong running and quick support on offense and aggressive defense completely dominated the game, making a 36-0 victory.

The Ursinus College B-side team was

no different, as they dominated all phases of the B-side game. This time, the team was composed of mostly new players who never even played rugby until this game! The new players looked like seasoned vets. The final score of the B-side game was 50-0 Ursinus.

"Each player of the team showed a lot of talent in every aspect of the game," says co-captain Rachel Margolis. "I'm proud of the returning players and the new girls who picked up the game so quickly. Practice has really paid off; all we have to do now is keep having fun and winning so we can make it to play-offs!" Based on Sunday's performance, it will be hard to find another team that can compete with Ursinus in their division. The Ursinus Women's rugby team still has four games this season, two of which will be home games, so come out and support your Lady Bears!

## UC Sports Recap 9.22 - 9.28

### Men's soccer

Date	Opponent	Result
Wed 9/22	at Eastern	L, 0-3
Sat 9/25	vs. Dickinson	L, 1-4
Wed 9/29	at Haverford	TBD

### Women's soccer

Date	Opponent	Result
Wed 9/22	at Moravian	L, 0-2
Sat 9/25	at Dickinson	W, 3-2 (OT)
Tue 9/28	vs. Washington	PPD/Weather

### Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Result
Sat. 9/25	Belmont Plateau	Men - 6th out of 20 Women - 8th out of 18

### Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Result
9/24-25	at Elizabethtown	L, 1-3
	vs. St. Joseph's	W, 3-0
	vs. Moravian	L, 0-3

### Field hockey

Date	Opponent	Result
Sat. 9/25	vs. Washington	W, 2-0
Wed. 9/29	at F&M	TBD

### Women's rugby

Date	Opponent	Time
Sun 9/26	at Muhlenberg	W, 36-0

## UC Sports Schedule 9.30.2004-10.06.2004

### Men's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat 10/2	Gettysburg	2 p.m.
Tue 10/5	at West Chester	4 p.m.

### Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 10/2	vs. McDaniel	1:00pm

### Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Thu. 9/30	at DeSales	7 p.m.
Sat. 10/2	McDaniel	1:30 p.m.
Tue. 10/5	at Arcadia	7 p.m.

### Women's soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Thu. 9/30	Washington	4:30 p.m.
Sat. 10/2	at Johns Hopkins	12 p.m.
Wed. 10/6	at Swarthmore	5 p.m.

### Field hockey

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 10/2	McDaniel	1 p.m.
Wed. 10/6	Rowan	4 p.m.

### Cross Country

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 10/2	at Belmont Classic	TBA

### Women's Rugby

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. 10/2	LaSalle	11:00 a.m.