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ursinus family day 2004
Inside Scoop: New sports bar opening near campus

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After three years of vacancy the 8000 square-foot former Breezeway Bar in Collegeville Station has been reclaimed and renovated into a new college hotspot - Juno’s Sports Bar and Grill.

Juno and Kathy Choi have been working around the clock since their purchase in June to prepare this ghost bar back into its original glory by Thanksgiving Day. The couple’s goal is to provide “an exceptional dining experience where there is great food, great beer and spirits, and great music.” The Chois want to stress that they wish for Juno’s Sports Bar and Grill to be an entirely different experience than the Trappe Tavern. They felt that they could provide Collegeville with a chance to diversify their drinking and dining experiences.

Juno’s Sports Bar and Grill plans on having specials every night of the week, with consistent specials Monday through Thursday in both food and drink. They hope to attract avid sports fans with their big flat screen televisions located throughout the bar, along with pool tables and arcade games. The couple plans on bringing in consistent live bands for entertainment. They do plan on having a cover charge to help cover bands costs but Ursinus students will always be able to get in free with their Ursinus IDs.

Ursinus students help in the fight against cancer

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On October 3, 2004 Ursinus students, both on campus and the Collegeville Acme ran Alex’s Lemonade Stand, a community and nationwide charity to sponsor children’s cancer research. The volunteers held the lemonade stand behind Zack’s Café during Saturday’s Family Day activities.

Junior Vanessa McGrath planned the event. “I saw the advertisement [for the charity] on a bumper sticker and I went online and read the story and it was really inspiring,” she said.

The charity was founded by eight year old Alex Scott and her family in 2000. Alex passed away last August from neuroblastoma, a highly terminal form of childhood cancer. Cancer is the leading cause of death in adults under 65, according to the organization’s website.

McGrath’s motivation came partly from Leadership, a leadership conference in Illinois that she attended this past summer. McGrath, a Leadership Studies Program scholar attended the conference to improve her leadership skills. The conference focused on “expanding and inspiring the community,” she said, which spurred her to bring the charitable drive to Collegeville.

Between the two locations this weekend and one drive last weekend at a local flea market, the volunteers raised over $1700 for children’s hospitals nationwide. For more information on Alex or the foundation, visit http://www.alexslemonade.com.
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Last time you were at a sporting event did you see a
group of guys with B-E-A-R-S painted on their chests?
Upperclassmen—have you noticed a new set of Greek letters
being worn on shirts around campus?

If so, you've seen members from the colony of Sigma Pi
at Ursinus College. Not yet recognized by the
college and already stirring controversy among Greeks and
greek-college students.

They are most well-known for the
national fraternity to campus.

What are students wearing on shirts around campus?

They are also sporting Sigma Pi letters on their chests,
as a result of the new fraternity chapter formed at the
university.

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Features

The Ursinus political campaign

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With elections approaching next month, it is easy to see that Ursinus is not recognized for being the most politically active school. However, this year, the students and faculty have made a great push toward encouraging political events; various members of the college have combined as a community to get the word out about the upcoming election, from distributing absentee ballots to registering new voters. Despite voter registration being over, however, there are still many opportunities for political involvement awaiting one thing many students have in common is the desire to vote in order to express their voice on paper. Natalie Rokaski, a freshman, was registered to vote and completed an absentee ballot request even before she left home for the fall semester. "It is important that young people get involved in politics. While I am excited to vote, I am apprehensive about the upcoming election. Many voters go to the polls and cast votes, [though] being uninformed about all the issues. I feel that it is a potential problem...." Statistics have shown that those who begin participating in voting at a younger age will continue to do so throughout their lives. This is merely one reason why Ursinus students took the initiative to increase student voter participation.

On September 8, 2004, Ursinus College experienced a large voter registration drive. Every Tuesday, since September 8, a voter registration table had been set up in Wismer by various members of the Ursinus community. Jonathan Yoder, a student at Ursinus, was the driving force behind this activity. He worked in collaboration with Professor Wallace, Professor Kopycinski, Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the Myrin Library to bring voter registration to the campus. This event proved to be extremely successful. While it is too late to register to vote, information on voting can still be acquired, and absentee ballots can still be filed every Tuesday at Wismer, from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Fortunately, in recent weeks, many students have found other ways to become politically involved. Several groups around campus have traveled to various rallies around the state. One group went to the Bush and Cheney rally held in Valley Forge, as well as to the Kerry and Edwards rally in Phoenixville. Ursinus has also been fortunate enough to have speakers give political lectures. Douglas Farah, author of the critically acclaimed Blood from Stones, came to campus to share his book on the African diamond trade with us. In the future, it is expected that Lois Murphy, a local candidate, will come to speak on campus. Various students are also campaigning for her, as well as for her opponent, Jim Gerlach.

On November 2, 2004, the United States will be beginning a new chapter in history. On this deciding day, the people of our country will either have elected President George Bush or Senator John Kerry to the White House. The results of November 2 will be living with all American citizens for the next four years, so it's important and notable to recognize that Ursinus has taken great initiative in this process.

Spotlight on Alpha Sigma Nu

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Alpha Sigma Nu, one of the seven sororities at Ursinus, prides itself on the diversity of personality and background of its 51 members. The sisters abolish that old picture that some of us have of sorority girls all being mirror images of one another.

Junior, Stephanie Sapok, comments, “I don’t think we have a stereotype at all. There’s any sort of major, any sort of person in the group—we’re all very different.” However, the girls’ goals, such as contributing to the community, forming close friendships, and networking during and after college, are common.

Currently, members and officers are busy planning events for the fall and for new-member education programs to take place later this year. They are currently assembling a “Powderpuff” football sorority tournament, a dated that is scheduled for the fall, and a spring formal. Aside from involvement in the organizing of sports, the members of “Sig Nu” also volunteer their time at a local high school, talking to students.

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career

Careers in Human Resource Management

Human Resources (HR) professionals play a key role in management and strategic planning for organizations in both private and public sectors. They play a critical role in the hiring, training, and evaluation of employees, the development of compensation packages and retention programs, and the handling of questions about workforce laws and regulations. HR professionals can work as employees within an organization or as consultants who advise corporations regarding anticipated organizational change.

Educational requirements for a career in HR vary. Undergraduates with a liberal arts background should pursue a balanced curriculum that includes the social sciences, economics, business (e.g., organizational development, management), communications, statistics, and an internship in HR. Effective oral and written communication skills are critical. Training workshops and graduate programs are available to develop specialized knowledge and skills in the field.

For more information on Careers in HR, check out these resources:
- UC CareerNet and SigiPlus (Available on the Career Services Web site)
- Society for Human Resource Management (http://www.shrm.org)
- Greater Valley Forge Human Resource Association (http://www.gvfhra.org)
- American Society for Training & Development (http://www.astd.org)

Join us for a "Careers in HR" workshop on Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 4:30pm, in Olin 108. Our presenter, Darnell Lee (UC ’96), works as an HR professional for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C., and is pursuing his Ph.D. in HR Development. Learn more about the challenges and opportunities in this diverse field.

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From Ursinus to the publishing house: an interview with Dr. Schroeder

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The inspiration that has driven Patricia Schroeder, professor of English, stands out at me from the opposite wall. Robert Johnson, famous bluesman, cigarette dangling dangerously, guitar in hand, eyes wide and slightly challenging, is just one of several signs in the office of Dr. Schroeder’s passion.

Another, a little bass guitar, clings to a filing cabinet labeled “19th c Drama.” A boom box pokes out from behind an open laptop on the desk. Dr. Schroeder enters, grinning, glowing, and ready to discuss her passion.

Schroeder’s new book, Robert Johnson, Mythmaking, and Contemporary American Culture, was published this summer. Despite its name, however, the book is no biography. Rather than delving into Johnson’s short life of 27 years, Schroeder was more interested in his role as a character, and, moreover, as an icon. While working on a blues literature course for Ursinus, Schroeder “noticed that Robert Johnson was popping up as a character in all sorts of strange books.” This spawned her research on his image, rather than his life.

Schroeder’s passion for Johnson and the blues is evident in her voice, her gestures, and her laughter. When asked about writing about a subject that she loves, a smile lights up her face.

“I realized what I really liked doing was listening to blues music... I didn’t want my scholarship to be separate from my life, as it was at the beginning of my career,” she explains.

Thus, the Robert Johnson project was born, and Schroeder earned a Mellon Mid-Career Pivot Grant to support her studies. Even though she was pursuing her passion, Schroeder still faced many obstacles. She speaks candidly of the things she had to overcome. When it comes to the blues, she says, “I certainly am a cultural outsider. I certainly never lived through the experiences that led to these productions.” Furthermore, Schroeder admits that she didn’t start the book for three months because she had problems figuring out exactly who would be reading the book. However, her advice to those wishing to pursue writing about a passion remains optimistic.

Without even a second’s pause, she grins and says, “Do it! It was wonderful fun! I got to learn about so many things.”

There is much more to Dr. Schroeder than just scholarly endeavors, however. How many other professors go on a cruise that “rents out the whole ship and suspends all rules and regulations?” According to Schroeder, the Blues Cruise “is just music, morning, noon, and night. And after the official shows stop, there’s just jam sessions all over. You can walk into one of the night clubs at three o’clock in the morning and run into J. Giles playing with the guy in the room next to you, just jamming.”

This year’s trip was Schroeder’s third on the cruise, and her excitement is infectious. She spent the cruise with ten blues acts that just traversed throughout the ship, playing and listening. “They go to each others’ shows, so you get all the musicians’ best stuff; they’re playing for each other,” states Schroeder.

While the Blues Cruise undoubtedly proved to be the highlight of Schroeder’s spring semester leave, there was something else that made her happy, as well. She sits back in her chair takes a moment to think, and then proclaims, “There’s a real joy in getting up in the morning, putting on a sweat suit, getting a cup of coffee, and sitting down at your computer, not having to be prepared for anybody else. Just [having] the time to think and reflect is miraculous.”

While on leave, she also traveled to Italy, as well, which she just casually mentions after talking about her reflective mornings and the excitement of the Blues Cruise.

A scholar, blues fan, and world traveler, Dr. Schroeder is also making Ursinus proud by not only being a faculty member, but also an alumna. A question about UC past and present makes her quiet for a minute. “Ursinus was profoundly conservative, both in student body and the approach to education... It’s so much better now,” she reflects. Rather than designing classes as a sort of survival of the fittest, new classes and faculty are there to help the students perform at their best.

What lies in the future for Dr. Schroeder? She is director-on-call for the American Studies department this year here at Ursinus, and she is working on further developing the program—which is only two years old. Her research on Blues novels and her own book has led to her interest in the program. She is currently teaching a class entitled Blues Traditions in American Literature. As for scholarly work, Dr. Schroeder is doing a study of the reviews and reception of Martin Scorsese Presents the Blues for an American Studies conference.

Dr. Schroeder has accomplished something great by incorporating her love into her work; and Ursinus congratulates her on her success.
Opinions

Political campaign ads: Too negative or the price we pay for living in a democracy?

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With the presidential election approaching on November 2, Americans have been paying closer attention to the TV, hoping to get additional information about the two candidates. Engaging with the news is necessary for those citizens who need to make their final decision about who to vote for.

However, on many occasions people are exposed to ads that attack the opposing party or its candidate and are controversial. Is this too negative for a political campaign, or is it the price we pay to live democratically? In search of opinions, I approached Ursinus students and this is what they had to say:

“I feel that people will vote for Kerry just so they don’t have to vote for Bush. I think this shows a flaw in democracy,” Jon Sheppard, Republican.

“One party usually displays negative things about his or her opponent to help them win and look better. They are only negative when something about oneself is published by one’s opponent,” Cedria Millian, Democrat.

“It’s a turn off from politics, because it’s negative. When opponents try to prove each other wrong it gets dirty,” Anonymous.

“Generally speaking, the majority of campaign ads are meant to present the opposing political candidate in a negative light. I think this may cause voters to not pay attention to them and consequently voters can overlook important issues,” Kevin Sylvester, Republican.

“It promotes negativity, since it is attacking people’s character. We don’t feel like you should have to rely on damaging the character of opposed,” Angela Tucker and Felicia McNeil.

“It is the price we pay for living in a democracy. If it is proven effective that is what they do,” Daniel Williams, Independent.

“People are attacking Kerry for not being as negative as Bush. It’s sad that people expect Kerry to do the same,” Jessica Soto, Democrat.

“The political ads are an insult to us all. It’s a 30 second sound byte telling us what to think without being given all the facts. I’d much rather research it on my own,” Undecided.

“The negative nature of campaigns, while annoying, is an inevitability of a liberal Democracy which promotes competition within its society,” Omar Almallah, Republican.

“Campaign ads intend to promote a poor image of a candidate. That is fine, but the problem is that the majority of the public takes the ads as absolute truth. Instead of provoking people to learn more about those they vote for, it causes them to judge candidates based on the half truths placed in commercials,” Anonymous, Democrat.

“We can’t trust them,” Kate Re and Mike Silber.

“If it bashes the other candidate, it does not promote democracy,” Katy Morelo and Marlay Sturner, Independent.

With fewer than one month left, students are paying close attention to what is happening with the upcoming elections to make their final decision. Many students are still unsure who to vote for, but do agree that candidates use negativity towards each other’s party. While this technique is used as a campaign tactic, it can also be misleading. Still voters often take them as truth without evaluating all of the facts.

In recent ads, George Bush has depicted Kerry as “absent in 76% of public Senate Intelligence Committee hearings,” wanting to “raise taxes” and delayed in “defending America until the United Nations approved.”

In response, John Kerry has portrayed Bush as making “wrong choices” like spending $200 billion for Iraq,” “raising health care cost,” loosing jobs, and weakening homeland security. Both parties demonstrate that attacking the other candidate through negative ads is here to stay. Therefore, it is important that Americans choose to do their own research, knowing that advertisement can be biased.

Why not the guillotine?

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Last week two more Americans were beheaded in Iraq. 61 other Americans were killed in Iraq in the first 22 days of this month. Donald Rumsfeld recently told the Senate Armed Services Committee that the incidents of violence are steadily increasing and will most likely continue to increase until January, as insurgents are hell-bent on preventing the establishment of a legitimate government, which is naturally supposed to occur this coming January. Incidents of hostage situations, and hostage beheadings, are most noticeably on the rise.

Are these acts humane? The obvious answer is a resounding no. A recent poll shows that the majority of Americans surveyed would not even wish this horrific and chilling style of execution on the terrorists themselves.

Just the brutal means of execution of these innocent men, who were working on Iraqi reconstruction projects, would constitute inhumane. It is so easy to view the Iraqi insurgents as monsters, but what about our own government? Is it humane to do nothing when the wives of hostages are pleading for their husband’s lives? It has always been the policy of the United States and Britain not to negotiate with terrorists, but doesn’t this reflect that the lives of Americans are expendable if they might lead to the defeat of terrorism? The United States takes great pride in being the most powerful country in the world, but how powerful can we be if we cannot stop the kidnappings of our citizens and refuse to prevent their executions? In the case of the men executed last week, the demands made by the Iraqi insurgents were for the release of two Iraqi women held by the United States. The Iraqi ambassador claimed that these high-profile women would be released soon anyways, because there were no charges brought against them. Why would the United States refuse to release women we were planning to release anyway to save two American lives?

Our two fallen Americans have yet another instance of inhumanity to suffer: American apathy. The brother of one of the executed men released a statement in which he iterated that his brother’s story “will be out for a day or two, but the pain is going to be suffered for generations in my family.”

The sickening executions of these two men are inhumane enough. The apathy of the American people and the moral dubiousness of the American government are also, and perhaps even more chillingly, inhumane.

Curbside pickup: A classier alternative to fast food

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Life is busy. You have to wake up in the morning, go to class, go to work, go to club meetings, maintain a social life, do homework, research, pursue free time activities, keep in touch with the family, pay bills, set your alarm so that you wake up the next morning... and then on top of all that, you have to find time to eat.

In some sense, eating is a necessary evil. All Wismer comments aside, one cannot live off of Ramen, Snapple, and EZ Mac; delivery’s a real wallet drainer in an environment where, “I’ll pay you tomorrow,” is akin to a four-letter word. Sometimes, it is necessary to venture beyond the campus walls.

Which is why the role of hunter/gatherer has had to evolve a bit from the good old swinging-through-the-trees days. Instead of highly toned men huddling together with ponytied objects to shout and chase a wooly mammoth off a cliff, highly stressed college students traipse down Main Street to seek out one of the many convenient restaurants that have already done the dirty work for them. (The ponytied objects are, in this case, entirely superfluous.)

Given the importance of speed in all this, it’s no wonder that fast food has become such a staple in America. A little background info from the Guinness Book of World Records website: “US citizens spent $110 billion on fast food in 2000 – that’s more than any other country in the world, and a lot more than the $6 billion spent 30 years ago in 1970. The USA has 300 different types of fast food chains and these account for 40% of all restaurant sales each year.”

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Not anymore, apparently. Restaurants that were once sit-down, cooked-while-you-wait, good only for an evening out, have found a loophole, and all it takes is a phone call and a parking spot. This, of course, refers to the curbside service option that a number of grill and steakhouses have embraced recently, perhaps the most notable being Applebee’s. Call ahead to make your order, drive over, and the food comes right to you, leaving more time for more driving and more phone calls. As the commercials demonstrate, soccer moms can easily make the call over a cell phone, saving even more time that would otherwise be wasted on not eating. Remember, any time spent not eating in a restaurant is probably time spent not doing anything else, either.

There should probably be more concern about the breakdown of civilized dining, but frankly, telemarketers killed that years ago. Sure, it’s a little ridiculous when people are too busy to even go inside a restaurant and order anymore, but if that’s got to be the case, at least there are more options now.

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Wisper worries

I've been slightly annoyed when in Wismer lately. And it actually has nothing to do with Wismer itself for once. No bugs, hairs, food in the food, or the food selection. Although having to stand in long lines for food kind of is a pain (I feel I'm going to spend enough time standing in line for food once I'm homeless in a year), what really bugs me is the students.

If you attend Wismer during peak hours when it's absolutely packed, have a little common courtesy. First of all, if you sit by yourself, for the love of crap, DO NOT sit at a round table by yourself. By sitting by yourself at a round table and eating quietly, you might as well stack the remaining chairs in the tray return area.

Rather than eliminating an entire table and leaving some group of people holding plates of food looking for seats (this oft happens to me, as I'm kind of OCD and have to sit in the same quadrant of the dining hall every meal), why not sit with people from one of your classes, get to know them better... Hell, worst comes to worst you might even make a friend.

So if you are by yourself and don't know anyone already seated, where should you sit? There are always and off the subject, I bet they'd rethink putting junk mail in organizations. While they have no official right to these great outdoors, but they would have relatively private places to sit together. If you choose to sit at one of the long tables, keep in mind that most of them are "claimed" by one of the Greek organizations. While they have no official right to these tables, it's straight up annoying for them to find someone sitting smack dab in the middle of their usual table. Suppose you finish your 9 a.m. class and you're ready to take your first meal of the day, then you return to your room to find six to eight Tau Sig girls casually watching TV on your bed. While I personally would be pretty pumped, some might find it somewhat inconvenient. If you do choose to sit at one of these Greek tables, do them a favor and sit at the end to afford them the proper space to sit together.

I feel that the best solution to all of this would be to install some diner-style counters along one of the windows. People sitting alone would not only have a view of the great outdoors, but they would have relatively private places to sit if they wished not to be bothered by the general populace.

Long story short, don't eat up more space than you have to in Wismer (I think I just had a little play on words there), and freaking take up your dishes so I don't have to put them under the table when I sit down after you. Oh, and off the subject, I bet they'd rethink putting junk mail in your mailbox if you would simply push it back into mail room.

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Pub crawlers extraordinaire

It was always rumored that Dean Martin, the king of boozy coolness, was secretly sober. His son claimed the glass was a prop, filled with apple juice. Martin himself argued that there was no way he could successfully maintain what he did night after night if he really was as sauced as his persona would lead you to believe.

So there's the question. Could an entertainer be successful while still consuming enough alcohol to fill at least two of the world's oceans? They could be if they were the Faces. Who were the Faces, you may ask. The Faces were quite simply the greatest rock and roll band of all time, without question. Less polished than the Stones, less pretentious than the Beatles and a lot more fun than any of them.

The line up was as impressive as any musical organization. On Scottish plaid painted drums was Kenny Jones. On organ and keyboards, and usually with a drink within reach, was Ian McLagan. On guitar, Ronnic Wood, seemingly the nicest and most contagiously fun rock star to be around. Playing the bass was the heart and soul of the band, as well as being one of the greatest song writers to come out of England, Ronnie Lane. And standing at the microphone, posing and preening, was Rod Stewart. Yes, that Rod Stewart. (How many could there be?)

They were not just musicians, but professional drinkers as well. During tours they would travel with a bar, which would be set up behind the drums. The road manager had his own bartender uniform. If the story is to be believed, there was a particularly long drum solo from Kenny Jones one night. The rest of the band went for a drink when it started and went back for a second when it was suppose to end.

Because of this habit, there has been a tendency to describe the Faces as 'loppy.' But they never were. Had they not been better musicians, maybe that would have been the case. However, each of them was more than competent at their jobs. So the music was never sloppy; it was loose and it was fun. And it was very, very good.

The band itself did not last long. Ronnie Lane left first in 1973, put out a few excellent solo albums, and faced a devastating twenty year battle with multiple sclerosis, which he lost in 1997.

Kenny Jones went on to face a monumental task for any drummer, replacing Keith Moon in The Who. Ian McLagan also put out a few solo albums, moved to Texas, and became a respected and sought after session musician, playing with the likes of the Rolling Stones, Bruce Springsteen, and Bob Dylan.

Ronnie Wood left and quickly joined arguably the second greatest rock and roll band, the Rolling Stones, where he remains today.

Rod Stewart remained a member of rock royalty through several solo albums, before settling into a life of respectable if at all respectable, a parody of a rock and roll star, although recent attempts to come back have shown that he can still out-sing any of his fellow front men.

But from 1969 to 1973, there was no greater band around, and thirty years later, that continues to be the case. For more proof, I would advise seeking out the new box set of their material assembled by McLagan himself. Everything is there: the four albums, the outtakes, the rehearsals, and the live performances. It is exceptionally good music, seek it out.

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Passing time with haikus

Today, you get a special treat: a trip into the mind of everyone's favorite amateur satirist: me, Matt Flyntz. Picture the scene: a dark room lit only by my roommate's desk lamp and my very own computer screen. I look around the room. What do I see? My bottle of Advil: the over-drugging of America. No, too depressing. My Beatles poster: the disappearance of integrity in music. No, too pretentious than the Beatles and a lot more fun than any of them. I have my own computer screen. I look around the room. What do I see? My bottle of Advil: the over-drugging of America. No, too depressing. My Beatles poster: the disappearance of integrity in music. No, too... you get the idea.

Do you like haikus? Either way, I do not care. This is a haiku.

I plan on majoring in Politics, if you didn't know. So, let us enjoy some political haikus.

Vote Kerry/Edwards. A Stronger America. Hope is on the way!

I already told you that I don't like optimism that much. Here's a negative one for you party poopers like me.

I hate John Ashcroft. I like the Constitution. They do not mix well.

I'm sorry. Saying John Ashcroft ignores the Constitution, while true, is overdone and clichéd. Oh well. Now, Dan's parting words:

So many haikus!
We got lazy this week, but Next week's is better.

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Sports

Ursinus Cross Country 2004 kicks off

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Coming into the 2004 season both the men’s and women’s teams are again at the bottom of the preseason rankings; men are 9th of 10 and women are 10th of 10. The Ursinus men’s and women’s Cross Country teams kicked off the 2004 season at the 32nd Annual Lebanon Valley Invitational on September 11th. The men competed in the 8000 meter race while the women competed in the 5000 meter race.

Both teams showed promise for the season with the Ursinus men finishing 12th of 26 teams (21 scoring teams) and the women finishing 14th of 23 teams (19 scoring teams). The men were led by Freshman Pat O’Neill’s 31st place finish in a time of 28:28. Sophomore transfer Nick Smart-Coulter wasn’t far behind finishing in 41st place in a time of 30:20. The women were lead by Sophomore Lynne Erickson and Freshman Sara McNally who finished 52nd and 78th with times of 22:55 and 22:51. Rounding out the women were Senior Eden Swick, Sophomore Maureen McCarthy, and Freshmen Christina Cooper and Kathleen Parkman with times of 24:32, 24:52, 25:30, and 38:25 respectively. After a week off due to the cancellation of the Muhlenberg Invitational because of excessive rain, the Ursinus Men’s and Women’s Cross Country teams competed at the Philadelphia Metro Small College Championships held at Belmont Plateau on September 25th. The men competed in the 8000 meter race and the women competed in the 5000 meter race. Both teams showed great improvement at this meet; the men’s team placed 6th of 20 teams (13 scoring teams) and the women placed 8th of 18 teams (15 scoring teams). Sophomore Nick Smart-Coulter and Senior Brandon Zapalac led the way for the men with 35th and 36th place finishes in times of 30:21 and 30:30. Not far behind was Sophomore Jeff Teigler making his season debut in 40th place with a time of 30:50.

Junior Eric Wickersham, Sophomore Larry Barr, Juniors Joe Szymanski and Kevin Metz were next to follow with times of 31:23, 31:27, 31:52, and 32:23 respectively. Rounding out the men were Senior Isa Muqattash, Freshman Mark Robidoux and Senior Azshaikh with times of 34:01, 36:47 and 39:30. The women were lead by Sophomore Lynne Erickson and Freshman Sara McNally’s 14th and 26th place finishes in times of 21:05 and 22:05. The next to finish were Senior Eden Swick, Sophomore Maureen McCarthy, and Freshman Christina Cooper with respective times of 23:51, 24:31, and 25:26.

On October 2nd, the Ursinus Men’s and Women’s Cross Country teams competed in the Belmont Classic held at Belmont Plateau. The men competed in the 8000 meter race while the women competed in the 5000 meter race. The men and women took another step towards success with the men placing 9th of 22 teams (15 scoring teams) and the women placed 8th of 22 teams (17 scoring teams). Once again, the men were lead by Sophomore Nick Smart-Coulter and Senior Brandon Zapalac with 18th and 19th place finishes in times of 29:43 and 29:50. The next to cross the finish line were Juniors Joe Szymanski, Eric Wickersham, Kevin Metz and Sophomores Jeff Teigler and Larry Barr with times of 30:43, 30:46, 31:21 and 31:53, 32:14.

The women were also led once again by Sophomore Lynne Erickson and Freshman Sara McNally with a 6th place and 11th place finish respectively in times of 20:53 and 21:37. The next to cross were Seniors Eden Swick and making her season debut Gina Willett with times of 23:24 and 24:43 respectively.

The Ursinus Men’s and Women’s Cross Country teams will be traveling to Delaware to compete in the Goldey Beacom Classic this coming week. Be sure to check back for results.

Field hockey comes out strong in 2004 season

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As Ursinus students, we have probably all been to one sporting event or another, either to cheer on a friend, or just to show support for our school. What some of us may not know, however, is that our own field hockey team has a record of 9-1 and is ranked third nationally. This is thanks, in part to Crystal McCamey.

Crystal is one of the four seniors, all of whom are captains of the team. She plays right wing, and has been playing field hockey since her days in Lower Cape May Regional High School. Being a Media Studies major with a minor in Education, Crystal does not plan on continuing after she graduates Ursinus. Right now, however, she is just enjoying the time she has left. She practices with the team for 2 and a half hours every day, plays 2-3 games per week, and participates in in-season workouts twice a week. “I couldn’t ask for a better group of girls to play with, and our coach is unbelievable,” Crystal said. She feels that the team is very solid and does not always get the recognition it deserves.

Coach Laura Moliken expressed the same sentiments. The field hockey team is a very young team, consisting of 4 seniors, 1 junior, 5 sophomores, and a freshman. However, for a team consisting of that many underclassmen, being nearly undefeated is a very big deal. According to Coach Moliken, Crystal motivates the players on and off the field and is an all around leader, which makes a huge difference. All the girls work hard, however, and play very well together.

The major strength of the field hockey team, as Coach Moliken pointed out, is in fact the teamwork. Crystal backed up this point of view when she told me that the team’s “mentality isn’t about who they’re playing, it’s about what they’re doing on the field.” The major weakness of the team, on the other hand, is the skill level of the team, which comes naturally from having a young team. They are working on that all the time, however. According to Coach Moliken, the focus of the team, during practice is on skill development, movement concepts, and decision making under pressure.

It is hard to believe that this team has any weaknesses, judging by their record and their performance at the game against McDaniel this past Saturday. Ursinus won with a score of 2-1 in overtime. The first goal, scored in the second period was made by Lindsay Cappa, with the assist by Joyce Koubourous. Joyce Anne then made the second goal in overtime, to bring in the win.

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