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Here’s the plan for campus trees

In 2017, Ursinus College created a master plan to help ensure the school’s growth for future generations. The plan includes aesthetic changes to campus in order to make the place more appealing. The increase in signs and banners on light posts are examples of changes included in the master plan.

A few weeks ago, Ursinus College Student Government held its bi-weekly Senate meeting, at which students expressed concerns about the removal of trees from campus as part of the master plan. Multiple students had heard that healthy trees were going to be cut down as part of the aesthetic changes mentioned in the plan.

“The Grizzly” looked into the issue, checking with Director of Facilities Steve Gehringer and Director of Sustainability Kate Keppen. Gehringer said at this point there are no plans to remove healthy trees from campus.

“We are in no point at all comfortable in taking a tree down to open up a view,” he said.

Hammer time at the Berman

No, this is not an article announcing MC Hammer as the Bear Bash performer for 2020. This past Saturday, Ursinus’s Berman Museum of Art hosted “Music for 150 Carpenters,” a performance piece celebrating the milestone of both Ursinus’s 150th anniversary and the Berman’s 30th anniversary. The band of merry workers was made up of faculty, staff, current students, alumni, parents, community members, as well as actual carpenters.

Douglas Henderson, the artistic mastermind behind the piece, originally found inspiration from his time doing carpentry work with other artists. “Carpentry afforded a flexible form of labor with considerable autonomy, ideal for musicians and artists involved in absorbing projects,” he said. Henderson’s work revolves around the metamorphosis of sound, typically with the use of digital rendering. In this piece he takes a more analog approach, allowing the ringing of hammers on nails to form into what he describes as “clouds” of mixing sounds. The museum praises the piece as a testament to the “physical and intellectual labor that are at the core of every academic and arts institution.”

This exhibition is curated by Dr. Meghan Brodie and Berman Director Charles Stainback, taking many years of planning and hundreds of hours of construction to complete. Walls of the main gallery were layered with four-foot by eight-foot plywood sheets. Seventy-five wooden sawhorses had to be cut and assembled, and 10,000 nails had to be bagged. Tucker Capparell, the current registrar for the Berman, said “a major thing we had to coordinate was the setting of the show stage with audio/video, with the 30th anniversary dinner.” The night before the carpentry performance all of what you see in the main gallery, including all sawhorses, had to be
moved out in place of tables and seats. The day of, all of the sound-making equipment was set back in place for the show later that Saturday evening.

Microphones and two wide angle video cameras suspended from the ceiling capture the piece for future museum-goers to appreciate as a nearly full size projection with 10-channel surround sound. This piece, along with four other exhibitions, will be opened to the public starting November 7th, 2019.

They can go and experience new places and traditions."

There are opportunities in Philadelphia as well, such as Terror Behind the Walls at Eastern State Penitentiary which will be going on until the 9th of November, and Boo at the Zoo which ends on the 27th of October.
Fall-themed events going on in Collegeville

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Halloween is approaching, which means pumpkin patches, haunted hayrides, and costumes. For many students fall is their favorite season because of the chilly temperature, sweater weather, fall break, and pumpkin spice everything. In order to get in the fall mood Ursinus as well as the Collegeville community has plenty of fall festivities to offer.

On October 17th Ursinus UCare welcomed students to decorate pumpkins in Lower Wismer. Students were able to alleviate the stress of midterm exams as well as midterms grading. “It was really great to be able to get rid of stress by painting pumpkins with my friends... it was also a great way to bond with my fellow classmates and meet new people,” first-year student Evelyn Rubino said.

There was also the Appleumpkin Festival located in Adamsville, Pennsylvania which was held on the 19th of October. Though the event was cold, the venue had hot chocolate, apple cider, and a wide variety of other apple products. There were different venues selling their products, such as house decorations and different kinds of fall food. “It really was a family oriented event because of the different activities for people of all ages, they had hayrides for kids in which they were allowed to wear their costumes... it just puts everyone in the fall mood.” Rubino continued.

Here in Collegeville there are also a wide variety of events including the Collegeville Rotary Halloween Parade which is on the 24th of October, Halloween Scream which is on the 26th of October, Spooktacular Halloween Party at DaVinci’s which is also on the 26th of October. Collegeville also had a parade in Trappe.

This past Saturday, October 19, 2019, some of the girls in my hall and I went to the fall fest in Trappe. I loved it a lot and I’m so happy that we heard about this event. Some of my favorite parts were the hayride, the corn maze and the apple cider doughnuts. I really liked the dynamic of the outdoors and the fall feel. All of the pumpkins, gourds and even the farm animals made it feel like home to me.

First year student Mya Knappenberger said, “Here in Collegeville there are not only so many events for college students but there are so many events for the whole community which is so important. For out of state students having a community in which there is a large selection of events is crucial in order to make school not only a positive experience but a fun environment in which...”
Sustainability Fellows boost a green UC

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From facilitating sustainable move-outs at the end of the school year to hosting guest speakers who address environmental issues, the Office of Sustainability aims to make Ursinus a better, greener place to live and learn. Sustainability Fellows play a large role in helping make this happen.

While balancing coursework and other activities, Sustainability Fellows like junior biology major Kylie Cherneskie want to make a difference by promoting sustainable practices on campus. “First and foremost, I act as a leader on campus for sustainability education,” Cherneskie says in describing her overall role as a Waste Diversion Fellow. “My central job is to serve as the main student coordinator of Sustainable Move-out at the end of the spring semester.”

Every year during finals week, the Office of Sustainability sets up dumpsters on the Lawn between BPS and North Hall, encouraging students to donate unwanted items. This past May, the donated items were supplied to Migrant Worker Outreach, Green Drop, and the Trappe Goodwill. “We try to stop unnecessary objects from making their way into landfills,” Cherneskie explained. “I assist in planning the Move-out with the Office of Sustainability, Residence Life, and Facilities. I also organize the running of the Move-out, and finally I commit to working the length of the Move-Out days.”

Another Sustainability Fellow, Melissa Martinez, also enjoyed taking part in May’s Move-Out. “I loved being able to collect as much cardboard and plastic as we could,” Martinez said. “I was actually so surprised by how much we collected. It was nice knowing that we made the best use of it because if we didn’t do that it probably would have been in the regular garbage.”

Martinez is a UC Green Network Fellow. “My main job is to encourage the campus to be more sustainable in ways that will best suit the public,” says Martinez. “I try to make things fun that people actually want to participate in. It is definitely difficult to encourage an entire campus to change their ways like watching food waste, shorter showers, conserving energy, and other related sustainable routines so I really try to focus on smaller things that people can relate to that will impact how they choose to change their regular routines even if it’s a small action.”

“Soon the freshman dorms are going to be competing against each other in a Recycle Week to see which building can recycle the most and the winning dorm gets free pizza and ice cream for their residents,” Martinez explained. “It is mainly to encourage freshman to be more knowledgeable about what can or can’t be recycled and to get in the habit of recycling more throughout their day.”

Being a Sustainability Fellow allows Cherneskie to work on projects and get involved with sustainability issues on campus. “During my freshman and sophomore years here, I noticed that there were some aspects of our campus that needed attention, like our campus energy use, recycling, and our waste management,” Cherneskie said. “I joined because I wanted to help alleviate some of these problems, and to try to help make them as sustainable and least harmful to the environment as they can be. I believe that our campus is constantly making adjustments toward being more sustainable, and I am proud that I can now say that I am a direct part of that.”

“My favorite thing about being a fellow would have to be the people I work with and the small changes I see I can make,” Martinez said. “I love working and discussing dense topics with the other fellows and being able to solve problems with passionate and like-minded people. It makes a huge issue seem much more attainable.”

Being a part of UC Green has allowed Martinez to host fun sustainable events across campus, such as a DIY bird feeding event. “On my way home from the library one night I saw a bunch of DIY bird feeders on the trees and bushes on Main Street and it was just very nice and rewarding to see people actually care enough to be sweet and feed some birdies.”

One recent event that stood out to Cherneskie during Sustainability Week earlier this year was the Parlee Center’s fall speaker series on climate change which featured Trevor Bloom, a staff scientist at the Nature Conservancy. “[Sustainable Food Fellow] Jess Greenburg [’21] worked hard with the Parlee Center to get Trevor Bloom to come to our campus. [Bloom] was able to show his film and teach about biological conservation,” Cherneskie further explained. I found his talk very interesting because he talked specifically about how the changing climate is impacting plants and animals.”

Across campus, Sustainability Fellows are greatly helping to build up Ursinus’s green presence, through hard work and a passion for the advocacy of sustainable living. If you are looking to make a positive impact on campus, keep an eye out for Sustainability-hosted events.
WVOU sets focus on audience accessibility

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WVOU, the college radio station, is undergoing changes that should help the club’s popularity on campus. Junior Sam Mamber, the president of the club, has been working diligently to improve the radio station and make it easier to use.

The accessibility of the station is what Mamber feels has been holding the station back. Currently, if you want to tune in to WVOU from your computer, you have to download a file which is then opened by iTunes or VLC media player. Though this isn’t the most complicated process, it still proves to be a barrier, especially for less tech-savvy listeners.

In mid-October, Mamber purchased new software for the radio station. The HTML player he bought, which is currently still being integrated by tech support, will ideally solve the main issue that has held the radio station back. Instead of there being a file to download, the link will start playing music from the browser instead.

Even with the required download, people have been eager to join the community. Mamber noted that the activities fair proved fruitful for the radio station. “We have more broadcasters this year than last. We have our sights set much higher,” says Mamber.

A majority of the new DJs are freshmen, which Mamber sees as a huge positive. “Lots of first-years who are very eager to contribute. I’m really really happy about that. Feel really good to give them a campus organization they can be a part of. Glad to give leadership roles.”

Word-of-mouth has also increased the size of the club.

Mamber credits the groundwork that the club’s previous president laid out as a strong reason for the club’s revival. “I’m grateful for Haunt Pitcher reviving the studio last year and giving me a good platform and vision of what WVOU should be,” Mamber goes on to elaborate. “I inherited the club in good standing, organization-wise. I’m really happy with how close-knit the DJs are. Really connected to each other.”

Still, apart from the dramatic change in the software, there have been a few other snags that Mamber has had to deal with. At some point over the summer, both the phone and the turntable stopped working. He’s seeking to invest in a new turntable soon, considering the resurgence that vinyl has had in the last decade.

All the changes he’s making to the station are for the sake of accessibility. “I’m trying to make WVOU more accessible and pull it from under the table. Advertising ourselves as a platform for artists that otherwise do not have a voice, would be a really awesome and righteous thing,” says Mamber.

Giving people a voice is something he daydreams about. He lists baritone, b’nat, and jazz ensemble concerts as performances that could easily be broadcast on the radio. Mamber mentions that WVOU does have two rules. Broadcasters need to stick to the schedule that they pick for themselves, and no hate speech. “Giving people a voice is an aspiration I daydream about a lot.”

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Happening on Campus

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“Great British Bake-Off” remakes reality TV’s recipe

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What do you think of when you think reality TV? Do you think of the false bravado of “Survivor,” or the beleaguered underdog story of “American Idol,” or the shock-jock nature of “Big Brother,” the mean-spirited high-money cache of “Shark Tank,” or the prepackaged lifetime movie romance of “The Bachelor?” Whatever show you’re thinking of, it probably isn’t good, or even original.

But just when you think reality TV as a genre has seen it all, along comes a little British show that becomes one of Netflix’s biggest surprise smash hits: “The Great British Bake-Off.”

What makes “The Great British Bake-Off” - or “GBBO,” as fans both casual and hardcore know it - different than the blithering heights of reality TV we know and adore? The answer may come with cream filling.

I kid, but the sweet custardy center of “GBBO” may actually be its secret to success.

None of the characters in this show display the sort of enmity towards each other that you see in most American programs. Even the judges flirtations with insults don’t get any meaner than your standard wry British jest.

The aesthetic of the show, as well, harbors a sense of saccharine sophistication. The picturesque inserts of the baked goods, the classical music, and the cutey colorful designs of the delicious specimens all serve this comfy aesthetic. Compared to the grossness or attempts at pleasant-at-best refinement of other reality shows, “GBBO” separates itself with sheer sincerity.

Although the stakes of “GBBO” can run high, the show never stoops so low as to become base or rude. The contestants and judge alike all seem to sincerely like each other, and the backstories of the people never seem like they’re being used for cheap sympathy points.

In Season 10 Episode 9, the most recent episode of “GBBO,” the show’s spirit of comradery and creativity shine through as brightly as ever. To quote Niki-ta Richardson’s recap on “Vulture,” “Rosie’s attempts [at making choux] keep falling flat and our usually stoic queen starts to crack under the pressure a little. Sandi tells her it’s going to be okay and like a true Brit, Rosie pokes out her stiff upper lip and starts baking from scratch with less than an hour to go.” Seems a far cry from most reality television, doesn’t it?

In summation, no one can be sure just why this show about a ragtag group of British bakers became such a smashing success. But one thing’s for certain - this show will leave a sweet and pungent aftertaste for years to come.

Fit Check

Tucking your sweatpants into your socks: yay or nay?

“If I’m trying to maximize my masculine energy then I’d tuck them in, turn my cap backwards, chug a Natty Lite and hit my juul ... otherwise no.”

- Luke Robles, 2021

“Absolutely not.”

- Liam Worcheck, 2022

“Nay.”

- Hannah Ritter, 2021

“Disgusting. Only a pervert would do that.”

- Jane Walker, 2022
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The Bears are looking to combine their work ethic and family-like bond with their individual and team skills to be successful. McTamney says, “We are a lot more athletic [than last year], and have much more speed throughout our team.” Olshevski noted that the team has the ability to shoot the three-ball as well as finish at the rim. The Bears are looking to use these skill sets to take down Centennial Conference rivals.

As the Bears approach the first game of the season, they are working hard every day to prepare. The team will play in two tournaments to start the season, the first at Lycoming College and the second at Messiah College. After an additional non-league game with Rosemont, the Bears open conference play with an away game at Haverford on Tuesday, November 26th.

Scores as of Monday, September 28

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Besides winning matches, everyone wants to succeed and improve their individual skills. Coach Joe Jamieson constantly says, “We’re a Division 3 team playing with a Division 1 school mentality.” Jamieson added, “I always tell them to wrestle in the moment, don’t focus on the winning or the scores.”

The Ursinus College Wrestling team’s first match is on Saturday November 2, 2019 in Grantham, Pa. for the Messiah Invitational. The team is always excited for the first match. It’s the first time they get to show how hard they’ve worked and prepared. Not only are the wrestlers excited, the fans are also psyched, too. Said Shane McQuaid, “I’m excited for the season because it’s exciting to watch and there’s so much thrill involved. I also just love the school spirit when it comes to wrestling.”
Men’s Basketball shoots for 4th CC playoff in a row

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The Ursinus College men’s basketball team is looking to build on its winning 2018-2019 season, which it finished with a record of 15-11, a third-place finish in conference play, and a loss to Johns Hopkins in the Centennial Conference semifinals by a score of 67-60.

The team is led by head coach Kevin Small, assistant coaches Keith Hack, Jeff Vangorder, and Brian Rafferty, and captains Ryan McTamney, Lucas Olshevski, and Ryan Hughes. Assistant coach Brian Rafferty, a 2018 Ursinus graduate and four-year starter for the Bears, enters his first season as a member of the Bears’ coaching staff.

Each new season brings new opportunities, and the Bears are looking to jump on every possibility that presents itself. Luke Olshevski says that the team is focused on “making sure we walk away a little bit better each day as a team and as individuals.” In the long run, the team is “striving to host a playoff game and win a Centennial championship.” In order to achieve these goals, Ryan Hughes says that “the team brings a lot of energy every day to practice, and we are already really close and are like a family.”

Each captain is looking to lead the team in his own way, and will play a role in the team’s success on and off the court. As McTamney stated, “I will make sure I hold everyone to the standards we discussed as a basketball team. I will hold guys accountable and make sure everyone is doing the right thing.” As a senior, McTamney also noted his level of experience who can lead younger players to be their best.

Wrestling circles first tournament at Messiah

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Snow, holidays, winter break, and wrestling. What better way to celebrate the winter than cheering on the wrestling team? The team began practicing for its season earlier this month with intense workouts and has been training since they arrived at the school.

For many wrestlers on the team, wrestling has been a big part of their lives for a long time. But wrestling for Ursinus is still a transition. “College wrestling is a lot more intense with a faster pace,” first-year wrestler Terry Adams said.

For the first-year wrestlers, coming to campus and making bonds and connections through wrestling makes the experience more meaningful. The wrestling team is like a family. First-year wrestler Shawn Marchesano believes, “Everyone’s always there for each other and we’re always motivating each other.”

He adds, “We’re really a family-first kind of a team; everyone wants to see each other succeed.” This is a common feeling on the team. The wrestlers know that they can count on one another and motivate each other to do better on and off the mat.

With hard work and dedication, the team plans to achieve great things as well as make improvements from last season. “Last season-