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This past weekend, Ursinus College Theater presented “9 to 5: The Musical” in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center.

The musical is an adaptation from the book written by Patricia Resnick. It's set in 1979, and follows employees Violet, played by senior Claire Hughes, Doralee, played by first-year Zara Tabackin, and Judy, played by junior Julia Herrero, who've had enough of sexist behavior from their boss. It celebrates female stories in workplace equality.

The musical was directed by Assistant Professor of Theater Meghan Brodie and choreographed by Professor of Dance Karen Clemente.

The cast worked extremely hard to put the show together.

Junior Myla Haan played Margaret, the office drunk in the musical. She discussed the demanding rehearsal schedule consisting of rehearsals every weekday for five and half hours over the course of one month.

“To prepare, I started off by memorizing all my lines and learning the songs in the show. Then, up until the per-

Musical “9 to 5” sells out Lenfest Theater

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Earlier this month, Ursinus College said goodbye to a member of its community, Carol Williams, who lost a long, difficult battle with cancer.

The former assistant to the registrar was only sixty.

Her main responsibility in the registrar's office was to audit records of all students at Ursinus, as well as create the Commencement list, order diplomas, post grades and update the status of Students. On top of this, she also assisted the Registrar in correspondence with faculty and students and supervised the student assistants and generally helped with the everyday operations of the office.

She had been a member of the Ursinus community since her arrival at Myrin Library in 1991 and eventually got her full time position in 1993.

According to her obituary on Legacy.com, Williams was born August 26th, 1959, in Norristown, to Kathryn E. (Hollingsworth) and the late John Wesley Canavan.

She was well regarded by her co-workers and peers, Barbara Boris, Christine Mariani, and Michelle O’Leary who all work at the Registrar's office.

Throughout her time in the office she developed a close relationship with Boris.

Boris reflected on the friendship she shared with Williams.

“I not only worked with Carol, but she also became my best friend. I frequently vacationed with Carol and her husband. I will always remember sitting on the beach soaking up the rays, enjoying the sound of the surf and people-watching,” she said.

Williams was no stranger to work. She always made sure the job got done: her own as well as her peers’, bringing humor and an all-around pleasant aura to the Registrar’s Office.

UC mourns the loss of Carol Williams

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“Carol was always very organized and stayed on top of things. She had her deadlines and processes to work on, but always checked to see if there was something else that needed to be done first, or if any of us needed help with anything. She always tried to help with other duties if someone was out so they would not be overwhelmed when they returned to work. Carol never
an overwhelming experience for the cast.

"Positive crowds completely affect the actor's approach to performance. For me at least, if I know the audience is reacting positively to what I'm doing, I have more confidence for other scenes and I'll just punch lines and actions a little harder. If an audience isn't reacting with as much enthusiasm as I would expect, that also really pushes me to bring more energy to my performance. In that case, I kind of see those types of audiences as a challenge; I'm thinking to myself, 'How can I approach this next scene in a way where I will get the audience excited?'" said Myla Haan.

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slacked off. She was devoted to Ursinus and here to do her job, but she could also always make us laugh."

Mariani, responsible for processing transfer credit evaluations from colleges and updating students' transcripts with AP credits, began working at the office just last year. She reflected on how Williams guided her into the new work environment.

"I only started here at the Ursinus College Registrar's Office in April. Carol helped me immensely with the names of professors and students. She was excellent with procedure and policy and easily answered my questions when I needed help."

One remark shared in common between her peers was that she could recall anyone solely based on their description.

Mariani stated, "She knew everyone, I could describe a person and she'd know exactly who I needed to contact/who they were, what year etc."

O'Leary, responsible for processing all transcript requests, echoed this. "[She] would surprise a lot of [people], because she remembered their name." Boris said, "As soon as I described someone to her or pointed them out she could tell me their name and usually their major too."

Her generosity and care for the students went just beyond names, however.

"She loved working with the students and faculty. Finding ways to help them out," shared Boris.

"She liked to follow the sports teams and comment to athletes that came in about the games played over the weekend," recalled O'Leary.

When two alumni lost their homes in a fire, she sent a campus-wide email asking the Ursinus family for donations for replacement clothes and more.

"She loved working with the students and faculty. Finding ways to help them out." - Barbara Boris
Registrar's Office

O'Leary continued, "As they have lost everything even the smallest things you may think insignificant would be greatly appreciated. The brothers are very appreciative of our generosity and it is my hope we can deliver for them."

It became very obvious after hearing all this that Williams truly cared not only about her job, her friends, but also the

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Calling for nominations for faculty awards

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Ursinus College is calling for its students to nominate faculty members for two prestigious awards that highlight their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the community, to be announced during this year's Commencement.

One of the two awards that will be presented is the Jones Award, given to a faculty member who has worked in an advising capacity, particularly major/minor advising. It is also intended to honor someone who has presented themselves as a mentor, offering guidance, support, and advice in the Ursinus community.

Mentorship can be delivered in a variety of ways such as but not limited to laboratory or field research, Summer Fellows research, internships/externships, and more.

The second award is the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award (last year called the Laughlin award). This award recognizes a full-time faculty member for their mastery and quality as an educator.

Last year, the school presented Associate Professor of English, Rebecca Jaroff, with the Jones Award, and Associate Professor of Business and Economics Cindy Harris, with the Laughlin Teaching Award.

Jaroff reflected on being awarded for her teaching excellence. She mentioned how much of it has to do with how she presents herself to her students, highlighting how comfortable they are talking to her about anything.

“They respect my experience as a professor, but also as a person, and know that I will listen without judging. Most of the time, just being able to listen is the most important part of advising,” she said.

She continued, “I try not to let my ideas or opinions influence the student and I try to meet them where they are, rather than pushing them in a particular direction. Being available is the key. Students do not want to feel like they are intruding, so keeping an open door and a warm welcome ready is key.”

Jaroff explained how much the award meant to her beyond just the title.

“The award means so much more to faculty when they know it comes from students. We know that it is sincere and that students care enough to take the time to write about us,” she said.

Students are encouraged to nominate faculty members who best reflect these descriptions by using the link sent by the Dean’s Office, titled Faculty Commencement Award Nominations.

A committee comprised of previous winners will review the nominations and recommend a list to be sent to the President, who under terms established for the award, will make the selection.

Individual nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 20, 2020.

Talk on the role of women in campaign funding

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Last week the department of Politics, International Relations, and Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies, invited Dr. Jamil Scott to present on the role of women campaign funding groups in state politics, with a focus on black women.

Dr. Scott is an Assistant professor in the Department of Government at Georgetown University. Her research covers topics including political behavior, political representation, race, and ethnicity.

The talk highlighted the electoral success that Black women had in 2018. It started with a reflection on the “Pink Wave” that was forecasted after the 2016 election of Donald Trump.

Dr. Scott notes that more women and men were running, but there was a record number of black women who ran for office and won.

The talk had a nice flow, from the introduction of the “Pink Wave” to issues such as the electability of black women. Dr. Scott touched on electability as one of the reasons why black women may be hesitant to run. Electability is something that voters care a lot about, people want to vote for someone they believe can win. Once women decide to run for office, they are just as likely to be elected as men are, Dr. Scott said. The main problem is making sure that black women have the funding to have an equal chance.

The subject of funding transitioned the audience to the core of her research, which was composed of two questions: “Where do black women find support to fund their campaigns, and how do women-focused campaign funding groups matter for black women’s ability to run and win?”

Scott called attention to Political Action Committees (PACs) and how they can be helpful to black women running for office. PACs such as Emily’s List, Lillian’s List, and so on have helped women run for office. The PACs not only fund women candidates but also train them on how to run for office.

Maggie Frymoyer, class of 2021, when asked what surprised her the most about the talk, said that “the idea of PACs and politics, in general, are usually seen as a negative thing, but this talk was refreshing, it highlighted the positives.”
Weekly lunches encourage conversation

Mark Schneider, UC's Vice President for Academic Affairs, came up with the idea for Conversations About and Across Difference a little over two years ago. Since then, Conversations About and Across Difference have become a routine space for those on campus to gather and talk. Every Tuesday during these weekly conversations, faculty, staff, and students meet over lunch in Upper Wismer to have open dialogue in small groups, focusing on a question. The questions can range in topic, touching on religion, race, class, and gender, among other differences.

In Schneider's speech at a Martin Luther King Week event of 2018, he elaborated that the Conversations About and Across Difference meetings "are not sufficient by themselves to change Ursinus, but they are part of a toolkit that will help us formulate our own thoughts about the four questions, especially 'How should we live together.'" He believes that over time these discussions will build our community through connections, resilience, greater trust, and friendship. These conversations are continuing throughout Spring 2020, some of them focusing on specific topics such as religious clothing and symbols, new CIE books, and what it means to feel like a trespasser.

Dean Kelly Sorensen, Photograph Courtesy of Ursinus College

Sorensen brings up an important point, saying, "I think sometimes there's more diversity on this campus than people realize .... And some of those differences are harder to see than differences in race and ethnicity." Sorensen exclaims, "This is what amazes me, people might talk about losing a parent when they were younger or talk about having cancer at a time in their life in a way they wouldn't in a committee meeting or a faculty meeting or in a classroom because the mood around the table is let's try hard to bring our honest experience to bear on this question we're talking about." Sorensen admits that we have textbooks and class to learn from but, "we've also got flesh and blood human beings to learn from."

One of the things that freshman Serena Rose Gaskin, a Sciences major and frequent participant at Conversations About and Across Difference, enjoys about the discussions is their focus on students. "I have learned through these conversations that Ursinus does indeed care about what their students have to think and say," Gaskin explained. "To the students who have an opinion and enjoy sharing it, these conversations are for them," said Gaskin. "Any idea is accepted and heard, and we all, faculty and students, could use an opportunity to learn something new."

The meeting on Mar. 17 will focus on the question: "Growing up, what did people around you say about women's roles?" For the meeting, there is a short optional reading of selections from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's "Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto." The last meeting for the semester will be on May 4, and will be an open topic.
Everything to know about UC UNICEF

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On Tuesday Feb. 25, UC UNICEF kicked off its first meeting complete with Dunkin’, a game of Kahoot, and an introduction to the executive board. The group will have bi-weekly meetings every Tuesday, during which members will discuss how they plan to get involved on campus and make a difference in people’s lives.

Junior Alix Segil, the President of UC UNICEF, is a Neuroscience major, also taking part in Scholars in Service. The Vice President is Junior Erin Mathews, a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major also partaking in Scholars in Service. Other members of the UC UNICEF Exec. Board include Secretary Christa Jacob (‘22), Social Media Manager Andy Pham (‘21), and Treasurer Leah Sulyok (‘21).

Segil began the introductory meeting by asking the question: What is UNICEF? Like some of the others at the meeting, Segil stated that her first experience with Unicef was Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Segil went on to explain that, “UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children’s rights.”

While the first meeting for UNICEF focused on introductions, Segil explained that at future meetings, “We want to discuss in depth about how we at Ursinus can help children around the world.” Segil also emphasized that Ursinus is associated with the UNICEF organization, which means that the school is registered to come up with charity and money to help donate.

Despite this being the first meeting, UC UNICEF is already preparing to engage with the community, learn more about Unicef, and make a difference. During the meeting, Segil and Mathews also discussed the UNICEF Summit conference in Maryland UC Unicef would be attending from Mar. 21-22. Segil explained that at the conference, participants will be able to “meet with world leaders who run the UNICEF organization,” network about community engagement,

Photograph Courtesy of UNICEF

“We want to discuss in depth about how we at Ursinus can help children around the world.”

- Alix Segil, President of UC UNICEF

If you are interested in becoming more involved on campus, UC UNICEF offers a great chance to engage with the community. The next meeting is Mar. 17 at 7 PM in Bomberger 202. The theme of the meeting will center around current events that involve children, young adults, or the less fortunate. Scholars and Bonners can also count the upcoming meetings for hours.

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lacrrosse history? The stats speak for themselves.

McClure and Atil-lasoy have been quite the dynamic duo this season so far. They have scored a combined 28 goals and 20 assists. That is good for more half the team's total goals (53) and assists (34). McClure

hopes together they can lead the Bears' offensive attack to another Centennial Conference championship. “We’re getting more production from more guys,” McClure says, “I think we’re more well-rounded.”

This win against Mary Washington boosted their national ranking from #12 to #9 in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). This made them the highest ranked team in the Centennial Conference with Gettysburg at #12, Dickinson at #15, and Franklin & Marshall at #19.

The Ursinus College men's lacrosse team looks forward to their next matchup at Montclair State University on Wednesday, March 4th.

Following this game, the Bears have matchups against Illinois Wesleyan and Stockton before they start their conference schedule. They open their Centennial Conference schedule in a championship rematch against rival Gettysburg College. Make sure you get to some Bears lacrosse games this season as they look for another deep playoff run!
Bobby McClure, Photograph Courtesy of David Morgan

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Bobby McClure is coming off an incredible junior season in which he made history more than once for the Ursinus College Bears and the Centennial Conference. Most recently he was named a Preseason All-American by D3baseball.com. Following last season, D3baseball.com labeled him First-Team All-American while ABCA/Rawlings had him as Second-Team All-American. He is the first Bear to earn these honors, as well as being the Centennial Conference Player of the Year. Mumme's countless records and achievements are extremely impressive, but the outfielder remains humble and hungry for more. "I owe all of my success to the coaching staff, my teammates and the four other seniors that have made this trip with me. I hope to help this team do whatever it takes to win a championship this year."

Dom Fiorentino has been a big part of the team's success in recent years as well, with a batting average of .353 last year and a team-high of 10 triples. This total was a program record which had previously been set by Mike Gizzi in 2003 with 7. Fiorentino believes this is the Bears' year. "As long as we're consistent with our play on both sides of the ball, I feel we have a real shot to win the Centennial Conference and make a run into the NCAA tournament."

Jon Moldoff is coming off an impressive freshman season, which culminated in the honor of receiving rookie of the year. The first baseman thrived in RBIs with 44 (third in the conference) and had a strong batting average of .343 with one homerun. Moldoff looks to continue to shine for the Bears this season as they hope for a playoff run.

Among pitchers, the team returns innings leader Nick Defeo, along with junior Nolan Graber who received Rookie of the Year honors in 2018. The pitching staff as a whole has some work to do after finishing last in earned runs average and last in strikeouts in the conference. However, Graber knows that the staff has the potential to improve and mentions, "We have been grinding in the weight room and it has been showing on the field in practice." Graber trusts, "We as a pitching staff need to command the zone and pitch to our full potential."

The Ursinus College baseball team returns to play on Monday, March 2nd against Rutgers-Camden at Thomas Field. The Bears play at home 15 times this season and celebrate their seniors on Saturday, April 18th.
Men’s Lax can count on Bobby McClure scoring goals

When you hear somebody being called a “GOAT,” you usually think of Lebron James or Tom Brady. How about Bobby McClure?

McClure may have become the best scorer Ursinus College lacrosse has ever seen after the Bears 15-10 win over Mary Washington.

This past Saturday, the #12 ranked Bears faced Mary Washington in a Centennial Conference vs. Capital Athletic Conference matchup. The Ursinus men’s lacrosse team was geared up for their second battle of the season behind captains Nolan Sachs, Evan Scott and Hakan Atillasoy. The Bears were able to prove their worth in capping their weekend off with a win.

Mary Washington broke open the game only nine seconds in by scoring a goal right off the face off. Following the quick start, the Bears fired right back with a goal from Alex Dean followed by two more by Aaron Grill and Atillasoy. Mary Washington answered back to make it a 3-2 game before Ursinus scored 6 unanswered goals. The game was a close one going into the locker room at 8-5.

Following halftime, Ursinus would not be denied. They finished the rest of the game keeping their distance on the scoresheet. The Bears would not cede a three-goal lead after going up 9-6 with 11:27 left in the third quarter. Senior defenseman Noah Frantz believed sticking to the game plan was key, “We worked as a total unit and were able to really win the one on one matchups. We just played really solid fun-

Upcoming Games

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