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Campus and local community begin relief efforts

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Although Hurricane Katrina has now dissipated and is no longer affecting the weather, the aftermath and devastation it has left in its wake are still a pressing matter to all of us, even those of us who have only been slightly paying attention to the news in the past few weeks.

Each day, rescuers find more people amongst the rubble that was once the cities of New Orleans and Biloxi, and each day the damages and the death toll continue to rise. Relief organizations continue to try to feed, clothe, and shelter the refugees, but as more and more people are finally evacuated from Louisiana and Mississippi, they will continue to need more and more money, supplies, and volunteers.

It may seem too far away for Ursinus students to really be able to do anything, but there are many ways to help right here on campus and in the area. Our local township, Lower Providence, is currently gathering food and supplies for refugees as part of their Operation Good Neighbor. Items they have asked for include non-perishable food, bottled water, toiletries, clothing, shoes, and bedding.

However, the township manager, Joseph Dunbar, stresses that what they really need is food and water. Many citizens have been bringing in old clothing they no longer want, and not as many edibles have come in. If you wish to give clothing, the members of Operation Good Neighbor request that you bring a new pack of underwear or socks. They will also accept monetary donations with which they will purchase whatever items they are lacking after donations. Beyond just needing donations, the township also needs volunteers to help sort and pack up materials. They still need boxes to pack up all they have collected, so those empty boxes leftover from move-in day could finally come in handy.

A volunteer said that almost two trailers worth of goods have been collected, and that they are currently making a connection with some relief workers in the New Orleans area. The township hopes to have some volunteers drive everything down on September 17, but if they continue to get donations past that date, then they will make a second delivery. If you want more information about helping out with Operation Good Neighbor, go to <www.lowerprovidence.org> and click the scrolling link at the top, or call the township building at 610-539-8020.

Here on campus, there are many new fundraisers popping up from different clubs and organizations. The most interesting part is that the many separate fundraisers are going to be coordinated under one large effort by the Volunteer and Community Services Office. All of the money raised by each group will be pooled into one large donation from Ursinus to the Red Cross, and our donation will be matched by a division of General Electric. This will allow us as a student body to help out far more than we would have been

able to by simply running separate drives.

Some of the projects being planned for hurricane aid include a clothing drive by the brothers of Delta Pi Sigma, a Tau Sigma Gamma-sponsored raffle for tickets to Six Flags to raise money, and a collaborative effort by all of the Greek organizations to accept donations for hurricane relief at any parties held this semester. Also, Hobson, the community service house, is collecting money, and the USGA is planning on possibly holding a midnight pancake breakfast to raise funds. The UC Democrats are currently in the planning stages of holding a fundraiser later this month, and the class of 2008 is planning on having a sale in Wismer, with all profits going into the school's combined Katrina fund.

Also, there are currently two students from Tulane who will be studying here at Ursinus due to the chaos in New Orleans, with two more students on the way next week. One of the families brought little with them, as they helped others to move out of the area, and are now in need of clothing. The family is asking for women's size 6 clothing, medium tops, and 6 and 1/2 M shoes; women's size 8 clothing, small tops, and size 7 M or W shoes; and men's XL shirts, 40 x 42 pants, and 10 1/2 E or EE shoes. Any clothing you wish to give should be dropped off at the Volunteer and Community Services office (located in the SAO office in Wismer Lower Lounge).

Also, Dr. Sconzert from the Education department is looking for any students interested in computing to help work on setting up a database for bringing donations of books and school supplies to young refugees as they become settled in the coming months. Anyone interested should contact her at <ksconzert@ursinus.edu>.

In the coming weeks, look forward to many more opportunities to help out the victims of Hurricane Katrina here on campus as more clubs join the concerted Ursinus effort.

Comment 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 withheld, 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. Rebecca Evans, Politics

Dr. Roger Florka, Philosophy and Religion

Dr. Matthew Mizenko, Modern Languages

Dr. Lewis Riley, Physics

Dr. Richard Wallace, Environmental Studies

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, 2005.

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Have you decided that grad school is in your future? If so, you may have many questions including how do I...

- research programs?
- make my application stand out?
- gain admission to competitive graduate programs?

Check out the grad school resources in the Career Services Office. Peterson's guide to graduate programs, other specialized directories and websites such as www.gradschools.com can help you narrow your search. As you consider the schools offering programs that interest you, develop criteria to help guide your decision making. Include considerations such as location, faculty research interests, reputation of the school, program & faculty, funding/financial assistance, and time required to complete the degree.

Don't forget to seek advice from your faculty. Their knowledge of the field and of your interests will allow them to make helpful suggestions.

The complete grad school application will typically include an application form, an official college transcript, graduate entrance exam scores (e.g., GRE), letters of recommendation, a personal statement, an application fee, and sometimes a personal interview. For information on these steps and a suggested timetable for application activity, schedule an appointment with a career counselor in Career Services.

Plan on attending our upcoming program "Getting into Grad School" presented by nationally known author and speaker Don Asher on Thursday, **October 6th at 7:30** in Pfahler Auditorium. Asher will pump you up with graduate school admission strategies and terrific tips based on his popular book, *Graduate Admissions Essays: Write your way into the Graduate School of Your Choice*.

Save the date for the largest **grad school fair** in the region on **November 4th** at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia. Career Services will provide transportation.

Lastly, sign up to take a **practice GRE, GMAT, LSAT, or MCAT** during the **October 1st** Fall Kaplan test drive. Call Career Services to reserve a spot.

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Students share study abroad experiences

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According to students who have taken part in it, studying abroad is one of the most rewarding opportunities Ursinus offers. Every year, a large group of students seize the opportunity to be immersed in a foreign culture and spend a year, a semester, or summer break learning about the rest of the world and themselves, and come back with plenty of stories to tell.

"Studying abroad was the best experience I have had so far in my life!" senior Jenn McCann enthusiastically stated when asked about the fall 2005 semester that she spent in Italy with the Ursinus in Florence program. "It truly changes you as a person, and makes you see the world with a completely different perspective."

"I was hit by a bicycle and broke my foot, and I still say it was a good experience. What other testimony can I give?" adds senior Sara Biondi, who spent the year attending International Christian University near Tokyo, Japan.

Through their study abroad programs, the students got the opportunity to try things that they simply wouldn't get to do at Ursinus. Kristina Tamny, a senior who spent last spring with the Ursinus in Senegal program and then interned at the U.S. Embassy of Benin (both in Africa) the following summer, recounted some of her experiences: "I bicycled across the Gambia and petted crocodiles and monkeys. I went to a religious festival and had to be veiled and in full traditional clothing. I ate sheep balls at a goat sacrifice."

Kerri Landis, a junior who participated in the fall 2005 Ursinus in London program, recounts watching a performance of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* in the original Globe theater and kissing the famous Blarney stone in Ireland. McCann got to see Michelangelo's *David* statue in person, and Nick Dobkowski, a senior who spent a semester in Scotland with the Butler program, ate haggis, went to Scottish pubs, and visited Paris, Rome, Florence, and London during his stay.

It was not always easy for them, however. "Studying abroad does involve a lot of sitting down and telling yourself not to panic," says Biondi. "You can't just approach things [in Japan] in the same way you do in America—whether it's getting a cell phone, or finding things on a street, or apologizing."

In Africa, "lots of time there was no electricity or water. I washed my clothes by hand, [and] there were no toilets or toilet paper," says Tamny.

Even though Landis visited an English-speaking country, she believes that "the language barrier seems to be a huge problem," and McCann had trouble adjusting to the Italian custom of eating supper at 8:00 p.m.

However, the difficulties they faced led the students to self-discovery. "I learned that I can adapt well to just about every situation [and] that I am more patient and laid back than most people," says Tamny.



Ursinus students pose in front of the ruins of a Roman forum (photo submitted by Jenn McCann, right)

"I learned that I can survive on my own. I feel that I gained a great deal of independence while abroad, as well as faith in myself," adds McCann.

All of these students had advice for those who may be considering studying abroad. "Oh my gosh, do it!"—gushes Dobkowski—"There's a very good chance it will be some of the best months of your college career."

McCann echoes, "Studying abroad was the best experience I have had so far in my life! It truly changes you as a person, and makes you see the world with a completely different perspective."

Once you reach your destination, "don't hang out with other Americans," advises Tamny.

"Don't be scared about fitting in there, or finding your place because there'll be one for you. Do be worried about whether your credit card is going to work overseas," says Biondi.

Landis adds, "make sure you pack lightly, because you'll buy tons of stuff there that just won't fit in your suitcase if you take 15 pairs of shoes."

"Don't let school work get in the way of your experience," offers Dobkowski, and "make sure you get to

know a lot of other people, preferably natives. They'll not only become friends for life, but make the places you go even cooler."

If you are interested in studying abroad, it is never too soon to start researching the possibilities. The first step you should take is to "talk to your academic advisors about how to integrate study abroad into your academic plan," according to Study Abroad Coordinator, Dr. Melissa Hardin.

Then visit the study abroad department's website, which is currently being updated with the latest information, to find details on policies and procedures. The website can be accessed by visiting the Ursinus website, clicking on "Current Students," selecting the blue Academic Programs tab, and then clicking on the "Study Abroad" link. If you still have questions on eligibility or procedures after reading the website, you can contact Dr. Hardin.

You can also attend the upcoming study abroad general information meeting, "The Scoop on Study Abroad at Ursinus," which will take place September 28 from 12:00 to 1:30 in Wismer Lower Lounge. General policies and procedures will be reviewed at this meeting, a Q & A session will take place, and the faculty directors of the upcoming Ursinus in Madrid (Dr. Cindy Biel), Ursinus in Florence (Dr. Jay Miller and Dr. Patricia Schroeder), and Ursinus in London (Dr. Jay Miller) programs will speak.

So, if you are interested in an exciting and eye-opening experience, and are adventurous enough to try studying abroad, why not review the information and go for it? Wherever you go, it will undoubtedly be an experience you will never forget.

The deal with the meal deal

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This semester Zack's has scrapped the Meal Deal, increased your cash equivalency, doubled your Zack's Bonus Power and created five diverse food stations.

Instead of the Meal Deal option formerly offered, a Meal Credit (cash equivalency) of \$4.25 is available. Students can choose any items in Zack's and receive a credit of \$4.25 on their purchase for both lunch and dinner. The meal plans include Dining Dollars, formerly called Bonus, to offset any extra spending at meals. Dining Dollars can also be used in between and after meals to purchase items at Zack's or Jazzman's. Since some prices have increased in Zack's, Dining Dollars (formerly called Bonus) have doubled for most meal plans since last year. If you had 19 meals and \$25 Dining Dollars, you now have \$50. The 14 meals a week meal plan provides \$100 Dining Dollars, and so on.

Changes specifically to the cuisine in Zack's are easier to see. Pete's Arena now features a selection of hot sandwiches in addition to personal pizzas. Subversions, in response to last year's requests, has introduced larger sub sizes. Grill 155 has been tailored to a "branded concept," said Ron Wood, General Manager of Ursinus College Dining Services. The grill menu is modeled after Burger King and provides a bigger selection of grilled food. Wood also states that the Greenfield station has been created to tender "upscale sandwiches and salads." Finally, the refrigeration area has been expanded to offer more availability and variety of Grab'n'Go items.

Ron Wood is hoping to improve students' dining experiences while at Ursinus. "I questioned the idea of the Meal Deal myself," he says. His purpose in abandoning the Meal Deal option was to reduce the limits on choices students have when eating in Zack's.

Through the new system, he and the managerial staff hope to increase portion size and quality of food and enable students to see more value for their money.

"Overall, the food in Zack's is much better," confirms Matt Meeker, a senior at Ursinus. However, he is concerned about the new prices. Matt admits the Meal Deal did make it easier to get a full meal and manage your Bonus, whereas now some sandwiches and grill items alone cost more than the cash equivalency. He eats lunch from Zack's Monday through Friday and is concerned that his Dining Dollars will run out. He states, "I used to end the semester with over \$50 Bonus. Now I've already spent \$20 in less than two weeks."

Ron Wood addressed this concern, explaining, "Students should be aware that Dining Dollars are part of their meal plan, and Dining Services expects students to have to spend them, which is why the amount has been increased for each level of meal plan." The Flex Dollars have been created to enable students to add money to an account to be used in Zack's, to add on to meals, and at Jazzman's.

Dining Services attempts to place itself in students' shoes, and focuses on students as consumers. Wood welcomes comments and suggestions, adding that Dining Services now has a detailed website and an informational brochure around campus. He believes he has made significant improvements and urges students to realize it is only the second week of school. The adjustments will take some getting used to, but, "It's not perfect. Let everyone get used to it and we'll change it from there," Wood said.

One of Ursinus' own performs professionally

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The annual Live Arts Festival in Philadelphia is well underway, featuring sixteen days of performances taking place throughout the city, beginning Labor Day weekend.



This year, the festival has particular significance, because Ramon Clark, a dance major here at Ursinus College, is dancing in a professional performance. Clark, currently a junior, became involved with a professional dance company called the Bald Mermaids last year. When the group called him over the summer asking him to work with them again this year, Clark gladly agreed.

"It's not really a set type [of

dance] like jazz or hip-hop or anything," says Clark. According to Clark, the piece is a mixture of dances and improvisations, featuring dances on swings, hanging from ropes.

Preparing for this interesting piece was no easy task. While the dance company spent two months preparing for the show, Clark, who was living at home, in Baltimore, for the summer, had only two and a half weeks to prepare, forced to "hit the ground running" upon his arrival back at Ursinus. "It was definitely not easy for me," he said. "I got lucky with the 1st half week because school hadn't started yet. I could come home and review certain movements."

With the beginning of classes and the addition of homework to his dance routine, Ramon was forced to rise to the occasion, which he has done admirably.

"I think [the show] has been going great," he said. "We have had all sold out crowds except for two shows." Except for the rare mishaps, like in the second show, when his "pants split down the inseam," the nine performances, the last of which was September 12, Clark has been satisfied.

Having a relatively short dancing career, Clark only began dancing as a junior in high school, when a number of his friends mentioned to their dance instructors that he had potential. He eventually tried it and fell in love with it.

"Dance has just changed the way I live and look at life," Clark stated. "It allows me to put my emotions completely into something without having to say anything.

"It's the greatest stress reliever for me."

Watch out, employers - you could be next!

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Delaware's court of public opinion has spoken, and for the state's Secretary of Transportation, Nathan Hayward III, the verdict doesn't look good.

After firing and forced resignations due to accusations of a breach of Hayward's "zero tolerance" computer porno policy found 19 or so employees out of work, someone decided to strike back. Someone with sharp computer skills and an even keener sense of humor.

www.FireNathan.net (formerly www.FireNathan.com) is a website dedicated entirely to making Nathan Hayward and his staff look like complete idiots and hypocrites. Judging from the content on the site, it isn't very hard. Cartoons depicting Hayward and his cronies in *Dilbert*-esque frames, links to personal and non-work-related emails sent by Hayward, a blog, and funny pictures of Hayward and friends' heads imposed onto other bodies (from Mini Me to Jabba the Hutt) are just some of the things found on the website. There are also links to articles written about the case (for those who like more *reputable* forms of information).

It may seem a little harsh what this disgruntled webmaster is doing to Hayward; however, looking at the situation from the fired workers' position, their anger is certainly feasible.

In the words of Nancy Wagner, co-chair of the House Personnel Practices Committee, "All of these people [the fired workers] are mortified because the general public thinks that they are trafficking in child pornography." The problem has stemmed from the "zero tolerance" policy toward personal computer use. The word "pornography" has been thrown around quite excessively, especially because some of what was found on the workers' computers was as horrific as online horoscopes and pictures from someone's cousin's wedding.

As of now, the workers are still fighting DeIDOT for their jobs and their reputations. All sources seem unsure of what the final outcome will be, but are sure that the reputation of Nathan Hayward III is road kill.

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How much is too much? Your Guide to avoiding "portion distortion"



CECILY MACCONCHIE
Health advice for the couch potato in all of us

Upon entering college, it seemed as though everyone I spoke to with any college experience had some advice for me. More often than not, that advice contained the phrase "everything in moderation." We have all heard that advice and I'm sure we all know how much easier it is in theory than in practice. It may be much worse than we all think, however. Did you know that most of the food we get in restaurants is between two and eight times larger than the

USDA recommended portions? Yet how hard is it to go out to dinner and only eat an

eighth of your food? How many times, in fact, do we continue to eat, even though we are full, because there is so much delicious food right in front of us?

It can be quite difficult to practice eating (and drinking) in moderation. We have grown accustomed to these larger portions, so when it comes time to go to Wismer and judge for ourselves how much we should be eating, we probably overestimate.

So how do we know what size our portions should be? Here is a handy guide to help.

One serving of cereal, pasta, or rice is a half cup, which is about the size of the inside of a cupcake wrapper. If that is too difficult to picture, a medium-size fist is approximately the size of a cup, so split that in half.

One serving of protein, (meat, fish, or chicken) is approximately the size of a deck of cards or a computer mouse.

A medium size fruit, which makes up one serving, is close, in size, to a tennis ball.

A serving of vegetables, which should be a half cup, should look like an ice cream scoop.

An ounce of cheese should look like a pair of dice.

Two tablespoons of salad dressing is close to the size

of a ping pong ball.

One teaspoon of oil or butter is about the size of a tip of a thumb.

These serving approximations should help at Wismer, when we are helping ourselves. When eating out it can get tricky. Many places make it possible to order a smaller or larger portion. It is always smarter to order the smaller portion – chances are you will not be hungry at the end. If you go to a place where it is not possible to order smaller portions, when you order ask for half of it to be packed immediately. If you are anything like me, your roommates will be very happy to eat the leftovers.

It is not impossible to eat less if you are careful. It will not take long for you to recognize what a portion should be. So stick with it, your body will thank you.

USDA recommended portions?

Yet how hard is it to go out to dinner and only eat an

Beyond the Condom: A Guide to Safe Sex



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Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

When the majority of students hear the term "safe sex," they typically think of the condom. The condom is an innovation that has revolutionized the practice of safe sex by preventing bodily fluids from entering the penis or vagina, which is preventative of most sexually-transmitted infections. Throughout the years, condoms have evolved to fit the needs of the individual, whether that is through lubrication, increased sensitivity, or other options that can enhance one's sex life. However, the condom can only aid to a certain point in disease prevention, where at that point other mechanisms are necessary to retain a sexually-healthy lifestyle. This article will illustrate these mechanisms as we travel beyond the condom to obtain the knowledge needed to ensure a safe and pleasurable sexual experience.

One of the most controversial sexual topics of our generation is oral sex. For those of us who recall the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal of the mid to late 90's, remember President Clinton stating that he believed oral sex is not included in the definition of "sex" and found having oral sex performed on him to be far less punishable than if he had engaged in sexual intercourse. Apparently, the Senate agreed and he was acquitted of all charges, sending the subtle message that the consequences of oral sex are far less dire than those of sexual intercourse. Unfortunately, that is far from the truth.

Although pregnancy is not possible through oral sex,

it provides a pathway in which many sexually-transmitted infections are communicated. Genital and Oral Herpes, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, HIV, Chlamydia (rarely), CMV, Hepatitis, and Genital Warts can be transmitted during oral sex (according to Planned Parenthood.org). Most of us are able to recognize these as the diseases we were warned against in health class, but may not have been given all the information. For example, while I learned about most of these infections during high school, we were never taught that they were transmitted through oral sex. And that is the frightening truth: unprotected oral sex is *not* a safe alternative to sexual intercourse.

However, there is a silver lining to this sexual cloud. Using a condom during oral sex can prevent disease transmission, which is important to emphasize because sexually-transmitted infections can also be communicated to the individual that is *receiving* oral sex. During vaginal oral sex, dental dams and female condoms can be used to protect both partners from infection. They can also be purchased locally. If you are having trouble locating dental dams, you can consult the Planned Parenthood in Collegeville, who will be able to aid in your search.

Because "outercourse" (dry-humping) and mutual masturbation also often cause exposure to bodily fluids, it is important to utilize condoms and latex gloves or finger cots to prevent exposure of fluids or cuts on the hands and fingers.

In order to ensure a healthy sexual relationship, it is important to communicate openly with your partner about sexual histories, feelings, and fears about starting a new sexual relationship. By opening communication early in the relationship, it will make it easier in the future to express your needs and wants to your partner. Showing concern for yourself and your partner will also increase intimacy, allowing you to use the previously discussed mechanisms to make the most out of your sexual experience.

Excitement building in Kaleidoscope

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The curtain is rising as we near the Kaleidoscope's first performances. Faculty and students are preparing for the upcoming Fall 2005 Theater and Dance schedule.

Director Domenick Scudera, Associate Professor of Theater at Ursinus College, held a meeting Tuesday night with his newly cast actors and actresses of the play *All in the Timing*, six one-act plays written by David Ives.

"They're very clever, very funny plays," Prof. Scudera said.

The performing ensemble consists of 17 students, of which only some are Theater majors. Nonetheless, Scudera has complete confidence in the upperclassmen as well as the "whole new crop of first year students" that came out for auditions.

All in the Timing will feature unique lighting design by Krista Billings, an adjunct professor this semester at Ursinus, and set design by Brad Helm. Both Billings and Helm are professional Philadelphia artists.

Performances for this show will run Oct. 5-8 at 7:30 in the Kaleidoscope Studio Theater.

The Theater and Dance departments are also looking forward to the upcoming 6th annual Fringe Festival, which will run September 21-24. Theater-goers can look forward to seeing acts from four different Philadelphia theater companies, a cabaret act performed by Ursinus students, and a collaboration of dance and theater by Ursinus professors Chris Aiken, Cathy Young, and Domenick Scudera.

All performances for the Fringe Festival will be held in the Kaleidoscope Studio Theater. The performances are free, and seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Meanwhile, both the Theater and Dance departments are gearing up for a much larger production that is scheduled to be held on the main stage. This production, combining dance and theater, could include up to 100 different performers, according to Prof. Scudera, whose voice grew with excitement as he described his vision. The show is scheduled to run Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 17-19.

Anyone interested in assisting in any of these productions is encouraged to do so. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Domenick Scudera at dscudera@ursinus.edu or ex. 2918.

The New Price of Driving

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Gas prices have been an on going problem for quite some time now. As we all know, gas has been rising ridiculously and contributing tremendously to the weight caused by our daily stressors, such as work, school, etc. Now there is an addition of transportation issues concerning gas. How desirable are the days where "car pooling" was just a suggestion and not a precaution? Alternative means of transportation such as riding the bus, catching a train, etc, have become a primary means of transportation for urban city people, and cars have now taken the "alternative" seat.

Gas being well over three dollars a gallon does nothing for the everyday driver, except realize a dreaded nightmare. Hurricane Katrina has not made it any better for motorists. I know some people do not understand how a hurricane can affect the gas prices. However, due to the wrath of Hurricane Katrina, several refineries in Louisiana were put out of commission, which equated to a lost 13 percent of the nation's gas. We once took for granted the ability to drive to places like the Trappe, Wawa, or CVS, which usually takes about 5 to 10 minutes. But now with gas being at an all time high, the option of driving is no longer available to most.

The increasing gas prices are real and we have to deal with it. The mentality that gas prices will no longer be the same again

must be adopted even if this is temporary; therefore, we have to find ways to get around it. I know your asking yourself "How do we get around gas prices?"

First off, there are many Ursinus students who are affected by this "materialized" nightmare. Commuters have attend classes here in order to get a passing grade and full time students want to go home sometimes, get off campus jobs, and run necessary errands. The rising gas prices have served as nothing but a hindrance to the means of travel.

Taking into consideration the little gas tips that are suggested in various literary sources like newspapers and magazines is important. Becoming resourceful and broadening your scope towards this issue will, without a doubt, be of assistance to you.

For the mean time, here are some tips. Fill up your gas tank once your gauge reads half of a tank, become active in car pooling, and only drive when it is essential. Remember, this is a serious issue and it will take some adjustment, but as long as you approach it in a calm, systematic manner, adaptation becomes inevitable. We must now accept the fact that although gas prices may drop soon, they will never be the same. You will not be able to drive to Hess and see gas prices that are only \$1.99. When fall break approaches in October, be aware of the gas prices, and car pool with people who live in or around your area.

Ursinus, U are worth it

Almost forty thousand dollars a year, in any way or form, is paid to educate each student at Ursinus. Do we really think it is worth it?

Ursinus' tuition, for many of us, is a great expense that many of us cannot afford to pay the entire tuition with our own funds.

In 2003-2004, eighty-five percent of Ursinus students received scholarships or grants averaging \$15,800 each.

The Ursinus website acknowledges that the amount students borrow to pay for their schooling is enough to buy a decent car. By the time you add books and living expenses, the cost of an Ursinus education is more than most Americans make in a year.

Our presence here proves that we are ready to sacrifice our money, either now or

later, to make Ursinus our school and home.

There are times that I look at the amount of money I will owe and I wonder if I should have transferred somewhere else to finish my education. There are many good schools in the Philadelphia area that have my major and the type of community that I could take an active role in. There has to be



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a reason that we or the Ursinus alumni that came before us did not pack up their bags and find somewhere else to go.

After carefully thinking about this question, I think I have finally dis-

Movie of the Week

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Hello readers, once again this week I have decided to review a movie from the library's Media Services. While I would love to go the movies every week, I resign to the fact that I am broke and have no car. Nevertheless, the movie I watched was amazing. A few of you have probably already seen it. It is entitled Spanglish, and stars Adam Sandler in one of his few non-comedic roles.

Spanglish is a cross between the two languages of Spanish and English. Many Hispanics tend to use it while in the process of learning English. Like the title, the main focus of the film is the crossing of two cultures in one household, and its effect on those involved.

The opening scene of this movie shows the long process of reading college applications that have been submitted to Princeton. One of those letters comes from Cristina Moreno, who tells the story of the defining moments in her life. The essay begins in Mexico when Cristina was six and her father left her mother and herself. They stayed in Mexico for a few more years so that Cristina would have roots in her ancestry before moving to America to find a better life. The main storyline does not truly begin until they arrive in America and Flor, her mother, changes careers in order to be around for her daughter at night. The job that Flor chooses to take is that of a maid for the Anglo-American Clasky family.

John Clasky (Adam Sandler), the father of the household, is a successful chef and a rather laid back person. Deborah Clasky is his wife who was recently laid off work and tends

to be very high strung. The couple has two children, Bernice who is a young teenager and George who is nine. There is also Deborah's mother Evelyn who lives with them and is a bit of an alcoholic. Like every family, they have their inner problems which include a husband and wife who cannot seem to communicate, and tense mother/daughter relationships.

The cultural crossing occurs when Flor first begins to work. She still has not learned much English and does not understand their views. She begins to learn certain phrases for the purpose of trying to fix things in small ways. Later in the film her daughter Cristina is brought from the world of the Spanish barrios of Los Angeles to the beaches of Malibu. The Claskys just could not go away for the summer without Flor; and Flor could not leave without Cristina. However, she was not happy about the circumstance. At first it may seem strange that Flor would not want to expose her daughter to the finer things in life, but when Flor decides to learn English, she is better equipped to express herself. Her main concern is that her daughter will change, lose her roots, and turn into someone else.

I found this film to be funny, clever and a bit informative in its own way. It is a rather light-hearted portrayal of a more serious issue. Some may not like how lightly it portrays the situation, but I would rather it be shown in a cheery light and watched by masses than be harsh and watched by no one. If you get the chance, go rent this DVD and enjoy a laugh while experiencing a different way of life.

covered the factors that must be considered when we, our parents, and our benefactors are signing those checks.

Ursinus prides itself on how much we try to help our students become productive citizens in a brief amount of time. The liberal arts education here prepares us to talk to anyone about virtually anything. We have the often dreaded CIE class to thank for this; the class was the main reason that Newsweek named Ursinus as having the "hottest freshman year."

Aside from an awesome freshman year, Ursinus offers a laptop initiative program, in which every student receives a laptop. We have free washer and dryers, free parties, and the ability to start our own clubs and organizations. Students are allowed to be very hands-on in many decisions Ursinus makes through organizations like USGA, CAB and DSAC. I cannot name everything Ursinus offers that makes it a

grizzly classifieds

Child Care

Easy job - good \$\$.

Ursinus alum needs after school help 3:30 - 6:00
Mon, Tues, Thurs to pick up kids ages 8 and 10
from the bus stop - we are located approx 2 miles
from the College.

school worth the price of admission, but these are a few examples.

I am saying all of this as a student who has to pay for my own tuition, with every loan in my name. In spite of all the debt I will have to face, I must be satisfied with the amount of education, friends, and memories Ursinus has given me thus far. I am going on record as saying: "Yes, Ursinus is worth the tuition."

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Irony of Work Study

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You are in college and trying to figure out how you will be able to afford going to Ursinus College. Let's be honest; this place is expensive and many people wonder how they will ever be able to pay tuition, and at the same time generate enough money so that they won't have to beg their parents for more funds; enter *Federal Work-Study*.

What is *Federal Work-Study*, how much will you make, and how many hours can one work? Through research from www.studentaid.ed.gov, I found answers to these questions: "The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. You'll earn at least the current federal minimum wage, but the amount might be higher depending on the type of work you do, and the skills required. Your total Federal Work-Study award depends on when you apply, your level of need, and the funding level of your school. Commissions or fees must not be paid to Federal Work-Study students. If you're an undergraduate, you'll be paid by the hour. Your school must pay you at least once a month. Also, your school must pay you directly, unless you request that the school make payments to your bank account or use the money to pay for your institutional charges such as tuition, fees, and room and board. The amount you earn can't exceed your total Federal Work-Study award. When assigning work hours, your employer or financial aid administrator will consider your class schedule and your academic progress."

I'm writing about this subject because I needed work study to stay in school. That was a reality in my life. But I also needed to have time to focus on school work and have a social life. *Federal Work-Study* was both positive and negative for me. On one hand, I was working so much that my school work suffered greatly. On the other hand, I had the opportunity to take part in *America Reads* for three years, which was a great experience.

My intention is not to down play the importance of work study on the college campus. This is about me wanting to bring awareness to incoming students who might not know that you will not be paid a lot of money, but may need the program as part of your overall financial aid package.

Beowulf: Condensed

Scene begins outside Heorot, the Hall of Hrothgar, King of the Danes. Two guards are standing outside, keeping watch and drinking. But mostly drinking.

First Guard: Looks at Second Guard expansively. Boy, I sure love mead! (Takes a swig from a large goblet and begins to sing to the tune of the old Anglo-Saxon hymnal "Baby, Just Because I Murdered Your Brother In A Blood-Feud Doesn't Mean We Can't Love Each Other").

Second Guard: Maybe you should cut back.

First Guard: Not listening. Mead. Mead. Mead. You know, someone should write a song about mead.

Second Guard: Or a tedious narrative poem.

First Guard: What?

Second Guard. Nevermind, I take it back: drink up.

Several hours pass.

First Guard: Drunkenly. Say. Pauses. Have you ever noticed how all of our names mean 'spear'?

Second Guard: Makes you think, doesn't it?

(Grendel approaches off in the distance. Audience sees him stop behind a tree and take off a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles. Clearing his throat, he fluffs up his hair into a scary, unkempt mess, and approaches the Gates. Second Guard sees Grendel approach.)

Second Guard: Well this looks promising.

(Grendel lurches over the Danes, howling impressively. First Guard looks nervous, but stout.)

First Guard: Leave our gates, foul beast. Why have you come hither?

(Grendel roars.)

Second Guard: No, really.

(The creature pauses.)

Grendel: Ahem. Well, mainly to advance the rising action. Wouldn't be much of a story without a nigh-invincible godless monster, would it?

Second Guard: I suppose not.

Grendel: (Toes the dirt awkwardly, his rhythm broken) You know, I am going to have to kill you.

Second Guard: Suppose so.

First Guard: (draws sword.) You may kill me, demon, but I predict a warrior will soon come with the strength of ten men – and he will strike you down with his bare hands! And your mother. And then a dragon.



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(Grendel stops in consideration. He stares at the First Guard for a moment, then eats him. Second Guard seems unperturbed. Grendel turns and sits down on a rock next to him.)

Grendel: Unlikely. What do you call that?

Second Guard: Foreshadowing.

(Second Guard pulls out a cigarette, is about to light it, and stops) Hey, you aren't still planning on killing me?

Grendel: (Pulls out a copy of the Beowulf text.) I think so. Look.

Second Guard: Studies it. Mmm...that is a problem.

(A warrior approaches the gates, bedecked in shining armor, with a regiment at his heels.)

Beowulf: Behold! I am Beowulf, the last surviving Anglo-Saxon archetype. I have come to save your Hall from the horrors of... (Looks at Grendel.) Pauses. Um.

Second Guard: Beowulf? Flips some pages. No, no that can't be right. You're early.

Grendel: (Looking over his shoulder.) Frustrated. You can't just ad-lib a brutal slaughter, you know. It's harder than it looks.

Second Guard: I feel for you.

Grendel: I don't have to put up with this. I'm union.

(Grendel gets up and leaves. Beowulf stands bewildered, sword tapping idly at his side. Second Guard calmly watches Grendel depart, then resumes leaning up against the gatepost.)

Beowulf: So...

Second Guard: So.

Beowulf: (Hands on his hips, looking around.) Any other beasts around?

Second Guard: Eyeing Beowulf with droll amusement. Oh, I'm certain of it. (Beowulf looks relieved.)

Beowulf: Great. Say, do you know what I love?

Second Guard: A perfectly placed kenning and the writer's gift for dramatic understatement?

Beowulf: Mead! (Jovially grabs a goblet and starts humming: "Mead, mead, mead.")

Second Guard: Fantastic.

Curtain drop.

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Things they didn't teach you at freshman orientation

It has been about three weeks now since school started. That is about as long as it took me in my freshman year to realize something was a bit amiss about college. It would seem our humble school has a few quirks that Corson Hall perhaps tried to sweep under the rug on Red and Gold Day. So grab your safari hats, freshman and upperclassmen alike – we are going exploring!

My extremely ill-informed guess is that, when you were taking the tour of Ursinus College for the very first time, they did not bother to show you the laundry rooms in the residence halls. Or if they did, they probably showed them to you while the rest of the school was out on winter or summer break. If you had seen the BPS or BWC laundry room in all its naked, decadent glory, you would have been brought to your knees



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Communism for Dummies

in horror. Laundry rooms here, especially freshmen ones, evoke images ranging from tenement slums to bombed-out urban centers. There is nary a sketchier area on campus than in those laundry dungeons.

Also, do you remember eating at Wismer during your first visit? Remember those delicious chicken tenders and the mouth-watering pasta?

Kiss those days goodbye, children! The only reason the food was so particularly scrumptious that day was because they knew YOU were coming to visit, and they knew they had to impress you. If they had served you their regular fare, Wellness would have had to amputate your tongue. But do not fret! The delicious food will be back – next Red and Gold Day.

And yes, it is completely normal to be a little overwhelmed by CIE the first week. And yes, it is completely normal to be utterly underwhelmed by week two. Sure, maybe you were lucky and got a good class, one whose discussions truly engage your thirst for knowledge. More than likely, however, you were placed in the "lowest common denominator" class, where your classmates look suspiciously like everyone you were happy to leave behind in high school.

Far be it from me to say Ursinus College is a terrible place – actually, I enjoy it here. But it is not Paradise, leastways not the kind that it seemed to be when you were checking out our humble college. Still, if you stick around for a bit, who knows? Maybe it will surprise you.

Surprise number one? "Inclement Weather Days" mean precisely jack.

Who Says D-3 Players Can't Go Pro?

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Dennis Stanton, Ursinus's all-time record holder for points scored in a career, signed a contract to play for a professional Polish basketball team last Wednesday.

This move comes after a short stint with Denmark's Jonstrup Basketball Klub, which followed the 23-year-old's illustrious career here at the college.

Stanton, a native of nearby North Whales, will part ways from Denmark's Jonstrup Basketball Klub and look to continue his professional success with Polpharma. Polpharma is a pro squad in the Era Basket Liga, which is known as one of Poland's top-notch leagues.

In Denmark, the 6'3" guard not only led the country in average points per game with 40.8, but also threw up a tally of 58 one night to set a club record for most points in a game.

Stanton's team, which finished 4 out of the 12 teams in their division, will surely miss its high scoring player.



In his transition from college to the pros, the former Centennial Conference player of the year has managed to steadily improve himself in hopes of one day being drafted into the NBA.

Regardless of his overwhelming list of accomplishments, Stanton looks to continue to drop jaws with his sweet stroke and relentless work.

One thing is certain, Dennis Stanton is for real, and he intends on proving it overseas, one country at a time.

Joe Scholz, Bears' senior forward and two-year teammate of Stanton, revealed the phenomenon's ingredients that combine to make him so potent on the court.

"He just doesn't stop. He's always moving and cutting and running. It's almost impossible to guard him," Scholz said.

In 2004, Stanton was the catalyst that propelled the Ursinus Men's

Basketball team to the conference crown.

During his time at Ursinus College, he broke the record for most three-pointers in a career with 1,903.

He also amassed 879 points his senior season, good enough to shatter the record for the most in Bear's history.

Just how good is he? While at Ursinus, Stanton became the first and only Division III player to garnish the honor of being voted the MVP of the Sonny Hill Summer League, which is a recruiting camp held in Philadelphia for some of the top basketball prospects in the nation.

When asked to comment on the possibility of Stanton going to the NBA, Scholz responded, "to go from averaging 33 points [at UC] to averaging 41 points against better competition indicates that he's still getting better. The quickness of his shot and the range of his shot are well past those that you see in the NBA."

Stanton made a career for himself here at Ursinus, a Division III school, and has made his way up the ladder. For those of you that think Ursinus athletes can't go anywhere after here, think again. Stanton has obviously proved otherwise.

BEARLY SPORTS REMINDER

SATURDAY 9-17
Football @ LaSalle 1 p.m.

Field Hockey vs. Dickinson
12 p.m.

M&W XC @ Muhlenberg Invit.
10 a.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Washington
11 a.m.

Women's Soccer vs.
Gettysburg 2 p.m.

TUESDAY 9-20

Field Hockey vs. College of
NJ 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs. Eastern 4
p.m.

WEDNESDAY 9-21

Women's Soccer vs.
Washington 4 p.m.

Phils drown Fins to gain ground in NL Wildcard race

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Don't call it a comeback, as the Phillies pulled out an impressive victory over the Florida Marlins, drilling the Fins 11-1 during Sunday's match-up.

However, last week was a rough one for Phillies fans. The one-run defeats last Monday and Tuesday were shocking. However, they can't compare to last Wednesday's game as far as being an utter upset.

At Wednesday's game, the horrendous 8-6 loss against the Astros brought local fan's spirits down, but not out!

It's going to take a lot more to put the Phillies season to an end than a few upset-

ting losses, though. It won't be easy, but no one is ready to give up yet.

Tommy Herrmann, the junior Ursinus baseball captain, agrees that just because the Phillies suffered a few losses, it does not mean we should give up all hope.

"Losing to the Astros definitely didn't help, but they still get to play everyone in the wildcard race. The season is not over yet," explained Herrmann when asked if he felt the Phillies had any chance of a comeback.

Craig Biggio's three-run homer into

the left field seats with two outs in the top of the ninth inning last Wednesday weighed down the Phillies closer, Billy Wagner.

Last Friday's game against the Marlins (second seat in the wild card race), however, was not such a tragedy. Pat Burrell's

homer drove in four runs, Ryan Howard went deep, and Chase Utley and Bobby Abreu each scored twice to defeat the Marlins 12-5.

This win may have excited the Phillies too much because when faced against the Marlins again on Saturday, they crumbled in a 7-6 defeat. Ryan Madson let the lead slip by allowing three runs in the seventh inning.

While this was a depressing loss, they made up for it by crushing the Marlins on Sunday with an 11-1 win thanks in part to Pat Burrell and Jimmy Rollins at the plate, and Jon Lieber on the mound.

Fans will remember these games for years to come.

Kevin Wheeler, a sophomore here at Ursinus agrees.

"At least the Phillies are in the wild card race this year. It just gets frustrating because Philadelphia teams seem to do this every year. I really think Philly is one of the most frustrating cities to live in as far as sports teams go. I am a die hard Philadelphia everything fan, it's just so disappointing to watch my favorite teams lose when

we are so close to victory," says Kevin after watching the games last week.

The Phillies are facing the first place team in the NL East, the Atlanta Braves, in this week's 3-game series.

As of Monday morning, the Phillies are 1.5 games out of first place after an Astros loss to Milwaukee.

Philadelphia is now in third place only to the Marlins, who are in second behind the first place Astros.

The Hunt for Red October continues in September, and as the leaves are changing, so are the standings of the wild card.

