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Crafty kids during Family Day

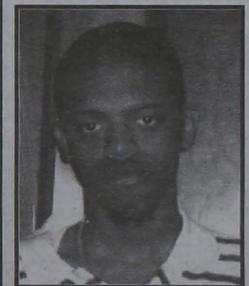
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## Rain dampens, but fails to quench, Family Day

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Hot, humid and wet weather and people with umbrellas of all different shapes and sizes characterized Ursinus Family Day on Saturday. The weather did not drench the spirits of families coming to enjoy the most exciting day of the year for students and their relatives. Activities were held all over the campus from exhibits at Berman Museum to pumpkin painting in Wismer Lower Lounge.

The rain slowed but did not stop the events of Family Day. Both soccer games had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Several buildings suffered from leaks, and a car got stuck in the mud near the Kaleidoscope.

However, Family Day went on despite these setbacks. The day began officially at 10 a.m., and the bookstore was buzzing almost as soon as its doors opened. Parents and students bought everything from hooded sweatshirts to shot glasses. There was also a representative from Josten's selling class rings in the bookstore.

Students were selling shirts that said "moms and dads of an Ursinus student" while standing in the rain, so they could raise money for numerous organizations and funds. The students sold at least 140 shirts, most of them during the football game.

The football game proved to be a popular attraction for students and their families. The stands were packed with enthusiastic friends and families rooting for the home team. People sat on wet benches and stood up for the entire game just to see those Bears play. Their support was not in vain because Ursinus won 14 to 13.

While watching sports was one way of relaxing with the family, other students



opted to bring their parents to explore the recently renovated Myrin Library. One student went to Jazzman's with her mother, who said, "Wow, this is like a mini Starbucks only in a library." She was amazed that her daughter could get a chocolate mocha while studying for a Biology test.

Family Day was so popular that the local hotels make sure that they have rooms on reserve just for Ursinus families. Such hotels included the Hampton Inn and Suites and the Comfort Inn. The students' families who come from far distances tend to stay overnight instead of making the long trip back home.

Another event was a family reception in Wismer Parent's Lounge sponsored by S.U.N., A.L.M.A. and the Multicultural Services Department. It was a gathering of families and friends with light refreshments. There was a raffle for gift baskets provided by the Ursinus College Bookstore. Many parents conversed about their kids and how proud they were of them, while a few complained about how much they pay for tuition.

Family Day had a huge turnout and the rain did not stop any families from having fun. There were so many events, but so little time to do every single one. Parents had fun exploring the campus, and the students had fun giving them the tour. It

seems that Family Day is a tradition that will never be broken no matter what the weather may be. If you missed out on all the excitement and fun, there is always next year!

## UC tuition series part 3: financial aid and scholarships

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Tuition increased, but your merit- or need-based aid package may not follow suit. If you are among the top one-fifth of admitted students who received merit-based aid, don't count on getting any more money this year, said Winfield Guilmette, Vice President of Finance and Administration.

"Those who are given need-based financial aid are more likely to have their package reevaluated," commented Guilmette. Even then, in order to have your financial aid increased, your financial situation must have changed drastically: for example, the loss of a parent's job constitutes reason for reevaluation. If you feel you have cause to contest your aid package, make an appointment at Student Financial Services on the first floor of Corson. There you can get information about various federal grants (that don't need repayment), different types of loans (that must be repaid), and work-study programs.

According to <www.collegeboard.com>, 380 of 397 freshmen who enrolled at Ursinus this fall applied for need-based aid. Of those 380 applicants, 325 were offered aid and 221 had their full need met. That's 90 percent of students who had their need met, compared to 98 to 100 percent at Harvard, Yale, Dickinson, and Gettysburg. This can be partially explained by the fact that nearly all Ursinus freshmen applied for financial aid this fall, compared to around 50 to 60 percent at the other colleges: the aid money gets spread over a greater percentage of students here.

The average need-based scholarship or grant award at UC totaled \$18,117 while the average non-need based aid amounted to \$12,375.

"If you look at the aid you get when you're coming here, it's pretty extraordinary," commented Guilmette.

Junior Blaine McEvoy echoed these sentiments. "I think dollars and cents wise, the tuition is worth it. I would love to bargain to get more money with this tuition increase, but I won't because I know that the new faculty they're bringing in have great credentials, and I'm confident that this tuition increase ultimately brings a better good to the college."

Sophomore Sage Corwin commented, "I'm pretty happy with my scholarship. It's enough to get me through." He added, "I wouldn't mind a little extra, though."

Senior Vince Rossamondo argues that students and the college would benefit from a scholarship system based on academic performance. "I've always said that students should be able to renegotiate their aid package every year based not on financial need but academic achievement. That way it gives students some more motivation to excel in the classroom so they will have less of a burden financially." Junior Katie Ringler feels that regardless of academic performance, "When tuition goes up, scholarships should go up proportionally too." Students from a middle class background fall into a tuition crack—

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their families haven't enough money to pay full tuition, but have too much to receive need-based aid. "The majority of our merit scholarships go to students from the middle class," said Guilmette.

Despite the fact that some students feel Ursinus' award system has some shortcomings, Ursinus offers more scholarships than Ivy League schools, which do not offer merit-based aid—only need-based. These schools count on their ability to attract the best students from any economic background, therefore rendering merit-based aid unnecessary and increasing the importance of need-based aid. On the other hand, Ursinus and its Centennial Conference counterparts offer both need- and merit-based aid in an effort to attract good students across all socio-economic levels. It is this diversity of students, in combination with our exceptional professors, that makes Ursinus such a dynamic place.

Despite the sometimes frustrating tuition costs, Ursinus remains a pretty good place to be. "Ursinus' community is exceptional," said Guilmette. "Students won't get another chance to live in a truly diverse community like this again."

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## All in the Timing opens with great aplomb

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Theatergoers laughed, cried, and laughed some more at the Ursinus College Theater's production of David Ives's *All in the Timing*, directed by Domenick Scudera. The performance, a set of six short comical plays, took place Oct. 5 through Oct. 8 in the Kaleidoscope Studio Theater.

The short plays were hilarious and absurd, but also intelligent and insightful about human nature. The first play was "Sure Thing," in which the forces of fate (represented by a bell) manipulated the meeting of a man and a woman until love bloomed. Following that was "The Philadelphia," which offered an explanation for why some days are worse than others, with digs at the nearby city. "Words, Words, Words" explored the cliché of monkeys typing into

infinity with the goal of producing Shakespeare. "Variations on the Death of Trotsky" took a ridiculous situation (a man with a mountain climber's axe smashed in his skull) and, using a similar device as "Sure Thing," followed it through several levels of silliness to a tender and emotional ending. "Seven Menus" traced several relationships to their inevitable ends, and finally, "The Universal Language" which took place mostly in the made-up language Unamunda, was an unlikely love story.

The audience clearly connected with the stories since they filled the theater with laughter, "awwww" and applause. As for the actors, they enjoyed performing just as much as the audience enjoyed watching. "It was a lot of fun," said junior Lindsay Nicolo, who played Mrs. Trotsky in "Variations on the Death of Trotsky." "I love this. I love the whole theater experience."

"This is the first comedy I've ever done," added John Conte, Jr., a senior who performed in several of the short plays. "At first, I was really nervous about it, but once I got into character and started talking to the director, it was a lot of fun. It was a really fulfilling experience."

*All in the Timing* also has the distinction of being the first Ursinus play to be performed in the new Kaleidoscope Studio Theater. "I am excited, and we're all very excited, that this is the first student production in the new building," noted director Domenick Scudera. "The show itself is fun and comical, but the fact that we're using all this new equipment is very exciting."

*All in the Timing* was a fine student performance, evoking both humor and empathy in large doses. Look out for the next Ursinus show for another great theater experience!

## Program spotlight: International Film Festival

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If you'd like to increase your passion for movies, the International Film Festival might just give you the kind of excitement you are looking for in an original film. This program is sponsored by the modern languages department and features foreign films, which hold a special appeal for students who have an interest in foreign languages. In the upcoming months, the International Film Festival is sure to enrich students with many exciting foreign films. The program will be featuring films in Spanish, French, Japanese, and Italian. All films are shown in Olin auditorium at 7:30 p.m., followed by light refreshments and conversation.

Last week, the International Film Festival featured the Spanish film, "Bad Education," a film directed by the

well-known Spanish director, Pedro Almodóvar. "Bad Education" and, according to the description provided in the e-mail, "was the story of two young boys, Ignacio and Enrique, who are students at a religious school. They find solace and love in one another's company, but are torn apart by a jealous priest who wants little Ignacio for his own. Sixteen years later, a man tracks down Enrique, introducing himself as Ignacio. The young lovers reunite, or so it seems, and the stage is set for a tumultuous movie."

After the end of each film, as a tradition at the International Film Festival, students and faculty converse about their interpretations of the film. Ursinus Spanish professor Douglas Cameron and the teacher's assistant from Spain,

Mirat Temes Maria, animated the conversation with interesting remarks on European films. There are a great deal of interesting things to look for when watching a foreign film - you automatically notice the difference between American films and European films, and you might feel like you are exploring a new style of film, with different scripts, music, and much more.

Next month, the International Film Festival will be featuring another great film: a French film entitled "Les Choristes," which is directed by Christophe Barratier, on Wednesday, Oct. 26. For details about the viewing, be sure to check your campus calendar and stay tuned for upcoming emails.

## Internet feud

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Internet problems are not uncommon anywhere. The most frustrating difficulties can be when much of the web works, but what you need access to doesn't. Recently the campus began to experience this exact problem.

Our ISP is Cogent, and a rival, Level 3, is disallowing access to Cogent's customers. This causes certain web pages to not load because the ISP will not direct the user to the right place.

"The two service providers had an agreement in kind to increase traffic with no cost," said James Shuttlesworth, Ursinus' senior network administrator. "Level 3 decided that they were not getting enough from that agreement, so they wanted our service provider, Cogent, to pay them. Our service provider said that they weren't going to pay them, so Level 3 cut them off."

When asked if Ursinus' home page would be affected, Mr. Shuttlesworth responded by saying that this would not happen, because all of Ursinus' services are on campus and unblocked by anyone.

A Cogent press release dated Oct. 7 said that they are willing to listen to any grievances that Level 3 has with their company's policy or practices, that their connection to Level 3's network remains open, and it is willing to accept any traffic from customers.

Level 3 had no mention of the internet blackout on its website and did not respond to email inquiries into the motives behind this action.

Fortunately for Ursinus, on Friday, Cogent said Level 3 "has taken the necessary actions" to once again bear its customers' Internet traffic, a sign that days-old service disruptions for a significant number of Internet users are over for now.

"We are pleased that Level 3 has taken the necessary actions to restore the full Internet to their customers and ours," Cogent wrote in its statement. "We welcome this move and hope and expect the connections will be maintained and a productive dialogue established."

In the days since the disagreement became public knowledge, U.S. Representative Edward J. Markey, a House Telecommunications Subcommittee member, has suggested the Federal Communications Commission consider stepping into the fray if the infighting between providers goes on.

For the moment, however, everything appears to be running smoothly for Ursinus' internet users.

## career corner

### FOCUS on the future

The Ursinus Career Services Office now offers students an online career assessment program called FOCUS. FOCUS provides you with a self-paced, online career guidance tool designed to assist you in self-assessment and career exploration. Users of FOCUS learn to make more realistic decisions about their goals and plans, how to self-manage their careers and the importance of adaptability in these times of change. This is an invaluable tool for all students, from freshman to seniors.

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- § Identify Your Personal Development Needs

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4. Select "I'm a new user" to login using the keycode "bears."
5. Log in using your self selected username and password.

Questions? Contact the Career Services Office at 610-409-3599.

## Don Asher speaks on getting into grad school

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Nationally renowned author and lecturer Don Asher spoke to Ursinus students interested in attending graduate school during a presentation in Pfahler Auditorium last Thursday evening.

The lecture was formatted as a question and answer session in which Asher shared his views on what helps students get into graduate school.

"Fit, match and customization get you into graduate school, not grades and scores," said Asher. "If you focus on grades and scores, you'll miss a chance to get into a place that would be happy to have you. You want to spend your time and energy in the statement of purpose on fit and match."

He recommends defining your specific area of research and finding recent articles about this area. Find out where the authors of such articles are working and take a look at their faculty biographies. This will then help you to locate programs fitting your academic goals.

He advocates searching approximately 20 graduate school programs before choosing the ones you will apply to. "The area you're interested in is the only area of reputation that matters," Asher said. "Departments, especially faculty, have a reputation, not a school." He also recommends applying to at least six graduate programs: one-third reach schools, one third middle of the road schools, and one-third safe schools.

Asher said that it is very important to mention the names of faculty when applying to graduate school. Showing an interest and excitement in several members of the faculty in the particular department you are applying to can help you get in.

For many students, along with getting into graduate



school comes the problem of financing continued education. Asher discussed options for students applying for funding or support offers. In graduate school, such funding is no longer termed "financial aid," as it is a merited-based concept.

Asher said that students should apply for at least four external sources of money. "People aren't going to

come banging on your door saying I heard you're a pretty good student," he said. "You have to apply for scholarships. Don't look at the deadlines. Look at the earliest date you can apply and do so."

Assistantships, or apprenticeships, in higher education are also available to graduate students and generally involve at least a twenty hour per week commitment. Asher discussed teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and graduate assistantships, encouraging students to investigate particular programs at the schools they apply to. He noted that assistantships include a waiver of tuition and a stipend, and students with assistantships graduate faster on average than other students.

In terms of professional schools, Asher said that grades and scores matter a great deal in admission. He said that law schools convert a student's LSAT score and G.P.A. by a weighting system into a numerical score and then admit students in ordinal rank. "Study hard for the LSAT because I want you to know they care about it," Asher said. "They have a minimum score in mind, and they rarely deviate from this."

Regarding application to medical school, Asher stressed the importance of grades and scores as well as early application. "What matters most is to apply the first week in June," Asher said. "It is also important to have a strong MCAT score, strong G.P.A. and pre-med courses."

More detailed information and copies of Asher's book, *Graduate Admissions Essays*, are available in Career Services and the bookstore.

## An interview with "the Abercrombie couple"

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Brandon Peer and Alex Frey, known by most as the Abercrombie couple, are one of the most prominent gay couples at Ursinus.

### Coming Out

Alex describes his attraction to guys as beginning when his friends started noticing girls. He came out in tenth grade, while Brandon discovered his sexuality freshman year of college. "I've dated girls before because I thought that's what I had to do," says Brandon. "And then I met Alex, and I realized that I didn't have to hide who I was from anyone."

Brandon revealed his homosexuality to his mom as they were driving home over Thanksgiving break.

"We almost got in a car accident," jokes Brandon. "She said, 'Oh, I never knew,' and I said, 'Mom, five seconds ago you were telling me how much I remind you of Jack from *Will and Grace*.'"

### Reactions

A friend that Brandon has known since the age of six hardly talks to him anymore, while his teammates show tolerance but told him that they don't want to know all the details.

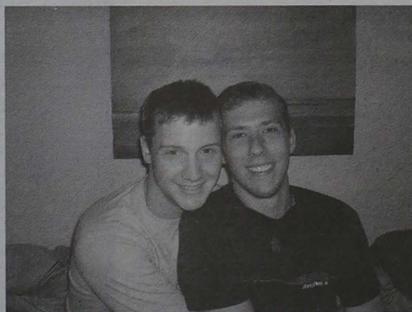
"I respect that," says Brandon. "I'm not going to force anything on them, just as I wouldn't want them to force homophobia on me."

Happily, both Alex and Brandon describe the majority of their friends as very accepting. My burning question: Is Ursinus a gay-friendly campus? Alex's answer:

"Yes. We had 200 plus people participating in last year's Day of Silence protest against homophobia."

### Problems

Brandon also recalled his first personal experience with homophobia: "Freshman year, there were some guys who threw fruit into my window," he said. "I have to give them props; they were actually being somewhat creative."



And I got free fruit," he jokes, demonstrating that the incident no longer troubles him. After the fruit-throwing episode, Brandon's friends came together to support him. "Ok, so two people threw fruit, but 20 people said, 'If I knew who they were, I'd kick their asses,'" he recalls. "That kind of thing is awesome."

### Politics

What opinion does the couple have of religions which consider homosexuality a sin? "I don't have an issue with

people who have a faith based in the Bible, as long as they're questioning their faith, as long as they're understanding it," says Alex. Brandon says that people should mind their own business. "I don't tell you how to live. I don't say that you have to live in an even numbered house or wear blue clothes." He adds, "When it affects you, you can care."

Brandon and Alex confronted the commonly held belief that gay marriages will destroy family values. "Straight people are marrying for thirty minutes," Brandon contests. "People are getting married five, six times. With the divorce rate being as high as it is, why shouldn't we be allowed to be as miserable as everyone else?"

### Stereotypes

"All gays aren't the same," Bradon says. All heterosexuals don't have the same beliefs, so why would homosexuals?

"I don't want people to read this and think, 'This is what all gays are thinking,'" says Brandon. Sexual preference is only one aspect of any person. "Don't stereotype me, don't tell me who I am, don't treat me any differently than if I was anyone else," Brandon asks. "I don't want to be people's gay friend, I just want to be their friend."

Whether or not Brandon and Alex possess superior fashion knowledge, they regard themselves as a "fabulous homosexual" couple. They retain their convictions despite the various trials they've had to endure. In Brandon's words, "We've been through so much together. We're comfortable with each other, we love each other. I don't know what else to say."

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## Texas Hold 'Em wins over Ursinus students

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Have you ever wished on a river, or been willing to risk everything for what might be around the next turn?

If so, you probably caught the case of Texas Hold 'Em fever that swept through Ursinus College Friday night when a tournament was held in Wismer Lower Lounge. It consisted of two rounds and a final game between winners from both rounds to determine a grand-prize winner.

The tournament was hosted by the Ursinus College Democrats. It brought out 57 students and faculty players and raised \$570. All money will be contributed to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Prizes culminated in value of approximately \$670. They included gift certificates donated from Juno's, Body Transit, G Line Fitness, Great Wall Chinese Restaurant, All that Jazz, Progressions Salon, Cissy's 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Salon, Thanky Nails and Hair, Grenwald's Famous Florist, Drift Away Café, Bravo Pizza, Whitby's Jewelers and Tweet's Sweets. Apparel was donated from the Ursinus College Bookstore and All in Stitches Embroidery Co. The grand prize was a DVD player.

Freshman Jenna Whylings was the grand prize winner. She was in company with other table winners Steve Stern, Duncan Ramsey, Zachary Poe, Don Winterbottom,

Zoi Zeo, Jess Czapnik and Ashley Pankier.

According to Ursinus College Democrats Communications Director Erin Pollard, the event was so successful partly in thanks to the generous donation from Ostrum's Casino Party Entertainment. Ostrum's, owned by the family of Democrat's member Joanna Cretella, donated the dealers, chips and tables. Pollard valued this package at \$1,675. "Several other colleges across the state have attempted to hold the same kind of fundraiser with little success because of not being able to get a casino service," Pollard said. "We consider ourselves lucky not only to get one, but to get a company that worked so hard to make this event a success."

Pollard also attributes the success of the tournament to area sponsors, who were extremely generous in donating prizes. "We want to thank all of our donors, especially Ostrum's, and players for making this event such a success," Pollard said.

By and large, Pollard was extremely pleased with the results of the tournament. "Overall, the event was extremely successful, and we hope that our donation will be able to help the people of Louisiana and Mississippi."

# Features

## WVou Fall lineup

<http://wvou.ursinus.edu/wvou>

Start the week off right with these great DJs!

- 6-7: Lisa Governa
- 7-8: Paul Vassilev
- 8-9: Chris Rogers
- 9-10: Lindsay Salsmann

Case of the Mondays? Not with WVou!

- 3-4: Christopher Matsagas
- 4-5: Laurel Salvo
- 5-6: Ian Eglinton-Woods
- 7-8: Julia Black
- 8-9: Kristina Cerchiaro
- 9-10: Chris Curley
- 10-12: Ben Isser

Tuesdays got ya down? Let our DJs pick it up!

- 3-5: Sean Neil and Zac Tompkins
- 5-7: Kristi Blust
- 7-8: Chris McLaughlin
- 8-9: Natalie Rokaski
- 9-10: Chris Croarkin

Get over the hump with WVou!

- 9-11 am: Josh Delano
- 3-4: Tim Garay
- 7-8: Matt Boice
- 8-9: Alex Sasso-Karelitsky
- 9-10: Matt Coulson
- 10-11: Erin Corrigan
- 11-12: Jonathan Kieran

Our DJs kick off the "unofficial" weekend!

- 6-7: Scott Jones
- 7-8: Jon Gagas and Brandon Brown
- 8-9: Ashley Higgins
- 9-10: Tim Smith
- 10-11: Elsa Budzowski
- 11-12: Greg Diamond
- 12-1am: Justin DeAngelis

Ready to party? We are!

- 1-3: Blaine McEvoy and Brenden Connor
- 3-4: Lauren Vaughn
- 8-9: Claudia Harper

Saturday... Need I say more?

- 3-4: Zach Gallimore and Andy Brienza
- 5-6: Jonathon Reth
- 6-8: Drew May and John Conte

## Why run when you can walk?



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

More often than not, my friends come back from the gym having worked out for an impressive amount of time, only to be disappointed in themselves because they walked a great deal of it.

It seems to be a common misconception that running is much better for us than walking. Since walking is relatively effortless for many of us, it is brushed off as having little benefit for our bodies.

This could not be further from the truth. As far as physical health is concerned, walking offers a variety of benefits, which include lowering blood pressure and the risk of type-2 diabetes, reducing stress, improving bone density, and increasing the efficiency of the heart and lungs (health24.com).

In addition, walking is a lot less stressful on our joints. The impact of each step we take while running can be up to six times more than the impact of walking. This extra stress can lead to injuries such as tendonitis (health24.com).

If you are looking to burn fat, walking may do as much good as running, depending on how much time you have. Energy is burned based on distance, so running and walking a mile burn about the same amount of calories. If you do not have the time to walk, running will enable you to travel the same distance in less time than walking. If, however, you have the time, walking is a good way to get in a lot of exercise without realizing how much effort you are actually putting in.

So for all you gym addicts out there who run long distances every day, reward yourself with a long, leisurely walk. And for those of us who try to move

as little as possible, a walk is a painless way to get in some much needed exercise.

### Greek Corner

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Sigma Pi is now an official chapter as of September 24. They would like to thank all at Ursinus who helped them in finally achieving their goal of chartering. You can still see the guys of Sigma Pi recycling all around campus with cans, bottles, paper, cardboard, and now battery recycling. They are also in charge of distributing the newspaper (The Grizzly) that you are reading right now.



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## Taking care of an embarrassing problem



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For those who were fortunate enough to have an adequate sex education program in high school, a wealth of information was provided in prevention techniques and disease details.

Yet sometimes, a few diseases fall beneath the cracks leaving the student with baseline information only.

Even in abstinence-only schools

where said infections would be covered, little accurate information may be provided.

In spite of an estimated 500,000 to one million cases developing per year (Planned Parenthood), to many people, genital warts remains an unexamined mystery, too often left behind by educators.

As per tradition, I set out on a quest to examine the mystery in the hope that while genital warts will be something that you're thinking about, it is not something that you'll be forced to deal with due to a lack of information.

Genital warts are caused by a human papilloma virus (HPV), of which there are over 100 varieties. Of the 100, around thirty varieties are able to infect the genitals, some causing warts, some causing abnormal cell growth, and some causing no harm at all.

HPV can afflict the penis, scrotum, rectum, anus, vulva, and vagina. HPV can be transmitted through oral, anal, and vaginal sex, and while using a condom can help prevent the spread, they are not as effective in preventing HPV in comparison with other STIs (Planned Parenthood).

The warts may appear in the vulva, vagina, cervix, anus, urethra, or penis, and appear soft, skin-toned, and may occur in groups or clusters. Genital warts usually appear in multiple areas and may itch, but are rarely painful. In rare cases, Genital warts may also appear on the mouth, palate, tongue, throat, and lips.

If any of these symptoms occur, you should see a medical professional immediately and stop any sexual contact in which you may be involved (Planned Parenthood).

After exposure to genital warts, it could take about three weeks to six months for symptoms to occur, and in some cases the period may be longer. Often, certain conditions can cause a more rapid growth due to a weakened immune system. Such conditions are: HIV, diabetes, pregnancy, Hodgkin's disease, chemotherapy, and post-organ transplant anti-rejection medications. Protecting your immune system is a good way to protect your body from HPV. Also, not smoking is a step in the right direction (for many

reasons aside from this one) because smoking may put you at higher risk for genital warts and their reoccurrence (Planned Parenthood).

Treatment for genital warts may vary. A medical professional may prescribe a treatment that can be used at home or may recommend a more invasive technique. Certain chemicals such as podophyllin (which must be applied by a physician) or imiquimod (which can be applied at home) can be used to treat the warts. In some cases however, genital warts need to be removed by electrocauterization (burning) or cryotherapy (freezing). Laser surgery and injections may also be used as a form of treatment.

Without treatment, the warts may either disappear on their own or continue to grow and spread (Planned Parenthood).

There are three important but little-known facts that are integral in understanding genital warts.

The first is that HPV associated with genital warts does not cause cancer. The second is that only abstinence guarantees no infection (Planned Parenthood). And the third is that the warts that occur on other parts of the body (finger, knee, foot, etc.) while contagious, cannot be transmitted to a partner in the form of genital warts (Teenwire.com).

Now with the ability to understand a complicated and complex STI, one may also have the ability to tackle and understand a complicated and complex relationship.

## A new band of brothers comes to Ursinus

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A new fraternity, Sigma Pi, recently received their charter. With the chapter name Theta Sigma, the twenty-nine brothers have high hopes for the future of fraternity life at Ursinus College.

They believe that with the addition of their fraternity to the campus, students will be even more inclined to rush all Greek organizations.

During the past year and a half, the members of Sigma Pi have worked diligently to satisfy all of the requirements to become recognized on the national level. Included in these tasks were submitting a seventy-page paper stressing their fortes and what they were able to offer, while recruiting enough members to achieve chapter status, perform various community service events, and a plethora of brotherhood events.

With the help of the environmental department at Ursinus, they have undertaken the role of paper, can, and cardboard recycling Monday through Friday, while school is in session. Additionally, the brothers distribute this newspaper every Thursday morning. They strive for community ties with their annual haunted house and Christmas light decorations.

Their initiation weekend occurred over September 23-25, beginning with a two-hour exam on Friday night to test their knowledge of Sigma Pi history. After every member passed this test they were allowed to go through initiation on Saturday morning. Following a highly esoteric and meaningful ceremony known as the "Golden Quest," the brothers held a banquet at the Radisson Hotel for family, friends, and important alumni of Sigma Pi. Dean Nolan gave an eloquent speech about the future of Sigma Pi's impact on campus. Past national president John Williams was master of ceremony and two other national presidents were in attendance, along with two other members of the Grand National council.

Chapter President Mike Malone says, "it was an honor and pleasure to be in the presence of such influential men in both the fraternity and daily life."

Sigma Pi hopes to increase the spirit of fraternalism on campus and that this year's Greek pledge class at Ursinus will be larger than the previous two years. The brothers recognize the importance of Greek life at a college campus and the preparation for future life that the Greek system entails.

### COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR TENURE REVIEW

In accordance with the Ursinus College Faculty Handbook, student comments on teaching effectiveness and student-faculty interaction are invited at the time of a faculty member's review for tenure. Although student letters must be signed to be considered, student names may be withheld, upon request, when their comments are shared with the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and the faculty member.

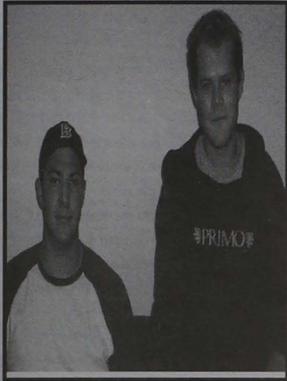
This year, the following members of the faculty are being reviewed for tenure:

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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## Trail travel



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My colleague, Mr. Levin, decided to take a leave of absence, a quick hiatus, or what I like to call "a well deserved vacation."

In any case, I was depressed. I didn't know what to do with myself. I wanted to wake up in the morning, all excited for our next adventure. We could start the day with a nice breakfast at Wismer, followed by a brisk walk through campus. We could rest our poor legs near the fountains at the wooden benches; discuss politics, religion, and play the "who would win in a fight" game. I'd surely win, he'd surely plead his case, I'd call him a loser who loves Derek Jeter,

he'd turn as red as the "B" on his hat and I'd run back to my house and lock the door behind me. However, when I did wake up, his absence hadn't set in until I found his bed empty. His car was gone, his indent on our couch already filling in; he was really gone. So what did I do? What any person with an empty heart would do: I went for a bike ride. Not a normal bike ride. Not a bike ride to class or to Wawa. Not to the beer store, not to a party. I rode my damn bike all the way to Philadelphia. Yes that is right, all the way to the City of Brotherly Love.

Ursinus College lies in close proximity to the Perkiomen Trail. This beautiful, scenic, and well groomed trail allows one to do what I did: ride all the way to Philadelphia. The trail was wielded from an old railroad bed that was founded by the Perkiomen Railway Company after the Civil War. Trains began running in 1868, and through its history the railway changed hands a few times. In 1976 train traffic stopped, the land was bought by Montgomery County soon after and "booooooyaaaaahhhh," we got a beautiful trail.

The Perkiomen Trail is a part of a successive trail network proposed by the Montgomery County planning board. Once completed, the plan will create an impressively fluid 160 mile trail system, allowing people stressed from the confines of industry and society to cleanse their soul and minds in the serenity of Nature.

My trip began at the Collegetown borough - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

entry onto the Perkiomen Trail, or the Collegetown Diner entry. I continued, peddling behind the Acme strip-mall, and followed the signs which contain mile markers and sufficient directions when intersections bisected the trail. The Perkiomen Trail merged into the Schuylkill River Trail about 5 miles from where I started. To Philadelphia from the beginning of the Schuylkill River Trail is about 15 miles, making my trip about 20 miles total, one way. In total it was about a 40 mile bike trip. This may seem daunting and intimidating but trust me, it was worth all it.

Other than river scenery, flora, fauna and the different people you can meet, other attractions remain. Valley Forge National Park is on the way allowing only about 8-9 miles from Ursinus. Here history permeates the landscape, white tail deer coexist with hikers, bikers, and wildlife enthusiasts. When you make it to Philadelphia, the trail uses the Fairmount Park trails and the Manayunk Canal Tow Path. Inner city biking juxtaposed to trail biking is a beautiful mix of urban and rural scenery.

Take the trail to Philadelphia and you will be an advocate for further trail extensions, maintenance, and environmental awareness. Take the trail, just for a quick walk to take your mind off school or any other stresses. It helped me and surely it will help you. For more information visit: <http://www.montcopa.org/parks>.

## A great Halloween costume is right around the corner

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Down a narrow alley toward a usually vacant warehouse, there lies a split level Halloween store supplied with anything and everything you might need for your ghoulish festivities at frightfully low prices.

Costumes are available for everyone, from tiny tots to adults, at the Halloween Outlet, located at 70 East Third Avenue (across the street from Wawa). You'll find boxes filled to the brim with make-up, accessories, wigs, and fake body parts, all very inexpensive. The most expensive accessory is around \$10.

Some of the more particularly interesting accessories include the fake tongues that are extra long, extra bumpy, or have had a piece "bitten off." There are fish net stockings and knee-highs in a variety of colors for \$2.50. There are pirate hooks, genie lamps, cat ears, and vampire teeth in boxes on a large table.

The costume selection is equally good. A Honey Bunny outfit for women in the sale boxes costs only \$12. In the sale boxes for men, there is the Riddler costume from Batman Forever for only \$6. Cave women and men make for a lovely matching couple. There are costumes for "full cut" people, as well as the makings for a Nun, a Vampire and many others.

For those who want to go the movie route, Felicity Shagwell, from Austin Powers, the Flinstones, and Scooby Doo are all on the racks. For the man with a sense of humor, there is a Full Moon Plumber outfit, which includes "butt, gut, and attached pants." Prisoner and Gangster/Mobster costumes are also avail-

able for the men. A complete costume of the Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> character is also in stock.

The more risqué ladies costumes also abound: a Chamber Maid (French Maid), a Beer Garden Girl (resembles the St. Paulie's Girl), and a white Marilyn Monroe dress. And for the ladies who like to keep it simple, a wide range of angel accessories, mouse ears, devils horns, pig accessories, butterfly wings, and capes can be found in more boxes to the side of the warehouse.

One of the most impressive features of this outlet store is the mask section that jumps out at you upon entering the store. These masks are HUGE! Pirate heads, fortune teller heads, and some that are just indescribable, are all resting against the wall, waiting to be tried on. The masks are more expensive because they are so big, but there are some cheaper ones for under \$50. There are also many different kinds of hats: witch hats, viking hats, clown hats, cowboy hats, and many others.

The outlet store is open Mon.-Fri., 12-9pm, Sat., 10am-5pm, and Sun., 11am-5pm. Flyers will be posted around campus with the store hours, location, and a phone number to call for more information.



## Child development expert lectures

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. — Professor and author, Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, will present a lecture at Ursinus on October 28, in Pfahler Auditorium at noon. Hirsh is a professor of cognitive and developmental psychology at Temple University.

She is internationally acknowledged for her studies on language development, language processing and general cognitive development.

Her popular book written with Roberta Golinkoff, *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards: How Our Kids Really Learn- And Why They Need to Play More and Memorize Less*, focuses on early child development.

One book review by John T. Bruer, Ph.D., president of the James S. McDonnell Foundation and author of *The Myth of the First Three Years* stated:

“An elegant summary of what mind and brain science can tell us about child development and learning.

The reasonable and reassuring implications the authors draw from this research provide a much-needed corrective to the hype and distortions all too prevalent in the popular media.”

## Atlantic Monthly's James Fallows to speak at Ursinus

COLLEGEVILLE, Pa. — Author and Atlantic Monthly National Correspondent James M. Fallows will accept a degree on behalf of his father from Ursinus College Oct. 20, followed by a public lecture at 7:30 p.m. in The Kaleidoscope center on campus. The talk on the media's role in national and international issues is free and open to the public, and reservations are not necessary.

The Ursinus Board of Trustees will present Fallows with a bachelor of science degree for his father, James A. Fallows M.D., of Redlands, Calif., who attended Ursinus during the early 1940s but left early to attend medical school, as was the custom then. Considered a member of the Class of 1946, the physician spent three years at Ursinus and participated in football, wrestling, drama and choral singing. Ursinus has made a practice of granting degrees to physicians whose time at Ursinus was cut short because of wartime needs for trained physicians.

The younger Fallows joined the staff of *The Atlantic Monthly* in 1979. He also spent two years as editor of *U.S. News and World Report*, and as chief speechwriter for President Jimmy Carter. He authored a chapter in the new book on the state of higher education, “Declining By Degrees: Higher Education at Risk,” and has written for *The Atlantic* on topics such as “The Early Decision Racket,” national security, America's role abroad and technology.

Fallows studied American history and literature at Harvard College, where he was editor of the daily newspaper, the *Crimson*, and went on to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. His books include “Breaking the News: How the Media Undermine American Democracy,” “Looking at the Sun – The Rise of the New East Asian Economic and Political System,” “More Like Us,” and “National Defense,” which won the American Book Award for non-fiction. His article about the consequences of victory in Iraq, “The Fifty First State?” won the 2003 National Magazine Award.

He has also been an editor for the *Washington Monthly* and *Texas Monthly* magazines, and a writer for *Slate* ([www.slate.com](http://www.slate.com)) and the *New York Review of Books*. He is chair of the board of the New America Foundation, and has worked on a software design at Microsoft.

Would you like your own column in The Grizzly?  
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## Look Mom, no hips!

The latest trend for fall is not the cashmere sweater, or \$500 pair of jeans: it is absurd thinness, and women everywhere seems to be trying to get it.

Every magazine cover in the past couple of weeks has featured picture of celebrities who have suddenly lost unhealthy amounts of weight. Lindsay Lohan, Hillary Duff and Nicole Ritchie are just a few.

These women were considered beautiful and debatably, talented in the eyes of America. They sold out concert halls, had successful movie and television careers, dated Hollywood's most eligible young men and even had dolls made in their image. Why would they starve themselves into live action stick figures?

America is known as the fattest nation in the world. There are more fast food restaurant per square mile in America than there are schools and churches. It seems inevitable that every one of us is going to have to pick what side we are going to fight on The Battle of the Bulge, women especially.

The old adage in America is “thinner is better.” The media makes a valiant effort to put the most young, attractive and thin female in the public spectrum. The media distorts young women's view of the ideal woman.

The fact remains that the average woman does not

look the Abercrombie and Fitch model.

According to a number of sources the average woman in America is five feet and four inches tall and weighs 140 pounds. The average female model is five feet and eleven inches tall and weighs 117 pounds. The distinction between the two statistics is sickening.

How can companies sell clothing to women with picture of women that do not look like their average consumer?

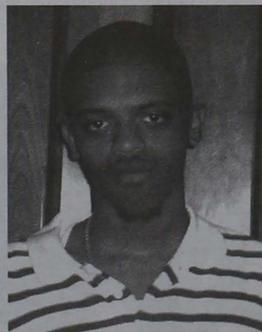
It seems that even Hollywood's finest are caving into the phenomena I call the “Cosmo Curse.” Once a girl grows into the age where she begins to recognize the difference between her body and the women's body on the cover of *Cosmo*, she feels that she needs to do whatever they need to do to obtain that body.

I can not blame the media solely for some women's flawed

view of perfection.

I blame *some* men as well. I never forget being in a sociology class and hearing a guy make a noise of disgust after hearing the average women weighed 140 pounds. That guy is another reason some of women are seeking Calista Flockhart figures.

I am not saying that women should not want to be



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**The Left Side of the Hallway**

in good physical shape; in fact for the matters of health it is best. The important thing is that women have good self-esteem no matter what size they are. Eating less and working out can help one look good, but it take more than weight loss to make someone feel good about themselves.

There is nothing wrong with curves, hips, thighs and everything else the “average” women have. In fact, to most men I know these things are preferable. “Baby Got Back” and “I Like Big Butts” are not novelty songs, they are anthems for some men.

I hope women do not take Hollywood's bait and begin dropping unhealthy amount of weight to obtain celebrity figures. If you think the difference between you and perfect is 23 pounds you do belong on a magazine cover: PSYCHOLOGY TODAY!

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## A lesson upon drinking

Tonight is Saturday night. Midterms are approaching, papers are due, and deadlines are bearing down on me. It's a tough time for everyone, but I think we can all agree it's important to stay focused. So with the weight of responsibility on my shoulders, I decided to buckle down and drink.

What follows is a transcript of the evening. Down the rabbit hole:

1:42 a.m.: Got a late start. Distracted by music and pictures of the Olsen Twins. What fashion-sense. Added a shot of cognac to my tea. Let the games begin.

1:48 a.m.: Erin takes apart a spare trombone and proceeds to make duck calls with the mouth-piece. Another partygoer crouches in hope of quarry. Georgia makes a strong display of her tolerance by drinking half a glass of vodka, giggling madly about the Czar, and passing out. I continue to sip my tea.

2:07 a.m.: Trombone is now in one piece. Jon does his very best free jazz, disturbing the cat, our neighbors, and possibly the undead. I bolt the door and mix myself another drink: rum, ginger ale, and a meager amount of orange juice into a concoction that only vaguely resembles paint thinner.

2:21 a.m.: Ginger ale and lemon vodka. Tastes like ... ginger ale and lemon vodka. The trumpet is now in fifteen pieces, and the horn has been replaced by a sturgeon. Also,

I may be hallucinating. Caution tells me to keep drinking. Who am I to argue?

2:25 a.m.: I try to light a cigarette but end up fumbling it and lighting the end of my nose. Surprisingly smooth.

2:44 a.m.: Clove cigarettes. Vanilla. Made another drink. Feeling strangely expeditious. Group agrees to go on an expedition, and begins searching for spelunking gear. We settle on a flashlight. To the attic!

2:52 a.m.: Flashlight was really a sock. Georgia guides us with a single butane lighter. We are all suitably scared until Jon finds the light switch. Cryptic messages like "Axe Wound" and "Yeah. Goat. Yeah." decorate the walls. What could they mean? More drinks are necessary. Jon consults the trombone.

3:07 a.m.: Georgia wants to dance, so we dance. The Gorillaz are fly. I make the obligatory walk to WaWa in the rain. I ordered a sandwich, but come back with a bagel and a newspaper.

Suitably confused, I continue dancing. My coffee is actually cinnamon powder: I believe the townies hate us.

3:57 a.m.: The drunk I am not! Drink the stopping! Stop the drunker! Dance, dance, dance. I am the lord of the dance! I add more cognac to my tea as a sort of ducks walks in and ask for Erin. I direct them to the living room and pass out. Just another Saturday night at Ursinus.

All names, places, and events in this article are entirely fictitious. Underage drinking is a very, very bad, sinful thing. Just assume they're all twenty-one. Questions? Ask Alice: [chcurley@ursinus.edu](mailto:chcurley@ursinus.edu)



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## Laughter is the best medicine

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In my opinion, a little humor goes a long way. I say this as somewhat of a class clown here at Ursinus. You will always catch me laughing, cracking jokes, or making witty remarks (Believe me, my professors should be the ones who know my comedic style at best as they have experienced it).

The method to my "comedic madness" stems from the therapeutic effect that it tends to have on my life which can be quite troublesome at times, as life always is.

It is very important, especially in your college years, to have as much fun as possible. If you find that you are in a very upsetting predicament, just look on the bright side and find a way to make fun of the situation. I am not trying to say that you should take everything lightly because some things just cannot be transformed from rust to gold through the power of humor. For some things that deem bothersome and trivial (whatever your definition of trivial may be), you should take a step back, reevaluate the situation, and if possible mix and twist it all up into a ridiculous context to uplift your spirits.

My fellow Ursinians, humor can have a healing effect. It has the potential to bring even those at odds together or as I always like to put it: humor has the ability to allow you to relax, recline, and ease your mind when chaos surrounds and seems to envelope your outer world. So, when you find yourself in a tight situation, whether it is school-related or what have you, just ask yourself W.W.A.C.D. - translation: What would a comedian do? Now, you may be thinking to yourself, "what the hell kind of question is that?" but hopefully if you decide to think along those lines you'll find the answer and you'll be able to laugh your college days away.

## Cronyism: The act of upgrading your unqualified best buds to positions that others would do a better job in

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It has been quite a difficult season for President Bush: Public dissatisfaction over government response to Katrina, trouble involving Karl Rove, his chief political advisor, indictment of former House majority leader Tom Delay, and growing opposition to the war in Iraq have troubled the generally calm waters of his administration. To add to these predicaments, now there is Harriet Miers.

President Bush announced Miers nomination for a position on the Supreme Court justice last Monday. Never heard of her? Join the club! Let me briefly outline what I have found in my research for this article.

Harriet Miers, once President Bush's personal lawyer, has been White House staff secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, and is currently serving as White House Counsel. On the side, she works hard to fly under the radar.

Miers is a close, personal friend to the President – and, according to friends, she makes an exceptional brisket.

However, nearly two weeks after her nomination, nobody has been able to accurately gauge her stance on divisive issues facing the courts today, and I really couldn't care less about her brisket.

Miers received her law degree in 1970 from Southern Methodist University. She was the first female lawyer hired by her Texas law firm and eventually became its president.

Miers also broke new ground for women by becoming the first female president of the Dallas Bar Association in 1986 and, six years later, the first female president of the State Bar of Texas. She met George W. Bush in the 1980s, and has worked in the White House since he came into office.

But what does this all mean, you might be asking? America faces difficult times. Decisions made now seem increasingly important as we speculate on future events. While Miers' record as a litigator is long, it seems startling to be confident in promoting her to the Supreme Court – with no judicial experience!

After the recent disasters, both natural and political, what the Republican party needs right now is a candidate

that all of its members can support. Miers has yet to show any concrete conservative leanings, except when she headed up efforts to reverse the American Bar Association's support of abortion rights. Without other evidence, this could mean nothing. This seems to be exactly what the president has in mind.

By choosing a candidate with almost no public record, Bush sidesteps political confrontations from both the right and left. But when the court is so deeply divided, it is essential to choose a candidate with clear philosophies. It is not enough to suggest competency for non-controversial cases, which make up the large majority of cases that the Supreme Court oversees. Bush can tell me until he is blue in the face that Harriet Miers will make an excellent Supreme Court judge. I demand to know her opinions on important issues. We, as citizens, deserve the right to know how Ms. Miers will shape our future.

## Movie of the week

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Joss Whedon is not a man who tends to accept defeat. Whedon wrote the original screenplay of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* in 1992, only to have his concept bludgeoned and rearranged by corporate interests. Whedon, after dramatically abandoning the movie project, went on to produce, write, and (occasionally) direct the TV series *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, one of the most commercially successful TV series of all time. After the success of *Buffy* and the spin-off series *Angel*, Whedon found inspiration for a new series in Michael Shaara's Civil War novel "The Killer Angels."

Whedon was taken with the idea of rebuilding society, architecturally and idealistically, after losing a war. He expounded on the classic sci-fi basis of human life on other planets after Earth is destroyed by hatching a civil war between forces (the Alliance) who wanted an overarching government for all the planets and the Independents. From that launching pad he created his own completely unique universe.

As Jeff Vice from Deseret News put it, "this material cobbles together elements of Westerns, space epics, new-age

mysticism, and even zombie-horror films. And it's to the credit of screenwriter/director Joss Whedon that it all feels cohesive, coherent, and believable."

The original TV show, dubbed *Firefly* after the class of the spaceship the delightful and quirky crew inhabits, aired on Fox in the fall of 2002. The show never had a consistent timeslot because of sports games and the 11 episodes aired were actually shown non-sequentially, with the pilot airing last.

Fox's ill-conceived management of Whedon's project damned any sense of plot continuity, and baffled any curious viewers. Fox cancelled the show after airing 11 episodes from the 14-episode first season. Avid fans launched an online campaign and pooled money for an ad in *Variety* magazine. Within a year the entire first season was released on DVD, where the show grew a tremendous fan base. Never giving up, Whedon pitched his idea as a movie to several networks, and eventually his miracle came through Mary Parent of Universal Studios, who backed the project.

Now the movie *Serenity*, which continues the plot of the *Firefly* series, has been released as a full-length motion picture nationwide to much critical lauding.

James Sanford of the Kalamazoo Gazette called *Serenity*

"an action-packed thriller with a sense of humor, several ingenious ideas, and a few startling scares."

In its first week, *Serenity* grossed \$10,100,000. The movie features the crew of *Serenity*, a firefly class spaceship, led by Captain Malcolm Reynolds, hundreds of years in the future. The crew of *Serenity* bounces from planet to planet, doing honest and dishonest work to stay afloat, constantly fearing the fascist Alliance Forces and the cannibalistic Reavers, who are men gone crazy on the outskirts of space.

In the pilot of *Firefly*, Captain Reynolds takes on a rich doctor, Simon Tam, who sneaks his sister, River, on board after kidnapping her from an Alliance facility. The Alliance had been performing tortuous experiments of an unclear nature which, in later episodes, allude to psychic ability and the physical skills of a trained assassin.

The movie smartly and cohesively weaves River's secrets into the origin of the Reavers in a riveting and action-packed 119 minutes that inspires as many tears for fallen characters as laughs for those left standing. In short, *Serenity* is a must-see even for those unfamiliar with the *Firefly* series, and is exactly what millions of *Firefly* fans have been expecting.

## I wonder how long this one will last

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Last week, I had the pleasure of comparing two popular websites on our school campus. This week, there is no comparison; www.XUQA.com was the worst website that I have come across this school year. This site is weak for many reasons, and because of this, I regret taking this website on as a newspaper article.

I applaud the effort that went into this site and understand that it is not easy creating a website, but every time I opened this webpage, I found myself wondering why I bothered. This site just did not seem to be completely thought-out. It tried to do too much, and so accomplished nothing.

The site www.XUQA.com was unprofessional, but do not take my word for it. Let the creators of www.XUQA.com explain what it is and where the thought process behind this site came from: "the illegitimate child of a few zany ideas, two months of toiling in front of a shitty half-assed PC, a lack of consensus on a name, and lots and lots of bickering. A fallen elevator, a few broken legs, an office flood, and numerous net disconnections later we have a site that'd let you chill, blab, bitch about your teachers, and hook up with your senior class crush."

This website is underdeveloped and pointless. This site does offer features that are new to members such as "spin

the bottle" and gifts, which are pictures of various items that make people smile. It also includes the XUQA currency, which is peanuts. Each member is given peanuts when they sign up, and they may use them to buy gifts for their friends, crushes, etc. However, this site is overpowered by too many elements that make it weak. It is confusing at times and makes it hard for people to find specific information, because each page is cluttered with too much page filler.

I found that www.XUQA.com is not original or useful in any way. It is new to the Ursinus campus, but just because something is new does not make it better than what is out now. What does this site offer that you can not live without? The answer to this question is obviously nothing. It is simple to me; if you cannot pronounce the name of the site, then maybe you should not go on it.

Most college students love websites like www.XUQA.com and can appreciate the fact that college students are the ones that created this site. However, I am not most college students, so for me this site is pathetic and boring. This does not mean

that it will not improve, but I will wait for that day to come.

A good site to me is one that makes you want to visit it everyday and has a target audience. The www.XUQA.com website has neither. Since this is just my opinion, you have the chance to form your own. Check out this site and see for yourself; only two things can happen, you will stay or go.



## Independent film producer Nadine Patterson to speak at Ursinus

Nadine Patterson, an independent film producer, will present a lecture on October 20 in Pfahler Hall 106 at 11 a.m.

Patterson's production credits include *Anna Russell Jones: Praisong for a Pioneering Spirit*, *Moving with a Dream*, and her first feature film *Black Ninja*. The program is free and open to the public.

Patterson runs the awarding winning film production company, Harmony Image Productions. Her productions focus on African-American culture and the city of Philadelphia. Her latest works include *Cosmic Trane* and a group project called *Brick by Brick: Reflections on Philadelphia Public Education*.

Born in Philadelphia, Patterson wanted to be an actress at first, but thought the roles for African Americans were limited. She then decided to switch to producing.

Patterson earned her bachelor of arts in Theater Arts at Franklin and Marshall. She holds a master's degree in instructional media technology and attended a Masters of Art program at the London Film School. She has taught at both Drexel and Temple Universities.

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## Baney boots Bears over Newport News

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On a wet and soggy Family Day at Ursinus College, rain poured down in every direction and turnovers, field position, and special teams played key factors. The Ursinus Bears football team was able to overcome adversity and come back to beat Newport News 14-13 thanks to Matt Baney's game-winning extra point.

The Bears (2-3, 0-1 Centennial Conference) trailed 7-0 late in the first quarter thanks to a fumble recovery in the end zone by the Builders Josh King after Andre Carrington was able to knock the ball loose from Nick Dye deep in Ursinus territory. Newport News (3-3) then recovered one of many fumbles by both teams, 11 in all, and five plays and 30 yards later, the Builders built their biggest lead at 13-0. The extra point was no good.

On the ensuing kickoff, Josh Hannum used his speed and quickness to weave through the Builders' kickoff team and scamper 79 yards for a touchdown. Baney then added the extra point to close the gap to 13-7 going into the locker room at halftime.

Neither team was able to muster any offense in the second half due to the lack of traction and a wet football. Both teams combined for a total of 222 yards of offense, but 62 of them came at a crucial point in the game for the Bears. With 7:32 showing on the clock late in the fourth quarter, the Bears' offense put together an 11 play drive, along with converting on a 4<sup>th</sup> and long, and scored on a swing pass from freshmen quarterback Nick

Dye to running back Dave Ashworth to tie the game up at 13 apiece. The extra point was still to come.

With Patterson Field covered in mud and no decent turf left, Baney needed one clean shot in order to put the Bears ahead for good; he got two. As Baney put his foot on the ball and it went towards the uprights, Newport News was able to get through the line and block it.

"I was disappointed in myself even though the conditions were bad. I'm just glad that I had another chance to put it through," said Baney. A flag on the play turned out to be an off-sides call on the Builders, giving Baney and Ursinus another chance at the victory and this time he got it done. "I was just hoping that it went in. We fought all the way to the end of the game and when it went in it was the greatest feeling seeing my teammates and the fans going crazy."

Dave Ashworth led the way for the Bears' offense with 85 yards rushing on 28 carries and 22 yards receiving on three receptions and a touchdown. Frank Mallon led the Bears' defense with nine tackles and one-and-a-half tackles for loss.

Saturday's game was an emotional and thrilling win for the Bears' football team who got their second win of the season. I should know because I'm the Holder for extra points and field goals.

Ursinus returns to action this Saturday on Patterson Field when they continue Centennial Conference play against Muhlenberg. The game is at 1 p.m.

## Field Hockey ranked #1 in nation

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Amidst a Saturday afternoon when the clouds were angry with rain, the turf was filled with joy and success after sloshing Haverford College 7-1 in a soggy showdown.

Perfect in the conference, the 4-0 (8-1 overall) field hockey team strolled onto the green carpet with confidence knowing another win would prompt them higher in the national rankings and one step closer to home-field advantage for the championship tournament.

Karen Wendler has just been an unstoppable force for the team this season as she scored two goals in the game. Ursinus drew the first strike as Wendler's first goal came only two minutes into the game assisted by Ashley Ettinger.

As the torrential downpour started so did the flood gates open for the Bears scoring four more goals in the first half. Jess Rodgers scored the next two goals, one unassisted and one with a little help from Allison Doult.

Kait Sutherland and Emily Godfrey scored a goal each as well. Sutherland's goal was assisted by Jamie Doperak late in the first half. Junior Forward, Emily Godfrey, scored her first goal of the season with two minutes left in the first half. The score at the half was 5-0 as the Bears were just raining on Haverford's parade making them want to park their Fords indoors for the rest of the afternoon.

Taking a few minutes to try and dry off the Bears would whet their appetites once again as Ashley Ettinger found Karen Wendler once again to score within the first four minutes of the second half.

The final nail in the game's coffin came as

Lindsay Cappa would slip the water-logged ball past net security for a violation of being good in the 39<sup>th</sup> minute of the game.

From there on out, the Bears would put the victory on cruise control and send the Fords to the junkyard to be scrapped. A shutout was almost preserved but the Fords cranked one past the brick wall, better known as Jessica Lamina.

Erin Bender recorded three saved in her relief efforts in the middle of the game. The Bears would win with a final score over Haverford College 7-1, improving their Centennial Conference record to a spotless 5-0 and an overall record of 9-1. The squad has won nine straight games.

Saturday's win would push the number one ranked team Salisbury out of the way to make the Ursinus College Field Hockey team ranked number one in the nation according to the STX/NFHCA Division III national coaches poll released on Tuesday. This is the Bears first number one ranking in school history.

On Tuesday night, the ladies pulled out a win over conference rival Swarthmore 4-1. In their first game under the lights on the new field, the Bears would slip and slide right into the number one spot in the nation. Jess Rodgers and Ashley Ettinger scored two out of the four goals.

This Sunday the girls will face non-league opponent Middlebury on the road at 1 p.m.

## Women's Rugby drenches Lebanon Valley

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The Ursinus College Women's Rugby team stepped it up once again in league play soundly defeating Lebanon Valley in the midst of Saturday's downpour.

The team went to Annville, Pa., early Saturday morning and played through the constant rainfall, further dampening Lebanon Valley's spirits on homecoming day with a final score of 32-0. This moves the team's record to 4-0 and puts them in excellent standing for the division playoffs. At this point, the team has yet to allow their opponent to score in any league matches.

"For a team to give up no points in any league matches is ultimately unheard of, no matter what level you play at," explains newly appointed head coach Chris Walsh. "They played brilliantly."

The rainy conditions made ball-han-

dling a difficult task, so the Lady Bears relied heavily on scrums and the running game to gain yardage. They controlled the pace of the game from the very beginning with their hard hitting and constant pushing. It immediately became clear that Lebanon Valley simply could not contain them.

Sophomore Carolyn Vogt, senior Karen Guardiani, and juniors Caitlin Hanlon and Caitlin O'Connor all came up with breakaways resulting in tries.

The forwards prevailed in all but a few of the scrums and pushed for much yardage out of the scrum as well, allowing senior Allie Hunter and sophomore Jaime Malarchik to each put in a try.

The defense was relentless once again, allowing no Lebanon Valley activity in the Ursinus try zone. In the few cases where its opponent threatened, Ursinus defended the line and pushed the opponents back into their territory each time.

Senior Nickie Tammy and juniors Samantha Erle and Dana Roach stood out defensively, coming up with several key tackles and forcing turnovers.

"We went out on a mission and succeeded

in shaming their team on their homecoming day," says Samantha Erle. "Although the rain complicated the technical aspects of the game, we managed to work through the difficulties to maintain our undefeated record."

The league standings are now very favorable towards Ursinus gaining a possible first place, as the Lady Bears await the results of other league games. They will face their most formidable opponent, F&M, on Saturday, Oct. 22 in the final league match of the season.

A victory will undoubtedly put them in first place and it is highly likely that they will reach the Division III playoffs regardless of the outcome. If this level of play continues, it is very possible that they will not only make the playoffs but have a solid chance of going far.



## Eagles to fly again soon

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The Philadelphia Eagles gave their fans another big victory to savor on Sunday Oct. 2. The Eagles rallied to defeat a tough Kansas City team 37-31 on the road.

Donovan McNabb accomplished something no other Eagles quarterback has ever done, throwing for over 300 yards in three straight games. McNabb, playing with a sports hernia, a chest bruise, and a sore shin, completed 33 of 48 passes for 369 yards and three TDs.

The Eagles pushed their record to 3-1, behind McNabb's arm and Terrell Owen's legs. The duo rallied the Eagles from an 18 point deficit to take the lead for good in the fourth quarter. Owens fueled McNabb's big day by consistently getting open to make 11 catches for 174 yards and a touchdown.

A gutsy win at home over Oakland a week earlier showcased that the Birds have the talent and the depth to go all the way. Behind the Eagles last second win over Oakland was a truly heroic performance by Eagles kicker

David Akers, who was playing with a badly injured left hamstring. The game was extremely competitive, albeit sloppy, featuring a combined 22 penalties between the two teams.

The Eagles win was a nail biter to the end as Akers' leg lifted the Eagles to victory with his 23 yard field goal with nine seconds remaining on the clock. Akers was forced to kick on a badly injured leg because the Eagles, like almost all NFL teams, do not carry two kickers in order to be resourceful with their 53 man limited roster.

The Eagles and their die hard fans have their sights set on reaching Detroit in the 2005-2006 season.

A strong start, and the return of all key players from a year ago gives Philadelphia the confidence that this team can bring the Lombardi Trophy to the city of brotherly love for the first time in history.

The 2005-2006 Eagles will return virtually every starter to its Super Bowl roster from a year ago. Despite all the off-season distractions, the Eagles have a lot of firepower on both sides of the ball.

At age 28, quarterback Donovan McNabb is coming off his best year (104.7 passer rating, 64 percent completion rate, 31

touchdowns). The unquestioned team leader and the rest of his explosive offense are geared up and ready to wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

Star wide-receiver Terrell Owens returns amidst his off-season contract squabbles, and is poised for another big year. Last season Owens caught 77 passes and scored 14 touchdowns.

Star running back Brian Westbrook also returns, coming off a season where he caught 73 passes and gained 812 yards on the ground while scoring 9 touchdowns.

Tight end LJ Smith and wide outs Reggie Brown and Greg Lewis will also be counted on to make key contributions on the offensive side of the ball.

The Eagles stalwart defense returns almost all starters from a year ago. Pro Bowl linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, the leader of the defense, was re-signed by the Eagles this past off-season.

Defensive line star Jevon Kearse, a.k.a. the "Freak" returns looking to improve on his 31 tackles and 7.5 sacks from a year ago.

The Eagles defensive backfield is the brightest spot on this side of the ball. All-pro safety Brian Dawkins anchors the secondary. Dawkins and his

backfield mates Lito Sheppard, Michael Lewis, and Sheldon Brown will aim to shut down opposing offenses all season.

However, that come from behind win was not evident in the 33-10 thrashing from the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday. The Cowboys manhandled the Birds in all aspects of the game. The Cowboys defense only allowed 19 yards rushing and a lone field goal. The Eagles only touchdown came off of an intercepted stripped ball by Sheldon Brown to take it to the house for seven. With surgery ailing over Donovan's head the thought is tempting to Eagles fans.

If any positive can come out of Sunday's loss to Dallas, it must be the well needed bye week to prepare for another tough team, the San Diego Chargers. The Eagles defense must be prepared to stop the ground force of LanDainian Tomlinson.

All hope is not lost because of one single game. These are our Philadelphia Eagles and under Andy Reid the Birds are perfect after a bye week with a record of 6-0.

Be sure to watch the Eagles bounce back at home inside the 'Linc' on Sunday, October 23, game time is at 1 p.m. on CBS.



## Bearly Reminder

**Thursday October 13th**

**Men's Soccer at Cabrini- 3:30 p.m.**

**Volley vs. Arcadia- 7 p.m.**

**Saturday October 15th**

**M&W XC at DeSales Invitational- 10 a.m.**

**Football vs. Muhlenberg- 1 p.m.**

**Men's Soccer vs. F&M- 1 p.m.**

**Volleyball at Washington- 1 p.m.**

**Sunday October 16th**

**#1 Field Hockey at Middlebury- 1 p.m.**

**Monday October 17th**

**#1 Field Hockey at Rensselaer (RPI)- 4 p.m.**

**Tuesday October 18th**

**Men's Soccer vs. Neumann- 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday October 19th**

**#1 Field Hockey at Muhlenberg- 7 p.m.**

**Women's Soccer at Bryn Mawr- 4 p.m.**

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**October 6th - 10th**

**#1 Field Hockey vs. Haverford W- 7-1**

**Football vs. Newport News W- 14-13**

**Men's Soccer vs. McDaniel PPD/Weather**

**Men's Soccer vs. Richard Stockton L- 0-3**

**Women's Soccer vs. F&M PPD/Weather**

**Volleyball vs. Dickinson L- 1-3**