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An eggsellent move?
March of Dimes/A.I.R. Awards

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On Wednesday, Nov. 9, two students accompanied Paulette Patton, the director of Multicultural Services & Tutorial Programs at Ursinus, to the twelfth annual March of Dimes / A.I.R. (Achievement in Radio) awards ceremony in Philadelphia.

March of Dimes is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of the health of babies, and funds almost $1.7 million in the Eastern Pennsylvania region for the promotion of research projects to prevent birth defects and infant mortality, community service, and advocacy that saves babies. November is Prematurity Awareness Month — go to www.marchofdimes.com to find out how you can contribute.

The 2005 A.I.R. Awards saluted local DJs in the Philadelphia region who have excelled in radio. Among the many honored were E. Steven Collins (WPHI), who has served the African American community for more than twenty years. He is now the national sales manager for Radio One in Philadelphia and the creator of Philadelphia’s Unity Day — an event on the Ben Franklin Parkway to encourage community ties between those of all races, backgrounds and creeds. Other noteworthy honorees included Juan Varleta (if you are not familiar with him, he can catch him on WDAS-FM dishing out the latest news over the airways), Patty Jackson of WDSAM-FM, known for her soulful voice and controversial style, and a number of other well-known and accomplished DJs in the region.

The 2005 A.I.R. lifetime achievement award recipient was Mary Mason, who for the 2005 A.I.R. Lifetime Achievement Award. This phenomenal woman has hosted her own show, “Mornings with Mary,” on 1340 WHAT-AM: The “Voice” of the African American Community for 47 years. She is considered one of the most recognized figures in radio, not only among the African American community, but also nationally and internationally. She has interviewed such figures as former President Clinton himself during his visit to Philadelphia in 1993 (she was the only radio host he visited, mind you). She was selected as a representative for the African American community to welcome Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela, and F.W. DeKlerk, both former presidents of South Africa, to the Philadelphia Liberty Medal Presentation Ceremony in 1994. Mason makes endless charitable contributions to Catholic Charities, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Centers International), and has established her own charity — the Mary Mason Community Service Foundation, just to touch the tip of the iceberg.

Aradio pioneer, Mary Mason, was the first woman titled Executive Vice Chair of the National Media Coalition, has a number of achievements behind her. Her 47 years as a much loved and accomplished radio host and philanthropist has opened up many doors for her, and in return, she has opened up many doors for her community. She will continue to do so for many years to come.

Brewer's Festival

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A group of Ursinus students has organized a brewer’s festival to honor the memory of Dr. Michele McLennan as part of their semester-long project for BE 230.

Britton Bongaardt, Jessica Gallagher, Chris de Leon, Justin DeAngelis, and Meghan McFee have been organizing the festival, ”A Taste for the Cure,” which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 5 p.m. at The Farmhouse at the People’s Light Theatre in Malvern, Pa.

They have signed on Iron Hill Restaurant and Brewery and Victory Brewing Company so far, and are still awaiting responses from several other breweries. They hope to have at least ten signed on in time for the event.

Tickets are selling for $25 a person and $40 a pair. The price of the tickets includes beer samples from each brewery as well as food. There will be a strict carding policy and no one under the age of 21 will be allowed to purchase a ticket. Buses will be provided to students who do not wish to drive.

Half of the proceeds will go directly to the recently established Dr. Michele McLennan Scholarship Fund, and the other half will go to the Ovarian Cancer Coalition, which Dr. McLennan actively participated in.

The students see this project as an excellent opportunity to support a good cause in a unique way, while gaining some valuable hands-on managerial experience.

“We all get along and work well together,” said Britton Bongaardt. “We all have fun while we are doing this work together and we all get the job done when it needs to be done.”

Tickets are still available, although spots are limited. For more information or to purchase tickets, e-mail <ursinuscares@yahoo.com>.
Renowned writer speaks at Ursinus

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James Fallows, award-winning correspondent for the Atlantic Monthly, spoke in the Kaleidoscope's Lenfest Theater on Oct. 20. Board of trustee members, faculty and students filled three-quarters of the auditorium to hear the lecture by the author and reporter. Dressed in a suit and tie, Mr. Fallows took the stage within several hours of flying his own plane from Washington, D.C., to the Perkiomen Valley Airport.

Fallows took control of the podium by accepting an honorary degree for his father, James A. Fallows, M.D., of the Ursinus class of 1946. Dr. Fallows never received an Ursinus degree because he left college in his junior year to attend medical school and serve in World War II. Mr. Fallows read a prepared statement from his father. “I recall very fondly my time at Ursinus College,” he read.

After reading his father’s statement, Fallows began his four part lecture about the war in Iraq. Fallows, who won the National Magazine Award for his November 2002 article - The Fifty-First State - about America’s war on Iraq, explained that the war began because the administration believed in the theory that America’s safety depends on the peace of Arab states. “Iraq was a doable challenge,” stated Fallows. “A lynchpin for democratizing the world.”

“[Matters] are getting better, but getting worse faster,” said Fallows of current trends in Iraq. He also predicted that at least 10 years would be needed to rebuild Iraq.

“America is either going to be there for a long time or leave in an undignified fashion,” said Fallows.

The second part of Fallows’ lecture focused on the U.S. economy. He predicted that current standards of living won’t last long. “Note this moment in history,” he said.

Fallows then broached the subject of party politics. He cited numerous historical indicators of presidential election outcome. “Both candidates should have lost [in 2004],” he concluded. Fallows also expressed the dubious nature of future presidential elections. It’s nobody’s turn to run on the Republican side, while the Democrats have many potential candidates - but none with a good case for running, said Fallows.

The final part of Fallows’ lecture centered on problems in the media. “Everyone thinks something is wrong with the media,” stated Fallows. “But it’s not what you think.”

The news business has gone from being a special activity to being just a business,” said Fallows. The highest grossing news outlets are those which draw a large crowd by using spectacle, he said. He cited the hurricanes, “Aruba girl” and extreme political biases as examples. “The media is getting worse and worse — my magazine excepted,” he joked.

“Nobody is telling us what we need to know,” he said. “We can only hope the generation coming up will be able to serve the nation.”

Fallows answered several audience questions after his speech. An audience member asked Mr. Fallows’ opinion on blogs.

“People in real world areas telling about what their life is like [is important],” he commented. “[But] 85 percent of blogs are ‘Let me tell you about my cat,’” he joked.

Fallows then utilized a query from Dr. Louise Woodstock to place the responsibility for the future on the students’ shoulders.

“What can we do to preserve essential local news sources?” Dr. Woodstock asked. “Take advantage of your resources,” Fallows responded, speaking to the students of Ursinus. “There’s no excuse to be uninform ed. Become a part of the community.”

Building plans for spring 2006 and beyond

In addition, there are several other campus construction plans, President Strassburger said. Starting later in the month, major renovations to Bomberger will begin.

Bomberger is the oldest building on campus and it doesn’t have air-conditioning and it doesn’t have handicap access. So since we have to put those in there we thought we’d do it right and do the whole thing. So that does mean we’ll be moving everybody out of Bomberger for the spring semester.

The other major construction project will be the renovation of Wismer. These renovations will include increasing Zack’s size and eliminating the cumbersome circular hallways that go all around the basement of Wismer. Also on the docket in Wismer is a complete reconstruction of the main dining hall which will take place over two summers. It will allow more people to fit comfortably, while spreading out the food service stations in order to eliminate lines.

Students seemed to greet the master plan warmly and look forward to seeing the completed projects, even if much of the current student population will have already graduated before they are all finished.
During the hustle and bustle of getting their daily bread, people may take for granted the hard work of Carmella Greco, a staff member at Zack's. Carmella Greco worked for Zack's since October 2001 and was ending her day when I had the chance to sit down and talk with her about her family, past experiences at Ursinus College and the student body. So, who is Carmella Greco?

Most people may describe Carmella Greco as the nice woman with blonde hair who works in Zack's, but there is more to her than her job. Ms. Greco is from Harrisburg, originally. She is a wife, a mother of four children, and a grandmother. Before becoming part of the Zack's staff at Ursinus, Carmella worked as an assistant to a local chiropractor's office. When asked what brought her to Zack's, the answer was pretty clear, "My kids are very important to me. Working twelve hours days and being away from my kids when they were young just did not seem right to me. I came to Zack's because it gives me more time to be with my family, but also gets me out of the house. The schedule at Zack's has always worked well for me. It allows me to have my summers off and it gives me a month off for Christmas."

Carmella sums up the average day by stating that working at Zack's is not an easy job and sometimes she does feel underappreciated, but then great kids from the student body come in and brighten up her day. "That is what makes this job worthwhile. I love the kids here," Greco said. "In a way, the students at Ursinus College sometimes make me feel like they were my own children. I see them when they enter college, and they are like babies. Unlike their parents at home, I am able to see them almost everyday and know things such as their eating habits while they attend school. These kids grow up right before my eyes. The Zack's staff, including myself, are able to see them grow and mature into young adults," she added.

Plus, she has a great family to go home to. When she is not working, she enjoys relaxing, shopping at King of Prussia Mall, and being around her family and friends. While she does not know what the future holds for her, she is enjoying the life that she has now and plans to live it out to the fullest.

Many people may not know Carmella Greco by name, but that is not always a bad thing. Some members of the student body at Ursinus College have an interesting way of describing her: "Is she the nice woman with the reddish blonde hair color who works mainly at the register?", which is almost always followed by, "She is so nice. I love going to Zack's and seeing her there." She represents the missing mother image to many of the students at Ursinus College. She is there for kids when they just need someone to talk to or someone to just listen. These things are often overlooked, but they are so important to this world, and Carmella Greco brings them to Ursinus every day.

Being recognized on campus is not important unless you're also making a positive contribution to this community in some way. Carmella always possesses a positive attitude wherever she goes and represents what the Ursinus community should be.

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**Features**

**Say Hello to Carmella Greco**

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**Sexual Engineering**

There is usually no need to question why we as humans engage in sex. Sex allows us to procreate, penetrate, and experience pleasure unique to sexual stimulation. Unfortunately, being human causes us to carry the burden of intelligence, which has lead to our distinctive inquisitive nature. Thus, we question and ponder even the simplest of matters, which causes an inevitable anxiety as we worry and occasionally obsess about matters in our lives. This anxiety is common during sex because, to many, sex is intimidating, especially to those of us who are confused as to what exactly is going on. However, after studying the Sexual Response Cycle, I am able to illustrate the mechanics of sex so that we will all be able to gain some training as sexual engineers.

The Sexual Response cycle consists of four phases, beginning with what is referred to as the "appetitive phase." In this phase, one develops desire and fantasizes about sexual activity. At this phase, one has feelings of attraction toward another or others. During this phase, in women, the clitoris swells and the vagina begins to lubricate. In men, the penis becomes partially stimulated, and eventually a full erection is attained. The testes also begin to elevate (#Understanding Abnormal Behavior).

The next phase is referred to as the "arousal phase" and occurs due to direct and specific stimulation. This refers to both physical and emotional sexual stimulation. During this phase, blood pressure increases as well as heart and respiratory rates. In women, the labia undergo a color change as blood flow increases to the genital region. The clitoris then expands and retracts as the vagina also undergoes expansion. Elevation of the uterus also occurs. In this phase, women also experience breast swelling, increased lubrication, and erect nipples. In men, the prostate gland and testes enlarge as the testes elevate further. The Cowper's gland activates and secretes and penile color becomes darker. In this phase, the scrotum experiences increased thickness (#Understanding Abnormal Behavior).

"Orgasm" is the next phase, which causes sexual tension to release and bodily muscles to involuntarily contract. In women, the orgasmic phase rhythmically contracts. The uterus and rectal sphincter contract also. At this point, with continued stimulation, women have the ability to experience multiple orgasms. In men, the penis and urethra contract, forcing semen through the urethra and penis as contraction of the seminal vesicles occurs. Contraction of the prostate and rectal sphincter occurs, as well as the closing of the bladder's internal sphincter. Men unfortunately are not able to experience multiple orgasms because of a refractory period in which there is no response to stimulation (#Understanding Abnormal Behavior).

The final phase is the "resolution phase," which includes bodily relaxation. In women, the vagina attains normalcy and the orgasmic platform recedes. The uterus also returns to its normal place in the body by descending. In men, the erection recedes as the scrotum and testes return to the normal size, place, and thickness. Blood pressure, heart, and respiratory rates also regain normalcy (#Understanding Abnormal Behavior).
Mind Travel, a dedication to psychedelic/philosophical works of Timothy Leary.

"Turn on, Tune in, Drop out!"

This week’s edition in travel uses the Mind as the medium, for we were too poor and too lazy to go anywhere physical. Instead, we journeyed into the depths of our consciousness and found... confusion, chaos, and the utter displacement of reality in the physical world that we have been trying to bring to you, the reader. So what we did was “prepare.” We prepared not in the sense of getting messed up or drunk/high, but instead just putting ourselves in a weird (I don’t mean out of this world, just not normal) mindset. Well, in reality we couldn’t find transportation to the Nuclear Power plant because we procrastinate, but we figured we could travel through our minds instead. I must say, however, that this is not insignificant, and by no means is it trivial. Rather, using the mind as a means of travel is more important than anything.

So Mark and I consulted our coveted sage: Timothy Leary, the master of the consciousness and journeying through the vast areas of the unknown. He once said after his stays at Berkeley and the “Ivy League” (“ambiguously prestigious” college) Harvard he was:

An anonymous institutional employee who drove to work each morning in a long line of commuter cars and drove home each night and drank martinis... like several million middle-class, liberal, intellectual robots.

We are all intellectuals coming out of our educational stays. The institution teaches us well. But we do not want to become drones; we do NOT want to become the over-educated and underappreciated. We know that not everyone’s psychological journey is the same so we will not converge into ours, but we expect to convey our understanding of the process.

You will go through some groundbreaking epiphanies, maybe even “earth shattering.” You will understand that it is a singular journey; however, you will understand that sharing your experience is an integral part of the process. And before any of this mind travel can occur, you want to know yourself and the boundaries that compose your inner-being. For Leary reiterates: We are talking here about the tremendous acceleration of images, the crumpling of analogic perceptions into vapor trails of neuron off-on flashes, the multiplicity of disorderly mind programs slipping in and out of awareness like floppy disks.

Not to scare anyone, but when you divulge into the unknown, which we feel is the last uncharted territory (other than the ocean and space, for all you hardcore biologists and astronomers), you will be going into a chaotic horizon of beauty.

We raise the proverbial glass to Timothy Leary and his teachings, as he is not only a force in the modern culture but also a time traveler into past civilizations, constantly unlocking the mind of its shackles of time and decay, thus leading to understanding and eventually even evolution. In much the same way Prometheus discovered fire as a means of survival and great inspirational influence, the human mind is great and wondrous and needs a certain “fire” to achieve inspiration.

We are talking about learning how to operate our minds, our brains, our souls. And learning the rudiments of mind-f***ing, silly body juicy f***ing, and brain-soul f***ing — Timothy Leary...

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The Outside World

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The first student theater and dance performance in the Ursinus College Lenfest Theater at the Kaleidoscope Center for the Performing Arts began its two-week run last Thursday.

This “collaborative project,” by Ursinus professors Chris Aiken, Domenick Scudera and Cathy Young, found inspiration from the themes and texts used in Ursinus’ first-year course, The Common Intellectual Experience (CIE). The combined theater and dance production has been titled The Examined Life (or as some of the performers like to call it, CIE: The Musical), and it looks at the three main questions students are asked to ponder throughout their two semesters of CIE: What does it mean to be human? What is the universe and how do we fit into it? How should we live our lives?

The production is a combination of music, dancing and acting, comprises 87 Ursinus student performers with diverse acting and dancing abilities, as well as various backstage student help. Different lighting techniques are used to coincide with the music and dancing, and the performers wear mostly plain black and white costumes in order to place the emphasis on their movements and words.

While I appreciate the arts and attempts to expand the field, I was caught off-guard by the choreographed dancing sequences, which make up a large portion of this production. Professor Cathy Young described them to me as being abstract. “This technique allows people to see what they want” she said. “It gives the audience visual images and visceral sensations that connect them to the themes of the evening. This is a monumental experience like CIE. It’s a journey.” But while the scenes of The Examined Life were meant to express different aspects of how to answer the three CIE questions, the whole production did little more than completely confuse me.

Because the whole presentation is so abstract, it was hard for me to relate to what the dancers were doing and the message they were trying to express. The groups of dancers often moved in synchronized movements, rolled on the ground, or danced with partners, the actors recited quotes from various famous people and retold a parable by Galileo, and the whole performance started and ended with the entire cast holding candles and surrounding the audience. However, there were no explanations given for why they chose to perform these particular scenes or why the audience should care about what was happening up on stage.

There were some redeeming aspects to the evening’s performance. The third section which addressed the question, “How should we live our lives?” was very different than the first two sections, in that it combined both the actors and dancers onstage at once, the dancing was livelier, the costumes were more colorful, there was emotion involved in these scenes, and the singing of India Arie’s Beautiful by Taylor Martin was a nice, hopeful touch at the end of the show.

For those of you who might be wondering, this production did remind me a lot of CIE: I came away from the experience with more questions than when I started, and no answers to any of them.
Opinions

A call for justice: the fight against satire at Ursinus

I do not know if you noticed it around campus last week, but a band of hooligans have created an "underground publication" entitled The Discontented Collegian. We ask you, the citizenry of Ursinus College, to boycott this propaganda.

The Discontented Collegian, the monthly newsletter of The Discontented Collegeville Underground Publication Society (or the very immature "DCUPS," for short) contains religious blasphemy, racial offensiveness, and direct assaults on our institute of higher learning. Matt Flyntz, editor-in-chief of The Discontented Collegian, says "The DC is meant to be a light-hearted, satirical alternative to The Grizzly. We do not want trouble."

Matt Flyntz and Dan Sergeant have no familial relations to the Matt Flyntz and Dan Sergeant who write for The Discontented Collegian. They would not urge you to look for it around campus the second Tuesday of every month, although you certainly do not deserve any hate mail or e-mail.

Our suggestions may seem harsh and may even imply a certain abandonment of rights, but let me reiterate that when we are faced with such an evil and determined foe, we must band together and not let silly notions like "freedom of speech" and "freedom of the press" get in the way of our goals. We must make sacrifices for the overall good of our institute.

May God continue to bless Ursinus College.

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It's your bed, so make it

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A recent outbreak in vandalism has occurred in the dormitories of Reimert Hall. For those of us living there, this should be a cause for concern.

On any given day, it's not uncommon to find beer cans and shattered bottles strewn across Reimert's courtyard. It has gotten to the point that I scold anyone I know if I see them walking around barefoot or out of the suite. You would think that as mature college students it would be in our best interest to act accordingly, but that hasn't been the case this year. Growing up, our parents and guardians told us to stop hitting our brothers and sisters so that we would clean up our mess. Maybe Strassburger should give these students a white glove inspection of my room apartments. All I am saying is that we overlook the fact we no longer live in a world without God? Does exist­
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As the great Harry S. Truman put it, the buck stops here.

Dan Sergeant, founding member of DCUPS, said "We're just trying to make people laugh." You are making people cry, Mr. Sergeant! Particularly women and minorities, for when we look at the membership of DCUPS, we see a distinct lack of women and people of color. To what can we attribute this phenomenon? Surely an outdated system of white-male supremacy. The liberal arts philosophy of Ursinus College will surely not support this sort of categori­
hated, satirical alternative to The Grizzly. We do not want trouble. Satire, by its very nature, causes trouble. It puts the defenseless on display for the whole world to laugh at. We hereby call for the complete ban of satire from all Ursinus College publications.

How existence ruined my summer vacation

Christopher Curley

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Yes, if there is no God, then there's no one to blame but myself. I'm 14 - I can't shoulder that kind of responsibility. It's supposed to everybody's fault but my own.

"Eh, kill yourself, don't kill your­
self. It's all basically the same," 20th century French philosopher Albert Camus famously told a student. "Have a baguette, and grab the morning edition, will you?"

The first I well apprehended, but the baguette? What did it mean? I spent weeks poring over the intricacies of breadmaking. Stopped going out with friends (meaningless con­structs) and practicing basic hygiene (sheer absurdity) until I gave up, confused and unable to find the great answer. I began learning needlepoint. My parents worried.

"The stitching's all wrong," my mother admonished.

"It's not wrong, it's cha­otic," I said, sobbing over a pair of mittens. "Oh, who am I kidding? Now I'll never be a dancer."

"Listen son," my father said, putting his arm around my shoulder. "I had a crisis like this myself once. Don't tell your mother but I think you'll feel better with this." He handed me a book.

That was my summer vacation. I'm still not sure what my dad was getting at, or why I need to know "Death to America" in Mandarin, but he's taken a keen interest in my education lately, and this Mao fellow is pretty interesting.

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How existentialism ruined my summer vacation

A recently discovered grade school essay by future infamous "crochet traitor" to democracy John Albert Krosnopski, age 14.

What did I do last summer? I had been able to answer that question before I ventured into the Oaks County free library at 2 p.m. on June 19 in search of new and exciting reading material.

How lucky was I to find a stack of books shunned for their radical and subversive content hidden in the dustbin. The first was titled Despair; or, Suicide: the lighter side. An existentialist primer. I was hooked.

Sartre, Camus, Beckett

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For those of you that don’t know me, I am by no means perfect and miss the trashcan from time to time; but that doesn't mean I decorate trees with toilet paper like it's Christmas.

I went to a military high school that would crack half of the Ursinus population within the first week. I was required to pass a white glove inspection of my room every morning by 8 a.m. It should not take a stint in junior prison for twenty-somethings to understand the rules of boarding: Don't piss off those who you live with and keep you're quarters clean.

It's obvious that we overlook the fact that our school spoils us beyond belief. Just about everyday a maintenance staff cleans up our mess. Maybe President Strassburger should give these overly-tolerant workers a week off and see what happens. Let's not forget that the residents in the freshman dorms don't have that privilege and, believe it or not, they are cleaner than us.

My crystal ball tells me that by Wednesday we'd be waist-deep in our own garbage and begging, like children wanting a new bike, for him to reconsider.

If we as students regress as the years pass, what are we going to be like when we leave the comforts of Ursinus and get our own place in the real world? Hopefully we can take advantage of our college degrees and make enough money to afford maids to take care of us when we trash our one­room apartments. All I am saying is that we, as upperclassmen, should be role mod­els for the kiddies of '09 and make the beds that we sleep in. I don't think that's too much to ask.
Why this liberal supports Samuel Alito

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Last week, Ashley Higgins wrote an article painting Judge Samuel Alito as an extremist conservative who would tear down a woman’s right to an abortion (a right that I, too, think is fundamental). This is simply false. Samuel Alito is certainly a conserva­tive, but he is nowhere near the level of “extremist,” and I would make a hefty wager that he would not touch the legal precedent set by Roe v. Wade back in 1973.

Ashley cited the case Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which, if Alito had his way, would have required women to notify their husbands before having an abortion. Maybe I am missing the point simply because I agree with Alito. I, as a possible future father, feel that a man should have some say in, or at the very least some knowledge of, the future of his child (and according to Newsweek, 70 percent of Americans agree with Sam and me on this issue. Some extremist he is...). But regardless of my personal views, this case does not demonstrate an “opposition to legalized abortion,” as Ashley put it. I think that Stenberg v. Carhart is a better representation of Alito’s views on abortion. His decision in this case overturned a New Jersey law banning partial-birth abortions. In other words, he explicitly stated that partial-birth abortions are illegal. Still worried about Roe?

Alito may very well be pro-life, but that does not mean that he will vote to overturn Roe. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, in Gonzalez v. Raich, voted to support the use of medicinal marijuana in California. Does that mean O’Connor is a stoner? No; I’m sure she is opposed to the usage of marijuana in any instance, but she did not let that get in the way of her judgment. Now, it is certainly not safe to simply assume that Alito will hold the same judicial philosophy, so let us delve deeper. Supreme Court nominees are often asked who their favorite Supreme Court justices throughout history are. Alito said his favorites are William Rehnquist (a conservative), John Marshall Harlan (a moderate), Byron White (a moderate), and William Brennan (a liberal). This array of Justices is revealing. It seems to show that Alito does not value political partisanship as much as thoughtful judgment.

Do not get me wrong; I do not mean to imply that Alito will be a moderate akin to O’Connor, but I believe he will be (I say “will be” because there is no doubt in my mind that he will pass through the Senate confirmation process with relative ease) a thoughtful conservative like Chief Justice John Roberts, not a truly radical extremist like, say, Justice Clarence Thomas.

In the end, the argument “He’s too conservative!” holds little water. After all, George W. Bush is a conservative president, and he has the power to nominate Justices. Bill Clinton, every liberal’s shining star, did not appoint moderate Justices; I am sure many Americans think that Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer are “extremists.” If Clinton can do it, surely Bush can.

The nomination of a Supreme Court Justice is a great way to forward an administration’s policy goals and if Bush were to let that opportunity go to waste by nominating a moderate, he would gain incredible amounts of ridicule from his own party (we haven’t forgotten Harriet Miers already, have we?). Of course I am unhappy that Bush has had the opportunity to fill two Supreme Court vacancies, but that is the way the cookie crumbled. The future of the Supreme Court, to a large extent, is based entirely on luck: who dies/retires at the “right” time. Liberals can piss and moan all they want, but Bush has the legitimacy and 100% reasonable power to pick who he wants, not who the opposition party wants, to sit on the Supreme Court. After all, if the Court had to be a fair representation of the American public, it would just be another legislature, and we would not want anyone legislating from the bench, now would we?

No, surely not.
field hockey tournament at sity this weekend. tions to Lexington, Virginia because the action. The win advanced Washington damarcheskie@ursinus.edu Bears advance to finals to face a Cortland team she came up huge, protecting her domain by blocking 13 shots.

Cortland had plenty of opportunities to score, but Lamina was stingy between the pipes. It was not until the 65th minute of the game that Cortland scored their only goal. Kristin Courtney for the Red Dragons scored, but Lamina was stingy between the pipes. Finally, after Lamina was sprawled out on the turf making multiple consecutive saves within a ten second time frame.

Spirit still high after season opening loss

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The Ursinus swim team made their debut for the 2005-2006 season this past Saturday in an away meet against McDaniel. The team suffered a loss against a strong challenger, but the swimmers’ spirits remain strong.

"I definitely think the season is going really well so far despite our loss yesterday," says freshman Natalie Rosenberg. "I think it's rare that you get a team where everyone has as great an attitude as the girls on our team do," she exclaimed.

Her sentiments are echoed by most members of the team. This positive attitude is so refreshing to hear, especially after dealing with yet another coaching change over the summer. For the seniors on the team, the current coach, Mark Feinberg, is their fifth head coach in the past four years, with several assistant coaches falling by the wayside as well.

The Bears have remained focused and have not allowed cynicism to dominate their season. Six first-year women and men were added to the roster at the beginning of the year and hopes are high to perform even better than last year's squad.

The girls' 400 medley relay of Catherine Palchak, Laura Freitag, Kate Snyder, and Valery Schartel placed first and gave Ursinus a good start to the meet. Snyder was also a double winner in individual events, placing first in the 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly. After many tough races, the McDaniel women won the meet 62-33. Senior co-captain Schartel was optimistic about Ursinus's first meet and said that everyone did well individually, based on past performances. Who could ask for more?

The meet was close on the men's side, but McDaniel finished the meet ten points ahead of Ursinus with a score of 52-42. Freshman Andrew Piascik was another double winner, placing first in both the 200 Individual Medley and the 100 freestyle. The long-distance duo of Andy Will and Brandon Peer placed second and third, respectively, in the 500 freestyle to add needed points to the Ursinus score. Peer also placed second in the 1000 freestyle and the 200 butterfly.

"Even though McDaniel beat us in the dual meet, we can still take them at Conferences," Peer says, referring to the Conference Championships that are held at Franklin and Marshall at the end of the season.

The Bear's home opener was on November 16, and the first time meet will be at home as well. Saturday, November 19, Ursinus will host Gettysburg College at 1 p.m. at the William Elliot pool. As Valery Schartel always says, "Be there with bells on!"