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Activities Fair in Olin Plaza
Activities fair held at Ursinus

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Once again, the annual Ursinus Activities Fair has come and gone. Some thirty clubs and Greek organizations were present on Wednesday, Sept. 7 in Olin Plaza, vying for the attention of as many Ursinus students as possible.

In case you missed the fair, here are some new developments in the various clubs on campus.

The UC Fencing Club is undergoing massive growth and restructuring this year. With an increased budget and far more members this year, fencing classes will now be held two to three times a week, and more tournaments, such as the "Call to Arms," will be held. Also, the club has begun undergoing a transition into becoming an actual club sport at Ursinus, which could open the club to competitions with other schools and open up the possibilities for Ursinus fencers.

The Ninjitsu Club is now holding classes five nights a week, helping to tailor to people's schedules. Club President and Instructor Josh Krill is now back from Japan, where he received the high ranking of Go-dan in Ninjitsu. So, now is an exciting time to learn this martial art.

WVOU always needs more dedicated DJs to work the station and keep the music from getting repetitive with as much original programming as possible. Additionally, the station is hoping to continue the new trend toward hosting smaller concerts that they started last year, and will be sending out announcements as acts are booked.

Japan Club is back and looking to expand and open up more activities for the entire campus, including Japanese movie nights, trips to cultural events around the city (such as the Cherry Blossom Festival in Fairmount Park in the spring), and trips to Japanese shopping centers in the area, such as Mitsuwa or Maido. They are also hoping to expand into doing volunteer work for local cultural events.

The Folk Song Society is hoping to expand beyond music, and invite more kinds of non-visual art, such as spoken word and poetry, to join in on Open-Mic Nights. The first Open-Mic Night is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18. Going along with this, the Folk Song Society is hoping to expand their yearly CD sampler to have both a musical CD and a CD of spoken word and poetry. If you are interested in meeting with new people to talk about music, start bands, or just jam, send an e-mail to folksong@ursinus.edu for more info.

Upsilon Phi Delta is sponsoring a campus-wide trip to the Renaissance Fair for Pirate Day on Sunday, Sept. 24. If you are interested, contact Michelle Heayn (mheayn@ursinus.edu) to book a spot on the bus.

Phi Kappa Sigma, continuing their mission to help the Ursinus community, is hoping to open up campus-wide tutoring. If there is no Phi Kap brother who is well versed in the subject field in which you need tutoring, they promise to go out of their way to find someone who can tutor you. The Skulls are also hoping to organize more cross-Greek events to foster more of a sense of community here at Ursinus. If you want to find out more, visit the Web site at www.ucskulls.com.

For more information on the Activities Fair or the different clubs and organizations at Ursinus, contact the USGA at uga@ursinus.edu.

News in brief

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Three companies led by oil-giant Chevron say that they have found an oil field under the Gulf of Mexico that could boost US reserves by more than 50 percent. Drilling at a test well yielded "a flow rate of more than 6,000 barrels of crude oil per day," explained Chevron. The recent discovery may rival the biggest US oil field, located in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Experts are critical, however; the true size of the oil field is not yet known, and it will be a long time before any of that oil enters the market (CNN).

UK Prime Minister Tony Blair says he will leave office within a year, but has not set a specific date for his departure. Blair, whose future in the political sphere has been the focus of a heated debate within his own party, said last Thursday that the party's annual conference later this month would be his last. "I'm not going to set a precise date now. I don't think that's right," Blair told reporters, following an appearance at a London school (CNN).

Architects revealed plans for three new skyscrapers to sit alongside Freedom Tower on the site of the World Trade Center in New York. The towers will be placed in a semicircle around the memorial to the victims of the September 11 attacks. All of the buildings will be covered in glass and the tallest of them will reach the height of the Empire State Building (BBC).
New exhibit opens at the Berman

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From Sept. 5 to Nov. 5, the 22nd Annual Juried Exhibition of the National Collage Society will be held in the Upper Gallery of the Berman Museum of Art.

The exhibition features 55 pieces, narrowed down from about 400 entries from professional artists, all of which are in the style of collage.

Mélanie Walton of Duquesne University defined collage in "Collage Art: The Art of Construction or the Constructed Art." "Collage is a material object that is in space being re-presented as something it is not," Walton said. Collage can be either realistic or abstract, but in either case, the artist makes use of varying media, juxtaposing them in a unique way.

Walton goes on to say that one judges collage art by the amount of pleasure derived from looking at the piece. Like reading a poem, the enjoyment comes from dissecting the layers to find the deeper meaning.

The entries for the exhibition were judged by three jurors: Michael Taylor, curator of the 20th Century and Modern Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Jonathan Talbot, an internationally known collage artist, workshop leader and author, and Christine Poggi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "Collage, in Defiance of Painting."

There are many unique, beautiful, and provoking pieces of art on display in the Upper Gallery. One piece, called "Naughty," by Pilar Acevedo, features a papier-mâché head placed on top of three drawers which are painted in primary colors. Each drawer has a label: "regurgitated," "remembered," and "repressed." A poem is written all along the right side of the face. The head has no left eye and, surrounding the vacancy, it reads, "Tanto le hace el diablo a su hija que le saca un ojo." This symbolic, complex piece of art leaves room for much interpretation and therefore much satisfaction.

Another piece, called "Interior/Exterior," by Trina Gardner, at first looks as cohesive as a photograph. However, it is made entirely out of magazine images and other papers.

Lisa Tremper Hanover, Director of the Berman Museum, was the Awards Judge for the exhibition. She was given a list of 20 awards, ranging from cash prizes and magazine subscriptions to art supplies. "[I looked for] quality of presentation and composition, content, color--things that speak to me," she explained. She said she also wanted to honor different kinds of works, both two- and three-dimensional, as well as works that utilized unusual materials.

So, why should Ursinus students go to view this exhibition? Hanover suggested that Ursinus students will enjoy the works of the National Collage Society because they will find "compositions they can relate to." She explained that collage is about recycling, making old new again, and bringing objects together in creative ways. Most of all, collage is fun and can appeal to anyone.

Be sure not to miss Christine Poggi, one of the jurors, who will give a gallery talk on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7:00 p.m., on the history of collage. The Museum's hours are Tuesday-Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 4:30 p.m.

A look at the upcoming theater season

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Last week, the Theater department held auditions for two student productions to be performed this fall: The Two Gentlemen of Verona and The Sisters of Rosenweig.

The Two Gentlemen of Verona is already in its first week of rehearsal for performances in October. Directed by Professor Scudera, this play includes all of the elements of the best Shakespearean stories--love triangles, the bonds of friendship, and maybe even a cross-dresser--all with a 1960s twist.

The Sisters Rosenweig will be directed by Professor Redman and rehearsals will commence at the end of September to prepare for performances in November. The play, written by Tony-award winning Wendy Wasserstein, explores the lives of three sisters, struggling to define themselves and their relationships.

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. Francis Fritz, English
Dr. Rebecca Roberts, Biology
Dr. Xochitl Shiru, Modern Languages
Dr. Mohammed Yahdi, Mathematics and Computer Science

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 13, 2006.

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Features

Spotlight on new faculty: Dr. Jonathan Marks

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Last Thursday, I was fortunate enough to conduct a strolling interview/campus tour with the latest addition to the Ursinus Politics Department: an intelligent, witty man by the name of Dr. Jonathan Marks. I learned a lot about Dr. Marks, and a little about myself (I give terrible campus tours).

Dr. Marks was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in Staten Island. He attended the University of Chicago, where he received his B.A. in Philosophy and his M.A. and Ph.D. from their Committee on Social Thought. Before coming to Ursinus, Dr. Marks taught for four years at Carthage College in Wisconsin, where he taught courses in the Political Science and Philosophy departments. He taught courses ranging from Foundations of Western Thought to Logic. This semester, he will be teaching CIE 1 and American Political Thought. In the future, he will also teach Intro to Political Philosophy, Modern Political Philosophy, and a Political Theory seminar. His research interests include philosophers Jean Jacques Rousseau, W.E.B. DuBois, and other contemporary thinkers. Currently, Dr. Marks is in the very beginning stages of research on the topic "John Locke, Jean Jacques Rousseau, and Character Education." For all of you political theory nuts out there, this research will likely lead to a very interesting 400-level seminar. Regarding teaching methods, Dr. Marks says that his main goal is to get students to analyze fundamental political questions while being able to identify, understand, and counter opposing arguments.

On to more fun topics. Dr. Marks lives with his wife of ten years, Anna, and their two sons: Samuel, aged four, and Benjamin, aged one, with whom he has played many rousing rounds of Candyland. Although he loves the undeniable rush that comes from a riveting game of Candyland, he is excited for the day when his sons can enjoy a game of Chess, or at least Checkers. He also shares his home with a bloodhound named Daisy.

I asked him what his favorite book was, but he could not pick just one, so he identified his favorite books in given sub-genres. His favorite piece of Political Philosophy is Plato's Republic; his favorite novel about academic life is Lucky Jim, by Kingsley Amis; and his favorite novel in general is The Brothers Karamazov, by Fyodor Dostoevsky. He also has good taste in music; one of his favorite musical artists is Van Morrison, and his favorite Beatle is none other than the ever-underrated George Harrison. His favorite movies are Casablanca and The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.

So, now you know a little bit about Dr. Marks. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by his office in the Politics department in Ritter and welcome him. Or, you could always enroll in one of his courses. But if you really want to score some points, make up for my massive failure and give him a legitimate campus tour.

Steering clear of a sperm shortage

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Everything You Never Knew You Wanted to Know About Sex

Only on rare occasions do we consider the well-being of creatures and organisms that are smaller than the insects and mosquitoes that we occasionally find in our dorm rooms. There are a few exceptions to this tendency: bacteria, viruses, and other microbes that cause illnesses are a few that often demand our attention. Yet, on a daily basis, sperm, microscopic organisms that are responsible for life (a far more significant consequence than an itchy, annoying, bite) are produced and developed in the bodies of men. How can one assure the health, motility, and population of his sperm? Even though fertility may not be a concern at this time in your life, this article will provide useful information that will help keep your sperm swimming at the rate of an Olympic medalist.

According to the Men's Health resource on about.com, a noticeable decline in the average sperm count worldwide has been recorded. Though there is some debate about the validity of several of these studies, there seems to be a general agreement of what may be causing this decline.

The author(s) of this article suggest avoiding tight pants and underwear. Tight clothing increases temperature, which can cause damage to sperm. Wearing boxes instead of briefs should keep the scrotal area cool, thus protecting the sperm. Avoiding frequent hot tubs and hot baths will also help insure the optimum temperature (four degrees below body temperature) of the scrotum. It has even been suggested that climate and environmental temperature may affect sperm count; studies have shown that men in Finland have higher sperm counts than men in Los Angeles.

Alcohol use and abuse, a tendency that college students have all too often, has also been shown to damage sperm and fertility. Certain prescription and over-the-counter medications may also be detrimental to your sperm count, so be sure to discuss this with your medical professional if you have concerns. Studies have also shown that men who smoke have sperm counts that are devastatingly lower than men who do not smoke.

Exposure to radiation is also known for damaging sperm, as well as other environmental toxins that are currently under study.

Also, excessive ejaculation and "prolonged abstinence" have a detrimental impact on sperm, though it has been discovered that having sex (or simply ejaculating) two to three times a week increases fertility.

Sticking to a healthy diet and taking supplements, such as the combination of folic acid and zinc sulfate, can greatly affect and improve one's sperm count. However, it's always important to talk to your medical professional before starting a regimen of herbal supplements so as to avoid any negative drug interactions or other complications. If you have any comments or concerns about your fertility or questions as to how to maintain a great sperm count, your general practitioner (family doctor) will be able to field your questions or refer you to a specialist (a urologist, for instance) to make sure that you are adequately informed.

Though the thought of increasing your sperm count may be horrifying right now, feel free to tuck this article away until you feel that it's an appropriate time to show a little concern for your sperm.

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The 2006 MTV Video Music Awards: a night of surprises and entertainment

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On Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8 p.m., MTV aired their 23rd annual Video Music Awards from Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The VMAs have a great reputation for incorporating thousands of fans into the show. For example, viewers may vote by phone or on the internet to determine who takes home the coveted Viewer’s Choice Award. Also, there are large areas surrounding the stage filled with screaming fans who have the opportunity to shake the hands of famous presenters and award winners.

This year’s show was hosted by actor and comedian Jack Black. Though Black has starred in funny movies such as *Shallow Hal* and *School of Rock,* the VMAs may not have been the best outlet for Black to showcase his slapstick humor. The Video Music Awards deserved a host who can truly appreciate music, while adding a bit of class to the evening.

However, the evening was certainly not a total flop. The show opened with Justin Timberlake and Timberland performing their hit song, “Sexy Back.” Coincidentally, the song hit number one on the Billboard Charts that day. Other memorable performances included Christina Aguilera, who showcased her beautiful vocals on the ballad “Hurt,” as well as Pharell and Ludacris, who debuted their new song, “Money Maker.” Perhaps the most interesting performance of the night came from a new band, OK Go!, who, despite having lip-synced their song, performed an intricately choreographed routine on treadmills.

But who took home the sought-after moon men statues? James Blunt walked away with the Best Male Video award for his song “You’re Beautiful,” while “Because of You” by Kelly Clarkson took home the award for Best Female Video. Chamillionaire surprisingly beat out 50 Cent, Busta Rhymes, T.I., and Yung Joc for the Best Rap Video with his song “Ridin’ Dirty.” AFI’s “Miss Murder” won the Best Rock Video award, while Avenged Sevenfold walked away with the always popular Best New Artist award for “Bat Country.” Shockingly, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, who were nominated for numerous awards throughout the evening, only walked away with the Best Art Direction award for their hit song, “Dani California.” Perhaps the most overplayed song on the radio in recent months, “Hips Don’t Lie,” by Shakira, featuring Wyclef Jean, only took home one award as well: Best Choreography.

As the evening came to an end, the winner of the Viewer’s Choice Award was announced. It was no surprise that Fall Out Boy’s “Dance Dance” won; they were frequently announced as the favorite throughout the week and during the show. And finally, perhaps the most important award of the night was given to Panic! At the Disco for their song, “I Write Sins, Not Tragedies.” The band beat out contenders such as Christina Aguilera, Madonna, Shakira and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

While Jack Black did not do the most stellar job hosting the ever-famous music awards, the show still had its perks. Former Vice President Al Gore even made an appearance to talk about global warming! While the music and award winners change every year, the VMAs always offer some sort of entertainment for everyone.
Opinions

Point/Counterpoint: gays in the scouts

A right to discriminate

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When considering whether or not the Boy Scouts of America has the right to deny entry to homosexuals, the way in which one phrases the question can make all the difference. For instance, some may ask “Do people have the right to discriminate?” while others may ask “Does a private organization have the right to set standards and requirements for entry?” I choose the latter phrasing.

One of the goals of the Boy Scouts is to promote a certain notion of morality. The Scouts oath reads as follows: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.” Now, the word “straight” is probably not as revealing as some may argue, but the belief that homosexuality is immoral is very widespread in America. Just because we live on a liberal arts campus where the majority of people do not hold that belief (please keep in mind that I do not hold that belief either) does not mean that that belief is some sort of “extremism.” So, implying heterosexuality, the Boy Scouts are recognizing a very common view of American morality. But, more importantly, the Boy Scouts are a private organization. If tax-payer dollars supported this sort of discrimination, I would be outraged, but I think that private organizations have the right to set requirements for entry. For instance, a privately-funded African American scholarship foundation has the right to deny white applicants. An all-women organization has the right to deny entry to men. A Catholic organization has the right to deny entry to Satanists. My point is this: private organizations have the right to convey their goals and their messages in the way they see fit (so long as it does not unnecessarily harm others, of course). One of the Boy Scouts’ messages is that boys ought to be “morally straight.” The Boy Scouts hold that accepting homosexuals would be contrary to this goal. Once again, I think that this belief is ridiculous; however, as citizens, the Boy Scouts have the same First Amendment rights that we “liberals” have. Under the First Amendment, private organizations have the right to convey a message, and forcing the Boy Scouts to accept homosexuals would completely undermine that all-important amendment. If the government could tell a private organization who they must accept, no organization could ever effectively convey its message.

Unfair and illegal

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Organized groups in America have been selective of participants based on color, gender, race, and sexual orientation since the founding of our country. In America privately funded expressive groups have been able to dictate membership requirements with little control from the public. In contrast to private groups, organizations such as the Boy Scouts who are publicly supported have been legally forced to be inclusive to everybody. While hundreds of thousands of people have drowned the traditional Boy Scouts attire, their commitment to exclude gay scouts and leaders clearly establishes them as an organization that discriminates. Though the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) defend such allegations by declaring to be a private group able to set limitations on membership, their reliance on public funds and sponsorship encourages many to believe otherwise. Although this issue may appear that the Boy Scouts are singling out gay members, the issue is broader dealing with discrimination and misuse of public funding. The fact that the BSA exists as a major beneficiary of public and governmental funds requires them to accept all males, including those of different sexual and religious orientations.

The BSA’s opposition to gay males is not only a direct form of discrimination, it is a privatization of taxpayers’ money. In the form of discounted rent, access to public camping grounds, and even survival lessons from the armed forces, the BSA receives public funding from the state, local, and federal governments. A common form of public commitment to the BSA is discounted rates to public facilities; that includes schools, buildings, parks, camps, and even teachers. Although it may make sense to accommodate an organization that will aid our children, all listed resources are public goods intended for unrestricted public use. Just like public services cannot be limited based on skin color or creed, sexual orientation can not be a factor to limit what one may use.

The belief that the BSA has begun illegally and unfairly limiting their service is not limited to one community. Recently the United Way has revoked substantial amounts of money on the grounds that the BSA is discriminating their service. Government organizations have also begun confronting the Scouts. For almost 80 years the President of the United States had been the honorary President of the BSA endowed with giving a celebratory speech. Only recently has this tradition stopped following court ease and heightened awareness. This summer, Philadelphia proposed to either evict or raise the rent on the Boy Scouts center city location. The scouts who had previously established a rent-free contract had only been responsible for maintenance.

The BSA was founded in 1916 representing a character professing to “serve all boys.” While the club has grown greatly during almost a century, it has only been because of its reliance on public funding. It is obligatory for the organization to open its doors to everyone or end its fiscal ties to public subsidiaries in accordance with being a private group. The BSA must be grouped with private religious groups who are not entitled to public funds. Regardless of the service the scouts may offer, it is unfair and discriminatory for the BSA to be privileged with public funding and limit those who can take advantage of their service.

Flying under the radar: Little Miss Sunshine

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If you are looking for a film with heart, big laughs, and stellar performances, then “Little Miss Sunshine” is the film for you. This Sundance winner stars Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette, Steve Carrell, Alan Arkin, and Paul Dano. This movie premiered during prime block of the season and has managed to climb its way to the top. The basic premise for the film is a child beauty pageant that is in the state of California. Olive, played by Abigail Breslin (starred in Signs), wins the first round of the pageant and by default is selected to attend the Little Miss Sunshine pageant. Her dysfunctional family must pull together and embark on a spur-of-the-moment family road trip. The family is determined to allow Olive the opportunity to participate in the pageant.

Typically, an ensemble cast disappoints the audience in the box office. It caters to diva-like behavior and below-par acting. This film was quite the opposite and far exceeds any expectations. Each character was well-developed and brought their own sense of humor and style to the film. This movie transcends beyond just another summer comedy. There is truth and sincerity throughout. The characters lack an extraordinary personality. They consist of a motivational speaker, housewife, scholar, and drug addict. Each character has his or her own story line and set of problems that most people can relate to indirectly or directly. Grandpa, played by Alan Arkin, is hysterical and offers a crotchety outlook on life. However, he is much more than one-dimensional comic relief. His demeanor alters somewhat along the way. He is sensitive and picks up on the family’s stress and problems. In a touching and moving moment he tells his son Richard, played by Greg Kinnear, that he is proud of him. This simple sentence is delivered in a clear and genuine manner that draws tears to your eyes. The family undergoes life changing experiences along its trip. This film gives validity to the cliché that it is not about the end result or the place, but the journey. The film does not put on pretentious airs or try to be profound, but in essence that’s exactly what it does. A simple act of a family going on a road trip for the greater good of only one family member is not out of the ordinary. In the simplicity of the film a deeper message emerges.

The end of the film will leave you in stitches. The entire film is worth the wait just for the last 30 minutes. By the end the audience walks away with something more than just a sore gut from laughing too hard; it celebrates life and family unity in a real and gritty way without Hollywood glamour. Even though the film is rated “R” it appeals to all ages. Little Miss Sunshine is a must-see and deserves an Oscar nod. See this film before it goes out of theaters!

Have an opinion? Please send your questions, comments, compliments, and complaints to the Opinions Editor at mflyntz@ursinus.edu

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This summer in propaganda: a retrospective

Ladies and gentlemen, we know what your dark hearts crave. Only Communism for Dummies has the fortitude of mind and spirit to satisfy the forbidden lusts that make your souls quiver in sinful anticipation. That's right: We bring you yet another installment of This Week in Propaganda: The Summer Recap Edition! Everything we missed this summer will now be covered in glorious montage fashion! Ready set go!

Mel Gibson made headlines this summer, but not by announcing the production of another one of his trademark “Movies Filmed In A Language That Died Along With The People Who Spoke It.” No, this time it was his starring role in the epic Sobriety Field Test Bloopers: Celebrity Edition wherein he spewed forth anti-Semitic vitriol like a frat boy spews forth semi-digested tequila at 2 a.m. on a Sunday morning. This forces the question: how long has it been since anti-Semitism has been in vogue in any country that wasn’t Middle Eastern? The subtle art of Jew-hating in America today is about as laughably outdated as the concept of a “compassionate conservative.” Or a “Tamagotchi.” Propaganda rating: One out of four stars (of David).

In galactic news, Pluto gained two newly-discovered moons, but lost its status as a planet. Gentlemen everywhere bowed their heads in a moment of silence, as it is finally confirmed that size really does matter, as opposed to the previously held belief, which stipulated that it was the motion of the orbit. Flynnz is reportedly devastated. Propaganda rating: Zero out of four stars, but four out of four “dwarf” stars.

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Finally, we end Communism for Dummies with a chilling tale from not only this past summer but this past week as well. In the space of a single week mid-May, alligators killed three women in separate attacks in Florida. And, within the past few weeks, our last best hope to fend off these alligators, “Crocodile Hunter” Steve Irwin, was killed by a renegade stingray in Australia. Clearly, this is indicative of a coordinated global conspiracy against humanity by the alligators and their allies, the stingrays. They hate us because of our freedoms, because of our devil May-care foreign policy, and, most importantly, because of our opposable thumbs. They can’t stand that. This is why we need to petition Congress and the President for a global war on alligators and stingrays. Exterminate without mercy; it’s us or them, people! And it’s exactly what Steve Irwin, arguably the most charismatic conservationist of our era, would have wanted. Propaganda rating: four out of four tears for a fallen icon.

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Sports
Spoiled start

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The UC field hockey season is in full swing and the girls are looking to prove they're worthy once again. With eight seniors and four juniors leading the team it seems that a victorious season is just around the corner. After the victory against Haverford on Wednesday, Sept. 6, the Bears foresaw nothing short of perfection. Unfortunately, after Saturday's upset against Messiah (3-0) the thoughts of an undefeated season have been squashed. With help from Nikki Bailey and Lindsey Hunter, each having a hat trick, the Falcons made off the deflected shot taken by sophomore goalie Ed de Gottal. The Bears will be back in action and ready to bear out their capabilities on Tuesday against Rowan at 7 p.m.

Men’s soccer ties #14 Salisbury

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The Ursinus men's soccer team shocked Salisbury University and began its season with a highly respectable 1-1 draw at the Elmer Lord Memorial Classic held Memorial Day weekend in Salisbury, Md. The remainder of the Bears' season looks promising after tying the 14th ranked team in the 2006 NSCAA Adidas NCAA Division III preseason poll.

The Bears took an early lead in the 30th minute when sophomore striker Othmane Boutayeb finished a great scoring opportunity. Sophomore goalie Ed de Gottal started the sequence with a booming punt which flew over the heads of Salisbury defenders and was corralled by striker Doug von Allmen. The senior striker poked the ball away from the outstretched arms of the defender before Boutayeb blasted the ball into the open net.

Salisbury eventually tied the game in the 57th minute on a goal by Wigy Jones. The teams remained deadlock for the remainder of regulation and overtime. Sophomore Dustin Young nearly broke the tie in the 77th minute, forcing a miraculous save by Sea Gull's keeper Scott McGuire. Bears’ keeper Ed de Gottal opened the season with five saves and was a major reason Ursinus salvaged a tie despite being outshot 21-10.

Despite their early season brilliance, the Bears were defeated 4-1 by 20th ranked Virginia Wesleyan in their home opener on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The final score was hardly indicative of the team's performance, given that the Bears led 1-0 for much of the first half. Senior Corey Goldberg provided the lead with a brilliant goal in the 13th minute, assisted by Donald Reilly and Zach Coale. Coale sliced through the defense and found Reilly open in the center of the field. Goldberg blasted Reilly's ensuing lay-off into the upper corner of the net. The Marlins (3-0) drew even in 35th minute and scored two quick goals in the 64th and 67th minutes, the latter coming off of a penalty kick. They would later score another with only minutes left in the match. Ursinus goalkeeper Ed de Gottal posted five saves on the afternoon.

The Bears (0-1-1) returned to action at home Saturday, Sept. 9 against Goucher at noon.

Women's soccer a contender

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Fresh off a record-setting 13-5-2 campaign, the Ursinus women’s soccer team appears poised for another successful season. Picked fourth in the Centennial Conference preseason coaches’ poll, the Bears hope the returning nucleus of senior All-Conference defender Lauren Washam, senior midfielder Logan Conklin, and junior defenders Jessica Hartline and Cori Turkowski will provide ample leadership for incoming talent. All-Conference striker Noelle Bisinger should combine with junior Chelsea Morin and sophomore Amanda Leatherman to form a potent attack. Midfielders Sarah Gardner and Nicole Papp are also key returning players. Goalkeeper Ashley Potter returns to the nets after allowing only .91 goals per game last season.

After having their first scheduled game against TCNJ, the #2 team in the national preseason rankings, canceled due to inclement weather, the Bears lost a hard fought game to Elizabethtown at Hersheypark Stadium in Hershey, Pa. Despite outshooting the Blue Jays 12 to 8, the Bears fell 1-0 on a goal by Emily Gunter in the 72nd minute. Potter had a fine performance and made five saves.

The Bears bounced back in a Sept. 6 match at Delaware Valley, winning 3-1. Ursinus took 19 shots while permitting the Aggies only three. After conceding a first half goal, the Bears got the boost they desperately needed when freshman Emma Jakobowski scored in the 59th minute. Junior midfielder Gardner tallied the eventual game-winner in the 70th, thanks to an assist from classmate Morin. Freshman striker Megan Ascanio also provided an insurance goal in the 78th minute.

The Ursinus women’s soccer team, now 1-1-0, played its first home game at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 against Moravian.

Bears tame lions in road opener

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With the loss of Aaron Harper to injury, you would think the Ursinus football team would be in a panic to find a solid running back for Saturday's game against Albright. Look no further than senior David Ashworth, who amassed 151 yards and one touchdown as the Bears dominated every facet of the game to romp Albright 32-13.

It was an overall team effort from the ground game, the passing game, stellar defense, and sound special teams play. Quarterback Ted Wallingford went 7-15 for 152 yards and two touchdowns in the game and Josh Hannum led all receivers with 81 yards receiving and both touchdowns through the air.

Once again the dominance of the defense kept the Lions (0-1) in check all game. After an opening drive touchdown, the Bears’ defense refused to let Albright get back into the end zone. Sophomore Devon Butler intercepted a pass and took it 60 yards the other way for another Bears’ touchdown, while senior Mike Trico recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown on the opening kickoff of the second half. After that score the Bears (2-0) never looked back.

Ursinus’ offensive line proved once again that they are a force up front and have opened huge holes for whoever is carrying the football for the Bears. In two games the Bears have averaged 150 yards on the ground and have only given up two sacks, giving Wallingford all the time in the world to throw the ball downfield to an excellent receiver.

Matt Duppel led the Bears’ defense with eight tackles on the evening, along with a forced fumble and pass break up. Thanks to his outstanding performance Saturday night, Butler was named Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week, the second selection in as many weeks for a Bears’ defensive player. Butler added four tackles on the evening to go along with his 60 yard touchdown interception.

The Bears return to action this Saturday at home against LaSalle at 1 p.m. This should be a good one as last year’s game came down to the wire with Ursinus coming out on top. Be sure to catch all the action this Saturday on Patterson Field.