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UCDC: A bright present and future

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On April 23, through 25, the Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theatre featured this semester’s Ursinus College Dance Company concert. The UCDC show presented four pieces choreographed by UC faculty as well as guest artists. The styles ranged from classical ballet to hip-hop, with multimedia presentations in between.

The show opener was a ballet piece choreographed by adjunct professor Heather Dougherty. Dougherty teaches a bi-weekly ballet fundamentals class, and also composed a dance featuring performers of all skill levels. The piece was set to classical music, and incorporated more traditional balletic choreography while also making use of some modern movement. This was refreshing for UCDC which infrequently features ballet, but has seen ballet in both concerts this year.

After the ballet piece was a contemporary piece choreographed by Cathy Young for the senior dance majors and minors of UCDC. Entitled “The Last Supper,” this piece was centered around a table placed in the middle of the stage. The dance was about the seniors’ years here at UC, and how they must now move on. The frantic feelings of leaving a place of security could be felt during a silent part of the dance in which the performers all speak at once in hurried and worried fragments of stories. The dance

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COSA: research, coursework and talent

Liz Kilmer
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Over 250 students partook in last week’s fourth annual Celebration of Student Achievement Day, an event intended to showcase the hard work of students in a “supportive setting,” said Greg Weight, Chair of the CoSA Working Group and Coordinator of Student Fellowships and Scholarships.

Classes were cancelled for the event, which took place on Wednesday, April 22. Approximately 125 presentations, a higher count than ever before, were held between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The majority took place in Olin, Bomberger, Pfahler and the Kaleidoscope, as well as the lounges of New, Paisley, and Wilkinson. Last year was the first year that presentations had been held in the lounges and the working committee decided to uphold this change. Likewise with the decision to reserve late afternoon time slots “for departments to conduct events,” said Weight.

Honors presentations were held at 3 p.m. in varying locations. In Olin 302, senior Katie LeCours presented “We Write to Survive” to an audience of nearly 30. Although an English major, LeCours attended presentations from other departments. “I went to see some of the poster presentations,” said LeCours. “They were all great.”

Poster presentations were held almost all day, and featured research from students studying biology, psychology, chemistry, business, and more.

These were perhaps the most popular presentations, in addition to the performances. Dance performances were

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Out-of-wedlock pregnancies on rise

Caitlin Dalik
Grizzly News Editor

As the dollar is going down, the percentage of pregnancies to unwed mothers has hit an all-time high. According to 2007 statistics released by the National Center for Health Statistics, nearly 40 percent of babies born in the United States were to unmarried women. Out-of-wedlock births comprised 1.7 of the 4.3 million total births in the U.S. This large increase amounted to more than a 25 percent jump from five years prior.

So why the big jump? What’s happened in the past 5 years?

The following reasons all contribute in some way but I am not claiming that they are the only reasons.

-Well, let’s think about. What has happened in the past 5 years…or rather who was in office? It may just be coincidence but Bush did push very strongly for abstinence-only education. He also attacked women’s health care which affected facilities like Planned Parenthood. For instance, Bush’s last minute regulation issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) allowed doctors and health care workers to deny accurate medical care without

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News in Brief: Korean talks and waterboarding

Lisa Jobe
Grizzly Staff Writer

Tuesday, April 21
(CNN) - South Korean officials arrived in North Korea for the first talks between the two countries in a year. The exact nature of the talks and details like the location are undisclosed for now. The talks come at a time of heightened tensions between North Korea and the rest of the world, after the country retaliated against international criticism for a recent rocket launch by expelling nuclear inspectors and announcing reactivation of its nuclear facilities. It was North Korea who proposed the talks last week, the first since current South Korean president Lee Myung-bak took office in February, 2008. Lee, who is much more conservative than his predecessor Roh Moo-Hyun, has taken a tougher stance against North Korea. North and South Korea have technically been in conflict since the end of the Korean War in 1953; the nations signed a truce, but no peace treaty was ever signed.

Wednesday, April 22
(CNN) - Four men accused of plotting a terrorist attack on Western targets in Germany went on trial on Wednesday; prosecutors are still looking for a fifth man believed to be a key person in the plot. Three of the men were arrested in November 2007; and at the time authorities said they had begun mixing large quantities of explosive material that would have caused a blast stronger than both the 2004 Madrid attacks and the 2005 London attacks. When the three were arrested, they had in their possession sophisticated and difficult-to-obtain detonators and other equipment. One of the men, Fritz Gelowiez, was a leader of a radical Islam group stationed in southern Germany, and a person of interest to German authorities. An unknown Uzbekistan militant group, called the Islamic Jihad Union, claimed responsibility for the plot after the arrests took place; the group is believed to have ties to al-Qaeda. The trial may take as long as two years, reports German magazine "Der Spiegel." Currently, the paperwork fills over 500 folders and the prosecution has 219 witnesses lined up to testify.

Thursday, April 23
WASHINGTON (CNN) - Condoleezza Rice and Dick Cheney are among top Bush officials who approved the use of waterboarding and other such interrogation techniques as early as 2002, according to a new Senate Intelligence report. Waterboarding is considered a form of torture used for interrogation in which victims are placed on their backs and water is poured over the breathing passages making the victim feel as if they will die from drowning. According to the report, on July 17, 2002, Rice said the CIA could use waterboarding, on suspected al-Qaeda leader Abu Zubaydah if the Justice Department declared the method legal, which it did a few days later. The techniques were used on other high-profile terrorism suspects, such as the alleged mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. The report, which was requested by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, "details and declassifies" information given to the CIA in regards to its interrogation techniques.

Obama's administration has outlawed waterboarding and called it torture, while Cheney insists that Obama's administration is not releasing other memos that describe the success of the interrogation methods. "There are reports that show specifically what we gained as a result of this activity," Cheney told Fox News earlier this week.

Friday, April 24
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (CNN) - Votes in South Africa's parliamentary elections are still being counted, but the African National Congress (ANC) is already celebrating what looks to be a "crushing victory." Members of parliament will elect a president next month; Jacob Zuma, the leader of the ANC, is almost guaranteed the position at this point. Zuma is an ethnic Zulu with a flamboyant personality that sets him apart from his predecessors, Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki. The ANC has dominated the nation's politics since its first democratic election in 1994. Two major opposition parties, Democratic Alliance and Congress of the People, a breakaway faction of the ANC, had hoped to bring the ANC below a two-thirds majority in the parliament. The ANC has faced accusations of corruption and ignoring the poor; in fact, Zuma recently faced charges of corruption and fraud. The prosecutor dropped the charges a few weeks before the election, saying political interference made the case difficult to pursue. Wednesday's votes are expected to be officially counted by Saturday.
Earth day celebrations go on all week long here at Ursinus

Caitlin Dalik
Grizzly News Editor

Ursinus students enjoyed a weeklong celebration of Earth with a variety of Earth week celebrations around campus April 20 through April 25. Earth Day is celebrated in the United States on April 22. It is a day designed to spread awareness and appreciation for the environment.

Earth Day was founded by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in in 1970. It is now celebrated in countries across the globe around the world. Here at Ursinus, Earth Day shared the date with CoSA, the Celebration of Student Achievement.

Events took place throughout the week around campus to enlighten the Ursinus community about how humans affect the environment.

On Monday April 20, conservationist and author Scott Weidensaul spoke in Pfahler Hall. He gave a talk entitled “Return to Wild America: A Yearlong Search for the Continent’s Natural Soul.” Weidensaul has written over two dozen books on natural history including a Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction finalist, “Living with the Wind: Across the Hemisphere with Migratory Birds.” His talk was based on his explorations of wild places in North America. He specializes in bird migration.

On Tuesday April 21, students became aware of how much food is wasted each day in Wismer dining hall during lunchtime when Ursinus College Environmental Action (UCEA) members directed students to scrape the excess food from their plates. That night a free market was held where students could come and trade anything. "This is an anti-consumerism program, in which we aim to get students to reuse instead of trash their stuff and buy something new," said Ashley Schafer, president of UCEA.

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On Saturday April 25, Ursinus celebrated its own Earth day. Ursinus student groups came together for a fun and educational day. Schafer explained that there were crafts, such as tie-dying, making beads from magazines, and making baskets from plastic bags. There were also_physical_ recycling stations set up with posters showing students how to recycle. The petting zoo aims to connect students to nature. Students were directed to scrape the excess food from their plates. That night a free market was held where students could come and trade anything. "This is an anti-consumerism program, in which we aim to get students to reuse instead of trash their stuff and buy something new," said Ashley Schafer, president of UCEA.

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"Our mission is to promote sustainability on campus," Schafer said of UCEA's mission. "We want to show students that there are fun ways to reduce and lower our carbon footprint. We want to educate students about environmental issues."

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News: "Earth Day at 10 a.m. in the Kaleidoscope; the B'Naturals and Beartones performed an hour later in Bomberger. "The performances are well attended," said Weight, who also noted presentations from the Environmental Studies department as among the most popular. According to Weight, several groups participated this year for the first time ever, including Greek organizations and the fencing club. Several students also discussed their recent experiences studying abroad, including junior Abbie Cichowski. "Presence at CoSA allowed me to re-live my study abroad experience again - if only for an hour," said Cichowski. "I'm glad I decided to participate."

Other than these new presentations, however, there were many changes made to CoSA this year. Drivertowing backpacks were distributed as a free gift to presenters instead of the former T-shirt. This change was aided by a student vote; in a pre-COSA survey, students were asked what gift item they would like best. Some of the choices included a flash drive branded the CoSA logo, a T-shirt, a backpack, and others.

This year's CoSA symbol, placed on the backpacks, was designed by senior Ashley Beach. Also new this year was the musical performers who were stationed outside of buildings during breaks. According to Weight, the committee would like to plan more events outside, but are fearful of inclement weather. Whether predominately indoor or outdoor, however, Weight believes that the event is "a very positive experience" for not only attendees but for presenters. Although some presenters are required to participate in the event for their capstone requirement, the majority simply choose to "showcase their work," said Weight, who believes that it's important that students can share their accomplishments.

In fact, not a single application was rejected, and applications weren't limited to honor students. "We want students from all class levels and disciplines to participate," said Weight. We can only expect the fifth annual CoSA day to be bigger and better.
Features

Embodifying the UC experience: dance, sports and biology

Roger Lee
Grizzly Features Editor

"It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's...super seniors!" I am referring to the outstanding graduating seniors of Ursinus College who excel both in and outside of the classroom. As if tackling the rigorous demands of Ursinus academics wasn't enough, these seniors have truly embodied the "Ursinus experience." The Class of 2009 is filled with talented, caring, and outright amazing individuals. They referring to the outstanding graduating seniors of Ursinus wasn't enough, these seniors have truly embodied the "Ursinus experience." in undergraduate years.

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"It's Senior Danielle Indelicato took full advantage of her undergraduate years. "Being part of the dance department has not only taught me a lot about dance but it has taught me a lot about myself because of the department's holistic approach to dance." She learned a lot about improvisation, partnering work, and self-awareness. "You really dive into who you are as a dancer and as a person." Danielle came from a strict studio background that was different from Ursinus' approach to dance. She realized that not everything has to have the same meaning or story, but art can mean different things to different people. "There is no right or wrong," smiled Danielle.

Danielle truly embodied the "senior year experience." She served as the Vice-President for her sorority and for class council, and captain of the cheerleading team. She still found time to work in the Admissions Office. As a part of the Senior Admissions fellow program, Danielle learned some important life lessons. "I learned how to present myself in terms of things to highlight about myself," said Danielle. "By conducting interviews to perspective students and getting a first-hand glimpse of the admissions process, I learned how to prepare for my future." Danielle learned how to interview for jobs and how to present herself as a prime candidate for graduate school. The hard work paid off for Ms. Indelicato. She will be a graduate student at Villanova University this fall studying cellular-molecular- and developmental biology.

Senior Tony Aquilino developed a deep love for Ursinus sports. "I started playing lacrosse through Dane and Derrin Mangin," said Tony. He played football and hockey with the Mangins and filled in for their team as a goalie during middle school. "I ended up going to the same high school as both of them and played lacrosse at Archbishop Wood," said a proud Tony. He received All-Conference all four years and was an All-State selection as a senior. "I decided to join Dane at Ursinus College to continue playing lacrosse," said Tony. Lacrosse has been a big part of his life for quite some time now. Tony feels that the game mentally prepares you for the real world. "There are ups and downs with lacrosse just like life, you learn to be a leader and to work hard," smiled Tony. He looks forward to helping coach his old high school team if his job permits it. "It would be great to be able to go back and help out!"></p>

Senior Marianne Conway had a lot to say about her time at Ursinus. My experiences at Ursinus far outweigh what I could write in an entire newspaper," laughed Marianne. "I have learned, through my professors and my classmates, the larger picture of life. I have learned about myself, my friends, and how we fit into this world." Marianne's double major in dance and exercise and sport science helped sensitize her to the real world. "Exercise and sport science has taught me how valuable the mechanisms of our bodies are, and how complex the human form is. Dance has focused my senses on how beautiful human expression is, and allowed me to use my life experiences and emotions in order to project humanity to an audience. I was able to conduct honors research in both of the fields, which really allowed me to respect the human body, the human emotions, and the human reaction to society," said Marianne. She has no regrets about her Ursinus experience. "I could not imagine myself at any other undergraduate institution. As we round out the year and I accept its conclusion, I look back and am so proud and honored to have been a student at this school!"

These are just some of the many seniors who will move on to a bright future after Ursinus. The Grizzly editorial staff congratulates the Class of 2009 and wishes them the best of luck on their future endeavors.

Jennifer Washington: Reflections on the UC experience

Roger Lee
Grizzly Features Editor

"I can't believe it's here!" says an astonished Jennifer Washington. She is in disbelief that her senior year is coming to an end. Like many other seniors, Jennifer is enjoying her last month of being an Ursinus student and is happy to share her experiences.

"I recently came back from Madrid," said Jennifer. She admits that the trip was more than just an abroad experience, but it was one of the best experiences of her life. "It was interesting coming back to Ursinus after spending half of senior year in a foreign country." She recognized that life at Ursinus is significantly different than life in Madrid. Upon return, Jennifer was stunned to discover Zack's and Wismer Lower opened on a Thursday night. "Wismer lower nights? What's that?" laughed Jennifer. She noticed that Ursinus kept going while she was away. Life did not stop when she was abroad, but it continued. "There was a language barrier upon return," noted Jennifer. Going abroad showed her strengths and weaknesses both inside and outside of the classroom. "Madrid served as a classroom within itself. Every day I learned something new about both language and culture." This experience helped make Jennifer the woman she is today. "I am so thankful to have had the opportunity not only to go abroad, but to truly take advantage of all of the resources Spain had to offer."

She taught English to Spanish speaking children in a public-bilingual elementary school in Madrid. While commuting to the school, she encountered different environmental settings that reminded her of inner cities in the states. The traveling experiences and working with students helped Jennifer prepare for a return to Ursinus. "When I came back, it was like a reverse culture shock!" said Jennifer. She was used to not only speaking, but seeing, hearing, and thinking in Spanish. Coming back to the United States, Jennifer had to work hard at re-mastering the English language and her old life. This life included family, friends, and school. "Family and friends were expecting me to be the same person I was before leaving for Madrid." Jennifer believes that this is a normal expectation among families. However, the expectation was an unrealistic one because going abroad truly changes you. "I fully immersed myself in the language and culture, something completely different from being in the states," Jennifer found it difficult to share all of her experiences with family and friends because it was not a shared experience. Friends were interested in talking about an evolving Ursinus while she wanted to share her Madrid memories. "I wanted my friends to react in a certain way," admits Jennifer. "My boyfriend was one of the few people who could truly understand me, only because he too studied in a foreign country for an extended period of time." Jennifer believes that she truly took advantage of the study abroad program.

"Studying goes further than the classroom, but it also involves what you do with your experience. You can make the best or worst of it. I made the best of my environment." Jennifer went to Spanish speaking sections of the country to become a part of the culture. "I believe that I respected and understood what it means to truly study abroad." Now in her last semester at Ursinus, Jennifer is taking 23 credits so that she can graduate with the class of 2009. "Twenty-three credits a much different experience than Madrid!" laughed Jennifer. She is currently taking Spanish courses that help with speaking the language. "Speaking Spanish in my Ursinus classes has become more comfortable after going abroad." Jennifer's abroad experience helped give her more of a career direction. "Spanish language involves an endless amount of opportunities such as translating, teaching, and interpreting. I am keeping an open mind." After graduation, she looks forward to teaching Spanish and English as a second language to both children and adults. "Teaching and mentoring are the things that catch Jennifer's attention the most. She would like to work with City Year in Greater Philadelphia, a nonprofit organization that focuses on equal education opportunities for inner city children who currently lack resources. If selected, Jennifer will be a corps member who gets to teach and mentor the youth of America. "I would want to give back to my country using the same strengths and passion as I did overseas. I thank Ursinus for giving me this opportunity!"
Bringing the Midwest to the Northeast

Jeremiah Long
Grizzly Staff Writer

“...probably knows more about barbecue than me. Born and raised in Texas, he moved to Pennsylvania to give us northerners a taste of real barbecue. Tex’s restaurant is not a typical restaurant. No building could contain this monster is what all grillers dream of as they tuck their grills away and bed down for the night. Though there was no way I could ever learn the secret recipe that he uses for his barbecue sauce, I can explain how a hot smoke grill works. Normally when you smoke meat at home, you cook the meat with charcoal or (scoff) propane set low heat too allow the wood chips you add time to burn and add flavor to the meat. In hot smoke grilling, the smoke itself cooks the meat. To do this properly you need to get an actual wood fire going and have a large enough grill or smoker to insure that the fire does not come into contact with the meat. Tex’s grill can do this, but it would be almost impossible to replicate at home. This process gives the meat a bright pink coloring and makes it taste like the smoke it’s been sitting in (all natural hickory for you environmental nuts). Describing why this kind of flavoring is so appealing is hard because it just doesn’t sound appetizing to say that the meat tastes like smoke, wood, and charcoal. You can take pride in knowing though that this kind of food is uniquely American and that the word barbecue actually came from the word Barbacoa. This was first heard from natives by the original settlers of the United States. In the event you ever find yourself in need of some excellent barbecue, look up where Tex’s Barbeque is going to be this weekend at http://www.texsbqpa.com. The site is updated every Wednesday, and the stand itself is only open on the weekends.

Overview: Best barbecue in the area $8.00-10.00 average

Overall: 5/5

Way to go, UC!

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Thank you for all your contributions!

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Shamberg says so long for now and thanks for reading

I spent a great deal of time wondering how I should finish my last column of the year and my first year as the Opinions Editor for our beloved Grizzly newspaper. The truth is I didn’t know exactly who or what this last column should have been about. I was, at first, tempted to sign off as a high school senior would when he or she autographs a classmate’s yearbook just before graduation: “Remember when I wrote about that one thing? That was hilarious! Have a great summer everyone, and have a great time next year in college!”

I was also quite convinced that I could add some much-needed schmaltz to this column and end the year as a middle school student would when addressing a boyfriend or girlfriend: “I know we’ll see each other soon, but I don’t know what I’m going to do with you! Who will listen to my criticisms of Flo Rida’s next single?”

Those options, however, just didn’t fit the mood of this column. And that’s one of the things I’m most proud of—I have certainly established what the focus of this column should and should not be, and it is certainly not a love letter to anything. I began the year condemning The Dark Knight for all its obvious faults, and I ended my column last week by criticizing the so-called fame of reality star Susan Boyle (just a note: this may be the only instance in which Batman and Susan Boyle are ever mentioned in the same sentence). I’d like to think we’ve come somewhat full-circle, but there’s still another year for that.

For now, at least, I’ll look back on this year and know that I’ve been fortunate enough to write the things my friends and family shun me for. Like, for instance, my feelings on politics.

For a few months now, some of you (six people, to be exact) have read my articles and enjoyed them; others have ridiculed them, pointing out that I “pick on the same musicians and celebrities over and over” and that I am “way too conservative for an Ursinus newspaper”. Whether you loved or hated my articles, I’m really just glad you took the time to sit down and read them. It puts a grin on my face every single time I walk through Wismer or Zack’s and see someone paging through the Grizzly. And it’s every editor’s dream to take a seat at a table and join an ongoing conversation or debate about one of our published articles.

When I wrote my critical article about Barack Obama just before the presidential election, I was bombarded with angry e-mails and links to Youtube videos from students at this school who strongly disagreed with my thoughts...I loved every single comment I received after that editorial was released.

I’m going to go ahead and knock myself out, but I loved every single comment I received after that editorial was released.

Want to try to feel an ounce of my pain? Just two days ago, Pennsylvania Senator and Tom Wilkinson look-alike Arlen Specter decided he would ditch the Republican Party and become a Democrat. Not only did he basically slap each individual Republican politician in the face, he guaranteed a filibuster-proof sixty seat majority for the Democrats in the coming months. Situations like that make it difficult for guys like me to wear our “Bush-Cheney”-t-shirts in public. But the Democrats have to be happy, knowing that he’s already fitting in perfectly with their party: flip-flopping and letting down longtime supporters are staples of liberal politics. Others in the Senate told Specter to take John McCain to the dark... err, other... side with him. And McCain’s daughter, Meghan. And the family dog. It seems as if, after the election, everyone has jumped from the GOP ship to the Democrat’s raft, which, though capable of floating for a few months, is ultimately filled with nothing but hot air.

As our school year ends and summer begins, I’m worried that we’ll return to school in the fall with a dramatically different political outlook. Until then, I’ll just bide my time until I can write another article about my disdain for Arlen Specter. Or the Democrats. Or Flo Rida. Whichever works.

A fond farewell as the talented Chris Schaeffer leaves UC

Chris Schaeffer
Grizzly Staff Writer

So our charming and endlessly resourceful Opinions Editor Zach Shamberg sent me an e-mail asking if I’d be willing to write a kind of farewell column, as a graduating senior. To be honest, I was planning on just kind of ignoring the situation—but maybe if I just wrote about the new Dan Deacon, Ursinus would forget and let me come back next fall—but ok, I’ll bite. I don’t know if I can add anything new to the field of farewell columns, so I might even keep it brief.

During my stay here at Ursinus I’ve had the privilage of working with some of the best writers I’ve ever met, and the extreme honor of being able to call many of them friends. People like Dan Sergeant, Chris Curley, Jen Mingolello, Grey Johnson, and Eric Relvas served at once as, older, (maybe) more mature influences, and taught me that a certain surface acidity in one’s work can conceal profound depths. I’ve been proud to call people from my own class, like Marjorie Vujnovich and Dayna Stein, peers—kids I could bitch about writing with, exult about writing with, gossip about writers with, and above all, write with. Most importantly, I know that the community of writers here will continue to flourish and grow. Seriously, some of the most exciting voices I’ve heard in a long while are writing right under your noses. I’m going to go ahead and nomenclature for Rob Whitehead and leave it at that—that the rest of you either know who you are, or don’t. Keep writing anyway.

As for the Ursinus English department, four years ago I found myself somewhat disappointed at its relatively small size, but I’ve since discovered that, unbeknownst to many, that chilly third floor in Olin is sort of the heart and soul of the campus. I’m endlessly indebted to my advisor, Dr. Lionarons, who’s put up with more of my bullshit and dialogue at the core of their curriculums, and to Dr. Greg Weight for making an eight a.m. class not only possible, but a pleasure. It was after the election, everyone has jumped from the GOP ship to the Democrat’s raft, which, though capable of floating for a few months, is ultimately filled with nothing but hot air.

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I couldn’t possibly finish this column—damn, this is hard to do right—without talking about my brothers in Phi Kappa Sigma. I never thought I’d go Greek, and I’m sure nobody who knew me would have thought so either, but I’ve never regretted it. You men are all incredible, and if I’ve never told you so I should have. You’ve shown me how wrong first impressions can be, how deeply people can surprise you, and how profoundly you can come to depend on a family of former strangers. Final social shout-outs to Scott, Reeves, Molly and Jesse—you’ve been there since the beginning and have seen me through some incredibly rough times, and some incredibly good ones. I hope I’ve been as good to you as you’ve all been to me.

I don’t know what else to say. Ursinus has given me so much, and I hope I’ve given something back as well. Maybe you’ve followed my column these past few years and maybe not, but I think if I had to leave my readers (ha) with one summating message, it would be this: read everything. Listen to everything. Look at everything. Buy weird-looking records, thumb through books without covers. Paint dumb things. The world is beautiful, it’s also shitty and rotten, and it needs as many people as it can get to celebrate the wrong. Do it through politics, do it through medicine, whatever, just go out there with your eyes open and your expectations flexible.
I could not wait to get out of my hometown (a.k.a. small-town, U.S.A.) and become a real-live college student, in the somewhat-larger small-town of Collegeville, Pennsylvania. No heart-to-heart with parents, college survival handbook, or high school time management course could have prepared me for what was to come over the next four years. Sure, there were the great times, like my very first air-band experience (who would have known lip-synching could be so ridiculously entertaining), but along the way, there were also many difficult times, experiences when I thought to myself “what am I doing here,” and “how will I make it out in one piece?” When things were never always smooth sailing, I have learned several things during my time here that might be beneficial to incoming and current classes. Here are my top five suggestions. Read them, let them sink in, and by the end of your four years, you will see what I mean.

5. Take one thing at a time

Cliché, well maybe just a little, but as college students, we all know what it is like to have a seemingly endless amount of work to do. It is easy to get bogged down thinking about the coming week: papers, that nasty neuroscience quiz, the laundry sitting in your closet, etc. While it might feel like the weight of all of these demands will never be lifted, try to breathe. Focus on the task at hand, let things worry about other assignments drift away. When finished, move on to the next task. Thinking about everything all at once is unproductive (in my experience) and will likely frustrate you further and cause more anxiety (which you don’t need)! A big thanks to my mum for giving me this tip on my very first day at UC.

4. Be friendly to UC Staff and workers

I have to say that if I were serving loud, messy college kids in Zack’s, or emptying the garbage in dorms after the weekend festivities, I’m not sure if I would be as friendly or enthusiastic as those who serve us here at UC. The women and men who make your mocha latte at Jazzman’s, or the man who satisfies your French toast hangover each day in Wissmer make living away from home possible. Take time out to thank these people, or simply talk to them. After all, you see them every day! You have no idea how much a friendly exchange can brighten a dull day. I know I will miss all of the ladies in Jazzman’s, and Mr. Mike in Wissmer (I’m still working on getting those doughnuts for you…)

3. Become heavily involved in 2-3 clubs/activities

I know 2-3 seems like an arbitrary number, but try to stick with being an active member of only a handful of clubs and organizations. This is difficult, especially since there are so many worthy organizations on campus, but involving yourself in too many activities means devoting less attention and time to each activity. In my experience, employers would much rather see a potential employee who has held a leadership position and/or been on a special committee for an organization or two, rather than being an able member of 10 organizations.

2. Get creative in Wissmer

Crave something that isn’t offered in Wissmer for dinner? Take it from me, after eating the same food for nearly four years, you’ll be dying for something new and exciting. How about a plate of spicy, cheesy chicken and beans? Step one: get a grilled chicken breast from the grill station (they have them every day). Step two: proceed to salad station and cover chicken in fresh salsa, jalapeno’s, and cheddar cheese. Step three: proceed to organic station and get a scoop of black beans. Step four: place your creation in one of the microwaves, letting the cheese get melty and delicious. Step four: eat and enjoy, you creative one, you.

It’s surprising how many things you can make when you put in the extra effort.

1. Your professors are there for you: get to know them!

Coming from a small high school where each teacher knew me and the work I was capable of to Ursinus, where most of the faculty are published authors and hold PhD’s from prestigious universities, is an adjustment, to say the least. I quickly learned, however, that professors here are eager to speak with students, both on an academic and personal level. I have grown to know Dr. Chambless, Dr. Rideout, Dr. Richardson, Dr. DaCosta, and Dr. Principe, all professors in the psychology department, very well over the last few years. They have always made me feel that my opinions and thoughts mattered and have given me the encouragement and gentle pushes that gained me entrance into a great graduate school program. I’ll miss all of them greatly. Case in point: your professors are knowledgeable, caring people. Get to know them!

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So what now?

Well, my feelings at this juncture are mixed. While being at Ursinus has been a growing experience, I’ve come to consider myself too big for it. A good analogy would be that I feel like an adult in a baby’s crib. Ursinus, like the crib, has served its purpose and must now be put aside. I’m ready and eager to take on larger, more challenging settings, both in graduate school and beyond.

I don’t know how many people actually took the time to read my articles, but if I’ve touched the life of at least one person with anything I’ve written, I’m grateful. I regret that I didn’t start writing for The Grizzly till my senior year, but that was probably because I didn’t realize how rewarding it would be. I became a senior during an exciting time for politics in America—two of the presidential hopefuls were minorities and one of them, I’m happy to say, is now leading the country. He will hopefully inspire other minorities, ethnic and otherwise, to achieve similar greatness.

I’ll be heading to the University of Wales this September for my masters in Creative Writing. I almost did my undergraduate work at University of Aberdeen in Scotland, but decided not to as I didn’t think I was ready to leave the country for such an extended period at only seventeen years old. I will be twenty-two by the time I start graduate school—old enough to really start to take care of myself and forge my path in the world.

So, to the Grizzly and Ursinus College, farewell. And thanks for the memories.
Men's Tennis wraps up another season

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Men's Tennis comes to a close this coming weekend at the Centennial Conference Championships while Kevin Dean looks back and talks about the season.

While better than they were last year, Dean admits the season was a bit rough and is still looking to improve.

Improvements aside, some of the highlights from this year included the annual visit to Orlando, Florida where the 10-person team bonded during a week long training trip, and their first doubles team beating Washington College's first doubles team. Dean recalled the team not knowing the last time they even scored a point against Washington College.

Senior Captain Jed Ellwood came out on top having the best season out of anyone on the team, playing at 6th singles during the season. Dean said Ellwood clinched the win in almost all of the close matches he encountered on the courts.

Bennett MacLauchlan just started playing again this year after a three year hiatus from the sport due to an injury. He came out on top though, leading the team as the number one seed in doubles and singles.

The team only gained one freshman this year, but that freshman moved right on up to the 3rd seed in doubles by the season's end. Dean said Kyle Davis has a lot to offer to the team and he's excited to watch him improve in the next couple years.

The team is looking to lose only one senior come May but hoping to gain a few new freshmen next year. Recruitment has never been UC Men's Tennis's strong point, but Coach Smith put some extra effort into getting a few good players onto Ursinus's 2010 roster.

Dean mentioned how the program is surely growing and he's excited to be a part of that.

"After hearing so many stories of how much of a disaster the program has been in the past, it is nice to be a part of something that is actually improving," said Dean, "All of that is due to Coach Smith. He is the sole reason why this program is improving so much."

As graduation approaches, Dean said how much they are going to miss Ellwood next season.

"Jed really cares a lot about the team. He is always first to practice and last to leave," said Dean, "We are really going to miss what he brings to the team next year."

Remembering the late Harry Kalas

Nick Pane
Grizzly Staff Writer

It is rare that people can do nothing more than to hear a voice and know exactly who it is. Then again, Harry Kalas was not just any person. With his deep and soothing voice that fans loved, Kalas had been calling Phillies games since 1971. Many people associated the Phillies with Kalas, and vice versa. The two went hand in hand for as long as Kalas had lived. However, on April 13th, just hours before the Phillies were about to start a series against the Washington Nationals, Kalas collapsed in the broadcast booth. He was found and rushed to the hospital, but to the dismay of Phillies fans and baseball fans worldwide, Kalas was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at the hospital. As expected as his death was, Kalas had died of a heart attack.

There were no obvious affects of any illness, as Kalas continued to call Phillies games without any apparent pain or problems.

At first, Harry Kalas was not warmly welcomed in Philadelphia. He was replacing a very popular play-by-play announcer: Bill Campbell, who had left big shoes to fill. Kalas did not disappoint. The fans warmed up to him very fast, and quickly became a fan favorite. Not surprisingly, the feelings were mutual. Kalas had a great passion for Philadelphia, and the people of Philadelphia. He loved everything about the city, and his job. Known for his trademark home run call (Outta here!), Kalas was beloved in the city. Sadly, it all came to an abrupt end this season.

When it was announced that Kalas had died, the people of Philadelphia were in shock. People had been listening to the famous voice for almost 40 years, and all of a sudden, it would never be heard again. People called sports talk shows stations saying that they felt like they had lost a family member and friend. The remorse was so great that Kalas became the third person ever to lie in repose at a ballpark.

Although Kalas is gone, the Phillies have done everything to make sure that he will never be forgotten. After every home run hit at Citizens Bank Park, Kalas' home run call will be played for the fans. There are memorials around the ballpark in honor of him as well. The legend is gone. The spirit and memory will remain forever.

Baseball will host Haverford at 3 p.m. on Friday in the CC first round, we host day two and day three here Saturday and Sunday starting at 9 a.m.

Softball will host Haverford at noon on Saturday in the CC first round, we host both Saturday and Sunday.

Award Recipients

Linda L. McIntyre Award
Lindsey Dout

Olive Sargeant Hamm Award
Katie Mastoris

The Ehret Prize
John Noonan, Andrew Piarescia, Jennie Moore, Katie Sutherland, David Randolph

Ronald C. Kichline Prize
Zeb Engle, Steve Kingsland, Christa Johnson, Nikki Thren

CCSAAC Sportmanship Award
Jessica Saloky

Director of Athletics Award
Matt Brundage, Laura Ng

Outstanding Male/Female Athlete Award
John Noonan, Zeb Engle, Jennie Moore, Katie Sutherland, Christa Johnson

Baseball and softball win CC regular season crowns.

John Noonan named to Herb Good Club (outstanding basketball players in city of Philadelphia)

Women’s Lacrosse midfielder Elizabeth Cannon and junior defender Sarah Brant were named All-Centennial.

Ursinus will be hosting its ninth CC championship in the last two seasons.

Track & Field
Fri.-Sun. 5/1-5/3
Centennial Conference Championships @ F&M

Mon. 5/11
Last Chance Meet (at Swarthmore) 5:00 p.m.

Thu.-Fri. 5/14-5/15
ECAC Championships

Thu-Sat 5/21-5/23
NCAA Championships (Marietta, Ohio)

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