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Phi Kappa Sigma wins ultimate honor

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There's a good chance you know them. They're those guys you see walking around campus, almost always wearing some black article of clothing with three gold Greek letters embroidered on them. You know, the ones who ride a stationary bike outside of Wismer for twenty-four hours straight, asking for donations for their walk to cure multiple sclerosis? You probably went to one of their "PKS Tutoring" sessions to get help with those bio problems you didn't understand, or you saw their performance at Ursinus' annual Air Band competition last year where they won the award for Best Overall Performance. But what you may not know is that over the summer, the men of the Delta Rho chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma were presented with the Founder's Cup for being the best chapter in the entire international fraternity.



Photo courtesy of Katie Haldeman

Now, if you are aware of the inner-workings of fraternities, you're probably thinking about the honor that goes with such a prestigious award. But

first, what is the Founder's Cup? After interviewing a few of the brothers of Phi Kappa Sigma to find out why the Founder's Cup is such a big deal, and

how their chapter came to be

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Berman Museum celebrates opening of Pfeiffer Wing

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Last Wednesday, September 2, The Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art reopened its doors to the Ursinus community, introducing its new and highly anticipated Henry W. and June Pfeiffer Wing, as well as a collection which features the works of artist George R. Anthonisen. Both of these new additions to the museum were made possible by the Berman Museum Expansion Campaign, which raised \$4 million for the project, including \$1 million from the Berman Foundation and a \$2.5 million donation from Mike Pfeiffer.

This project adds a new chapter to the fascinating history of the building. Originally used as a library in 1922, it did not become a museum until over sixty

years later. According to museum director Lisa T. Hanover, "We needed space to showcase our permanent collection to make it accessible to students and faculty." The efforts of the expansion project successfully fulfilled this need, developing a space that highlights works formerly hidden from the eyes of the Ursinus community. The museum is now home to roughly 4,000 artifacts, an impressive feat for any liberal arts college.

Unique additions to the wing include lecture space and a storage area specifically for works on paper. A number of these pieces date back to the inception of Ursinus itself.

Built upon the roof of the museum's new Pfeiffer Wing

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Board of Trustees continues search for new President

By Michael Delaney
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While the arrival of the class of 2014 went off smoothly, quickly, and without a hitch, there are some transitions this school year which are still being carefully tended to by dedicated faculty, the most poignant being the search for the next college president. With 450 new faces on campus, our Board of Trustees and interim president, John Corson, look forward to introducing one more before the semester ends.

When President John Strassburger announced his retirement, due to personal and health related reasons, last February, the Chair of Board of Trustees, Dr. Spencer Foreman, immediately appointed a search committee for the next president. The commit-

tee is comprised of twenty-three members of the Ursinus community, including trustees, faculty, staff, and students.

Finding the next college president is a long process, and until a permanent leader is found the school falls under the leadership of our interim president. "All committees are appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees," said Ken Schaefer, the Ursinus Senior Advancement Officer and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees, "and Dr. Foreman appointed an *ad hoc* committee of the board to find an interim president."

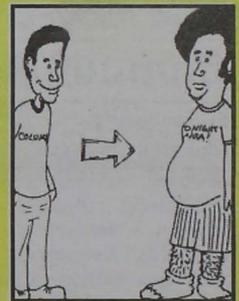
Ursinus is currently under the guidance of President John Corson, a longtime member of the board of trustees. A gradu-

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says they intend to return to their work after a few days, and before turning back the expedition managed to collect thousands of photographs and hours of video of the wreckage, courtesy of a pair of robots at the wreck, which lies 2.5 miles below the surface of the Atlantic. The expedition entails the use of new imaging and sonar technology never before used on the Titanic, in order to take inventory of the hundreds of thousands of artifacts surrounding the sunken ship. None of the new artifacts will be brought to the surface. (The Associated Press, hosted by Google)

Hurricane Daniel halts Titanic expedition

Sunday, August 29

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND – A team of scientists on an expedition to photograph the wreck of the Titanic were forced to return to Newfoundland because of adverse conditions brought on by Hurricane Danielle. However, the team

Floods devastate Pakistan

Monday, August 30

PAKISTAN – Despite the widespread devastation caused by flooding in Pakistan, financial aid lags far behind that which was offered to victims of other recent disasters such as the Haiti earthquake. The flooding has displaced 20 million individuals

and submerged around one-fifth of the country, and U.N. officials say thousands are without food, water, and decent shelter. While the U.S. government has promised \$200 million in aid, private donations are lacking. There are a variety of reasons for the lack of funds, such as the current global economic downturn, the gradual nature of flooding, and the lower number of fatalities as compared to other disasters (2000 have died as a result of the flooding, a small number compared to the death toll of the Haiti earthquake). Others speculate that American aid is slow because of "America's complicated relationship with Pakistan." According to a Boston University professor, "In Haiti, it was about a child in need. For this flood, it's Pakistanis, it's Muslims." (Los Angeles Times online)

Wikileaks founder under fire

Wednesday, September 1

SWEDEN – Swedish prosecutor Marianne Ny has reopened the

investigation of allegations of rape against Wikileaks founder Julian Assange, saying there was now "reason to believe a crime has been committed." The investigation is reopened just a week after prosecutors cancelled the arrest warrant for Assange on allegations of rape and molestation. The case was reopened following an appeal by a Swedish woman who claimed Assange raped her. Assange insists the accusations are "without basis," and that they are part of a smear campaign against him. In July, Wikileaks published around 75,000 secret US military documents pertaining to the Afghan War. As a result, the site has come under fire from U.S. officials who say the leaks could endanger the lives of soldiers and Afghan citizens. (BBC News Online)

Irish Cardinal ridiculed in Church scandal

Wednesday, September 1

ARMAGH, NORTHERN IRE-

LAND – Ireland's top Catholic clergyman, Cardinal Sean Brady, says he will not resign over the revelation that he helped cover up for an abusive priest. Brady confirmed early this year that he was part of an internal church investigation of Father Brendan Smyth in 1975. Brady did not report his findings to the police, and asked two teens who provided evidence to sign oaths of secrecy. However, Smyth died in 1997 in prison after he was found guilty for child abuse in both the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom. Predominantly Catholic Ireland has been shaken by recent government-backed reports which found the Catholic Church had covered up a number of child abuse cases carried out by Catholic clergy. According to a series of recent polls, most Irish citizens feel that the church has not responded adequately to the reports. (CNN.com)

Campus Activities Board gets the party started with a little foam

By Elizabeth Burns

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Normally, 80 cubic feet of foam is the sign of a minor crisis, like maybe your washing machine exploded, but at Ursinus, it's a party!

From 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. this past Friday, CAB hosted UC's first Foam Party to celebrate the students return to campus. Kevin West, the head of the Foam Party event from Neon Entertainment, explained that the Foam Party package consisted of a 25 foot by 25 foot dance floor with inflatable walls, up to 7 feet of foam and dance music. 186 students ventured into the foam pit, with

attendance peaking at about 40 students inside at once, proving to be a successful event, according to CAB's executive board.

It was advertised all week, prompting many to wonder what a foam party would be like. Junior Sara Jones was surprised by the scene, "I was just expecting about a foot or so of foam and maybe running through it, but that's not what it was at all—it was so much better. The foam was contained in a moon-bounce like material and just kept being made. It was awesome, especially since parts of the foam were taller than I was."

Many students were hesitant to get in at first, with worries about staining their clothing and getting hurt. But after some

coaxing by CAB members and witnessing others goofing off in the foam, most took some time, and some clothing off, to jump in. Others were convinced by the foam itself, "I didn't actually expect to want to go...After running through some of the foam that had escaped [the dance floor], we had to try it out and it was way better than I thought," stated sophomore Stacey Shapiro.

By far, students biggest complaint was not the foam, but the DJ. About an hour into the event, the laptop Neon Entertainment used to provide music was experiencing issues, causing the music to stop for a about 30 minutes. But CAB's Advertising Chair, Katie Banas, was on top of it, "...it was easily solved, I ran back to Main Street to grab my iPod to help him out a bit."

Despite the technical difficulties, the party never diminished. Students continued to have fun slipping in foam up to their waist or higher throughout the night. Many attempted to topple the 7 ft mountains of foam that gathered in the corners of the dance floor, create foam hats for one another, slide under the foam, dance, or just stay upright. Although, the foam was a little frightening at times. Shapiro stated, "It got a little scary when someone slide tackled me and I inhaled some foam but it was a great time."

Inhaling a little foam was not

enough to deter students from having a good time. Sophomores Jake Frey and Phil Quick both said that they would "defi-

nitely" like to bring the foam party back to campus. Clearly, Ursinus likes a good party.



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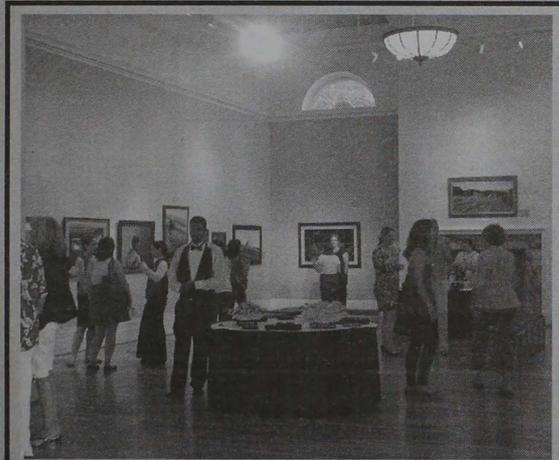
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race to keep the building cooler. This maneuver not only provides an eco-friendly solution to the ongoing issue of energy consumption, but enhances the presentation of the statues.

In addition to unveiling the new wing, the Berman Museum revealed two new exhibits on the day of the opening. The first, located in the Main Gallery, features the works of artist Karl J. Kuerner. The common thread throughout these pieces is an emphasis on bucolic themes and landscapes. Sophomore Emily

Short adds, "It's interesting how you can see the progression of the skill level of the artist over time." The second exhibit, found in the Upper Gallery, showcases a baseball-themed collection by artist Alan Novak. Both exhibits will continue to be on display at the museum until December 15.

When asked if we should expect any more expansions at the Berman in the future, Hanover said, "No, this is it. What we've done is a great accomplishment for any liberal arts college." Indeed, the efforts of those involved with the Berman Museum Expansion Campaign can certainly be deemed a great step forward for our school.



Guests at the Berman Museum browse the latest art display. The new expansion now includes a lecture hall, sculpture garden, library, lounge, and more. Check out everything Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Bree Gaddy and Berman staff

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:

- Joel Bish, Psychology
- Rebecca Jaroff, English
- Greg Scranton, MCS
- Matthew Shoaf, Art
- Louise Woodstock, MCS

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 8, 2010.

"College President" is continued from front page.

ate of Williams College in Massachusetts, Corson is also the inheritor of a lucrative limestone quarry in Plymouth Meeting, which his family sold in the 1970s to move on to larger projects. Corson is the president of his own investment and consulting firm, and serves on the board of Abbott & Cobb, Inc., a vegetable seed company.

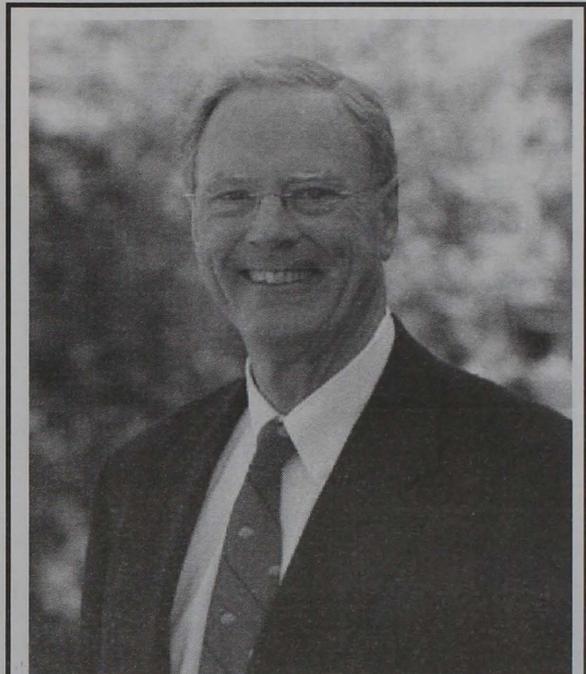
Borrowing from Harry Truman, according to Corson "the buck stops here," meaning it is his job to coordinate faculty, staff, and students to best benefit everyone. "This place is nothing without credible, bright young people who want to learn something," said Corson, who admires Ursinus' continued excellence.

Corson, however, is not a candidate for the permanent position of college president. "It was a condition of the board when they decided to seek an interim president that that person would not be considered as the next president," Schaefer clarified. "It just takes out the notion of someone with a foot in the door."

To facilitate a smooth succession, Ursinus has called upon the help of Academic Search, Inc., an agency which helps colleges locate qualified senior academic officers. Sixteen years ago Academic Search helped make John Strassburger the new Ursinus president, and this year their senior consultant, Thomas Courtice, is determined to recruit the right person to follow in President Strassburger's footsteps.

Bridget Resetco, a history major, is one of two seniors on the search committee representing the student body. She and Tyler Wetzel are both advocating for someone who reflects everything which President Strassburger has done for the school. "We want someone that's going to be an active presence in our lives," Resetco shared, "someone who's going to be a role model for students, who's going to go to the games, and club meetings, and also shows."

"Whoever comes in here is going to be a dynamic leader in my view," Corson elaborated. "There's plenty left to do here,



John Corson currently serves as Ursinus' interim president. *Phot courtesy of ursinus.edu*

and there's exciting challenges, and hopefully whoever comes in will be up to the task."

Though exciting, the process of finding a new president is far from easy. Committee members spent most summer sifting through applications and resumes from nearly a hundred candidates, and are soon to cut those numbers down significantly. Eventually, a small handful of candidates will be personally interviewed, until only several finalists remain and actually tour the campus while meeting faculty, staff, and students. Ultimately, the committee will choose the person they feel best embodies the spirit of the school.

"We want someone who has experience running a college, or things like that," Schaefer outlined. "Working with a budget, with a board, and on the public advocacy of the institution." Still, the position of college president is open to anyone interested, including attorneys, businessmen, and civic leaders.

"What there has to be evidence of," continued Schaefer, "is a clear appreciation for and understanding of how a small, residential, liberal arts college

works."

For now, the names and backgrounds of all applicants are kept strictly confidential, however the committee does expect to make their final choice for president by the end of the semester. When the next president will take the job, be it in the spring semester or next school year, cannot be determined, but what is clear is that person will have a number of demanding and exciting challenges to face.

According to Resetco, one challenge as a committee member is choosing between so many interesting and highly qualified applicants. "A lot of it is just kind of a feeling about candidates, whether you get that natural instinct that they're going to be a good support of Ursinus," she said. "Ursinus is such a unique place that we want a unique person."

Regarding the next president's responsibilities, Corson said, "I think it's important to keep on the track we're on with respect to the general quality of the education we have here so the student profile continues on an upward track."

Would you like to write for *The Grizzly*? Check us out every Monday night in Olin 103 at 7:15 p.m. We are always looking for new voices!

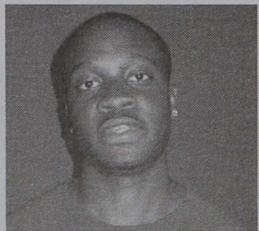
Word on the street: Advice for freshmen

An insider's view to avoiding the dreaded "freshmen 15"

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Jarod Groome -
Sophomore

Explore activities; find what you like to do in terms of extracurricular activities.



Danielle Yentz -
Junior

Converse with people, go out and meet people, be social, and make sure to expand your horizons as much as possible!



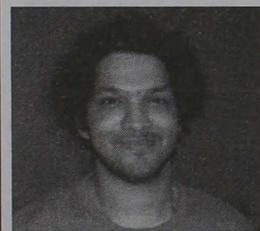
Kevin Tallon -
Junior

Keep in shape incase of the sudden need for a naked lap.



Josh Walsh -
Sophomore

Manage your time effectively and don't be afraid to explore new things



By Sara Sherr
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To college freshmen, and more specifically, Ursinus freshmen, college life is new and exciting. It's a time in which freshmen are faced with a completely new lifestyle – one full of more freedom than many of them had ever expected to encounter. And while this time comes with many positive aspects, there is, of course, a catch. In fact, most freshmen struggle when faced with the complete and utter independence that the year brings. For the first time in any freshman's young life, no one is in charge of him or her but – well, he or she.

So while many students are used to having parents dictating almost every aspect of his or her lifestyle, social life, and sleeping patterns, monitoring these seemingly thoughtless tasks is now completely up to the student in question. And while they may seem trivial, it's largely due to this sudden independence in lifestyle that many freshmen find themselves staring down at the scale, fifteen pounds heavier than his or her high school self when their first year ultimately comes to a close.

Freshman15.com attributes this all too common weight gain to, "a severe lifestyle change," among other causing factors, such as eating late at night, keeping unhealthy snacks on hand (in the dorm room), unhealthy cafeteria food, and drinking excessive amounts of alcohol (freshman15.com).

So now you may be wondering, what about having this massive amount of independence will cause your lifestyle to change?

On one hand, you can now stay up as late as you want. If you haven't done your homework, and you need to stay up until 2 a.m. to do it, you can, this is now up to you – there's just one catch, and according to freshman15.com, this is one of the top five causes of freshmen weight gain. The student in question, doing homework late into the night, will most likely find him or herself hungry, and will maybe resort to macaroni and cheese to satisfy this craving, or maybe he or she will munch on some Doritos while finishing up homework.

Sophomore Erika Tama offers some advice in terms of the late night munching in which many students partake, "Just be smart and think about what you're eating," Tama says, "you'll be staying up later, making Easy Mac and ramen, Wawa trips are always a given plus the 3 meals during the day that you'll load up at thinking you won't be able to eat until the next meal."

"If you're staying up late and you're hungry, maybe eat an apple instead of making Easy Mac," sophomore Madeline McEvily says, "I know from experience, an apple will satisfy your hunger and you'll feel much better about your decision the next day."

But aside from staying up late, there are other causing factors to the dreaded freshman 15, one being adjusting to a lifestyle change.

"I think with the stress of being in a brand new environment with new pressures, it's really easy to find comfort in food," sophomore Carolyn Lang says.

Cbsnews.com Nutritionist Ann Litt agrees, "There are a

couple of main reasons that kids tend to gain weight. The first is that they're away from home. For a lot of kids, food is very comforting and it's one thing that's familiar, so I think a lot of kids eat out of boredom, out of loneliness."

But there are other ways to fend boredom and loneliness besides eating, and one way in particular may leave students feeling great.

"I tried to go to the gym as much as possible, even if I wasn't in the mood. It always made me feel better and more active throughout the day," Lang says. And aside from alleviating boredom, the gym is a great way to be social.

"A group of my friends and I would go to the gym," McEvily says, "it was fun and made us feel great about ourselves."

But that's not all she has to offer in terms of advice, "Go out the back door instead of the front door [of Wismer]," McEvily says, "You're less likely to grab dessert."

"I tried to eat at least one serving of fruits or vegetables at every meal," Sophomore Abigail Rude says, "it helped fill me up rather than resorting to French fries."

But if you do end up overeating in a day, all hope isn't lost for you.

"Spend an extra five minutes on the elliptical," Tama says, "it never hurt anyone."

Although these tips may be helpful, they do not replace nutritional information available from a doctor or nutritionist.

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selected over the more than fifty other active chapters of Phi Kappa Sigma registered in the United States and Canada. Brian Laraia, Justin Avery and Derrick Wickward were more than helpful when it came to teaching me about this competition. Brian, who is the current president of Phi Kap, explained that the competition is based on the scoring of each chapter's Mitchell Chapter Standards (MCS) sheet, which every chapter of Phi Kappa

Sigma has to fill out explaining what they've done over the year. Sounds simple, right? Not quite.

When I asked what the MCS sheets were looking for, I was expecting a few key subjects such as community service and campus involvement, but what I got was two pages worth of criteria that each chapter has to complete in order to be in the running for the Founder's Cup. The MCS sheet wanted to know about every aspect of the chapter, including the GPAs of the new and current members, how many new recruits there were, the size of the chapter, activities sponsored by the chap-

ter and each member's leadership positions outside of the fraternity, as well as the community service and campus involvement I had expected. The sheet didn't just expect mere involvement in these areas, however. For community service, each member was presumed to complete at least sixteen hours, and for campus involvement they wanted two "properly programmed social events," over the course of the year. For each requirement that the chapter doesn't meet, or doesn't have adequate documentation of, they lose points toward their over-all score.

As difficult and as time-

consuming as this is, the highest score alone will not win a chapter the Founders Cup. Before a chapter is even eligible to win, they first have to be awarded the Carroll K. Simmons "Best Chapter" award two years in a row. Both Ursinus' Delta Rho chapter and the University of Pennsylvania's Alpha chapter were in the running for the Cup this year, having both accomplished this feat. Laraia and Avery, along with their fraternity brothers Kristof Nerl, Austin Anthony, Lloyd Tannenbaum, Mike Cafarchio, and Kevin Zufelt, were all in attendance at the Founder's Cup ceremony

where they learned that they had gained a higher MCS score than Alpha chapter, becoming the winners of the 2010 Founder's Cup.

Since a chapter needs to earn the "Best Chapter" award two consecutive years, no chapter can win the Cup twice in a row, but that isn't stopping the brothers of Phi Kappa Sigma from planning ahead. This year, just like every year before, they will sit down with the MCS sheet and plan out the next nine months, making sure that they continue to earn the "Best Chapter" award and work toward receiving the 2012 Founder's Cup two years from now.

Living your truth with Jenny Boylan

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Jenny Finney Boylan dances through an explanation of plot structure, bare feet carrying her from one point to another across the classroom floor. A semicircle of enamored students smile as the chiffon hem of Jenny's floral print dress floats just behind her, unable to keep pace with her passion for an honestly good story. It's Ursinus College's first Hoyer-Updike Distinguished Visiting Creative Writer.

Jenny's magnetic personality is big enough to own her admittedly lofty title; however, it is her humble authenticity that underlines her career as an inspiring author and professor.

From the moment she takes the floor, Jenny is clearly a self-confident woman who is proud of her identity, but it is a pride that has been years in the making. Her bestselling memoir, *She's Not There*, recounts her transition from male to female and has established Jenny as a prominent voice in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. But at the core of Jenny's story lies a



Photo courtesy of James Bowdoin
jenniferboylan.net

message about personal identity, a search for self close to the heart of Ursinus students who are just now beginning their real world adventures.

Jenny's extraordinary life began in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where she was born in 1958 as James Boylan. She grew up in Newtown Square and later Devon, PA while graduating from Wesleyan University in 1980.

For Jenny, writing was, first and foremost, a form of therapy, especially as she moved through life feeling trapped in James' body.

She has authored eleven books, and her nonfiction has graced the pages of the New York Times, GQ, Allure, and Glamour. Jenny believes that, "Writing helps us to understand our souls... To write a narrative means choosing to see your life not as a rambled jumble but as a story, as elements of a tale that is unfolding before you." Once James, after living nearly 43 years as a man, made the difficult decision to transition from male to female, Jenny's tale unfolded in *She's Not There*.

The 2003 memoir became one of the first bestselling works by a transgendered

American. Jenny's memoir led to appearances on the Oprah Winfrey Show, the Larry King Show, and the Today Show, to name a few. She is on a mission to, "change people's hearts and minds by coming out, by being known."

As a fan once wrote her, Jenny is, "someone a person could actually know." Jenny gives a human face to transgender issues in a country where LGBT rights are heavily disputed.

As college students, we can all find a reflection of our own realities in Jenny's story. In *She's Not There*, Jenny assures her audience that, "Being gay or lesbian is about sexual orientation. Being transgendered is about identity," the single, foundational self-truth upon which we build our lives. But as Jenny will tell you, discovering and developing personal identity is a challenge: "Everybody understands what it's like to wrestle with identity. Everybody has to weigh in their hearts the price of being authentic and what it means to live your truth out in the open."

Jenny brings a message of integrity to campus as a new school year at Ursinus presents students with fresh opportunities for self-discovery.

She says, "Everything that is on the surface, everything that is constructed should be called into question. And what we begin to honor in people is what is in their hearts. And strangely, what is in our hearts is often something we have no control over."

Career Corner

By Career Services
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New academic year! New books...new friends... new plans and new strategies for making the most of your Ursinus experience. That's where Career Services can help.

Our staff eagerly awaits your visit and looks forward to working with you and planning for the future. Not sure of your major direction? Finding it hard to narrow down career options? Looking to secure an exciting internship? Need some help with your graduate school plans? Want to get a head start with your job searching? Whatever your need- we can help you design a plan that will facilitate success- - and lead you to a satisfying career and a rewarding life.

Here are some tips on how to take advantage of everything Career Services has to offer:

Schedule individual appointments to assess interests and explore career options

Utilize FOCUS, an online assessment tool and career exploration resource

Get assistance with job searching, resume writing or interviewing skills

Email your resume or cover letter for an individualized critique

Access resources and advice on the graduate/professional school application process

Utilize **PERFECT INTERVIEW**- an online interactive simulated interview so you can practice interviewing anytime, anywhere

View our Web page for our **video series** of 3-minute, YouTube style clips on critical career topics

Visit **UC CareerNet**- the UC web based job & internship management system

Participate in the Annual UC Job & Internship fair scheduled for February 9th 2011

Access the Alumni Career Ambassador directory

Explore our resource rich Web page with access to links in your discipline

Join us on **Facebook** "Ursinus College Career Services" for updates and career news

Career Services office hours are Monday -Friday 9-12 and 1-5. You must schedule an appointment in advance to secure a convenient meeting time.

Living inside MTV's *The Real World: New Orleans*

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There are few things that I enjoy more than living vicariously through other people. Thankfully, *The Real World: New Orleans* allows me to do just that. As usual the cast is seemingly normal on the surface, bright-eyed and open for new experiences, but lurking beneath are the soon to be fights, hook-ups, and breakdowns. No one wants to watch people get along, which is why *The Real World: Brooklyn* was a bust, I don't want to watch someone grow as a person, or have new experiences: I want to watch them self-destruct. The directors have really outdone themselves this

season and picked a real winner from the sea of applicants: Ryan. He is by far the most entertaining cast member this season, and the most perfect personality for the show. The 21 year old hairstylist is the resident antagonist; he is so wonderfully unbearable. Also in the mix are a newly rehabbed painkiller addict, an aspiring singer, a promiscuous homosexual, the down to earth man candy, binge drinking california girl, and level-headed former D3 basketball player. This season's cast has a good balance of mediators and instigators which makes drama fruitful. The season has been great so far but I am concerned for the future because in the most

recent episode Ryan left the house and subsequently the show. The other housemates united over their hatred for Ryan; without him they are just boring. I can only hope Ryan is replaced with someone equally as ridiculous or the remaining housemates start to crack. Our generation is a voyeuristic one, it is the age of Facebook and YouTube where privacy is very limited. Knowing everything about a stranger is not that unusual and "stalking" people's lives online is a common occurrence. *The Real World* exploits this generations' insatiable desire to monitor and judge the actions of others. It never ceases to amaze me that people are willing to go on this show and publicly

humiliate themselves, although, I am not complaining, I am so very grateful for these people. They are truly selfless people, willing to stigmatize themselves for the sake of our entertainment. I highly recommend watching this season of the *Real World* if you haven't been tuned in already (Wednesday at 10:00 on MTV). It is comforting to know that there are people out there that are more dysfunctional than you are; everyone secretly enjoys seeing someone else fail. After I watch the show, I always feel pretty confident that I am more well-adjusted than I thought. *The Real World* brings out the hyper-critical bitter person within everyone.



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Point: Opting out of Greek Life at Ursinus

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Here at Ursinus, Greek life makes up about 17% of the student population. I am a member of the other 83%. At the start of my freshman year I had little to no desire to join a Greek organization, mostly because I had never put much thought into the idea.

However, after being at Ursinus for a few weeks, I began to

realize that many of the people I was interacting with on campus happened to be in a Greek organization; my interest was sparked.

The next step was looking into which fraternities I would potentially like to be a part of. Currently, there are eight fraternities and five sororities on campus. This to me seemed like an awfully large group of people to try to get to know in a short amount of time, but I was willing to try.

Before Rush started my freshman year, I had gotten to know only a few individuals in some of the organizations; but when Rush started, it offered a chance for me to meet more guys in each organization. Something I really liked was that at Rush events, there was never an overwhelming feeling that you needed to sign up and pledge as soon as you walked in; it was a trial period for everyone.

At the end of Rush, bids come out and undergrads can decide whether or not to pledge an organization. This decision took me a long time to make, being that I had become close friends with some of the guys that were in the fraternities. Ultimately, I decided not to join.

One of my main reasons for not joining was my other commitments: I am involved with a sports team and a few clubs on campus, along with my school load. Now, I realize that many Greek members have more commitments than I, but I really believed that for me it would have been too much to take on.

I also found that the majority

of the people I was hanging out with were not involved in Greek life. I am not saying that if you go Greek you cannot have other friends, but I saw Greek life as a close bond between a group of friends, and at the time of deciding to accept my bid or not, I was not ready to make that type of commitment to an organization filled with guys that I still had not gotten to know.

Greek life can be a fun and fulfilling opportunity for many students who choose to take part. Personally, I seemed to be able to find other activities on campus that gave me the same positive feelings, so I did not need Greek life to have a healthy social life.

With all that being said, I think that if anyone is interested in even just looking into the possibility of joining, do it! Chock it up to learning experience, and if it turns out that it is not for you, remember that although it may seem like Greek life is everywhere; it is not the alpha and omega of Ursinus... And 83% of students here will agree with you.



Kevin Tallon, although not involved in Greek life, finds plenty to love at Ursinus.
Photo by Carly Siegler

Counterpoint: Going Greek without any regrets

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I am not your typical "frat guy." At least, I don't think that I represent the stigma that has plagued fraternity brothers since the 1920s. Many people think of Greeks as a bunch of drunk, bumbling idiots who care only for hazing their new members and not what their grades will look like after four years of college. I was never like that. In fact, joining a fraternity was the last thing on my mind when I got to Ursinus College.

I believed in all the myths: you will get hazed, beaten by paddles, drink until you pass out, and made to do every menial task until you "earn" your spot in the fraternity. However, when I was just a lowly freshman (because they were allowed to educate then) I found a group of guys who showed me that there was more to a fraternity than just binge drinking and paddle smacking. I didn't meet these guys at any big rush party either. In fact, I met four of my future brothers via the Ursinus College Golf team.

It was during the first weeks of school that I played golf with

Ryan Daley, Bo Maguire, Ryan Pauline and Chris Fraizer, and got to know them personally, outside of the party scene. They didn't seem like guys who were above everything else, or had no motivation. Three of them had definitive plans following their graduation, and seemed to take school, and golf, very seriously. It was only in the months that followed that I was increasingly exposed to the rest of the brothers on campus. They made me feel welcome, even if I did act like a jackass every once in a while. Most were committed to their school work and extracurricular activities before the "extra-extra" curricular activities during Ursinus weekends. Just getting to know some of these guys changed my perspective on fraternities, rushing and pledging.

Sure, I had my fair share of stupid "rush" moments, but that's not what it was about. Even after I was sent to the hospital after a night of binge drinking, they were still behind me. They offered to help me in any way possible, and then proceeded to give me a bid to join the fraternity. Naturally, my parents were not happy with the idea of joining a Greek organization that

had been instrumental in my very serious, near fatal "Wild Turkey" night, but I went against their desire and joined anyway. Why? Because the brothers of Sigma Rho Lambda are not bound together by alcohol. Yes, Sig Rho is social on weekends; however there is a deeper connection that brings us together. We are able to accomplish service events as a unit, we are able to band together in tough times and most importantly, we are able to be our own individuals without having to worry about some older member trying to change us and be someone who we are not.

I am not your typical, stigmatized "frat dude". In fact, if I was, I don't know if I would have received a bid from my fraternity. Yeah, I may wear preppy clothes, but I don't binge drink and I don't encourage or force others to drink. I get my work done, and I help others when they need it. I am committed to other things outside of my fraternity that keeps me well rounded, and as a "recruiter" for Sig Rho, I look for others who

have initiative to balance work and play. This is what my new member educator, Ryan Pauline, and my fraternity President, Ryan Daley, taught me. If it weren't for Pauline, Daley, Fraizer, and yeah, even Bo Maguire, I don't think I would be in a fraternity right now. They showed me, as I could probably show any younger student, that being in this, or any Greek organization, is not about drinking heavily, getting girls and being forced to "earn" letters. It's about being committed and loyal to a group of guys, even if you may disagree with them from time to time.

Sigma Rho Lambda helped me garner strength to challenge myself, and become a better person. That is why I challenge anyone who is staunchly against Greek life to give it a try. Meet Greeks outside of rush events and party events. Come up and talk to us, and you will see almost immediately that there is more that meets the eye with all members of the UC Greek community.

"...joining a fraternity was the last thing on my mind when I got to Ursinus College."

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Were the changes to Greek Life for the better?:

Yes, Greeks were out of control with rushing and freshmen needed more time to decide if they wanted to join.

No, the time period is too short and freshmen not being able to join or rush will hurt the organizations.

I'm not sure, I can see positives and negatives.

Summer at the multiplex (and a musical): Part II

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Etiquette dictates that any given conversation begins on a positive note. Even if it ends in fists flying, a discussion normally always starts with a polite greeting before the heavy stuff comes out. Consider last week's article my, "Hello, how are you? Did you have a fun summer?" Now, here comes the grit. Here comes all the sex, drugs, death and stark realities best depicted by this summer's independent cinema.

"City Island" could have been just another indie film about a dys-

functional family. You know the ones I'm talking about: cheating husband, pill-popping wife, horny teenaged son. This is why it was such a delight when in the first few minutes of the dramedy, starring Andy Garcia and a hilarious Julianna Margulies, we learn that Garcia's character is not sneaking off to a strip club or even a poker game after dinner every night, but to an acting class in Manhattan.

Elsewhere in the Big Apple, Oliver Platt is getting spa treatments from Rebecca Hall while his wife, played by indie queen Catherine Keener, waits for an old lady to die so that she can buy out her apartment, and maybe sell some of her furniture for a profit. "Please Give" definitely has its moments of brilliance, such as the all-too-familiar hissy fit that Keener's onscreen daughter (Sarah Steele) throws while trying on jeans in an upscale boutique. Keener pops up again alongside John C. Reilly, Marisa Tomei, and Jonah Hill in the creepiest film in recent memory, "Cyrus," which is supposed to be a comedy, but plays

out like a mix between a Sophocles play and a Hitchcock movie.

Coincidentally, "The Girl on the Train," features a young French woman named Jeanne (Émilie Dequenne) whose main mode of transport is a pair of rollerblades. The road abruptly turns bumpy in this ripped-from-the-headlines story. What prompts Jeanne to slice a swastika into her flesh and then cry Anti-Semitism, causing a nationwide media storm, is never fully explained, and the film suffers for it even despite the ageless talent of French film legend Catherine Deneuve.

Other offerings of la France included the tragically beautiful "Father of My Children" and the utterly bizarre "Miemacs," starring Dany Boon as the leader of a group of zany vigilantes seeking revenge against two competing weapons manufacturers. Au fin, there is "Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky," about the love affair that occurred between the woman who revolutionized the fashion industry and the man whose "Rite of Spring" ushered in a new era

of dance in the early 20th century. This movie struck me for its silent power: the dialogue is contained almost entirely in Coco's outfits and in Igor's music.

Fun fact: Actress Tilda Swinton ("Michael Clayton," "The Chronicles of Narnia") is as fluent in both Italian and Russian as she is in English, as demonstrated in "I am Love," an aesthetically pleasing, albeit mildly depressing, family drama set in Italy. "The City of Your Final Destination," is a film about a young man who moves to Uruguay in order to woo the family of a deceased author into authorizing a biography. Star Omar Metwally must test his endurance against the man's stubborn widow (Laura Linney) who refuses to get onboard for the project, although her brother-in-law (Anthony Hopkins) and even her late husband's mistress (Charlotte Gainsbourg) are both willing to give their permission.

I am hereby instating myself in the post of Ursinus's unofficial campaign manager for

Swedish actress Noomi Rapace in what should be the easiest Best Actress nomination the Academy makes all year. Her performance in both "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" and "The Girl who played with Fire," based on the novels by Stieg Larsson is nothing short of brilliant. Another young actress who will hopefully be joining Rapace is 20-year-old Jennifer Lawrence, as the no-nonsense Ree Dolly in the gritty "Winter's Bone," set in the harsh environs of the Missouri Ozark Mountains, where Dolly must track down her bail-skipping father in order to save her family's home.

Finally, former Oscar nominees Annette Benning and Julianne Moore star in "The Kids are All Right." The two prolific actresses play a married lesbian couple that is dealing with their teenaged children's sudden interest in finding their biological father, played by Mark Ruffalo. It is a genuinely funny and poignant movie.

Two summer movie seasons down, two to go, readers!

New Wismer brings mixed feelings

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Like most students who have spent more than a week at Ursinus College, I quickly grew disillusioned with Wismer food.

I mean, I love pizza, but after awhile, the crust becomes cardboard, and the cheese appears to be a filmy substance not fit for consumption (I wish I had taken a picture of the specimen that appeared on my friend's slice earlier this week).

Hometown was never for me, mostly because I don't consider food that's been coated with oil "real." When in Wismer, I stuck mostly to cereal, bagels, and the deli bar—the delicious, questionably nutritious deli bar.

However, earlier last semester the news of a brand-new bar appeared during a Town Hall meeting. Of course, I was immediately excited, since additions to Wismer are *incredibly* emotional for me—even though since I was a freshman, Wismer has changed pretty consistently every semester.

Anyway, the news was out: A Mediterranean section! Oh boy! My mind flashed back to the dear memories of my vacation in

Greece/Italy a few years prior and all the delectable food I ate during that time. Then I remembered that it was Wismer, and my anticipation waned.

But, when I came back to Wismer this semester, a shiny new junior, I gazed upon the new addition with big, somewhat-hungry eyes. I WAS excited to eat in Wismer! I literally bounced into the cafeteria, trailing behind my embarrassed friends who scurried to escape being affiliated with me, taking in all the new sights with eager eyes.

The movement of the cereal bar seems strange to me, but creates a more seamless experience now compared to the congestion encountered when attempting to get a drink last year. There is a new red paint job and red tinted windows in the far-right alcove. How pretty! The new bar is big and impressive, with lots of polished metal and bright lights to accentuate it.

The seating is happily expanded, since for some reason Ursinus continually recruits more students than it has room for (whom I am perfectly thrilled to both meet and welcome to this wonderful campus).

But let's get down to the

brass tacks here. The "Mediterranean" section is little more than an expansion of the tiny pasta bar that existed before it.

Honestly, it's difficult to even get a taste of the new pasta bar since every Wismer meal I've had so far has involved an extremely long line to even obtain the food. This must be due to the fact that from what I experienced, food must be served to you—you can't get it yourself (much like the deli bar). I wondered why God cursed the bar to be that way, and I summed it up to sanitary reasons, which I will allow to pass as acceptable this time.

As for the rearrangement of the back exit into the mailroom: Why? The movement of the turnstile to the other side of the gate continually baffles both me and my friends. One of them ran into the gate twice while attempting to reach the door. Now, while this might also serve as a flag to her intelligence level, I've experienced a similar urge.

However, despite my brief disgruntlement, I will say that the new addition has made Wismer both bigger and more diverse in its food options, though I still wouldn't be adverse to some healthier-still options

Weekly Comic
by Michael Delaney



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UC Women's Soccer off to strong start within conference

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Coming out of the gates the past couple of years, the Ursinus Women's Soccer team got off to a slow start. After the first two games of the 2010 season, they can instead look to build off of some early success.

The Lady Bears took care of business at home early, with an exciting 2-1 victory over Lebanon Valley, followed by a 1-0 win over Baptist Bible the very next day. With the score tied 1-1 with less than a minute to play, Freshman Forward Sarah Cogswell ripped a shot past Lebanon Valley Keeper Sami Young to send the Bears to a 1-0 start. Midfielder Jess Porcelan also scored for Ursinus early in the contest. The following day against Baptist Bible, Senior Midfielder Alex Shivers scored at the start of the second half as the Lady Bears held on for their second win in two tries.

For Shivers, it was her first goal since her 6-goal freshman campaign after losing the 2008 and 2009 seasons to injury. For the team, such a start was expected.

The women certainly believe that their time to win is now. "We were one game away from conferences, so I think we are definitely expecting to make post-season play," said Sophomore Forward Leah Shaw. "There is a lot of pressure to do well this season because there are a lot of upperclassmen, a lot of experience players," added Junior Forward Katelyn Miller. "We've done our rebuilding, it's time to show our hard work." If the start of the season is any indication, the Lady Bears have passed their first test. They agreed that the new approach in the preseason certainly helped their progress along.

Going into preseason last year, the Lady Bears admitted that while they came into camp in overall good shape, they could have done more. This year, they

did just that. "We come to every training session [expecting] it's going to be our hardest practice," said Junior Forward Kelly Boatwright. "Last year we came in fit, and [Coach Jeff Ykoruk] kind of rewarded us for that. This year we came in fit, and coach took [our conditioning] to the next level." The team has certainly benefitted from their new approach, and it shows. "Coach is taking pride in fitness levels this year, so that made up the majority of preseason," added Sophomore Defender Lisa Pan. "We work at every practice, but now we know there's going to be sprints [and other conditioning drills] at the end." Something that they never had to work on, however, is the close bond shared between the players that shows both on and off the field.

The team's chemistry is one thing that is certainly not in question. It is widely accepted that the women understand each other's strengths and tendencies

extremely well, which pays dividends for their flow during the game. "We're great friends off the field and we work well together," said Shaw. "We know where each other will be on the field. We know what to expect from each other, which makes it easier to play [together]." The

team also credited team captains, Shivers and Senior Forward Katie Geigl, for their "lead by example" approach, and willingness to put in the necessary effort, which has rubbed off on the rest of the team.

Ursinus looks to build off of their first two wins with three more matches this week before entering conference play later this month. However, the Bears re-



Women's soccer celebrates on the field.
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main focused on the task at hand. "It's kind of just taking one game at a time [approach]," said Miller, who is close to returning from a knee injury. "This is still a big weekend for us [though]." The team is certainly an enjoyable one to watch, and certainly deserves the interest of the campus as they look to make their way back to the Centennial Conference playoffs.

Football takes season one game at a time

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"We are focused on winning one game at a time," said Junior Linebacker and Co-captain Greg Martell. And now, the Bears have their sights fixed on conference foe Franklin and Marshall.

The Ursinus Football Team has returned 20 of their 22 starters from a season ago, a season in which they earned a second place finish in the Centennial Confer-

ence, and an ECAC bowl bid, and for many inside the locker room, the feeling is that this year, the sky is the limit. Junior wide receiver Al Desiderio, a second team all conference selection from a year ago, who figures to be a key component of the Ursinus Offense, as well as a valuable commodity in the return game had this to say regarding the season ahead: "We have a lot of talent, we just need to make sure we stay focused, and do what we're capable of doing."

With these sentiments in mind, and a two week training camp in

the books, Ursinus strapped on their helmets for the first game that counted in the 2010 campaign, on September 4th, a rematch of the 2009 season opener, and a game the Bears looked to avenge.

On Saturday, the Ursinus Bears football team traveled to Reading, Pennsylvania to open their regular season against the Lions of Albright College. After four quarters of action, on a cool evening at Shirk Stadium, the Bears found themselves sitting proudly at 1-0, the result of a 21-13 victory.

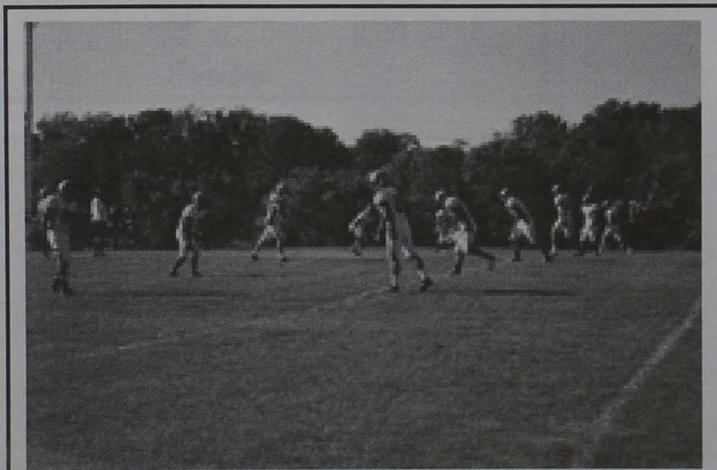
Offensively UC totaled over 360 yards, 248 of which came by way of the passing game. Defensively, they were lead

by Martell, who notched 11 total tackles (a game high) and sophomore defensive back Chris Rountree, who picked up right where he left off in the 2009 season, terrorizing opposing quarterbacks to the tune of a team and Centennial Conference high 8 interceptions, as he chipped in with 2 inter-

ceptions and 1 pass break up.

Ursinus scored 21 unanswered points in the second and third quarter, after falling behind 7-0 late in the first quarter. Ursinus answered Albright's touchdown with a score of their own, on a touchdown pass from senior quarterback Justin Decristofaro to junior wide receiver Nick Giarratano. Later in the second quarter, after the defense stopped Albright inside their own territory, due to a failed onsidess kick attempt, Decristofaro struck again. This time, the senior found freshman Wide Receiver Jerry Rahill on a 48 yard strike, which put UC ahead 14-7 heading into halftime.

The Bears opened the second half showing no signs of relenting. Their defense provided a quick three and out, and the offense returned to the field; thirteen plays later they were ahead 21-7, as Decristofaro punched in his third score of the evening, this time by way of a six yard run. Albright would provide a late surge, enough to keep fans on the edge of their seats, however it was too little too late. Following an onsidess kick recovery, by junior Wide Receiver Daniel "Storm" Miller, Ursinus headed toward the locker room, and on toward their conference schedule, which opens on Saturday at 1pm at Franklin and Marshall.



Bears scrimmage to prepare for their game against F&M this Saturday
Photo by Bree Gaddy

Upcoming Games:

Saturday,
Sept. 11, 2010:

WSoccer @ Stevens
11:00 a.m.

Field Hockey vs. East.
12:00 p.m. Mennonite

Volleyball vs. Gwynedd-Mercy
@ Richard Stockton
1:00 p.m. Osprey Classic

Football @ F&M
1:00 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Richard Stockton
3:00p.m. Osprey Classic

Sunday,
Sept. 12, 2010:

MSoccer vs. Rensselaer
12:00 p.m.

WSoccer vs. NYU
3:00 p.m. @ Stevens