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Hate crime discussed during meeting

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Roughly 300 students, faculty, and staff gathered together on Monday, Jan. 31 during a Town Hall meeting regarding a hate crime which occurred in the previous week. During the meeting Dean Nolan recounted the incident in which the word “nigger” was carved into the paint behind the podium in Olin 103 where an African-American teacher often taught. After reporting the vandalism, a Campus Safety Officer proceeded to scratch out the word until Facility Services could permanently repair the wall.

The meeting began with student body President Jervis Hud­son introducing Dean Nolan, Assistant Dean Kim Taylor, College Chaplain Reverend Christian Rice, and both discussion leaders and Diversity Committee advisors Professor of History Susanna Throop and Professor of English Elizabeth Ho. The meeting was held for a time where discussion across the Ursinus Community could occur in a safe and supportive environment.

Rice introduced the topic of discussion by stating, “It’s very rare for our campus to be able to come together as an opposition for [something like] this.” Nolan continued, “This is our time to reflect on who we are as a community and who we are as individuals.”

Rice and Nolan agreed that speakers should use “I” statements during their time expressing themselves to the community and to use the time for constructive conversations. “Speak for yourself and be careful not to put down another,” said Rice.

Beginning the discussion, Throop and Ho posed the question, “What does it mean to live in a diverse community?” After a few minutes of silence, hands tentatively raised with answers, “Living in a diverse community means a lot more than living in a community where hate crimes don’t happen. It means I learn something new about someone else each day...” said senior Ryan Sullivan.

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“What is Love” course has students talking

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Having received a two-year grant courtesy of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Associate Professor of Politics Jonathan Marks debuted “What is Love?” this semester, a pilot course designed to elicit discussion surrounding the omnipresent, everlast­ ing question.

“If we think that love is important to us,” says Marks, “then it is sensible to articulate our own opinions about it, to bring them to the surface and to try to compare them to other opinions we see in our time and in other times and places.”

The course, listed as CIE300 and thus categorized under “Interdivisional Studies,” accordingly applies texts and philosophies from a variety of disciplines. “We’re pursuing the question across interdisciplinary boundaries,” says Marks, who, in accordance with CIE specifications, was required to “discuss readings” with a range of faculty members. The chosen texts vary from the historical to the philosophical to the psychological, in addition to novels such as Romeo and Juliet and Wuthering Heights. Kicking off the course was historian Beth Bailey’s From Front Porch to Back Seat: Courtship in Twentieth Century America, a book that analyzes romantic “Love” is continued to News, page 3

Dolce Suono Ensemble performs at Ursinus

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Bomberger Auditorium was graced by the sounds of the organ, flute, and cello Sunday afternoon where a Freeiner Organ Recital was performed.

The recital was presented by Alan Morrison, The Haas Charitable Trust Chair in Organ Studies at The Curtis Institute of Music and the Ursinus College Organist. Also featured were Mimi Stillman who played the flute and Yumi Kendall on the cello. Stillman is the founder and artistic director of the Dolce Suono Chamber Music Concert Series. The recital on Sunday was part of the Dolce Suono Ensemble, which presents chamber music concerts and performs touring engagements. Both the Dolce Suono Ensemble and Morrison have a large and enthusiastic following. Morrison is recognized as one of the leading concert organists. In addition to performances all over the United States, Morrison has performed in Canada, Europe, South America, and in international festivals. His music has been described as “dazzling,” “flawless” and “intelligent.” Morrison lived up to these standards during this recital. Even to the amateur ear, the music sounded well-performed and pleasant. Morrison mentioned using the organ to bring life to the "Recital" is continued to Features, page 5
Monday, Jan. 24

MOSCOW, RUSSIA —Over 35 people were killed and at least 168 were wounded when a suicide bomber attacked Moscow's busiest airport on Monday afternoon. The bomb exploded in the international arrival area of Domodedovo at 4:32 local time, and it remained unclear who was responsible for the attack as of Monday night. One witness reported seeing a "short, dark-complexioned man" holding a suitcase when the explosion occurred. The attack has placed an even greater strain on a Russia plagued by ethnic conflict. Past terrorist attacks have been carried out by militants from the North Caucasus, a predominantly Muslim area north of Russia. In December, violent clashes between migrants from the region and Russian nationalists occurred. *(New York Times Online)*

Wednesday, Jan. 26

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA — A mine explosion killed 20 miners on Wednesday in northeast Colombia. Colombia, which is the fifth exporter of coal in the world, has a mining industry dominated by large-care mining corporations. However, some smaller mines are dug underground where methane gas can build up and explode. Authorities say that Wednesday's explosion, which left another six wounded, was likely caused by a methane explosion. Although mining accidents still occur, conditions in Latin American mines have improved greatly in recent years, and the revenue generated from mining has led to economic booms in many Latin American countries, including Colombia. *(NewsDaily.com)*

Uganda, Jan. 26

UGANDA – David Kato, one of Uganda's leading activists for the gay rights movement, was found beaten to death in his home on Wednesday afternoon. Police said that they had arrested a man who had been hired to drive for Kato, and were pursuing a suspect seen leaving Kato's house shortly after the attack. A police spokesman said the motive for murder seemed to be robbery. However, Kato's friends and colleagues questioned whether or not his sexuality was a motive. Kato was "one of the few openly gay men in Uganda," and a tough critic of proposed legislation that would call for life sentences and execution for homosexuals. Just three weeks ago, Kato won a court case against a newspaper that had printed photos of gay rights activists and alleged homosexuals with the caption, "Hang Them." *(The Guardian Online)*

Friday, Jan. 28

CAIRO, EGYPT — Thousands of anti-government protesters filled the streets of several Egyptian cities on Friday, clashing with police who fired tear gas into the crowd. The protesters, angry over economic woes and a perceived lack of freedoms, are demanding the end of President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule. Egypt's largest opposition group, the Muslim Brotherhood, called for its followers to begin protests after afternoon prayers. Opposition leader Mohammed ElBaradei said Thursday that he planned to participate in the protests. Egypt's Interior Ministry put out a statement on Friday forbidding protests, while protestors went door-to-door for support and a Facebook page dedicated to the protests jumped from 20,000 fans to 80,000 fans in one day. Just hours before Friday's protests began, the Internet was unavailable in some parts of the country, and reports came in that some text messaging and cell phone services were also blocked. In a statement, President Obama called for the government and protesters to remain non-violent. President Mubarak has not been seen for some time, and rumors are circulating that he is in poor health. *(CNN.com)*

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Megan O'Brien continued, "...celebrating those differences...that's a large part of what it is."

Hand after hand went up while students took their turns speaking about what a diverse community meant to them. Many students, including sophomore Josh Walsh, expressed that a diverse community is the strongest community possible.

Senior Jeff Centafont mentioned, "There is a particular hybrid social vigor...certain vigor that comes from a collection of people like that."

Cory Barkers and Kristin Daly-Barnes agreed that the importance of celebrating differences and living in healthy relationships with one another was all a part of a strong diverse community.

Charles Prete offered that those who would benefit most from the discussion were not present, but fellow senior Teddy Brandston said the missing members were still a part of the Ursinus Community, and it was the present community's job to reach out to them.

Towards the end of the discussion, Director of The Center for Writing, Dr. Erec Smith introduced himself as an Alumnus and said, "I don't think this would have happened when I was here," referencing the turnout and discussion that had just taken place. He continued by saying Ursinus did have improvements to make, but it was obvious that improvement had been made since he was a UC student.

After the hour-long meeting, students were offered a chance to stay longer for a more intimate discussion regarding diversity. A few students that wished to remain anonymous were upset that the conversation never focused on the hate crime itself. The students felt that the crime was brushed over and that was the only reason they came to the meeting.

Other members of the community were more concerned about what to do next and how to make everyone feel safe. Professor of History Dr. Walter Greason suggested a way for students and faculty to both help with the solution. Greason mentioned students should take ownership of their actions while faculty could give creative assignments in which students could express their diversity. Environmental Studies Professor Dr. Patrick Hurley continued by mentioning that many professors on campus are open to student ideas in regards to topics, and to not be afraid to ask.

Kim Taylor said the meeting had a, "good crowd, good conversation." She continued with, "The key now is where do we go from here...[we need to] do something."

The Diversity Committee is holding an extended diversity discussion tonight in Unity House at 5:30 P.M. regarding racial issues and invites anyone who may or may not have attended the Town Hall meeting to join them. Drinks, pizza, and dessert will be provided.
Community survey results

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On Tuesday, Jan. 25, the JGSC Group, LLC presented the results of the Community Insights survey directed at the revitalization of Main Street Collegeville in Bomberger Auditorium. The JGSC Group, a strategic planning company with an operating base in the tri-state area, worked with the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) in June 2010 to identify specific areas for economic improvement within Collegeville. Distributed community-wide, including Ursinus students, faculty and administration, in Fall 2010, the Community Insights survey was completed by 1,391 consumers and 570 students for a total of 1,961 respondents. “We were surprised by the number of students who responded,” explains Joe Getz, president for JGSC, whose analysts estimated 300 student surveys. According to Linda Flederbach of CEDC, it was important to include Ursinus College students because, “The college is an essential part of the Collegeville community.”

Overall, 68 percent of survey respondents came from within the Collegeville zip code, representing one in every 14 households. JGSC categorized their findings within three different groups: students, shoppers and non-shoppers. Shoppers and non-shoppers were delineated by those who claimed to regularly shop or not shop within the Collegeville zip code. Currently, Ursinus students generate between $2.2 to $5.1 million on discretionary goods and food outside the dining hall.

Unfortunately, only 29 percent of that is spent on dining within Collegeville, which means there is huge opportunity for market capitalization and increased revenue like Collegeville’s dining sector. In the nine months that students are on campus, they contribute an average of $133,000 per week to the local food industry. If Collegeville successfully addresses students’ dietary needs, the community could profit approximately $94,000 a week off students alone. As a whole, only 10 percent of consumers shopped or dined on Main Street, while 90 percent commuted elsewhere to meet their needs.

Survey consensus suggests that the revitalization of storefronts, development of vacant lots and underutilized areas and the recruitment of retail stores and dining are imperative. An overwhelming 95 percent of respondents disagreed to “doing nothing,” which Getz classifies as an obvious “consensus for action.”

Ursinus students demonstrated strong interest in a closer community can rest assured that action will be taken.

The survey results have provided the CEDC with numerous avenues for improvement; however, no action will be taken until JGSC hands over their written report and analysis, at which time the “Board of Directors and the Economic Restricting Committee will look at the report and decide [whether] we understand enough to move forward with things on our own or do we need to enlist the help of other specialized groups,” explains Flederbach.

Additionally, it offers other opportunities in many forms to underprivileged communities in Philadelphia, and plans to expand to New Jersey and New York by 2014. This has been the Rising Sons mission since its inception four years ago, but at Ursinus the vision was far less refined. The circumstances on campus that led Alexander Peay ’09 to found Rising Sons included events that led to racial tension, a possible decreased retention rate of urban students, and an utter dearth of solidarity amongst the minority students.

And so, Rising Sons began with the idea that underprivileged students were largely students of color. Now the organization operates under the belief that pov­erty has no color. RS Deputy Director Mubarak Lawrence ’09 said, “everyone is equally deserving of privilege, but we can’t force it upon anybody. They have to want it.” That is why some RS programs strive to inspire and educate young teens, while services for older students and high school graduates aim to empower.

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UC-Rising debuts with this new vision and an arsenal of new resources to launch UC-Rising. The program pursues a similar mission as the RS programs in Philadelphia, but makes its services available to all Ursinus students. The program has just started but it has already seen an explosion of activity, fueled by the interest of Ursinus students and faculty. There are already seven major events being planned, as well as a couple weekly student services, and they have the resources to implement many more.

What sets UC-Rising apart is that it offers any individual the means to effect change on campus, whether it be in the realm of academics, community, events, dining options, nightlife, or anything else. UC-Rising is open to all students.

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customs throughout the past century. In class, students were prompted by the text to discuss present-day “courting” norms, tending to agree that a sense of competition persists throughout the dating world—a reality Bailey contributed to WWII. Other discussions revolved around romance in correlation to power and social standing, during both past and present times. Senior Greta Martikainen-Watke expressed particular interest in a future reading, entitled “Breaking Up.” “If the advent of technology has really changed how people more or less treat each other [or hook up],” explained the senior, “our generation is creating its own discourse of love or what we think love is.” Though agreeing with Martikainen-Watke, fellow senior Angelo Spirou is particularly interested in examining the “evolution of love” i.e. learning, “how our interpretations of love have grown due to historical events.”

The course is only in its beginning stage, Marks is so far pleased with the student response, observing that the class as a whole is, “very open to what they’re reading, willing to consider the views found in the texts that they’re encountering.” He noted that they all enter with “strong opinions,” which allows for active and meaningful discussion.

Discussion consumes most of class time, and it is hoped that such dialogue will likewise infiltrate the rest of the campus. According to Marks, the NEH grant will allow for events open to the entire campus. The grant, entitled “Enduring Questions” was applied for by Marks himself, who has an extensive background in interdisciplinary studies. His training within the University of Chicago’s interdisciplinary grad program likely assisted him in formulating the proposal for the grant, which “supports the development of a new course that will foster intellectual community through the study of an enduring question,” says the NEH website. The two-year grant will also fund the course throughout the Spring 2012 semester. According to Marks, however, the course could potentially be offered during future academic years, seeing that there’s been “a lot of interest” thus far.
Presenting the best and worst of Ursinus College

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We are right in the midst of awards season, with the Golden Globes behind us and the Oscars right around the corner. In the spirit of recognizing a job well done, (and jobs not so well done) it is time for us to cast a judgmental eye on our beloved institution of higher learning. It is time for The Best and Worst of Ursinus.

Where to live – It would seem that the most highly coveted living situations at UC revolve around fitting as many friends in one place. This can be seen in the race for suites in New, North, and Reimert, as well as on Main Street where the girls of Tau Sig and Phi Psi live the dream together in Olevian and Keigwin. But, not to be overlooked are the freshmen dorms. BPS and BWC are the only dorms where without even knowing any of your floor mates or dorm mates you are all suddenly best friends. It cannot be denied that the freshmen dorms offer a greater possibility for living with the greatest number of friends. Plus, they are centrally located a short walk from almost everything. Which brings us to the worst of Ursinus living. Aside from the occasional stinkbug/ladybug/rat/squirrel infestation we are sometimes subjected to no matter where we live, there has never, in any recent memory, been a student excited to live in the 900’s. Students stuck all the way up Main Street complain bitterly about their walks to campus (even though Ursinus is a fraction of the size of most other campuses), and the inability to return home for a quick nap in between classes cannot be overlooked.

Food – Whether you are a Zack’s or a Wiscnerson person, one thing rings true for all of us. It is nearly an impossible feat to get lunch during common hour. Dining Services is a difficult area to quantify because of inconsistent performance. In Zack’s things are a bit more consistent, unless we are to discuss the discontinuation of the most delicious sandwich ever to grace SubConnection: the Portobello Chicken Ciabatta. Roast chicken, mozzarella, spinach, peppers and mushrooms, and pesto aioli on ciabatta rolls were the pinnacle of Zack’s dining. They are now gone, but somehow macaroni and cheese pizza remains. Eating in upstairs Wismer is a lot like gambling. There is a chance that there will be nearly nothing palatable except for a veggie burger and a salad, or there is the chance that it will be fajita bar day. The one enduring mystery in Upper (aside from trying to guess what exactly the meat in Hometown is) is why doesn’t the pasta bar open until 5? Dinner starts at 4:30, and carbo-loading should be an immediate option.

Classes – It would seem that the best and worst classes would be too difficult to pin down because every department has its strengths and weaknesses. But this job was easier than most. The best class on campus can be identified by a number of factors, but the size of the waiting list is a very good indicator. Yoga, taught by Professor Cathy Young consistently has a wait list of 50+ students which is especially remarkable considering it does not fulfill any particular requirements. No matter what your major, feeling refreshed and serene in the middle of the day is a definite benefit. Finally, the worst class at Ursinus has not to do with the professor teaching it or its inconsistent time scheduling but with the impossible nature of the class: Organic Chemistry. This is the most often dropped class not only at UC but in many institutions. In addition to being notoriously difficult to grasp for most students, the sheer volume of work that it takes to stay on top of the lessons is astounding. It is safe to say that nobody who doesn’t have to take Organic Chem will choose to of their own volition.

So there we have it gentle readers, the best and worst of Ursinus. We all have our biases and our favorites, but hopefully we can come together – if not on the red carpet – to agree on a few things about this hallowed institution we call home.

Campus Activities Board packs semester with great fun

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Get ready to mark your calendars because Ursinus’ Campus Activities Board has got a lot in store for the spring semester. The Campus Activities Board, known as CAB, has not wasted any time in organizing some exciting events for Ursinus Students. February is already jam-packed. On February 4, the first Friday of the month, from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m., students can go bowling at the Limerick bowling alley for the price of only five dollars, shoes and balls included. CAB has rented out ten lanes and transportation will be provided.

CAB is also prepared for the weekend prior to Valentine’s Day. Friday, February 11, CAB will be hosting a Newlyweds game in Lower Wismer. President of CAB Elizabeth Burns stresses the fact that the event is not exclusive. “It’s not only for couples,” Burns says. “It can be for couples, roommates, or best friends.” Just like for the original Newlyweds game, contestants will have to answer questions about their partners in the CAB version. If one’s answer matches the response of the partner, the team receives points. According to Burns, this CAB event will of course offer prizes “because we are CAB and we like prizes.”

The Newlyweds game is not the only CAB event for the weekend of February. Those looking to give a cute gift to someone special can attend CAB’s Build-A-Bear activity on Saturday, February 12. Similar to the Build-A-Bear stores found in most malls, students will get to choose the animal of their choice. Burns says that unlike the stores at the mall “you will stuff your own bear.” In addition, each animal will have a personal white t-shirt which students can decorate to their liking. Like many CAB events, the Build-A-Bear activity will be free of charge.

Additionally, CAB is planning on sponsoring a Family Feud game show as well as the very popular outdoor movie event. CAB is also organizing another event for this semester, as well as for future semesters.

Jazz Night “because everyone loved Jazz Night and wanted another,” says Burns. Already this semester, CAB brought pop singer Erin Sparks to sing in Lower Wismer, which CAB transformed into a coffee-house setting. In addition, the hard-working organization held an Adult Scavenger Hunt, an event that offered many prizes for winning participants.

Bums and members of the executive board, who Burns describes as “the best exec. members,” will be attending the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) Conference in St. Louis, Mo. from February 19 to the 23. The NACA conference offers colleges ideas and contacts for events to bring to their campuses. Burns describes the conference as “a big advertisement for individuals who work the college circuit.” In St. Louis, Burns hopes to find some new exciting activities that CAB can bring to the Ursinus Campus for this semester, as well as for future semesters.

The Campus Activities Board brings events to campus for individuals who would like an alternative to going out partying or for those who are tired of watching movies in their room every weekend. CAB also offers opportunities for students to meet new people. If you haven’t availed yourself of the opportunity to attend one of their events, you ought to give it a try!
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First African-American graduate to be honored

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The Summer Bridge Program will be changing it's name to The Crigler Institute during a ceremony on Feb. 4 in recognition of W.R. Crigler, Ph.D, the first African American to graduate from Ursinus College in 1956. As the first African American to graduate from Ursinus, Dr. Crigler set the example for all students by displaying determination, leadership and perseverance during his four years here.

Paulette Patton, Director of Multicultural Services spoke of the importance of the event, "In honor of his legacy, what a fitting way to choose February as the unveiling of the Crigler Institute," said Patton. She discovered Crigler via a form a he had completed in a box of old files, on which he scrawled in big letters "I'm the first African American graduate." Patton said that she had to track him down. After a few phone calls, she found Dr. Crigler at the Chaparral Treatment Center in Colton, CA. In addition to becoming the first African American graduate of Ursinus, Dr. Crigler was presented the Alumni Association Professional Achievement Award in 1998.

During a telephone interview, Dr. Crigler described how he came to Ursinus and his experiences here. "There was no choice," says Crigler, "We thought I was going to go to one of the community colleges [in California]." That all changed when a scout from Ursinus came looking for an African American student to enroll. "There was no discriminatory policy in place; it's just that no one had done it before. There was this [African American] guy named Adolf who enrolled in Ursinus that we knew about, but he left." After the interview with the scout, Crigler enrolled at Ursinus.

Luckily, Crigler had little problem integrating on the Ursinus campus. He mentioned, "There was no discomfort: 99.5 percent of the time everyone was very welcoming. Of course there were a few knuckleheads, but that happens everywhere." More pressing for Crigler were the implicit restrictions on his social life, "I didn't have a girlfriend, because that just wasn't done in that era," he said. As he continued on his activities in college—from studying several hours a day, to playing two sports, to singing in the school choir—it seems that at least some of his motivation to do as much as he did resulted from the implicit limits placed on his social interactions. More importantly however, Dr. Crigler succeeded where none had before, graduating in 1956. Since then, Dr. Crigler has devoted his 55-year-long career to helping children and young people, and he continues to break new ground for himself despite his prior accomplishments. When asked what he would tell students who will enroll in the Crigler Institute, his words were simple: "[Take] every opportunity, There's room for everything." Dr. Crigler has written a novel and a play, and despite the fact that neither have given him acclaim, is proud of his accomplishments, and hopes that the Crigler Institute will not only focus on academic excellence, but leadership and social consciousness.

Many Bridge graduates have followed Crigler's advice to the letter. Alumus and Class President of 2010 Danielle Harris is adamant about the positive changes the Bridge Program has had on her life. In an interview, Danielle spoke of initially being discouraged from Ursinus; "two high school teachers...made earnest attempts to assure me that I did not belong at UC." One saying Harris was, "just a number so they can meet their status quo" who 'was not going to do as well as [she] could do at a state school.' For Danielle, Bridge was "exactly the reassurance that I needed to know that not only did I belong at Ursinus, but also that I had the potential to excel beyond what my high school teachers had led me to believe. Fellow 2010 Alumus Roger Lee confirmed Danielle's sentiment. The Bridge Program "inspired [him] to run for class vice president, lead Escape Velocity and start UCTV." Students like Roger Lee and Danielle Harris represent the ultimate goal of the Bridge Institute, as well as the benefits that Ursinus can reap when it invests in the support and development of underrepresented groups on campus.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, Feb. 4, and it will continue on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 11 A.M. when Crigler will deliver an address in Bomberger Meditation Chapel as part of Ursinus College's celebration of Black History Month.

Internship Profile: Maria Linder

By Sarah Bollert of Career Services

Maria Linder, a junior double major in Theatre and Religious Studies interned as a stage manager this summer with Gretna Theatre operating at Mt. Grec­na Playhouse in Gretna, Pa.

Though Linder's internship was over by August, she spent approximately 600 hours working about nine weeks on productions like Peter Pan the musical. "I would be in charge of rehearsals," says Linder, "the director would work through scenes with people, but I would make sure the director would stay on track. If there were any problems, I would take care of them."

As Stage Manager, Linder was also in charge of noting all tech changes, be they lighting or sounds. During productions, Linder recalls: "I would call all of the cues that were set up: all of the lighting changes, and the sound effects and the spotlights. Anything like that as I would call cue numbers so [the crew] would know when to go where."

Linder has the experience of managing 20 shows. She's stage managed four plays at Ursinus and also has an abundance of experience managing high school shows in addition to community theatre productions. For those inexperienced and interested in the field however, she notes that Gretna Theatre had assistant stage manager positions available, in addition to opportunities for actors.

Though obviously familiar with stage managing, Linder admits that "one of the things that was most intimidating to me was the directors I worked with...they all pretty much 'made it' in the theatre world." She says that she "had never worked with anyone of that level," and getting through the new dynamic took self confidence. To make it as stage manager, she says, "I think you have to be really self-assured."

Linder used a close network in finding and applying to this internship. She turned to her husband, Master Electrician and Lighting Designer for the summ­er, who had worked with Gretna Theatre before, as a means of connection. She ad­vises that students recognize that people close to them can be links to workplaces and opportunities. Linder has already asked one of the directors she's worked with to be a reference, and she says that she really enjoyed working with all of the cast and crew. She was good friends with the actors and says: "It was fun to work hard and then play hard."

"Patience is a big thing, es­pecially in working with people," Linder says when asked about the skills her internship demanded. She needed to "be organized" and knew how to "multi-task," as she was in charge of managing so much in so little time. She also recognizes that "people skills" were very important on a daily basis. She also says she prac­ticed "learning how to get what you need from people," meaning that she needed to "be demanding about things she needed from cast and crew while stage managing."

While working this past sum­mer, it was always on Linder's mind to leave a good impression, but she notes that "it's important to act gracious but 'so to stand your ground,' when holding a position of authority within an internship.

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music which he did success­fully as he used his expertise to work the many keys and pedals of the organ.

The recital began with a piece that included all three perform­ers and instruments. The natural chemistry of the performers, who have known each other several years and have performed together before, was easy to see during the course of the set. Once they began playing, it was apparent that they took a personal interest in the music. An attachment to the music could be seen in their facial expressions and their body language as they swayed along to the music that they played.

This first piece was by Bach. Morrison explained, "This was the only work that was published during Bach's lifetime. He wrote it in order to prove himself after he received some negative criticism on some of his other work." It was very soothing," said Leigh Cappello, a sophomore who attended the event.

The next portion of the con­cert was another piece by Bach, written for only the organ. This provided a break for the flutist, Stillman, who was recovering from laryngitis. "The flute is the closest instrument to the human voice," said Stillman. For what­ever she was lacking in vocals, Stillman made up for with her melodic flute playing. During her performance, she definitely succeeded in capturing the range of emotions in the human voice while playing the flute.

Following the organ piece was a performance including the organ and the flute by Jehan Alain. The concluding set was by Marcel Dupre and was for the cello and organ.

Many members of the com­munity attended the event, which was free and open to the public. The recital was a success in many ways; the audience was pleased, classical music was made accessible to the campus; it helped form community between the campus and surrounding commu­nities, and was a showcase for the second largest working organ in Pennsylvania.

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I am standing on Mt. Masada. I have only ever heard about this in Hebrew School. Before our tour guide, Itai, tells us what has happened here, I remember. I know that the steps we just climbed to reach the top of this mountain, overlooking the breathless Dead Sea, are the same steps that the Romans built to reach the ancient Jews that were self-sustained in their religious freedom. For me, the story is inspiring not because it’s about Judaism. To me, it’s about freedom. For me, the Grizzly.

Winter Birthright trip proves to be worth while
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When it was cold. I have only ever heard about what has happened here. I remember. I know that the steps we just climbed to reach the top of this mountain, overlooking the breathless Dead Sea, are the same steps that the Romans built to reach the ancient Jews that were self-sustained in their religious freedom. For me, the story is inspiring not because it’s about Judaism. To me, it’s about freedom. For me, the Grizzly.

I entered the very room in the very temple in which I now sit, every Jew they’d been preparing to conquer for six months lay before them, dead.

It wasn’t just standing in front of the Western Wall and being overcome with an inexplicable, incredible feeling, not being able to explain the tears in my eyes. It wasn’t just listening to the soldiers talking about the solution to their conflict with the Palestinians: sharing the country, and having a single flag. It wasn’t just seeing the bomb shelters in front of the elementary schools, or listening to Lee say that being human was more important than being Arab or Israeli. It was the combination. I heard about the suffering in Darfur, but until I saw all the refugees that had walked across the border to line the streets, hoping for an odd job, did I really know. I didn’t really know until I saw the women sobbing and rejoicing on Friday night in front of that wall, those rocks.

My trip to Taglit Birthright Israel changed me. If you have at least one Jewish grandparent, it can change you too. Be sure to go to birthrightisreal.com to apply for the summer trip by February 14.

Recent winter weather is anything but a wanted wonderland
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This might be the hardest winter I have had to go through at Ursinus College thus far. It has been a while since I have seen this much snow so early. We had some snowfalls in December during winter break, and I remember the major snowfall we had last year around the same time. However, it feels like in these last two months we’ve had more than we had last year. Recently, it seems a trend is brewing where winter actually looks like winter. A few years ago, I can remember when that wasn’t the case and snow did not usually come until January. Back then, winter seemed to be slow-starting and long-lasting with cold temperatures as late as April. In these last two winters, snow has been coming early and coming in heaps.

If I had to be somewhere during a large snowstorm, I’d rather be here because back home, I’d be out in it, digging out my parents’ cars and the sidewalk around my house. I appreciate the work that Facilities is doing to dig out the college during these snowstorms. I don’t have a shovel to dig out my dorm. I couldn’t do it myself. Facilities does a great job in creating paths for us to travel around campus. Activity on campus would cease if no one could leave their rooms.

While the school has made paths for me and everyone else on this campus to get to class, they unfortunately still cannot do anything about the cold weather. We still have to go out in the cold. I live at Cloake this year and that’s quite a ways down Main Street from the center of campus at Olin Plaza. I’ve heard several times this year that some people don’t even know where it is. Well, it’s at the bottom of the hill behind Reimert Hall and past the Wellness Center. To walk from Cloake to Olin Hall takes me a good six minutes to get there. I do not exaggerate! With all of this snow and frigid temperatures, I have to bundle up every time I step outside. I have to throw on my winter coat, gloves, hat and scarf to stay warm, but it’s still cold with the crisp wind blowing across my cheeks.

Cloake has been heated well during this winter and I am very thankful for that. It has been a temerarne place to come home to after a long day of classes. While Cloake has heat in the rooms, the cold weather got to the water. When we came back from Winter Break, Cloake did not have hot water to take showers, which does not help when trying to stay warm in the winter. Some of my housemates had to go to other dorms to take showers because the water was too cold.

Apparantly, Cloake is so far away from the main water source of the college that the snow made it cold by the time it reached the showerheads. Thankfully, the problem has been addressed and we currently have water hot enough to take showers.

I really like spring weather and I am certainly wondering when it is going to come. Unfortunately, I’ve heard that more snow is on the way. So this white wintry scene surrounding our campus will remain for a little while longer.
President Obama attempts to reach out to U.S.

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President Obama set the tone early for the 2011 State of the Union Address when he declared that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. For the President, this year’s Address was to develop a sense that we are part of something big.

The main topics of this address were renewable energy, education, and the spending that would be necessary to finance these endeavors. While all Americans realize that investing in our education and energy technologies are important, the American public is not particularly interested in this gamble in these proposals.

The President noted that the world has fallen behind much of the developed and even parts of the developing world. He noted that “the fastest computer” and the largest private solar energy research facility were located not in the United States, not in Europe or in Japan, but in China.

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Actors/Actresses get ready for awards season 2011

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Something strange happened on the way to the podium. 29-year-old Natalie Portman has always been deliberately tight-lipped about her personal life. I’d say that it’s something she learned while attending Harvard University, but The Social Network (“You and Erica split up?”), would you help noticing that her fiancé, dancer and Black Swan costar Benjamin Millepied, certainly looked confused when a giggling Portman was to develop a sense of unity that had shattered in recent years.

The evening had a sort of civil party atmosphere. The shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords had created solidarity among the Republicans and Democrats, who were seen on the side of the building for the first time in a long time. There were no shouts of “You liars!” by Congressmen like this year’s budgetary host.

The Social Network. It taught that around this time last year, I had no idea what Natalie Portman was. The President has now set up many goals, including having 80% of American energy produced from “clean energy sources” by 2035. The President’s desire to eliminate the money given to oil companies, “the energy of yesterday,” and investing money in the energies of tomorrow is a symbol of the need to move ahead. The need to move along and control our future is something that all Americans, whether they are Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, can enjoy today and tomorrow.

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UC basketball seniors approaching end of season

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As Ursinus students quickly become settled in the spring semester, seniors become more nostalgic. This nostalgia has reached a whole new level for two semester seniors, becoming more focused on graduating and making friends for life with classmates.

Four team and made friends for life while growing as players and students. Jones and Hilton certainly display that in their gratitude for everyone who has contributed to their college careers.

“Super Bowl XLV’s matchup this Sunday between the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas should prove to have a thrilling outcome.

The Steelers, who defeated the Jets in the AFC Championship game, will be playing in the franchise’s eighth Super Bowl overall, and their third in the past six years. Unlike the Packers, who last played in the Super Bowl only two years ago, the Packers most recent Super Bowl appearance was in 1998. Green Bay, who advanced to the Super Bowl after beating the Chicago Bears in the NFC Championship game, will be headed to the franchise’s third Super Bowl.

Although Pittsburgh has had recent success in the Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers are the favorites to win. It’s hard not to pick them when you look at their stacked offense which includes receivers Donald Driver, Greg Jennings, James Jones, and Jordy Nelson. All four receivers each accumulated over 500 receiving yards over the course of the 2010 season. Steelers All Pro safety Troy Polamalu told the media that the Packers have “probably the best receiving corps in the league.” Combine these receivers’ skills with Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers’ rocket-like arm, which has thrown for 1,922 yards with almost thirty touchdowns, and one can’t help but see why the Packers are favored for Sunday’s momentous game.

Even though football critics are praising the Packers’ skilled offense, nobody can forget the intensity of the powerful Steelers defense that produces some of the best defense in the NFL throughout the 2010 season for illegal hits. The Steelers’ bread and butter are their zone blitzes and their defensive backs playing man-to-man all set up by Hall of Fame Defensive Coordinator Dick LeBeau. This is the main reason for the team leading the NFL in sacks. As a result, Aaron Rodgers can expect a lot of pressure at the snap.

The Steelers defense will only be part of the key to bringing a Super Bowl title back to Pittsburgh. Star quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been a significant factor in the Steelers’ success in their recent Super Bowl appearances. As a result, many sports critics at the beginning of the season had little confidence that the Steelers would make it to the Super Bowl with Big Ben missing the first four games of the season after being suspended by the NFL commissioner for misconduct. However, Roethlisberger was able to enter the season in week 5 and help rally his troops in Pittsburgh for the remaining twelve games to lead them to the Super Bowl in Dallas.

Green Bay’s defense realizes Roethlisberger’s substantial role and knows that they cannot go easy on the six foot five, 241 pound clutch quarterback. Packers’ head coach Mike McCarthy told reporters that one of his team’s objectives is to make sure we have the opportunity to get him on the ground.” As a result, fans can expect that All Pro linebacker Clay Matthews, and defensive endmen Cullen Jenkins and B.J. Raji will be gunning for Big Ben.

It is clear that the Green Bay Packers and the Pittsburgh Steelers both have two talented quarterbacks who know how to make big things happen. Since the two teams’ defenses know how to bring the pressure, the game will come down to which quarterback can best avoid the blitz and deliver the ball to the end zone.