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New CAB events coming this fall

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In recent history Ursinus has strived to offer more non-alcoholic social events throughout the school year. The Campus Activities Board, or CAB, is the student organization at UC in charge of bringing these events to the college community.

This semester has already been filled with events that have gotten Ursinus students talking.

The first Friday back for the fall semester, CAB hosted a night of entertainment that consisted of both comedy and music. In his hour-long comedy set, guest Michael Dean Ester taught students that success is what they make of it, while Musician Preston Pugmire wowed the audience with his live multi-tracking talents.

This past Saturday, CAB gave students the opportunity to experience a different form of movie going. The Flick and Flip event con-



CAB President Elizabeth Burns (far right) assists executive members Jordan McIntyre and Alyse Reid during CAB's Bingo night.

sisted of a screening of *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* from the pool in the Floy Lewis Bakes athletic center. Students could lounge or play in the water while watching the film.

"The Flick and Flip is something I heard about on my first Ursinus tour, but it hasn't happened since I've been a student here," said CAB President Elizabeth Burns. "We figured we would bring it back."

Another new event that will be hosted by CAB in coming weeks is Bongo Ball, scheduled to occur on Friday, Sept. 23.

"We get a lot of emails from companies about bringing new and exciting events to campus. People always ask for paintball, so this was an alternative without all of the mess," said Burns. Bongo Ball is played on a field very similar to a paintball match, but instead of shooting painful paintballs students wield CO2 powered

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UC commemorates 9/11

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Sept. 11, 2001 is a day that Americans will never forget. On that horrific day, our nation was rocked by a series of unexpected terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C. that left thousands dead and many more injured.

Ten years later, citizens across the country still mourn for the victims of those deadly attacks, and Ursinus College students are no different.

On the weekend of the tenth anniversary of Sept. 11, the college community came together to remember those who served, those who lost their lives, and the day

that America's strength was tested.

In order to pay tribute to those brave Americans who died in the attacks, the college encouraged students, faculty, and staff to wear red, white, and blue for the entire weekend.

This display of patriotism helped students to understand that this was a day of not only sorrow, but of respect and remembrance.

In addition to patriotic attire, students had the opportunity to create paper American flags in the Upper Wismer Main Lobby.

Each flag had a personal message inside, with many being tributes to those lost in the attacks or expressions of gratitude to volunteer firefighters, first responders, policemen, or mili-

tary servicemen and women.

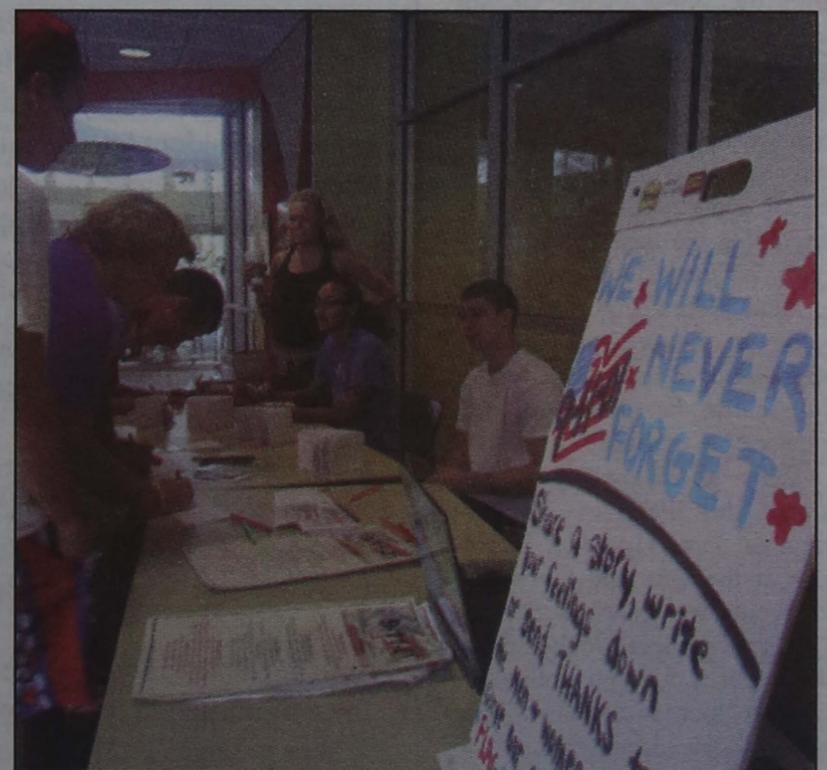
The memorials were then displayed in the main lobby of the Wismer Center and inside the dining hall when students came to eat Sunday evening.

Other services offered by the college included a chapel service with guest speaker Brian Thomas on Sunday morning in the Bomberger Chapel.

The school also sponsored a luncheon on Monday, Sept. 12 to honor the Trappe EMS crew and the Collegeville Police and Fire Departments.

Students and faculty were invited to the meal to pay their respects.

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Taylor Sparks/The Grizzly

UC Bonner Leader Joy McDermott looks on as students compose their personal messages to those affected by the Sept. 11 attacks.

40+ dead in crash, Israeli-Egyptian tension

Afghan prisoners mistreated

Wednesday, Sept. 7

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN –

NATO has stopped sending Afghan prisoners to several Afghan prisons after a new U.N. report alleges mistreatment and torture of prisoners in those facilities.

The U.N. report has not yet been released to the public, but findings were shared with several NATO and Afghan officials.

An anonymous NATO official said that Afghan prisoners will still be transferred to some prisons in Afghanistan, but the blacklisted facilities will be avoided as a "precaution."

The prisons in question are scattered throughout the country, and are run by police and intelligence services, raising questions about the capacity of Afghan security forces.

Afghanistan is meant to be under control of national forces by 2014, with foreign troops leaving the country.

One Afghan official said that the U.N. allegations will slow the transfer of power. A U.N. spokesman said that the Afghan government was already looking into ways to improve conditions, and

that mistreatment of prisoners did not appear to be sanctioned by top levels of government.

-(Reuters, hosted on News-Daily.com)

Plane crash in Russia

Wednesday, Sept. 7

YAROSLAVL, RUSSIA –

At least 43 people died on Wednesday when a passenger plane crashed in Yaroslavl, in Central Russia. The majority of victims were members of the ice hockey team Locomotiv.

There were 37 players and eight crew members aboard the plane; of the 45 passengers, only two survived the initial crash.

The plane crashed during take-off due to insufficient lift. Authorities say the plane hit an airport beacon and crashed before it broke into pieces and caught fire.

The crash occurred near a river, and rescue crews had recovered 35 bodies by the end of the day Wednesday.

The Russian Kontinental Hockey League confirmed that the entire 37-man Locomotiv team were aboard the plane. Eleven victims were foreigners.

The team was on its way to Minsk, Belarus to play a match on Thursday.

Russia's Investigative Committee is launching a criminal investigation of the crash, and the Russian Interstate Aviation Committee is also probing the cause of the crash, which is thought to be technical failure and human error.

-(CNN.com and RT.com, the English-language Russian news service)

Suspects detained in India

Thursday, Sept. 8

SRINAGAR, INDIA –

Indian police detained five individuals for questioning on Thursday over an email that claimed responsibility for a bombing that killed 12 people in New Delhi on Wednesday.

One of the detainees is the owner of an Internet café; police are investigating the authenticity of an email allegedly from a militant group that was sent from the café.

A separate email was allegedly sent from a Pakistan-based militant group, which could halt the rebuilding of ties between



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International News

India and Pakistan after Pakistani militants attacked Mumbai in 2008, killing 166 people.

Wednesday's bombing occurred at the entrance of the Delhi High Court.

There were no security cameras and hand-held security scanners were not working at the time.

Many Thursday newspapers sharply criticized the Indian government for a perceived failure to improve even basic security measures, increasing public criticism after months of anti-corruption protests.

-(Reuters, hosted on News-Daily.com)

Israeli embassy attacked

Saturday, September 10

CAIRO, EGYPT –

Israel sent military jets to

Cairo at dawn on Saturday to evacuate six members of its embassy staff who were trapped in the embassy building overnight by thousands of protesters who invaded the building.

The violence has raised questions as to the capabilities of Egypt's military transitional government.

The embassy attack and evacuation is the worst example yet of the deterioration of the relationship between Egypt and Israel since Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was ousted seven months ago.

Mubarak often suppressed the Egyptian public's hostility toward Israel to keep up relations with both Israel and the United States.

Egyptians have protested outside the Israel embassy every day since last month's dispute regarding three Egyptian soldiers who were killed by Israeli forces pursuing terrorist suspects.

Last weekend, a wall was erected around the embassy. But on Friday, demonstrators marched with hammers to tear it down.

Thousands clashed with riot police. Officials say two people died in the clashes, and as many as 1,200 were injured.

-(NYTimes.com)

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"I definitely think the memorials were an effective way to bring awareness to the Ursinus community," said sophomore and UC Bonner Leader, Joy McDermott, "People did not even realize that Sept. 11 was approaching. I am pleased with the outcome of this service and displaying the flags to the emergency personnel was a success."

Kelli Bodrato, Assistant Director of Leadership Development and Student Activities, highlighted the numerous commemorative services available.

When asked about how 9/11 touched her life, she said "I remember Sept. 11, I was in college at the time and I grew up right outside of New York City. The first time that I looked at the skyline, it was very emotional. I grew up looking at that skyline and I had friends and family who knew others who were affected."

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:

- Melody Nixon, Modern Languages
- Beverly Redman, Theater and Dance
- John Spencer, Education
- Jennifer VanGilder, Business and Economics

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 7, 2011.

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CAB Hosts Activities Fair in Zack's

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On September 7, Ursinus College's Campus Activity Board hosted an activity fair, which was held in Lower Wismer.

Many students attended, hoping to learn about the many organizations present at the college.

Students at Ursinus are able to meet any number of the organizations, and decide which activities they might be interested in. All class years can attend and be introduced to the members of these clubs and organizations on campus.

CAB, whose president is Elizabeth Burns, hosts events on campus that are free and involve a non-alcoholic alternative to nights on campus.

By hosting the Activity Fair every year, CAB is also allowing students to get involved however they can.

At the fair this year, activities ranged from Greek organizations to community service based organizations like UCARE.

No matter what a student was interested in, there was an activity that would satisfy their want to join a club on campus.

This fair is particularly important for freshmen on campus who are new and are looking for common interests between peers.

From the Ursinus College Dance Team to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, everyone is able to meet people also looking to get involved in their new community at the college.

Not only does this fair get frequented by freshmen, but upperclassmen also attend the event.

Morgan Lyndall, a junior at Ursinus, said "The fair opened my eyes to the many organizations that I had not even known about before I went to the fair." All Greek organizations on campus were invited to have a table at the fair where students could find out more about what these organizations stand for. Morgan went on to say, "I also was able to learn more about the different sororities I was interested in possibly rushing in the coming weeks." By learning about these organizations or others, people at the fair could learn of how they are going to get involved on the campus.

The students who just recently attended the fair are all looking for a way to get involved on campus. This is the best way for students who are new or old to learn how to get involved in their campus community. Getting involved on campus is one of the best ways to also make friends, allowing for a stronger community as a whole.

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guns that fire foam projectiles.

There are also many off campus activities in the works for CAB.

"We always try to do one off-campus event a week," said Burns. "Last week, we were able to take students off campus for a night at Providence Town Center."

A notable off-campus event to look out for is the yearly trip to Dorney Park, scheduled for Oct. 1. To purchase discounted tickets for this event, visit the Student Activities Office in Lower Wismer.

The above activities may seem like a lot already, but all of these events are just the start for CAB. On Friday, Sept. 16, they are hosting the popular Price is Right event in Wismer Lower Lounge. A staple of CAB over the past three semesters, the event gives stu-

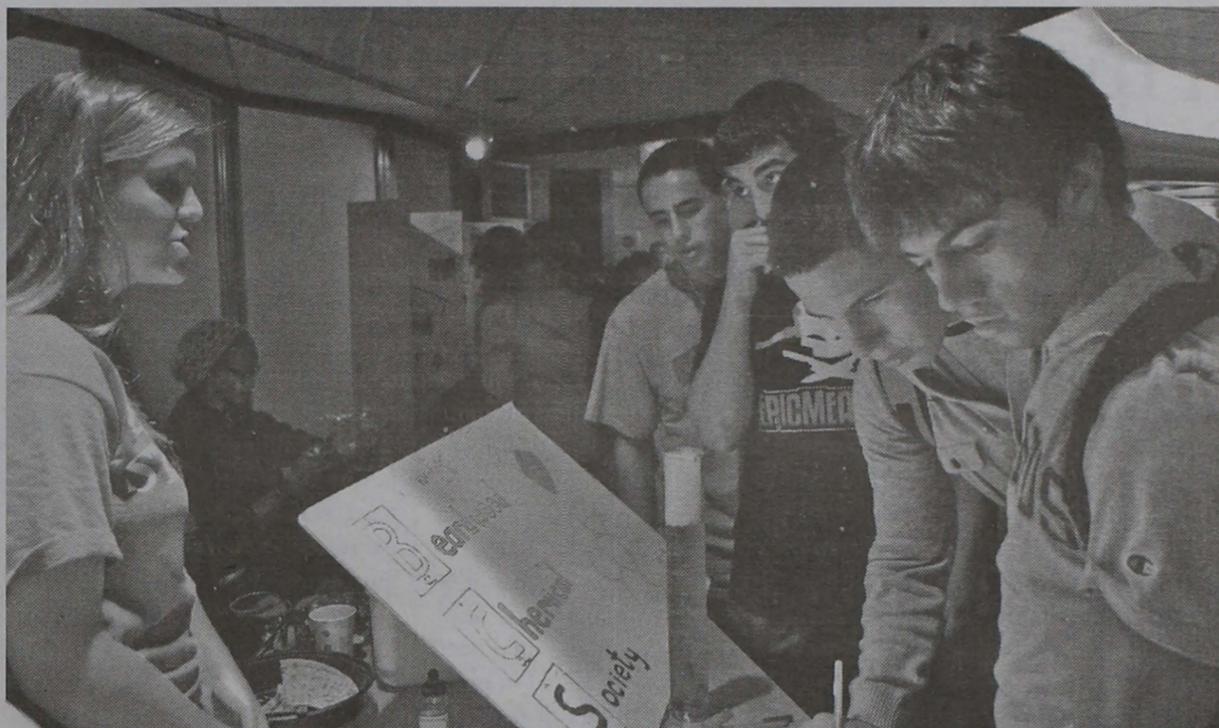
dents the chance to win anything from a new MP3 player to a pack of pudding cups.

Finally, on Saturday, Sept. 17, CAB will be presenting the film "Bridesmaids" as their outdoor movie of the semester. The film will be shown on a giant screen on Paisley Beach.

"Don't knock our events until you try them," Burns said. "We are bringing all of these great things to campus for the students that they may not be able to experience once they leave Ursinus."

The Campus Activities Board strives to have at least one event every Friday and Saturday evening, usually starting around 8 p.m.

For a full list of this semester's events, check out the Activities Calendar located on the big screen in Wismer Lower Lounge or look out for advertisements on all of the televisions in Wismer Center.



Courtesy of Shannon Hansell

Students attend CAB's activities fair to meet and learn about different organizations that are available to them on campus.

GSA welcomes new board

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Ursinus' Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is new, improved, and ready to take the campus by storm. The GSA has an all new executive board this year and promises the administrative changes will manifest in their programming, educational efforts, and connections with students.

The first GSA meeting of the year was held last Wednesday, Sept. 7. People of all different genders, ethnicities, and sexualities attended the soiree. Emily Arndt, President of the GSA, said that the organization's main goal this year is to become even more diverse.

"We're hoping to make the GSA appeal and be more welcoming to people of color and the transgender community. In the past, the GSA has been mainly associated with white, gay males or white, straight females," said Arndt.

One way in which the GSA plans on carrying out this goal is by organizing cross SPINT programming between The Queer House and Cloake.

In addition to the new alliance with Cloake, the GSA plans to team up with a variety of organizations in order to become a more ubiquitous force on campus.

This past Saturday, for exam-

ple, the GSA co-hosted a party with the Sigma Rho Lambda fraternity.

The GSA also plans on hosting an "Ally Week" in honor of all those who support the LG-BTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual) community.

In the past, only GSA's executive board was in charge of creating and executing plans.

This year, however, that is going to change. The GSA plans on connecting with students by asking them what it is they want to see the group accomplish. Thus far students have put forth a host of ideas, including using social networking services in order to connect with other LG-BTQIA supporters, sponsoring a Queer talent show, gathering for Glee viewings, and many more.

Arndt said that though creating alliances will help the GSA network on campus, the group's paramount goal is to educate students about what it means to be a member of the GSA.

"Education is the first step towards people accepting people who aren't like them. Some people think you have to be gay to join the GSA...completely false! We don't care what you are. We will love you no matter what."

While many changes are in

store for the GSA, they do not plan on abolishing popular GSA sponsored events such as Day of Silence, Nights of Noise, National "Coming Out" Day, and Gayla.

In fact, the organization is considering hosting a party in addition to Gayla this year entitled "Gender Fuck." As to the goals of the "Gender Fuck" party, Arndt said "Destroy the idea you have to abide by gender roles and norms. Fuck Gender. Fuck the idea that you have to label yourself. If you come to this party, we want you to have an intellectual experience by challenging your idea of what it means to be a boy or a girl."

Though the GSA plans on breaking down a lot of barriers and reaching out to students in unprecedented ways, the organization needs to be met half way by students on campus.

"Our biggest obstacle on this campus is student apathy," said Arndt, "though people are generally very accepting of alternative gender identities, they are not likely to publically support it."

The GSA is open to students' ideas about how to accomplish their goals of making Ursinus a more welcoming community. If wanting to get involved, attend the group's next weekly Wednesday meeting in Olin 104 at 8 p.m.

Join us on Facebook for updates!

Tips to assist with time management

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Time management is arguably one of the more crucial adjustments a college freshman must undergo.

This daunting term can refer to a number of consuming matters, such as finishing school work on time, juggling an on- or off-campus job, and even finding time to take a break and hit the gym or library. Most commonly during freshman year, the stress of adjusting to class schedules can be somewhat overwhelming and can cause anxiety among first-year students.

Finding a way to juggle time, then, becomes extremely beneficial in coping with these added pressures. Making a daily routine or writing up a schedule for the week are easy and simple ways to mix free time with studying and other activities that students may wish to participate in.

Sophomores Abby Kalkstein and Megan Millington both agree that writing up a schedule, and sticking to it, is the best way to manage time.

"Don't save school stuff for the night before it is due," Kalkstein said, "spread out your work."

When asked if she had trouble with time management as a freshman, Millington said "it wasn't hard freshman year, but I learned not to do everything all in one day."

Now sophomores, both girls are beginning to get back into the swing of things for this term and said that it is crucial to "learn how to do your work to prepare for the upcoming years." One definite goal that seems to resonate with college students and managing their time is to become aware of how you use your time and become resourceful in organizing, prioritizing, and

succeeding in your studies.

Lea Marano, a senior Resident Advisor for Fetterolf and Hobson, suggests using time management as a key step in "mapping out part of your day." She stated that first-year students are accustomed to "the daily assignments they receive in high school," and need to plan a few steps ahead in order to think about things in the long run. As an RA, Marano advised students to "take advantage of free time" or "make to-do lists" as possible solutions for stress throughout each semester.

When finals roll around, an increase in overwhelming feelings is almost palpable throughout campus. Marano said when this happens, students should just "take a breather and take on the challenge. Take action and do something." It's easy to say that time management can be conquered by making schedules and settling into a routine, but the best thing to do is to remain calm and confident when dealing with stressful situations. Learning tools for time management is vital to freshmen who are new to campus because it essentially paves the way for the years to come. When comfort and familiarity set in, the better and more useful time management will become.

When asked if she had any final advice for first-year students struggling with the problem of managing their time, sophomore Abby Kalkstein offered a final thought.

"Don't be afraid to just go to the library," said Kalkstein, "when you get distracted by friends, just finish your work first and hang out with them later. They will always be there but your school work won't."

New math professor brings biostatistics expertise

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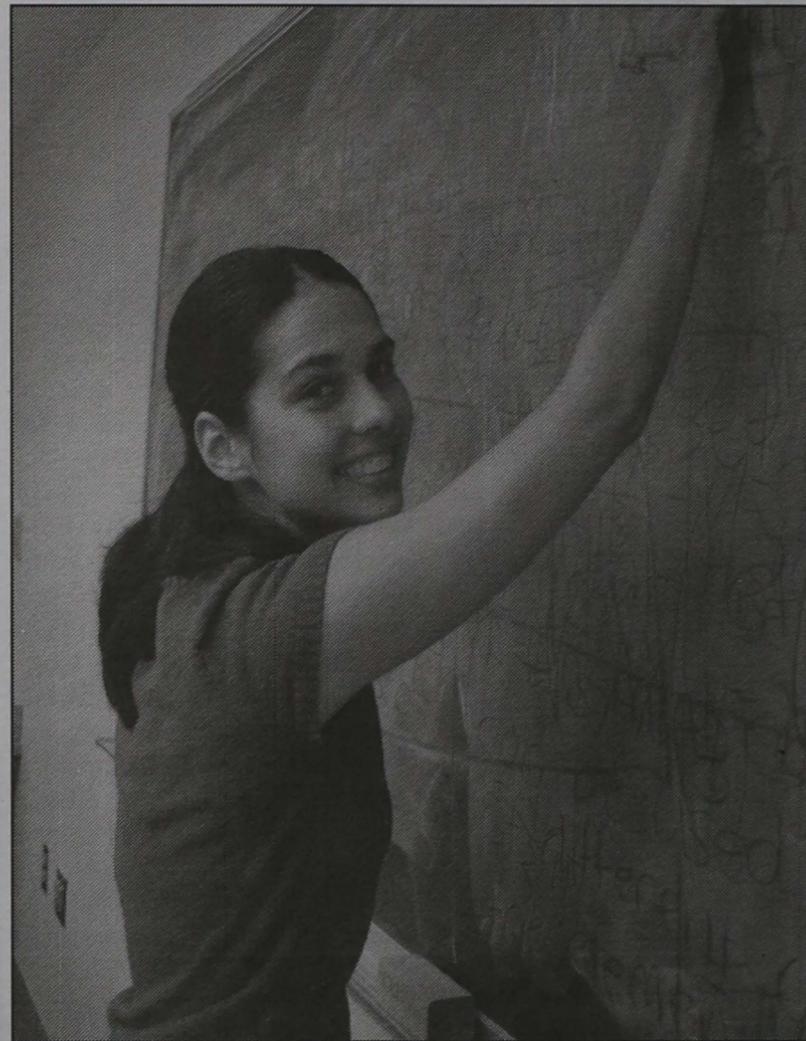
"My first week has been great!" said the Mathematics and Computer Science department's new Assistant Professor, Dr. Kari Hart. She is clearly very excited to get started on her tenure track teaching career.

Hart has just finished her Ph.D. in Biostatistics at the Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics at Atlanta's Emory University. Prior to her dissertation, she earned her Master of Science degree from Emory as well as a Bachelor's degree from nearby Lafayette College. Originally from New Jersey, Hart has made the move back to the Mid-Atlantic with her husband, who currently works at the Haverford School, and their dog, Bailey.

Hart is "both nervous and excited" to start her position teaching Biostatistics (MATH243) and Probability (MATH342). "It's a different environment than what I am used to," said Hart, seeing that her past teaching experience has been with graduate students instead of undergraduates. She has been careful to make sure she "get[s] the right level" and [is] well prepared" for all of her classes.

Hart is also planning on continuing research she did on mild cognitive impairment subtypes for her dissertation here at Ursinus. Hart has applied for a grant to start new research in schizophrenia and is looking forward to that opportunity to expand her research.

The Mathematics and Computer Science departments have been looking forward to hiring new staff after losing Dr. Roger Coleman and Dr. Thomas Goebeler this summer.



Shannon Hansell/The Grizzly

Hart plans to continue research on mild cognitive impairment subtypes while teaching.

After the extensive search process, Hart is joined by fellow newcomers Christopher Godbout and Chad Hogg (visiting professors) as well as lecturer Ann Marie Veca Schilling.

When asked about the search process and her role, Hart said, "It's not very common for biostatisticians to go to liberal arts colleges, but after I realized how much I enjoyed teaching [at Emory] I knew I wanted a balance between teaching and research." Hart is happy to be at a smaller liberal arts college where teaching comes first, as opposed to the research-first approach that many larger universities take.

She ultimately chose to come to Ursinus because she "felt comfortable in the department," and was impressed by the level of engagement the department demonstrated during her guest lecture. The area is close to her family, and Hart describes returning here "kind of like coming home." She actually took a tour at Ursinus when applying as an undergraduate student, and although it wasn't her first choice then, "it felt like a really good fit" in terms of teaching positions.

Dr. Hart is not planning on getting particularly involved with the student life on campus during her first semester at Ursinus, but she would be interested in becoming involved in the future.

Her own experiences with Hillel and Greek life during her undergraduate education will possibly influence how she becomes involved on campus.

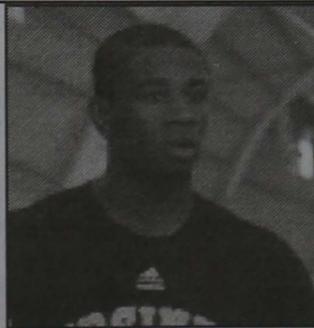
Concerning campus involvement, she said, "first follow the trend before you go in there and change everything in sight."

Celebrity Look-alikes!

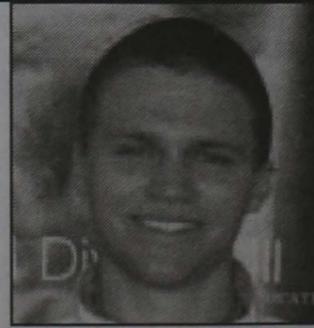
Send us an email to nominate your friends for next week's crop of doppelgangers!



Bianca or Jaime Lynn Spears?



Jordan or Will Smith?



John or Ryan Madson?

Peer Docent program returns to Berman

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The Berman Museum is working hard this semester to engage students with the return of the Peer Docent program. The program is intended to help students interpret an exhibit based on the CIE reading, "The Epic of Gilgamesh", through inquiry and critical thinking.

The Peer Docent is a way for students to critically analyze art through peer-to-peer engagement. Students are trained to ask questions, understand contextual information, and discover new aspects of the art through extended viewings. They must then discover ways that these experiences can be passed along to other students through conversation and group-led critical analysis.

"[The Peer Docent program] is an inquiry-based program -- meaning that learning and engagement happens through the asking of questions and student experience rather than through the top-down dissemination of information," said Susan Shifrin, the Berman's Associate Director for Education,



Joe Mooney, *Wounded Enkidu*, 2007, steel and pine, 73 x 46 x 34 in. Collection of the artist.

"Students engaging students in the enjoyment, analysis, and discussion of works at the Museum is an obvious extension of the kind of active learning and co-mentoring that we hope to foster through programs such as CIE."

The Peer Docent program is especially intended to work with a new exhibit on display this semester: "Make a statue of my friend." Presenting Enkidu, Re-presenting the Epic of Gilgamesh. The exhibit is

an interpretation of the classic work by sculptor Joe Mooney, a Philadelphia area artist whose works are on display in numerous universities and corporate and museum art collections.

"The Gilgamesh exhibit is perfect, and it kind of embodies ... the whole interdisciplinary experience because you can look at these sculptures and that can influence how you read the book," said Emily Koppenhofer, this year's student coordinator

of the Peer Docent program.

Mooney's approach toward Gilgamesh is exactly what both the CIE and Peer Docent programs are hoping to promote in students. By looking at material from different perspectives, students will be able to retain their comprehension of the texts and enrich or augment the knowledge they've gained.

"Through CIE and many other courses at Ursinus College, we aspire to instill in our students the sense that they have a thoughtful, engaged, and 'active' role to play in their education and in the leading of their lives," said Shifrin. "We often emphasize seminar-style discussions over lectures ... because students in seminars or in group discussions or group work are asked to share actively in the responsibility for their own learning."

"CIE professors are finally catching on to how great of a program this is because it's so interdisciplinary," said Koppenhofer, "it does embody the liberal arts curriculum, and in turn, what the CIE program stands for."

The Berman Museum staff is committed to this interdisciplinary approach, and

they encourage all students to come by and enjoy the artwork. The staff would like students to consider the Museum's space as that of any academic building, and take advantage of having an accredited museum on campus. Likewise, interested students should also look into the Peer Docent program and allow themselves to look at artwork in a new light, what Koppenhofer describes as her favorite part of being a Peer Docent.

"The recruitment process and getting the word out is stressful, but I really, really like to see that lightbulb go off in people's heads when they finally get it, or when they've led themselves to that conclusion," said Koppenhofer, "I'm just there to ask questions and get them to think critically, but it's the student who is coming up with what the sculpture is about."

For more information about the Berman Museum and the exhibitions currently on display, visit the museum's website, linked from the home page at www.ursinus.edu.

Students interested in the Peer Docent program can contact Susan Shifrin at: sshifrin@ursinus.edu.

Senior reminisces on semester spent abroad

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I've been in love with France since 7th grade, and as a result, took advantage of Ursinus' Study Abroad program in the fall of my junior year. Travelling through BCA, I journeyed to Strasbourg, France, which lies right on the border of France and Germany.

During my stay, I lived with a host family; Patrice was a doctor and Claire worked at an office. Each day Claire would travel home on a moped for dinner and prepare a feast, but never eat any of it. During the weeks, I spent most of my time at the university.

Coming home each night was exciting; I was always eager to see what Claire was making for dinner. Each meal started with a main course. My favorite was the homemade ravioli. Then we would have a salad, and then a dessert. Effortlessly, Claire made fruit tartes and pies. It was hard to believe she made them in such a small kitchen. I was surprised to learn that you don't need two

fridges or a huge elaborate stove in order to cook a decent meal.

Patrice considered himself an avid runner, but only ran once a week. In fact, the French people I met exercised about once or twice a week, which was also different from what I was used to.

I had to train for track during my stay, and was very fortunate to have the largest park in Strasbourg within two minutes of the apartment. I went to le Jardin de l'Orangerie to run each day before class and when I would get ambitious, I would take the path to Germany. Yes, I ran from France to Germany quite a few times. I was cross country running, literally.

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of my trip was being away for Thanksgiving. My French friends and I tried recreating this American holiday, but to no avail. My family skyped me from the dinner table; still not the same. Thus, my friends in the program and I decided to go out to dinner. We found an intriguing spot: a French, Indian, and Italian restaurant all in one. Cor-

don bleu for Thanksgiving! It was truly amazing and soothed the pain of being away from home.

Another tough night was around Christmas. My hosts had all of their children over and I went to my room to give them time with their family. My host family's son asked me if I was ready for dinner. It meant a lot to me because I thought I was going to eat alone in the other room, but instead I got to eat duck liver. The Challan-Belvals started asking me all kinds of questions about America, "Do you have three cars? Do you eat at fast food restaurants a lot?" Typical.

We drank wine bottled by someone in the family and Patrice stepped into the kitchen to grab the Muenster cheese that had been aging for a few weeks. He was really excited about it. I have never smelled anything that foul in my life. Nevertheless, I tried the cheese and although it was pungent, it tasted delicious. Patrice carried the cheese into the kitchen and the smell lingered for about 20 more minutes.



Courtesy of Lauren Goldstein

Lauren Goldstein and former UC French TA Pierre while in Paris.

Claire and Patrice then gave me a going away gift: a ceramic ornament with a stork, the symbol of the Alsace region of France, painted on it. It was a magical dinner. I even made my host family and their children laugh, and the best part of all was after the dinner, we took a family photo and I felt like part of the family.

During my last week in France, French people asked

me for directions, an old man made a joke about current events with me on the tram and a group of Americans even asked me if I could speak English.

My trip changed me. Before embarking on this trip, I was insecure about my abilities, not confident with my French, and dependent on others. Slowly molding into the framework of another culture is challenging and rewarding.

Updated sexual assault policy needs awareness

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Women of Ursinus: it is a well-known fact that statistically speaking, you are far more likely than your male classmates to encounter sexual violence during your college career.

The safety of the Ursinus community, particularly of its female members, depends upon students knowing what to do when faced with situations as urgent but sensitive as sexual violence. The problem is that most campus residents simply don't know.

This past summer, after a national Title IX crackdown, the college's sexual misconduct policies were revised and spelled out over ten pages in the annually updated student handbook. While this may be a significant increase from last year's two-page summary, Ursinus students likely haven't noticed.

The handbook seems to have gone generally unread. To make matters worse, the policies have been left without any further

promotion from administration. I have yet to find a single female student on campus who can tell me what the eight extra pages mean for her and her friends.

So, what should you do if you or a friend becomes a victim of sexual violence? The updated handbook includes a phone number to a recently instated 24-hour hotline specifically for sexual violence victims and witnesses. Dialing 610-409-3344 will connect you to the college's new Crisis Response Team.

"This is a number that anyone on campus can call," said Kim Taylor, Title IX Coordinator and Assistant Dean of Students. "You will get a member of our Crisis Response Team who will respond to you if you want to meet them somewhere, if you want them to come to you, or if you want to come to us."

Once connected with a team member, they will guide you through the safest course of action for your situation as determined by Title IX policies. This may include calling the police or going to the hospital to treat in-

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— Debbie Nolan
Dean of Students

juries, test for sexually transmitted diseases, or collect forensic evidence with a rape kit.

Beyond these initial steps, the handbook calls for placement of a no-contact order between the alleged perpetrator and victim. Further considerations include changes to the victim's academic and housing arrangements. Campus escorts and counseling provided by the Wellness Center or the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County are also available. Adjudication may take place on campus, which could ultimately lead to criminal charges and school dismissal for the perpetrator.

"What Title IX says is that when we as an institution become aware of any sexual mis-

conduct, it is our responsibility to investigate it, to put a stop to it, to make sure it doesn't happen again, and to essentially make the alleged victim feel whole again," said Taylor.

The institution cannot become aware of sexual misconduct, however, unless student victims and witnesses feel confident reporting all forms of sexual harassment to Ursinus administration.

Dean of Students Debbie Nolan said she does not believe enough cases are brought forward and she is concerned that certain Title IX policies will discourage reporting. The Office of Civil Rights requires schools to investigate all reported incidences of sexual violence even if the victim does not want the school to take any action.

"My concern is many of us who are in a situation like that, we feel some embarrassment and shame about being associated with that topic," said Nolan.

If shame keeps victims from reporting harassment, Ursinus must work collectively to lessen

the stigma associated with being a victim of sexual violence. Preemptive empowerment is the first step towards shameless reporting. The Ursinus administration must strive to make every student aware of our policies.

But even this is not enough. Students must be actively encouraged to report sexual harassment when it occurs and to speak out against our society's violent rape culture.

We may not have a building to house a women's center, but we can hold workshops on nonconsensual sex, hang posters directing students towards administrative support, distribute crisis cards for guidance in the moment, and promote available resources for victims.

Most importantly, we must rally support for the bold but often secretly broken survivors who walk across this campus every day.

Women of Ursinus: make sure you understand your rights and know your greatest resource is your voice. Don't let anyone take it away from you.

Libya should look to Spain when rebuilding government

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After over seven months of civil war, the National Transitional Council of Libya has all but defeated Colonel Muammar al-Gaddafi and his forces. The August 20th-28th siege on Tripoli, a victory on the part of the rebels, has essentially marked the end of the colonel's rule of over 40 years.

The fall of the colonel is an important turning point in the history of Libya, but the fight is nowhere near over. Now the Libyan people are presented with far more pressing issues. Perhaps the most immediate question: what sort of government should the new Libya have?

For answers, the new transitional government may look to the past, particularly the Kingdom of Spain, as an example of a successful transition to democracy.

The 20th century histories of Libya and Spain are in some ways, remarkably similar. Before

the beginning dictatorial rule by Francisco Franco in Spain and al-Gaddafi in Libya, both nations were monarchies.

Libya was ruled by King Idris and Spain by Alfonso XIII. Following coups in both nations, Spain was ruled by Francisco Franco and Libya by al-Gaddafi.

In Libya, the colonel made sure to keep his nation together by patronizing some groups, and brutally repressing others.

Like Libya, Spain is a nation inhabited by many different ethnic groups that were all kept down by Franco. However following the death of Franco in 1975, the heir to the throne, Juan Carlos I, began his reign as king. Spain was now officially a constitutional monarchy.

Shortly after his coronation, ETA, a terrorist group founded by members of the Basque ethnic group, started a terrible campaign of assassinations and bombings across the country.

The tension led to a failed military coup attempt on Feb. 23, 1981. Arguably the only

reason why the coup failed was because the new king refused to back the military. This was a turning point in Spanish history that has allowed the nation to successfully complete its transition into a democracy.

Although he passed on in 1983, King Idris was a popular figure in Cyrenaica, the eastern part of Libya.

Although he did not leave any surviving heirs, that does not mean there is no one left to take over the throne.

The head of his royal house, Mohammed El Senussi, his grand nephew, should be in line to succeed him if the Libyan people decided to return to the monarchy.

Libya is inhabited by Arabs, Berbers, and a number of Black African groups as well. To keep such an ethnically diverse nation together, a symbol is needed; this symbol should be someone all the people can relate to, and at the same time be a polarizing figure that the people look up to.

This symbol is the king, and

he may be the only thing that might be able to keep the nation together in a future crisis.

Gaddafi elements in the Libyan military may linger for years to come.

The next five to ten years is a crucial transition period; social and economic tensions may

flare up at any moment and may be seen by some as a chance to return to military rule. However, with a king, the army will most likely choose to gain legitimacy by being supported by the king.

In that point of history, it is the king who chooses Libya and her people's path.

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Fast start has volleyball on track for the playoffs

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Women's volleyball has indisputably found the key to success in the start of their 2011 season, despite coming off a tough 10-17 record last year.

The girls sliced through the 2011 Greyhound Premiere Invitational hosted at Moravian College from September 2nd - 3rd. Day one began as the Bears went 1-1, opening with a 3-1 win against Gwynedd-Mercy College followed by a 0-3 loss at the hands of host Moravian College. Day two proved to be better for the Bears. They won 3-0 against both Alvernia College and Wilkes University capturing the championship of the Gold Bracket with a record of 3-1 for the weekend. Freshman setter Gina Powers was named to the All-Tournament team for her performance.

The girls continued to show nothing less than a willingness to compete at their highest level at the Bears' first home game against Delaware Valley on September 6th. Ursinus had the lead early taking the first two sets. Delaware Valley replied by tying the match at 2-all forcing a deciding fifth set. To start the fifth set the Bears were trailing early but fought back to beat the Aggies



Courtesy of Kim Goldberg

After finishing the 2010 season with a 10-17 record, the Lady Bears are off to a strong start this season, and have a winning record heading into conference play, which begins this Saturday.

3-2 overall. The set scores of that match were 25-22, 25-20, 16-25, 23-25 and 15-9.

In the five setter against Delaware Valley, senior setter Elizabeth Roth had an excellent match

with a game-high 13 kills. Powers had a team-high of 30 assists. Freshman libero Leah Masiello also had a match high of 41 digs.

The Bears winning momen-

tum however hit a speed bump last Thursday, September 8th, as the girls hosted their second home game of the season against Widener. Widener took the first two sets 25-20 and 25-22 but the

Bears battled to win the third 26-24 before losing the fourth set 25-14.

For Ursinus, sophomore middle blocker Anahi McIntyre had ten kills to lead the match, Powers had 27 assists on the night and Masiello had a match-high 23 digs.

Senior captains Roth and outside hitter Kim Goldberg are excited about their team this season and their accomplishments so far in 2011.

"I know every girl on the team is really hoping that this is the season UC Volleyball will make its first playoff appearance," said Roth, "If we continue to work hard throughout the season, communicate on the court, and look at every game as a challenge, I think we can really succeed in our nonleague games as well as conference games."

"The team's goal this year is to make the playoffs and I think it is definitely attainable," said head coach Diane McNamee Calvin, "If we continue to work hard and stay focused on the fundamentals, we should be successful. All of our early opponents are to prepare us for the conference games so we hope to take this momentum right into conference play on September 17 against Gettysburg."

Cross Country eyes continued improvement in 2011

Men's Season Preview

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The Ursinus College Men's Cross Country team is raising the bar and expectations as they prepare for a season that they feel will be the best that they've had in years.

Last season, the men ended on a high note with a strong performance at the Centennial Conference Championships, which were hosted by Johns Hopkins.

The squad finished in 8th place overall, coming up only one point shy of 7th place Muhlenberg.

Having only graduated one varsity member from 2010, the team has a bright future ahead, with 5 of the top 8 runners set to return next season as well.

Top runners include junior Sam Stortz and sophomore Jatin Narang. Both placed well in the 2010 Conference Championships and will lead the Bears in 2011.

However, Stortz and Narang should have plenty of help behind them as the team has shown vast overall improvements.

"We are going to have more success this year because we have had guys that are stepping up that we wouldn't have expected to," said team captain Ben Mosher.

The Bears took home a third place finish at the Delaware Valley Invitational to kick off the season on September 3rd, with Stortz and Narang both finishing in the top 10.

Despite the strong competition in the Centennial Conference, the Bears are certainly confident and prepared as they continue to grow and progress on the young 2011 season.

Coming off of a bye week this week, the Bears will travel to Misericordia University this Saturday.

Women's Season Preview

Much like the men's team, the 2011 Women's Cross Country team returns substantial talent from their 2010 squad.

Senior Stephanie Donatone and junior Jordan Kellogg finished 23rd and 25th respectively at the recent Delaware Valley College invitational, and both will look to continue their success as the season moves forward.

Freshman Liz Reynolds is expected to be one of the Centennial Conference's top freshmen, and will likely finish as one of the squad's top runners after she returns from injury.

Senior captain Meghan McDermott said that the team is yet to be 100% healthy, but they are optimistic that by the time Conference Championships come around, the team will be healed and ready to go.

Staying healthy and injury free, will be one of the team's challenges, just as it was last year.

Last season, the women lost some of their best runners to injury by the time the post season came around. After a heart breaking season that was plagued with injuries, the women are determined to stay healthy.

"We just have a lot of gaps which will get better as the season goes on, and we get some girls back [from injury]," McDermott said.

The team hopes to have last season's top runner, sophomore Sarah Huang, back as soon as possible, which will add much-needed depth and another top runner to the squad.

When Huang and Reynolds are finally able to return, they should team up with Donatone and Kellogg to form a solid foursome to lead the Lady Bears through the 2011 season, which will continue at Misericordia University this Saturday.

Men's basketball team goes abroad

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While most of us were sitting around or hanging out this summer, the men's basketball team was busy abroad. For nine days and eight nights the team spent their time eating, touring, and playing basketball. Every three years, varsity teams at Ursinus are allowed to take international trips as a form of culture immersion and team bonding. This year the men's basketball team traveled to Italy.

Before leaving, the boys spent two weeks at Ursinus practicing and preparing for international play. They spent Monday through Friday, two times a day, in the gym improving and preparing their game to go up against Italian professional club teams. But basketball wasn't the only thing being taught and improved during these two weeks; their cultural knowledge was improved as well.

Every Tuesday and Thursday after practice the team went to "Italy 101", taught by Kristen Small, Coach Kevin Small's wife. During "Italy 101" the boys were provided with information on the art they would be seeing, the places where they would be travelling, and the food they would be eating. According to senior forward, Scott Niewiadomski, information learned during "Italy 101"



The Ursinus men's basketball team enjoyed a number of Italy's most famous monuments during their nine day tour of Italy.

came in handy during the trip.

After roughly an eight hour flight, the team landed in Milan and travelled to Venice, where they spent two nights. In Venice, the team toured St. Mark's and the Grand Canal. Next, it was off to Florence where sights included the Duomo and the Statue of David.

Despite the sights, according to one player, the highlight of Florence was a 4 course meal at the restaurant Il Latini that was paid for by Ursinus alum, Mike Piotrowicz.

"It was a bonding experience that brought the team, parents, and coaches together," said sophomore guard Ryan Adams.

Following Florence was Tirrenia, where the boys experienced European beaches first hand, as well as Pisa, and Sienna. The final days of the trip were spent in the city of Rome. Rome was a favorite of many of the players because of all the sights they were able to see, including the Vatican, the Coliseum, the Spanish Steps, and

the Trevi Fountain.

While their days were full of tours and food, one must not forget the real reason why the team was there: to play basketball. They played 3 Italian Professional club teams and the US Army All-Star team.

Games were played throughout the entire trip. Although the team lost to the Italian team, Favaro Basket, in the first game, they went on to win 3 other games against Pamphili of Rome, Camp Darby All-Star Team, and Club All-Star Team. Niewiadomski and Adams said the game against the US Army Team [Camp Darby] was a favorite of many players on team.

"It was nice to see other Americans while on our trip and an honor to play against the men who serve our country."

Not only did the game play against the Italian teams give the boys a new perspective on basketball, but it also helped to prepare them for the upcoming season. Small said the practices and games this summer have springboarded training and chances at another Centennial Conference Championship.

Visit the team's blog by Niewiadomski at <http://ucmb-bitally.blogspot.com/> to see more pictures, watch videos, and learn more about the trip to Italy.

UC Upcoming Sports Schedule

9/14
Field Hockey
vs. Bryn Mawr
4:30 p.m.

9/14
Men's Soccer
vs. Scranton
7:00 p.m.

9/16
Men's Soccer
vs. Gettysburg
7:00 p.m.

9/17
Cross-Country
@ Misericordia
10:30 a.m.

9/17
Field Hockey
vs. Gettysburg
12:00 p.m.

9/17
Volleyball
vs. Gettysburg
1:00 p.m.

9/17
Football
vs. Franklin & Marshall
1:00 p.m.

9/17
Women's Soccer
vs. Gettysburg
6:00 p.m.

