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NEW U Fair welcomes 40+ vendors

On Thursday, Oct. 21, Ursinus College hosted the third annual Wellness Fair in the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House. Also known as the NEW U Fair, the event took place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and was open to students and faculty as well as the vendors and their employees.

The fair was a way for local health-related vendors to provide information about their businesses and what they offer to the community. In total, there were over 40 vendors at the event, and they each offered something unique and different to the visitors.

For example, one table allowed students to determine their blood pressure, while another taught students a quick, impromptu salsa dancing lesson. The fair itself was all about health, and the vendors had a wide variety of services to talk about. The tables mainly consisted of topics about nutrition, fitness, mental and physical health, supplements and foods, and massage therapy.

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Hands for Heart Healing was one of over 40 vendors at the 3rd annual New U Fair.

In addition to explaining what their businesses offer to the community, vendors also handed out brochures, free samples of certain products, and in some cases, gave away raffle prizes. There were also flu shots handed out at the fair by the school, and there will continue to be more flu shots given at the Wellness Center in the coming days.

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String Ensemble to make debut tomorrow

The new Ursinus String Ensemble will be holding its first formal performance tomorrow, Friday Oct. 28, at noon in the Bomberger Auditorium.

The concert will be the premiere performance for the newly formed group.

It will also be its first concert with new conductor Dr. Garrett Hope.

"In the past, the string ensemble was not for credit, it met only once a week, and there weren't formal performances," said Hope. "[with] this new incarnation that I'm in charge of, we're going to hold those performances ... and continue to grow and bolster the music program by enriching what we can do with strings."

The formation of a full ensemble has drawn several more students from around campus, increasing the quality of the music that is able to be played.

"To have this fuller ensemble really provides a greater sound and complexity that we weren't getting when we had a string quartet," said ensemble member Grace Soloff, "it's much more interesting and much more exciting with more people."

"Having more people also enables the group to diversify itself, playing new pieces that wouldn't have been available to a quartet."

"There are more challenging pieces integrated into the repertoire," said Soloff, "our favorite ones have some great harmonies in them and fun little bits and pieces where everyone gets to be highlighted."

The pieces themselves encompass a wide catalog of styles, ranging from 19th century Romantic Period compositions, such as Gabriel Faure's "Pavane," to a more modern composition, Leroy Anderson's "Plink, Plank, Plunk," a piece played entirely by plucking the strings.

"The students here really want to be playing," said Hope.

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Palestinian prisoners released, Libya to hold elections, Stricken toddler ignored in China

Prisoner swap begins

Wednesday, Oct. 19 - GAZA
Israel released 477 Palestinian prisoners on Tuesday as the first part of a swap of 1,027 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who was captured in 2006.

Shalit was accompanied to his family home in northern Israel by police who formed a protective barrier around him.

A quarter of the freed Palestinians went to the West Bank, 41 were exiled to foreign countries, and the remainder spent their first morning of freedom in a luxury hotel in Gaza. Twenty-seven of them were women. A few of them served as many as 30 years in jail.

Egypt served as mediator in years of exchange negotiations. Some Palestinians are questioning the terms of the swap for Shalit.

One prisoner lashed out, saying that deportation to Gaza was much better than many more years in an Israeli jail. (Reuters, hosted on NewsDaily)

Chinese toddler tragedy

Friday, Oct. 21
BEIJING, CHINA - A Chinese toddler died on Friday of severe injuries sustained when she was hit by two vans.

Two-year-old Wang Yue, nicknamed Yueyue, was hit by two vehicles on a crowded market street and ignored by about a dozen or so passers-by until a woman stopped to help.

Doctors warned that Yueyue was unlikely to survive, and on Friday morning the hospital where she admitted announced that she died of brain and organ failure.

Footage of the incident has sparked outrage around the world.

Some argue that it could have happened anywhere, while others see it as a particularly Chinese phenomenon or cited moral decline in today's fast-developing world.

Many Chinese have suggested that fear of retribution, rather than indifference, was to blame for the lack of help.

China has no Good Samaritan law, and there have been several high-profile cases in which victims sued their rescuers and won, claiming the passersby were the cause of their injuries.

(The Guardian)

Steady progress in oil recovery

Saturday, Oct. 22
TAURANGA, NEW ZEALAND - Salvage crews in New Zealand pumped another 60 tons of heavy crude oil from the container ship Rena, which struck Astrolabe Reef on Oct. 5.

The ship remains broken but stable as crews attempt to empty the 1,140 tons of oil that remain in the fuel tanks.

An official said that the pumping operation was making slow but steady progress. An estimated 350 tons of oil has spilled into the waters off the Bay of Plenty coast. The spill is the worst in New Zealand's history. Beaches along the northern coasts remain closed as more oily debris washes up on shore.

(Sydney Morning Herald)

Libyan elections forthcoming

Saturday, Oct. 22
TRIPOLI, LIBYA - Mahmud Jibril, chairman of Libya's interim government, announced Saturday that the war-torn country will hold elections in the coming months.

The first vote will elect a National Congress that will draft a constitution; afterwards, parliamentary and presidential elections will occur.

Gadhafi's death on Thursday has solidified the power of the National Transitional Council, which also announced that a celebration of the country's liberation will be held on Sunday.

Gadhafi's body was on public display in Misrata on Saturday.

Libyan and world powers had wanted to take him into custody to prosecute him for war crimes.

Human rights groups have called for a probe into Gadhafi's death.

It is not clear whether he was killed in crossfire or executed by soldiers.

Human Rights Watch is also calling for an internationally supervised autopsy, and added that they felt it was unlikely that Gadhafi was killed accidentally.

(CNN.com)

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"there's more passion, and I think the students are interested in reading good music."

"I'm trying to keep that interest up by choosing exciting literature, and as I learn where the ensemble is and who the players are I'll be able to choose better and better pieces."

Much of the ensemble's growth can be attributed to the college's addition of Hope.

He brings a wealth of experience both playing and conducting stringed instruments, a level of experience that his students both recognize and respect.

"Dr. Hope knows so much about music," said Soloff, "he knows way more than just the notes on the page, he knows the physics, the mathematics, and really wants to bring musicality to it as well, pulling out emotion... it makes it really dynamic, and much more fun."

"I feel that the college has really done the entire student body a very, very good service in finding a wonderful professor who really knows how to conduct properly, and how to bring the best out of every musician who's playing for him," said ensemble member Tegh Matharu. "Honestly, I think Dr. Hope is the best conductor I've ever had."

The ensemble welcomes new members, and hopes that more musicians will come out after the performance.

Students, faculty, or anyone in the area with string experience is welcome to come to rehearsals.

"I don't think that a lot of students are aware that they can actually play music to get their art fulfillment instead of sitting in a lecture class," said Hope, "a lot of students grow up playing an instrument of some sort. When they leave high school they tend to focus on their major and they let the instrument fall to the side. "(Ursinus) gives you an avenue for performance, especially if this is something you enjoy doing."

Above all, the ensemble and its performances are something for both performers and music lovers to enjoy.

"The string ensemble is a really great environment," said Soloff. "everyone is extremely friendly, we help each other, and we just enjoy playing. It's meant to be fun and relaxing. "It's going to be great to have our first official performance... we're showing our broad range, and it's going to be very, very interesting."
IT department hosts tech expo

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On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Ursinus College’s Instructional Technology Department hosted a “Technology Exposition” in Lower Wismer during the weekly common hour.

According to IT’s Jean Bennett, Multimedia Instructional Technologist, it was the second such Expo that Ursinus has held to introduce new technologies to campus. “We expose people to technology in schools,” Bennett said, adding that the Expo is for both students and faculty alike.

Prior to the start of the Expo, professors set up tables to showcase the technology used in their classrooms. Participating students and faculty can then visit these tables to experience the technology on show. For example, Bennett’s table included a power-point presentation with Turning Technology Response cards.

She had a survey on the presentation that participants could answer using the response cards. Once responses were submitted, Bennett was able to show the statistics of the various answers. Junior Joshua Walsh visited Bennett’s table and used the responders to answer the sample survey.

“The responders are a really great use of technology, because they give students who don’t normally speak in class a chance to make themselves heard,” he said. “I wish I had some.”

History professor Susan-na Throop also showcased her class’ digital projects. Using her UC laptop, she displayed the “Ning” forum website that she uses for her History 363 class. Students are required to post to the discussion forum weekly and submit one blog by the end of the term. Additionally, they must post at least two photos, videos, or FlinkIt links. This participation is worth 20 percent of each student’s grade for the class.

According to Throop’s syllabus, “the discussion forum allows you to post your own thoughts, and then allows others to comment on your posting, and comment on each other’s comments.” It also notes that “the website functions like Facebook in many ways. You can friend each other, email your friends, alter the design of your page, upload a personal picture, etc.”

There will likely be another Expo held during the spring semester after winter break. Students should pay attention to their e-mails for information following the winter holiday.

NEW U Wellness Fair featured flu shots, massages, health screenings, prizes, refreshments, fitness demos and more.

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so I figured I’d stop by and see what the fair had to offer. Every table I went to was very informative, and everyone was so eager to talk about their business.” Driscoll went on to explain how he has an added interest in Exercise and Sports Science following the fair, and that he is now considering having E.S.S. as a minor. “It seems like a really interesting subject matter,” said Driscoll, “I learned more at the fair than I do in a typical class.” The fair was quite crowded throughout its three hours, as Ursinus faculty and the vendors mingled amongst each other. Ursinus also offered incentives to visit tables, as any one who visited 10 tables or more would be entered in a raffle to win gift certificates.

“All the vendors were very informative and had cool jobs,” said Surman, “going to the fair definitely made me happy that I am an E.S.S. major.”

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Event is free, Space Limited RSVP required by Friday Oct 29

Co-sponsored by SIFE
Internship Profile: Rebecca Kamm

Rebecca Kamm, a senior Business and Economics, and Media and Communications Studies double major interned in Florida this past summer for 12 weeks at The Walt Disney Company in their Sourcing and Procurement for New Media and Technology department.

Her focus was primarily in strategic sourcing for new technology, even more specifically for New Media and Technology, specifically for technology that is sourced out from different vendors. Kamm dealt with technology and also worked in the “bidding process” of procuring new technology.

She collaborated with whatever project team needed the technology, as well as determining what vendor would be used for Disney's specific projects.

Kamm also got a chance to work with Disney's legal department.

She served as a liaison to ensure the contracts were set up with vendors. Kamm was thoroughly involved with all the steps of technology sourcing and procurement.

"There was never something I did that didn't have an end result as something needed," said Kamm, "that's what honestly made my experience so amazing was that I was a cast member, I was an employee with the team. I felt as if I was just as much a part of the team as the full-time employees were."

Thanks to the internship, Kamm felt she improved upon her communication skills, as she had to interact with coworkers and many people she didn't know, most of which whose face she would never see, as she "talked to so many people on the phone."

She also utilized her organization skills in balancing priorities of multiple projects and deadlines. "It's kind of like having a project in four classes but double or triple that," said Kamm.

Critical thinking and problem solving skills were needed in dealing with vendors and reorganizing project dates and meeting times, for instance. Kamm also learned the necessity of being detail-oriented in working with numbers of bids and price offers.

Kamm was very mindful of networking throughout the entirety of her internship.

She networked with a friend's mother who worked in the company to first get a foothold there, and while at work, made sure to set up meet-and-greets for herself with different department's employees.

She was also mindful of making a personal impression on the vendors who work with different companies and stays in touch with them and her coworkers to date. Ultimately, Kamm hopes to be back with the company as a full-time employee after graduation.

As an intern, Kamm learned "you're going to get the most out of it if you really put yourself out there." She advises interns to be confident.

"I came in with a smile on my face because I had never been so excited to be somewhere," said Kamm, "if you come in with a positive attitude, you're going to get more out of it."

UCARE Community Week

More than 50 Ursinus students were bused off campus Saturday morning to join an estimated 12,000 Philadelphia area residents for Philly Cares Day, the largest single-day volunteer event in the region. Participants helped city communities renovate schools and recreation centers lacking the resources to make essential repair projects a top priority.

"It was nice to see our work have an impact on the community," said junior Katie Cosner, who gave up her Saturday to clean a neighborhood garden, "several community members thanked us throughout the day, and as a student, it is nice to see my work having immediate and powerful effects on a community."

UCARE student intern Jessica Neuman said students were sent to two parks, but at one of the sites, the project coordinator responsible for providing students with instructions and tools was nowhere to be found.

Students started pulling weeds and picking up trash anyway.

Neuman attributed the students' motivation to the energy of Community Week, UCARE's week-long marathon of on and off campus service opportunities for Ursinus Students. Philly Cares Day was the kick-off event for Community Week.

"Because so much energy is focused on our community during this week, I think we spark a desire to serve in many students," said Neuman, "service is a contagious activity and with so many opportunities to do good, Community Week gives us the chance to catch that service fever."

UCARE student intern Emily Arndt said the daily events scheduled for Community Week offer students a wide range of opportunities to benefit the campus and its neighbors through service learning projects.

"The opportunity to do service in something that you're passionate about is great and, because we have UCARE, we have access to a variety of opportunities," said Arndt.

The UCARE office began working in September to connect with organizations that could benefit from volunteer help while offering students interesting experiences.

"We plan events that work with animals, children, the elderly, the outdoors, and more to ensure students have the opportunity to either try something new or participate in something they are interested in," said Neuman.

After lending a hand to Philadelphia neighborhoods, students got their hands dirty while working on two campus-based sustainability projects.

Sunday, students gardened in the Organic Farm, then joined Ursinus' Bonner Leaders Monday to compost Wismer dinner leftovers.

Tuesday morning, students raked leaves at Trinity Church while others worked and played with preschoolers through Norristown's Head Start program.

That night, students walked down Main Street for a few games of bingo with the residents of Columbia Cottage Nursing Home.

On Wednesday, volunteers gave Trinity Church a fresh coat of paint. Later, the Helping Hands Can Drive and the Hunger Banquet raised awareness about world hunger and gave students the chance to make a difference by donating canned food items.

Community Week will continue to offer daily opportunities for service through Saturday. Neuman said she hopes students volunteering this week know that their work is important.

“I always hope every student who participates in Community Week realizes their actions matter,” said Neuman. “Every student on this campus has the power to make a difference in the world we live in.”

Students have another opportunity to volunteer at Norristown's Head Start program Thursday morning. The Helping Hands Can Drive will collect again throughout Thursday and will need students to manage the donations.

Thursday afternoon, students can help care for nursing home residents at the Parkhouse Geriatric Center.

The Francisvale Home for Smaller Animals in Radnor is looking for volunteers to play with rescued cats and dogs on Friday. Community Week concludes on Saturday with the Urban Tree Connection’s trip to Philadelphia community gardens and the flag football Lemon Bowl, played to raise money for childhood cancer research through Alex's Lemonade Stand.

A second Community Week is scheduled to offer more projects this spring. Arndt said the UCARE office hopes students will continue to pursue service beyond this semiannual event.

“UCARE serves the campus community by offering extracurricular opportunities that can be really life-changing,” said Arndt. “I hope the campus takes away from Community Week that service is easily integrated into everyday and that service can be fun and fulfilling.”
Saturday night fun with the Nerf Club

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Every Saturday night, Olin is not as deserted as one might suspect.
The halls, while not empty or filled with students going to class as they are during the day, resonate instead with the sound of Nerf darts and yells of players.

As an alternative to other methods of filling in your weekend, it’s got exercise, friends, and only slightly less violence than a video game. Not to mention the point a having fun.

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The first major change was finding one of the academic buildings to host it.

“My friends and I started out in BWC as freshmen,” said founding member Chris Goodwin, “we got a couple of noise complaints and had to move.” After that, anyone could join if they just knew where to show up.

“We made up the game as we went along,” said Goodwin, “it’s still changing to welcome new players.”

The game grew over time, and attendance ranges from six to twenty people showing up each week.

Last year, the Dean’s office provided the Nerf Club with funding because it is an alcohol-free activity. The funds included money for extra Nerf guns, ammunition, and team bandanas.

The request made the Nerf Club officially sanctioned by the school’s administration, and allowed for extra players.

The central concept for most games is multiple teams, divided by bandana color, trying to finish off the other teams first.

Depending on the amount of people who show up, there can be two large teams, or three or four smaller teams for larger games. If it sounds easy, it is not always that quick.

Games can last for over an hour, depending on how adventurous team members are. “One of the ways the game has changed is new players last year added ‘kill cam’s,”’ said Goodwin.

Thanks to the joys of modern technology, “dead” team members can go into the airplane room, and watch the rest of the drama unfold through live webcams stationed throughout the building.

There are occasionally captured the flag type games starting out on different levels of the building, which are less frequent because of the difficulty of getting started out on even ground.

There are also shorter games in the auditorium occasionally, although the chairs can make it more difficult to find all of the darts.

If it sounds fun, all you need to do is show up at Olin Hall on Saturday nights, usually around nine thirty or ten, preferably with your own Nerf gun.

The only responsibility attached is picking up the darts after each game, and not seriously injuring anyone.

The game is Campus Safety sanctioned, but they prefer not finding the little foam bits everywhere.

So if you want something a little different to do on a weekend, there is usually good fun to be had running around the halls of Olin.

PostSecret comes to Ursinus College

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PostSecret.com is an online blog operated by Frank Warren. It’s described as an ongoing community art project which serves as an anonymous forum for sharing hidden aspects of people’s lives.

It’s aim is to provide some relief to those who have been burdened by carrying their secrets alone, while simultaneously providing hope to readers.

This initiative began in January of 2005, and is still going strong today.

PostSecret currently has 80,000 followers, the project has been displayed in museums and published in multiple books, and Warren has recently developed an iPhone app.

The premise is that people from all over the country decorate postcards and write down their secrets that they have never shared previously, then they submit them anonymously. Twenty submissions are posted on the internet every Sunday.

They range from funny and silly to dark and disturbing, and from artistic masterpieces to doodles.

Warren felt that a judgement-free place for people to share their hopes, dreams, and desires would be an asset to the world.

Warren also began using his website as a platform for suicide prevention.

“I think a major piece of why it’s successful is that it’s not just a project that allows people to say what they feel they can’t say out loud,” said freshman Annie Ludwig, “it’s an art project. The words come alive with the way each artist decides to express them. There is a piece of the speaker on those postcards that allows you see that they aren’t just anonymous words, but stories and fears that belong to an actual person.”

Ursinus is bringing this initiative to campus in hopes of making the school a more understanding and empathetic community.

As important as it is to connect with the private holdings of strangers, it may be even more meaningful for us as a community to see the secrets that exist on this very campus, without knowing to whom they belong.

Michele Snead, who is familiar with the project, thought that bringing to the Ursinus campus would be beneficial to the student body.

“I think it can be very easy to feel isolated and seeing the secrets of your peers and being able to relate to the fears and issues that other students have can be a very empowering thing,” said Snead, “I think it is something that could help encourage community on campus.”

“PostSecret will be an opportunity to share fun things too,” said Lauren Marano, “bringing our secrets to light may help us to have a comedic outlook on otherwise embarrassing experiences.”

In the near future, there will be a shoebox outside of Wissner with a number of index cards. They are there for the Ursinus community, and it allows anyone on campus to make use of them in a meaningful way.

All are welcome to submit as many secrets as they feel they need to share, and submissions are encouraged by the entire community.

Look for the UC PostSecret Box in Wissner Lobby to leave your anonymous secrets on 3x5 index cards! Real UC confessions will be published each week.

These Four PostSecret secrets are samples for the reader’s reference
Graduation change irritates students

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The rest of this year's seniors and I will walk across the stage in May and receive our diplomas just like every other graduating class has done at Ursinus. Most of us will probably have our families in attendance, maybe go out to eat after the ceremony, celebrate having spent four years at a great place. But we also just found out that this year's commencement will take place on Friday not Saturday.

What was wrong with Saturday? We all recently received an email reminding us that the reason for the change was in order to not interfere with the "religious Sabbath." But we also just found out that this year's CoSA day will be on Saturday, not the traditional Wednesday.

Not one senior I’ve spoken with about the change can find any bit of sense in it, and neither can I. Instead of taking a Saturday to celebrate what will for most of us be our last year of schooling before we make the transitions we’ve all been preparing for, our families will need to unnecessarily sacrifice a day from their own working lives.

And what about the families of those students who do not live in the area? One of my roommates has a mother flying in from Bermuda, and a grandmother from Sri Lanka who will be coming to the Western Hemisphere for the first time.

So instead of his family taking the obvious Friday for travelling and missing just one day of work, they will have to miss one, possibly two more days to account for the move.

Another roommate of mine's father is a detective in the Philadelphia Police Department, a job that allows him to have his weekends off in order to attend Ursinus football games and other important Saturday events. But he will have to call out on May 11 like the other hundreds of parents and family members of seniors this year.

These first two people I asked whether or not the move from Saturday to Friday would do more to inconvenience their families than to help them respond with nothing but questions.

Why does it need to move? What happened last year that made the administration consider moving the ceremony to a weekday? Is the reason we were given for the change the truth? A huge part of this campus' happenings take place on the weekends — why also can't what is arguably the most important one be on Saturday as well?

And who knows? Maybe come May this will all be over and we'll all walk like nothing ever happened, we'll all be happy to have graduated from Ursinus and we'll enjoy the day as we should. We'll all celebrate the way we've learned to do here on Thursday night, and share that bittersweet Friday morning under the tent in front of Corson Hall.

But for right now I would have to agree that most of us are confused and that we all have questions. It just seems that something must have happened in 2011 that is trying to be avoided in 2012.

Campus Safety is a necessity, not a luxury

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Imagine Ursinus without the safe haven known as Campus Safety. As their slogan "if you see something, say something" encourages, the office of Campus Safety is to have on a small campus community.

But is Campus Safety truly more of a luxury than is it a necessity?

Campus Safety is a specific facility set up by the Ursinus campus for the students. Whether it involves escorting an injured student to a class or assisting in a matter dealing with on-campus parking, the core of Campus Safety is vital to the vast majority of students and contributes to the on-campus safety of those around.

Sophomore Dave Nolan who works at Campus Safety echoed my sentiments. "I feel that Campus Safety is necessary to have on a small campus," said Nolan, "on bigger campuses, it definitely isn't so personalized!"

At larger universities, it is a more difficult task to create personal relationships with members of a facility such as Campus Safety.

Director of Campus Safety Kim Taylor says establishing relationships is one essential characteristic that distinguishes smaller campuses from larger university-style schools.

"Campus Safety is here to help keep everyone safe," said Taylor.

While this is undoubtedly true for smaller schools, it is also important to take into consideration how such relationships might not occur on a larger campus due to the sheer size and workload which comes along with such a facility functioning at a university.

"Campus Safety officers are essentially educators who are helping you to have a successful four year experience," said Taylor. It is evident that Campus Safety prides itself in making sure that Ursinus students are cared for and protected. This contributes to Campus Safety being viewed as a necessity rather than a luxury.

Luxury items are defined as things that bring about joy and pleasure. Although Campus Safety can exude such qualities for some students, it is crucial to the safety and sustainability of the Ursinus campus to include Campus Safety as a necessity to have on campus.

When put into perspective, Campus Safety offers an array of officers who can assist in virtually all matters in addition to students working the front desks.

Let's say you get a parking ticket for being illegally parked in one of the many parking lots. When this occurs, Campus Safety will explain to you why you received the ticket as well as point you in the right direction and answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Where would we be without the numerous golf carts and bikes that fly around? They are ready to facilitate students whenever and wherever they happen to be on campus. It is due to these factors that Campus Safety is one of the more popular and necessary facilities located at Ursinus.

Our campus is forever changing and when any changes happen to take place, Campus Safety is always there making sure that students' best interests are at heart. Even though some may characterize it as a luxury, Campus Safety is and will always be a necessity right to the very end.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Roller Hockey team resurrected at Ursinus

The Ursinus roller hockey club has re-emerged in 2011-2012, and thanks to a recent approval by the student activities office, a Philadelphia Collegiate Roller Hockey league, or PCRHL, team has been brought back to the Collegeville area.

The roller hockey club was started a few years ago at Ursinus, spearheaded by a group of male students who became interested in the sport. When the club was first formed, it sparked a great deal of interest, and a significant amount of people joined the team.

However, as the years went on, the number of people on and interested in the team slowly dwindled, until the club was removed entirely from Ursinus in 2010.

With the arrival of the 2011-2012 academic year, some former team members decided to bring the club back, and this time with a more serious approach.

"The roller hockey club is a fun way to get exercise and meet new people," said Vice President Mike Duffield.

The team is always looking for more members and is open to everyone regardless of skill level. Practices are held Friday nights at the 422 Sportsplex in Pottstown, and games are typically played on a Saturday or Sunday at Maple Sports in Broomall.

Duffield and Matt Chorney spearheaded the movement to bring the roller hockey club back to Ursinus.

The process of forming and creating a club on campus was both time-consuming and tedious for the hockey enthusiasts.

After filling out forms and spreading the word about the "new" club, roller hockey was finally approved to once again be a club team at Ursinus College.

As a part of the process, the club team would need a league to participate in and opponents to compete against.

Recently, the team was approved to join the PCRHL. In this league, the team will compete against other local college’s club teams, including the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel, and Villanova.

Much to the club’s delight, it has once again grabbed the attention of a considerable amount of Ursinus students.

This year, the team has already attracted a group of nine members, which includes two girls, a first for the club program in its time at Ursinus.

Success is what the team has in mind for the 2011-2012 season.

The team is aiming for a winning record in it’s return to action, perhaps continuing a bit of winning tradition that was established with championships in 2003-2004 and 2005-2006 by the then upstart Ursinus team.

Chorney is the president and goaltender for the roller hockey club, and Duffield is the vice president and forward, along with new members Kelly Fallon, and Sara Sherr, who will be amongst the key contributors and players for the roller hockey team this year.

In the PCRHL only four skaters will take to the rink at once, in comparison to five as is regulation in ice hockey. Additionally, a regulation roller hockey rink is of lesser dimensions than that of ice hockey. These subtleties, along with some others, will help to separate the game from its colder counterpart.

For more information regarding the roller hockey club, or if you are interested in participating you can contact Duffield at miduffield@ursinus.edu or at rhc@ursinus.edu.

Stortz and Narang lead Bears into cross country championships

On Saturday, the Ursinus men’s cross country team will run its final race of the regular season at the 2011 Centennial Conference championships, at Dickinson College.

Reigning national champions and cross country powerhouse #2 Haverford College is certainly the team to beat heading into the weekend, as their program has won 16 of the 18 centennial conference cross country championships.

However, #4 Dickinson College will be close behind, looking to challenge for a team championship, while #23 Johns Hopkins will also look to fit into the mix.

Despite the depth of talent at the top of the conference, cross country head coach Chris Bayless feels as though the men’s squad has a good opportunity to finish among the top half of the conference, effectively supplanting their preseason selection to finish below #7 of their centennial conference rivals.

"Top to bottom, this is probably the strongest men’s team I’ve ever had since I’ve been here," said Bayless. "I see them in the top 10 [of the standings] on Saturday, and in the NCAA regional meet in two weeks, I see us in the top 12."

While Bayless is quick to compliment the men’s depth top to bottom, two Bears runners in particular will be looking to gear up for regional championships (and potentially beyond) at Saturday’s conference championship meet.

Junior Sam Stortz (Dresher, Pa/Upper Dublin) and sophomore Jatin Narang (Germantown, Md/Clarksburg) are expected to be among the conference’s top finishers, while also fitting into the mix at the Mid-East Regional championship meet, to be held at DeSales University on November 12, 2011.

Stortz will look to continue his impressive 2011 campaign that includes a second place finish at the University of Delaware Invitational nearly two weeks ago and a first place finish at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational in September. Narang has followed closely behind Stortz all season, finishing just three places behind him at the University of Delaware and Mercer follows meets, fifth place and fourth place respectively.

"Sam and Jatin are already among the best distance runners in UC history," said Bayless.

Fortunately for Bayless and the Bears, both Stortz and Narang are underclassmen and will return to Ursinus in 2012. However, Bayless feels as though Stortz especially has several races left in him, in 2011.

"Sam has a really good chance to qualify for the NCAA championships in Wisconsin," said Bayless.

If he were to do so, Stortz would be the first Ursinus College runner to qualify for the cross country national championships since Christa Johnson did so in her record setting senior campaign in 2008.

The Bears will start their run at 12 p.m. noon on Saturday, on a course that Bayless claims to be a good course that should produce some solid times.

The team could be battling some significantly colder weather than they are used to, but the temperatures are just a side story to the bigger picture.

At last season’s Centennial Conference championships Stortz and Narang both finished within the top half of the conference individually, however neither was able to crack the top 20.

In 2011, both will look to do so, and lead the way for an Ursinus team that has a top five finish on its mind.
Senior Spotlight: Jess Porcelan, women’s soccer

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A resident advisor of three years and an all conference athlete for four, senior Jess Porcelan is truly a role model on and off the field.

Porcelan majors in Biology and Neuroscience with a minor in Biological Statistics. Also a four year starting center midfielder for the soccer team, Porcelan has won numerous awards including her selection as a Second Team Regional All American in 2010.

"After all is said and done, Jess will leave the program as the best central mid in the program’s history," said head coach Jeff Ykoruk.

Porcelan, a team captain, serves as a role model for younger players, according to Ykoruk. Known for her ball control and composure on the field, she has won a Conference Player of the Week award in each of her four years.

"She has the unique ability to not only control the flow of the game, but to see the game beyond the next play which is a talent most players at this level don’t have," said Ykoruk.

So far this season Porcelan is leading the team with 14 points, and one regular season game still remains.

"I would sum up my career at Ursinus as an amazing rollercoaster ride," said Porcelan. "I truly believe that the unbelievable wins are amazing but it is the heartbreaking losses that define who we are."

According to Porcelan the best moment of her career came on October 20, 2011 when the Ursinus women’s soccer program played their last home game of the season. Alongside nine fellow seniors, she walked on and off of Patterson Field for the last time.

"We came into Ursinus as freshman together and have been through it all together, on and off the field," said Porcelan. "It was a very emotional and incredible night with my teammates and my best friends."

Off the field Porcelan is an excellent student. She has been named to the college’s dean’s list in all of her 6 semesters thus far. Last spring, Porcelan studied abroad in Ireland. Now she works as a Senior Admissions Fellow, a chemistry TA, and as a peer tutor for both chemistry and calculus.

"Off the field Jess is a very loyal person, and always gives the right advice," said teammate Brittany Williams, "she always keeps things positive even in the most negative of times."

Outside of college, Porcelan has had two internships, one shadowing Neurology and Neurosurgery at Penn State’s teaching hospital in Hershey, PA, and another at Brain Balance Neurological Clinic in Mechanicsburg, PA.

She has future plans to perform volunteer work in either Africa or Thailand and then to attend medical school.

Porcelan will leave Ursinus as possibly the only four time all conference women’s soccer player, and the only three time Regional All American in program history.

She has also received the honor of being named to the Centennial Conference academic honor roll each of the last two years.

"While her teammates are also responsible for helping her achieve all she has, there is no doubt it will be hard to replace a player like Jess Porcelan," said Ykoruk.

Senior midfielder Jess Porcelan fires a head shot against Bryn Mawr College. Porcelan will go down as one of the most decorated athletes in the history of the Women’s Soccer program.

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