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Birk launches graphic novel at UC

For graphic novelist Aaron Birk, author of "The Pollinator’s Corridor," the future of the environment doesn’t have to be so bleak.

After joining in the practices of restoring natural habitats back to life in forests in the Bronx and Central Park, Birk has grown to know a lot about the potential that "ecological restoration" has for our world — and has made it his mission to spread the word.

Birk’s visit to Ursinus last Wednesday brought his message of hope and determination for this cause to the campus.

His appearance also served to launch the first volume of "The Pollinator’s Corridor," his 108-page graphic novel set in 1970s-80s Bronx New York.

In the novel, youthful "bio-class heroes" join forces with nature to restore the blighted urban life back to beautified roots and sustainable beginnings.

The project was started in 2003, the year that Birk began "really" drawing when he picked up a brush and ink. The novel traces many of the same spiritual elements as Birk’s journey, epitomizing the search for the sublime.

“What if,” he asks, “we could find it in day to day moments? In a paper cup of coffee?”

Birk’s search for transcendence began in his youth after witnessing "visceral haunting" images of deforestation and the build of suburban mall culture near his hometown in Rock Creek, D.C.

This gives testament to his suggestion that sublimity can lie even in the most “blown-out” and devastated places, much like the rubble-plagued streets of 1970s Bronx.

"Rubble presents opportunity," he said.

Why did Birk choose to create a fictional graphic novel as a medium for stirring environmental awareness?

The graphic novel, he explained, reaches audiences across age groups and cultures across the world, with its emphasis on illustration rather than dense language.

The novel is also packed with non-fictional urban history and follows true methods in ecological restoration, allowing audiences to not only experience the warm spiritual narrative, but learn about the importance of sustaining biodiversity.

For Birk, the main mission both in "The Pollinator’s Corridor" and life is connecting the elemental forces of nature, those things fall apart, as habitats often do, "We must look for the most

Myrin welcomes new library intern

Monday, Jan. 24, marked John Mokonyama’s first day as the new Myrin Library intern. Only four graduate students have held a semester-long internship position in the Myrin Library during the past 10 years, making it a coveted position. Ursinus did not publicly advertise this position, but instead Mokonyama sought out this internship to receive credits toward his Master of Science in Library Science degree, or M.S.L.S., at Clarion University.

After receiving his M.S. degree in International Economic Development and an M.B.A. degree in Health Administration, Mokonyama has decided to further his education by pursuing an M.S.L.S. Mokonyama has shifted his career path towards librarianship in order to follow his passion, research.

Mokonyama is keen on the fact that working in an academic library gives him the opportunity to expand his knowledge on a daily basis and stay current on world affairs. Furthermore, Mokonyama has chosen to pursue a career in librarianship due to his interest in working with students and helping them realize their goals and dreams.

Mokonyama first became acquainted with the Myrin Library after interviewing Diane Skorina, information literacy librarian, for a graduate course assignment. A distinguishing quality for Mokonyama is his “adaptable nature, which is key in a library environment that is continuously changing,” Skorina said.

Skorina described Mokonyama’s “professional yet friendly demeanor” as features that set him apart as a promising intern.

Mokonyama’s role as Myrin’s intern entails working at the reference desk, creating Libguides, and cataloging art books. He is currently working at both Ursinus College and Eastern University academic libraries.

Ursinus librarians encourage students interested in pursuing a career as a librarian or archivist, to consider an undergrad intern.
International News: Protest turns violent in India, wife murdered by husband in Afghanistan

Rescued workers reach U.S. base

Thursday, Jan. 26
SICILY, ITALY — Jessica Buchanan and Poul Thisted, two aid workers who were kidnapped in Somalia, arrived safely at a U.S. base in Sicily on Thursday, after a successful U.S. raid on the compound where they were being held. The nine gunmen holding the hostages were killed in the fighting. There were no casualties on the American side. Neither Buchanan, 32, or Thisted, 60, were harmed, although the rescue operation was planned following reports of Buchanan’s deteriorating health. The pair was kidnapped on Oct. 25, 2011. A Pentagon spokesperson said the kidnappers were petty criminals, with no apparent ties to Somali terrorists or pirates. The Navy SEAL unit that killed Osama bin Laden last year participated in the Somali rescue mission. Officials would not say whether any of the same individuals participated in both operations. (CNN.com)

Arab League defied in Syria

Saturday, Jan. 28
DAMASCUS, SYRIA — The Arab League announced the suspension of its monitoring efforts in Syria on Saturday, in response to a dramatic increase in violence. Earlier this week, Syria’s foreign minister “forcefully” rejected a proposal by the Arab League that would remove current President Bashar al-Assad from power after months of uprisings and begin a dialogue between the Syrian government and its opponents. The foreign minister also hinted that there would be no end to the use of deadly force to stop the protests. Violence increased this week when rebels seized three Damascus suburbs. Regional and Western countries are struggling to find ways to implement the Arab League plan. Support for the plan is weakening, as Russia and Iran continue to support the Syrian government. The Arab League is also calling for the United Nations Security Council to back its plan. (The New York Times Online)

Police, rioters clash in protests

Sunday, Jan. 29
BANGLADESH, INDIA — Three people were killed and at least 100 were injured on Sunday in clashes between Bangladeshi police and activists of the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) who were trying to stage anti-government protests in defiance of a ban. The deaths occurred in the town of Chandpur, southeast of Bangladesh, and in another town farther south, as thousands of BNP members took to the streets. Witnesses said the protesters were chanting for the removal of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her government. Police on Saturday had banned proposed demonstrations by the BNP for fear of violence. Hasina’s Awami League had also called for a demonstration on Sunday. The Awami League and the BNP are fierce rivals, and will face off again in elections next year. (Reuters, hosted on NewsDaily.com)

Wife killed over third daughter

Monday, Jan. 30
KUNDUZ, AFGHANISTAN — An Afghan man killed his wife for giving birth to a third daughter instead of the son he had hoped for, police in the northern province of Kunduz said on Monday. The victim, 28, known only as Storai, was strangled by her husband and mother-in-law on Saturday in revenge for giving birth to the couple’s third daughter three months ago. Police said they arrested the victim’s mother-in-law, but the husband, a member of the militia, was still at large, likely protected by heavily armed militia colleagues. Violence against women is common in Afghan­istan. In November in the same province, an Afghan family who rejected their daughter’s suitor was later attacked at home by the suitor and his three brothers, who poured acid on the parents and their three children. Foreign combat troops are scheduled to leave Afghanistan in 2014, and efforts are underway to start a peace process with the ultra­conservative Taliban. Rights activists inside and outside of Afghanistan worry that women’s rights will be sacrificed. (Reuters, hosted on NewsDaily.com)

CORRECTIONS

The Grizzly strives to be accurate in its reporting. If you notice a mistake, please contact us at grizzly@ursinus.edu and we will make every effort to amend the error.

In last week’s “Grizzly Update” Samantha Salomon’s name was spelled incorrectly. We regret the error.
Resumania preps students for job, internship fair

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Last week the Career Services Office hosted a two-day event called “Resumania,” attended by 76 students. During Resumania, the office functions in an open house format in which students can walk in between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to have their résumés reviewed.

Carla Rinde, the director of career services said it was an “all hands on deck” workshop in which four career advisors and a student résumé associate are readily available to give constructive feedback to students who bring in their résumés.

With each consultation, counselors give students an “Effective Résumé Writing Guide.” On the front page, the guide lists “Tips for Writing an Effective Résumé.” They are:

- Target the résumé to your particular field of interest.
- Use a résumé format that best presents your skills and strengths.
- Keep it to one page and omit personal pronouns.
- Make it readable and visually appealing.
- Presentation and attention to detail are critical.

Resumania is held strategically before the Job, Internship and Networking Fair on Feb. 8, 2012. This year’s fair will feature more employers than last, adding further incentive for students to attend.

“Last year we had 43 organizations in attendance for the fair; this year we are just short of 70!” said Rinde.

Students who missed Resumania can make appointments to work one-on-one with career counselors or drop in between 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on “Walk in Wednesdays.” Throughout the year, counselors have been handing out résumé guides as well as résumé samples. These can also be found on the Career Services webpage under the “How to” section.

Career Service counselors will work with students to get their résumé into prime shape. Students are able to continually revise their work and send it to a counselor until they are satisfied. The office also offers students the opportunity to drop in and print their final résumés on special résumé paper for 5 cents.

Career Services’ next event is the Mock Interview Day on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012, which is open to all students. An alumni representative from De Lage Landen will be present to conduct 30-minute mock interviews all day. Space is limited though, so interested students must make an appointment to attend by calling Career Services at 610-409-3599.

TOP PHOTO: A Career Services student resume associate assists a fellow student with her resume during Resumania. Photo by Lauren Goldstein.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Students man a table during the Major and Minor expo last week. The event, located in lower wismer, is designed to help acclimate students with the majors and minors offered at UC and give them advice as to how to direct their studies in order to pursue them. Photo by Sara Godfrey.

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"cons," Birk says. Then, he advised, we must “ask the earth for help,” and thank all forms of life, bees, plants, and all, for the sustainable balance they provide.
Organic farm names new student director

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Travis Maider, a sophomore and double major in chemistry and Spanish, has recently been appointed the new student director of the Ursinus College organic farm.

Maider’s leadership position comes as current farm director and senior Julia Bull prepares to graduate this May.

He has been deeply involved at the organic farm since the spring of his freshman year.

Maider said he plans on being a steady presence at the farm by visiting it at least three to four times a week, and every day in the summer.

The organic farm features an orchard, beehives, an herb garden, chickens, and a raspberry patch.

Students are welcome to volunteer at the organic farm every Sunday at noon beginning on the first day of spring.

Maider plans to enhance the organic farm by creating a community garden program.

The community garden will give faculty, students and local community members the opportunity to work at the gardens in exchange for fresh produce.

Maider anticipates that the community garden program will begin in April or May.

Maider’s additional goals as the new student director include acquiring more chickens and purchasing new animals such as rabbits.

To get the entire campus involved with the organic farm, Maider plans on designing a campus - wide contest in order to name the new chickens.

The chickens will be used solely to produce eggs; however, Maider plans on possibly using the rabbits as a source of food.

As new director, Maider may pursue relocating the Ursinus green house from the Hunsberger House to the organic farm. The repositioning of the green house from work and bring vitality back to the farm is,” Maider said.

The farm is located right off of Ninth Avenue, next to the Hunsberger Woods if you are interested in visiting.

If you have any interest in volunteering for the organic farm, you can contact Maider at trmaider@ursinus.edu.

Ursinus introduces Zumba class for students

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Since it began in 2001, Zumba has become a popular, calorie-burning workout that people of all ages love to take part in.

Now, Ursinus students, faculty and staff, have the opportunity to join the dance workout program this semester. The Zumba Fitness class was brought to campus about a year and a half ago as part of the NEW U program.

NEW U, which stands for Nurturing Employee Wellness, is a health program for Ursinus faculty and staff. This program offers numerous opportunities and activities that help faculty and staff members work on maintaining their health.

Jean Bennett, Ursinus’ multimedia instructional technologist and a NEW U committee member, is a big proponent of Zumba and played a key part in bringing the class to campus. Bennett enjoys taking Zumba classes because they are fun.

“I can laugh at myself while I’m doing it,” Bennett said. Bennett also says that Zumba helps her de-stress.

“The classes are a great break from work and bring vitality back into my day.”

When Zumba was first introduced to the Ursinus campus, it was only being offered to faculty and staff; however, last semester, Zumba was also opened to students because more people were needed to hold a class.

Six students joined, along with several faculty members. The class is taught by Star Seguinot, who has been a Zumba instructor for 2 years and is also the director of the Salsa Dancing Program at the Ballroom On High in Pottstown.

“Zumba is a great calorie-burning... Latin-inspired, dance fitness workout, fashioned to be like a dance party,” Seguinot said. Zumba includes a wide variety of music from across the world.

 “[The music includes] salsa, cumbia, merengue, samba, flamenco, reggaeton, belly dance, bachata, African beats, American music, etc.” Seguinot said.

Students who took Seguinot’s class seemed to have enjoyed their experiences. Junior Anna Lorine loved the fast-paced dance cardio.

“It doesn’t feel like you are working out at all,” said Lorine.

Similarly, junior Saible O’Brien found Zumba to be “a great way to power through a workout routine while still having fun.” These students also explained that they loved working with Seguinot.

“She was so fun and makes you feel like you are a back up dancer. She is encouraging and always smiling the whole time,” Lorine said.

O’Brien added that Seguinot was very patient with the class, which mostly included people who were new to Zumba.

“I always encourage folks to go at their own rate during class and modify moves that may be too challenging for some,” Seguinot said.

For students who don’t know a lot about Zumba, during a typical one hour class, Zumba participants usually dance to 12 or 14 different songs. At the beginning of class, Seguinot starts with a warm-up that helps the muscles and heart rate.

The class then works out to the many different varieties of music that Zumba has to offer. At the end of the class, Seguinot finishes with a cool-down song that allows for stretching and brings participants heart rates down.

For those interested, Zumba will be offered every Tuesday at noon in a dance studio in the Kaleidoscope.

The cost of the class is currently $50 for seven weeks. Seguinot invites more students to join.
St. Christopher’s offers volunteer opportunity for UC students

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St. Christopher’s Hospital provides Ursinus students who are passionate about community service with the opportunity to volunteer.

Students interested in careers related to children and education might be especially interested.

The hospital, located in Philadelphia, has been up and running since 1875 and provides medical care for children with varying conditions.

It has also strived to make care accessible to all by opening three more primary care practices throughout the suburbs of Philadelphia.

Volunteers have the opportunity to visit the hospital, spending time with children in their rooms and in the playrooms provided to them during their stay.

Kaitlyn Cherry, a junior psychology major at Ursinus College and head of the program responsible for visits to St. Christopher’s, began volunteering with the hospital with MAPS freshman year and enjoyed her experience.

“Sophomore year, UCARE asked me to be in charge of the St. Christopher’s volunteer program that they had and I’ve been doing it ever since,” Cherry said.

Every semester, there are 6 trips taken, and 6 individuals are allowed to go.

“Typically, individuals can only go once per semester because it is a very popular volunteer opportunity and I want everyone to get a chance to go,” said Cherry.

These trips occur on Fridays between 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. For those interested in what the volunteer work entails, it is the job of a volunteer to be a friend and support system.

Those who visit St. Christopher’s enter Child Life, which is a playroom full of crafts, board games, a computer, a TV, and a Wii.

“[Volunteers] bring a seasonal craft each time we go, for them to have something special and different,” Cherry said.

“Sometimes the hospital asks us to actually go into the children’s rooms or go hold infants, which is always really fun.”

Many students may think that they don’t have time to leave campus on a Friday to volunteer, but most who have volunteered in the past have found that this specific off campus excursion provides students with the opportunity for a truly valuable and fun experience.

“I just love being able to do something different and just hang out with the kids. I learn so much from them, because even if they are very sick they are still so positive about life and generally very happy,” Cherry said.

“Most of them love being able to hang out with college kids and learning about what we do, rather than just hanging out with their parents all day.”

Those who are interested should contact Cherry at kacherry@ursinus.edu.

Students can also email the UCARE account with questions.

Outside of this specific opportunity provided by UCARE, the hospital website (StChristophersHospital.com) lists many other places within the hospital where individuals can volunteer.

Jablonsowski gains experience at Academy of Natural Sciences

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Tom Jablonowski, a senior environmental studies major with a minor in biology, interned at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia this past summer.

Jablonsowski worked full time in the live animal center where he maintained living arrangements for the collection of over 100 animals.

He also fed and practiced handling the animals.

He recaps the enjoyment of watching a pair of alligators jump up to be fed and the entertaining “antics” of Moluccan Cockatoo Benny. He also worked to “socialize” baby possums and skunks.

The Academy uses their animals for educational programs and staffs two full–time keepers to manage being in its space.

Jablonsowski discovered the internship through one of his professors, Richard Wallace.

He also networked with the employees at his internship and suggests that other students get to know those who they intern with to discover with whom, and in which job fields, they are connected.

Jablonsowski said he feels that his internship provided him with a perspective of a potential field of interest.

“Even though it’s not necessarily the exact job I would do, I feel like a lot of the skills I got from it will transfer over to other jobs working with animals or conservation, or field research,” Jablonowski said.

In the future, Jablonowski would like to do “something with conservation or birds.”

He will not seek a job as an animal keeper, as he has learned that an emphasis is placed on cleaning up after the animals.

He is considering working with behaviorally troubled pet birds. Jablonowski advises students to look into internships.

“Even if it turns out that you hate what you’re doing, at least you’ll find out that this isn’t the job for you and that can be just as valuable as finding out that what you’ve done over the summer is what you want to do for the rest of your life,” Jablonowski said.

Word on the Street

with Brooke Mitchell

“Do you think Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow today?”

Rhianon Fry
Business, 2015

“No, because it’s always raining.”

Latifah Waddy
MCS, 2012

“No, because I wish the warm weather would come sooner.”

Julia Westermierer
Biology, 2013

“Yes, because I heard on the news that we are supposed to have a longer winter.”
SOPA had right idea, but was misguided

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It does not take a genius to realize that online piracy is wrong. Stealing copyrighted property is in many ways stealing money from other people. But the Stop Online Piracy Act, or SOPA, which was introduced by Congressman Lamar Smith of Texas, is not the right way to go.

Few may be asking what SOPA is at this point. For those not in the know, SOPA was originally introduced in Oct. 2011 as a way to protect intellectual property.

For years, many artists, musicians, inventors, authors and entrepreneurs have been victims of copyright infringers who have used their work without their permission.

Without question, the rights of these hardworking innovators must be protected; however, the way SOPA intended to do so was not the right way. One of the worst aspects of the new law is the fact that entire websites can be blocked simply because of a single post.

Think about that for one moment - because one user decides to post material that does not comply with the law, the entirety of major websites such as Youtube and Facebook can be shut down.

If one errant post was capable of completely shutting down Youtube or Facebook, how much fear would there be among the people of the United States?

Supporters of the legislation have stated that the purpose of the legislation is not to muzzle social websites such as Youtube or Facebook, but in all honesty, if all copyrighted material was taken down from these websites, they would simply be a shell of their former selves.

Thus, when the English website for Wikipedia was blacked out on Jan. 18, one cannot blame them for being concerned about SOPA.

The fact that one mistake could possibly lead to the end of important social websites could easily prevent a person from truly speaking out and voicing his or her opinions.

Aside from social websites, the legislation could have had significant effects of investments. If a potential investor even had the slightest doubt of whether a new website was infringing on copyrighted material, he or she may think twice about investing in a company.

Besides, is it even practical to censor something as large as the internet?

If SOPA passed, there would have been the need to monitor every single website on the internet for potential copyright infringement.

How much would that cost? Surely the United States could use the funds for monitoring the web on more pressing concerns. Partly due to the outrage of large and influential companies such as Wikipedia and the outrage of millions of Americans, SOPA has so far been shelved.

Of course, there is always the possibility of the legislation returning to Congress in the near future.

Then, hopefully Congress will have modified the bill in such a manner that it protects the intellectual copyright of innovators while at the same time making sure that the internet is a free place where users never have to worry about having their favorite websites shut down due to copyright infringement.

The search to find a middle ground in which everyone leaves happy will be long, difficult, and perhaps even near impossible.

However, one thing remains certain: if you exchange liberty for whatever one considers “security” you get neither.

Major and Minor Expo offers great information

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At the Major/Minor Expo on Jan. 24, 2012, representatives from each academic department here at Ursinus College came out to let students know how a specific major is beneficial to them and the best way to go about completing a major in their desired field of study.

Professors and students alike, in their respective majors, gathered to share information with any student that had a question or expressed a desire to pursue a certain major. Information was provided to students on how to go about choosing a major and the best way in which to begin planning for the future.

First on the list was the mathematics and computer science table. On the top 10 list of up-and-coming jobs, a math major or minor is necessary. A mathematician is not simply a specialist in algebra or geometry, but can range from biomathematics, systems analysis, actuarial sciences, computer programming, information technology, pure mathematics, teaching, law, consulting, commodity management, public health, and business.

Ursinus boasts a 100 - percent acceptance rate to graduate school for its math majors, at such prestigious universities as Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Lehigh, Jefferson, North Carolina, and Clemson.

Another prevalent major in the sciences is neuroscience. This diverse field encompasses nearly every other type of major, and has the biggest need for majors or minors- and that need is growing every day.

Percentage wise, the pressure to find effective means of treatment, both counseling and clinical, is growing as the population is getting older, therefore the need will never expire.

A major or minor in this field allows for a diverse range of opportunities, and Ursinus neuroscience majors have gone on to continue their education at such venues as West Point. Right now, there are 45 neurology majors here at Ursinus College.

The American Heart Association is looking for researchers and clinical workers that can increase awareness and lead treatments anywhere from prevention to a cure. An ESS minor or major allows for such opportunities as being a gym teacher or other type of physical fitness counselor. As a result, this major is becoming more and more popular.

The benefits of being a theatre or dance major/minor are often overlooked; however, majoring/minoring in either of these fields actually offers many benefits. When pairing theater or dance with other majors and minors, one expands the options for their career.

Along with the benefit of being able to do something that is fun and loved by the one pursuing the theatre or dance major/minor, it also appeals to employers in all fields. A theater or dance major/minor stands out amongst a pool of other applicants.

Paired with another major or minor, it really shows the applicant’s capability to juggle a lot and it shows their strong desire to pursue their passion as well. Philosophy is another major/minor that many students are often skeptical about. Philosophy is actually a very good major or minor to pursue because it can be applied to many different job fields.

This major prepares students for analytical thinking and employers are impressed by their skill to take many different perspectives on any given subject matter. Biomedical Ethics and Business Ethics are among some of the courses offered to philosophy majors/minors showing that philosophy really is useful in various different fields. Education at Ursinus is not offered as a major, but it is offered as a minor. A minor in Education will not grant one a teaching certificate but is a useful accompaniment with majors such as psychology, business, and international relations.

Since there are many jobs where employers are looking for people who are eligible to teach and communicate effectively, an education minor is a good thing to have.

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— Kelsey McHaffey & Sarah Godfrey
Senior Spotlight: Sean Whelan, Football

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For most Ursinus football players, Nov. 12, 2011 marked the end of their season. For the senior class, this day marked the last game of their collegiate careers; however, one senior still had one more game left to play.

Senior Sean Whelan was one of five Ursinus football players to be named to the All ECAC-South Regional team, as he was named to the first team. Whelan also garnered first team all Centennial Conference honors as a defensive end for the 6-4 Bears in 2011.

Whelan’s successful season earned him an invitation to play in the Hansen Bowl, a small college senior all star game, which featured some of the region’s top Division II and Division III talent.

When asked about the game Whelan had nothing but positive things to say.

“It was an amazing experience, there were a lot of really good players. They had more Division II players than we did so we felt like the underdogs,” said Whelan.

Adversity was a common theme throughout Whelan’s football career and the Hansen Bowl was no different.

“I actually had to play linebacker. I had played defensive line here at Ursinus and I had to re-learn how to play linebacker. It had been awhile [since I played linebacker],” said Whelan.

Challenges like this were nothing new to the 6 - foot - 1 inch, 210 pound Whelan, who is seen as being below average size for his position.

“It’s funny, my dad thought I looked small out there compared to some of the other guys, but I was actually able to fit in and do pretty well,” said Whelan.

“It was a lot of fun and it was different since there was just so much talent on the field we were able to substitute players in and out without missing a beat. We did a great job; they kicked a few field goals but never crossed the goal line which was pretty rewarding,” said Whelan, who described his playing style as aggressive but smart.

“I study a lot of film looking for anything that gives me an advantage,” said Whelan.

This strategy clearly worked for Whelan considering all the success he has had in his collegiate career.

Particularly one game from this past season stuck out in Whelan’s memory.

“My best game as an individual was probably in the Susquehanna game. I had four sacks that game, but more importantly they came out talking a lot of trash on us and it was nice to really stick it to them at their own field,” Whelan said.

Looking back on the past season, Whelan says he will miss the camaraderie of his fellow teammates the most.

“There is no better feeling than going out there to play with the eleven guys on your side of the ball.”

It is clear that Whelan has many fond memories of his football career at Ursinus.

Whether it was sacking the quarterback, working hard with his team, or even receiving his pre-game chest-bump from fellow teammate Seth Cardene, Whelan’s career has been a memorable one.

The Hansen Bowl was a nice end to his career as a player; however, Whelan’s football journey is not yet over. Whelan’s love of the game has inspired him to become a coach in the future.

“I am not ready to give the game up, in fact I plan to become a coach. I feel like I need to give back to football since it has been such a big part of my life,” said Whelan.

No matter what Whelan plans to do, one can only assume that he will attack it with that same aggressiveness that he utilized during his career as an Ursinus Bear.

Buckley’s bears battle through adversity

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When asked what the team’s goals were when entering the stretch of winter vacation games, head women’s basketball Coach Jim Buckley responded with only one item in mind; ironing out the kinks to the team.

Buckley’s winter break adjustment was actually able to fit in and do pretty well,

When asked what the team’s order from the team’s roster, and picking up the added responsibility of coming up with a reworked dynamic to the team.

This entailed players both playing in unfamiliar positions and picking up the additional responsibility of playing more minutes each game.

With such a potentially devastating change occurring right in the middle of the season, the vacation games served as a much needed trial for the transitioning team.

“We used the tournament as a sort of testing ground to see exactly what direction we wanted to go in before we got back into conference play in January,” Buckley said.

Although the team experienced some difficulties, they performed admirably as could be expected given the situation, and Buckley was satisfied with their effort.

“Even though we lost, we did not play that poorly. I was pleased. After [those games] I felt as if we had turned a corner. We played hard. A lot of good things were happening on the floor and on the bench,” Buckley said.

Pitted against McDaniel in their first returning conference game, The Bears proved they could indeed achieve success with altered routine.

Buckley considered the 8 - point - victory to be a defining moment, referring to it as a solid game.

“It indicated that in fact we could get out in front, we could deal with teams making runs at us, and we were resilient enough and had enough resolve that we could turn it around, reverse it, and go on to win,” Buckley said.

When asked about his biggest goal for the remainder of the season, Coach Buckley responded, without the slightest hint of hesitation that the conference playoffs were on his mind.

“Obviously the number one goal is to get to the NCAA tournament, but before you do that you have to get into the [conference] playoffs. So that’s the task that faces us now and we’ve got a tough road ahead. We’ve got 7 games left - we’re tied for fourth with 2 other teams. It’s going to go right down to the last game,” said Buckley.

Given the team’s current position within the conference, and their current four game winning streak, it appears as though Buckley’s winter break adjustments have the Bears back on track, and headed toward his goal.
Ursinus community remembers Daniel Glover

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The Ursinus College community is mourning the loss of Daniel Glover, class of 2012, a former wrestler and member of the school's Alpha Phi Epsilon fraternity.

Glover passed away on Monday after injuries sustained in a car accident.

Glover, known as Danny to his friends and teammates, was a member of the Ursinus College wrestling team.

From Bergenfield, N.J., Glover was a third-place finisher at the 2010 Centennial Conference wrestling championships at the 141 pound weight class.

He also finished second that season at the prestigious Petrofes Invitational and was also a third-place finisher at the Citrus Invitational that season, compiling a 4-1 dual meet record in the Centennial Conference.

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Senior wrestler and co-captain Alex Blank remembered his teammate Monday as a man who was not only strong on the mats but in the campus community.

"To say Danny was an all-around guy, a friend, and a teammate, would be an understatement in that it does not encompass everything this young man had to offer," Blank said.

"He had the innate ability to connect with everyone in a meaningful manner. He made it so that you were not just friends with him but made a point to ensure that your relationship was unique. He was quick to lend a hand when you needed help and if you were younger to take you under his wing to show you the ropes."

Even though Glover had graduated, the wrestling family was still there with him in the last week, as teammates and coaches were by his bedside throughout the week.

Ursinus College alum, Dr. Chuck Odgers, who also wrestled for coach Racich at Ursinus, was helping with Glover's care at Paoli Hospital.

Even after Glover's death, his giving spirit and willingness to help others will live on.

Glover is an organ donor and at least five people will benefit from his donation, including a coach from his hometown.

"At Ursinus we promote unity amongst the various groups on campus; there is no individual who could bring people together better than Danny Glover," Blank said.

"People would flock to his electric personality and in the process would meet new friends and create new relationships. Teachers and students alike loved him and his presence at Ursinus will always be remembered and greatly missed."

In addition, Damion Logan who serves as an assistant coach at the Stevens Institute of Technology is working on setting up donations in Glover's memory.

Logan owns the Apex Wrestling Club in North Jersey, where Glover is from.

"His contributions to the Ursinus College wrestling program will last forever," Racich said.

Funeral arrangements for Glover have yet to be announced.

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