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Berman Director announces departure

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On Tuesday April 3, President Fong announced via email to the Ursinus community that long time Director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art, Lisa Hanover, would be leaving Ursinus at the end of June to take over as Chief Executive Officer and Director of The James Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa.

Hanover will be taking over for Bruce Katsiff, who has been the Director of The Michener Art Museum since 1989. Hanover said that she began looking into this position after she received a request for an interview from The Michener Art Museum. In an email Hanover said, "After meeting with board members, museum staff, and donors, I was offered the position, which I enthusiastically accepted."

The news of Hanover’s move to The Michener Art Museum was also big news in the city of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Inquirer and various other news outlets, including MSNBC, featured stories about The Michener Art Museum’s hiring of Hanover. However, this publicity at such a large scale did not faze Hanover, who said that works from the Berman have been featured in the Philadelphia Inquirer on several other occasions.

The Michener Art Museum, which opened in 1989, strives to preserve and display artwork by the people of Bucks County. Hanover said that she is looking forward to working in this different environment and is excited for the new challenges that await her at The Michener Art Museum.

Hanover came to Ursinus 25 years ago after former Ursinus president Dick Richter called and asked her to consider taking the position as director of The Berman Museum of Art and invited her to Ursinus to meet Philip and Muriel Berman. Hanover came to Ursinus and met with the Bermans, Ursinus faculty, and board members and saw that the college wanted to see the museum take off successfully. Three months after the call from Richter, Hanover, moved from California all the way to Pennsylvania where she began her journey as the Director of the Berman.

Although Hanover is enthusiastic about her new position at The Michener Art Museum, she admitted that she would be sad to say goodbye to Ursinus. "It has been my home for almost 25 years," Hanover said. "I have seen the college grow and evolve physically and programmatically and have worked with three great presidents."

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‘Lantern’ celebrates 81 years

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Last Wednesday, April 11 marked the release of this year’s edition of the Ursinus’ literary magazine, The Lantern. Student contributors, the magazine’s editorial staff, faculty members, and non-affiliated spectators gathered in Bomberger auditorium at 4:30 p.m. to commemorate the launch.

According to Dr. Jon Volkmer, faculty advisor to The Lantern, “2012 marks the 81st year of publication of The Lantern.” Volkmer added that “The Lantern is the showcase for the visual art, poetry and prose of Ursinus students. The works run the gamut from heartbreaking to hilarious—but always, always of the highest quality.”

After an introduction by Volkmer, senior head editor Sarah Schwolsky stepped up to the podium. She thanked Dr. Volkmer and her editorial staff before paying tribute to this year’s contributing student writers, artists, and photographers.

“I want to thank you all for having the guts to submit,” Schwolsky said.

With the help of senior Amanda Blythe, production editor for this year’s Lantern, the cover image was displayed on a projection screen in the background for the audience. The image was taken by senior Lindsay Hogan, and was praised by Schwolsky as it “highlights the importance of imagination and wonder.”

Three other prize winners were announced during the event: The Prose prize went to Quinn Gilman-Forlini for “II Travatore,” judged by David Munro who received an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. The Poetry Prize went to Arielle Ross for her poem “Frangipani,” judged by Doris Ferleger, PH.D. Ferleger is an award-winning poetry and essayist.

Finally, the Creager Award, endowed in honor of Alfred L. Creager, ‘33 is for excellence in creative writing. The award is given to the student each year who contributes the best work, either in fiction, poetry, or non-fiction to a campus publication. This year that award went to "Ghost Story" by Amanda Blythe.

Each judge came to the podium and read a little bit about why they chose each work. The writers of each piece then came to the podium and read either a part or the entirety of their works for the audience. Schwolsky called upon several other students who were not prize winners to read parts of their works as well.

At the end of the launch event, copies of this year’s Lantern were distributed to audience members as they left the auditorium.

For those who could not attend the event but still want a copy of The Lantern, look around campus. Boxes have been distributed to most of the academic buildings, as well as Wismer.

Correction

Last week’s issue of The Grizzly contained incorrect information in the UCDC article. The program, titled “Preludes for a New Generation,” premieres tonight at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday, April 21. Tomorrow’s performance will also begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater. Saturday’s show will be held at 3 p.m.

The article also credited former visiting artist Melissa Chiessna and former faculty members Chris Aiken and Cathy Young, who have not contributed to this semester’s performance.

This semester’s show features works by guest artists Nicole Wolcott and Marilyn Sekou Sylla. The program is directed by Visiting Professors of Dance Peter DiMuro and Meredith Lyons.

We apologize for these factual errors and any inconvenience they have caused.
Terror attacks in Kabul, Syrian government resumes hostilities, North Korean rocket launch fails

Rocket launch failure

Friday, April 13
PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA –
Defying warnings from other countries, North Korea launched a controversial long-range rocket on Friday, but it broke apart before escaping the earth’s atmosphere and fell into the sea.

Although there were no obvious negative impacts of the launch, international ramifications against North Korea could be significant. Some say that the launch’s apparent failure suggests that the threat from North Korea had been exaggerated.

For North Korea to admit failure is unusual; in the past, state media has reported that failed launches were successful.

The government claimed that the purpose of Friday’s launch was to put an observational satellite into orbit, but the U.S., South Korea, and other countries saw the launch as a cover-up for a ballistic missile test.

(CNN.com)

Terrorists target Kabul

Sunday, April 15
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN – At least 11 police officers and five civilians were injured and 19 insurgents killed in brazen terrorist attacks on foreign and Afghan targets in Afghanistan’s capital and eastern provinces on Sunday.

Although there were no obvious negative impacts of the attack, widespread panic in Kabul, but some, including U.S. officials, are skeptical that the Taliban actually carried out the attack and suggested that Pakistani terrorist network Haqqani may be to blame.

(LA Times Online)

Shooter claims self-defense

Monday, April 16
OSLO, NORWAY –
The man accused of killing 77 people last summer in Norway admitted Monday that he had committed the acts, but said that he was not guilty, claiming that he had done it in self-defense.

The trial of Anders Behring Breivik began Monday in Oslo, Norway, and is expected to last up to 10 weeks.

If convicted, he may not receive the maximum punishment if he is also deemed insane.

He was charged last month with committing acts of terror and voluntary homicide.

Last summer, eight people died in a bomb blast in Oslo, and 69 people, many of them teenagers, were killed during a shooting spree at a Labor Party summer camp on Utoya Island.

Authorities have described increased attacks on opposition fighters on Monday, resuming shelling and arrests in several cities, threatening to break an already fragile five-day-old cease-fire agreement.

A small-group of United Nations monitors began work in Damascus, also on Monday, in an attempt to enforce the truce agreement, which was brokered by U.N. peace envoy Kofi Annan.

His plan won unanimous approval within the U.N. Security Council. Although the violence is still less than before the ceasefire, it has steadily increased each day since the truce took effect Thursday morning.

If the truce holds, Syrian forces will withdraw and U.N. monitors will be deployed, political prisoners will be released, humanitarian aid and journalists will be given greater access, and there will be a Syrian-led political dialogue that would ultimately lead to national elections.

(Wall Street Journal)

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Hanover’s colleagues will miss Hanover, but are excited for her and her new journey.

Susan Shifrin, the Berman Museum’s Associate Director for Education, said, “I am delighted for Lisa. I believe that the move to the James Michener Museum will be a very positive and invigorating next step for her, and that The Michener Museum will benefit tremendously.”

Furthermore, Shifrin, who praised Hanover, said, “It has been an honor, a privilege, and a complete pleasure to work with Lisa during the past decade.”

In order to replace Hanover, Hanover’s boss, Jill Marsteller, the Senior Vice President for Advancement, will organize a search committee to find a new director for the Berman Museum of Art.

Shifrin said that President Fong would like to see a new director by fall of this year.

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International News

Breivik as a right-wing Christian extremist.
Two court-appointed psychiatric experts said that he was sane at the time of the alleged crimes.

Breivik has claimed that the shooting rampage was meant to save Norway from “multicultural forces” and to prevent “ethnic cleansing” of Norwegians.

(CNN.com)

Cease-Fire broken in Syria

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(Wall Street Journal)
### Professors host Facebook discussion in New Hall

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The question that sparked the hour and a half conversation last Tuesday night was: "So do you remember your first time on Facebook?" The group of students immediately started to reminisce and share stories that took them back to a time during their high school years, just after Myspace started to decline in popularity and when Facebook was becoming a phenomenon across college campuses throughout the world.

"There's No Shame in MY Facebook Game!" was a discussion led by Professors Dr. Lynne Edwards and Dr. Carlita Favero. Although the professors had different reasons for leading the discussion, both wanted the students to gain a heightened awareness about the contrast between private and public information to put on the internet and how to handle professional relationships online, and offline.

Dr. Edwards is part of a NSF Grant that allows her to look at cyber bullying, so the Facebook topic is something that has become a priority for her to talk about with students. Dr. Favero is part of the Faculty-in-Residence program and is always looking for fun and educational topics to discuss as part of her residency in New Hall.

The group was able to recall the original layout and how Facebook operated before they started advertising. "You had to be an active stalker before the newsfeed and actually go to people's pages to find out what they were doing" became the general consensus. It was very much unlike Myspace which was performance-oriented and a reflection of self—layout with badges and music were necessary if you wanted to gain more "friends," and taking pictures of yourself was exciting because the more comments you received, the more popular you seemed. However, when Facebook came along, people were more interested in simply commenting on each other's walls, poking, and joining their college networks. Personal information that users were asked to provide was very basic and, somewhat, less-intrusive.

After the group concluded that Facebook privacy was less of an issue back in its beginning stages, Dr. Edwards asked if there was a real distinction between private and personal information. Sophomore Doug Hickey believes that "there are different levels of privacy" and Senior Latifah Waddy asserted that, "the line between personal and private can be tricky...if I have personal information on Facebook that I don't want people to see, I just set it to private, but then again I do share some private information with close friends." Knowing what and how much personal information to share on Facebook is difficult and one must be willing to deal with the consequences if used improperly.

The topic, "Facebook ethics," arose in relation to privacy. The question was "how far would you go to help a stranger? Would you warn a Facebook friend if you saw compromising photos that they didn't know about?" The group of students and the profs agreed that people have gotten too comfortable with internet sharing that the rules that constitute friendship have become so blurred. Each student also agreed that they would definitely let a Facebook friend know if they saw compromising photos of them in someone’s album, but the fact that privacy has gotten to the point of such extremes is a growing problem. The students discussed how easy it is for employers, family, and even professors to find information about them; any content a person puts on the internet, especially Facebook, is online forever and can at any moment be used against them. The content you choose to share is easier than ever to do, which makes it even more imperative to be wise when sharing.

Fueled by prizes and snacks for attending the discussion, each student was able to express the many upsides and downsides to living in a generation where Facebook has become of the main ways to build and maintain relationships with peers, co-workers, and family—all at the risk of losing rights to privacy that can never be returned from the world wide web.
Ursinus students promote autism awareness

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An advocate for Autism Awareness spoke in Olin Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday night thanks to Ursinus seniors Kelly Adams, Liz Van Horn, and Alison Kemper.

Director Keri Bowers discussed her film, "Normal People Scare Me," with Ursinus students.

Adams, Van Horn, and Kemper were given the task of bringing autism awareness to the campus for their Neurodiversity and the Autism Spectrum course, which coincides with autism awareness month.

The group was researching the student film, which was co-directed by Bowers and her son, Taylor Cross, who is autistic.

They came across the webpage, Normalfilms.com, which presents its viewers with more information about the film and contact information for Bowers.

Bowers considers herself to be an "advocate, speaker, seminar leader and filmmaker."

Under her contact information it states: "In these economically challenged times, Keri provides parents and professionals low and no cost strategies to build social and life skills."

At first, bringing Bowers to Ursinus seemed like a long shot.

The students never believed that the California native would actually come to Collegeville, but Adams decided to contact her, and got a reply.

"A week [after contacting her], Bowers emailed me and said she would be in Pennsylvania in April and wanted to know if her proposed date would work for us. [She] was very adamant about speaking on our tiny liberal arts campus when she released how close she would be in April," Adams said.

The video incorporates 65 interviews conducted by Cross. Cross interviews both autistic people, and his family and friends.

He asks participants about their feelings on autism and their experiences with it.

His interviews offer very blunt and straightforward answers elicited by the people being interviewed.

Some of the questions include, "How do you feel about being autistic?" and "Do you like being autistic?"

The documentary was featured on CNN, ABC, and PBS, among many other places.

Cross, now 23, and Bowers have made three films together and have increased autism awareness around the globe with their presentations and workshops.

Autism is very prevalent. For every 1,000 people, between 1 and 2 people are diagnosed with autism.

It is evident in social interactions and communication. Autism appears during infancy or early childhood and its signs develop gradually.

There is still much that needs to be researched on this disorder, but researchers do know that this disorder affects information processing in the brain.

Sufferers of this disorder experience problems in social development, communication and often indulge in repetitive behavior.

The students involved will be selling buttons at the talk with the phrase, "Ursinus students scare me," on them to raise awareness.

The event was sponsored by the Psychology Club and Skin We're In in an attempt to draw a larger audience.

Bowers was delighted that students were working to spread autism awareness on campus.

"[The girls] took on something bigger than themselves and [it's] going to be great," Bowers said.

A passion for historical re-enactments

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Eric Pfeiffer, a junior history major at Ursinus claims he has been re-enacting the Civil War since he was 15, a year before the minimum age requirement.

His regiment, the 150th Pennsylvania Company F, were severely low on men and were willing to take him on.

"It's really unusual to see a 15-year-old re-enacting. Most of the men who reenact are really old and fat, so I really stood out," Pfeiffer said.

The majority of the re-enactors are history teachers or professors, and they normally would teach during the week and then re-enact during the weekends.

"It was great learning from teachers about the aspects of the war while re-enacting together, and you could tell that they really enjoyed what they were doing," Pfeiffer said.

Although the men Pfeiffer re-enacted with added kindling to his passion for history, a trip to Gettysburg initially sparked his interest in the Civil War.

"My family and I went out to Gettysburg, and the one thing I remember from that trip is my parents bought me a bag of Civil War soldiers. I remember sitting in the hotel room and lining them up and recreating the battles," Pfeiffer said.

After that trip to Gettysburg, a whole world of history opened up to Eric.

He started watching Davy Crockett videos, playing an imaginary game he called "army," and making pretend battle plans.

"The best times as a kid were when my dad would play army with me in our backyard and he'd be a general and we would fight in battle," Pfeiffer said.

Today, Pfeiffer has been re-enacting for six years.

He said there are about eight re-enactments each year, and he tries his best to make it to each one.

"Pfeiffer said re-enactments entail wearing historically accurate clothing including a haversack and a canteen, and bringing a rifle with blank charges.

The blank charges are used in order to make a loud, bullet-like sound, but nothing actually comes out of the gun.

Pfeiffer said the blank charges are mostly for the audience's entertainment and to make the battles seem more realistic.

The heavy wool uniforms are not a deterrent for Pfeiffer even in the heat.

Pfeiffer said he attended a re-enactment a couple of years ago in June and the weather was brutal.

"All of the re-enactors, including me, were in the sun all day and once your canteen is empty, it's not pleasant. That night I got really sick and found out I had heat stroke," Pfeiffer said.

Although Pfeiffer's passion for history would die hard, he said he was not always willing to admit it.

"In high school, I thought it was uncool to re-enact and I hid it from everyone," Pfeiffer said.

That notion of history being "uncool" carried with Pfeiffer until his sophomore year of college.

He said as a freshman he attempted becoming an International Relations major, a Biology major, and/or a Politics major.

Pfeiffer said he was unsure of a History major's future and thought there were more practical courses of study.

"It's one of those things that you kind of have to come to terms with being willing to be a History major and realizing that you don't really have a passion for International Relations or Biology. You're not going to get six figures [pay], but at least you'll be happy doing what you want to do," Pfeiffer said.

And re-enacting makes Pfeiffer happy, he said.

"I plan on re-enacting until I can't walk anymore. I plan on doing it for the rest of my life," Pfeiffer said.
Hon. Richard Murphy addressed campus

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Yesterday, Wednesday, April 18, American diplomat Richard W. Murphy visited campus to speak in the Musser Auditorium in Pfahler Hall.

Richard William Murphy was born July 29, 1929 in Boston, Mass., and served 34 years in the U.S. Foreign Service before retiring in 1989.

After graduating from The Roxbury Latin School in 1947, Ambassador Murphy received A.B. degrees from Harvard University in 1951 and from Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge in 1953.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

The first postings of Ambassador Murphy's career were to Salisbury in the former Southern Rhodesia, Beirut, Lebanon, Aleppo, Syria, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and Amman, Jordan.

In 1968 he was named country director for the Arabian Peninsula and director of personnel for the Bureau of Near Eastern affairs.

From 1983 to 1989, he served as Secretary of State for Near East and South Asian affairs, taking an active role in the Israeli-Arab peace talks.

President Nixon nominated him as ambassador to Mauritania in 1971 and in 1974 he became ambassador to Syria.

He also served as the ambassador to the Philippines and Saudi Arabia later in his career. In 1985 he was named career ambassador, a title given to only five ambassadors serving at any given time.


He is a trustee of the American University of Beirut, and often commenates for NPR, CNN, BBC and FOX News.


Word on the Street
with Brooke Mitchell
Senior Edition

“What do you plan to do after you graduate?”

Liz Van Horn
Psychology, 2012

“I am getting my master’s in developmental psychology for educators at the Teachers College, Columbia University.”

Jeremy Greco
Psychology, 2012

“I am going to Boston University School of Public Health to get my master’s degree.”

Jason Mullins
IR/History, 2012

“I’m getting my master's in international affairs from George Washington University’s Elliot School of Internation Affairs focusing on international security in Middle Eastern cities.”

Meerbergen co-leads therapy sessions in Pottstown

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Jason Meerbergen, a psychology major in his junior year set to graduate next fall, interned at Creative Health Services, Inc. in Pottstown, PA this past summer.

He worked in the Mental Health and Intensive Outpatient Program.

Meerbergen was responsible for co-leading group therapy sessions with trained social workers, therapists, and psychologists for people with severe mental disorders like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder.

“You definitely have to be personable, and have people-skills to work in this kind of environment. This isn’t limited to just ‘normal’ people-skills but also [requires] understanding how to work with people who are abnormal as far as their cognition’s concerned,” Meerbergen said.

Meerbergen also needed to be “caring” and “empathetic” in regards to patients and their circumstances.

Additionally, being “driven” was important in this environment.

“You were kind of given as much responsibility as you want there,” Meerbergen said.

After his first few weeks interning, he started to watch the staff do intakes (a clinical interview given to new patients) and observe staff meetings.

He also began updating treatment plans, essentially recording the goals set for patients, ranging from daily walks to practicing relaxation techniques, something care facilities must manage and record for insurance purposes.

Thanks to interning, Meerbergen now has a great reference and contact.

“By the time that I was finished with my internship, the director of the outpatient program and my advisor said she would be more than happy to write any kind of grad school recommendation letters I needed and that when I graduated I was welcome to come back for a job,” Meerbergen said.

Since experiencing a clinical and outpatient environment, Meerbergen has determined that he is not as passionate about the field as he originally considered himself to be, but these kinds of discoveries are what internships are for.

He is now provided with a new direction and insight into his interests.

“I really did enjoy my time there. I just couldn’t see myself doing that for the rest of my life,” Meerbergen said.

Meerbergen plans to apply for a PhD program in industrial and organizational psychology and go into human resources and consulting work to help people redesign their businesses to make them more effective and design training programs for their employees.

“I’m passionate about helping others. The thing for me was that I wanted to see people get better and it’s really difficult to be making progress with a patient over the course of a month and then they have one bad day and they end up back in the hospital,” Meerbergen said.

He advises students looking for internships to stay on top of it.

“Start as early as possible. Don’t ever just apply to one, and bank on it. Make as many contacts as possible. Just by getting into contact with people, even if you don’t end up getting the internship, [by] passing your resume through to them, you can make really good contacts,” Meerbergen said.
Obama will need help come November


Of that group, President Obama has the highest unemployment rate, which happens to be the only one of the foursome above eight percent, and the second lowest GDP growth at 1.2 percent which trails only Carter’s -3 percent growth.

“His numbers are not good at all and his campaign realizes that,” said Zeleny. “That is one of the reasons why his campaign opened its doors for a sinus more than a year ago and have been trying to round up all of the people who voted for him last time, but they need more than that, because a lot of those people won’t vote for him again.”

If the way this process helps anyone now, it is Romney. While he always had a problem catering to the far right voters who made up the “anybody but Romney” block in the Republican nomination process, the general election is another animal.

In the general election, the independents are the group that Obama and Romney will have to win over. According to the latest Gallup poll, Romney is ahead 47-45, which shares the sentiment that Romney is ahead by a slim margin.

However, the big news in the Gallup poll shows independents in Romney’s corner by a 6 point margin, 45 to 39.

As syndicated columnist George Will once stated, “every (baseball) team that goes to spring training knows it is going to win 60 games and lose 60 games. You fight the entire season over the middle 42 games. The middle 42 games are analogous to the swing voters in this country. The question is how competitive will the Republicans be with that swing vote.”

According to the Gallup poll, the answer seems to be well. Much is and will be due to Romney’s ability to appeal to the swing voters during a time of economic recession by conveying his image as a successful businessman at Bain Capital and a problem-fixer who helped prevent the 2002 Winter Olympics from becoming an economic nightmare.

While these aspects are certainly positives for Romney with independent voters, President Obama’s numbers have proven to be of far greater importance, and will continue to do so until November 6th when Americans decide whether they want their country to follow the lead of the 44th or 45th President of the United States.

New York City isn’t all it’s cracked up to be

New York City is vastly overrated. Let me explain why.

Reason One: Being a self-professed connaisseur à la carbs, I was eager to wolf down the greatly-touted soft pretzels that have become iconic of New York.

However, a few food carts later, I remained greatly disappointed. The NY soft pretzel is a cold mass of bread, either blanketed in crystals of salt or completely dry. I immediately began to have separation anxiety from Philly Pretzel Factory’s delicious nuggets.

Reason Two: Vehicular homicide. Call me crazy, but I would rather not die at the age of nineteen. However, the people of New York appear to be a rare breed of kamikaze soldiers and do not share this sentiment. Throwing caution to the wind, they cross the streets whilst yapping on cell phones, completely oblivious the speeding yellow taxis skidding around them by a narrow margin.

Being cautious does not safeguard one’s life either. Even after waiting for the glowing red hand to change, I was still almost mowed down by a bus of tourists speeding to take pictures of the coffee shops Kim Kardashian is rumored to have lattes in and the liquor stores Lindsay Lohan buys her 6-packs.

I had numerous near-death experiences trying to negotiate the NYC walkways.

Apparently to New York drivers, pedestrians are only speed bumps.

Reason Three: While every city has a conglomeration of repugnant characters, New York City seems to be the epicenter of this scum-dominated.

My butt was copped on multiple occasions, which is sad, considering my butt is so flat it is practically inverted.

In addition, walking back to our hotel I was offered a summer job—although not the summer internship my resume desperately needs.

Yes, the bouncer attempted selling us on a summer job at Flashdance gentleman’s club.

Stripper?

As tempting as that sounds, self-degradation is not a quality I was looking to adopt. And I’m not sure swinging about on a pole is the type of experience law schools are looking for.

The many questionable characters that seemed to flock to New York City made any outing in the city far less enjoyable.

Reason Four: The exorbitant prices of... well, everything.

 Fruit? Three dollars for a mushy brown banana, and an actual meal could not be obtained without emptying one’s life savings.

While I would begin with food (heralding back to my ‘11 pass on the entire Factory’s), the question is how explaining why New York City is far from being the “greatest city on Earth” as some exotl explain.
Class of 2012 athletes leave holes to fill

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In just a few short weeks the Class of 2012 will take part in their commencement ceremony on the lawn of the Ursinus College campus.

With this graduation, the athletic department will say goodbye to what is undoubtedly one of the more individually storied athletic classes in the history of the college.

Team captains and numerous loyal members to each of the 24 varsity athletic programs on campus will depart ushering in a new year and a new era for athletics at Ursinus.

There were countless All Conference honorees and several school records broken by members of the Class of 2012, not to mention a number of regionally and nationally recognized student-athletes.

"In all my years as [an] SID, I have never seen a group of seniors accomplish so much. I've also never seen a group of seniors be very supportive of their fellow student-athletes," said Sports Information Director James Wagner.

The following represents a subsection of the men and women who will leave some of the biggest figurative shoes to fill for fall sports coaches, as they complete their spring practice seasons and prepare for camp in early August.

The football team will say goodbye to what is undoubtedly one of the more individually storied athletic programs on campus.

"I have never seen a group of seniors accomplish so much. I know my class has been looking forward to this trip for three years so we are just really excited that it is finally here," said Pappas.

Going overseas and playing in a big tournament is no easy task. It might not seem that different considering the rules are the same, however, there are many important factors to consider.

"I think it will be a big difference. I know from playing in Australia that it's just a whole different game, they have been playing their entire lives and it will be much different than what we are used to playing against. I think it will definitely be tougher and we will have to make some adjustments but it will most definitely be a lot of fun," said Pandl.

Of course the trip is not all work; the team still has some down time to enjoy themselves and take in the abroad experience.

"We will be exploring and learning about the different culture. Everyone is really excited to go to a new country and try things that we wouldn't have planned to do ourselves if we were going there on our own, such as exploring caves and trying different foods than what we are used to," Pappas said.

Not only is it a learning experience, but also an important opportunity for the team to bond and grow together.

"We will be touring in the three different countries that we will visit. Going on these tours will not only allow us to get to know and experience some of the European culture but also allow for a lot of time for team bonding, which is always important," Pandl said.

This overseas tournament is a true opportunity for the team to prepare for the 2012 season.

They aim to improve upon their successful season and look forward to next year where they will look to continue the Ursinus field hockey tradition of striving for a championship run.

Pete Gallagher's seniors will leave with the achievement résumé of senior linebacker Greg Martell.

Martell, who has been a staple in the Bears' defensive lineup since 2009, led the team in tackles in each of the last three seasons. In 2011, Martell finished fifth in the conference with 87 total tackles. Defensive coordinator Ed Lynett will look to a number of returning players including Mike Klaizas and Brian Taylor to fill the void left by Martell.

Pappas also spoke highly of the team's preparation and the excitement that goes along with big trips like this.

"We have been training all winter and spring to make sure that we are in shape and can keep up in the games. We have also all just been really excited and I know my class has been looking forward to this trip for three years so we are just really excited that it is finally here," said Pappas.

Going overseas and playing in a big tournament is no easy task. It might not seem that different considering the rules are the same, however, there are many important factors to consider.

"I think it will be a big difference. I know from playing in Australia that it's just a whole different game, they have been playing their entire lives and it will be much different than what we are used to playing against. I think it will definitely be tougher and we will have to make some adjustments but it will most definitely..."
The women’s field hockey team had an excellent season in 2011 to say the least.

The Lady Bears had an impressive 9-1 record in the Centennial Conference, a run that carried into the postseason where the team defeated Johns Hopkins and Franklin and Marshall to become conference champions.

The team was not done, however, as they earned a bid to the NCAA championship tournament.

Fighting hard every game, the Bears defeated Christopher Newport, Messiah, and Salisbury before being defeated at the hands of TCNJ, losing 2-0, in the national semifinals.

The team works hard every offseason in order to improve upon their previous success, and this summer the team will be changing things up a bit, as they will be taking a trip overseas to Europe for some international training and competition.

At the tournament, the Lady Bears will compete against club teams from Holland as well as a few local teams. This tournament provides an opportunity for the women to improve themselves as a unit before the next Centennial Conference season.

This unique opportunity is something the team is looking forward to.

It will be the first time this team takes the field without the seniors from last season. Defender Jennifer Pappas is a returning starter and is looking forward to the trip.

"I think this really gives the team a chance to play together and grow stronger as a team. We will be able to improve our skills because we will have extra time than just the spring season and our own summer training to work together on the field in a real game situation," Pappas said.

"We will also be playing a lot of tough competition that we aren’t used to which will help increase our confidence in the fall when we play tougher teams like Messiah and TCNJ," Pappas said.

Midfielder Rachel Pandl is another junior from last season looking to take charge and lead the team next year.

She too believes the tournament overseas is a great opportunity and provides many benefits.

"I believe this trip will provide a lot of benefits for our team to grow and get a glimpse of what things we may need to fix and can work on over the summer. Having this opportunity to play overseas against great competition can really challenge our individual skills as well as our team as a whole. Being able to come into pre-season knowing things we may need to work on a little more can help us to spend our pre-season time wisely before the games start," Pandl said.

While this tournament helps the team work together and mold, it is not necessarily the best indicator of how the season will go.

In fact, the Bears use it as an opportunity to find out any weaknesses they might have and improve on them before the season begins.