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Ursinus welcomes new dean

At this year’s Academic Convocation, Dr. Lucien “Terry” Winegar officially began his career as Ursinus’ new Dean of the College and Vice President for Academic Affairs with some words of wisdom for the freshman class of 2016.

“One of the things I said to them is that I hope by the time they graduate, they have reinvented themselves from first year students with all their hopes and goals into young adults who are responsible, competent citizens fully prepared for the next stage of their lives,” Winegar said. “And I think everyone will get there if they do what they need to do.”

After high school, Winegar’s own process of reinvention twisted and turned through three different liberal arts institutions and three different majors. Winegar would eventually complete his bachelor’s degree at St. Ambrose College but not until he transferred from another school, contemplated a political science major “for about ten minutes,” discovered anthropology, dropped out of college all together, and ultimately reimagined as a psychology major.

Winegar said his unconventional college career is one reason why he supports the retention rate initiatives of the Strategic Plan, the “road map” for continued growth at Ursinus established last fall under the leadership of President Fong.

“We recognize that not every student who comes to Ursinus will graduate in four years and sometimes there are good reasons for that. We want to be sure we are providing we are supporting students who want to do that, not creating obstacles for them,” Winegar said.

Winegar also hopes to promote faculty-student connections at Ursinus. He said he was able to reinvent himself at his own pace “under the wings” of professors willing mentor him along the way.

“As a student, I benefitted incredibly from some particular faculty members who allowed me to do a wide variety of things that I wouldn’t have been able to do otherwise,” Winegar said. “I recognize the educational power that committed relationships between faculty and students can bring and I think it’s the job of this office to support that in any way we can.”

Winegar went on to earn a master’s degree in Education and Child Development and a doctorate in Human Development from Bryn Mawr College. He said his experiences as a liberal arts student led him to become a liberal arts professor.

After completing his doctorate, Winegar taught at Haverford College before accepting a position in the psychology department at Randolph-Macon College. Winegar spent 13 years at Randolph-Macon, where he served as department chair, director of international studies, and assistant dean before becoming the dean of the School of Natural and Social Sciences at Susquehanna University.

Winegar’s desire to play a vital role within a college community drew him to the dean’s office.

“While I would miss working with students, the opportunity to ‘New dean’ continued on pg. 3

Wisiner changes

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Student’s concerns are growing about the recent changes in Wismer. According to Campus Facilities director Andrew Feick, the hours of Upper and Lower Wismer have changed, the hours of the C-Store have expanded, the Jazzman’s in Myrin has been replaced with vending machines and the Upper Wismer grill has become a “made to order” station.

Feick wrote in an email that Upper Wismer dining hours now run from 7:30-7 p.m. with the exception of Fridays when it closes at 6 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, there will now be an option for a continental breakfast. Continental breakfast will be 9-11 a.m. while brunch will occur from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the weekends, dinner will be from 3-6 p.m.

With the extended hours in Upper Wismer, there are fewer hours in Zach’s. Feick explained that the purpose of these changes was “to free the resources for adding continuous dining to Upper Wismer.”

The C-Store now has longer hours, opening at 8 a.m. and closing at 1 a.m. According to Feick, this was to allow students to get morning coffee and grab snacks late at night.

The Jazzman’s Cafe in Myrin Library has closed and two vending machines are being set up in its place. Feick said this should give students greater access to food and drink. According to the Dining Services website, students will be able to pay for vending machine items with Dining Dollars and Bear Bucks.

Students have made their opinions clear about the new system. Junior Tess Casper said that standing in line at the grill in Upper Wismer continued on pg. 2

Orientation update

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This year’s orientation included a few major changes from previous years and involved many Ursinus organizations. These included Peer Advocates, UCARE (Ursinus Center for Advocacy Responsibility and Engagement), and a collaborative effort between The Teaching and Learning Initiative and the Residence Life Office to educate students on how to succeed in the classroom.

One of the most noteworthy changes was the sexual awareness workshop for new students. The workshop involved a few Ursinus organizations, but was spearheaded by Peer Advocates. Peer Advocates is a recently formed group that educates students on the topic of sexual misconduct, as well as helping students who have experienced sexual misconduct.

Katie Cosner, an Ursinus senior and President of Peer Advocates, said, “For freshman orientation, we handpicked two programs. For the men we had a presentation called ‘1 in 4’, a more visceral presentation… the women saw a presentation called, ‘Hooking Up’ by Kathleen Bogel, a researcher at LaSalle University and it discussed how college life is often exaggerated by the media.”

Cosner also mentioned that, especially in the case of the men’s orientation continued on pg. 3
Changes in hours of operations have led to crowds at meal times in Lower Wismer. "Wismer" continued from pg. 1

Dr. Heinzl lecture

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The Center for Science and the Common Good will open Wednesday, Sept. 12, with a seminar from Doctors Without Borders Canada founder, Dr. Richard Heinzl at 7 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater.

Thanks to a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the Center is able to provide a series in which outside speakers can "encourage conversation about those issues that arise at the intersection of science and society," said Dr. Robert Dawley, Ursinus biology professor and co-director for the Center.

Heinzl, the first of these speakers, will not only be giving a presentation entitled, "Lessons from Abroad: The Opportunities of a Borderless World," but he will also be present on campus most of the day. Discussion panels will be held before the main lecture and following the presentation, Heinzl will be in the Bear’s Den for a meet-and-greet.

"He is an incredible individual with a lot of stories to tell," said Aubrey Paris, a sophomore and one of the student fellows of the Center for the Common Good, who have been putting up the quotations to promote Heinzl’s visit.

Heinzl’s book, "Cambodia Calling," describes his experiences abroad treating patients in the middle of a massive civil war. He overcame many obstacles but communication was one of his biggest barriers. His fellow doctors spoke a different language and communication issues led to failure in some cases.

Heinzl’s experience with the importance of communication expands beyond Cambodia and into his development of the Canadian chapter of Doctors Without Borders, a difficult endeavor which lacked support from the largely European organization that was reluctant to expand into North America.

One of the goals of the Center is to open communication between science majors and other disciplines and develop discussions among students about problems within the public sphere, Dawley said that Heinzl’s understanding of the importance of the openness between members of the community based on his experiences will make him a valuable and qualified speaker.

Beyond his experiences with Doctors Without Borders, Heinzl will address the need for leadership and exploration of other areas of interest besides one’s field or major.

Dr. Becky Kohn, Ursinus biology professor and project director for the Center for Science and the Common Good, said Heinzl will “specifically be gearing the talk towards students who aspire to something new with their lives... to break out and go beyond what the typical road is and do something novel and important.”

Dawley said that Heinzl will be an inspirational speaker to not only pre-med students and science majors, but to the entire campus.

“We’re hoping that all Ursinus students have goals in one way or another to act as leaders. This guy has had an important leadership position and he’s going to tell you how he did it,” Dawley said.

While the lecture is scheduled to happen in the Lenfest Theater, Paris said that the fellows are prepared to overflow to the Black Box Theater if necessary.

“It’s going to be a really memorable event,” Paris said. “I really think it’s an invaluable experience that will be unique for the campus community.”

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have a larger if less direct impact on their educa­tional experience was really attractive to me,” Winger said. “It’s also an opportunity to empower and to support faculty and other administrators at differ­ent stages in their careers.”

When he decided to move on to this new stage in his own career, Winger found Ursinus to be the perfect match for his professional goals.

“I had been looking for a place that has a strong reputation in terms of its academic quality but is also looking to move ahead,” Winger said. “I think Ursinus matches that in every single way.”

One highlight of his Ursinus experience thus far came when he served as a substitute teacher in the first CIE session held during freshman orientation.

“It was an incredible group of incoming stu­dents. I felt a real sense of loss that I wouldn’t be there for the rest of their semester’s journey be­cause they were so enthusiastic, so smart and they were so ready to go,” Winger said.

“Orientation” continued

“It was a discussion that we had...but we wanted to make the campus community aware,” Cosner said.

Director of campus safety Kim Taylor, however, was less pensive about the presentation.

“It was not a concern at all...I think for these subjects it’s hard to find the best way to get to a point across and this is the most effective way,” Taylor said.

The freshmen were also ex­posed to a presentation on how to succeed in the college classroom. This presentation was a collaborative effort involving The Teaching and Learning Ini­tiative (a program designed to enhance faculty performance through student critique) and Residence Life (specifically UC ambassadors and Residence Ad­visors).

Dr. Meredith Goldsmith, an English professor and director of TLI at Ursinus said, “We de­cided we would do an orienta­tion event where we would talk to students about how to succeed in the college classroom.”

The students were broken up into their Common Intellectual Experience classes and met with members of the TLI in addition to RA’s and UC ambassadors.

Missy Bryant, Director of First year programs, also played a big part in the orientation ef­fort. Bryant prepared the Ursinus students that met with the freshmen to discuss how to suc­ceed in a college classroom.

Bryant said, “The discus­sion leaders talked to freshmen about how to be a successful stu­dent...things like how to build relationships with professors, why it’s important to use office hours, talking about classroom etiquette or things that freshmen may be worried about or intimat­ed by when they walk into their first class.”

Bryant also mentioned that the sessions were “really well received,” and that she hopes the program will continue in following years.

Another program introduced this year was an effort to involve students in public service. Ac­cording to UCARE Assistant Director Liz Cannon, students were given the option of choos­ing a public service project to volunteer for. The projects in­cluded volunteering at Francis­vale Animal Shelter, Fellowship Farm, Trinity Church, Ursinus’ Organic farm, or Catholic Social Services.

“It was nice because it be­came a big piece of orienta­tion...and it serves as a bonding experience for our freshmen,” Cannon said.

Orientation also included the same activities that upperclass­men remember, like meetings with RAs, CIE events, and of course, an address by Dean of Students, Ms. Deborah Nolan.

“I actually enjoyed orienta­tion,” freshman Bill Ghall said.

Freshman Shawn Hartigan said, “My favorite part was that all of my questions about school and campus life were answered.”

“I’ve heard people say that lots of people are giving the same message...some see that as a criticism but I see that as a positive...repetition is usu­ally very effective,” Dean Nolan said. “We did also hear some feedback that students did not agree with everything that was said, which is also great. This is liberal arts and we all have dif­ferent opinions and for freshmen to challenge these different out­looks is definitely a success.”

In line with the Strategic Plan, Winger said he hopes to support future interdisciplinary endeavors like CIE and the new Center for Science and the Common Good “that can help students build interconnections in their understandings across disci­plines.”

When Winger is not working on campus, he can be found at his new Collegeville home reading, gardening, spending time with his family or play­ing the electric bass guitar in a band comprised of Susquehanna faculty.

“We have the name, it’s not my favorite, of Fac­ulty Lounge,” Winger said. “If you’re so inclined, you can actually find us on YouTube.”

Winger said the members of Faculty Lounge have been jamming together for ten years. The band has produced one album and currently has another in the works.

“We joke that we mostly play loud, fast rock ‘n’ roll music, some of it written by others and some of it written by us,” Winger said with a smile. “So work, music, people – that’s mostly what I do.”

Top stories from around the globe

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Israel calls for action against Iran

Tensions between Iran and Israel escalated this August as some speculate Israel is gearing towards a preemptive strike on Iran’s nuclear facilities. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad further fanned the flames by calling the Israeli government “an insult to humankind” in a speech given in Tehran last Friday. Iran maintains that its uranium enrichment facilities are “peaceful” and in accor­dance with international conventions, despite repeated demands by the UN Security Council to suspend the program. The demands have brought about four rounds of economic sanctions since 2006 but Iran has shown no sign of halting its nuclear endeavors. Asghar Soltanieh, Iran’s envoy to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told the press last week that Iran “will never stop” its enrichment of uranium.

Meanwhile, Israel is facing international pressure to not launch an attack amid intensifying political rhetoric against Iran’s nuclear pro­gram. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement to the press that Iran “represents the greatest threat to world peace.” Netanyahu has received his own share of criticism for his aggressive position toward Iran. US Joint Chiefs Chairman Martin Dempsey expressed his own opposition to a unilateral attack on Iran, telling the press in London, “I don’t want to be complicit if they choose to do it.”

The Obama administration has thus far remained an attentive spectator. Whether the US will support future military action is yet unclear, but Netanyahu has strongly criticized the Obama administra­tion for not doing enough on Iran. While Iran sees its development of nuclear power as a right, Israel fears that Iran’s developing missile programs are now capable of hitting Israeli targets.

A popular Israeli media outlet headlined that Netanyahu was involved in an “angry” and “unprecedented” exchange with the US ambassador to Israel earlier this month. The United States’ recent decision to postpone and downsize a joint ballistic-missile exercise with the Israelis has some speculating that the US is distancing itself from future Israeli military action. The US, however, vehemently denies that the decision had anything to do with a lack of trust. The proximity of Netanyahu’s sudden push for an attack to the November elections also has some wondering how the elections might play a role in the coming weeks. As of now, the US reportedly opposes a unilateral strike, but it is unclear whether the US will remain neutral should Israel indeed decide to engage Iran.

Syrian troops clash with rebels

Fighting rages in Syria as rebels and government troops battle for control of Syrian airbases. The Syrian air force has become the primary target of the rebels’ initiative to regain control of Aleppo, the country’s largest city. A Syrian-based peace activist group reports that the Syrian government has been using warplanes to bombard rebel-controlled parts of the city.

Meanwhile, ground forces continue to exchange fire in the city streets after rebels launched a series of attacks on government security compounds last Friday, BBC reports. This offensive comes five weeks after government troops stormed the city. Both sides have strong proponents who show little desire for compromise.

Russia’s Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov criticized the UN on Saturday for demanding that the Syrian regime refrain from its use of heavy weaponry, calling it “completely unrealistic in the current situation”. On the other side, Egyptian President Mohammed Mursi applaud the rebel initiative and labeled the Syrian government an oppressive regime.
Gary Hodgson’s tenure as Campus Safety officer

Gary Hodgson has been at Ursinus for 22 years and all the time seems to have only strengthened his love of his job as a Campus Safety officer.

Gary was born in Scranton, in 1937. He married around the age of 19, and was a Philadelphia police officer in the 22nd district for 21 years. 18 of those were spent as a detective. He said he recalled having a car that only started with the assistance of gravity and a downward slope, a coat that was “covered in fingerprint dust,” and a now-vanquished affinity for cigars.

His skill as an investigator earned him the nickname Columbo, though Gary said, “I didn’t act like Columbo, Columbo acted like me.” While moonlighting as a detective he was also the Director of Alumni Affairs at Grinnell College, the institution from which he graduated in 1956. After retiring in 1983, Gary moved into radio at WCAU, a CBS channel. Gary said he was caught off guard when he was offered a position as a host. He took over hosting the Radio Classics block that aired drama from the early days of radio. Programs like “The Lone Ranger” and “The Shadow” were regular features.

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"You don't get that in Philly. That doesn't happen. So I thought wow, I really need to be here." In 1990, when union issues signaled the impending death of WCAU, Gary left radio behind.

"I got out in May, before the ship sank. I spent a month on the beach. That's where I saw an ad in the paper for a Campus Security position at Ursinus.” He answered the ad and has held the position ever since.

"When I got here I saw an older guy on the court by himself, dribbling, just throwing up hook shots. I told him 'it's in the wrist. You gotta flick it, you know.' He said thanks, so I left. I went back and told the guys about it, and they asked, 'you know who that is, don't you? That's President Richter!'"

Although he now works for Campus Safety, Gary has been able to put much of his prior experience to good use. He said he has had to play Columbo from time to time, investigating cases on campus and he's also utilized his radio voice as Ursinus' football announcer.

"I don't find anything about this job upsetting. I don't bring my work home with me. The students here, they give me energy. I'm 75, they drag me along with them. They're definitely my favorite part of the job. Every day is different, you see a lot of different things... I regret seeing [students] I've come to know leave every four years, but there's always a new group around the corner, and something to look forward to."

Meet Mike Mullin, new R.D.

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Mike Mullin, new RD for Ursinus

With the start of a new school year has come many new faces and among them is new Resident Director of Main Street, Mike Mullin.

"It's been such a neat experience," Mullin, a graduate of New York University, said about the first week of classes. "Ursinus has such a cool culture, it's just a tight-knit community, and I love that." As an RD, he is supervising 30 houses, which includes everything from ordering furniture to settling a roommate disagreement. "That's actually why I like that line of work," he said, "because no day is going to be the same as the next.”

Mullin has set high goals for Ursinus. He said, "[I want to] get students using the Collegeville area more. And I think on Main St. I have a really unique opportunity to make that happen.” Following Dr. Bobby Fong's initiative, he plans to talk to students, neighbors, and businesses to understand their needs and find a common ground. "It's a big project," he said, "but I think it would be a really cool one to see come to fruition while I'm here."

In his few months here, he has already made a good impression on those he's worked with. "It's been wonderful, working with Mike," said fellow Resident Director Reese McKnight. "He's really excited to work here and that excitement has been infectious." She said, "One of the best things about working with Mike is his creativity - he is a big ideas guy... I think that's going to be really exciting to see what he comes up with this year."

Though new to the school, Mullin is no stranger to the Collegeville area, having grown up in Lansdale. "When I was ten years old, I came to the Berman for an awards ceremony. I always remembered Ursinus because of it," Mullin. Years later, when he was looking for positions after working at the College of William and Mary, he remembered the school and came back. "I fell in love," he said.

Mullin has a number of interesting stories. "My go-to one is that I worked at Nickelodeon for a little bit, and I was actually the person responsible for releasing Spongebob Squarepants' "Greatest Hits" album." According to Mullin, the process involved focus testing groups of kids and parents, and was an interesting experience. "I think it captures my personality pretty well. I'm a pretty playful, down-to-earth sort of person - kind of like Spongebob." Above all, Mullin really encourages students to come talk with him. "Stop into my office," he said. "Go ahead and email me or call my office. I'm here for students."
Gender-neutral bathrooms arrive on UC campus

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Confusion, anxiety, and embarrassment, may be what transgender students and faculty feel every time they need to use the restrooms. However, they can rest assured because the transgender population on Ursinus' campus is being considered in the college transition process.

Residence Life also provides a program called "How to Succeed in the Classroom." This program helps prepare freshmen to the college classroom environment. McKnight said that the program also provides students with tips on how to succeed in the classroom.

This program is particularly important because the topic of college academics is what typically intimidates freshmen the most. Freshman James Roccograndi said that he worries about "keeping up with the work." especially since he was warned that college work is demanding.

Freshman Marisa Gretz shares Roccograndi's sentiments about the academic workload. Gretz felt that her high school did not fully prepare her for the college workload. Gretz said, "I've been exposed to most of the topics I'm covering so far but in terms of what you are required to do out of class, not at all."

Another concern of Gretz about college is the independence. Gretz said, "The independence is intimidating because everything is on your own." Freshman Jared Novitski agrees with Gretz and said, "So far the biggest transition is I don't really have anyone here cracking down on me...I'm just depending on myself to get all my work done."

McKnight's suggestion for Jared and Marisa as well as anyone else who is struggling with the adaptation to college is "don't forget that the RA's and I are here for you and are invested in helping you have a happy and productive year in the halls."

Another aspect that many struggle to adjust to in college is sharing facilities with many others. Roccograndi expressed strong feelings on this subject and said that his toughest transition is sharing a bathroom with 11 other guys. McKnight seemed to understand that sharing a living space can be tough but did offer a positive outlook. She said, "Sharing living spaces with others provides a wonderful opportunity to form close bonds with classmates and learn how to communicate and compromise with others who may come from different backgrounds, have different life experiences, and hold different beliefs."

McKnight also stressed the importance of being patient with your roommate, warning students about rushing to conclusions "without sitting down and having an open and honest conversation about what you need to be happy and successful in the shared space."

Whether a student is struggling with the college workload or their newly gained independence, Residence Life is dedicated to help students succeed in this new chapter of their lives.
Athletes frustrated by dining changes

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Ursinus has introduced many developments for the 2012-2013 school year, including multiple changes to Dining Services. The Market Place at Wismer Dining Hall has expanded to a 21-meal meal plan, adding a continental breakfast on weekends. Zack's has reduced its hours so that Grill 155, SubConnections and Sandella's have been limited to an 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. schedule for lunch and dinner, respectively. The college has also initiated the new Bear Bucks program, which allows students to use their Ursinus cards to pay at many local vendors in Collegeville.

While some students are content with the new, flexible hours of Wismer Dining Hall, many have already expressed negativity and dislike the new plan, specifically concerning the restricted hours at Zack's. The student-athlete population is among the most frustrated.

Athletes have always been faced with the fact that they often do not have time for the casual, sit-down meal that Wismer offers. Now they are now facing another setback as they stand in Zack's crowded lines, pushing the balance of tight class schedules and competitive athletics. If athletes are forced to comply with this new meal system there are sure to be consequences. These students no longer have access to a reliable food service, and this lack of nourishment will affect both the student-athletes' mental and physical well-being on and off the field.

Mike Moronese, a sophomore on the football team, is one of many student-athletes who is bothered by Lower's hours. "I don't like [Wismer] as much as last year because now it's just open all day," Moronese said. "It's messing with the hours in Lower nonstop.

Moronese said that he is going to be missing some meals because he can no longer rely on Zack's for a quick bite between classes or after late practices due its shortened hours. Fortunately, Moronese does not believe his gameplay will be hampered by the changes in Dining Services, but knows he will have to manage his time with more efficiency this year.

"I can work around the meals, so I don't think my performance will be affected by the timing ... I'm just going to have to work harder around my original schedule," Moronese said.

The coaching staff for the 23 varsity sports at Ursinus are also aware of the changes.

"We were made aware of the changes ... as the athletics staff," said Jenelle Benner, head coach of the field hockey team. "The biggest disadvantage would be that you have to schedule your day around your meals. It limits your options with what you can eat."

Benner maintained a positive attitude towards this year's time changes, trusting her team to make wise decisions with the options available to them. However, Benner is concerned that reduced hours and limited food options will play a role in the types of food that athletes choose to eat.

However, Benner embraced the new Bear Bucks plan as a possible alternative for athletes.

"That's a very good option for everybody on campus," Benner said. "It brings us, Collegeville, into the picture too. There's a ton of healthy food that you can find at those places ... at least that's another option that you guys have as students."

It may take some time before the students decide whether to embrace the new Bear Bucks program, but there is no denying that the Ursinus students, particularly athletes, are agitated.

Student-athletes should be able to focus on balancing academics and athletics without having to worry about the next time they will be able to eat a decent meal.

Sen. Rubio would have been a better V.P. choice for the GOP

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When Gov. Mitt Romney was chosen as the Republican presidential candidate, national interest immediately shifted to the list of potential running mates. Prominent Republican figures such as Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, Ohio Sen. Rob Portman and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio were a few of the bigger names up for consideration.

However, on Aug. 11, Romney ended the suspense by choosing Paul Ryan as his running mate.

Already well known for his stance on privatizing Medicare for those under the age of 55, Ryan certainly wasn't a bad choice. A member of Generation X and a native of Wisconsin, he had the ability to pull a number of valuable demographics.

Despite these advantages, he may not have been the best choice for Romney this election year.

While having a vice presidential candidate from Wisconsin may help to win the state, Romney missed a vital opportunity to not only draw votes, but to fundamentally change the image of the Republican Party by choosing Rubio.

While the majority of states are already well-divided between the parties, a number of states are expected to be completely up for grabs. The battle for two of these states, Florida and Ohio, will decide the election.

Romney had a chance to increase his standing in one of these states by choosing Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, yet he did not.

Rubio, a native Floridian and a son of Cuban immigrants, would have not only been the key to Florida's vital 29 electoral votes, but a symbol of a changing Republican Party. While it certainly would not have been a guarantee of victory in the state, gaining every single possible advantage in a swing state of Florida's importance would have been a wise choice.

The inclusion of a Hispanic vice-presidential candidate would show the entire world that the Republican Party is not the ethnically and racially homogeneous entity of old. It could be an all-inclusive party that welcomes people of all backgrounds.

The selection also would have been a powerful gesture of reconciliation towards Hispanics, who have felt alienated by the Republican Party due to recent crackdowns on illegal immigrants that are believed to have specifically targeted Hispanics.

The choice of Rubio could have been a very important symbolic gesture. This was a chance to shatter old stereotypes and perhaps gain new followers from an extremely important demographic.

Now Romney, and the entire Republican Party, can only hope that the missed opportunity won't hurt them this November and beyond.
Field Hockey looks to keep tradition

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Coming off an impressive 19-4 record last season, the Ursinus field hockey team came back on campus with their eyes on the prize. The expectation for this season is success.

"We have a tradition here at Ursinus with our field hockey program and we will like to continue that tradition of success," Head Coach Janelle Benner said. "The expectation is to work hard every single day and to get back to the Centennial Conference championship game and to win that game and then from there to go on to the national tournament and get back to the Final Four."

The theme around this program is built of winning not only making it to the national tournament but also winning conference games and the conference championship game.

"We want to win every conference game, we want to host the conference championship and we want to win the conference championship," said senior captain Catherine Bitterly. "And then obviously after that then comes the regionals and then the National championship but every year we want to challenge for that."

Ursinus field hockey is no stranger to the NCAA Tournament. In 2011 the team made its third straight Final Four appearance. History shows the greatness of this program and winning comes with no surprise. The legendary Eleanor Frost Snell brought these winning ways with the impressive 19-1-60-29 record and a 38 year span of not having a losing record.

And, most recently, a national championship in 2006. But winning doesn’t just happen by showing up and playing. Ursinus field hockey prides itself in working hard before and during the season.

"People clearly did what they needed to do over the summer to be ready for preseason and our first game this weekend. The freshmen came in ready to work and have challenged the upper classman to really work hard and keep up the intensity in practice," said senior Jenn Pappas. "Everyone was competing for starting spots. It was very intense."

With a shortened preseason, the field hockey team had to work double-time to prepare for the season. "We only had camp from Monday to Saturday this year so every day was a three-a-day," said senior Julie Pilla. "It was strenuous but we learned a lot."

Coach Benner also was proud of the way the team prepared this minicamp.

"We had six days to prepare for our first scrimmage and I thought the girls worked really hard," explained Coach Benner. "They came in in shape so we were able to of course start day one off and running from there. They worked really hard and it was pretty successful."

With the loss of Alyssa Thren (All-American and Ursinus All-Time leader in goals), some may not be optimistic about the upcoming season. However, Benner is a firm believer in her upperclassmen and incoming freshman players.

"Our approach is not going to change. We have a system in place that I think our girls can be really successful with even though we are losing somebody that had very good finishing skills and very good speed," Coach Benner said. "We have a fantastic freshmen class coming in this year to really compliment the returning players who have a ton of experience from last year’s group going to the final four."

Under new coach, volleyball begins 2012 season

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Volleyball coach Joseph Groff has high hopes for the group this season. Groff’s first time working with this team got off to a solid start after a successful 3-1 record weekend tournament at Moravian.

Groff, a 1980 Ursinus graduate, is returning for his first season back at Ursinus, as he was the head coach of the volleyball program from 1986 to 1990.

The captains of the volleyball team are also eager for the season to begin. Erica Dickey and Kristin Hanratty, both seniors at Ursinus College, are looking forward to a winning season.

The ladies are ready to play together again since practice ended last spring. Coach Groff, although he did not attend the spring practice, believes spring practice was good for the morale of the team.

"I’m very pleased with the energy and the experience that the girls have," says Groff. "We did have nontraditional spring practice."

After their first scrimmage, Groff was left with a favorable first impression of his first team back at Ursinus. He is looking forward to seeing what transpires as the season carries on.

"It was interesting just to see how the team has progressed," said Groff. "They are as good as I suspected."

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While there are no freshmen on the team this year, there are two newcomers to the fold this season: Joy Oakman, a sophomore, and Anabelle Capois, a junior.

"The girls are all happy to return to the court. It’s absolutely amazing to be back and playing with the team," said Dickey. "Every single one of us loves the sport and each other so much, so being able to play together is one of the highlights of the year."

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The girls ended last season 12-12 and are expecting an even better season ahead. Hanratty said she was looking forward to the match against Bryn Mawr on Sept. 27. "After barely losing to them last year in the 5th game, I am excited to face them again and beat them in their own gym this time," Hanratty said. While the Sept. 27 game is away at Bryn Mawr, there are upcoming games at Helfrich Hall that are open to the Ursinus student body in the near future.

The team hosts Swarthmore for their match on Sept. 19. The team will play at home for Family Day, Sept. 29, against McDaniel and Homecoming Day, Oct. 27, vs. Muhlenberg College. Both games are scheduled for 1 p.m.
Lofty expectations for Bears football

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Last season, the Ursinus Bears got off to a disappointing start, losing their first two games of the season. After the early skid, Coach Peter Gallagher, who is now in his twelfth season as head coach, said the team came together and continued to grow from that point forward. The development is still in process, Coach Gallagher said.

Coming into this season, Coach Gallagher said, “We want to compete for a Centennial Conference championship.”

Senior lineman and captain Greg Fontaina has a slightly more specific goal for his team. “I expect to go undefeated. That’s just my competitive nature,” Fontaina said. With the transition from the previous season to this year, Fontaina has good reason to feel the confidence.

Junior quarterback and captain Chris Curran said, “Heading into this season, it’s just like we are a step ahead.” Curran said the Ursinus team is full of experienced players this year. He said, “It’s hard not to be confident in the group that we have right now with so many good athletes.”

The team has put in a large amount of work since the 2011 campaign was finished. Coach Gallagher noted that there are specific rules and regulations for off-season workouts that NCAA Div. III schools must abide by.

These rules prohibit the amount of contact that coaches can have with their players during the off-season. Gallagher said the leaders of the team stepped up to get everybody else going during the time off, and that he expects a positive pay-off.

On the offensive side of the ball, Coach Gallagher mentioned quarterback Chris Curran, and tailback Bryan Ellis as two of the key players to watch out for. Last season, Curran threw for a total of 2,114 yards, while Ellis manned the ground-attack by rushing for 936 yards.

On defense, Gallagher said there were some spots to fill after some players were lost to graduation last year. He said a successful recruiting process allows the Bears to remain strong year after year.

“We feel that recruiting at Ursinus has been very good,” Gallagher said. “As our facilities continue to improve, and our academic reputation continues to grow, we feel the quality of the student athlete that we are bringing in here continues to grow.”

With the preseason wrapping up, Curran said this year’s team is in a better position than those of previous seasons. “I think we’re light-years beyond where we were this previous year, and I think that will reflect on our schedule and results,” Curran said.

Coming into the regular season, the Bears are expecting to make a strong push toward the Centennial Conference championships. Curran said, “You want to go out there, you want to get wins.”

Along with going after the conference title, Fontaina also has big expectations for himself. The senior captain said, “I expect myself to be an All-American. I just try to hold myself to a high standard.”

The Bears plan on taking the season one game at a time. They started that process over the weekend with a 24-20 triumph in their 2012 season opener over The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

In their first win of the season, Ursinus was led by Curran, Sophomore wide receiver Darius Jones, and the Junior 2nd-year quarterback, threw for 379 yards and three touchdowns on 26-47 passing in the victory. Jones terrorized the TCNJ secondary by hauling in seven receptions and 98 yards in the non-conference bout.

Curran, Jones, and the rest of the Bears look to continue their winning way in their home opener at Patterson Field on Saturday vs. Gettysburg. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Upcoming UC Sports Schedule

9/6
Field Hockey @ Messiah
7 p.m.

9/8
Football vs. Gettysburg 1 p.m.

9/8
Men’s Soccer vs. Frostburg St.
@ Haverford, 3:30 p.m.

9/9
Women’s Soccer @ Stevens 12 p.m.

9/9
Men’s Soccer vs. Gwynedd-Mercy
@ Haverford, 3:30 p.m.

9/9
Women’s Soccer vs. New York U.
@ Stevens, 3:30 p.m.

9/8
Volleyball vs. Mary Washington
@ Owings Mills, MD.
10:30 a.m.

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