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Career fair filled with opportunities

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Graduation is only three months away for many current students at Ursinus. As an entire lifetime of schooling quickly comes to a close, the graduating class of 2013 may be asking themselves what the future holds for them. For those students who are still looking for an answer to that question, the Ursinus Job, Internship & Networking Fair on Feb. 20 may be the first step to take.

The fair will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Floy Lewis Bakes Field House, and all students, regardless of their major, class or future goals are invited to attend. While the Job, Internship & Networking Fair event may not be anything new for Ursinus, Carla Rinde, director of career services, said this year’s event may be more exciting than usual.

“We have record numbers of employers coming. We’re at about 92, which is huge for our sized school,” Rinde said.

Employers scheduled to attend this year’s fair include GlaxoSmithKline, Wells Fargo, Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and City Year.

In addition to a complete list of registered employers, Career Services' webpage provides a list of the “many benefits to attending” the Fair, including

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TLI reflects on race in the classroom

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Since its founding three years ago, the Teaching and Learning Initiative at Ursinus has exposed the challenges that professors of color encounter in the classroom. While pedagogical issues are relevant to all classrooms, the Teaching and Learning Initiative (TLI) helps professors to strategize the best solutions to fit their unique circumstances.

“Faculty will say that race and gender are issues that they’re working with, and students can try to troubleshoot strategies with them,” Dr. Meredith Goldsmith, director of the TLI and assistant dean, said.

The TLI is a program that pairs student consultants with faculty partners to cooperatively improve the classroom environment. According to the TLI handbook, faculty members request student consultants because they are “interested in the insights that a student can offer from her perspective and engaging in dialogue with that student... to make the course the best it can be.”

The TLI was founded as a pilot program through a grant from the Mellon Foundation. The grant will expire at the end of this year, but Ursinus will continue funding the TLI.

When necessary, student consultants work closely with faculty partners to develop and troubleshoot classroom issues.

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Shreiner Hall’s party privileges were revoked in December due to a very high accumulation of damage fees.

While Residence Life and students are working to improve the house’s image and standards, all individuals who live in the house will pay a high price for the accrued damages, despite that it is assumed the damages were caused mostly by party guests.

The repercussions of damages are discussed under the regulations in the Ursinus College Student Handbook.

“If an individual, following excessive consumption of alcohol at an on-campus function, destroys property, violates noise guidelines in college housing, or is involved in other acts which inhibit the goals of the College, the sponsor or sponsors who served him or her alcohol and the individual(s) shall both be responsible for the infraction,” the handbook states.

According to the handbook, “If $1,000 in damage accrues (cumulative, at any point, during the academic year) in a house/suite, all students who live in the house or suite will be billed for the total damages and may be immediately relocated to any available location on campus. If more than $2,000 in damage accrues (cumulative), all students in the house or suite will pay for damage, may be relocated, may lose squatters rights, and/or may lose eligibility to live in a college house or suite for up to one academic year. If a student(s) takes immediate responsibility for all damage and fines, relocation may be reconsidered.”

Administration and Shreiner residents have been meeting frequently to discuss ways to improve the reputation and community of Shreiner and to strategize future plans to better control damages, many of which tend to happen during parties.

Although the future of Shreiner’s party privileges are still undecided, Mike Mullin, the new Residence Director as of this year, is impressed by the internal community of Shreiner residents, and their will to come together to fix the repetitive problem of damages.

“When I first caught on to the massive amount of damages going on in Shreiner — six or seven times the amount found in other Main Street party houses — I really expected to find a community of people who simply didn’t care.”

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Ursinus continues diversity initiatives

Dr. Jane Jones, a professor of anthropology and sociology at Ursinus who participated in the TLI, agrees that the value of diversity is not necessarily contingent upon the ethnicity of the person who promotes it. "Obviously, students benefit from hearing a variety of viewpoints and having their opinions challenged, but it's more than that," Jones said in an email. "I think a sort of modeling goes on, where students and faculty alike can realize that knowledge can come from many different sources and many different types of people."

According to University of Pennsylvania’s Professor Shaun Harper’s article, “Race-Conscious Student and the Equitable Distribution,” students benefit just from having access to “race-conscious educators.” A race-conscious educator is a teacher of any ethnicity who is aware of the way that race influences the perspectives brought into the classroom environment.

"It’s a question, more broadly, of how diversity is conceptualized on campus," Goldsmith said. Four months ago, Ursinus hired Angelo Sorrentino as the director of institutional research. His job entails organizing key statistics about Ursinus, its student body and its faculty, including data on campus diversity, into a fact book that will be openly available to the campus. This position did not exist prior to Sorrentino’s hiring.

Priority Four in the Strategic Plan for Ursinus College focuses solely on promoting diversity amongst students and faculty. According to the Strategic Plan, “Shaping diversity consequently goes beyond the profile of the student body. It extends to our policies for hiring and supporting faculty.” The plan calls for faculty training “to deal with diversity issues in and out of the classroom.”

"In the TLI, what we really try to do is cultivate reflection and get both students and faculty to think critically about these issues," Goldsmith said. "And that’s one step."

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Jane Jones, an anthropology and sociology professor, views diversity as a benefit and a challenge in class. Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly

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When a student dressed in blackface last Halloween, concerns about race relations at Ursinus were flung into the spotlight, leaving students, faculty and administrators to question what could be done differently at Ursinus to make the community more open to diversity.

Senior Corey Barkers said the blackface incident made him worry that race relations on campus will regress. "There’s definitely a tension, a racial tension here, and compared to my freshman year, I wouldn’t say it improved much," Barkers said.

The diversity segment of the Strategic Plan calls for Ursinus to "shape the campus community for diversity" through the creation of a campus diversity officer position, the organization of a diversity committee that includes students, faculty and staff, and the expansion of the CIE curriculum to include “a question regarding the place of difference in human community.”

"Oh, CIE definitely comes up short, without a doubt," Barkers said. "There was this lack of knowledge, and ... I think [CIE is] a great medium to introduce freshmen ... [to] that knowledge," Barkers said. "If it did a great job at it, I think we would see more people at these various diversity events."

Barkers said his awareness of the need to evaluate race relations on campus spiked in 2011 when a student carved a racial slur onto a flagpole where a black professor taught. "The environment has changed, but at the same time, I wasn’t [surprised], being an African studies minor," Barkers said. "I know it’s real. I know race is still a problem here."

In 2007, an Ursinus student documented racial incidents at Ursinus through a photography project. The project, titled White Privilege, was posted anonymously as a blog at http://ursinus-college.livejournal.com/41671.html.

Alex Peay, who graduated in 2009, said he could recall attending a basketball game documented by the photo project. According to the blog, Ursinus students chanted, “Welfare,” and “Food stamps,” at the players from Farmingdale State, who were predominantly black.

Peay remembered other race-related hatred as well. "There was this friend of mine that was dating a black guy, and she had a "****-lover" Post-it left on her door. A black professor had a swastika written on a podium," Peay said.

Peay also mentioned what is often referred to as “the Facebook incident,” which caused the school to seek a grant from the Tangle Foundation for studying attitudes toward diversity at Ursinus.

The incident included “[Underage, drunk students who] put all these racial and derogatory marks all over their bodies. They posted it on Facebook," Peay said.

The photo blog includes screenshots of campus-wide email responses to the incidents from Dean Deborah Nolan and

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The amount and type of damage caused by Shreiner couldn’t have been more severe, said Lea Marano, RA of Shreiner Hall, who noticed the disregard of party guests.

“Shreiner partygoers treat the house so poorly. The amount and type of damage caused by Shreiner guests really isn’t seen in other houses, and I believe it’s because people see Shreiner more as a party venue and less as the home of 20-some people,” Mullin said.

The Residence Life staff is not the only group who noticed the disregard of party guests.

“Most of the damages were incurred by non-residents, and the thought the people have so little respect for the place in which I live is disturbing,” Rayna Nunes, a junior living on the third floor of Shreiner, said.

Lea Marano, RA of Shreiner Hall, has been involved with facilitating constructive conversation between administration and residents to develop a new system for the house.

“To many, Shreiner has always been a house that has welcomed anyone on campus during weekends. Unfortunately, that privilege has been abused by many campus residents. We are working towards a new image for Shreiner that welcomes those that respect the building itself and the space of its residents,” Marano said.

In working with the residents, Mullin has recognized both the pride and the strong will of the internal community to improve the conditions of the house.

“Doug Muller has been talking about a Shreiner beautification project that could help to improve the aesthetics of the house,” Mullin said. “The rest of the residents truly care about Shreiner, its history and its future, which is why I’ve really enjoyed working with them in the process.”

Career opportunities

The opportunities to “talk with representatives from a wide variety of organizations in the profit, nonprofit and government sectors” and “obtain detailed information about specific companies and organizations that are of interest to you” are key.

Sophomore Rayleen Rivera-Harbach said she landed her current internship with The Communications Group in Philadelphia at last year’s fair.

“I attended the job fair last year and got an internship with one of the employers there, so I will definitely be attending again this year. It’s a great experience and there are so many opportunities you can get by attending,” Rivera-Harbach said.

With the unemployment rate at almost eight percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rinde said students are encouraged to welcome the extra help provided by Ursinus at this event. Rinde said students should, however, take the necessary steps to prepare for the event.

Career Services’ website advises prospective fair attendees to research employers participating in the fair, create a polished résumé and “prepare the all-important commercial” – a 30-second introduction about each person’s strengths and background.

Colin Hart, a senior at Ursinus and the communications associate for Career Services, had some advice for his fellow classmates who may be nervous at the prospect of searching for jobs or internships.

“The fair isn’t something to stress over,” Hart said. “In fact, it should relieve some of the stress that comes from applying to jobs and internships. Half the battle is getting your foot in the door and communicating directly with a company. The fair does that for you. Ursinus students just need to show up with their game face and a solid résumé and see what opportunities arise.”

Hart said the fair gives Ursinus students an advantage over competitors in the job market.

“The fair is exclusive to Ursinus students and alumni,” Hart said. “That means that the organizations attending are coming here specifically for Ursinus students. They already expect a great pool of candidates. That’s the edge.”

For more information on how to best prepare for the Ursinus Job, Internship & Networking Fair, students can either visit the Career Services page on the Ursinus website, or the Career Services office in Bomberger Hall. A full itinerary of the event is included on the website, along with other resourceful information for employers, Ursinus faculty, Ursinus alumni and parents of Ursinus students.

Top stories from around the globe

Indian activists push for revision of rape law

According to CNN, a government panel joined women’s advocates in pushing for revisions to India’s examinations that verify rape. This comes two months after six men assaulted and murdered a 23-year-old student in New Delhi. Advocates argue that the exam has invasive and irrelevant procedures such as observing the victim’s hymen and the “two-finger test,” CNN reported.

According to CNN, a government panel argued that “a test to ascertain the laxity of the vaginal muscles must not be conducted.” CNN quoted forensic medicine professor Jagadeesh Reddy as calling the two-finger test “not scientific.” The government panel’s report warned against reliance on physical marks to verify rape.

Standard & Poor’s 500 faces lawsuit

According to the BBC, S&P 500 expects to be sued by the U.S. government for wrongly giving triple-A credit ratings to subprime mortgage securities in 2007 that ultimately collapsed in value.

The BBC reported that there was a breakdown in talks between the justice department and S&P 500. According to the BBC, there is concern over potential conflicts of interest, because S&P 500 and other rating agencies are paid by other securities and issuers of bonds for ratings. S&P 500 argues that “the case is entirely without factual or legal merit,” the BBC reported.

Mali: Funds from France funded militaries

Former U.S. Ambassador to Mali Vicki Huddleston told the BBC that France paid ransom money to Islamists to free hostages, which supports such Islamist groups. According to the BBC, France is said to have paid $17 million to free hostages from a uranium mine in Niger in 2010.

Meanwhile, the BBC reported that a suicide bomber attacked the northern town of Gao, with an Al-Qaeda offshoot claiming responsibility. The European Union has sent 70 military trainers to support the Malian army in its efforts to quell the insurgency in the north, according to the BBC.

Attacks in Brazil linked to inmate abuse

According to The New York Times, 80 arson attacks in more than 20 cities starting in January in the Brazilian state of Santa Catarina are linked to prison inmate abuses. The Times reported that the attacks were triggered by a video, which shows guards forcing prisoners to crouch into a fetal position before firing rubber bullets at them and attacking them with pepper spray.

This was not the first of such attacks. A prison-based gang organized an uprising in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2006, leaving 115 people dead, according to the Times. Both attacks have raised concerns about overcrowding and abuse in prisons.
New stores in Providence Town Center

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The Providence Town Center has been an addition to Collegeville and provides food and shopping options to Ursinus students.

Senior Saible O'Brien, who was a freshman when stores first opened, said, "The Providence Town Center is an asset to this community because it provides a lot of varied shopping experiences and also entertainment options with the opening of the Movie Tavern." While it may seem that Providence Town Center already offers a variety of stores and restaurants, new additions have just opened at the shopping center that offer hip apparel, sushi and greeting cards.

Kumo Pa is one of the new restaurants in Providence Town Center. Nich sells both men's and women's attire that is affordable for college students who may be on a tight budget. Providence Town Center also recently welcomed Norman's Hallmark, a store that most people frequent in order to purchase greeting cards and gifts for various occasions. For students in need of a job, Hallmark is hiring sales associates. Students interested in finding a job can go by the store and pick up an application.

Also new is Kumo Pa, which serves Japanese cuisine. The online menu features a number of options friendly to a college student's budget, with a la carte sushi and salads ranging from $3 to $10. Some entrees exceed $20; however, and the most expensive of these was the sushi/sashimi combo, which includes five pieces of sushi and 12 pieces of sashimi with a tuna roll for $26.

Senior Chelsea Carman recently dined at Kumo Pa and said, "I enjoyed the food, but the prices are cheaper at Jasmine's.

On top of all the other food options that the shopping center offers, there are two more restaurants that are set to open during the upcoming months. Zoe's Kitchen is based on Zoe Cassimus's recipes. Every day, the health-conscious food is made from scratch onsite at each restaurant, according to their website, and gluten-free and vegetarian options are available. The Collegeville store will be the chain's first in Pennsylvania. Besides Zoe's Kitchen, Ti- Juán's Margaritas restaurant will open their second Pennsylvania location in the Providence Town Center. Every full moon, the restaurant hosts Full Moon Margarita Madness, when their "lounges are piled high with giveaways, contests" and specials, according to their website.

There will also be two new stores opening that will satisfy anyone's sweet tooth. The Life Choice will serve frozen desserts "made with all natural ingredients and organic flavorings," according to thelifechoice.com. The Collegeville store is one of three Life Choice locations opening soon in Pennsylvania.

This summer, Sublime Cupcakes will be another dessert option to Providence Town Center. Their existing two locations are also in Pennsylvania.

The Providence Town Center website has an interactive map to locate the new stores by name. It also provides links to store websites.

Film program aims to expand

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At Ursinus College, the film program is small and lesser known to the student body. Carol Dole, an English professor and head of the Film Studies Department said there is an average of six students with film minors in every graduating class from Ursinus.

Last fall, the History of Film course was cancelled because only three students enrolled. However, the popularity of the film department is on the rise. All four film classes offered this semester are filled to capacity.

At a liberal arts school, these fluctuations in interest are common in a small program. Nicole McClure, a film professor, said the program is in a state of transition because a large number of film minors graduated last year.

Alice Leppert, a first-year professor at Ursinus, said, "It can be hard to sustain such a specific program with so few students." Leppert has had to adjust to the small liberal arts film program compared to the larger majors at universities she worked with in previous years.

The Ursinus film program hopes to establish a more solid foundation for its minor by hiring a full-time faculty member specifically for the film program in the fall.

McClure said, "We don't have that strong, united visibility. I think that the intent of hiring a dedicated, full-time person that is only for film studies will help." Though the film department is small, Leppert said a film minor from Ursinus is valuable. "I think that a minor is supposed to give students a broad overview without being super specific and getting into a lot of depth," she said.

The film minor is flexible and appeals to a wide range of students, McClure said. Through the program, students should "be able to critically look at films and examine what they say about our society and to look past the obvious movie characteristics," she said.

Dole encourages students of any path of study to enroll in film classes. She emphasizes the interdisciplinary nature of the program. "Media is becoming so extremely important in our world and we no longer communicate with words as much as we do with images," Dole said.

Lindsay Flor, a sophomore, is contemplating a film minor. She has taken screenwriting classes in the past and is eager to view film at an analytical stance. "I want to pursue it further, see it from a college perspective, and actually take classes that focus on the film itself, beyond the writing aspect," Flor said.

Dole said that the film studies minor at Ursinus focuses on the analysis of film. The filmmaking aspect, Dole said, is something to be learned out in the field or in graduate school.

Compared to age-old disciplines like English and mathematics, film is a new course of study. "I would definitely like to see it grow and be able to offer more courses," McClure said, "and maybe even see it become a major instead of a minor. That's a long way down the road though."

Word on the Street

Do you go to the Wellness Center when you are sick? Why or why not?

"No because I commute so when I feel sick I go to my doctor." -Janel Forsythe, Sophomore

"I would probably not attend Wellness just because I'd rather go to my regular doctor, preferably my doctor from home." -Kaylani Wertman, Senior

"No, I don't attend Wellness because most of the time I have an insignificant cold." -Eric Tucker, Senior

"No because I'm usually really rushed and you have to make an appointment. You can't really just walk in, which is not useful. And it isn't open on weekends. I wish it was more accessible" -Jeff Erika, Sophomore

"No I do not go to Wellness. I have never been very sick at school. Nothing more than the common cold, so I never felt the need." -Jenna Yaich, Junior

"Depends on how sick. They like to say I have upper respiratory infections every time and don't give me anything. So sometimes I just wait it out." -Bree Gaddy, Senior
On the ball
Tennis players respond and tend to injured man at off-campus tennis court
Sara Hourwitz

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, Ursinus’ men’s tennis team attended practice at Frog Hollow Racquet Club, preparing for the spring season. The team assumed it would be like any of their usual practices, until a scary event occurred.

While starting their warm ups, a tennis club member ran onto the court and asked if anyone on the Ursinus team was a doctor. In an email, the men’s tennis coach, Pete Smith, said that on an adjacent court, “This guy had slipped and fallen, and cracked his head right on the court. He was out cold.”

Although there were no doctors present, two Ursinus tennis players stepped up to help the man in need. Juniors Evan Lord and Dave Rowe announced that they were emergency medical technicians and ran over to the middle-aged man who was on the ground, unconscious.

In an email, Lord said that bystanders told both him and Rowe that after the man injured himself, “we were emergency medical technicians and ran over to the middle-aged man who was on the ground, unconscious.”

Lord and Rowe said that the training from their EMT classes really helped prepare them for this medical call. Rowe said that both he and Lord have dealt with other patients who have suffered head injuries but have not encountered any as severe as this case.

Rowe also said, “It was interesting to assess for things that until now, we had only learned about in EMT textbooks. We definitely gained a lot from the experience and will use this knowledge on future EMS calls for sure.”

Although they played such a huge role in helping this man, Lord and Rowe have not received any details about the current health status of the individual.

The actions performed by Lord and Rowe are truly heroic. The Ursinus community is lucky to have such courageous and giving individuals like these two young men.

On-campus housing options
Caroline Sandberg

Choosing housing can be one of the most stressful and confusing parts of being an Ursinus student. Luckily, students have many different housing options. Two popular options are applying for SPINT housing and going through the lottery process.

Special Interest housing, or SPINT housing, which is outside of the housing lottery, is a popular option for students, especially for those who are unhappy with their lottery numbers.

Recently, SPINT released the themes for the seven houses on Main Street to which students can apply for the upcoming school year. The themes are Afrikan Studies and American History In Cloake, Community History in Hobson, International House in Musser, Modern Science and Technology in Schaff, Music House in 476, Queer in 777 and Wellness in Zwingli.

For students who are unsure about whether or not they would like to apply for SPINT housing, they can attend SPINTfest, which takes place Feb. 18-22. These four nights are when the themes for next year’s SPINT housing are presented to interested students and also allows students to see the houses.

“It’s a really good opportunity for people on the fence or people who aren’t sure what house to apply to go to one,” Tim Jordan, the assistant residence director who runs SPINT programming, said.

However, you can apply to more than one house when SPINT applications go out next week.

“Everyone who applies to SPINT goes through an interview process, which is based on merit rather than seniority,” Jordan said.

Houses on main street are a popular option for many students, especially those who would prefer not to live in dorm housing.

The interview process involves a meeting with the house’s program coordinator to discuss why each applicant would be a good fit for the house’s theme and community.

SPINT is the “one true by-the-students, for-the-students program on campus. Even though the office facilitates it, we don’t have any input on what those themes are or how they are generated, or who is chosen to live in the houses,” Melissa Giess, the director of Residence Life, said.

If none of the themes fit your interest this year, then the lottery system is probably your next best bet for housing.

“The lottery can be really intimidating because people don’t know what to expect,” Giess said.

Because approximately 400 students decide to go into SPINT housing or squat, fewer students actually enter the lottery than many may think.

When choosing housing through the lottery process, there are the obvious options such as New, North/Richter and ReiMo.

However, there are also 33 houses on Main Street. These houses span from Fourth Avenue, where Clamer is, to Ninth Avenue, where 944 is.

There are also houses on Sixth Avenue, such as Sturgis, a little yellow house for females and 332, a duplex. One housing option that many students aren’t aware of is the all-female apartment building on Ninth Avenue.

“The trick to the whole lottery is you have to have your roommate picked out. Focus on who would be a good match for you as a person, as a roommate, and then find a space that will work, because you can make almost any space feel okay if you’re living with someone who’s a good match for you,” is the last piece of advice that Giess offered.

If you’re still looking for a roommate, Residence Life is holding a roommate match at a date to be announced. Additionally, an open house tour of Main Street will take place later in the semester.

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"Raging Feminist" is a positive title

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"Why do people even use the phrase 'raging feminist'? What does that even mean?" When senior Rebecca Hollenbach first directed this question to our friends, I laughed. It is not unusual for Hollenbach to be called names and receive derogatory comments after she expresses her frustrations with the treatment of women in society.

Although I had heard these stories and frustrations on many occasions, it was not until Hollenbach posed this "raging feminist" question that I began to consider the way in which I was treated both as a woman in society and as a woman on the Ursinus College campus.

During a short break in one of my first classes of the semester, my male professor began to share his opinion of why certain people speak up in class more than others speak. He disagreed with a student who suggested that men speak more in class because they are socialized to be more opinionated and vocal with their opinions than women.

He did say, however, that he believed men speak up more because they are more interested in conversations and have more to say. To hear an educator share that opinion with our entire class was somewhat surprising and disappointing.

How could this man—a white, upper-middle class man with more unearned privilege in our society than any other type of person—tell me that as a woman I do not share my opinion enough simply because I do not have interest in what is being said? Could he not recognize the unbalance within gender socialization?

I did my best to respectfully correct my professor, but realized, even then, how little my opinion would change his way of thinking. In fact, I have begun to notice how frequently he spends class time defending the incorrect comments of the male students in our class rather than discussing the opinions of any females. Unfortunately, my professor’s way of thinking is one that is also shared by other men on our campus.

A few weeks ago I agreed to social host for a party in Reimert. After being physically pushed and cursed at by numerous men trying to enter the party, another group of men from within the party were asked to assist me.

While I was the only sober individual involved in this situation, my position as the only female guaranteed me a great deal of disrespect and frustration. When the men from inside the party stepped in to defend my position, regardless of the fact that even these men were highly intoxicated, they were still shown a great deal more respect than I was shown.

To be a woman on this campus and in our society means that I must accept my lack of autonomy. I recognize that as a white, middle-class citizen I am still provided with many more privileges and benefits than my classmates of other races and economic classes. However, that is not enough to diminish my frustrations.

Accepting this way of life ensures one more woman’s opinion and sense of comfort is ignored. We are dehumanizing the voices of women and taking away our power, and while this subject may be considered taboo in our society, we are putting more women at risk to be abused physically, emotionally, and sexually.

By not changing our current social norms, we are giving permission to ignore and demean women. As I think about Rebecca’s question, I do wonder what it means to be a raging feminist. It would be easy to run from that title—the negativity around the word "raging" is intimidating.

But as I consider the issue, I realize that perhaps I am raging. Perhaps, for the first time in my life, I am no longer willing to sit back and accept less respect and inequality in comparison to the males around me. I am no longer willing to be ignored or overlooked. If that’s what qualifies me, I am more than willing to proudly accept the title of raging feministic women.

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On Wednesday Feb. 6, 2013, the Ursinus Student Government Association held an open forum for students to express their opinions regarding the removal of ESPN channels from televisions on campus. According to the minutes from the open forum, ESPN accounts for 48 percent of Ursinus’ television budget, which is why the school believes that the network should be removed.

"Why would they do this?" another forum attendee said. "It’s not like anyone is forcing us to watch something we don’t like." "Yes," a third student agreed. "All we are doing is getting rid of the channels that everyone watches!"

I’ll be honest, if the breakdown of the budget is accurate the price for all of the ESPN channels is a little steep. However, I don’t think the remedy for this solution is to get rid of ESPN. All of the ESPN channels are so popular, and none of the other sports channels really compare.

The minutes from the open forum also explain that the school could try to replace ESPN with other sport channels, but sports fans know nothing compares to ESPN.

ESPN is very different from many sports networks since it offers so much variety. Shows such as "SportCenter" and "ESPN News" keep viewers up to date with all the news for every single sport. ESPN also airs shows like "Around the Horn" and "Pardon the Interruption," which provide both sports news and entertainment.

Most importantly, the ESPN channels air live games. For example, Monday Night Football is only shown on ESPN. Students love Monday Night Football, and I can’t imagine not watching it during the NFL season. Similarly, during baseball season, the game of the week is shown every Sunday night on ESPN. There is also college basketball, for which ESPN airs several games a week.

There are no other sports networks that air the same amount of live games as ESPN. We do get the NHL and NFL Networks, but they don’t show as many games as ESPN does and they only focus on hockey and football, respectively. I understand that it’s expensive and that ESPN doesn’t make it easy because you can’t just pick and choose what ESPN channels you want to buy, but it is crazy to take it away since it is probably one of the most popular channels on the campus.

There have been so many budget cuts at this school lately and tuition is insanely expensive. It is too important to me.

I know I’m not the only student who feels this way. I’ve talked to a number of students, both male and female, about this issue, and many of them are unhappy about this possibility.

Junior Kaley Miller-Schaeffer is upset that the school may take away ESPN, and said “the school never got a normal sample of what UC students feel about ESPN and the cut backs. Sports are a big deal in young people’s lives. It may help with budget, but there are other things that could be cut that won’t be as important as ESPN to the majority of the school.”

Similarly, Senior Ryan Furlong said that the school would be making a bad decision if the administration chose to get rid of ESPN.

"Losing ESPN will cause the loss of many sporting events and that is a part of many students weekly routine," he said. "I know if I was a high school senior applying to Ursinus, knowing that the school’s cable did not have ESPN would have been a deterrent from attending considering 99 percent of my television use is spent on an ESPN-affiliated channel.”

It is apparent that students really enjoy having ESPN, and, like me, would be greatly displeased if ESPN was taken off the school’s televisions. I work so hard during the school week and after a long day I just want to watch ESPN. There are so many worthless channels that the school has which I think should be cut instead, like the Oprah Winfrey Network, the Soap Channel, or the Game Show Network.

Gettysburg Alumn Matthew Danielson said that a few years ago, Gettysburg College also decided to take off ESPN from their school television. However, the school was forced to bring it back “because the students gave the administration such a hard time about it.”

If Ursinus takes away ESPN, I’m confident that a similar scenario to the one that occurred at Gettysburg will take place. There are too many students who watch ESPN on a daily basis and will be up in arms if the school takes these channels off the school televisions.

For more information about ESPN and the television budget, check out "Ursinus considers axing pricey ESPN" on page 7.
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Ursinus considers axing pricey ESPN

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With their budget remaining stagnant, even though a 2.98 percent tuition increase is on the horizon, the Information Technology Department is being forced to make tough decisions as the 2013-2014 school year inches closer.

The IT Department is considering dropping ESPN along with its associated channels (ESPN2, ESPNEWS, ESPNU, ESPN Classic) from its channel lineup with a price increase from the Bristol, Conn.-based network looking for the school.

While James Shuttlesworth, the Network Technologies Manager, does not want to deprive students of ESPN, holding onto the station is becoming a tougher task as the network continues to hike its prices into areas that the school finds unsustainable for the future.

“I’m very sympathetic to the situation of the students. I am a sports fan myself. We are going to do everything possible to make it at least possible for students to watch ESPN,” Shuttlesworth said. “However, I have a budget to work with and unfortunately, ESPN is raising their rates again. This is how they pay for their billion-dollar contracts they keep signing with the NFL and other leagues.”

The daunting prospect for both the IT Department and the students was initially raised last Wednesday, Feb. 6, at a USA meeting that was hosted by Todd McKinney, the associate dean of students at Ursinus.

According to Shuttlesworth, the cable budget is about $90,000 in total and the ESPN channels take up about 48 percent of that cost. For the 2012-2013 school year, ESPN raised its rate 10 percent, a $4,500 increase. The previous year, ESPN increased its rates by $5,000.

“They’ve been showing us a 10 percent rate increase pretty consistently. A 10 percent rate increase on something that is already half of our budget, we are talking about a lot of money. None of our other providers have increased like that.”

Because of the monopoly ESPN has on the sports entertainment industry, the ability for the school to replace the “worldwide leader in sports” on their cable network will be difficult. Currently, the only other sports-based networks Ursinus features are the NFL Network, CBS Sports Network, NBA TV, and the NHL Network.

Meanwhile, the mere talk about stripping the ESPN networks has sparked an outcry from students who desperately want access to the sports network that holds the rights to Monday Night Football, The Masters, Major League Baseball, NCAA athletics, and the X Games.

“As an athlete, a sports fan, and from talking to others of the same mindset, the 48 percent of the budget that goes toward ESPN is less than the percentage of students that actually watch ESPN. It is not proportionate,” junior Giovanni Waters said. “What they think is helping them out is doing even more harm to the students. ESPN is the main channel for sports fans. There are no other channels that cover all of the sports.”

What are the chances of this situation becoming reality at Ursinus, though?

“I’d say about 50-50,” Shuttlesworth said. “However, there has been no final decision about what to do regarding ESPN.”

No matter what, tough choices will have to be made.

UC athlete profile: Chris Donaldson, wrestling

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As the season moves toward its end and NCAA Championships loom around the corner, sophomore Chris Donaldson is looking forward to the postseason finale. As a team, Ursinus wrestling is having a great season and sitting at 9-1 currently. Their lone loss was to the No. 8 Delaware Valley by one point.

Donaldson, a native of Wilmington, Del. and an exercise and sports sciences major, wrestles in the 125 weight class and does with so with an abundance of success.

Last season, Donaldson racked up 25 wins and only seven losses. His goal this season is to have 30 wins individually, but he also wants to become a national champion and win the conference title, both individually and as a team.

Donaldson is currently 26-6 on the year and ranked seventh in Division III, according to d3wrestle.com. He’s placed high in every tournament and won the UC Will Abee Invitational. He had a breakout match in the Ursinus North-South Duals defeating returning Metro Champ and NCAA All-American Charlie Frankel of Delaware Valley.

Donaldson is certainly well on his way to achieving his goals, and Coach Bill Racich is thoroughly impressed.

“Beating a returning NCAA All-American, Chris put himself in the national conversation,” Racich said. “Chris is also one of the nation’s top five statistical leaders in pins this season, with 13.”

With the hopes in making the NCAA tournament this year, Donaldson has had more intense training partners this year and has been able to stay injury free. That has been the main difference between this year and last year.

Donaldson also owes much of his success to his teammates and coaching staff, who he says have helped contribute to his 26 wins this season.

“One of the keys is having good workout partners that are just as determined as me to get better every day, and having a good support system of coaches that help me get better and better.”

Coach Racich agrees completely with that sentiment. He believes that the support system around Donaldson has set him up for long-term success.

“[Donaldson] has a great attitude, a positive mindset, along with very tough workout partners, and he’s grown into a top-level college wrestler,” Racich said. “Additionally, having his teammate and another top wrestler, Dan Manganaro as his roommate really keeps both of them focused. Living with a roommate who shares your beliefs, goals and values is critical for success.”

Donaldson was unable to add to his win totals this past weekend. Thanks to winter storm Nemo, the Ursinus wrestling team was unable to make the trek to New York City, where they were slated to match up against New York University and conference foe McDaniel.

“He has an incredible wrestling IQ and is always open minided to learn new techniques,” Racich said. He is driven and self-motivated to be the best.

“He needs to maintain his high intensity training, discipline and focus on what he does well,” Racich said. “My staff and I honestly believe Chris Donaldson can be, and will be, a national champion.”

Chris and the rest of the Ursinus wrestling team will take on Washington & Lee and Muhlenberg on Saturday at the Floy Lewis Bakes Center. The wrestlers hit the mat at 11 a.m.
Led by Jon Ward and Ryan Adams with 13 points apiece, the Ursinus men's basketball team defeated Johns Hopkins 58-50 Saturday afternoon on Senior Day. With the win, the squad remains in contention for the final playoff spot in the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Bears currently sit at 9-14 overall and 7-9 in conference play.

The team's trio of seniors was honored in front of the Helfrich Hooligans as part of Senior Day festivities. In the final stages of their four-year careers are forwards Kevin Janowski and Ward along with point guard Matt Donahue. To go along with his 13 points, Ward snatched 10 rebounds in the victory. Meanwhile, Janowski and Donahue contributed five and four points respectively in the Senior Day triumph.

Leading the way for Johns Hopkins was forward George Bugarinovic, who scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds for a double-double in the losing effort.

The men's basketball team finishes out their schedule on Saturday afternoon at Muhlenberg. Tipoff in Allentown is slated for 4 p.m.

### Upcoming UC Athletics Schedule

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### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team dropped its Senior Day contest to Johns Hopkins 69-65 on Saturday afternoon. The loss officially eliminates the young Bears from qualifying for the Centennial Conference playoffs.

The Bears finish their season at Muhlenberg on Saturday afternoon. Tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m.

### Gymnastics

Sunday was a banner day for the Ursinus gymnastics team in every sense of the word. The Bears set a season-high with a team score of 186.975. Their previous season high was last week's effort at Temple University that netted a 183.075. The Bears were led by Celina Sooksatan's first-place finish in the high jump with a height of 5.03.75.