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## Wismer cited for health violations

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The Montgomery County Health Department has cited Upper Wismer dining hall for seven violations during a Dec. 17, 2012 inspection, with three of them deemed “risk violations,” according to the department’s website. A May 25, 2012 inspection resulted in the threat of legal action.

Wismer’s past four years include dozens of minor violations, such as dust or grease buildup on vents, which are frequently “corrected on-site,” according to MCHD, as well as a few recurring, more worrisome “risk violations,” including roach-like insects, mice droppings, food stored at the wrong temperature, lunch meat lacking use-by dates and mold-like growth in the ice machine.

Andy Feick, director of Facilities Services, said the goal of the May 25 threat of legal action was to force Upper Wismer to replace a cracked counter in the grill station.

“They wanted us to rework it and replace it. We were trying to hold off because that’s scheduled for renovation in phase six, and we hate to spend money replacing something that we’re going to end up ripping out,” Feick said.

Part of the grill station was replaced last summer, and MCHD did not pursue legal action. The grill station will still be renovated as planned.

A May 25, 2012 inspection contained major discrepancies. The inspector marked seven violations, six of them as risk violations. Wismer was marked out of compliance for the presence of “live roach-like insects,” but the inspector did not mark the violation as being a risk violation nor did he mark it as corrected on-site.

Despite the seven risk violations, the summary at the top of the report indicates five total violations and zero risk violations.

Feick said that all college dining halls struggle with pests. He provided reports from EcoLab pest control for the fall 2012 semester.

According to the EcoLab reports from Aug. 31, 2012 to Dec. 27, 2012, Wismer was treated for protection against roaches each month, and the Dec. 27 report also included treatment against mice.

In contrast to the observed “live roach-like insects” on the kitchen prep area floor on May 25, EcoLab has, for the most part, found no evidence of roaches during last semester’s visits. EcoLab checks for the following: pest activity found during service, structural concerns that could cause pest problems, sanitation issues that could cause pest problems and facility preparation issues.

EcoLab gave Wismer perfect marks in all four categories on each visit, with the exception of Oct. 17, when there were “cockroaches noted during service under the return dish coverer belt,” “food debris found under the conveyer belt,” and a “hole/gap” behind the dish machine. The area with roaches was inspected and serviced during that visit.

Feick also said the ice machine, which holds 800 pounds of ice and is used constantly, will be cleaned more often.

“We drain and sanitize the ice machine every break, once in the winter and once in the summer,” Feick said. Humidity condenses, creating moisture that cannot be cleaned away while the machine operates due to risk of contami-

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## UC does the Harlem Shake



Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly

Students gathered in Reimert Courtyard for the Ursinus edition of the Harlem Shake on Sunday, Feb. 17. Junior Ryan Adams organized the flash mob via Facebook, instructing students to “come dressed in a wild outfit” so the college could make its own contribution to the viral web sensation.

See page five for the complete story and visit [ursinusgrizzly.com](http://ursinusgrizzly.com) for the YouTube video.

## Fewer choose graduate school

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As seniors at Ursinus begin to prepare for post-college reality, many have made the decision to apply to graduate schools.

There has, however, been a decrease in the number of students attending graduate schools across the country. In September of 2012, The New York Times reported that new enrollment in graduate schools had decreased slightly for the second year in a row.

“The declines followed surges in enrollment in 2008 and 2009 as many unemployed workers sought a haven during the recession. Financial considerations probably played a role in the shift. Students may be dissuaded

from continuing their education in part because of the increasing debt burden from their undergraduate years,” Catherine Rampell of The Times reported.

While these statistics apply to a national average, they are representative of the opinion of many seniors at Ursinus.

“I’ve known that it was the best decision for me after college. It was the most logical, although not necessarily the best financial decision for me. I think that it will benefit me in the long run to go to graduate school, but obviously the entire process does make me nervous,” senior Stephanie Breitsman said.

Like many seniors, Breitsman, who plans to attend graduate school for Middle Eastern studies, must consider the fiscal re-

sponsibilities of attending graduate school in addition to her debts from her undergraduate studies.

To alleviate the pressures of applying to graduate school, Ursinus seniors are turning to Career Services for support and advice in the process. Career Services Director Carla Rinde shed light on the graduate school application process.

“Because budgets are tight, many departments seem to be cutting back on the number of spots open for graduate candidates. Public institutions are facing shrinking state appropriations so there seems to be a slightly decreased number of students enrolling in graduate programs,”

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Heidi Jensen/The Grizzly

In a recent inspection, the Montgomery County Health Department cited Wismer for several "risk violations," including mold-like growth inside the ice machines. Facilities has since planned to correct the issue.

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nating the ice inside.

"When we were talking with Campus Dining about this recently, we agreed that we'll continue with our schedule of sanitizing twice a year, draining and sanitizing, but Campus Dining will do an interim cleaning during fall break and spring break," Feick said. During those cleanings, the product will be removed and the inside wiped down, but the machine will remain on and the product will be replaced afterward," Feick said.

"If they were inspecting in January, when school starts, the ice machine's been freshly cleaned," Feick said.

Shane English, a senior who has worked in Jazzman's since 2010, and worked at Sandella's the year before, said he has never seen negligence on the behalf of employees in Lower Wismer.

"We're pretty much out in the open, and our bosses are really good," English said. "They're really on top of us about washing

our hands, changing our gloves after every second or third order, or if we're handling a vegetarian order, switching gloves."

More serious violations, English said, are addressed immediately to maintain compliance.

"Last year in Jazzman's in the library, it was noted that we were short a sink. We immediately shut down," English said. "I think that when it's something that can't be handled immediately, it's either quarantined or it's shut down."

On three occasions, Wismer's inspection results have warranted a "follow-up" inspection. Two of those follow-up inspections, conducted in Lower Wismer, contained no violations whatsoever.

The May 10, 2010 inspection in Lower Wismer verified that the dishwasher, which was not sanitizing properly three days earlier, was using water that was hot enough.

The Sept. 16, 2011 follow-up verified that a two-door beverage-air cooler was repaired. The cooler's temperature had been measured at 50 degrees. Wismer

voluntarily discarded the food inside.

Only the May 25, 2012 re-inspection in Upper Wismer, the one Feick said was targeting the cracked counter, yielded violations.

"If you know you're going to have an exam at school, you're going to be more prepared for it than if you walk into class and your professor hands you an exam on the last five chapters," Feick said. "I would hope that institutionally we would get a much higher score on an inspection if we know it's coming."

MCHD says on its website, "an inspection is a 'snapshot' of the day and time of the inspection. An inspection conducted on any given day may not be representative of the overall, long-term cleanliness of an establishment."

Feick said Sodexo conducts its own unannounced inspections.

"The health department may spend two hours here—they (Sodexo) spend a whole day," Feick said, "because they take health and safety seriously."

# Crigler reconsiders admissions policies

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Faculty, staff and administrators are currently considering potentially permanent changes to the admissions policies of the W.R. Crigler Institute, a three-week summer program for incoming Ursinus students of minority groups.

Summer 2012 marked the first time the W.R. Crigler Institute, formerly known as the Bridge Program, extended invitations to all first-generation college students, regardless of their racial or ethnic identity. The change was recommended by the Teagle Foundation's study on diversity at Ursinus.

Director of Multicultural Services Paulette Patton said she was reluctant to broaden the pool of students invited to the program.

"I wanted us to try and think through some of the ramifications of enlarging

the program, especially when we're talking about budget cuts and a limited number of students that could be invited," Patton said. "Making the decision on those students who apply was difficult."

Patton said last summer was a "pilot year," and there are ongoing discussions about "historically under-represented groups," as the Teagle study puts it, and who should be included in Crigler.

"I heard it's open to everyone now, and some people don't even want it," senior Corey Barkers said. "It hasn't been doing what

it's established to do, and that's keep minorities here. Keep them here, so make them feel comfortable. Prepare them," he said.

Barkers exemplified a black male friend who struggled with math at Ursinus.

"He was probably one of the top of his class at his primarily minority school, but he comes here and he is struggling," Barkers said.

"I think the line for Bridge was 'to bridge the gap between high school and college' for minorities. That was exactly what it was doing," he said. "You start off behind just because of the color of your skin in this country."

Barkers said he found out about the Bridge Program when the football coach called him to encourage him to attend. He said the black athletes he met there

found out about the opportunity through an overnight visit for minorities.

Barkers said the Bridge Program heightened his aware-

ness of race in America. That summer, Barkers "took African-American studies, and the professor there, Dr. Greason, he opened you up, even as a black person, well aware of my own black experience, to another idea of what defines the black experience," Barkers said. "I think that drew my interest, and even led me to minor in Africana studies."

Deanna Madison, a sophomore softball player, said she did not attend Crigler because she was

*"You start off behind just because of the color of your skin in this country."*

— Corey Barkers  
Senior Crigler Student

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Rinde said. "The largest-hit area has been law school. This is a response to crazy tuition numbers, crushing student debt and fewer opportunities for high-paying employment upon graduation."

When asked how Rinde and the Career Services counselors handle these situations, Rinde shared suggestions for all applicants to consider.

"We advise to take time to assess what is important to them. On a personal level, students need to consider location, community, campus culture and other non-academic issues that can impact satisfaction with a graduate school. On an academic and professional level, students should identify their research interest, research the faculty they will be working with, understand program funding and financing, compare graduation and work load requirements and analyze resources committed to the graduate departments of interest," Rinde said.

Unfortunately, for most students, these are only some of the many variables that play into the decision to apply to graduate



Rinde

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— Carl Rinde  
Career Services Director

schools. According to Rampell's article, the enrollment of many graduate programs is decreasing based on external factors in the field. As public education systems are cutting back on teachers and various elementary education programs, undergraduates are avoiding committing themselves

to these fields. Like education majors, arts and humanities majors also appear to be avoiding graduate school, as enrollment in these programs has decreased by 5.4 percent in 2011.

Although many students consider the option of graduate school after undergraduate studies every year, more and more are opting not to enroll. Whether this decision is due to increasing debts or dying career fields, this reaction from students is apparent well outside of the realm of Ursinus College.

Breitsman said she remains optimistic about her future.

"I'm excited about the future and all of the options I will have because I plan to commit to graduate school," Breitsman said. "I am nervous about the number of applicants, but I feel confident about my choice."

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## Top stories from around the globe

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### Dozens dead after Pakistani bomb attack

According to the BBC, at least 63 people were killed and more than 180 were wounded in a bomb attack in the city of Quetta in southwestern Pakistan on Saturday. This is the second major attack on the Shiite-Muslim Hazara community in the city in five weeks. The BBC reported that Sunni militant Lashkar-e-Jhangvi claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Chief of Police Mir Zubair Mahmood said that 70-to-80-kilogram explosives were planted in a water tank installed in a tractor trailer, and the blast destroyed nearby buildings, according to the BBC. The BBC reported that the chief minister of Balochistan was dismissed as a result of the attacks.

### G-20 cracks down on tax avoidance

According to the BBC, the Finance Ministers from the leading rich and developing nations of the G-20 pledged to crack down on tax avoidance by multinational companies in a meeting in Moscow on Saturday.

According to the BBC, the UK, France and Germany were the main proponents of this drive. Their Finance Ministers argued that international action was required to crack down on companies who transfer profits from their home country in order to pay lower taxes. Several companies, including Amazon, Google and Starbucks, have been scrutinized for their tax-dodging strategies, according to the BBC.

### Jesse Jackson Jr. charged with misusing funds

The New York Times reported

that Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., is accused of misusing \$750,000. A federal court in Washington, DC is charging Jackson with conspiracy, fraud and making false statements.

According to the Times, prosecutors argue that Jackson used campaign funds donated to his reelection campaign to buy a gold-plated Rolex watch worth \$43,350, fur capes and parkas worth \$5,150 and \$9,588 in children's furniture. He also allegedly failed to report \$28,500 in gifts and loans to the House of Representatives, the Times reported.

The congressman faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison, according to the Times.

### Zimbabwe referendum set for March

According to ABC News, Zimbabwe has set a key referendum for a new constitution. Citizens will vote on a new constitution on March 16, in time for national elections later this year. Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai believes that this will be a stepping stone towards democratic reform, ABC News reported.

General elections are expected to be held July 15-30, according to the BBC.

### Activist launches new political party in Brazil

Marina Silva, a former candidate for president in Brazil, launched a new political party known as the Sustainability Network, the BBC reported.

Silva previously served in former President Lula da Silva's administration as Environmental Minister and came third in the 2010 election, according to the BBC.

The BBC reported that little is known about the overall objective of the network other than commitment to the environment. However, it is expected that Silva's allies intend to join her in this new political party.

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abroad, but she does have friends who participated.

"From my class, I felt like a lot of people attended Crigler," Madison said. "I felt like Crigler would have been a good opportunity, especially as an athlete, since you don't really have that much time on your hands," Madison said.

Patton petitioned to have the name changed to W.R. Crigler in 2011, to honor the first African American to graduate from Ursinus. The program was founded specifically to support students of color with Crigler's legacy in mind.

Reverend Charles Rice, professor of religion & philosophy and a Crigler mentor, said in a 2012 interview with The Grizzly that the Bridge Program

was established to foster "networks of collegiality and friendship" among students of color. Before the Bridge Program was created in 1988, Rice said minority students had difficulties accessing the informal networks of support created among white students.

"The ones who survived, survived primarily because they found each other," Rice said. "The Bridge Program strived to make this natural but slow process more systemic in the college community."

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# Free piloxing classes

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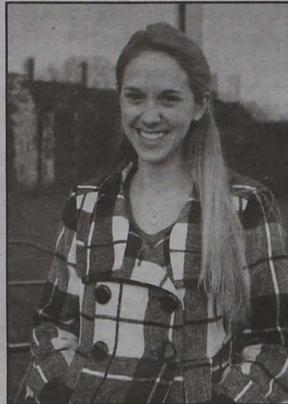
Ursinus College's chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms has begun to sponsor free piloxing classes on campus this semester with the goal of providing an exciting and challenging workout for students to get fit and feel great.

The piloxing class's student instructor, senior Christie Lehman, attained certification last summer in her home state of California as a gift for her 21st birthday. Once learning about Lehman's certification, TWLOHA club president Kait Vanderlaan approached her about teaching this fun class as an ongoing activity for the organization.

Piloxing is an intense and unique exercise program created by Swedish professional dancer and trainer Viveca Jensen. She started teaching the workout in Hollywood fitness centers and now it has become an international exercise sensation.

Piloxing's combination of high energy moves is derived from pilates, boxing and dance, and creates an intense cardio interval workout, which can burn anywhere from 400 to 1,000 calories in 45 minutes.

"Sleek, sexy and powerful, that's the motto of it. You get the sleek from pilates, the sexy from dancing and the powerful from



Christie Lehman

boxing," Lehman said.

Jensen designed the workout specifically for women so they would "feel powerful yet sexy at the same time," Lehman said. However, she adds that guys are still welcome to take part in the class.

In terms of equipment, piloxing incorporates half-pound weighted boxing gloves, which add intensity by raising heart rates and toning arms. Additionally, this is a barefoot workout, which promotes a good stance.

Lehman has taught three classes on campus so far this semester with great turnouts. Her first piloxing class was part of the Residence Life's Field Night and attracted about 30 or 40 participants.

Her past two piloxing events were well attended in the Helf-

erich Dance Studio. "I only have 21 gloves and both classes I haven't had any gloves left, so it was great to have full classes," Lehman said.

Lehman has also received great feedback from the campus. Senior Kim Keenen, who attended one of the classes with four of her friends, said, "The main thing that struck me about piloxing was how someone could burn so many calories while having such a great time. I would definitely recommend this workout to others and tell them to bring their friends along."

Keenen also expressed how the workout is a great challenge for people of all exercise abilities, and Lehman provides plenty of enthusiasm and encouragement. "As Christie told us, even if we don't think we can hold the move, just try as best we can," Keenen said.

In regards to the class's organizational sponsor, TWLOHA, the piloxing class provides a workout in which students can have great time, feel empowered and build self-confidence.

Lehman said, "It's a good workout but it's fun. I hope that each class people leave feeling like they did something for their bodies, but they also feel really good about themselves doing it."

Piloxing classes are held every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Helderich Dance Studio.

# Music and haircuts



Courtesy of Rachel Blunt

Rob Hickey and Nic Sanderson perform on Jan. 28 at open mic night.

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The American Barber Company on Main Street is mainly known for its haircuts for men, but it is also a place for musicians.

"By day, it's probably one of the best places to get your hair cut. At night, we convert it into a music venue," Steve Krauss, the owner of the barbershop, said.

On Mondays from 8 p.m. to midnight, the American Barber Company holds a free open mic night, with sign-ups around 7:30 p.m. "We have anything from singer-songwriter, to high energy Americana, blues, country, folk, individuals, bands, duos, I mean, whatever," Krauss said. Not only do the people who sign up play, but Krauss's band, Mr. Fuzzy and the Barbarian, play at each of the mic nights.

Larry Hoye is a musician who's played at the open mic nights a few times. "It's nice to play at a place where people listen to you, rather than a smoky bar where no one pays attention to you," Hoye said. Anyone who signs up is able to play during open mic night.

In the next few months, there will be a few acts performing at the American Barber Company. There will be a classical pianist on Feb. 23, a band called Adelay on March 15, and another called Small Houses on April 20.

Eric McMahon, a former client and current band-mate with Krauss, said, "We don't charge admission, so everyone's wel-

come to come in and just relax." There are couches, tables and chairs always set up in the shop for visitors at any time. They do ask for donations for the acts, but it isn't required.

"That'd be great if more students from Ursinus can come," McMahon said. There has been an influx of students coming to the barbershop since the start of the spring semester, but McMahon and Krauss are hoping they will have better attendance for the open mics. "If they want to come down, grab something from Wawa, sit at the table and do some homework they can do that," Krauss said.

"I've always wanted a theater," Krauss said. When he first started his business, Krauss realized he had a lot of space for a one-man barbershop, so he and a few friends built the stage in the back. He said he was able to combine his passion for music and his livelihood of being a barber.

For those looking for a haircut, the American Barber Company gives \$12 haircuts to Ursinus students. "I'd say the best men's haircuts in the Collegeville area," Krauss said.

The American Barber Company is open to hanging out, getting a haircut, listening to music and even renting out for small parties or events. The barbershop is also looking for someone to volunteer to operate the sound equipment on Monday nights. Krauss's band will be playing in Lower Wismer sometime in the near future.

## Word on the Street

What on-campus housing do you prefer and why?

"I like Main Street. There is just more access to outside things like Wawa and traveling, stuff like that." -Dominick Knowles, Sophomore

"I would say Main Street housing. It's where I live now." -Jared Bohrer, Junior

"Main Street because we all do stuff together. They have a homey charm." -Devin Radosky, Junior

"Main Street. It offers you the freedom to be almost off campus where you are not at Reimert but you are still in close proximity to everything you need and the buildings." -Kelsey Heimbaugh, Junior

"Main Street, because I'm big on community and family, and Main Street housing offers that." -Jessica Neuman, Senior

# Harlem Shake craze takes over Ursinus

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Students of Ursinus College organized on Sunday, Feb. 17 in Reimert courtyard to perform and record their own rendition of the recent Harlem Shake dance craze. Junior Ryan Adams, the mastermind behind the video, said that he was inspired to create an Ursinus version after he and his fellow basketball teammates watched other schools' versions of the Harlem Shake.

MSN News reported that the Harlem Shake originated during the 1980s, but has had a resurgence with the release of DJ Baauer's single "Harlem Shake." The craze officially took off at the beginning of February, following a vlogger's posting. The trend quickly spread to sports teams, universities, museums and even businesses. According to the New York Post, "as many as 4,000 videos have been uploaded in a sin-

gle day, and in two weeks, more than 12,000 videos have been created, generating more than 44 million total views."

Adams recruited friends and created a Facebook Events Page to spread the word to the campus. Sophomore David Duryea, who filmed and edited the video, said, "Maybe 200 people showed up. It was a great turnout, I didn't expect that much."

It's typical for the videos to begin with a lone, costumed dancer who is followed by a mob of dancers in crazy and colorful attire. Ursinus was no different, as students showed up in Halloween costumes such as a Buzz Lightyear, a slice of pizza and even the Ursinus Bear mascot. Others wore neon-colored tanks and T-shirts, funny hats and some even went shirtless and wore shorts despite the frigid weather. "Everyone had great costumes and props, which really added to the production," Adams said.

One way Ursinus' Harlem Shake video differs from past



Jillian Goldstein/The Grizzly  
Ursinus students show off their dance moves in the Reimert courtyard during the filming of the Harlem Shake.

versions is its location. Adams and his teammates chose Reimert courtyard because "not too many schools have a setup like Reimert with a huge courtyard like that, so we wanted to take full advantage of it." Adams also said that the Ursinus Harlem Shake video is unique "because we included dif-

ferent camera angles in our video which, gave the audience watching this video an idea of what it would look like if they had been in the crowd."

Adams said that the production ran successfully despite some challenges. He said, "The only challenge was how cold it

was on Sunday. It was about 25 degrees and it started to snow a little bit, so we just wanted to film it quickly."

After filming, Duryea edited and posted the video to YouTube on Sunday around 7 p.m. By Monday evening, Feb. 18, the video had 5,851 views.

# Escape Velocity prepares for spring performance

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One of Ursinus College's dance companies, Escape Velocity Dance Troupe, is preparing for its upcoming spring show, which Escape Velocity board members are describing as a definite hit.

Sophomore Haylee Mevorah, an Escape Velocity board member, said that this spring's show will prove to be better than past ones. She added that the setting of the performance will contribute to the quality of the show.

"One aspect that makes the Spring show better is the setting," Mevorah said. She explained that the setting of the fall show is the same room in which they practice. For the spring performances, the shows take place in the Kaleidoscope Blackbox Studio Theatre, which allows for a larger audience.

"Last time we had to only let in a certain number of people whereas there is just more room in the Blackbox," senior Alyssa Caffarelli, Escape Velocity's current vice president said.

Unlike other dance shows and performances at Ursinus, Caffarelli said Escape Velocity is student run, organized and performed, so students are very committed to their pieces.

Both Caffarelli and Mevorah agreed that one of their favorite parts about the show is that dancers can choreograph their own dances, since the dancers are really passionate about their pieces. Caffarelli said, "It's good to see members get involved and create their own dances."

While Caffarelli loves the fact

that it is a student-run show, she said that her work is not always easy. Since there are a limited number of dances that they can fit in, the board members have to select a limited number of participants.

"It does get stressful, especially when you have to cut pieces," Caffarelli said. Although it can be hard to compare and cut student-made dance pieces, Caffarelli is happy to see the high level of student interest and participation. She also said that her experience with Escape Velocity has greatly

improved over the years. "Since my freshman year, the company has undergone many better changes in board members," Caffarelli said. "We're a more professional and organized company."

Escape Velocity's Spring performance will kick off Monday, Feb. 25 and will run through Wednesday, Feb. 27. The shows will begin at 8 p.m. in the Kaleidoscope Blackbox Studio Theater. Cost of admission is \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for general admission.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Dr. Judith Carney Lecture: 'In the Shadow of Slavery,' in Musser Auditorium, 7 p.m.	Math Talk: The Distribution of Prime Numbers, in Pfahler 106, noon to 1 p.m.	Performance of Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," in Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater, 7:30 p.m.		Grizzly meeting, in Ritter Lobby, 6:30 p.m.	Author Richard Con-niff, in Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater, 7 p.m.	President's Forum, in Wismer Main Lobby, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Performance of Michael Frayn's "Noises Off," in Kaleidoscope Lenfest Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Shabbat Dinner, at Hillel House, 7-9 p.m.			Escape Velocity Dance Troupe, Kaleidoscope Blackbox Studio Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Escape Velocity Dance Troupe, Kaleidoscope Blackbox Studio Theater, 7:30 p.m.	Transgender Speaker: Ryan Sallans, in Musser Auditorium, 7 p.m.

For more information about campus events, visit UC Link.

# Main Street crosswalk still dangerous

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As a college situated in the suburbs of Collegeville, Pa., Ursinus and its students are lucky enough to be free from some major problems that afflict more urban universities. The chances of witnessing an armed robbery at a Wawa are slim.

It is always necessary to be aware of your surroundings and take all appropriate measures to stay safe. No college campus, or anywhere else, is completely safe. But keeping Ursinus as safe as possible should not be an insurmountable challenge.

However, the crosswalks across Main Street seem to have Ursinus stumped. Anyone who has crossed Main Street knows that it can feel like playing

“Frogger.”

You cautiously stand on the corner for a couple minutes until a car decides to stop. Then you dart to the left-turn lane in the center of the street and stand there until the opposing traffic acknowledges the dangers of standing in the middle of the road and allows you to cross.

Hundreds of students who live on Main Street cross multiple times each day. Most of the time the walk is uneventful, but the exceptions are severe.

Sconya Washington, a junior, wanted to cross the street from main campus to the corner of Sixth Avenue at around 11 p.m. at the end of last semester.

The cars on both sides of the road stopped, so she started walking into the crosswalk. She only made it a couple of steps before a car rear-ended the

stopped car in front of her, causing Washington to roll over the hood. The results of the accident were severe fibula, jaw, foot and tissue injuries. And Washington was lucky.

After the accident, Ursinus as an institution did not offer her substantial support. “After I got hit, the only people who contacted me were Missy Bryant and Mike Mullin,” Washington said.

The incident was left unaddressed and without a solution.

Unfortunately, Washington isn’t the first to be struck by a car while trying to cross Main Street. Many students have heard stories about car accidents at the crosswalks. Living on Main Street, you hear car accidents weekly.

In an effort to determine the frequency of accidents that happen at Main Street crosswalks, sophomore Keith Miles went to

the Collegeville Police Station.

Miles said in an email that the police only gave him one statement about how students should only cross the street at the crosswalks and then shut the door in his face.

Campus Safety said that it is partnering with the Collegeville Borough to lower the speed limit on Main Street from its current 35 mph to 30 mph. The point is not whether 2000 pounds of metal is colliding with a student at 30 or 35 miles per hour, but that we prevent the situation altogether.

Pennsylvania traffic laws state that drivers must stop if anyone is in the crosswalk. Rarely is this law enforced or are drivers ticketed. If the police enforced this law, maybe more drivers would be inclined to stop.

The lights above the cross-

walk are a step in the right direction, but are apparently not effective enough to prevent accidents. A traffic light or stop sign at the crosswalk would clarify a driver’s obligation to stop. The signs that are there currently do not make it clear whether a driver should or must stop.

This isn’t something trivial, like how our food tastes or whether we can have open containers on campus. The safety of the crosswalks has had an immediate impact on the safety of Ursinus students, and nothing should be prioritized above that.



# Academic writing a challenge for international students

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Today, an immense bulk of international students who come to the U.S. to study have limited mastery of formal English because they received their English language courses in their non-English speaking countries of origin.

Presenting well-written academic essays is a common expectation of undergraduate or graduate students. Students with English as a second language, ESL learners, face hard challenges in writing academic papers while studying in the U.S.

ESL learners in the U.S. need to differentiate between when to use informal English as opposed to the formal language necessary in academic writings.

International students may be shocked to receive unfavorable feedback on an essay at the start of their first semester, something I’ve experienced first-hand. Initially, I thought my English writing skills were developed enough to write a decent academic paper, but quickly I came to realize the gap between my performance

and what is required to write an academic paper.

Formal language can be identified through the use of content, organization and grammar. With content, students need to have a focused topic and audience to captivate the reader’s attention, must provide examples that are relevant to the audience and make good use of transition words.

With organization, students need to adhere to a specific academic format in respect to the thesis statement, body paragraphs and conclusion. When it comes to grammar, students must use advanced grammar to achieve a good structure and try to avoid awkward phrasing and short forms.

Sometimes ESL students pay special care to spelling, punctuation and grammar, but they forget about the readers. These students do not assume the existence of audiences outside the classroom, and the expectations of their first language interfere with those of English enough to impact the structure.

Due to certain psycho-linguistic influences, ESL students

may miss the notion of directness and precision as conventions in academic writing. For instance, Arabic people’s representation of ideas come in the form of more compound and complex sentences, something that is not the case in English.

Moreover, reproducing others’ knowledges, paraphrasing, analyzing information, quoting and plagiarism have constituted a real challenge to ESL learners over the years. Many international students may be plagiarists by mistake because they do not realize their errors since, in their countries, the phenomenon is not treated as seriously as it is treated in the U.S. Generally, ESL students have content that is wordy, tangential and unsupported.

The inability to express one’s thoughts in a clear way works against international students in their writing. ESL vocabulary is also weak because it does not appeal to the audience or provide the correct connotation for being negative, neutral or positive.

MLA style, like other writing styles that usually depend on the field and the teacher’s recommendation, is less successfully

applied by ESL students. They lack the mastery of the standard method to handle the page layout and bibliographic information that would be understood to native English speakers.

Teaching techniques in ESL composition classes should be revised for more effective results among international students in the U.S.

When it comes to dealing with non-native English speakers, teachers have to know that students are making an effort to translate thoughts that are processed in their native languages and then translated and expressed in another language. As a result, students still find it hard to meet cultural expectations of the target language such as directness, precision and objectivity.

ESL instructors have to better introduce the characteristics of English sentence structure. They should provide exercises to help students eliminate awkward writing habits like nominalization, fragmentation, run-on-sentences and wordiness.

IDS120, a class for integrating international students here at Ursinus, was a success for me

and my colleagues from China and Japan, and a good example of this approach in practice. By the end of the first semester, everybody’s writing improved.

The class was designed for international students to develop their speaking skills and enhance their cultural communication in the U.S. in general and on Ursinus Campus in particular.

Professor Annette Marrecau really did a good job to take care of all possible inaccuracies of ESL students. She was active and she was performing the role of the motivator, the facilitator and the adviser at a time.

All in all, international students find it challenging to write with respect to the American writing norms, a barrier I feel is primarily cultural.

To develop a good attitude toward writing, micro-product approaches are best. Teachers should provide students with enough drilling to ensure that students are capable of using format styles to ensure coherent, organized and error-free written language that fits in with native speakers.

# Behind the scenes: Jim Wagner, SID

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The athletics department at Ursinus College has undergone a makeover during recent years. There has been a new turf field put in, a new website launched and a new school logo; just to name a few of the changes. Jim Wagner, the sports information director, has been there through it all.

Wagner is now in his sixth year at Ursinus. As sports information director, he is the ESPN of Ursinus athletics. He is specifically in charge of creating the programs for each game, making sure the correct statistics are recorded, updating social media and coordinating scores and results with the NCAA and other local media.

Though he has played a key role in the overhaul of Ursinus athletics, the part of Wagner's job that is most beneficial is getting to know the teams themselves.

"The best part of the job is interacting with the student-athletes," Wagner said.

Getting to know the student-athletes better allows Wagner to more accurately depict them in the media. Wagner is a firm be-

liever in Division III sports and its strong focus on the student portion of student-athletes. With this in mind, he has gained more knowledge about the athletes than anyone who just watches the games could.

The personable approach to his job has allowed Wagner to be a supportive member of each Bears team.

Wagner said some of his greatest accomplishments are far from personal. Through promoting student-athletes in the media, Wagner has helped athletes like 2012 graduate Shane Eachus receive first-team Academic All-American for football.

The amount of non-athletic information Wagner knows about the athletes is a testament to his backing of Division III sports.

"More importantly, at the Division III level it's not about going pro, it's about getting a great education and having a great experience," Wagner said.

During his six years at Ursinus, Wagner has also seen many on-the-field accomplishments to compliment off-field achievements like Eachus'. And the visual changes to Ursinus athletics, Wagner said, are critical to the



Courtesy of Athletic Communications

Jim Wagner (left) of the Sports Information Dept. is a key cog behind the scenes in the Athletic Department.

school's continuing athletic improvement.

"It's all coming together. What Laura [Moliken] and the administration have done has been great. It's benefitting everybody in athletics. I think in the next couple of years, you're going to see Ursinus at the top of a lot of things,"

Wagner said.

With the new athletics website launched in 2009, Wagner said the next step is to create an app for smartphones. Along with that, the website will soon feature more videos and live streaming. This upgrade in publicity will help to further advance the cul-

ture of Ursinus athletics.

"Sports information is a lot like the water and power company. When its running, nobody knows and nobody is complaining about it," Wagner said. It is a selfless position, especially when one person is in charge of overseeing 23 different teams.

## Old Phillies have hope as spring training arrives

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There are very few terms of positivity that would describe the Philadelphia sports scene over the past six months. For most fans, it has been a sad scene of late, especially in comparison to the past five years, in which three of the four professional sports teams have reached their league's conference final round.

The Eagles finished their season tied for the fourth worst record in the NFL, and are looking forward to their top five pick in the draft after a season that saw Andy Reid lose his job of 13 seasons.

Next door at the Wells Fargo Center, the 76ers are in the midst of a subpar season marked by their trade for injury-riddled center Andrew Bynum, who hasn't stepped foot onto the hardwood in South Philadelphia this season.

Meanwhile, the Flyers have struggled through the first 17

games of their lockout-shortened season (48 games) and are short on time to make up for their 7-9 record and their inability to win on the road.

Even Big 5 basketball is on the downswing (with apologies to LaSalle). Temple and Villanova, the city's traditional basketball powers, are mere bubble teams with March Madness on the horizon.

However, with more than a month before the season starts, the Phillies are trying to buck the unenviable trend of Philly mediocrity with the ballclub finally down in Clearwater, Fla. for Spring Training.

After finishing 81-81 and in third place in the National League East, the aging (and hopefully injury-free) Phillies are looking for one more run at glory.

The Phils, who have been passed by the Nationals and Braves, according to pundits across the board, look to rebound from last season's injury-filled

campaign that included stints on the disabled list from Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, Roy Halladay and Carlos Ruiz.

However, as the cliché has it, every team starts 0-0 on Opening Day and hope springs eternal for all.

And a new season, for the Phillies sake, hopefully brings a new and improved bullpen. One of the team's major problems last season was the bridge to the ninth inning and closer Jonathan Papelbon.

Enter Mike Adams.

Adams, who signed a two-year, \$12 million deal with the Phils, is earning rave reviews early on in Clearwater after missing the last week of the 2012 season with thoracic outlet syndrome, an injury that causes a numbing feeling in his fingers.

Last season, Phillies pitchers in the eighth inning gave up 24 home runs and had a 4.89 ERA, the second highest mark in the MLB. From 2008-12, Adams,

who played for Texas last season, posted a 1.98 ERA and struck out 311 batters in 297 innings and has become one of the most consistent setup men in the game.

However, if the Phillies really intend to catch the Nationals and the Braves, they will need a banner year from an offense that has not aged gracefully in any way, shape or form.

The keys this season lie, as they have during the 2007-11 glory days, with the right side of the infield: Howard and Utley.

Howard, who is now 16 months removed from Achilles surgery, looks to rebound and return to play like the player who truly earned his five-year, \$125 million extension prior to the 2010 season. The first baseman returned from the surgery last season in early July and batted only .219 with 14 home runs and 56 RBIs.

However, the Phillies records before and after Howard's return to the lineup show the mere im-

pect of his presence. Prior to July 6, when the hulking first baseman made his season debut, the Phillies sat at 37-47. From July 6 through the end of the season, the Phils went 44-34.

Also missing a large chunk of last season was Utley, the best second baseman in team history. Utley, who returned on June 27 after battling the health of his knees, batted a career-low .256 while piling up only 11 home runs and 45 RBIs.

Though Utley endured a down year by almost every measure, he finished the season strong by hitting .299 in September with nine extra-base hits, 19 RBIs, and a .405 OBP.

If the Phils want to reclaim their spot among the elites, they need strong performances from player Nos. 1-25 on the roster. But in sports, weird things are commonplace, and nothing can ever be counted out.

# UC Recap: Bears lose, miss playoffs

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With a chance to reach the Centennial Conference playoffs, the men's basketball team failed to take full advantage of the golden opportunity in front of them.

The squad lost its season finale to Muhlenberg, 80-56, at Memorial Hall in Allentown and missed out on the Centennial Conference playoffs for the third straight season.

With a win over Muhlenberg, the Bears would have qualified for the playoffs as the No. 5 seed to play No. 4 Muhlenberg once again for entrance into the CC playoffs at Franklin & Marshall this weekend.

Earlier in the day, the Bears had gotten the help they needed for the opportunity to make the playoffs. Gettysburg, who beat the Bears twice this season and was tied at 8-9 in the CC standings, lost 75-50 to McDaniel at home, giving the Bears a prime chance.

However, the Bears could not contain Mules guard Malique Killing, who poured in 25 points along with four assists and four rebounds.

The Bears trailed by 10, 32-22 at halftime. However, Muhlenberg put the nail in the coffin in the second half, outscoring Ursinus 48-34 in the second half.

"We've had a slew of close games. We had 14 games decided by five points or fewer," Small said. "It was one of those crazy years. I'm really proud of how hard the guys continued to fight considering our record, but

Saturday was just one of those days."

"It was a disappointing way to end the season, but I give our team a lot of credit," Small said.

Leading the way for the Bears was senior forward Jon Ward, who posted 14 points in his final game of his career. Ward finishes his career with 1567 total points, which ranks fourth in Ursinus history and 14th in Centennial Conference history.

The Bears now turn their attention to next season with needs to fill, especially in the front-court.

With the team losing three key seniors in Ward, Matt Donahue and Kevin Janowski, Small has his work cut out to fill the team's needs and to improve a team and a program that was a regional and national power throughout the 2000s.

One key player returning next year is junior forward Ryan Adams. Adams averaged a shade over seven points per game this season while leading the team with six rebounds per outing.

"One thing we struggled with this year was rebounding consistently with all five guys on the court. So going into next season, that is one thing we need to work on," Adams said.

The Bears finished their season with a final overall record of 10-15, and 8-10 in Centennial Conference play.

## W. Basketball

The Ursinus women's basketball team finished off its season with a road loss to playoff-bound Muhlenberg, 75-63, on Saturday



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Senior Jon Ward, who finishes his career with 1567 points, and the Bears lost their season finale to Muhlenberg and missed a chance to make the Centennial Conference playoffs for the first time since 2010.

afternoon at Memorial Hall.

The women's squad finishes its season barely finishing below the .500 mark at 12-13 overall, and 9-11 in Centennial Conference affairs.

The Bears were led by freshman guard Alyssa Polimeni, who totaled a team-high 16 points. She also drained 3-5 from behind the arc in the loss. Freshman forward Tori Steinberg chipped in 14 points.

Muhlenberg was paced by guard Alita Zabrecky's 21 points.

The Bears trailed by only five at halftime to the Mules, but were outscored 41-34 in the second half.

## Gymnastics

The Ursinus gymnastics team posted an overall score of 182.425 on Sunday afternoon at Towson University.

The Bears, coming off a

186.975 in their previous meet, scored a team-high 46.775 on floor, a 45.550 on the beam, a 45.400 on the uneven bars and a 44.700 on the vault.

Leading the way for the Bears was senior Stephanie Schmidt, who scored a team-high 9.750 on floor and a 9.250 on the vault.

The Bears compete on short rest this week at West Chester on Friday starting at 6 p.m.

# Upcoming UC Athletics Schedule

2/22-23  
Men's Swimming  
CC Championships  
@ F&M, 9 a.m.

2/22  
Women's Track and Field  
CC Championships  
@ Ursinus, 3 p.m.

2/22  
Gymnastics  
@ West Chester  
6 p.m.

2/23  
Men's Track and Field  
CC Championships  
@ Ursinus, 9 a.m.

2/22-23  
Women's Swimming  
CC Championships  
@ F&M, 9 a.m.

2/22  
Men's Track and Field  
CC Championships  
@ Ursinus, 3 p.m.

2/23  
Wrestling  
CC Championships  
@ Johns Hopkins, 1 p.m.

2/23  
Women's Track and Field  
CC Championships  
@ Ursinus, 9 a.m.

