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Students, Dean recall Boston during bombings

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On Monday, April 15, two bombs went off at the finish line of the Boston marathon. According to CNN, the two explosions occurred about 12 seconds apart, around 2:50 p.m.

Ursinus senior Sam Brenner was running in the race for his second year in a row. Senior Olina Hovick and Dean of Students Deborah Nolan were also at the marathon, both cheering on their respective family members. Hovick's father was running in the race for his eleventh year. Nolan's husband James was running in the race for his twenty-fifth year, and Alison Nolan, her daughter and a 2011 Ursinus alumna, was running in the marathon for her first time after qualifying at the Lehigh Valley Marathon last fall.

Brenner had finished the race by the time the bombs went off.

"I was turning toward the finish line to walk toward my dad because he was a block away when I saw the first blast go up," Brenner said. "No one really knew what was going on."

"My mother and I had been cheering runners on at Heartbreak Hill around mile 20 in Newton," Nolan said. "We took the [subway] back to the finish line and received a call from Alison that she had finished and would meet us at the Marriott Hotel, where we were staying. We were about 50 yards from the eventual site of the second explosion when her call summoned us back to the hotel."

"It was really scary," Hovick said. "I have never felt so sick to my stomach. ... So many people stand right there. It's almost immediately after the finish line, so a lot of families wait there to see their loved ones finish."

"About 15 seconds after I saw the second bomb go off, a stampede of people came running down the street away from the blast," Brenner said.

The bombs claimed the lives of three. Restaurant manager Krystle Campbell and Chinese Boston University graduate student Lingzi Lu died in the first blast, according to CNN. Eight-year-old Martin Richards lost his life in the second blast, according to CNN, and his mother and sister were seriously hurt.

"When we got to the street, there were bewildered people everywhere, and sirens and emergency vehicles screaming to the scene," Nolan said. "Marathoners, like my daughter, were lost. They had finished the race, were exhausted, dehydrated and cold, and most had no ID, phone, keys or personal items because they had either just finished the race or were diverted before getting to the finish with no way to find their families. Many of us shared our cell phones and cash with them."

CNN reported that more than 170 people were hurt by "flying glass, shrapnel, ball bearings and nails, some of them grievously."

"The whole thing was so horrible. There were literally puddles of blood on the sidewalk," Hovick said. "I didn't feel like I was in Boston, or even in America. I felt like I was in some war-torn nation, or a post-apocalyptic novel."

Because the bombing was suspected terrorism, the FBI took the investigative lead, according to CNN.

"I've directed the full resources of the federal government to help state and local authorities protect our people, increase security around the United States as necessary and investigate what happened," President Barack Obama said in a statement on Monday, April 15, according to CNN.

CNN reported that, by Wednesday night, investiga-

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Wismer to get summer makeover

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As Ursinus students finish up their last week of classes, the college prepares for summer renovations to occur in Wismer.

Each fall for the past several years, Ursinus students have returned to a great deal of changes and renovations in the Wismer dining center. Wismer has been under a phase renovation plan led by Director of Facilities Andrew Feick. This renovation phase began in 2005 and will enter into its sixth phase during the upcoming summer of 2013.

The sixth phase of these renovations focuses specifically on the main dining room on the upper level of Wismer. This phase is broken down into two stages: 6.1 and 6.2.

In stage 6.1, the renovations will be numerous. Workers will begin by tinting the glass pyramid located in the center ceiling of the dining hall. Feick said the tint will help in cutting down on glare and solar heat load. The renovations will continue with the replacement of the entire ceiling, as well as the lighting and heating and cooling duct system above the ceiling. The replacement ceiling will be completed with a wood accent across its center.

Once the ceiling has been replaced, the windows lining the dining room will be replaced.

Small light fixtures will also be installed around the dining hall. After these renovations, the college also plans to install a sound system in the main dining room for events.

These changes follow the previous phases of renovations on Zack's, the campus convenient store, the Main Entrance, the stairs leading into Lower Wismer, the Bear's Den, all of the bathrooms in Wismer and various sections of Upper Wismer. Feick said these changes were planned over a long period of time in order to counterbalance the heavy use of the Wismer facilities.

Feick said the changes and renovations were made with Ursinus students in mind.

"Wismer is the one space students use every day," Feick said. "Much of the unrenovated space is original from when the building was built and is obsolete or not fully supporting our current program."

A committee composed of representatives from the Facilities department, Campus Dining Services, the Business Office, the Student Life Office, and the Office of Advancement plans all Wismer renovations. Numerous student representatives, faculty members and the architect to complete these renovations also serve on the committee. According to Feick, the committee meets periodically to review and modify the phasing plan according to changing needs and budget.

These ongoing phases are funded through the college's Cap­ital Renewal budget, which funds all maintenance renovations on the campus.

Senior Kristin Cichowski was especially enthusiastic in remembering the changes that have occurred in the past.

"It's always exciting to return to campus to find so many changes in an area that we use everyday. I'm sure there are a lot of things that could be renovated in other parts of campus, but Wismer is a place we all go," Cichowski said. "Every student can appreciate these changes."

Ursinus students returning for the fall semester of 2013 can look forward to these changes as well as many others that are planned to take place over the summer. The college is working to complete renovations on BWC, Reimert, Main Street Houses and Pfahler, and is planning to update and expand its athletic equipment.

"It's bittersweet to know how many changes are going to occur at a place that I hold so close to my heart, but also to realize I'll be gone by then," Cichowski said. "Of course, as is always the Ursinus way, it is clear that the school is continuing to look out for the best interest of its students."

CORRECTIONS

In the April 11 issue, the article, "Ritter Needs Renovating," incorrectly described the computers in Ritter 149. The computers are Mac Pro Work Stations that were purchased in 2010. The incorrect information was found on the Media and Communication Studies Department website, and has since been updated.

In the April 18 issue, the article, "Autism Awareness Month is a Learning Opportunity," the line, "you should believe that as well was added during the editing process and does not reflect the view of the author.

Residence Life expands gender-neutral housing

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Recent campus housing changes allowed students to choose to live in gender-neutral dormitories next year in Reimert and on the third floor of North and Richter.

"We hope to create an environment where you don't have to identify your gender and be able to live with whoever you want to live with. We wanted to create a place where all students feel comfortable living without having to tell Residence life," said Director of Residence Life Melissa Sand­ers Giess.

Giess said that four years ago, a senior named Robert White­head proposed the idea of gender-neutral housing. He was currently living in Special Interest (SPINT) housing and felt strongly that there was a need for gender-neutral housing at Ursinus. He established Queer House, a residence hall that promotes awareness of issues related to gender and sexuality, through the SPINT Housing Program.

In Queer House, which is currently located in Schaff but will move to 777 Main St. for next year, male and female students can room together.

Giess said that while Queer House is a great resource on campus, there remains a demand for gender-neutral dormitories outside of the SPINT house. Over the past few years, colleges across the country have begun to offer gender-neutral housing options in an effort to become more inclusive of all students.

The fall of 2013 will be the pilot of this new program. Giess worked with the Student Activities and Services Committee, which is composed of faculty, staff and students, to initiate the gender-neutral housing plan.

"I talked about the national trend of students identifying with a different gender or not even identifying at all," Giess said.

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Memorial for Rachel Blunt

Saturday, April 27
at 2 p.m.
in Bomberger Auditorium

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**Boston suspect charged**

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing, was charged on Monday with, according to federal court documents, "using a weapon of mass destruction" that killed three people and injured 141 others on April 15, the New York Times reported. Federal prosecutors charged Tsarnaev, who has been hospitalized since his April 19 arrest with a possibly self-inflicted gunshot wound, as he lay in his hospital bed, according to The Times.

As of Monday, The Times reported that investigators have found no evidence linking Tsarnaev and his brother and accomplice to a larger terror group.

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said, according to The Times, that Tsarnaev will be prosecuted through the civilian court system, not as an enemy combatant as some Republican lawmakers had suggested.

**Gun control amendment fails**

According to the Huffington Post, the U.S. Senate failed to pass a bill that would require background checks for gun-buyers on Wednesday, April 17. Nearly 90 percent of Americans, according to the Post, support the bill, a bipartisan measure written by Democratic Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Republican Pat Tooney of Pennsylvania.

Failure to pass the background check amendment led to failures to pass other stronger measures, including a ban of assault weapons, according to the Post.

**Earthquake strikes China**

According to the BBC, a magnitude-6.6 earthquake struck the Sichuan province of China. There were more than 1,300 aftershocks in the area, and there are fears of possible landslides, BBC reported.

Chinese rescue teams have travelled on foot to the most affected areas, due to damaged roads, according to BBC, and some villages close to the epicenter in Lushan and Baoxing counties were left in ruins. Meanwhile, China has received help from other countries, even Japan, with which it is embroiled in a territorial dispute over the Senkaku Islands, BBC reported.

**Texas plant failed to report substance**

A fertilizer plant in West, Texas exploded on Wednesday, April 17, killing at least 14 people and destroying buildings in the surrounding community, according to Reuters. While the cause of the explosion is still unknown, Reuters reported the plant failed to disclose that it had been storing more than one thousand times the legal amount of ammonium nitrate, an explosive substance, to the Department of Homeland Security.

According to Reuters, fertilizer plants must report to the DHS if they possess more than 400 pounds of ammonium nitrate. The West plant’s filings with the Texas Department of State Health Services, which were not shared with the DHS, show that the plant had 270 tons of the substance last year, Reuters reported.

**Flooding in Midwest**

Floods in several communities along the Mississippi River have led to the deaths of three people in Indiana and Missouri and the destruction of farmlands and major highways in the Midwest, according to the Huffington Post. Forecasts call for more rain and snow in the upper Midwest area and, as a result, increased flooding, the Post reported.

States of emergency have been declared in Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois, where several rivers were reaching record levels and thousands of people have been evacuated, according to the Post.

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**Top stories from around the globe**

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**Boston Marathon medical volunteers load the first bombing victims onto ambulances at an aid station.**

Photo Courtesy of Sam Brenner
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Now that the spring weather has finally arrived, Ursinus students are wandering outside and down 9th Avenue to the college’s three-acre Organic Farm.

This year’s student Farm Director, Junior Dean Scott, has organized a farm cookout and a few volunteer days that have helped prepare the garden for planting. The compost is already spread, and has finally arrived, the seniors are wandering outside and Hill Farm. The compost is already spread, and has finally arrived, the seniors are wandering outside and down 9th Avenue to the college’s three-acre Organic Farm. Scott lists a number of vegetables growing in two greenhouses on campus, which include tomatoes, lettuce, red-headed lettuce, chard, kale, beets, cabbage, and spring salad mix, which Scott said “has sprouted and is really tasty, I’ve tried some.” The farm also includes a 26-tree orchard, with apples, apricots, nectarines, pears and plums. In addition to fruits and vegetables, the UC Organic Farm is home to chickens and bees that are producing eggs and honey.

Scott, said, “The chickens are great. They’re producing eggs, they’re healthy, and they’re going to have two more chickens this summer if all goes according to plan to have a total of six.”

The bees have also been hard at work, with one highly populated colony that is already harvesting pollen.

As the UC Farm Director, Scott’s plan for the semester was to engage student volunteers, which he has found pretty easy so far. Scott said, “As far as student involvement, people can’t get enough and are super interested. People I don’t even know are asking, ’Dean, when are we going to be out at the farm?’”

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FEATURES
UC organic farm
Springtime brings Collegeville Farmer’s Market new produce from the Ursinus College community

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“Perhaps the best part about it is the community that’s involved.”

-- Axel Gonzales
Freshman

these farm volunteers are really enjoying their time as well. Freshman Axel Gonzales said, “The organic farm is great. Perhaps the best part about it is the community that’s involved. Every time we go work on the farm, the community is always there to help. We just hang out after working.”

Now that Scott has accomplished his semester goal, he looks forward to the summer, when he hopes to set up a planting, weeding, and harvesting schedule, producing eggs and vegetables throughout the summer, which he will then be able to bring to the Collegeville Farmer’s Market every Saturday. Scott said, “The relationship between the community and the college is really important,” so another summer goal is to invite local faculty, staff, and fellow students to claim and garden their own 4 ft. by 8 ft. raised bed boxes as a Community Garden Program.

In addition to the core theme of community, students engaged in the farm develop a greater appreciation for their food. Gonzales said, “As for actually working on the farm, it’s great to see and learn how food is grown. We’re so used to buying our food in the grocery store that we never actually see how dependent we are on the land for our food. Working on the farm, working on any farm, really allows you to see how dependent you are on nature and other people for your existence. And recognizing those dependencies really drives you to fight for justice, both for the environment and for people.”

And as Scott said, “the prospect of being able to grow food is just really phenomenal.” Students who are interested in taking part in upcoming work days or having their own garden bed this summer can contact Dean Scott.

Alumni always welcome

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The four years at Ursinus College fly by, and before anyone has the chance to step back and look at all they have accomplished, the seniors are frantically applying for jobs or graduate schools. While this time can be rather stressful, seniors should feel comfort in knowing that they don’t have to completely say goodbye to the place they called home for four years. Alumni are welcome back on campus and are even encouraged to meet with Career Service Advisors.

Career Services is a benefit that not all other universities’ alumni enjoy. If at any point after graduation alumni feel they need help finding a job or seeking career advice, Ursinus encourages them to set up a meeting with a career advisor in the Career Service’s Office.

Amy Brink, a career advisor, said, “We have alumni come in to meet with us all the time. They come in for anything from advice to mock interviews. 100 percent encourage alumni to stop in or give us a call if they have anything they need to discuss.”

Alyssa Daloisio, alumna of class 2010 and a current Ursinus Admission Counselor, said, “I took a year off after graduation but kept in touch with career services. When I found out that this position opened up, I jumped on the opportunity. Career services were really helpful.”

Another benefit for alumni is the Ursinus LinkedIn alum group. LinkedIn is the number one online professional networking tool in the world, and Ursinus has a group within LinkedIn. This gives students and alumni the capability to contact alumni from any graduating year in the field of their choice.

Brink said, “So if you are interested in going into a certain field and you see that someone who graduated in 2007 is working in the industry that you want to go into. You have a great foot in the door to send them a message and say, ‘Hey I’m alum too. We are in the same Ursinus network. Do you have 20 minutes to chat a little bit about how you got into what you’re doing?’”

Career Services advisors are always open to speak with Ursinus alumni. Not only are alumni welcome back to campus to meet with a Career Services advisor, but there are also special events held specifically for Ursinus alumni throughout the year.

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Word on the Street
Grizzly Staff Edition

What are you going to miss most about Ursinus?

I’m going to miss all the amazing friends I’ve made over the past four years. Even with all the school work, I really enjoyed the classes that I took and will miss the professors, some of whom I’ve gotten really close to.” -Sara Hourwitz

“Trees, flowers, cool professors, and poetry.” -Sara Sherr

“I’ll miss the two major benefits that come with a small campus: a close community of friends and close relationships with professors who sincerely care about what I’m doing and where I’m going. My friends and faculty here have changed my life and I will miss them more than words can say.” -Rosie Clark

“Playing baseball for the school and my daily interactions with my fellow classmates.” -Al Weaver

One of the biggest days for Ursinus alumni is Homecoming. This past year, homecoming featured a whole bunch of new activities. One of the new events was the Grizzly Gala. The Gala was inspired by the successful inaugural ball for Bobby Fong and was a celebration of the college’s alumni and even current students.

The most anticipated event for alumni and students on Homecoming is the Bears’ Brew & Bites sponsored by the Bruins Club. Alumni, students and faculty are always welcome to reunite with friends while enjoying the Bears’ Brew and Bites.

Alumni weekend is another way Ursinus gives back to alumni. The weekend is dedicated to reuniting the classes of the past. This year it is the weekend of May 31-June 2. The days are filled with celebration, lots of food, cocktails, awards and laughter.

If those two events don’t get the alumni back on campus, maybe a wedding will. Ursinus College alumni, children of current faculty and staff, and children of Board of Trustees are eligible to be married in Bomberger Chapel. It appears that Ursinus Seniors are not saying farewell to Ursinus when they graduate, but rather see you soon.

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- Jessica Orbon
- Sara Hourwitz
- Al Weaver
Ninjutsu club’s new identity

in two ways: physical balance and mental balance.” Breaking physical balance involves manipulating the opponent’s spine, while mental balance “deals with the opponent’s ability to perceive their environment” and “react to different stimuli in their environment,” Eron said.

Techniques are practiced slowly, Eron said, for three reasons. First, slow repetition aids muscle memory, he said. Second, training quickly causes people to become reliant on momentum to generate power. Third, the techniques target sensitive areas of the body, making full-speed practice a safety concern.

“The art continues to develop. Practitioners continue to grow and get more experienced, understand principles better. Our sensei as well, his sensei, even the grandmaster,” Field said. “Because of this, the art continues to get more and more nuanced ... as a result, things get more and more difficult to study, as well as more applicable. Go figure.”

While abroad in Japan, Field and Eron studied under Grandmaster Hatsumi Masaaki, the founder of the art. Ursinus students involved in budō taijutsu receive training material from Shiraiishi Sensei, a direct student of Hatsumi.

Field said alumni often return to Ursinus to train, because few local dojos offer budō taijutsu. He estimates that between seven and 12 people attend training twice or more on a weekly basis, and between 15 and 20 show up at least once a month.

“It’s free martial arts training,” Eron said. “It happens to be a pretty expensive hobby, martial arts, and the fact that we’re offering it for free is really rare.”

Next year, the Ninjutsu club will change its name to the Ursinus Budō Taijutsu Club. The club said it hopes to distance itself from the Hollywood ninja image—a connection they have previously embraced.

“People think, ‘Ninjutsu club, the people who run around dressed up as ninjas,’ which we find really unfortunate, because although we do that once or twice a year, the rest of the year we’re spending 12 to 28 hours a week training and studying this martial art,” said junior Jarrett Field, vice president of the club.

Field said the martial art, now called Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu, initially attracted “anime fans and people that were interested in learning how to disappear and teleport ... not entirely seriously,” because part of the original name meant “ninjutsu way.” Bujinkan is the name of the organization, and budō taijutsu means the art of “martial body movement.”

Field said budō taijutsu focuses on self-defense. “We’re not involving ourselves in things like tournaments, competitions or sparring,” he said. “The focus of the art is on empty-handed techniques—things you can do with your hands without any weapons or anything on your person.”

There are still techniques for defending against attackers with weapons, and creating improvised weapons out of objects like a belt or car keys for self-defense, Field said.

Club president senior Andrew Eron said the art is about teaching people how to move effectively.

“The ultimate goal is breaking balance,” Eron said. “We generally think of [balance]

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Sophomore Mary Schardt practices Budō Taijutsu with freshman Linden Hicks.

B’Nats’ concert

On Saturday, April 27, Ursinus College’s all-female a cappella choir, the B’Naturals, will be performing in Bomberger Auditorium from 9-10:30 p.m.

“I’m really excited to hear the girls sing. I’ve always enjoyed singing but never pursued it. However, I think next year I will audition. It looks like a great time. I can’t wait to see what the B’Nats will sing. I’m especially eager to see the concert because I’ve recently watched Pitch Perfect which is about a cappella groups and it seems like a lot of fun,” said freshman Marisa Gretz.

Every spring concert is a theme. This year the theme is “DIVA.” Last year’s theme was “99 Problems But Our Pitch Ain’t One.”

Freshman Mattea Pechter, a member of the B’Naturals said, “The DIVA theme was inspired by all of the artists. We decided on this theme because all of the artists that we are using are really empowered women. They are independent and run their lives. Beyoncé and Carrie Underwood are both very successful artists. A lot of their songs are about women empowerment and being a diva.”

The music featured will include Carrie Underwood, Simon and Garfunkel, Beyoncé, and other artists. At previous concerts, the B’Naturals sang a Spice Girls medley, “Jar of Hearts” by Christina Perri, and “This Love” by Maroon 5.

During last year’s show, the Bearitones, Ursinus’s all-male a capella group, sang a duet to Lady Antebellum’s “Just a Kiss” with the B’Naturals. The Bearitones will make an appearance at the concert as well. The Bearitones concert is on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium.

“The songs the B’Nats will be singing will be a surprise! We practiced a lot and I think we are ready to give the crowd a good show. We all love being in the group and to be able to sing together in front of everyone is so exciting,” sophomore Chelsea Miller, a singer for B’Naturals, said.

The B’Naturals not only sing at concerts, but they also perform at other events on campus. For example, Miller said they have performed The Star-Spangled Banner at sporting events. The all-female a capella group even performed at Ursinus’ Relay for Life Event held on Saturday, April 20.

The a cappella group practices three to four times a week in Bomberger. Recently, the group sang at the art fair. Auditions are held in the beginning of the fall semester. The group has sung at sporting events, churches, and accepted student’s day in the past. They sing at Relay for Life on Saturday and perform at other fundraising events as well.

The tickets will be sold in lower Wismer on April 22 and 24. Students must pay $2 and general admission pays $5.

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Happening on Campus

Thursday
Meet the Therapy Dog and learn to deal with test anxiety, in Olin Auditorium, 11-11:50 a.m. 
Relaxing Around the World, in the Bears’ Den, 8-10 p.m.

Friday
Grad Fair, in Lower Wismer Lounge, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Senior Welcome, in the Berman Museum, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
UC Bearitones Concert, in Bomberger Auditorium, 7-8:30 p.m.

Saturday
Memorial for Rachel ‘Chell’ Blunt, in Bomberger Auditorium, 2 p.m.
B’Naturals Concert: Diva, in Bomberger Auditorium, 9-10:30 p.m.

Sunday
Language Tables: Spanish, in Wismer Main Dining Hall, 6 p.m.
Reading Day, all day

Monday
Free Piloxing Class, in the Heffelfinger Dance Studio, 8-9 p.m.
UCCommunity Bike Shop, in BPS Basement Room 003, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Career Services Walk-in Wednesday, in the Career Services Office, 1-4 p.m.
French Language Table, in Wismer Red Alcove, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday
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Consider your privilege at thrift shops

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Ursinus students by and large seem to forget that thrift stores like Liberty or Goodwill sell clothes, not costumes. Maybe I’m misreading the situation but from where I sit, Ursinus students hopping over to Liberty to pick up a costume for the weekend’s theme party reeks of the sort of disrespectful treatment of where people shop, point my roommate and I were student body in the country but every time we run through the aisles of Liberty or Goodwill, looking for a goofy shirt or some other articles that took us to higher levels of journalism. Every week, you read through the paper with a fine-toothed comb and a collage of inequality embedded in occupation. The higher an individual’s socioeconomic status is, the higher their level of socioeconomic privilege is.

Privilege, in an economic sense, is the fact that opportunity is not offered to every citizen equally. It’s an ugly form of inequity embedded in capitalism but money purchases more than just the material trappings of status, it also purchases the corresponding options and benefits. Few doors are ever closed to the student body who didn’t even have to drive back to campus (much to the chagrin of the lady trying to find a blouse only to conceive of purchasing the social standing or class of an individual or group. It is often the case that those around us who are less fortunate. Because you know what? Anyone reading who has never gone to bed hungry or considered themselves damn lucky. I want everyone to shop at a thrift store. It’s fun and you can find some amazing deals. But we should shop at Liberty or Goodwill the same way we’d shop at Macy’s or Sears or Bloomingdales.

Grizzly Staff thanks Dr. Kirstie Hettinga

As the school year comes to an end, The Grizzly Editorial Staff would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our faculty adviser, Dr. Kirstie Hettinga. Your passion and dedication inspires us to be better journalists and to recognize our responsibilities to the Ursinus community.

We’ll never forget your tireless efforts throughout the year, such as the 2012 Election Issue that was complicated by Hurricane Sandy. You pieced together an entire newspaper under duress that would have taken the staff, who were forced to evacuate campus, hours to put together themselves.

You led the charge during an emergency nighttime staff meeting to compose an editorial for which you had to drive back to campus (much to the chagrin of Max the Cat).

The same dedication and devotion spilled over into your coursework as well. Just this past weekend, you stayed up all night as your journalism students covered the overnight Relay for Life event. Your enthusiasm in the classroom is contagious and has encouraged more than a few of us to pursue journalism as a career.

You always put the journalistic integrity of The Grizzly first. You have never failed to be an adviser, mentor and friend to all of us. You took us seriously – you trusted our creative initiatives, you motivated us to be better and to hold ourselves to a higher standard.

From Monday night meetings to Thursday distributions, you made sure that we were producing a newspaper that we could be proud of. Even the little things provided us with new experiences that took us to higher levels of journalism. Every week, you read through the paper with a fine-toothed comb and a colored pen, providing us with the constructive feedback we needed to make the next issue better than the last.

You’ve made this year an absolutely unforgettable experience, and we will all take what you’ve taught us and apply it to our lives beyond Ursinus.

Congratulations on your new tenure-track position in California. We are incredibly proud of you and the work that you put into this year, and we know that you will do tremendous work wherever you go.

Ursinus is losing a valuable professor and adviser. Any college would be lucky to have you in their communications department. We know we certainly were. Thank you so much – for everything.
Senior Day ahead for spring athletes

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On Saturday, April 27, a handful of Ursinus athletic programs will bid farewell to their seniors. Baseball, men’s lacrosse, and softball will all have their respective senior days, while women’s lacrosse held their senior celebration last Saturday.

Although the women’s lacrosse team celebrated their seniors, they lost a heartbreaker to the McDaniel Green Terror, 11-10. The team also lost six seniors, a group that included Taylor Egoft, Megan Horney, Liz Chatburn, Lauren Garganio, Jackie Kimmel and Claire Yergeau. The ladies of the lacrosse team will finish their season on Saturday at Muhlenberg.

Like many of the seniors finishing their season, Yergeau will miss her teammates once the season ends.

“I think I’ll just miss playing with all the girls, we’ll never be in this proximity of each other again,” Yergeau said. “They are my sister, my classmate. The day we walked into the locker room until the game ended, I think most of all I’m just going to miss being with the team, on and off the field.”

As for men’s lacrosse, the Bears will host the Muhlenberg Mules, with faceoff set for 1:00. The team is losing captain Wytch Ferro is familiar with the feeling he will have after the clock runs out.

“I think with football it was different… I knew I wasn’t done playing sports because I had lacrosse to look forward to,” Ferro said. Ferro also played on the Ursinus football team, and finished his career in the fall.

“I’m excited to get out there with the team, but I know I’ll be upset after the game, involvement in sports has been a huge part of my life, and it’s weird to think it will be over soon.” Ferro said.

Ferro’s sentiment will most likely be felt in all of the seniors who will play their last games. For the NCAA athlete, saying goodbye to a few seniors, a few of the younger players have stepped up this season. Sophomore Ian Moore has amassed 16 goals over the season, while Logan Panacione has netted an impressive 24 goals during his freshman campaign.

The softball team will also have their last games of the regular season. The Bears will be a doubleheader against the Garnet of Swarthmore. The games are set for 1:00 and 3:00. The Bears will also say goodbye to a few seniors as Amy Gentile, Kelly Schymanski, Kelsey Coyne, Emmie McFarland, and Allison Pfommer will all have their last game.

A few of the veteran women on the softball team have had an impressive year and will be expected to finish the season strongly. Pfommer has racked up 20 RBIs while batting .451, while her fellow senior Schymanski is hitting .395 with 18 RBIs.

The softball team sits with an 11-18 overall record and just below .500 in conference with a record of 6-7.

Cheers and Jeers: Ursinus, Philadelphia athletics

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Cheers
To the Ursinus wrestling team for bringing home the school’s tenth overall title and first since the 2006-07 season.

Headlining the Bears winning ways was sophomore Chris Donaldson. The 125 pounder earned himself All-America status by winning his first three matches at the NCAA Division III Championships, where he ultimately finished sixth overall.

Jeers
To Andrew Bynum for not playing a single game for the Philadelphia 76ers after the much ballyhooed trade of the 7-foot center from the Los Angeles Lakers.

With one year and $16.5 million remaining on his contract, the NBA Finals-winning center was dealt to Philadelphia in a blockbuster trade involving former 76ers swingman Andre Iguodala. Bynum sat out the entire season and enters free agency the biggest bust of the past season and the laughing stock of Philadelphia.

If the 76ers go near Bynum with a ten-foot pole, something is wrong collectively with the prestigious organization.

Cheers
To Ursinus Athletics getting back on track next season. After a subpar season for many athletic programs at Ursinus during the course of the 2012-13 athletic season, many teams will look to rebound.

Heading the list of teams will be the Ursinus field hockey team, which will look to rebound this Fall after missing out on the NCAA Final Four for the first time since the 2007 season.

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Cheers
To Kobe Bryant going down with a torn achilles tendon to end his season. An NBA Playoffs without Kobe Bryant is akin to a sporting year without the NHL, which thankfully was avoided earlier this season.

Cheers
To being the Sports Editor of The Grizzly this academic year. I am grateful for the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed it. A massive thanks to everyone for reading the sports page and The Grizzly this year. Thank you.

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Recap: Women’s lacrosse falls short

Bears went on two second-half three-goal runs to distance themselves on the score line from the Green Terror. Freshman Logan Panaccione posted four goals in the win, including three in the second half. Freshman Steve Mussoline and Jake Weber both netted two goals, with Weber also contributing two assists. Sophomore Mark Stratton assisted on three goals, while freshman Brian Neff stopped 16 shots in the road win.

The Bears close out their season on Saturday vs. Muhlenberg for Senior Day. Scheduled start at Patterson Field is slated for 1 p.m.

Baseball
With rain forcing them into a stretch that has called for seven games in seven days, the Ursinus baseball team dropped a pair to conference foe Johns Hopkins, 4-2 and 8-2, on Sunday afternoon to start the arduous run of games.

In Game 1, the No. 2-ranked Blue Jays got on the scoreboard early, scoring three runs in the first inning on RBI hits from seniors Jeff Lynch and Ryan Zakszewski. However, Bears’ starting pitcher Steve Berardi shut down the Blue Jays over his final six innings of work, allowing only one run after the first inning. In total, the junior righthander allowed four runs on six hits while striking out six and walking six.

Sophomore Alex Manacher went 4-4 with an RBI in the front end of the doubleheader. In the second game, the league leading Blue Jays scored six unanswered runs to break a 2-2 deadlock, headlined by 6th inning home runs from senior Kyle Newman and Lynch. Carter Burns led the way for the Blue Jays on the mound, tossing a complete game while allowing two runs on six hits. The freshman racked up nine strikeouts while keeping his record to 5-0.

Sophomore outfielder James Hoff went 2-4 in the nightcap for Ursinus. Ursinus falls to 6-23 overall and 2-11 in conference play.

The Bears take to the field one last time on Saturday afternoon vs. McDaniel at The T. First Pitch on Senior Day is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Men’s Tennis
The Ursinus men’s tennis team recorded their 13th victory of the season, defeating McDaniel, 8-1.

The 13th match victory sets a new school record for most wins in a single season. The previous record of 12 was set by the 1985 and 2012 teams.

The Bears swept in doubles and won five of six singles matches en route to a resounding conference win.

Setting the pace in doubles were the pairings of E

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The Bears complete their regular season schedule when the take on Muhlenberg. Schedule start for the match at the Ace Bailey Courts is 1 p.m.

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Baseball  
@ Swarthmore  
3:30 p.m.

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Baseball  
vs. McDaniel  
12:30 p.m., Senior Day

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Softball  
vs. Swarthmore  
1 p.m., Senior Day

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Women’s Lacrosse  
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