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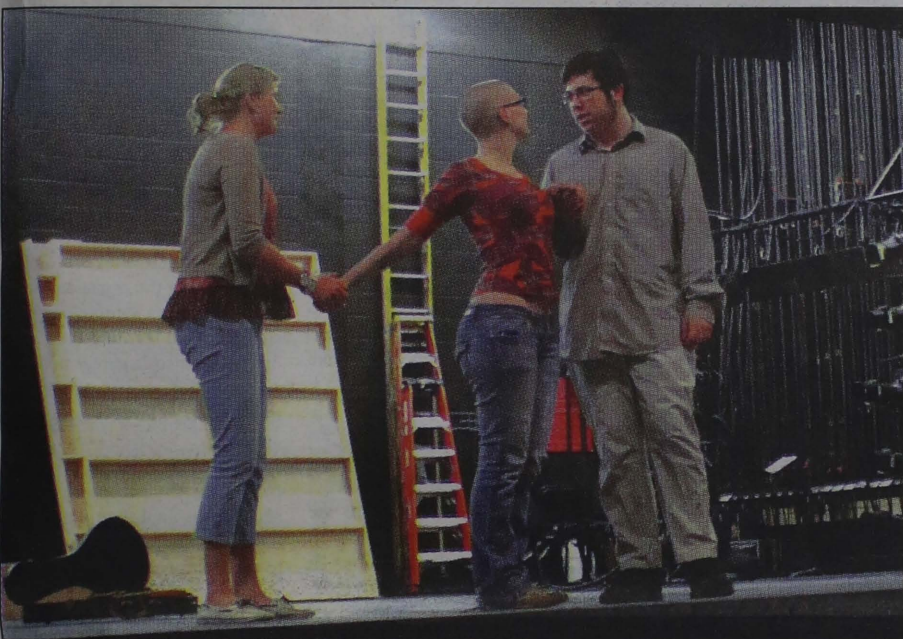


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From left, Quinn Gulman-Forlini, Rayna Nunes, and Breidan Howseman rehearse for the play "Much Ado About Nothing" last Friday. The play will be performed Oct. 2-5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center.

## 'Much Ado' about UC drama

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The Ursinus College theater department shows William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" Oct. 2 through Oct. 5 in the Lenfest Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

Each semester at Ursinus, the theater and dance department produce two full-length theater productions and one dance concert.

This fall, professor of theater Domenick Scudera is producing and directing "Much Ado About Nothing."

"It is one of Shakespeare's many comedies, and it's my personal favorite Shakespeare play," Scudera said.

Scudera knows the play very well. Not only has he performed in and been a part of the production several times in his professional career. He also has recently

directed "Much Ado About Nothing" for the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre.

"It's really a very funny play, but it also has a serious side to it as well," Scudera said. "I think it has a bit more depth than some of his other plays."

With the production beginning in just a few weeks, the work level is fast-paced and the energy is intense. Scudera said that he finds the vibe of the cast positive.

Scudera said that he believes that the cast is a great group of people who genuinely enjoy working together, and have a lot of fun while doing it.

He said that he is excited about working on this play with his students.

This show has about 13 members in the cast, but there are a large number of people who work diligently behind the scenes on every production.

"There are students currently working with our technical di-

rector to build the set for the production" Scudera said. "and then when we get into the actual running of the show, so we need about seven or eight students in the booth as well as backstage in any given production."

"There's probably 25 students both onstage and offstage for every performance," said Scudera.

Students seem to express just as much excitement for upcoming plays as the cast and crew do.

"I definitely want to go to as many plays, musicals and stuff as I can this year because I do love seeing the theatrical productions," sophomore Michelle Steckler said. "I love going to the productions with a group of my friends, and I always try to go to as many as I can."

Steckler, who is a big fan of Shakespeare plays, enjoys the variety in the different shows that are produced at Ursinus. She said

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## Courtyard Pilot Program extended

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So far the Courtyard Pilot Program (CPP) in Reimert has been a success, but it is not something the students can take for granted.

After meeting with the administration, USGA President Jerry Gares informed students that the pilot program has been extended for another month.

Gares meets with the administration every week to assess and evaluate how the previous week went.

In an email, Gares wrote "everyone appreciates a clean courtyard in the morning and feels the community coming together."

"I meet every Wednesday with this group, who [are] the ultimate decision makers, and we sit down," Gares said. "There has been no week where we've been like, 'We have to take this away.'"

After the meeting, Gares sends out an email to the student body about what can be improved upon.

He explains what was done well and what the students need to be reminded of. This keeps students up to date on the program and allows them to stay informed.

So far, people have been respectful, and there have not been many major issues. Because of this, the CPP is still in effect, but nothing right now is guaranteed. The students still must earn every extension and fight to protect this policy.

"I'm a believer that if we just say you got it...that we don't have the momentum to sustain it," Gares said. "I think people feel that this is a student initiative, and I think that we need to continually fight to protect it."

The students still need to rally around each other and take responsibility for each other. Because this program is student cre-

ated, the only people that can get it take away are the students. The administration will take this program away only if there is a need for it.

They will not take the program away on a whim. Gares said it will be taken away if the students prove that they are not going to respect the policy and therefore it is not important.

Some students have concerns as to what the effect of the CPP will have on Main Street parties, but the purpose of this new policy was not to make Main Street parties obsolete.

Both Gares and Melissa Sanders Geiss, the Director of Residence Life and Assistant Dean of Students at Ursinus, are not concerned. Main Street and Reimert are very different spaces, and parties will happen in both places.

"We did have a discussion about how this will affect Main Street parties, but let's not let the novelty and environment fool us," Gares said.

Main Street residents must remember that they cannot have open containers on porches or when crossing the street or walking around campus, and they must always remember to use caution when crossing the street.

Reimert was the focus of this new policy due to the amount of damages that occurred. Reimert doubled in damages over a two-year span.

Main Street did not have this problem. This brought the focus and attention over to Reimert because urgent changes needed to be made.

Sanders Geiss feels positive and optimistic about the future of the program.

"I think you all as a student-

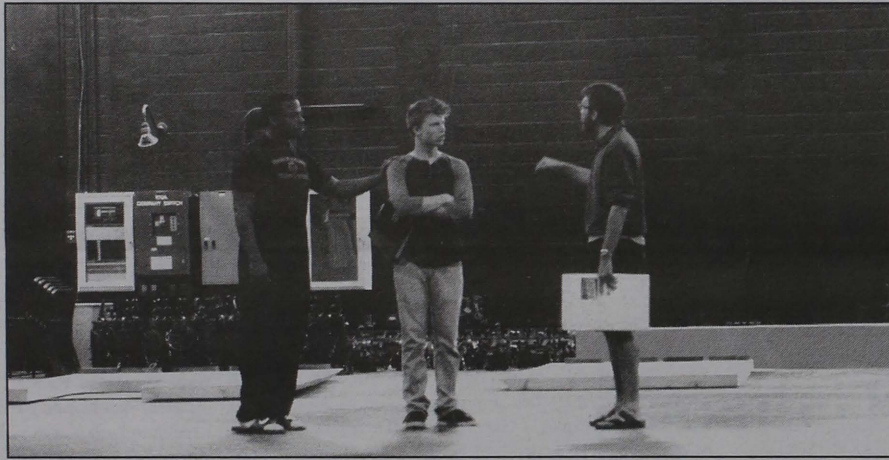
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**Above:** Play director Dominick Scudera (right) watches rehearsal for "Much Ado About Nothing." Scudera directed this play in the Philadelphia Shakespeare Theatre. **Below:** Marquis Wilson, Dustin Baker and Dave Martin rehearse.



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that she and a few of her friends would even consider becoming a part of a future drama production.

Another sophomore and student, Michael Heimbaugh, chose to become a part of the drama program. He describes the drama program at Ursinus as "dynamite."

"I'm in 'Much Ado About

Nothing'... it's really great to work with the class, there's a lot of talent there," he said. "Scudera is a great director, we have a great group of people and it's going to be a really great show!"

Besides Much Ado About Nothing, there are many other performances that will soon be shown at Ursinus. Professor of theater Beverly Redman is directing "Bell, Book and Candle." This

Halloween-themed story is being shown from Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

Redman is directing a musical called "Wonderful Town" next semester, and Scudera will be working on a production in conjunction with his directing class.

There will also be a dance concert this semester, but the dates have not yet been released.

# Extern program

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This winter, for the first time, Ursinus is trialing an extern program.

Traditionally, students would participate in an internship in their upperclassmen years, consisting of working out in the field and completing a certain amount of hours in the workplace.

The extern program is different. In this program, students spend a short amount of time, approximately three to five days, shadowing a sponsor who is typically an alumnus or somebody associated with the college.

The extern program is open to all students who are 18 or older. The extern program will take place during extern week: Jan. 13, 2014 through Jan. 17, 2014.

The program is beneficial for all students because it is a short but efficient learning process where students can explore the field they plan to get a career in or just discover their options in several different fields.

Sharon Hansen Powers, associate director for employer relations in the career services department on campus, is part of the team building the extern program.

"All students can benefit from the extern program," Powers said in an email. "It is a great way to explore careers and have your questions answered by someone with experience in a field you are considering as a possible career. In addition to helping you consider career choices, you will gain opportunities for networking and informational interviewing."

Externs will typically do similar activities that an intern would, but they will not be paid and there are not academic credits associated with an extern program, unlike an internship.

It is a good place to start exploring options because it involves shadowing an employee, but it is not a long term commitment.

"It helps to get a hands-on learning experience without the dreariness of a full-time internship," Nishant Chatarjee, a sophomore, said.

The extern program allows students the same opportunities and experiences that can be learned in an internship.

"Externs may engage in a variety of things during their externship, from observing the work, attending staff meetings/presentations, touring the organization, to assisting with a sample work assignment and learning the details of your sponsor's career field, career path, job responsibilities and experiences," Powers said in an email.

The extern program will hopefully make students more curious about what field they want to go into and where they would like to do additional long-term internships.

"We aim to provide students with the opportunity to explore careers and develop relationships with friendly alumni, parents and friends of the college," Powers said. "This can aid in the process of self-discovery, major declaration and the definition of one's career path and preparation. We hope this will be the first step in developing a culture of curiosity and career exploration amongst our students and lead to many mutually beneficial relationships between students and alumni."

Externships are located everywhere, but in the 2014 pilot program most externships will be located around Philadelphia.

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# Marks discusses online education

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Politics professor Jonathan Marks wrote an article for "The John Williams Pope Center" discussing massive open online courses, commonly known as MOOCs.

Electronic education is a growing fad that has been developing over the past 10 years and replacing traditional schooling for many individuals, but online education has been a debate for many universities in recent years.

"If somebody puts the work effort in then, yeah, I think online education is as valid as a regular degree," junior Nicolle Donato said, "but I do think there are certain skills that a campus degree or going to an actual school can give you for your future that online education can't."

Marks' article describes the advantages this technologically-advanced program can provide as well as potential problems. The availability of online courses to a larger audience is a benefit, according to Marks, based on the lower price of tuition.

"Assuming that liberal arts education is not solely for those who attend wealthy institutions, the challenge for those who care about the future of our colleges and universities is to reflect on what such an education requires and how it can be delivered at a reasonable cost," Marks wrote.

MOOCs compile education into different online courses that the participants choose. The main idea is that the students can get their education the way they want to. They can choose which educational path they want to take and then compile their courses and lectures in a way that they think will benefit them in the workforce. The lectures are recorded by prestigious professors and then put online for the students to watch on their own time.

Marks' concern with this freedom, as expressed in his article, is that students will not receive the guidance for career paths and classes to take that is given from advisers in universities. He worries that the "consumer mentality" of the current generation will affect the students' ability to select the classes that would be

most beneficial for them.

Although the students are taking the classes and doing the work, MOOCs does not offer degrees. When the student goes into the workforce, they will be lacking a degree, which can be detrimental to a resume.

Another one of the appeals to MOOCs is that the time spent in the online classroom space is valued. In traditional colleges and universities, students go to class, listen to a lecture and then go home and do the work.

In this kind of online course, the students do the readings on their own time and then use the designated class time to discuss class content, do group work and socialize with the other students.

Marks also said in his article that the technological advances MOOCs offers saves valuable class time and ultimately cuts tuition costs because the classes are structured to be as effective as possible.

The valued classroom time is one reason why small, liberal arts school will stay safe from the pressure of MOOCs.

"The reason I don't think that's going to have a very big impact on this campus is that I don't think we have a lot of professors just lecturing to students for a very long time," Marks said. "Our classrooms are already flipped in the sense that we have students for the most part go home, do readings, come into class and discuss them and engage in other activities in the classroom."

The biggest threat of MOOCs to other universities is that the program will become the most appealing option to incoming students and will take away admissions, and of course, money from schools that rely on large admission numbers.

Generally speaking, small, liberal arts schools like Ursinus are not going to be the ones most affected by the new phenomenon.

"It is more likely to put pressure on larger universities that have immense introductory classes in which the professor is talking to so many students that you don't get a lot more interaction than you would in a MOOC," Marks said. "In a situation like that, there is going to be pressure on those universities."

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body are at a place where you're also saying 'enough is enough, we don't wanna live this way, we're ready to take on the extra work if it means we can have fun in a way that feels good to us,' and as long as everybody keeps doing that, we're gonna keep supporting that," Sanders Geiss said.

So far, students have impressed Sanders Geiss. She took a look into Reimert one Sunday and thought that it looked better than ever.

"There was no trash on the ground, the steps weren't sticky," Sanders Geiss said. "I think that people have really decided to take ownership of the courtyard and make it a priority to keep it clean in an effort to keep the program."

The predictions for the future of the program have been positive, and there is nothing but optimism surrounding the CPP, but it is in the hands of the students.

"I would very much like to keep it going and keep it positive, and it's all going to depend on the students," Sanders Geiss said. "It's going to depend on them continuing to do what they have been doing."

"This campus is in the midst of a change," Gares wrote in an email. "The community is rallying together and I would not want to be anywhere else. Let's continue supporting each other and working with the administration to make positive changes on campus."

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New York, Baltimore, Boston and Washington D.C. During the externship, students are responsible for their own housing and transportation.

To help, some externships will be supplied with housing from a homestay host. A homestay host is often an alumnus offering housing for the extent of the externship.

Transportation and food are still the student's responsibility, but by staying with a homestay host the student is furthering their experience even more by broadening their connections with alumni and people in the work field.

Students can apply for an externship on UC CareerNet but must do so before Oct. 24, 2013 if they plan to be an extern for the 2014 program.

# Top stories from around the globe

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## Nairobi shopping center bombed

According to the BBC, a Somali militia known as al-Shabab attacked the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and the death toll has reached 68. Among those also killed were French, Chinese, Ghanaian, Dutch, South African, Indian, Canadian, Australian and British Nationals. Al-Shabab retaliated in response to Kenyan military operations in Southern Somalia that have been happening since 2011.

Some civilians are trapped as hostages or in hiding. Al-Shabab claims to be holding at least 36 hostages. Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta said that the country is still strong and united in light of these attacks.

## Push to defund Affordable Care Act

According to the "New York Daily News," House Republicans vowed to pass legislation that would prevent a partial government shutdown and avoid default while canceling out President Obama's health-care law. House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) decided to vote on legislation that would fund the government until Dec. 15 while defunding the health care law. Another measure allows the government to borrow freely for a year.

The Republicans also want other requirements in the new budget plan, such as construction of the Keystone Pipeline from Canada to the U.S.

## Angela Merkel victorious

According to "The Washington Post," German Chancellor Angela Merkel's party, the Christian Democrats, are

heading for an election victory that will make her Chancellor again. This center-right party won 42 percent of the vote, and Chancellor Merkel has the chance to form a coalition with another political party, potentially the center-left Social Democratic party. If this happens, Germany may be more willing to reduce austerity on troubled European Union countries like Greece and Spain.

Merkel is well-respected by Germans for her leadership during the economic crisis of the European Union. Also, unemployment dropped from 11 percent in 2005 when she took over to 5.3 percent now.

## Iran calls for more dialogue

According to CNN, Iranian president Hassan Rouhani called for a more "constructive approach" to contentious issues, such as the Iranian nuclear program, to the American people. He said, "We must work together to end the unhealthy rivalries and interferences that fuel violence and drive us apart".

Unlike Vladimir Putin, who jabbed at the U.S. for considering themselves "exceptional," Rouhani is echoing the theme of "prudence and hope" and wanted more engagement with the rest of the world. He wants to frame the nuclear debate over what he calls "our peaceful nuclear energy program."

## Storms strike Mexico

According to "Al Jazeera America," two storms, Manuel and Ingrid, have killed 58 people in a massive landslide in Southern Mexico. Manuel was upgraded to a Category 1 Hurricane. Mexican officials said at least 10,000 people were flown out of the city of Acapulco on 88 flights by last Wednesday. Some passengers even showed up to flights and were turned away.



## Live music at Reimert

USGA looking to offer weekend shows

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Jerry Gares has big plans for the future of live entertainment at Ursinus.

The USGA president's hope is that people continue to respect the new Reimert courtyard pilot program and do the right thing. If the program continues, then he plans to have a live performance potentially in Reimert or some other location on campus sometime during the spring.

"What I've talked to campus activities about is getting a committee to run this," Gares said.

There will be a lot of work to be done if Gares plans on making this idea into a reality. He said that he understands this and has already begun taking the steps necessary that would give this idea a chance to take flight.

His plan is to have a group of about 10 or 15 members outside of the executive board and have them plan out the logistics of a performance, such as scheduling, budgeting, security, costs and all other factors that will be involved. The goal is for the students to have an impact on the decisions that will be made.

Gares is willing to implement the idea of not just having potential performances restricted to

Reimert, but to have bigger performances in general.

"I talked to Dean Nolan about the idea of not just having bands in Reimert," Gares said. "It may just be having a well-named band play at places like Patterson."

A well-known band is something that this school has not had in a while. There is, in fact, some history at Ursinus when it comes to live performances. Bruce Springsteen played a concert in Helfferich Hall back in 1974. This was just before "Time Magazine" named Bruce Springsteen "Rock's New Sensation" in 1975.

There are many obstacles that must be faced and most big-named talent does not come cheap. Gares is not overly concerned about this potential problem.

"Campus activities have a pretty extensive budget," Gares said. "I think that it is very important for them to use that budget in the way that students would want."

Gares also spoke about the feedback toward campus activities that came from students on a leadership retreat this past summer. He said students want campus activities to use the budget they have for something bigger. They are tired of the magicians and comedians that the budget is used on. People simply do not go to these events and performances.

"I think students will be bought

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Photo by Heidi Jensen

Antiques, electronics, furniture, clothing, and more will be on sale this weekend on Main Street.

## Community yard sale this weekend

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On Sept. 28 a huge yard sale is coming to the Ursinus area.

The yard sale is in Trappe at Waterworks Park on West First Avenue and will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale is hosted by the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC), which also hosts the weekly Farmer's Market in Collegeville.

The sale will feature over 100

vendors.

There will be table openings for students looking to sell old or unwanted belongings as well. Signups for these tables, which are available to both individuals and groups, are at the office on 476 Main Street.

There will be plenty of food, including pretzels, popcorn, hot dogs, candy and a variety of beverages.

The main activity at the yard sale will be shopping. Antiques, electronics, kitchen supplies, fur-

niture, books, clothing and more will be up for grabs throughout the sale.

There will be a thrift-shop type set-up to find used and trendy styles for a good price.

This is the second year that the now-annual yard sale is taking place. This is due to the success of last year's event, which saw strong attendance from UC students.

In case of rain, the date of the sale will be the following day, Sept. 29, same time and location.

### WORD ON THE STREET

If you could have anyone speak at commencement, who would you choose?

"Tina Fey. She's an awesome example of a hard worker, a successful feminist, and a genuinely funny woman." -Caitlin Jackson, senior

"Tim Wise, the author of 'White Like Me.' The world's tough, and I'd like someone who can let us know that things can be better" -Eric Brown, senior

"Bill Nye the Science Guy. He's a great combination of knowledge, education, and fun." Chris Flood, senior

"Craig Venter, one of the first people to work with and map the human genome. He's still doing some groundbreaking stuff and I think it'd be a treat to hear him speak" -Michael Hopkins-Desantis, senior

## New film professor joins the campus

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Ursinus welcomes five new tenure-track professors this year, including Dr. Jennifer Fleeger, a Film Studies professor. Hailing from Catholic University, she is excited to teach at a small liberal arts college like Ursinus.

"I really liked Catholic University," Fleeger said, "but the small classes of a small liberal arts college are more nurturing."

While Ursinus is much different than her previous place of employment, she has already taken her first few weeks of campus life.

"I like the students a lot,"

Fleeger said. "Everyone is invested in getting the best out of their liberal arts education. Everyone is engaged and respectful of each other. The faculty members are very smart and collegial," Fleeger said.

Fleeger has only been here for about a month, but she has already been challenged by her engaged students. "The students certainly keep me on my toes," she said, "they ask really good questions."

Fleeger noted that teaching film studies can be difficult because some students do not take the subject seriously.

"People think it's going to be

easy, but I've found that writing about something you love can actually be much harder than, say, writing about a math equation," she said.

She added that she doubts she will find that attitude at Ursinus, noting that four students came to a recent Italian Splatter-Fest, a festival of old Italian horror movies. She said that at her former school, that kind of interest would have been unheard of.

Fleeger was working in a museum when she decided to get her doctorate more than a decade ago. As a result, she was forced to be

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# Enactus prepares for a new year

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The Enactus team, formerly known as SIFE, is looking to make a mark on Ursinus and the community.

Part of the nationally recognized Enactus organization, Ursinus' chapter has found success virtually every year since its creation in 2007.

Their innovative ideas have earned them multiple trips to the club's regional and national competitions, including the title of first runner-up in last year's regional competition in Baltimore.

The Ursinus chapter is lead by executive-in-residence Stephen Bowers, according to their LinkedIn page.

"Enactus is a student-led organization that engages the community to advance the ideas of free enterprise, market economics, entrepreneurship, and economic opportunity," the club said on its LinkedIn account. "Students leverage their classroom experience in such projects as teaching children financial literacy, assisting disabled persons how to produce and market a product, and helping small business owners to operate more efficiently."

According to senior Enactus treasurer Frank Sirch, the club's turnout for this year is already looking great.

"Right now we have anywhere between 12 and 15 members, but in the last meeting we were very successful," Sirch said. "We had about 30 plus people show up, so things can only go up from here."

Sirch noted that these numbers could drop as the year goes on, citing two different types of people who usually join Enactus.

"If someone's really pas-

sionate about a certain project, whether they're starting it or joining one that's already been undertaken, they'll usually stay until the end of the year," Sirch said. "If it's someone just trying to add something to their resume, they might find something they're interested in or they might not and eventually dwindle off."

Sophomore business and economics major Brian Neff is looking to join Enactus this year after attending an informational meeting.

"It sounds like great experience in business planning," Neff said. "I think something like this could really help my future."

Regardless of new member interest though, Sirch expects Enactus to stay just as successful as it always has been. At its core, Ursinus' Enactus chapter is made up of several projects that have been extremely beneficial not only to Ursinus students, but for the greater community as a whole.

Some of these projects include the Green Team, which helps out with efforts of recycling and a separate project in which members taught mentally disabled kids and young adults how to make resumes and prepare for real life.

By far though, Enactus' most successful experiment was the Students Today Into Leaders Tomorrow project. Created by 2013 graduate Timothy Jordan, STILT was created to help young students realize the importance of goal-setting, planning for the future and, ultimately, attending college. The project has taken place in many of the Norristown-area schools such as Stewart Middle School, East Norriton Middle School and others.

Junior Jeremy Jones recalled one of his experiences in the

STILT project.

"It was just crazy seeing these kids who reminded me so much of exactly who I was at the same age," Jones said. "When you connect on such a personal level with those kids, you feel obligated to make sure they're equipped with the right tools to succeed in life. I think that's what STILT is all about and I feel we were definitely able to help them because of it."

Eventually, Enactus' STILT project became so successful that it was formed into its own club.

Sirch attributes such success to the amount of excitement a club like Enactus generates for its members.

"I think people really enjoy the prospect of running your own project without actually creating your own club," Sirch said. "I think the opportunity to join or create something you're passionate about really resonates with people."

Moving forward, Enactus members hope to begin work on new projects.

Sirch said he has a project on the rise where he will be looking to get all local food businesses to represent themselves on campus in a buffet-style extravaganza in the field house.

Like all other Enactus projects, this one will also look to bring Ursinus students closer to the local population while simultaneously benefiting both. Should it go through, this plan will add on to Enactus' long list of accomplishments.



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gin teaching.

"I was very nervous. I thought I would throw up," Fleeger said when recounting the experience.

Students would ask questions that related to her work and that helped direct her on what to write about next.

"I realized that to carry on writing without teaching would be fruitless," Fleeger said.

Fleeger encourages students to take a film studies class or to even consider a minor. She said that a film studies degree can be very practical, preparing students for a variety of jobs and is "very helpful when it comes to marketing, textual analysis and writing."

Fleeger said that she is particularly interested in how film relates to feminist theory.

"Not only are women in films, but many women make films," she said.

Fleeger said that dozens of films made by women are lost, and that film historians are trying to recover them. She said films often show us how women are treated in real life, citing an example of how women are often



Photo by Heidi Jensen  
 Jennifer Fleeger

portrayed in films through close-ups of their bodies and the objectification that suggests.

Fleeger is also interested in the portrayal of other minorities in films.

"The representation of African American jazz to sell film sound was an exploitative process," Fleeger said, who went on to explain the paradox that such exploitation helped to spread the African American jazz music to places where it would not normally have been heard.

Fleeger said that while she is not strict, she does like to challenge her students. "I'm a hard grader, but I like the class to be very open when it comes to discussion," she said.

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in with the idea," Gares said. "I need students to be bought into helping put the work in."

The idea for a big live performance on campus also leaves students with a great opportunity to showcase their own personal talent. Although there are outlets for that, such as various open mic nights around the area, the potential to open for a well-known band will give them the opportunity to showcase themselves to a bigger audience.

There are on-campus groups, such as the Bearitones and B'Naturals, who would potential-

ly be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

"I think that the groups here are good enough to open up," Gares said. "It would be cool to have them play in front of the entire campus."

Gares has been meeting with student activities and the Dean once a week. The topics of conversation at these meetings usually consist of the increase of student empowerment and trying to strengthen the Ursinus community.

If the pilot program for Reimert continues, then a committee is planned to form by mid-October after the homecoming festivities die down.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Speaker's House Tavern Night at The Trappe, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Pause for Paws, noon to 1:30 p.m.  Shabbat Dinner, 7-9 p.m.	Collegeville Farmers Market and Yard Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  Campus Philly College Day, all day	Bet Cafe: Open Mic at Hillel, 6:30-9:30 p.m.	Weekly Grizzly meeting, 6:30 p.m.  Film Screening: "More Than Honey," 7 p.m.		Internship and Externship Explosion, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  Much Ado About Nothing performance, 7:30 p.m.



# Make the most of your Ursinus years

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How can anyone not like Ursinus? I find myself liking it more here every day, and I didn't particularly want to come to Ursinus in the first place. I heard about this college at the last minute because of the free application. After a few weeks into freshman year last year, however, I realized I couldn't have been happier with my decision.

I never thought I would attend Ursinus and I'm sure I'm not alone. I think many people get discouraged when they don't get into their dream school. Maybe some people don't enjoy Ursinus because it wasn't their first choice. Every day, I realize how glad I am Lehigh University didn't accept me. I wish more people here would learn to love where they are.

According to "U.S. News for Ranking and Reviews on Colleges," the graduation rate here is 71 percent. Clearly some people do not enjoy it enough to stay for

four years.

Yes, Ursinus is small. Yes, it is sometimes similar to high school. Yes, the food isn't the best. But there is so much more to be grateful for. What other school has a Reimert courtyard where everyone can get together to hangout? Some colleges don't allow open containers on campus at all, but Ursinus currently does in the courtyard. How can you not love when everyone sings "Hey Baby" in unison in the dining hall on St. Patrick's Day?

There are so many opportunities at Ursinus for students to be thankful for, such as the close rapport with professors. I know I'm not just a number here. I'm a name. My professors know me on a personal basis, whereas at another school like Penn State, I'm just another face in a lecture hall.

Dr. Cindy Biel has been teaching Spanish at Ursinus for 16 years. She said Ursinus is a positive learning and living environment, but she has seen a decline in school spirit over the

last few years.

"I'm not exactly sure why that is," Biel said. "But I totally enjoy the one-on-one relationships that the professors can establish with their students. I think this is a very meaningful and valuable experience."

Some students, however, just want to graduate and leave the small community of Ursinus.

"I hate the fact that I have to live in Pfahler for about six hours every night," junior Mike Elberson said. "And I have no free time to do anything I want."

When I find myself saying, "Ugh I have to go to class today," I remind myself that I chose to be here. Some people are not fortunate enough to be able to attend college, and I should be more appreciative that I get to. I change my "I have to go to class" attitude to "I get to go to class."

We have the chance to choose which classes to take. We control our happiness. If you don't like a class, drop it. I know it's always a risk, but it could make

you so much happier. Why not take that hip-hop class that looks fun? You're paying for it! I hate seeing people who are miserable about their classes.

I also wish more people here attended the sporting events. I went to the first football game this year and was delighted to see the bleachers filled and people painted up. I wish I saw that more often. It's disappointing to show up at a sports game and see empty stands.

As a small school, we should stick together and support each other. My favorite memory from last year was when a bunch of students gathered in the Reimert courtyard to film the "Harlem Shake." That's the kind of school spirit we need to see more often. The more people showed up, the better it became.

"I was constantly around people who challenged me in all different ways," 2013 graduate Lauren Tedesco said. "I think if everyone treated Ursinus this way, they would be a lot happier. Instead, most people stay within

their cliques and complain about how small Ursinus is without realizing that the college's size is actually its greatest attribute. It makes networking incredibly easy, and people remember you even after graduation."

We should put away our cell phones when we walk on campus, pick our heads up and embrace how awesome this school is. Pay attention here and you'll realize you can walk for 30 seconds and say hello to at least five people you know.

Go to that track meet to support your friend, take that art class that sounds interesting or step out of your comfort zone and audition for the play. Don't let life here pass you by. We only have four years and next thing you know, it's the night before graduation and it's your turn to slide down the fountain.

Don't just live for Friday to come each week. Make the other five days of the week enjoyable by embracing each day here. Besides, who says you can't have fun on a Wednesday?

## School spirit should extend beyond campus

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Outstanding Students Organizing Spirit has been getting a lot of attention recently because many feel as if it is too athlete-centric and does not provide support to other student activities.

Even though I'm not a sports type, I don't think UC OSOS should have to support everyone just because they are receiving AFAC funding. There are other organizations on the books with much less reach.

I do think, however, that the lack of school spirit on our campus and in our culture is disturbing.

Whenever the term school spirit is used, it is invariably referring to sport culture, which is fine, but we as a student body should show more enthusiasm for Ursinus as a place of learning as well.

One of my biggest pet peeves freshman year was walking

around campus and seeing other freshmen wearing the branded apparel of other colleges, mostly Ivy League schools. What exactly were they trying to say? I wish I'd gone to Harvard, so I'll wear this around to make sure the whole school knows that this is my second choice?

Well, obviously Harvard didn't want you, so get over yourself and appreciate this wonderful school that did.

Ursinus is not a perfect place. The food is terrible, the local scene is crowned by the 24/7 Wawa and Reimert is the only option for weekend entertainment unless you want to go hunt raccoons in Hunsberger woods. With that said, Ursinus is a really great place to be socially, aesthetically and academically.

Before I came to school, I never envisioned that I would be able to be so close with my professors. I count this among Ursinus' greatest strengths. On

top of that, we are actually a very kind community of interesting, intellectual people. We need to start advertising that to the rest of the world.

I come from California, and when someone asks me where I go to school, I immediately brace for impact. Two options follow. One, I say, "Ursinus," and they say, "What?" or sometimes, "Gesundheit. Now where do you go to school?" Two, I say, "A small liberal arts school outside of Philadelphia," and they say, "Oh which? I might know it. Do you go to Swarthmore?" Either way the conversation ends with me telling them I love it here and them smiling and thinking I go to some state school where I can party and waste my potential.

This lack of reputation isn't entirely the student body's fault. Apparently the German reformists were big on modesty and refused to advertise Ursinus 100 years ago, when it would have had

a larger impact. But we can put Ursinus on the map just by being proud of it.

Ursinus is a school of reputation. Look up our alumni sometime. We have ambassadors, millionaires, Division I coaches, professors and heads of departments at Ivy League institutions, not to mention thousands of doc-

tors and researchers.

So let's make a deal with each other. Next time someone asks us about our school, we brag a little bit. Let's wear the sweatshirts, even as we move on in our lives to graduate schools, workplaces and other countries. And for God's sake, let's make sure people know how to pronounce our name.

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# Senior Spotlight: Jenna Stover

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For many students, the college experience is something with one primary focus: maintaining solid grades throughout all four years. For some though, like senior Jenna Stover, the college experience expands beyond the classroom.

Stover, a biology major and Spanish minor, is also a four-year starter and captain of the field hockey team.

Professor of biology Dr. Dale Cameron has been around Stover for some time.

"She has the work ethic to do well, she's smart, she's friendly, she's respectful," Cameron said.

Stover took three biology courses taught by Cameron, who said she has been an excellent student since she has started.

Cameron described Stover as a "quiet achiever." Stover gets the grades to put her above the rest but has an attitude that does not advertise her success. She would absorb the information given to her and vocal-

ize when needed, just like she does on the field, field hockey coach Janelle Benner said.

Stover began her field hockey career in the seventh grade. Stover's passion for the game continually grew and became clear to the Ursinus team and coaches.

As an incoming freshman, Stover had every intention of playing field hockey. The talent of her entire team freshman year was superb but so were her individual skills, Benner said. Stover managed to prove herself enough to make the starting line-up right from the start.

Benner noted Stover's drive for excellence, which made her continually grow as a player and as a person throughout her four years at Ursinus. Stover's attributes strongly affect others, including her teammates, who recently voted her as captain for the 2013 season.

"She was definitely doing what she needed to do to earn that spot, and since then [becoming captain] has really grown into be-

coming more of a leader on the field," Benner said.

Benner said Stover shows her team leadership through example. Extra time and effort is put in at the gym or into improving her skills, and the team notices and respects that.

"She is one of the hardest workers on the team," Benner said.

Stover felt at home with her field hockey team, and the same feeling grew stronger when she chose Ursinus as her undergraduate school, which allowed her to expand and become a part of multiple organizations.

Aside from being a stand-out student, Stover is a four-year field hockey representative of the student athletic advisory committee, a committee chair for the Relay for Life team, a member of the Tri-Beta Biological National Honor Society and a participant in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

"I was looking at other schools, and the teams weren't quite as friendly as everyone is here," Stover said.

Stover said that not only was her team welcoming and friendly, but so were those outside of the team. Ursinus has taught Stover a sense of community and how to build strong relationships with fellow classmates, team members, coaches and professors.

In the future, Stover strongly believes that the relationships she has built at Ursinus will help her succeed in whatever path she chooses.

Stover is currently applying for graduate programs. Her top choices are University of Maryland, Drexel University and Indiana University. Regardless of the school, Stover is hoping to pursue a career as a pathologist's assistant.

Stover hopes that field hockey will still be a part of her life down the road. She would like to have instructing opportunities for summer leagues or possibly a coaching opportunity at the high school level.

Stover will absorb the lessons learned throughout her four years at Ursinus

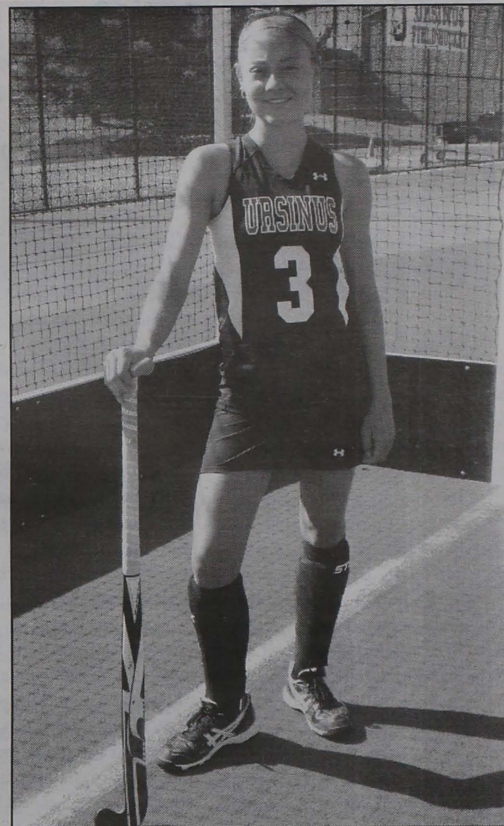


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Senior Jenna Stover has been a key contributor to the field hockey team this season.

and use them to her advantage in the future. One of the most valuable lessons she has learned, has come from her time on the turf, but is applicable in every part of life. "I say it all the time, just go out there and relax," Stover said.

# Topic of injuries overshadowing football season

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The start of football season is an exciting time for many Americans. For many though, football has shifted from a national pastime to the topic of controversy.

Across all levels, from children playing in youth leagues to the nation's idols in the NFL, the subject of player safety, specifically in relation to concussions and other brain injuries, has entered the spotlight.

Both the NCAA and the NFL have made changes in the past years in order to combat the frequency of head injuries among football players.

One of the more recent changes comes from the Pacific 12 Athletic Conference (Pac 12).

This year, with input from conference coaches, athletic directors, medical practitioners and athletic trainers, the Pac 12 will limit its full contact practices

to two per week, according to the Pac 12 website. The official news release, last updated July 26, 2013, also stated, "The new contact policy goes beyond the limitations currently imposed by the NCAA."

The Pac 12 worked on the new guidelines in partnership with USA Football, a national governing body that leads the game's development, particularly at the youth and high school level.

USA football's Head's Up Football Program worked closely with the Pac 12 in developing the new guidelines that officials in the USA Football program hope to spread across all levels of the game.

"The Pac-12 shares our vision to advance a better, safer game for every young athlete...this partnership will bring lasting benefits to players," Scott Hallenbeck, USA Football executive director, said in a press release announcing the new guidelines on the Pac 12 website.

The NCAA has also implemented changes to combat the increasing level of head injuries. Although the NCAA did not introduce new rules for the 2013 season, the organization enacted new penalties for the violation of targeting rules and rules regarding players leading with the crown of their helmets.

According to the NCAA website, which includes the official rules and the changes implemented this year, players caught targeting with the crown of the helmet or targeting a defenseless player will be ejected for the remainder of the game. If a player is charged with this foul in the second half, he will be ejected for the first half of the following game.

The changes to college football represent a few things. Most importantly, it shows that the NCAA is attempting to protect student athletes. The need for these rules also represents, somewhat paradoxically, that the safety of football players is at stake

more than any other time in the history of the game.

The subject of player safety has made its way into the NFL as well. According to NFL.com, in late August, the NFL reached a settlement with retired players amounting to \$765 million.

Approximately 18,000 retired players are eligible to receive some sort of compensation. Some of the largest sums will be paid to former players suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's and depression that may be related to their time playing in the NFL.

The total amount of the settlement may seem like a staggering amount and a win for the players, but for the multi-billion dollar business that is the NFL, the amount is hardly substantial.

If the sum was to be paid equally to the former players, each would only receive roughly \$42,000, but many players will receive more or less than this amount.

With the staggering costs of

healthcare in addition to the emotional damage of some of the disorders players deal with, the settlement does not seem to benefit many people.

By paying the sum, it seems that the NFL has taken responsibility for health issues, while at the same time, in what appears to be a painful sort of irony, it is not any closer to fixing the problem of the health issues the game has caused.

Football goes hand in hand with American culture, and the NCAA and the NFL have become giants from a business standpoint. From this perspective, it does not appear that any organization will be able to make any substantial changes unless the changes occur internally.

In a game that awards and glorifies bone-jarring hits, it appears that either the entire culture of football must change, or players will continue to pay the price, either during their careers or down the road.



# Family Day roundup

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The women's soccer team had a hard-fought tie game on Saturday. Their Family Day game against Franklin & Marshall was well attended, and the Bears did not fail to disappoint.

They started slow in the first half, letting up two Franklin & Marshall goals. However, the second half started out with a rare own goal in favor of Ursinus. The goal happened when an Ursinus corner kick deflected off of a Franklin & Marshall defender and into the goal.

The final 10 minutes were exciting to say the least. In the 81st minute, Julia Senkevich scored an unassisted goal off of a rebound from a deflection. Franklin & Marshall responded four minutes later with a goal of their own, taking the lead by one.

But Ursinus would strike back in the 86th minute with a goal from Nicole Good, assisted by Paige Abronski. The shot came from the top of the cage and bounced off of the crossbar before going into the net. Regulation then ended in a tie.

This led to two full periods of overtime with exciting play but no scoring, leaving the final score at 3-3.

Freshman midfielder Darcy Wood thinks that this game showed just how good the team can be.

"It was a very exciting game that took off for us in the second half and into double overtime, so it was a tough game," Wood said.

## Football

The football team made a bold statement to the Centennial Conference with a decisive win over Franklin & Marshall on Saturday. The 20-9 victory was largely in

part to a strong effort by the defense, which did not let up a single score in the final 43 minutes of the game.

Franklin & Marshall got out to a quick start, with a field goal and a passing touchdown, bringing the score to 9-0. Ursinus was slow to get moving on the offensive side of the ball in the first half, but they still managed to score on a two-play drive, capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Chris Curran near the end of the half.

With the crowd in full swing, Ursinus came out in the second half with an enormous amount of intensity. Kevin James, who had a sack and multiple quarterback hurries in the game, noticed how much the dynamic of the game changed in the second half.

"We came out ready to play in the first half, but we really upped our game in the second half, and it showed," James said.

The final two touchdowns of the game came on long drives by Ursinus, primarily led by the running game. The nail in the coffin came in the fourth quarter when Chris Curran scampered out of the pocket for a 57-yard touchdown run.

Running back Jay Golderer had another big game, passing the 100-yard mark on the ground for three consecutive games. The team is clearly relying heavily on the running game, and it is paying off.

The Bears look to stay undefeated next Saturday when they take on McDaniel at home.

## Volleyball

Ursinus battled Franklin & Marshall on Saturday, but lost 3-1. They were led by sophomore outside hitter Karla Thiele, who racked up 13 kills.

Each game was close, with Ursinus taking the second game 25-

21, before losing two consecutive games.

Freshman Sam Murphy and junior Gina Powers each had five kills for the Bears. Powers also assisted 17 kills on the match.

"It was a hard fought game and the team played really well against one of the top teams in the conference," Powers said.

The Bears look to get back into the win column with a game against Immaculata on Tuesday.

## Men's soccer

The men's soccer team upset ninth-ranked Dickinson on Saturday. The lone goal came from freshman forward Ryan Molyneaux.

The goal was scored after sophomore midfielder Charles Brodsky hit Molyneaux after a breakaway.

In addition to Brodsky and Molyneaux, the Bear's defense had an impressive day, allowing only six shots from the Red Devils of Dickinson.

Junior goalkeeper Ryan Murphy was named Centennial Conference Defender of the Week after shutting out an impressive Dickinson club.

## Field hockey

Field hockey lost on Saturday to defending conference champs Franklin & Marshall. Although the Bears held a 22-7 shot advantage, the seventh-ranked Diplomats squeaked goals through.

Ursinus' lone goal came from sophomore defender Megan Keenan at 49:11. The goal was too little too late, after Mallory Gibson and Katie Cecere of the Diplomats squeaked goals through.

Ursinus put forth an impressive effort in the final 20 minutes,



Photo courtesy of David Morgan  
Freshman Ryan Molyneaux maneuvers the ball in a match against Scranton on Sept. 11, 2013. Last Saturday, UC netted a 1-0 win.



Photo by Heidi Jensen  
Quarterback Chris Curran (18) throws a pass to wide receiver Jerry Rahill (19) during a game against Franklin & Marshall last Saturday. The Bears won 20-9.

outshooting the Diplomats 6-2, but could not get one across.

The women of the field hockey

team will look to bounce back against conference foe McDaniel on Saturday.

# Upcoming Ursinus College athletics schedule

9/28- Men's Soccer versus Swarthmore on Patterson Field, 7:30 p.m.

9/28- Women's Soccer versus McDaniel on Patterson Field, 5 p.m.

9/28- Football versus McDaniel on Patterson Field, 1 p.m.

9/28- Field hockey @ McDaniel, 1 p.m.

9/28- Volleyball versus McDaniel, 11 a.m.  
Volleyball versus Penn St.-Harrisburg, 3 p.m.