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Ursinus receives largest private donation in history

$5 million gift given to the college by former student

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Recently, the single largest gift in the history of Ursinus College was made.

Mr. John F. Rodenbaugh, a member of the Ursinus Class of 1955, and his wife, Patricia, gave the gift of $5 million. The Rodenbaugh’s gift recognizes the highly personalized education that Ursinus provides, and will go towards continuing to strengthen the programs offered. According to Dr. Fong’s President’s Perspective, “At Ursinus, the transformational effect that faculty have on students is legendary.”

The gift was given to honor Professor James L. Boswell. Boswell was the former chair of the economics department. This department is now referred to as the business and economics department.

Boswell, who retired in 1961, was the person who encouraged Rodenbaugh to attend graduate school. Rodenbaugh did not end up having this opportunity because he was drafted.

He became a very distinguished businessman, who retired as the Vice President of Banking, Finance and Economics for Merrill Lynch.

Rodenbaugh said that this gift acts as a thank you to Boswell, whom he never got to thank.

The gift will go toward the Discovery and Innovation Center, and will benefit the entire campus.

According to the Ursinus website, the Discovery and Innovation center is “an interdisciplinary center that will connect the sciences to the entire campus and its multifaceted programs.”

The Rodenbaughs were unable to comment. Rodenbaugh is currently in the hospital.

The same week Ursinus raised $5 million in smaller gifts from other donors.

Parking at Ursinus

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Parking at Ursinus has been the source of many complaints, but it is a system that has also worked quite successfully for years.

Chelsey Paulose, a Campus Safety worker, said that much of the complaints are related to parking on Main Street.

“Many students, specifically residents living on Main Street, complain of lack of parking spaces or the parking spaces being too small,” Paulose said.

The parking behind Main Street buildings, like Commonwealth, is scarce, and sometimes even people who live there struggle to find a spot.

However, the parking system at the Reimert lot has worked for several years now with very few complaints.

The color-coded parking spaces system has helped to create a fair parking environment for students and staff.

One of the major complaints about parking is the lack of security. Some students, such as junior Bob Scaramuzza, believe that the $100 fee for a year-long parking permit should be invested into some type of security system.

“If I am paying $100 just to park on campus, I feel like my car should be protected,” Scaramuzza said. “Someone could easily go up to my car and break in without anyone knowing.”

There have been events such as break-ins and damage to cars on campus where the offender has gone unidentified.

“Students have damaged other cars, and we couldn’t identify them,” Paulose said.

An additional source of complaints come from temporary parking.

Often, students need to be in a particular area of campus for a short amount of time, so they leave their car in an area that is not a designated parking area. This may result in a ticket.

“Students have received tickets due to parking in the wrong spot,” Paulose said. “Many excuses, that I have heard, involve students temporarily parking at a destination while working on a project.”

Some students believe that this system is unfair. They believe that for the price they pay to park, they should have more freedom in parking wherever they want on campus.

However, if the system was shifted towards a more free system of parking, then a campus safety argues that the complaints would go through the roof.

People would not be able to find a spot near their living area as easily, since anyone, even people who do not live there, could take their spot.

Paulose believes that the current parking system has its flaws, but it is the best system that campus safety can employ with their given resources.

“While many students have problems with the current system, I think most people understand that every system is going to have its downsfalls,” Paulose said.

Students are allowed to repeal parking tickets if they have a legitimate excuse. What many students do not know is that you can only repeal the ticket within 10 days after receiving it. The repeal committee is made up of students and staff.

Students can also print out a parking permit for guests as well so that they will not be ticketed. This can be done when the guest is registered via UC gateway.

Pair will discuss current issues within legislature

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Students and faculty have an opportunity to hear both men speak on Oct. 28.

That night, the Ursinus community is welcomed to meet Senator John Rafferty and Representative Mike Vereb in the Bear’s Den from 6-7 p.m.

Senator John Rafferty represents the residents of Pennsylvania’s 44th district, which includes parts of Berks, Chester and Montgomery counties. He has received numerous awards, including 2005 Legislator of the Year Award, awarded to him by 44th Senatorial District.

Prior to being Senator, Rafferty was an attorney who focused largely on real estate, education and business laws.

Representative Mike Vereb is a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He is serving his fourth term as a Republican, and has been re-elected to fill the role of the House Majority Secretary for the second term in a row.

Vereb has done extensive work to extend the rights of domestic abuse victims, student athletes and many more.

The two men are coming to Ursinus to talk to faculty, staff and students about their work in legislation and current issues and topics within the state.

Topics of the discussion will include everything from liquor store privatization to the state budget.

Although the topics will vary, the two will talk about issues currently affecting Pennsylvania.

This discussion will allow students to become more aware of a lot of modern issues to which the community does not get a front-row-seat point of view.

Hearing the two talk directly about the issues will give the audience an idea of how Senators and Representatives make decisions and how they plan, execute and analyze political decisions.

The meeting will be open to all students, not just for students involved in politics here on campus. It provides an opportunity for them to see two prestigious politicians in action.

The opportunity to witness this is something new to Ursinus because the campus typically does not host politicians of this level.

“It is a direct source,” Madeleine Borowski, a sophomore and a politics minor said. “It is a good way to meet politicians and see what it is all about. They’re usually at a distance and on television, and we do not get to see them for who they are.”

After the talk, there will be a question and answer session for all in attendance.

This will be another opportunity for students to ask both Senator Rafferty and Representative Vereb any questions they have, even if it is not related to the dis?
UC students volunteer to plant trees for non-profit

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On Saturday, Oct. 5, Ursinus students worked with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy at Mayfield Estates to plant almost 100 trees.

The project was initiated by Emily Cooper, a junior UCGreen sustainability fellow.

The Sustainability Fellows Program is a leadership and professional development program on campus.

Fellows work closely and are supervised by the Office of Sustainability staff members to design and integrate on and off campus sustainability projects.

Another main goal of the sustainability fellows is to communicate with the campus community about complex sustainability issues.

Cooper is a fellow working on a self-proposed project. Her initiatives revolve around global water issues and getting the Ursinus community and beyond to recognize the water crisis at hand.

Furthermore, her position as a fellow entails educating the community about how the crisis can be dealt with and prevented.

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The talk will not just be beneficial for politics students, though. All members in attendance will benefit from the event and get an inside look into American politics and how they are approached.

Government shutdown ended

According to "The New York Times," Congressional Republicans conceded defeat last Wednesday in a fight with President Obama over the new healthcare law. Congress approved legislation to extend federal borrowing power to avert financial default.

The Senate voted 81 to 18 to approve a resolution, while the House voted 285 to 144 to approve the Senate plan. The current resolution would fund the government through Jan. 15 and raise the debt limit through Feb. 7. President Obama said, "We've got to get out of the habit of governing by crisis."

Chinese government summons Japan's ambassador

According to "The Guardian," China has summoned Japan's ambassador to protest against 150 politicians visiting the controversial Yasukuni Shrine. The Shrine honors 2.5 million people who died during World War II, including some class-A war criminals.

Meanwhile, Japan's Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, decided not to visit the shrine himself, so that he could ease tensions with China and South Korea. He sent a ritual offering of a sacred tree branch to China. China and Japan are disputing over the Senkaku Islands, while Japan and South Korea are disputing over sovereignty of the Takeshima Islands.

Corey Booker wins NJ Senate race

According to "The Washington Post," Newark Mayor Corey Booker won the special election to become the U.S. Senator from New Jersey. Booker is replacing the deceased Frank Lautenberg who passed away in June. Booker won 55 percent of the vote, defeating Republican Steve Lonegan.

Booker is the first African-American Senator to represent New Jersey, and the Senate's current second Black senator, with Tim Scott. Booker can be one of the new Democratic Senators eager for the spotlight, as there are a handful of Republican Senators with growing profiles such as Rand Paul and Ted Cruz.
UC Energy Games

Residence halls competing to use the least power

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October is Energy Awareness Month, and as a movement to use less energy, the Office of Sustainability has developed a competition between residence halls. The Energy Games are the Office of Sustainability and Residence Life’s outreach program to work on lowering the campus’ carbon footprint.

It is an annual energy competition among some of the residence halls happening the entire month of October. Residence halls compete against each other to see which hall can reduce its energy consumption the most in comparison to the previous year’s consumption. A prize will be given to the residence hall that has the highest percentage of reduced energy compared to the previous year. Last year’s winner was BWC.

In their announcement email to the campus, the Office of Sustainability and Residence Life gave an example of how the games would be judged.

Word on the Street

What resources do you wish were available at Ursinus that aren’t currently?

“I wish there were more bus services to and from Philadelphia. I live here and go there regularly, but it’s a real pain to have to make the two-hour drive regularly.” - Melvin Ellis, sophomore

“I’d like to see more advanced technology in the science department. Some of what we have is pretty basic... I’d like to see some more up-to-date machines.” - Jane Lee, junior

“I’d like to see a bigger TV production program. I like television a lot, but there’s not a lot of opportunity here to work on it.” - Kevin Moore, freshman

“I would like to see more exciting entertainment options, like bigger artists and performers that a school our size wouldn’t normally feature.” - Colleen Fida, junior
New galleries at the Berman

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The Berman Museum has a few new galleries and exhibits for members of Ursinus and Collegeville to enjoy.

Charlie Stainback, the newly appointed director of the Berman Museum of Art, is particularly excited to unveil this fall’s exhibit, mostly because it is his first project at Ursinus.

All of the artwork in the collection are on loan to the Berman collection and will be owned by the Berman Museum as of Oct. 17.

“The first exhibition makes so much sense because we’re looking at this amazing gift, [the artwork], that just happened,” Stainback said.

There are 1,400 pieces of art that had previously been in loan given to the museum.

“This is a great opportunity to jump right in, organize an exhibition and to really be part of what is called the Curatorial Initiative — individual student curators — and as part of the Behind the Curtain exhibition on censorship, which was part of a class co-taught by Professor Deborah Barkun in 2010.”

The things that make A to Z unique to Shoaf are its aim, scope, art selection and the depth of student involvement.

Junior psychology major Madison Reil is excited to see the exhibition come together.

“Last year the exhibition was really cool,” Reil said. “I like how random the artwork in the museum was. The really cool thing about it is that most of the work is done by students, rather than it being full of artwork from people I have never seen before.”

One thing Shoaf enjoys most about this show is the ambiguity of the exhibitions art pieces and the overall idea of it.

This year’s exhibition will offer the same dose of randomness as last year’s did. There will be 26 works of art available in the Berman Museum starting Oct. 17, with one piece of artwork coming from pop artist Andy Warhol.

In the past, the Berman has been home to many selections of fine art. Ranging from selections from America’s 18th and 19th century paintings, there will surely be something for everyone of all tastes, from the novice to the more advanced.

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complex sustainability issues.

As administrators of the environment within the community, the students develop communication and leadership skills that they can take from this program and apply to other jobs or educational projects.

The Office of Sustainability works with various collaborators across campus to host events throughout the year that provide the community with educational, enriching opportunities.

For example, student organizations, including Ursinus College Environmental Action (UCEA) and UC Recyclemaniacs, partner with the Office of Sustainability to host events, such as Earth Day or Clean Green Carnival.

The Office of Sustainability also collaborates with academic departments such as environmental studies, biology and art, as well as UCARE, the student activities office, technology support, dining services, athletics, Residence Life and the Berman Museum of Art for events and programming. Interdisciplinary and cross-campus collaboration is a central building block of the Office of Sustainability.

The residence halls that are competing are BPS, BWC, New, North and Reimert. Updates will be put up every Sunday with information about which building has the greatest percentage in energy reduction of all the residential buildings. Residence Life is very supportive about the Energy Games.

Some of Residence Life’s goals for this month-long event are to develop student’s independence, their ability to communicate effectively and their appreciation for and engagement in a vibrant and diverse community. Another is for students to take on campus leadership opportunities, housing assignments, residential policies and procedures.

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Don’t take safety for granted in Reimert

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Within these first few months of school, I’ve found myself asking whether Reimert is safe. Although I was a resident of the dorm last year as well as this year, I never really questioned my safety as a Reimert resident. I had a few conversations with suitemates about how easy it would be for a stranger to walk in, but never seriously considered security beyond that.

With the way things have been going so far this year, I think the question deserves further examination.

At the beginning of the year, an outsider walked into a party at Shreiner and stabbed a hole in the wall. From there he made his way to Reimert, where he was apprehended by Campus Safety and the Collegeville police due to the quick thinking of Shreiner residents.

We have been lucky enough in each situation to have fast-acting students and police officers who made sure nobody was seriously harmed.

Not weed, not more alcohol, but meth. Collegeville police confirmed the arrest by phone Monday night. I’ll be the first to acknowledge that for the most part, few people have been seriously hurt or harmed by the presence of uninvited guests on our campus. We have been lucky enough in each situation to have fast-acting students and police officers who made sure nobody was seriously harmed.

There is no room for complacency. Reimert is a big dorm, and uninvited guests on our campus.

In my own experience, I have noticed that men tend to slut-shame for a few core reasons. When a guy feels rejected by a girl, he immediately has nothing nice or positive to say about her. I’ve watched this happen on numerous occasions.

I find that both men and women shame others when they feel inferior. This lack of self-confidence seems to be the cause of their need to put others down. Their fear and need for confidence should not excuse them hurting other people.

It is frustrating to observe the assumptions that are made constantly. People watch others converse at a party, and if they leave the group, it is assumed that they are going to have sex.

Stop slut-shaming. Whether a person never wants to have a sexual experience, or have relations with a large number of people - who really cares? How do their actions affect you? Bad-mouthing others for what they choose to do with their bodies is more shameful than whatever the so-called sluts could be doing.

As a society, we must stop shaming others who are simply doing what they want to do. People who are confident in themselves, comfortable with their decisions and in touch with their needs should not be judged for their choices. When a person is ready to have sex, they should feel free to do so, whether they are 18 or 85. As long as sex is being done in a safe and consensual manner, it’s something that is personal to every individual.

Stop slut-shaming. Whether a person never wants to have a sexual experience, or have relations with a large number of people - who really cares? How do their actions affect you? Bad-mouthing others for what they choose to do with their bodies is more shameful than whatever the so-called sluts could be doing.

Be more mature. Treat people with respect and stop labeling people, especially women, as sluts.
Controversy surrounding 2014 winter games

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The Olympics are a time of hard work and a chance for the world to come together in a showcase of athletic ability, but the 2014 Winter Olympics have been clouded with controversy.

The Winter Games will be held for the first time in Sochi, Russia. President Vladimir Putin signed a law in June that bans “the propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations,” according to an “Washington Post” article.

The law threatens consequences to those who promote homosexuality to anyone under the age of 18.

This caused people to question whether or not the United States should boycott the Olympic Games.

While President Obama strongly disagrees with the anti-gay law, he does not believe that the United States should boycott the Games.

“We’ve got a bunch of Americans out there who are training hard, who are doing everything they can to succeed,” he said during a White House news conference.

President Obama has confidence in the athletes making strong statements through their physical performances. He does not believe that boycotting would be fair to the athletes.

McIntyre has performed well in pressure situations for the Bears this season.

According to ESPN, the runners have since made a statement declaring their kiss was not an act of protest, but was a form of celebration.

Whether this was done as an act of protest or not, the possibility that there could be a consequence is worrisome for the athletes that will be participating in Sochi.

Reports have not been confirmed about whether or not the law will be enforced against the participants in the 2014 Winter Games.

Despite all the controversy, the Olympics Games will still be about the athletes. The United States expects strong performances from many of its veteran athletes.

Shaun White defended his gold medal in the half pipe in the last games and is an obvious favorite. The International Olympic Committee even added a new event, the slope style, which White could potentially medal in.

Hannah Kearney is the defending Olympic and world champion for mogul skiing. People will be watching her for her defending performance in Sochi.

The spotlight will also be on Lindsey Vonn to see if she can recover from her knee injury.

These are just a few athletes to watch in the upcoming Olympic Games.

Underneath all the controversy is the nature of the Olympic Games. There is the idea that the world can come together through competition.

“One of the things I’m really looking forward to is maybe some gay and lesbian athletes bringing home the gold or silver or bronze, which I think would go a long way in rejecting the attitudes that we’re seeing there in Sochi,” President Obama said.

McIntyre striving for excellence, on and off court

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The life of Anahi McIntyre has been very different than many Ursinus students. Born in one of the more urban areas of Brazil, a series of events led McIntyre to Cherry Hill, N.J., where she now resides with her family when not on the Ursinus campus.

Upon visiting Ursinus, senior McIntyre immediately fell in love with the campus. She had narrowed down her final choice between Ursinus and Haverford College.

She felt as if the campus was perfectly molded for what she wanted. She wanted a few things out of her college experience: a small, close-knit community where she could interact closely with students and professors, as well as a rigorous course load that would challenge her. She knew she could find these features at Ursinus.

“My favorite place definitely has to be Antarctica,” McIntyre said. “It’s the one place I can’t wait to visit again. It was truly beautiful.”

McIntyre is planning on attending medical school after graduation, but a year off to travel is definitely an option. She hopes to spend her year off traveling the world, visiting communities and helping the less fortunate. In her experiences traveling to so many countries, McIntyre has been greatly impacted by the less fortunate people she has come across.

Aside from her aspirations in athletics and academics and volleyball, McIntyre’s true love is traveling.

She has visited Norway, France and England just to name a few countries in Europe. She has also visited the Caribbean and other countries, including Chile.

She has become a better person because of her experiences traveling.

“Skill-wise, Anahi is one of our best front row attackers on the team and has an excellent line shot from the left or right side of the court. As a leader, she is a calming and a steady influence on our best front row attackers,” Groff said.

In addition to her passion for academics and volleyball, McIntyre’s true love is traveling. She loves nature and learning about new cultures.

She has visited Norway, France and England just to name a few countries in Europe. She has also visited the Caribbean and other countries, including Chile.

“Anahi is one of a kind. She is one of the most laid back people I have ever met. She seems to get along with everyone.”
The athletic year thus far has had it’s ups and downs for all the varsity sports. Football and field hockey are having exceptional seasons so far, with only a few hiccups in their scoring and rankings. Men’s soccer, too, is doing well within the conference. While Women’s soccer and volleyball have struggled.

**Men’s soccer**

Ursinus men’s soccer captain Chase Crawford has been leading the charge on the field for the bears. The team has been putting together an above average season. The team currently sits at fourth overall with a record of 7-6-1.

Another notable Bear is Ryan Murphy, who is leading the conference in saves. As the team’s goalkeeper, Murphy has stopped 66 goals placing him at the top of the Centennial in goal stops.

**Women’s soccer**

The Bears sit just below .500 with a 6-7-1 overall conference record. With high spirits and a competitive drive the team can keep their momentum going as they continue their season. The team currently sits at ninth overall in the conference. The Bears face a tough schedule and will look to take down conference leaders like Johns Hopkins and Haverford. Each team sits at second and third in the Centennial, respectively.

**Volleyball**

Ursinus setter Gina Powers described the season as having “a lot of ups and downs.”

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**Field hockey**

Field hockey has been maintaining an excellent season currently standing third in the conference with a 10-3 record thus far. The Centennial Conference stats board is loaded with Ursinus players, including Megan Keenan, Stephanie Cooper, Danielle DeSpirito, Devin Brakel and Nora Kornfeld ranking in the top five for their respective statistics, with Keenan taking first in shots, points and goals thus far.

One of the most notable wins this season came against nationally-ranked powerhouse Messiah. The Bears won 2-1 on their home field.

Senior defender Jenna Stover said, “Messiah was a big win for us and especially the seniors who have been playing [against] Messiah for four years and can leave with the satisfaction of beating them at UC.”

**Football**

Ursinus football, ranking 5-1 in the Conference overall, is having an exceptional season. The Bears sit at second overall in the conference.

Ursinus sophomore defensive end, Steve Ambs, was recently awarded the Kenneth R. Walker Trophy during his outstanding performance with nine tackles.

For Ambs, the award was bittersweet.

“It was an honor to receive the trophy at the end of the game, but the loss [to Juniata] really stings. We’re going to have to bounce back against Susquehanna,” Ambs said.

Overall, the Bears are spread out in different spots within conference standings, but at this point in the season, all options are still on the table for the Bears. These coming weeks will be crunch time for Ursinus athletic teams that hope to have a postseason.