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Scudera discusses gay marriage in Pennsylvania

Theater professor challenges state on legality of gay marriage with his own wedding

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Drag queen bridesmaids strutted down the aisle in the Black-box Theater at Ursinus College one summer day this year, soon followed by Domenick Scudera and Brian Strachan. The two men pledged their vows to one another, as 200 loved ones watched intently. Scudera cried tears of joy as he looked into the eyes of Strachan. Committed to each other for 18 years, the two men finally made their love legally official.

Scudera, a professor of theater and chair of the theater and dance department at Ursinus, held a talk on same-sex marriage in Pennsylv-

vania in Musser Auditorium on Oct. 22. He in no way claims to be on a crusade for the gay rights movement but could not resist taking up the offer of discussing his experiences for the LGBTQ speaker series.

Same-sex marriage is not legal in Pennsylvania. However, a Montgomery County registrar issued more than 170 marriage licenses to same-sex couples from July through September, according to an Oct. 19 article by the "Associated Press." Scudera and Strachan were one of those couples to obtain a license, and they took advantage of the 60-day window the certificate was valid. A judge put a stop to the license distribution soon after.

Scudera said that he does not truly know if the marriage certificate he has with Strachan is legitimate and wonders how they are viewed in a legal sense.

"I'm tired of people telling me that I'm married in my heart," Scudera said. "I want a civil mar-

riage. There are 1,138 benefit rights and protections provided on the basis of marital status in federal law."

Scudera's talk focused on the brief history of the movement surrounding same-sex legalization and how Pennsylvania is becoming isolated as the last state in the northeast where same-sex marriage is illegal.

Beyond the legalities, Scudera discussed his marriage to Strachan. The two met over something they were both passionate about.

Finding love through theater

Scudera grew up just outside of New York City where he used to go see Broadway shows all of the time growing up. He said that he saw every play that he could and learned a lot from his frequent attendance of the Broadway scene.

Scudera became fully involved



Photo courtesy of College Communications
 Brain Strachan and Domenick Scudera celebrate during their wedding this summer in the Black Box Theater. The couple filed for a marriage license during a brief window in which the Montgomery County registrar distributed licenses to same sex couples.

in theater in high school. He was a member of the drama club along with all of his friends.

"It really was just a fun time with all of my best friends," Scudera said.

Scudera said that he learned to have a deeper appreciation

for everything that goes into the making of a show. They built the sets, rehearsed and made their own costumes without faculty assistance.

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'Bell, Book and Candle' premieres this Halloween



Photo courtesy of College Communications
 The cast of "Bell, Book, and Candle" pose in costume. The play is set to run Wednesday Oct. 30 through Saturday Nov. 2.

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Director, Beverly Redman, revisits her childhood fondness of the play "Bell, Book, and Candle" for the Ursinus College theatre department.

On Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, the Black-box Theater will host the production just in time for Halloween. The cast, mostly composed of freshmen, will relive the times of the McCarthy witch hunts and give the audience a sampling of subtle magic. According to Redman, the cast is ready to fulfill their eccentric characters and to put on a quality show.

"We've been rehearsing every week since we got cast, vigorously," freshman Chole Kekovic said.

For Kekovic and fellow cast member, Jordan Hodess, rehearsal was nothing short of active. Rehearsal began immediately and is now nine weeks deep. With more

rehearsal, came more hours for the five-person cast.

"Our cast is awesome," Hodess said. "Everybody is so nice and supportive and wonderfully talented. We all have a lot of fun working together and chatting during down times in rehearsal."

Since this is Hodess and Kekovic's first Ursinus production and since Kekovic is used to playing minor roles, the process has not been simple. Memorization of lines has been a mutual struggle, but their confidence with the production as a whole rises over everything else.

Redman said the play appears easy. However, there are continuous subliminal challenges that the cast is presented with. The original writer, John Van Druten, had been living a closeted life while constructing the play. With time and research, Redman explained that the cast uncovered that

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Bard College sustainability webinar occurs this March

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Bard College is offering a webinar for the Bard MBA in sustainability on March 15, 2014.

Students at Ursinus are overwhelmed with homework, exams, extracurricular activities and much more but still seem to find ways to be eco-friendly here on campus.

Between recycling, cutting down on paper usage and reducing energy usage, the campus has proved it is dedicated to being eco-friendly.

This inspiration comes from the multiple people on campus who work hard every day to reduce the campus' carbon footprint.

Almost every week students receive emails from the Sustainability team, giving students ideas and tips on how to reduce their energy usage.

The team has made moves toward being a more environmentally friendly campus by adjusting many different aspects of campus, including housekeeping, building maintenance and smaller things like the copy center.

For students who have an interest in sustainability and how to be more environmentally helpful and conscious, Bard College's graduate program is offering Ursinus students, along with any interested undergraduate student, a unique opportunity.

Bard College's graduate program often hosts webinars for the MBA and CEP programs. The webinars are internet conferences where prospective students can talk to Bard administration and

get more information on their prospective area of study.

Students who are interested in being a part of the webinar do not need any prerequisite in sustainability education.

Students are allowed to register for the webinar five minutes before it begins.

For all students who attend the webinar, the Bard College will waive their \$65 fee for application for admission.

The webinar will contain information on what exactly an

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— Zach Trauger
Eco rep resident coordinator

MBA in sustainability from Bard College includes: admissions information, course requirements and financial options.

The webinar will be helpful to students who would be interested in receiving an MBA in environmental policy, climate science and policy or sustainability.

Students also have the opportunity to earn dual degree options within the Pace Law School and Bard's Master of Arts in Teaching.

It is important for students to be conscious about their education in sustainability, especially on a campus like our own.

Sustainability program coordinator Brandon Hoover says Ursinus is a great starting place for sustainability.

"At Ursinus, students, staff and faculty have the opportunity to use the college campus as a living laboratory to understand and positively impact the campus and community around issues pertaining to sustainability," Hoover said in an email.

Zach Trauger, eco rep resident life coordinator, said furthering the sustainability experience is important for students, too.

"I think it is important worldwide," Trauger said. "We have very few resources for the country in itself, and [sustainability] starts with campuses, and it eventually makes its way out."

Trauger said it is important for students to beware of the environment and how they can help, especially students who are planning to go into professions that can help the environment in any way.

"If we can somehow instill a passion for the environment into them before they leave, we've done our job," Trauger said.

Hoover agrees that it is important for students to think about these things and how they can impact the environment.

"...they have the power to be real leaders for change, more so than I think some realize," Hoover wrote in an email.

It is widely agreed on campus that students should be conscientious of their impact on the environment not only here on campus, but worldwide.

The sustainability webinar offered by Bard College is an opportunity for students who find a passion for sustainability to further their education within the realm of sustainability.

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During high school, Scudera's main interest was to be on stage, in the spotlight of the show. This love for the stage continued as he moved onto college. Scudera attended Colgate University, where he double majored in English and fine arts.

Throughout his college career, he immersed himself in stage production and the theater. Upon graduation, Scudera was hired to teach theater to elementary and middle school students. Although he did not have a degree in theater, he had so much experience that he was qualified for the position.

"I absolutely love writing stuff for kids because kids really do appreciate theater if you do it well and make sure not to condescend them," Scudera said.

Scudera has written, acted in and produced a large number of shows. From modern-day renditions of classics, to one-man solo performances, Scudera has a wide range of experience.

"Producing is my favorite job," Scudera said. "It's the one job where I can do all different kinds of things in one job."

Scudera met Strachan while working on a show in Philadelphia. Strachan auditioned for one of Scudera's plays. Strachan and Scudera worked on several plays together after that, and the couple fell in love.

A campus union

Of all of the productions that he has been involved with, Scudera said that the productions that he has taken part in at Ursinus have been his favorite.

Scudera came to Ursinus as a temporary fill-in for another professor but eventually became a full-time professor.

"When I came here, there was no theater program," Scudera said.

John Straussburger, then presi-

dent of Ursinus, wanted to build a theater program on campus.

As Scudera became more involved with Ursinus, he eventually took on more and more responsibilities on campus.

After applying for the permanent position at Ursinus, he was accepted. He has been full-time professor at Ursinus since 1999.

This summer, the couple decided to get married on the campus. Friends who attended the wedding found it to be inspirational.

"It was amazing to see so many people in the vast network of friends that they have come together so quickly to make the wedding happen," said Louise Woodstock, Scudera's friend and fellow faculty member.

Another friend of Scudera, Jon Volkmer, was overjoyed when he received the wedding invitation. He described the wedding as amazing.

"There was so much love in the room," Volkmer said. "I think that equality in Pennsylvania is inevitable, and the dominos are falling."

Strachan said that he felt that his marriage to Scudera was a statement of equality.

"To have a wedding was a really great day in our lives because our families and friends came together so quickly," Strachan said. "It was to show the world that we'd been together 20 years and we love each other."

The couple has four dogs, two of which are therapy dogs that are missing limbs. Scudera takes his two therapy dogs, Festus and Miley Cyrus, to the Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on a weekly basis.

When Scudera is not teaching theater or working on a play, he writes for the "Huffington Post's Gay Voices" section, where he discusses everything from politics to his dogs.

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Record donation to honor UC prof

Fong: \$5 million gift shows 'mystery of the human connection'

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John F. Rodenbaugh, an Ursinus Class of 1955 graduate, and his wife, Patricia, recently gave the single largest outright donation in the history of Ursinus College.

Ursinus administrators said the \$5 million gift will go toward the Discovery and Innovation Center and will benefit the entire campus.

The Center will bridge the gap between Pfahler and Thomas halls. The design for the Center is window-oriented, mostly composed of bright, crisp and modern glass.

"It's the next major construction project on campus and it will add about 34,000-square-feet of instructional and other space ... and will probably cost us about \$22 million," said Terry Winegar, the Ursinus dean of academic affairs.

Rodenbaugh, whose wife said he is battling an illness, was unavailable for comment. She asked only for thoughts and prayers.

According to a news release on the Ursinus website, when asked where he would like his donation to go, Rodenbaugh told the college to pick the most important need.

In the spring of 2012, the college decided that the Center would become the highest priority project on campus.

Although his gift will cover nearly a quarter of the cost of the Center, Rodenbaugh's name will not appear in the building.

Within the building, though, Jill Marsteller, the senior vice president for advancement, suggested that there will be an area named the "Boswell Commons," which will recognize a former Ursinus professor that mentored Rodenbaugh and ultimately motivated him to make the donation.

Professor James L. Boswell

was the former chair of the economics department, now referred to as the business and economics department.

Boswell, who retired in 1961, encouraged Rodenbaugh to attend graduate school.

Rodenbaugh did not end up having this opportunity because he was drafted into the U.S. Military. However, upon returning from the service, Rodenbaugh pursued a career in business. He retired as the vice president of banking, finance and economics for Merrill Lynch.

According to the news release, Rodenbaugh said the donation acts as a thank you to Boswell, who he never found the opportunity to thank.

"The faculty-student personal interaction is what makes this place so special," Marsteller said.

Ursinus President Bobby Fong said that most people give because they remember the overall experience that they had at Ursinus.

"I think that what is so impressive is the idea that a person who graduated here over a century ago was so deeply affected by his experience here with a particular faculty member that he wanted to give back and pay it forward," Fong said.

Fong said that it is not unusual to have donors remember specific people in their gifts.

He said that he always reminds the faculty that they are not always aware of the lives that they touch.

"Some students you will devote hours to and then you will never hear from them again, and other students you scarcely remember, and then years later they will write back that you had changed their life," Fong said. "And that's just the mystery of the human connection."

In addition, Fong expressed that this gift in particular underlines the small goodness in the faculty, staff and students that positively affect the school as a whole.



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the play was a way Van Druten explored this life and is now attempting to portray this within their own work.

Redman said that the play will affect people in numerous ways.

"I never know what will strike them," she said.

Hodess and Kekovic agree upon their liking of the play and are thoroughly looking forward to show week. Throughout the process, Kekovic said Redman has been a director unlike any others that she has encountered.

"I also have never had a director who is so willing to go above and beyond to make sure we have an excellent show," Kekovic said.

Redman had even invited the cast to her home for dinner to rehearse lines. Kekovic believed this allowed the cast to bond even more and unveil a lot of previously unknown information about the play.

Beginning in July, the scenes, lighting and costumes were the primary focus. It progressed into the auditioning process, which came out to be mostly made up of freshmen except for one senior.

"I like to bring new talent into the program," Redman said.

Redman said the department is lucky to have so many interested and talented freshmen this year.

Both Kekovic and Hodess are promising freshmen within the theatre department, and Kekovic is even a prospective theatre major. Going into the auditions, Kekovic had no intention on playing a lead role. Her talent was evident to Redman, though, who assigned her to play Gillian, a witch who believes she is unable to fall in love. Hodess, on the other hand, went into the audition with thoughts of playing his part of Nicky, a mischievous warlock and the brother of the main character.

The rehearsal stage of the production is coming to a close and the cast and director are anxiously awaiting the curtain to rise on opening night. Redman is feeling great and hopes for the Ursinus community to come see the hard work put into the play.

Hodess and Kekovic are more than ready to make their Ursinus debuts. "Bell, Book and Candle" had been an amazing experience according to Kekovic and it has been great fun for Hodess.

"This is definitely one of the best productions I've been in," Hodess said.

Top stories from around the globe

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Settlement by JP Morgan

According to the BBC, JP Morgan has reached a \$5.1 billion dollar settlement with the U.S. Federal Housing Finance Agency over charges that it misled other mortgage giants like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac during the housing boom. This is the largest settlement in history made by a U.S. bank, and there should be a separate settlement with the U.S. Justice Department.

JP Morgan argues that the settlement relates to "\$33.8 billion of securities purchased by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from JP Morgan, Bear Sterns and Washington Mutual" from 2005 to 2007.

Health site comments on Obama's promises

According to "The New York Times," there has been a decline in faith in the U.S. government amidst the malfunctioning of the Affordable Care Act's website. The Pew Research Center found that only 19 percent of Americans trust the government to do what is right at least most of the time.

Soon, President Obama is attempting to pass an immigration overhaul, while conservatives believe that the government cannot secure the borders or verify the status of all workers. With regards to the website HealthCare.gov, the President ordered a "tech surge" to fix the website by November.

US will lose access to reconstruction projects

When coalition forces withdraw from Afghanistan, U.S.

funded reconstruction projects that are worth billions of dollars can be impossible for American officials to visit and inspect.

The U.S. Agency for International Development, the Pentagon and the State Department would rely on private contractors to monitor the work of other private contracts instead of curtailing those projects.

Lawmakers are worried by the inability of U.S. personnel to inspect development projects. Many believe that more money can be lost in the costliest reconstruction of a single country in American history. Senator Claire McCaskille (D-Mo.) stated, "I would be shocked if this doesn't have an unhappy ending."

Britain awaiting its worst storm in five years

According to "The Guardian," the worst storm in five years will hit England and Wales on Oct. 27. There will be heavy rain, high winds and the threat of flooding and travel chaos. Also, there can be winds of more than 80 miles per hour that can cause damage such as knocking down trees and causing power cuts.

Many rail companies have suspended train services. National Rail warned that the storm could affect most routes across central and southern England and Wales. The Local Government Association has offered to divert staff from their normal duties to help out with emergency relief efforts.

Alleged US spying in Europe

According to "The Guardian," there are reports suggesting that the U.S. has been spying on German Chancellor Angela Merkel's mobile phone since 2002. There have also been reports that President Obama was told about the surveillance and failed to stop it. These spying reports come amidst possibly the worst diplomatic crisis between the U.S. and Germany since World War II. There are also possible reports that the NSA has monitored millions of phone calls made by German and French phones.

Germany and France want the U.S. to sign a no-spy deal by the end of the year.



Courtesy of College Communications

The Ursinus College Choir sings Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, in Bomberger Auditorium. The Meistersingers' upcoming performance is on Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

UC singers to perform opera

College Choir and Meistersingers put on joint show

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Professor of music John French will have the challenging task of conducting two choral groups on Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium.

The College Choir and the Meistersingers will be performing Henry Purcell's opera "Dido and Aeneas." Purcell was an English composer. Although he incorporated Italian and French stylistic elements into his compositions, Purcell's legacy was a uniquely English form of Baroque music.

French's Meistersingers will be performing in front of the entire Ursinus community. Playing in front of a large crowd will be nothing new to this group after singing the national anthem at the Philadelphia Phillies game during April of last year. The group received great reviews as the Phillies took on the St. Louis Cardinals.

French will be conducting a program that features string orchestra accompaniment. Soloists include Kim Lee (Dido), Robert

O'Neil (Aeneas) and Molly Stejskal (Belinda).

The challenge for French comes from the different rehearsal times of both the College Choir and the Meistersingers.

"We've been rehearsing since the first week of the semester," French said. "The College Choir meets regularly on Tuesday nights, and the Meistersingers meet regularly throughout the week."

"This is a standard, wonderful piece of music."

— John French,
Choir and Meistersinger conductor

These rehearsals are centered on the story of "Dido and Aeneas." It was adapted from part of "The Aeneid" by Virgil. Dido, Queen of Carthage, falls in love with Aeneas, who lands in Carthage after fleeing from Troy following his defeat in the Trojan War. However, some witches who dislike Dido try to convince Aeneas that he must leave because he is fated to be the founder of the Roman Empire.

"I am hoping that it will be a good performance and the people will enjoy hearing the choir sing,"

French said. "This is a standard, wonderful piece of music."

French is excited about a lot of the new talent coming into the group this year, particularly in the men's section of the Meistersingers. The concert will feature them singing some aspects of the piece themselves combined with the larger choir.

French is the William F. Heefner professor of music at Ursinus College and has been a member of the college faculty since 1979.

He has received the Laughlin Professional Achievement Award and Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching from the college in recognition of his professional and scholarly accomplishments. He is also the associate conductor of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia.

Active as a church musician for forty years, he has been the organist and choirmaster for the Church of the Holy Trinity on Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia since 1992.

As a longtime figure at Ursinus, French has conducted countless concerts that never disappoint. French has degrees from the Philadelphia College of the

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Senior Halloween celebration returns

To be held at new venue, along with new Wismer event

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Seniors will be getting into costume and heading to the Valley Forge Casino for the annual senior Halloween party this Sunday.

This year seniors are allowed a plus-one as long as the guest is 21 years of age or older.

Those who are 21 or over must pay \$40 to drink at the casino. Seniors who are under 21 will only be charged \$10 because they cannot access the open bar.

The \$40 covers a full beer selection, hard liquors and house wines. Shots are not included, but students may buy them. The price of food is not covered under the fee.

The class of 2014 has been planning the Halloween party for a few months. Senior class president Tyler Schindler said he hopes it will be a success so seniors can continue this event in future years.

"I really wanted to do some-

thing different than previous years," Schindler said. "Last year they didn't have the plus-one rule, mechanical bull or casino, so I think seniors are more excited for this year's party."

Before the party, seniors must meet in Lower Wismer from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to register and wait for transportation. Seniors who are 21 and over will receive a wristband, and those who are not of age will have a different marking.

There are three buses transporting students with two shuttles. The event begins at 8 p.m. and ends at 12 a.m.

"Last year the party was at a bar, but I think it's going to be better this year now that it's at a casino that has other things," senior Katie Iobst said. "I think a lot of seniors plan on going too. I can't wait to ride the mechanical bull all night long."

Schindler originally planned the party to be on the day of Halloween. However, many athletes would not be able to attend or drink because of prior commitments.

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Word on the Street

If you had the money after graduation, would you donate to Ursinus? How would you like it to be spent?

"Yeah, I'd donate, probably to improve the residence halls because some of them are pretty old and in need of renovations."—Amy Ng, sophomore

"Yes, I would donate, but I'd allow the school to do whatever they want with it. I feel like they would make the best decision regarding what needed the funds."—Erik Larsen, freshman

"If I had the money I'd donate it to the SUN program. They really need more money to fund events and promote itself."—Harold Holland, junior

"If I had extra money, I'd probably donate it to my major (neuroscience), since they were probably the cause of my success."—Chan Hee Lee, senior

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"I hope to get at least 450 people there," Schindler said. "I think with the whole plus-one rule will be better because I know some seniors wanted to bring their significant other from another school."

Seniors are welcome to gamble at the casino. Schindler said he hopes that seniors will utilize the mechanical bull and dance floor. A live DJ will also be performing at the party.

USGA President Jerry Gares has been helping out with planning the party. Other senior class officers have coordinated it as well.

Other Halloween festivities will be happening at Ursinus this weekend as well.

On Friday night, Lower Wismer will be transformed into a haunted house for the Halloween party.

Some of the UC Ambassadors will be hosting a party from 8-10 p.m. with a costume contest at 9 p.m.

The Ambassadors will be giving out prizes such as movie tickets to students. The individual prizes will be revealed at the party.

Harold Holland will be DJing for the party. The Ambassadors plan on having a strobe light and making homemade decorations for Lower Wismer.

Previously, the Campus Activities Board would host an annual Halloween party. However, the board wanted to reach out to other groups on campus to coordinate activities.

After the Lower Wismer party, a few Main Street resident advisors will be handing out candy and cookies to registered Main Street parties for a program called "Word on the Street."

"I'm really excited we're having a party," UC Ambassador Cara Sulyok said. "I hope people come dressed up in Halloween costumes. We really want to get a lot of students involved, both in Lower Wismer and on Main Street."

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Performing Arts, Westminster Choir College and the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati.

Along with many other grants and awards, he has received two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition to being one of the more recognizable figures on Ursinus campus, French has also had a lot of experience with the Musical Fund Society of Philadelphia. There he serves as the immediate past president of the Board of Directors and the current president of the Society's Foundation.

He has served in numerous offices for professional organizations and is the former president

of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Choral Association and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

The College Choir performs three or four major works each year, including performances of Handel's "Messiah" in the fall semester. Along with the choir, the Meistersingers represent diverse styles and cultures suitable to a smaller ensemble.

Along with being able to showcase talent, the Meistersingers give Ursinus students the potential to tour around the world in places such as Europe.



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History professor teaches by example

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For some professors teaching is their number one priority.

For other professors like Dr. Onaci, a new full-time professor at Ursinus who teaches women's political struggles and African-American history, connecting everything he does to social justice is his number one priority.

"I like to think everything I do is connected, whether it's cooking, keeping myself healthy or DJing," Onaci said. "I try to use them to achieve my goals, which are usually social justice-oriented."

Onaci eats healthy food to promote awareness among others because he finds it important to teach by example.

He found his passion for history and teaching his sophomore year of undergraduate school, because he always wanted to do something with young people that would aid social justice efforts.

Onaci began his teaching career as an adjunct at Temple University where he taught women's studies.

"Compared to Ursinus, the Temple campus is different," Onaci said. "When I looked into applying at Ursinus to teach, I thought it was the job for me. When I saw the emphasis on intellectual development and social responsibility, I was very interested. The fact that it was written into the mission really stuck out to me."

He is one of the 13 other professors chosen to work full-time

at Ursinus. He said he likes the small liberal arts school.

"I really enjoy it, especially getting to know other colleagues," Onaci said. "Another thing that attracted me to Ursinus is how they described the student-professor relationship. I think that it is important for students to develop that bond with professors."

Onaci is looking forward to developing relationships with students because of how close-knit the community is.

Onaci hopes to get more debates going in his classes because of how important it is to focus on discussion in history classes. He wants to make all of his classes as discussion-centered as possible.

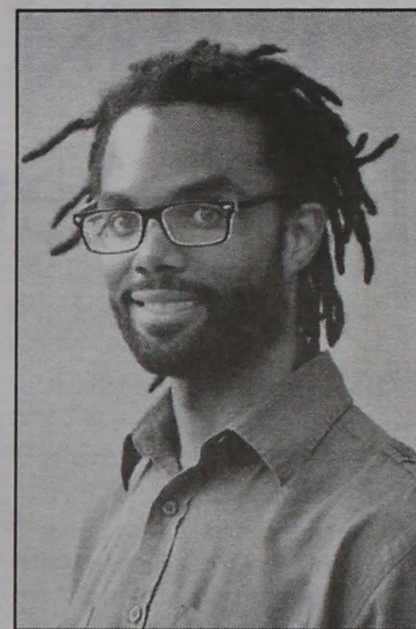
He plans on having his students do a creative project where they take what they think their talent is to create something to teach their peers.

"I want to get students involved as much as possible," Onaci said. "I want them to be engaged and tuned in to detail."

Onaci has a passion not only for history, but for music as well. He has been a disc jockey for 15 years and continues to play at weddings and other events. As an adjunct at Temple, he DJed more often.

After becoming a full-time professor, he has spent less time performing at events. He still does his best to put on shows because he said it is one of his favorite hobbies.

"When I DJ, I try not to play music I think is oppressive be-



Edward Onaci

cause I want to teach my listeners as well," Onaci said.

Because of his experience with radio and being a DJ, Onaci wants to possibly start a radio show that would get students involved.

"I talked about it briefly with some students, but I think it would be really great if we could get students involved who have some sort of social justice agenda to work with the school radio station," Onaci said.

Because music is an aspect of African-American history, Onaci plans on incorporating music, such as piano and keyboard, into his lessons.

He encourages all students to take his classes because of how important it is for young people to speak out and take part in social movements.

Onaci enjoys teaching at Ursinus and said that students have expressed that they really enjoy the courses.

"It's always difficult when you're working with people," Onaci said, "but here at Ursinus the environment is catered toward facilitating relationships beyond the classroom, which actually makes it easier."

Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Halloween Chemistry Demonstration, 4:30-5:25 p.m.	UC Pause for Paws: Halloween edition, noon	Bus trip to NYC, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Bet Cafe: Open Mic, 6:30-9:00 p.m.	Anxiety manage- ment support group, 3 p.m.		Lutheran Volun- teer Corps info session, noon
'Bell, Book and Candle,' 7:30 p.m.	'Bell, Book and Candle,' 7:30 p.m.	College Choir and Meistersingers performance, 7:30 p.m.		Quizzo! 6:30-7:30 p.m.		NEWu yoga class, 4:45-5:45 p.m.
	Hallo-Wismer party, 8-10 p.m.	'Bell, Book and Candle,' 7:30 p.m.				

In defense of the men's lacrosse team

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Hello. My name is Adebayo Adebayo and I am a "lax bro." Although I've never actually referred to myself as such, this is a name that I have repeatedly heard used in reference to myself and my teammates.

The reputation attached to being a lacrosse player runs far deeper than a bunch of guys running around in helmets and gloves and throwing a ball from stick to stick.

Apparently, being a lacrosse player also entails a definition of who you are as a person. At least that's what it seems like from the condescending scoffs I get every time I tell someone new on campus that I play lacrosse.

"By now I'm over it," senior captain Nile Thompson said. "I know some people don't like us but I couldn't care less. If you're going to judge us before you even meet us or base your opinion of us off of an experience you've had with one of us, then you need to grow up."

When I first came to Ursinus in the summer of 2011, I was a member of the Crigler Institute. While there I made many new friends, most of whom I still talk

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— Nile Thompson
Captain, men's lacrosse

to today.

However, when I told my RAs about the sport I came here to play, many of them began making assumptions on who I would become based solely on my sport.

"You won't talk to anyone from here anymore."

"You'll start acting like a jerk."

Those were just a few of the things I was told. Two years later though, I am still the same person I was at the beginning of that summer.

To be honest, I can see where some of these stereotypes come

from. Head coach Jamie Steele's predecessor did not have a great reputation with the administration, so it is easy to see how this perception could also impact the players and the way people viewed them consequently.

On a larger scale though, lacrosse is a sport typically found in wealthier communities. Most of the best high school lacrosse teams tend to be prep schools or public schools in suburban areas. Because of that and the stigma attached to the upper class, it is easy to see how some people may let these factors cloud their judgment.

At what point do people get over their petty misconceptions?

Admittedly, I have seen a few of my teammates do things that probably would not make their mothers proud. We have thrown loud, unregistered parties and have been warned to clear out space in front of Reimert 301 and 302 multiple times.

But I have seen this exact same behavior from other sports teams, multiple fraternities and a few sororities.

On the other hand, I have also watched as members of the team willingly volunteered some of their free time to help elderly people tour the Berman museum. I have seen my teammates raise money for the HEADstrong cancer research foundation and sell T-shirts in memory of drunk-driving victim Eddie Coombs.

Because people avidly look for reasons to hate lacrosse players, many of our actions are overanalyzed and blown out of proportion, whereas the actions of others are often downplayed in comparison.

What makes all of this even worse are the vicious rumors constantly being spread.

"I hear a lot of things," senior Riley Pembroke said. She said that the lacrosse team has a reputation for mistreating women and stealing private property.

To be honest, there are a lot of people making assumptions and conclusions about the lacrosse team as a whole with little to no experience with any of us. Ignorance breeds ignorance.

In this case, the lacrosse

team must pay the price for it. I truly feel that if those writing us off actually got to meet us, their opinions would completely change.

"You were one of the only people I knew on the team," my roommate, junior Matthew Krueger, told me. "It's a small school so obviously I heard some things about you guys, but actually meeting everyone this year has been great. Sucks you guys have such a (terrible) reputation, but I think everyone I've met on the team is cool."

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Gender-neutral housing fosters equality

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When my grandmother went to Goucher College in the late 1940s, colleges were often designated for only one gender. Those institutions still exist around the country but are not as prevalent as they once were.

Most colleges are now mixed-gender, which allows for equal opportunity in education for everyone who attends. The housing options for these mixed-gender students at college are vast.

In more recent years, gender-neutral housing has become more popular in college dormitories.

The Harvard College Democrats said in a statement of support of the Rooming Choice Act that "the proper role of the college is not to determine with whom students may or may not

live, but rather to empower its students to make their own decisions responsibly."

The Rooming Choice Act, passed by the Undergraduate Council of Harvard, said that the students "firmly believe in the right of every student to live with roommates of his or her choosing, regardless of gender."

At Ursinus, there are all-male or all-female hallways and houses, as well as mixed-gender hallways and houses. But most importantly, there are two places on campus that are labeled gender-neutral.

One of these is Queer House, located on Main Street, and the other is the third floor of Richter. In these housing arrangements, friends of different genders can share rooms, suites and bathrooms together.

Gender-neutral housing is not intended for romantic couples. Rather, it is a safe and inclusive option for many students. Some people who feel uncomfortable rooming with members of the

same sex are transgender students in the process of discovering their gender identity or are students who feel they would be more compatible with a roommate of a different sex or gender.

It saddens me when I hear of people judging others who choose to live in (gender-neutral) housing.

I am one of the students at Ursinus that has taken advantage of this opportunity because of my preference to live with my friends of a different gender.

The guys I have lived with have been a great support system for me, and I have a lot in common with them. There are only a few people living in a room with another gender this semester.

I have lived in both gender-neutral dorm options over the last two years.

During this time, I have

found living with guys to be much more relaxing than living with girls. Living with females has created more drama in my experience, whereas the guys were always more relaxed when it came to room issues.

In a Sept. 5 article from "The Grizzly," a female author argued that males are dirtier than females and that it is awful to share bathrooms with guys, never mind sharing a bedroom.

This is a stereotype. The least clean roommate I ever had was actually a female. The guys I have lived with were clean.

I never had a complaint about their washing habits. Our bathrooms were never covered in hair from the guys shaving. They were considerate in cleaning up after themselves.

On top of this, many bathrooms are shared between both genders on the Ursinus campus. That is how the houses are designed.

Schaff Hall, which was once Queer House and is now the

SPINT Technology House on Main Street, has only two bathrooms for all the people living on both floors. It is almost impossible to not share the bathrooms between genders.

Living in gender-neutral housing is a personal life choice. It saddens me when I hear of people judging others who choose to live in that type of housing or who insult the practice of living with different genders.

Everyone deserves to live in an environment that is comfortable to them. Having this option of gender-neutral allows for students to experience that right to feel comfortable.

Maybe living with genders other than your own is not what works for you. That said, no one has the right to attack someone who is seeking a safe place to live.

Colleges supply single-sex housing for comfort. They should do the same for gender-neutral living spaces.



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DiJoseph more than just an athlete

Senior prepares for life in the medical field after an impressive soccer career

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Senior Kara DiJoseph has a full plate in front of her, but for the Turnersville, N.J. native, any other way just will not do.

She is one of the captains of the soccer team, volunteers at a hospital, does honors research, is in the biology honor society and Whittans Women's Honor Society and is also involved in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and other clubs and organizations on campus.

DiJoseph has a lot of experience on the field. She has been a starter since her freshman year when she beat out four other goalies for the starting position. She had to step into a leadership role in her first year at Ursinus. Looking eye-to-eye with older teammates is usually a very daunting task for a freshman, but it helped

her learn to step up.

The soccer team, like DiJoseph, had to learn how to face adversity. Last year, the Bears found out that their coach left in June and they met their new coach a month later.

"It was really difficult because especially with our seniors last year who didn't have as much experience on the field as much as the juniors did, so we really had to step up and even combine with them because we had such a small team," DiJoseph said.

Despite the problems that the team faced, they are handling their situation well. There is even hope for the team to make the playoffs, which is not surprising considering the experience the team has at the goalkeeper position.

"She is the best goalie in our conference for sure and she certainly deserves to be after all of

the blood, sweat and tears she has put into the sport she loves so much," said teammate Emily Bergmann.

DiJoseph said that last year she had to make a lot more saves than most goalies. She has played a lot of minutes since her freshman year in addition to being the only goalie last year.

DiJoseph played a leadership role her entire Ursinus campaign. Her teammates look up to her and admire her for her work ethic.

"She fits the role of her captain position perfectly, and every day she is out on the field working hard and being the dedicated player that she is," Bergmann said.

From the field to the classroom, DiJoseph never stops. One of the things she enjoys is volunteering at the hospital because she is going into a career in medicine and because of the impact that she has on the patients.

The appreciation of the patients is what makes everything worthwhile. Talking to the patients to make them feel more comfortable in a sometimes scary hospital is what DiJoseph really enjoys doing.

"Growing up I was always taught the whole philosophy that you treat others the way you want to be treated," DiJoseph said. "And some people are dealt these rough hands and it's sometimes out of their control, and being able to make a difference with just an hour of my day makes it worth it..."

Her involvement with the SAAC, an Ursinus organization that provides insight on the experience of the student athlete, involves being a liaison between athletics and academics on the campus. This is important to her because the Division III student athletes are usually not going to

continue their sport after college. Students must focus on academics first and athletics later.

This school-first philosophy and the academics offered at Ursinus were also some of the things that drew DiJoseph to the school.

DiJoseph is currently doing honors research with a focus on overcoming antibiotic resistance. DiJoseph spends a lot of time in the lab and she really enjoys it. All of her hard work has paid off because she already received acceptance letters to multiple medical schools.

For student athletes, plans often change after they arrive at their college or university. For DiJoseph, standing out on the soccer field in addition to completing meaningful research was always part of the plan. While soccer may be ending, the success in the classroom seems to be nowhere near its conclusion.

NFL's 'A Crucial Catch' under scrutiny

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The month of October has increasingly become known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The National Football League is one of the reasons for the success of the campaign that is meant to spread awareness of the disease that has impacted a great deal of people.

Many organizations have established awareness campaigns, and the NFL is no exception. In the month of October, the NFL does many things to raise money for the cause. Throughout the month, players from every team can be seen wearing pink gear.

Players wear pink cleats, gloves and mouthpieces, all of which have become fan favorites. These items are also sold by

the NFL to the public in an effort to raise more money for the cause.

The NFL also uses its online website to auction off game-worn gear and gives the fans an opportunity to buy jerseys. The NFL even went as far as to use pink flags for the field referees instead of the typical yellow.

According to NFL.com, "At the national level, the campaign has reached newfound levels of awareness, while locally, the programs and tools the NFL has put in place are being adopted at a higher rate than ever before."

From the outside looking in, it seems like the NFL is doing their best to raise awareness, but they have come under fire lately from controversy surrounding their breast cancer awareness cam-

paign.

According to Cork Gaines at "Business Insider," a representative from the NFL Shop said, "only 5 percent of sales from Breast Cancer Awareness gear goes to the American Cancer Society (ACS), with the rest going to the NFL itself."

"If the pink products have a typical 100 percent mark-up at retail," Gaines said, "that means the NFL is keeping 90 percent of the profit."

Gaines also argues that only 78 percent of the money the ACS receives goes toward actual research, while the rest goes to cover administrative costs.

He said, "So, for every \$100 in sales of pink gear, only \$3.54 is going towards research while the NFL is keeping approximately

\$45."

These reports have resulted in scrutiny from many people. Some have gone so far as to believe that they have been raking in money from cancer research supporters.

The NFL has defended its actions and integrity.

According to a "Huffington Post" article, "The NFL confirmed... that it doesn't make a profit from the leftover proceeds. It uses the remaining money to pay for the cost of its breast cancer awareness program, A Crucial Catch."

The campaign, a partnership between the NFL and the ACS, emphasizes the importance for women, particularly those over 40, to get annual screenings."

The ACS needs the donations to keep its organization running.

Many are afraid that these accusations will make people hesitant when it comes to donating to breast cancer awareness campaigns.

Cancer is a touchy subject, and to think that people are using this as a foundation for personal profit is upsetting to many.

In an article on Yahoo News, Doug Farrar, an online columnist, stated, "It's sad that these accusations will likely cause people to shy away from donating, meaning that innocent people could be denied care and treatment."

There appears to be shades of gray concerning the status of profits from pink gear in the NFL.

One thing does seem to be clear: the amount of money that actually goes toward cancer research is much less than the NFL leads its fans to believe.

Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Football

Men's Soccer

Women's Soccer

Field Hockey

Volleyball

11/2- @ Johns Hopkins at 1 p.m.

11/2- @ Gettysburg at 1 p.m.

11/2- @ Haverford at 1 p.m.

11/2- @ Swarthmore at noon

11/2- @ Washington College at 1 p.m.

Week in sports: mixture of wins and losses

Football, field hockey, women's soccer all take wins. Men's soccer takes a loss

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The field hockey team beat The College of New Jersey in a 4-3 victory at home last Thursday. In a match focused heavily on offense, UC sophomore goal-keeper Danielle DeSpirito ended the game with four saves, while the TCNJ freshman goal keeper Kelly Schlupp finished with seven overall saves.

The game ended in a goal by Ursinus freshman defender Annie Kopera in the last 10 minutes of the game. Last Saturday, the team travelled to Muhlenberg in a game that resulted in a 3-2 loss.

During a strong offensive game from both teams, DeSpirito saved nine goal attempts. The team will travel to face Catholic this Tuesday.

Volleyball

Volleyball took a 3-1 loss against Muhlenberg on Wednesday, Oct. 28. "Muhlenberg is a good team, but we played well against them so we weren't too upset," Gina Powers, UC junior setter, said.

Last Saturday, the Bears went out to play in a "Dig Pink" quad match to support a breast cancer awareness fundraiser including the PSU Abington, Alvernia and Susquehanna teams.

The team won two out of their three matches during the day. "It was a really long day, but we never gave up so we're really proud of each other," Powers said. "We also have a lot of injuries on the team right now, so each game we're usually working with new rotation, which makes things difficult."

Cross country

The cross country team spent this past week in preparation for their upcoming meet in the conference championships. The meet will be held at McDaniel with all of the conference teams racing against each other. "We had some tough workouts this week, and next week should be easier so we aren't too tired to compete," ju-

nior cross country runner Nicole LaRatta said. "We've been doing pretty well, and a lot of people ran their best times last week. We have been improving."

Women's soccer

Women's soccer dominated Muhlenberg in a 3-0 home victory. This win puts the women's team in a 7-8-1 overall record so far this season. Junior forward and midfielder Alexis Haug scored two unassisted goals for Ursinus.

The last goal was scored by freshman forward Erin Ferrell, securing the win for the Bears.

The women of the soccer team will face Eastern University, and finish conference play at Haverford on Nov. 2.

Men's soccer

Men's soccer played at home against Muhlenberg last Saturday, taking a tough 2-1 loss.

Ursinus' only score came from an own goal in the 40th minute.

Sophomore Daniel Cartwright had his first start in goal for the Bears, making two saves in the loss.

In a game that came down to the wire, Muhlenberg was able to score the game-winning goal in the 71st minute. This loss places the Bears with a 7-8-1 record. The team is travelling to play Gettysburg this Saturday.

Football

The football team traveled to Susquehanna last Saturday and returned with a 30-10 win. The Bears now sit at second place in the conference with a 6-1 record, and a 5-1 record in the Centennial Conference.

Senior wide receiver Jerry Rahill set a school record with 12 catches for 148 yards during the game.

Running back Corey Kelly ran for 142 yards during the game. Kelly, a freshman, was a dominant offensive force over Susquehanna. "The defense did



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(Above) Ursinus senior John Schoell kicks the ball in a game against Muhlenberg on Oct. 26. (Below) Ursinus sophomore Megan Keenan fights for the ball in a game against John's Hopkins on Oct. 5.

Photo courtesy of David Morgan

a good job of flying around to the football, and we played disciplined and hard," senior defensive lineman Kevin James said. "I think we had a good week of practice and were ready for the game, but we can always improve and are excited to get ready for this week against Johns Hopkins, who is having a good season."

The Bears also had two Centennial Conference Players of the Week. Senior defensive lineman John Carty and junior kicker Eric Boyer were awarded defensive and special teams players of the week, respectively.

The team will be traveling to John Hopkins this Saturday in what has shaped up to be the game to decide the conference. James said, "We played well from all sides of the ball against Susquehanna and we just need to keep that intensity this week."

