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## First Schellhase Ursinus Essay prize announced on CoSA day

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On CoSA day, Thursday, April 24, at 12 p.m., the winners for the Richard T. Schellhase Ursinus College Essay Prize will be chosen in Pfhaler Auditorium.

There were 28 submissions from a range of different majors and different grade levels.

The first place winner receives \$3,000, second place receives \$2,000 and third place receives \$1,000.

A panel of Ursinus alumni was chosen to judge the contest because of their real life experience. Their majors included English,

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 Associate professor of philosophy and religion

business and economics, environmental studies and philosophy.

"This is a pilot, but it looks like with 28 high-quality entries we'll be able to do it again thanks to the external donor who is an Ursinus graduate," Kelly Sorenson, associate professor of philosophy and religion, said.

The donor, Will Abele, graduated from Ursinus in 1961 with a degree in political science. The company he works for, Troemner, is a world leader in the manufacturing of precision weights, high precision calibration services and laboratory equipment. He became president of the company in 1986 and completed the purchase of the business in 1995.

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## Ursinus conducts first ever ISGP conference on pandemic preparedness

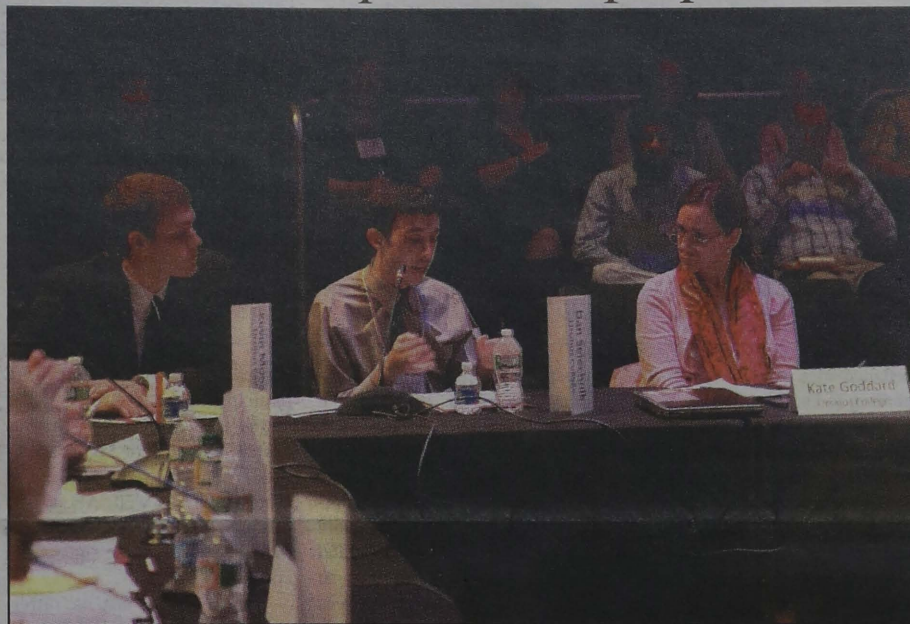


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Kevin Monahan (left), Dan Selechnik (middle) and Kate Goddard (right) participate in the debate at the Institute on Science for Global Policy conference on April 11 and 12. Attendees discussed global policy regarding pandemic preparedness. Students placed name cards on their sides to request to participate.

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On Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 in the Blackbox theater in the Kaleidoscope, 16 Ursinus students from Tony Lobo's biology class entitled Pandemics and Preparedness attended and participated in the Institute on Science for Global Policy's Pandemic Preparedness Conference.

The conference started on Friday and took place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Three speakers discussed their standpoint about pandemic preparedness and infectious diseases. After they spoke, students were able to ask direct questions for about 90 minutes each. These were classified as the debates.

The conference continued on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to continue the conversation, address possible recommendations and wrap up the conference.

These were called the caucuses.

Robert Dawley, a biology professor at Ursinus, said the students are looking through the transcripts and the findings of the conference and working toward making a published book.

Over 100 people attended the conference, and many of the participants were students. Students from Wittier College, Eckert College and Muhlenberg College attended the event.

"Including the 16 students... there were about 135 students total in the conference, and of that 135, 55 were Ursinus students," Dawley said.

Ursinus reached out to invite people to get audience members.

"There were people that were sitting around the rectangle who were CEOs of local biotech firms, there were county and state health officials, we actually had the physician general of Pennsylvania there," Dawley said.

Students played a large role in planning the event by preparing questions and topics of discussion, Dawley said.

"Their part was to decide what the main questions would be that caucus members would focus on during the second day," Dawley said. "So their role was to read carefully the papers created by the three presenters to individually come up with lots of good questions to ask each one of the presenters so they were ready."

The speakers were George W. Korch, Stephen S. Morse and Kasisomayajula Viswanath.

"They're all experts in one way or another in dealing with a viral pandemic but in different ways," Dawley said about the speakers at the conference.

Korch is a senior science advisor to the assistant secretary for preparedness and response in

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## Library staff planning for big changes

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The library staff is working on a space plan for Myrin library to decide how they will use and change the inside and outside. The purpose of the plan is to enable students and faculty to use the space productively.

The library expects to make aesthetic and less immediately tangible changes. Most changes will be made gradually over a period of time.

One big change that will take place is the addition of a digital repository for academic papers, such as honors papers and

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## Annual charity art fair to support Camp Cranium

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On Sunday, April 27, Ursinus will be hosting the annual Charity Art Fair. The event welcomes students, faculty, staff and community members to showcase and sell their art, which can include anything from paintings, jewelry, photographs and more.

The event was started years ago by Laura Faith, a former student of Ursinus, as a part of the Active Minds club, a national organization dedicated to raising awareness of mental health issues, according to their website. When Faith graduated, Thea Dougherty took over the planning and hosting of the event.

Dougherty, now a senior at Ur-

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sinus, is co-running the event this year with Active Minds and To Write Love on Her Arms, a club dedicated to showing support for people struggling with depression or mental illness.

Each year, the art fair raises money for a specific charity. Past charities have included Youth Outdoor Expedition, a camp for young children to go to for support with social or mental illness. This year, Dougherty is maintaining support for mental illnesses and will donate the proceeds from the event to Camp Cranium.

Camp Cranium, founded in 2008, is a non-profit organization aiming to provide a safe and welcoming week-long camp experience for children with traumatic brain injuries, according to their website. Children aged six to 18 are eligible for the camp and are able to meet other children like themselves who have suffered through similar experiences.

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health and human services and a visiting professor in the department of molecular microbiology and immunology for the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He works in the federal government and would help responding to a large viral outbreak, according to Dawley.

Morse is a professor at Columbia University Medical Center in epidemiology. He is an expert on devising better early warning systems for viral outbreaks, Dawley said.

Viswanath is a professor of health communication in the department of social and behavioral sciences at the Harvard School of Public Health and in the McGraw-Patterson Center for Population Sciences at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is a social scientist who is an expert on communication of risk in the

Dougherty said this is a good charity to support mental illnesses since children who have suffered a traumatic brain injury often feel a difficulty with fitting in or finding somebody to relate to, especially for young children.

The charity supports children who have suffered any form of brain injury, including anything from brain trauma to a stroke. From the fair, 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated.

"Even for the children with brain injuries, they can feel isolated and frightened, so we're doing this for support and everything for them," Dougherty said.

The event will be held along the walkway by the Kaleidoscope center, weather permitting. In the case of rain, it will be held in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center.

This year, the event will have student performances as well. The B'Naturals, the female a cappella group on campus, will be performing along with two bands, More Than Alive and The

Go Around. Sophomore Josh Hoffman will also be performing stand-up comedy.

Maeva Flynn, a senior on campus, said she attended the art show last year because she frequently visits art shows in her hometown, so she wanted to see what it was like.

"I thought there were a lot of great items at the fair," Flynn said. "There were some beautiful hand-painted bookmarks and other nice artwork."

Flynn said she and other students she has talked to hope to see some more variety this year, including more jewelry. She also said attendance last year was minimal and she hopes to see more participants.

Dougherty said she has high hopes for the art fair this year and for years to come. After graduating, she hopes the art fair will continue for years and stay related to mental illness awareness.

An art fair committee has been formed, which includes mem-



Photo courtesy of Thea Dougherty  
Students sell their art at the Charity Art Fair last year. This year's fair will be this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

bers from both Active Minds and To Write Love on Her Arms, although Dougherty said in future years, the event might return to being run by Active Minds alone.

"I hope the artists get to show-

case all of their wonderful creations," she said, "and that we are able to give children with these brain injuries a chance to go to camp and work on their self-confidence and have opportunities."

instance of a viral outbreak, according to Dawley.

George H. Atkinson, executive producer of the ISGP and former science and technology advisor to Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell, moderated the event.

"The reason George Atkinson was interested was he wants this version of scientists and policy makers communicating to spread," Dawley said. "We're the first one of what he hopes will be many such conferences in many places."

Dawley said Atkinson created the ISGP to help connect policy makers with scientists. The ISGP has been running conferences for four or five years now and currently runs about a dozen conferences.

This conference was developed from the framework of normal ISGP conferences but modified to allow students to par-

ticipate. In normal conferences, policy makers ask questions, but at the Pandemic Preparedness Conference, students were able to ask questions to the speakers.

There are differences and similarities between the Pandemic Preparedness Conference and other ISGP conferences. Instead of three speakers, conferences usually have about eight.

"A standard ISGP conference brings together over several days about eight internationally renowned scientists who are experts on one particular thing," Dawley said.

In a normal conference, 50 or 60 people, most of whom are United States policy makers, sit in a giant square, Dawley said.

Ursinus used the configuration a normal ISGP conference uses, with the speakers in the middle of a square of participants during each speaker's presentation. It was different than a standard

conference because students were participating.

In the conference Ursinus hosted, there were some scientists around the table but lots of other people as well. About half of the participants were students, including those in the square, according to Dawley.

The conference also has different name than other ISGP conferences and is a college version of these conferences. It is called an ISGP Academic Partnership, according to Dawley.

"The community was invited, and it was public," Dawley said. "These other meetings are actually private and although the results are published ... there's no record of who said what, so it's a different model."

The Pandemic Preparedness Conference borrowed some ideas from the standard ISGP conference. In a normal ISGP conference, the scientists are respond-

ing to questions for the majority of the scheduled time.

"The scientists go into the square one at a time for about 90 minutes each and they get bombarded with questions," Dawley said. The same was true at the Ursinus conference.

"The scientist gets to blab for five minutes and also has to present ahead of time a ... no more than three-page paper written in layman's language," Dawley said.

Examples of conference topics that have been covered are food safety and infectious disease. Dawley attended a food safety conference in Nebraska and so did four Ursinus students.

Dawley said he hopes this event will take place next year as well.

"We are likely to do one next year if we find grant funding," Dawley said. "After that the plan would be every other year."

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Summer Fellows research. This change was recently proposed and discussed with faculty members.

"We just brought the open access policy to the faculty for the first time last month and we're bringing it back next week," Meredith Goldsmith, Ursinus English professor and director of the Mellon Teaching and Learning Initiative, said. "Hopefully the repository should be available as of this summer."

Goldsmith said the open access policy will require both students and faculty members to post their publications in a digital repository. The policy will be connected to the Myrin website, and the repository will be purchased by the college.

"So what that means is that students are going to have a way to disseminate their scholarship in a way that's much more open," Goldsmith said.

Besides the addition of a repository, the staff is also undergoing space planning in order to assess how the space in the library can be constructively be used, Goldsmith said.

"We had an architect visit Wednesday and Thursday, and it was his second visit," she said. "He is conducting a space planning study in conjunction with Gene Spencer."

According to interim Chief Information Officer Gene Spencer, the space plan will also help staff determine what groups and functions might fit in the library.

The outside of Myrin will be assessed in addition to the inside.

The faculty is assessing how students gain access to Myrin in addition to their patterns inside

the library.

For the interior of the space, the staff wants to make the aesthetics pleasing and inviting, according to information literacy librarian Diane Skorina.

Spencer shared this sentiment and said in an email, "While we're working on a particular area of the library, we expect to vastly improve the environment with warm and inviting colors, better lighting, greater access to power outlets, a variety of seating and study arrangements, the introduction of many more collaborative study opportunities and a firm expectation of each area that can serve for either vibrant collaborative study or for quiet study individual study."

One access point the library staff is rethinking is the access to the disabled ramp in the back of the library, Goldsmith said.

"That's one thing we're really rethinking and trying to come up with a new approach to," she said. "That's a tangible physical change whose goal is making the library more inclusive for everyone."

In addition to assessing the space and adding the digital repository, the library is also working with different Ursinus departments through surveys, and through discussions about circulation to make sure resources are used effectively.

There was a survey conducted two years ago, called the MISO survey, to assess the library and IT needs of the campus, according to Spencer.

According to Spencer, they used the survey to interpret what services the library can bring to the students, which included "balancing digital and paper formats and how the spaces might better

be used."

The constant change in print and online resources will affect circulation in the Myrin library.

"What we've seen is that the circulation of our print resources has declined and is declining, and that's very consistent with the status of the print resources at other libraries," Goldsmith said.

The library staff is consulting the departments to assess what materials are needed.

"What the library's doing, which is really great, is making sure the faculty have an active role in this project," Goldsmith said. "If these books aren't circulating, we probably need to move some of them out to make room for other stuff."

Goldsmith said the assessment of circulation is unlikely to decrease accessible student resources.

"I don't think that students have to worry about there being fewer resources," she said. "I think in fact there's going to be more."

Though some changes will take place soon, other changes will be implemented gradually.

"We imagine that some progress will occur every year, and that major renovations will occur as funding is secured," Spencer said in an email. "Some changes occurred early last fall: some new chairs on the second floor, an improved entry area, new furniture in the library lounge. Others will unfold over time."

The staff has implemented changes already, such as the statue outside of the library and the lounge space on the first floor.

"We're moving in a way that I am so excited about," Skorina said. "Things are happening. Things are changing."

The 2015 Prize in Ethics Essay Contest will begin in early September and is only open to students currently enrolled in undergraduate studies.

Students who did not enter in this contest can still submit an essay for the Elie Wiesel contest.

The Ursinus contest was developed from the Elie Wiesel contest but with a slight change in criteria.

"The Wiesel winners follow a pattern that favors first-person experience, which is cool for topics that allow that, but I'm glad that the student writing about predator drones doesn't have the (first-hand) experience of being shot at," Sorenson said.

ic and loving, animal rights, the ethical use of predator drones and the ethics of lying and deception.

"I see some papers that look like CIE papers extended and remodeled and turned into something ambitious," Sorenson said.

It is hoped that Ursinus winners will enter their essays in the national Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest, which holds more prestige with larger monetary prizes.

The essay topic for the 2015 contest, as posted on the website, said, "Articulate with clarity an ethical issue that you have encountered and analyze what it has taught you about ethics and yourself."

## Top stories from around the globe

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### Russia stands off with Ukraine

A deadly shoot-out occurred at a checkpoint in the eastern Ukrainian town of Donetsk, complicating Ukrainian and Russian relations, according to the BBC. Gunfire was exchanged between Ukrainian military forces and pro-Russian protesters who have seized the town and refused to back down after an agreement to deescalate the situation was signed by Russia, Ukraine and the U.S. in Geneva, Switzerland last week.

One Ukrainian soldier was killed and three others were wounded in the attack, which broke out after a pair of vehicles were stopped by pro-Russian forces and opened fire on the militiamen. The rebel forces occupying the checkpoint claimed the cars contained weapons, smoke bombs, U.S.-made night vision goggles, as well as maps and aerial pictures of the surrounding area.

The Ukrainian security forces, however, said that Russia is trying to interfere with its newly established government and that the pro-Moscow factions in eastern Ukraine are primarily Russia auxiliary forces and criminals who have been paid to create conflict. Russia used the pretext of protecting ethnic Russians when it annexed Crimea last month, and many observers fear Russian President Vladimir Putin intends to create a fragmented Ukraine that can be easily manipulated. Russia has more than 10,000 troops stationed along its shared border with Ukraine.

### Ferry sinks in South Korea

Disaster struck South Korea last week when a ferry bearing mostly high-school-age students on a spring break trip capsized and sank on its journey from Incheon, near the border of North and South Korea, to the island of Jeju, in the south. The ship

was carrying 476 people, including 339 children and teachers, mostly between the ages of 16 and 17, according to "The New York Times." Of this total, only 174 were rescued. As divers work slowly in the dark, stormy water to recover bodies, 64 are confirmed dead and another 238 remain missing. Many were wearing life preservers but could not escape the boat's corridors in time.

An investigation has already begun into the sinking, and the captain of the ship, as well as many of the commanding crew officers, have been arrested or restricted from leaving the country. The captain stands accused of negligence and violations of maritime law, having been one of the first to evacuate. Many in South Korea accuse him of cowardice in boarding one of the lifeboats before his passengers, many of whom were children.

### Syrian conflict resumes

According to "The New York Times," after a few months of relative quiet, renewed violence in Syria feels closer to home for the country's small population of Christians. As the Middle-Eastern nation announces new elections in a bid to rally support for the regime headed by Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad, the Christian minority in the country celebrated a shell-shocked Easter.

Many mourned the death of a priest named Father Frans, a Dutch Jesuit who had lived in Syria for more than 50 years. He had been attempting to broker peace between Islamist rebel group Nusra Front and the Syrian government. While many Americans see the rebel groups as freedom fighters and Assad as a dictator, Syrian Christians are merely trying to survive each day, and some see Assad's regime as the only protection against Islamic extremism.

Since the death of this priest, peace talks have been discarded and combat rages again in the northwestern city of Homs. All sides are accused of employing starvation and violence against civilians as weapons of war.

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He is responsible for sponsoring the U-Imagine Center for Integrative and Entrepreneurial Studies, which includes the U-Innovate! competition from early this year.

He was a wrestler at Ursinus, which is how he met Richard T. Schellhase, his coach and mentor for whom the contest is named. Schellhase lives in California currently, so he is unable to attend the ceremony.

Some examples of the paper topics that were submitted include family conflict, the ethics of trying to use oxytocin to try to make oneself more empathetic-



Student dancers perform in last year's dance company concert



Photo courtesy of the Ursinus Dance Department

This year's dance company performance will be May 1-3 in the Lenfest Theater. The concert will feature performance pieces developed during three guest artist residencies this year.

## Senior fellows help to shape the incoming freshman class

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In the admissions office, a select group of current seniors have the opportunity to show prospective students why they should choose Ursinus.

These students are senior fellows, a position that entails assisting the full-time admissions team in interviewing and holding information sessions for high school and transfer students interested in attending the college. The fellows are responsible for working weekly, three-hour shifts.

"Basically, we try to figure out how a student will fit and if we are a good fit for them," Matt Dougherty, a current senior fellow, said. "We try to get an overall feel for the student personality-wise and whether they are enthusiastic about the college."

Applicant interviews with senior fellows are a major factor in the decision whether to accept or deny them.

"They're trained to know what

to look for and do their write-ups," Pat McAndrew, an admissions counselor and former senior fellow, said. "Senior fellow interviews hold the same amount of weight as an interview with an admissions counselor. Interviewing them helps us to get to know the more personal side of a student besides just looking at their application."

After they are selected for the position, the fellows undergo a series of training sessions to prepare them to conduct interviews and acquaint visiting students with Ursinus.

"The fellows do a lot of shadowing of an admissions counselor's interview so they can see what they talk about and see how they talk to the student," McAndrew said.

During an interview, senior fellows are taught to assess how a student will mesh with the Ursinus community.

"We like to see students who challenge themselves in high school," McAndrew said. "We

also like to see that they're very involved in their high school community. Ursinus students are very involved, so we want to bring in students that we think will contribute to that community."

Senior fellows are also charged with the responsibility of sparking prospective students' interest by sharing their Ursinus experiences.

"I think the most rewarding thing is when you talk to a student who is iffy about Ursinus or about liberal arts education in general, getting them excited about college," Dougherty said. "Showing them that it's going to be the time of their lives and that you're going to get to do things that you never thought you would do."

The admissions office aims to employ 10 senior fellows each year, some of which will stay

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## Political activists to speak at graduation

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The graduating class of 2014 will be hosting two speakers for this year's commencement: Reverend Gail Bowman, J.D. and Zainab Hawa Bangura. The speakers were selected through a staff vote and will be presented with honorary doctorates. Bowman will receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity, while Bangura will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Bowman was born in West Virginia but raised in Iowa. Her father was a Tuskegee airman during World War II and became a teacher afterward. Only two percent of the population in Iowa was black at the time, and in elementary school, she and her sister were the only black students, which posed unique challenges for them growing up.

As Bowman grew older, she realized her parents felt a burden as educated black Americans in

a world that was changing for people of color. Bowman said that they felt "that blacks in their position were building a bridge for others to cross over," and therefore she and her sister were expected to behave a particular way and do well in school.

While attending University of Iowa, Bowman had seven different majors before she settled on double majors in history and politics. She went on to earn her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1977 and moved on to work on Capitol Hill. She held positions in the Senate Judiciary Committee during the Carter administration, as well as in the House Judiciary Committee.

While with the HJC, she worked on initiatives such as the creation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

In addition to her beginning to realize she was unhappy with

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## Word on the Street

Do you have the same political views as your parents?

"Sort of. My parents and grandparents are extremely conservative in their views. They are all about Fox News and conservative agendas. I'm more moderate in my views: economically conservative and socially liberal."

—Jon Livezey, 2017

"No. I'm more liberal than my parents."

—Sean Clark, 2017

"No. We were raised in different eras so our views are different." —Keenan Jones, 2016

"Yes. It is what I grew up with and listening to their reactions helped me to gauge my own."

—Caroline Gambone, 2016

"Yes. My parents are independent, and I am too. I think it's because I'm indecisive." —Meaghan Geatens, 2017



# Alumni weekend to be held on campus

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This year's alumni weekend will be held from April 24-26. Traditionally, the event is held in June, but in a recent survey, alumni overwhelmingly responded that they want to be on campus when there are opportunities for student, faculty and staff interaction.

This year, Ursinus will welcome back the classes of 1964, 1959 and 1954 who are celebrating their 50th, 55th and 60th reunions. All three classes will have the opportunity to enjoy the festivities planned while attending Celebration of Student Achievement presentations and rekindling old friendships.

On Thursday, April 24, alumni will enjoy a breakfast in the Wismer cafeteria and faculty/staff dining room from 8-10 a.m. CoSA presentations will be available for them to attend from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various locations around campus. Lunch will be at



**Photo courtesy of College Communications**  
Elizabeth Burns, class of 2012, enjoys an event during alumni weekend last year.

noon, followed by honors presentations and a performance from the Jazz Supper Club featuring the UC Jazz Band. A schedule of the CoSA presentations is available on the Ursinus website.

The next day is filled with activities ranging from a Common Intellectual Experience for alumni to a cocktail reception with fac-

ulty, staff and seniors. There will also be an opportunity to attend open classes with students, where alumni will get to join students in their regularly scheduled lectures. They will get to choose from a sampling of classes from biology, neuroscience, history, sociology, CIE and more. There will also be no lack in activities on Saturday,

in which various alumni sporting events will be held.

Derek Talley, a class of 2006 graduate and former football player, will be one of many alumni participating in the festivities on Saturday.

"It is always exciting to be back on campus and see everyone again," Talley said. "I can't believe how fast my time at Ursinus went by. I'm really looking forward to being back and making even more memories."

Saturday will be capped off with a class of 1959 and 1964 reunion dinner in the Berman Museum main gallery and the Black-box theater in the Kaleidoscope. Sunday will bring the weekend festivities to an end with the UC Fun Run at 9:15 a.m. This is a two mile run/walk hosted by the Ursinus College exercise and sports science department, in partnership with the Triathlon Club, to benefit and support Team Impact.

"Ursinus has changed me for the better in so many ways," Talley said. "It has led to so many

opportunities and connected me to so many people. I know that the friendships I had during my time here will last a lifetime."

The alumni also present prestigious awards that are bestowed upon a select group of graduates each year for their professional accomplishments, humanitarian efforts, exemplary loyalty to Ursinus College and excellence in the field of education.

The 2014 Alumni Award Honorees include William Daggett of 1962 for the Alumni Award for Professional Achievement, Alexander Peay of 2009 for the Alumni Award for Service to Humanity, Martin Dresner of 1961 for the Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Educator Award, Roger Lee of 2010 for the The Rising Star Alumni Award and current seniors Jerry Gares and Zeba Hussaini for the Senior Alumni Award.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. in the Lenfest Theater.

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over the summer to assist with summer interviews.

The senior fellows for the 2014-2015 academic year have been selected, but it is never too early to consider applying for the following year.

"It's a great opportunity for students to take advantage of that I don't think many people know about," McAndrew said.

Juniors can be nominated for a senior fellow position by faculty, staff or coaches. Students also have the opportunity to self-nominate.

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her job, she also was never able to move past the death of her mother after law school. She was not attending church at the time and sought out to find one she connected with. Once she did, her minister encouraged her to attend Howard University School of Divinity, where she earned her Master of Divinity in 1987.

From there, Bowman did historical research for Howard youth and seminary ministry before settling on the career of college chaplaincy. She spent five years

at Spelman College and then went to Dillard University. As of 2012, Bowman works at Berea College as chaplain and director of the Willis D. Weatherford, Jr. Campus Christian Center. She is also a writer of several articles and a book, "Praying the Scared in Secular Settings."

Zainab Hawa Bangura was born in Sierra Leone and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Sierra Leone.

She also has diplomas of insurance management from the Business Schools of London and Nottingham.

In September 2012, Bangura

began her position as special representative of the secretary-general on sexual violence in conflict at the level of under-secretary-general for the United Nations. She has 20 years of experience in policy, diplomatic and practical experience in the field of governance, conflict resolution and reconciliation in Africa.

Bangura has contributed to developing national programs on affordable health and eliminating genital mutilation.

She is an advocate for women's rights and against sexual violence and corruption.

Bangura also has on-the-ground experience with peace-

keeping in Liberia for the United Nations. Specifically, she managed the largest civilian component of the mission, which included capacity building of government institutions — the process by which societies increase their abilities to perform core functions, solve problems and more — and community reconciliation.

Bangura has been essential to the fight for human and women's rights and democracy and has held positions such as chair and co-founder of the Movement for Progress Party and the coordinator and co-founder of the Campaign for Good Governance.

## Happening on Campus

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
CoSA (Celebration of Student Achievement)	Peace Corps Information Session in Olin 107, 12 p.m.	Earth Day celebration in the BWC triangle, 11 a.m.	UC Fun Run on Patterson football field, 9:15 a.m.			GSA meeting in Olin 104, 7 p.m.
Creative Exchange Reception in Myrin library, 4 p.m.	Peace Corps Signing Ceremony in Berman museum, 3:30 p.m.	Alumni awards ceremony in the Lenfest theater, 2 p.m.	College Choir and Meistersingers concert in Bomb-erger auditorium, 4 p.m.			



# Parents influence our political beliefs

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We have probably all been there on that November evening with our parents as they waited in line to vote.

Maybe they weren't able to vote while you were in school or something came up — we either stood with our parents and watched them push the magical button that opened the curtain or we waited with the other kids in the church rec room.

At some point the question comes up.

"Who did your parents vote for?" and you would respond. Then the kid would ask, "Who would you vote for?" Usually my friends and I said we would have voted the same way.

Is this how our political foundation begins?

School children vote for the nation's president in mock elec-

tions, and the kids are accurate predictors. "The mock election is held every four years, and its results have mirrored the outcome of all but two general elections since 1940," according to "The Today Show."

"Parents who have the same political affiliation pass it to their children 75 percent of the time," according to Michael Lewis-Beck, William Jacoby, Helmut Norpoth and Herbert Weisberg's "The American Voter Revisited."

I grew up with liberal parents. My father, a statistician, was always fiscally conservative. I remember one year when my father voted for a Republican in one category.

I followed both of my parents separately into the voting booth to see how they voted. When I saw that my parents voted did not line up, I told my mother that my father voted for someone else.

"Really?" my mother asked

my father. He explained himself and she said she didn't care that much but was interested.

This incident has shaped me and my political leanings more than I ever realized.

During my senior year of high school, I was finally 18 and able to vote in a local election in Bucks County, Pa. I was excited to finally have a voice and to contribute to my local community. This is what a democracy was about, anyway.

My mom and I drove over to vote after school and we both voted.

We shared how we voted for the same people and how I had my mother's support, and I realized that I was lucky.

On the last day to register to vote, my good friend turned 18. She registered as a Republican. Her parents had just given her a very nice Jeep for her birthday present. After she registered we

talked about how we could vote in the upcoming local election. My friend lived in another county, so we talked about who was running.

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At one point I shared how I voted for all of the Democrats running in my area. My friend told me that "if my parents found out I didn't vote straight Republican, they would take my car away."

This was shocking to me. There is a reason that the curtain is up when we vote.

It is our privilege and right as members of a democracy to be

able to vote for whom we want and without having to share this. We do not need to share this with our parents if our beliefs differ.

I have definitely been influenced politically by my parents. My mother took me to the March for Women's Lives when I was 11 years old. She taught me about women's rights and is one of the many reasons why I am a feminist and an advocate for women's rights today.

By doing my own research and having my own conversations with and without my parents on politics and world news, however, I have become the political and social advocate that I am today.

Our right to have our own beliefs is ingrained in the Constitution and in our own personal lives. Knowing where you stand politically, separately or with your family, is important to knowing your own self.

# Fight to preserve net neutrality in the US

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Back in February, Netflix struck a deal with Comcast to be able to stream its content quicker.

Sounds neat, right? Anybody with Comcast gets quicker streaming, and Netflix gets a chance to offer a bonus service to its Comcast customers.

Not so fast. The deal poses a host of issues, the biggest being that it is a likely first step toward an Internet in the U.S. without what is known as "net neutrality."

People in the United States need to make themselves aware of the issue and do what they can to fight similar deals because an Internet without net neutrality could be a very bad thing.

"The idea is that a maximally useful public information network aspires to treat all content, sites and platforms equally," according to Tim Wu, a law professor at Columbia and leading expert on net neutrality.

With strong net neutrality laws in place, Comcast or Verizon would not be allowed to push Netflix across the Internet faster than another site that will

not — or cannot — afford to pay for faster service.

Tony Nadler, assistant professor of media and communication studies at Ursinus, worked as a part of a media advocacy and pro-net neutrality group in 2005 and offered some of the potential implications of a world without net neutrality.

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"The greatest temptation is going to be for Internet service providers to favor particular sites that they have some kind of partnerships with," Nadler said.

"Comcast has its hand in NBC Universal in producing video content, and that content is going to be favored over content produced or hosted elsewhere," Nadler said.

This allows ISPs to make money from these deals and props up the broadband industry in general. With the cable televi-

sion market crumbling, thanks in large part to services like Netflix, cable providers need to look elsewhere to keep their jobs.

"The middle ground is perhaps the current status quo, where there's no strong net neutrality legislation, but there's a threat of it," Nadler said. "So cable companies are trying to avoid violations of net neutrality that would gain public and regulatory notice. I don't think this is the ideal situation and it's not sustainable in the long term, but that's why we don't have gross violations of net neutrality."

To put implications of a lack of net neutrality into a clearer picture, consider the following hypothetical scenario: say Verizon makes deals with Netflix, Google and Facebook to transmit their content quicker.

Let's also assume that Verizon gets to decide which customers get faster service, so they decide to make their Internet service similar to a cable package. Basic subscribers can pay \$40 for Google, \$70 for Google and Facebook and \$100 for Google, Facebook and Netflix.

See how this is a problem?

For one, it could create an economic divide based on the Internet. There are people who cannot afford to pay for very expensive Internet, just as there are those who cannot afford very expensive cable.

Second, while it's a bit further down the line, is the possibility of censorship.

Say Verizon doesn't like some comments that the Electronic Frontier Foundation makes. It could slow EFF content down to a crawl, effectively suppressing views counter to Verizon's.

The Internet has become an information-distributing utility.

People, especially those in the U.S., need it. We need to keep private companies from dipping their hands in and potentially controlling the information that we can find.

Next time you see an article about net neutrality, read it. Become more informed. Tweet, post on Facebook, send letters to politicians, whatever.

Do what you can as an individual customer to express that you are unhappy with the way the Internet is trending in the United States, because if we don't, the Internet as we know it could cease to exist.

Have feedback on  
anything we covered?

We welcome your letters!

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# Balancing act for the ages: senior Bryn O'Neill

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For many students, the balancing act of school, sports and extracurriculars is difficult to master. For Bryn O'Neill, handling a full plate while at Ursinus is something that comes naturally.

O'Neill has contributed both athletically and academically at Ursinus. The business and economics and Spanish double major has achieved a 3.95 GPA while also being involved in several campus-wide activities. She is a member of two honors societies: the Whittians and Modern Language Society, as well as the manager of the Bearnotes, an active member of the Phi Alpha Psi sorority and a resident advisor. One of O'Neill's proudest accomplishments came from spending 18 hours in the pool.

O'Neill's summer vacations at the Jersey shore played a significant role in her development as a competitive swimmer. Students attending Ursinus at the time gave her swimming lessons at

the age of two. Ursinus requires the members of the swim team to teach and lead young children in swim lessons over the summer in a program called Little Bears.

In her hometown of Fort Washington, Pa., she and her three older siblings swam competitively at an early age. O'Neill was the only sibling to continue with the sport after fifth grade. At Germantown Academy, known for its stellar swim program, O'Neill crafted her technique as a distance swimmer.

"I chose to continue because I liked it," O'Neill said. "I was getting better and better."

Although O'Neill considered attending other liberal arts colleges, she chose Ursinus because she believed that Ursinus College was the best fit for her. At Ursinus, O'Neill swims the three longest events, including the 500 free, the 400 IM and the mile.

O'Neill's achievements at Ursinus started early on in her freshman year. She reminisces about her early success at the Centennial Conference Championship,

winning by .01 seconds against longtime rival, Dickinson College.

"The entire meet came down to a relay, which would tell us whether or not we were going to get fourth or fifth place," O'Neill said. "My coach put me as the last leg of it so when I touch the wall, that would depend on if we got fourth or fifth. It was a lot of pressure as a freshman not only because I was new to the team and I didn't want to ruin it for everyone, but also because it was an event that I don't swim."

O'Neill said that the head coach, Mark Feinberg, had only told her 10 minutes before the relay that she would participate. At that critical moment, she questioned the coach's decision and her own ability. Yet, O'Neill was able to touch the wall before her rival and be a key contributor in making fourth place for the first time in the history of Ursinus, which never made it past fifth place.

However, O'Neill suffered physical setbacks during her col-

lege career. The summer before her sophomore year, she tore her labrum of her hip during a strenuous Pilates workout. Severely injured, O'Neill required surgery and was forced to rely on crutches.

Not only was she required to sit on the sidelines at the beginning of the following swim season, but she also contracted mononucleosis.

"I was really upset," O'Neill said. "I had an amazing freshman year and so I was really excited sophomore year, to go in guns blazing. I had to give away three and a half months of my season. It was a reality I had to face."

She had trained the entire summer despite her injury.

"Getting hurt that season really threw her through a loop," Dr. Heather O'Neill, O'Neill's mother and an Ursinus economics professor, said. "But she came back and did the best she could. A lot of kids would have given up, but she has not."

O'Neill credits her mother with passing on her upbeat men-

talities.

"Bryn really feels that if she works hard and is persistent good things will happen," Dr. O'Neill said.

As a co-captain of the 2014 swim team, O'Neill earned another historic victory for Ursinus four weeks ago when Ursinus placed first at the conference championships.

"Bryn was a huge part of our success," Feinberg said. "This year, she had her best performances in the pool. A triple-event finalist at our Centennial Conference Championship, school record holder in the 1650 free and part of three crucial relays including the 800-free relay that smashed the school and conference record by almost six seconds."

Since championships, O'Neill visits the Ursinus pool three times a week and is contemplating turning her remarkable dedication and teamwork talents into a challenging global marketing or communications career after her graduation in May.

## Opinion: MLB must move on from steroid era

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Voters for the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum are quickly forgetting the last word of the building's title.

These days, it is less a museum and more a place for baseball writers to hop on a high horse and air their grievances to express a fondness for a better time by withholding certain players from receiving a plaque.

The misconception that players from the steroid era were somehow of less character than the rest is an absurd notion, and the moralizing around the issue has gone too far.

This piece is not pro-steroids. Instead, it is about using our ability as human beings capable of critical thought to analyze numbers through a contextual lens, letting bygones be bygones and embracing an era for what it was and moving on.

We will never find out which past players used unless they

come forward, so we should stop trying. Sure, Jeff Bagwell was big, and yeah, he did not hit many home runs in the minors. He also played only two minor league seasons, hit a bunch of doubles and showed excellent hitting acumen — so he certainly could not have gotten stronger naturally as many men in their early 20s do. It must have been steroids.

See where this goes? Bagwell is only one example, and these guys will always — and probably unfairly in many cases — have a varying and undeterminable haze surrounding their careers. There will always be some kind of weird loophole — this drug was legal, MLB was not testing, etc. — so it is time to be done applying deliberations.

A baseball hall of fame without Bagwell, Barry Bonds or Roger Clemens, which seems to be what is going to be the case for the foreseeable future, is a shame. Even guys like Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro, at the very least, deserve to be in the

conversation. Palmeiro fell off the ballot after the 2014 election. He is one of four players to tally 3,000 hits and 500 home runs, and he is not even eligible for discussion.

By some more advanced stats, those three, particularly Sosa, do not have standout Hall credentials. If you are going to keep these guys out, cite those numbers, not a vague excuse about steroid suspicion.

Dave Schoenfeld wrote an excellent column on this topic in January 2013. He references a great snippet from Joe Sheehan's newsletter that points out that between 1930 and 1960, there were 40 300-inning seasons, and that during 1971-1980 alone there were 73 — a huge outlier.

Sheehan later said, "...you cannot defend the idea that steroids alone fundamentally changed the game's statistics in a way that the previous generation's drug of choice didn't. The correct answer, of course, is to see the whole board and acknowledge that peak (home runs were) the

product of a dozen factors, with the number '73' an explicable statistical outlier in that context, just as peak steal (and '130') were the same, just as peak playing time was the same, just as peak innings pitched was the same."

Speaking of the 73 outlier, go look at what Bonds did in 2001-05. The man broke baseball. Steroids or not, he was one of the greatest baseball players to step on a diamond, and it is a disservice to the game and fans for that not to be recognized. Many people do not like Bonds because he was a jerk — but again, just because a guy was a jerk does not mean he does not deserve to be in the Hall.

However, if you just cannot resist pulling the character clause and judging baseball players based on morality, consider these nuggets: Ty Cobb physically assaulted a crippled heckler in 1912. Remember what the sports world did to Metta World Peace when he was known as Ron Artest in 2004? Former Red Sox owner Tom Yawkey, one of the

biggest racists in the game's history — along with Cobb, I might add — was elected to the Hall in 1980. Most ridiculous of all, Gaylord Perry built a Hall of Fame career on doctoring baseballs.

Read that last bit again. The precedent of allowing cheaters in has been set. So even if you are against steroid users for cheating, there are already cheaters that have plaques. And if your excuse is, "He didn't get thrown out until 1982 for it," Perry literally wrote a book called "Me and the Spitter" in 1974. Nobody's standing with pitchforks trying to get him out of the Hall.

Museums, even the one in Cooperstown, are meant to capture history. The steroid era, whether we like it or not, is a part of baseball's history. I am tired of the arguments and the rationalizing. It is time to get over it and recognize these guys for what they were — great baseball players — who should not go without recognition simply because of the era they played in.

## Upcoming Ursinus Athletics Schedule

Men's Lacrosse	Women's Lacrosse	Baseball	Softball	Tennis
4/26- @ Muhlenberg at 1 p.m.	4/26- versus Muhlenberg at 1 p.m.	4/25- versus Swarthmore at 3:30 p.m.	4/24- doubleheader versus Del Val at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.	4/26- Men's @ Muhlenberg at 1 p.m. Women's @ McDaniel at 1 p.m.



# Men's lacrosse stays alive, baseball splits with JHU

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The men's lacrosse team took down conference opponent McDaniel last Saturday. The game got off to a rocky start for the Bears, but the team kept composure in a game that could have ended their post-season hopes.

Junior attack Mark Stratton got three in the net along with an assist. Juniors Steve Smyrl and Mike Neal each had two goals, as did sophomore Logan Panaccione.

Senior Shawn Caven took 10 of 19 faceoffs. Sophomore Brian Neff had another solid day in net, saving 14. Senior Jimmy Valentine also had a stop in the last minutes of the game.

The team will need to take the last games against Muhlenberg and Haverford if they hope to see a postseason.

## Women's lacrosse

The Green Terror of McDaniel proved too much for the women's lacrosse team last Saturday. The final score of the game was 11-8. It was the third straight loss for the team during a crucial point of the season.

Senior midfielder Caroline Cannon led the team in production, with two goals. Although six other plays contributed goals, it was the goal of sophomore midfielder Mary Deliberti that broke the scoring drought in the late first half.

The team now has a conference record of 2-5, along with Muhlenberg and Swarthmore. The only team with a worse conference record is Bryn Mawr.

## Softball

The women of the diamond lost both games during a doubleheader against conference foe Muhlenberg last Saturday. The first game was lost 2-0 while game two was a more lopsided 9-0.

The team honored senior pitcher Caitlin Whelan and graduating junior outfielder Deanna Madison for senior day, but unfortunately could not pull out a victory.

In game one, the Bears struggled with deserting runners. The first inning saw three consecutive hits with the bases juiced, with no



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Freshman Henry Burke serves the ball in a match this year. The team beat McDaniel last weekend

runs batted in.

Sophomore Zoe Heinke had an impressive day on the mound, going seven innings with only one earned run.

Game two was a tough outing for the Bears, recording only three hits. The Mules scored nine in only six innings.

## Baseball

Ursinus baseball had a busy weekend and went 1-2 across a three-game slate. They traveled to Haverford Friday and were beat handily, 7-1. Freshman hurler Seth Regensburg picked up the loss, and junior James Hoff drove in the lone UC run on a double in the fourth inning.

On Saturday, they hosted Johns Hopkins for a doubleheader and split, winning the first game 7-6 in 10 innings and dropping the second 14-3. Saturday's win marks the first time that the baseball team has defeated the Blue Jays since the 2009 season.

Steve Berardi picked up the win for the Bears, pitching a scoreless final one and two-thirds innings. Senior Ralph Aurora got the winning RBI on a bases-loaded hit by pitch. The nightcap was never in doubt, as Hopkins scored five first inning runs en route to their easy win. Freshman Louis Aikens took the loss.

The Bears' final home game is Friday, April 25 against Swarthmore. They finish their season the following day with a doubleheader at McDaniel.

## Tennis

The women's tennis team lost to Franklin and Marshall last Saturday in riveting Centennial Conference action. The Bears fell 8-1 to the Diplomats. Sophomores BreAnna Bashaw and Stephanie-Jane Seabra took a win.

On the men's side, the Bears took down McDaniel last Saturday. With the win, the team sits with a 12-6 overall record.

It was a solid day for the veterans of the team. Seniors Evan Stutchin and Matt Hope took a win, as did the senior team of Evan Lord and Logan Metcalf-Kelly. Sophomore Tyler Arsenault and freshman Henry Burke also won their match.