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New leadership

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The passing of Ursinus president Dr. Bobby Fong left the campus community to cope with the loss of a tremendous presence on campus. Due to an action taken by the executive committee of Ursinus’ board of trustees, the school was not left without leadership.

In May 2014, the executive committee elevated dean and vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Lucien “Terry” Winegar, to the position of executive vice president. The purpose of this change in title was to allow Winegar to perform the functions of the president when Fong traveled for Ursinus business, but has allowed for a smooth leadership transition process after Fong’s unexpected passing.

“The question of who was in charge was easily and quickly answered because we already had this succession in place,” Alan Novak, the chair of Ursinus’ board of trustees, said. “Any decision that deals with student issues, the buck stops with Dean Winegar, the same way it would have with President Fong.”

According to Winegar, the operations of the college from a student perspective will remain largely unchanged, despite the fact that no one currently holds the title of Ursinus’ president.

“I think that the students, like all of us, will miss Bobby’s presence, but all of us in leadership positions know what the vision of the college is and know what we need to know to realize that vision,” Winegar said. “I don’t think students will see much of a change in the day-to-day operations. They just won’t have Bobby as part of that way they used to.”

The executive committee of the board of trustees, which consists of 11 trustees, will meet on Friday to discuss issues raised by Fong’s passing, such as whether it is necessary to appoint someone as an interim president and how to proceed with the search for a new president.

The next steps will likely be to begin organizing a search for a new president with the assistance of a consulting firm and to appoint a search committee with representation from across campus, including students and faculty, Novak said.

The role of the consulting firm is to identify people from across the country that might fit college’s criteria for the next president including sitting presidents, vice presidents, and provosts.

Novak said that the search for the new president will reflect the priorities designated in the college’s strategic plan.

“One thing that came through clearly is that we are standing behind our strategic plan,” Novak said. “There is no change. In fact we are reaffirming our commitment to the current strategic plan of the college. It’s what provides our stability and continuity.”

Both Novak and Winegar said that students should maintain the momentum that Fong created for the college throughout his tenure as president of Ursinus to honor his legacy.

“The best thing that we can do to honor Bobby Fong and his vision for this college is to do everything that we can do to realize that vision. This is an unfortunate chance, but still a chance to recommit and reaffirm that vision,” Winegar said. “Ursinus is a strong institution. I think it’s an institution who knows who it is as a college and has people across the campus that are committed to that. I think the comfort that we might take in this time is that we can hold on to that and have confidence that we will continue to move in those directions.”

Celebrating Bobby Fong

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At 5:00 a.m., Dr. Bobby Fong would just be starting his day. Three days a week, he started his day off with an early morning workout with students. On days he didn’t do this, he went right to checking his email and phone calls to see what he was needed for throughout the day. In his office by seven, Fong continued to return emails and phone calls to answer questions from administration, faculty, parents, and students. He spent his “days in meetings and attending campus events when he could. After long days, he finished up around 5:00 p.m. After spending time with his family at night, he headed to bed around 9:00 p.m.

In 1973, Fong graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor’s degree in English. Originally a pre-med student, Fong had a bad experience with chemistry classes and switched his major to English to pursue his passion for reading and writing. Fong went on to earn his doctorate in English literature from the University of California - Los Angeles in 1978. After earning his degrees, Fong went on to work at many different colleges and universities including Berea College in Kentucky, Hope College in Michigan, and Hamilton College in New York.

For ten years, Fong served as the president of Butler University in Indiana. On July 1 2011, Fong became president of Ursinus College.

Fong started off his academic career by teaching English but eventually found out that by working in administration, he could “create an environment” for the students he was associating with, said his wife Suzanne. He deeply believed that students were the core foundation of education systems and truly wanted to educate all types of students. This, Suzanne said, is one of the things that attracted Fong to Ursinus. During his time at Ursinus, Fong was involved in much more than just his presidential duties. Fong tried to make it to many sporting events to ensure he supported each team, he frequently held open forums for students to talk to him outside of the dining hall, and spoke regularly about the value of a liberal arts education on a local and national level.

Being a firm believer in liberal arts education, Fong worked extensively with faculty and administration on campus to make sure every student had equal opportunities. Debbie Nolan, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said, “Bobby loved liberal education. He loved Ursinus: our students, our faculty, and our staff, and bragged about us constantly. During his three years

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DC printing goes mobile

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Ursinus College’s Information Technology Department sent out a campus-wide email at the start of the 2014 fall semester announcing the college’s new “Mobile Printing Functionality.” This new service will allow students to print documents to the four color printers on campus from their Macintosh computers and mobile smart phones.

According to James Shuttlesworth, director of infrastructure and network services at Ursinus College, the major reason Ursinus’ IT department brought mobile printing functionality to campus was so students with Macintosh users on Ursinus’ campus who know about it. Didier stated that she was not aware of this new printing service for Macintoshes until this week and she does not know of any Macintosh users who know about it. Didier said she remembers the initial email announcement that IT sent to the campus but overlooked the email. She stated, “I did not associate the name IT gave to this service, ‘mobile printing’, with printing for Macs, and I did not have to email the documents that I wanted printed to my friend who used her Ursinus laptop so that she could send my document to one of the printers on campus. This was inconvenient because if one of my friends wasn’t available, or if I was not able to contact them, it made it really difficult to get my document printed.”

According to Shuttlesworth, a majority of the students who have been coming to tech support to find out about the mobile printing have been interested in accessing this function from Macintoshes as opposed to using this feature on mobile phones. While the IT department is pleased to offer this printing capability for mobile phones, Shuttlesworth said that there is little demand for mobile printing because it is merely an element of convenience.

Senior Sarah Muchowski stated, “I think the mobile printing feature is good if you are in a rush to class, because you can just pull up a document on your phone and send it to the printer. A lot of people don’t carry their computers around all the time so this mobile service is just helpful to have.”

Shuttlesworth said that he has not looked at any statistics for the number of students using the mobile printing functionality on campus. However, Didier claims that she was not aware of this new printing service for Macintoshes until this week and she does not know of any Macintosh users who know about it. Didier said she remembers the initial email announcement that IT sent to the campus but overlooked the email. She stated, “I did not associate the name IT gave to this service, ‘mobile printing’, with printing for Macs, and I did not want printed to my friend who used her Ursinus laptop so that she could send my document to one of the printers on campus. This was inconvenient because if one of my friends wasn’t available, or if I was not able to contact them, it made it really difficult to get my document printed.”
New rabbi makes changes on campus

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Campus rabbi and Hillel director Michael Ramberg is among a number of new staff members to arrive on campus this semester. Rabbi Ramberg described his background, plans for the semester, and the Jewish community in general here at Ursinus.

Ramberg has a good understanding of the ideas and lifestyle of a liberal arts college established. As a Williams College graduate, he has been exposed to the small, tightly knit community a small college offers. Ramberg attended the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia and expanded his experience with college students through a number of on campus internships. He explained that these two factors mainly led him to Ursinus along with the passion collegiate students feel for learning and social change around the world.

"I love working with college students. I know that students are passionate about change in the world and that's where my interest in Judaism comes from," said Ramberg. Ramberg’s motive to attend rabbinical school was deeply rooted in obtaining the knowledge necessary to bring about social justice in the world. He sees this desire mirrored through college students.

When asked about his impressions on Ursinus thus far, Rabbi Ramberg responded, "I've just been really, really impressed. I've met with the Hillel student leaders who have this impressive Shabbat dinner going, in addition to other activities, which is more than many other Jewish communities on other campuses that I've worked on." He said that he was pleased by the welcoming nature of students, faculty and staff and their interest in changing the world.

Ramberg explained that the Hillel House hosts students of all different faiths on Friday nights for a kosher/vegetarian home cooked Shabbat dinner. He stressed the fact that anyone is welcome to join these family-like gatherings. His ideas continued beyond these dinners, however.

"I want to see ways of bringing the whole campus together. I'm really interested in inter faith programs... We also do these lunch and learn and bagel branch programs in which we sit around the table, and talk about different topics," he said.

He explained that the topics discussed don’t necessarily pertain to Judaism and often touch on social disputes like the situation in Ferguson, Missouri.

Ramberg said that he is open to discussion on any topic. Whether it is to discuss a text or to answer questions on Judaism he is available on campus at certain times.

Hillel house assistant Max Molishever offered a student perspective on the Jewish student body. Molishever is now a senior at Ursinus and said that he is surprised at his enthusiasm for Hillel over the past four years.

He said, "I actually didn’t think I would be really involved in Hillel when I came to college."

I grew up Jewish, but I wasn’t very religious. I’m still not that religious, but I’m at almost every event," Molishever said. "It’s a great community, very open, warm, and sharing. It’s like having another group of friends to just hang out with." Molishever expressed that he wishes to see more people of all disciplines at the many holiday events they have throughout the year.

A café series called Bet Café has also become a tradition, as they welcome anyone on campus to share poems, songs, or stories in an effort to raise money for charity. All of this combined with Jewish off-campus events are all part of the many activities Hillel occupies it’s time with.

If you’re ever in the mood to get away from Wismer and get a home cooked meal, stop by the Hillel house, located down the street from Musser, on Friday evenings at 7pm. The Hillel community is always welcoming to new students to converse, hangout, and share experiences.

Family Day draws in crowd

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The annual family day celebration at Ursinus allows students to pause and appreciate students' biggest supporters.

The morning was drab with overcast skies and light rain, but the festivities continued throughout the day.

The Ursinus College Ambassadors issued the schedule of the day’s events and a campus map to families as well as answered any questions on hand.

UC Ambassador Bryan Carter said, "today has been going great. Parents are meeting. Younger children are getting the chance to see their older siblings. The kids are enjoying the many arts and crafts. It’s really all over just around a good time."

The Ursinus College bookstore was offering the opportunity for families to get their pictures taken together in order to commemorate Family Day 2014.

Many families were dispersed all over the store. Phil Gianollo-Falk, an Ursinus junior, said, "family day is a time to rejoice with family and having them by my side really gets me through a tough semester. They are so incredibly supportive."

Students from various majors presented their summer fellow research projects and kept many families intrigued.

The presentations gave parents an idea of the type of in-depth and extensive research that is conducted by their children.

Phlaher Auditorium hosted "Footprints Beyond the Classroom."

During this session, multiple study abroad participants from several programs discussed their experiences overseas, which were then followed by a question and answer period.

The Country Fair in Lower Wismer had activities including balloon animals, face painting and live music. The face painter, "VeVette," said that business had not slowed down, despite the weather.

She said "I have been doing this for ten years and it is just as good as it always has. I probably had around sixty people today getting their face painted. Even grown-ups as well. Anywhere from around college age to fifty year olds."

Families had the opportunity to purchase a fall festival lunch with foods inspired by the flavors and spices of the season.

Many gathered around Patterson Field to watch the Bears take on the Gettysburg Bullets in a family day football match up. Ursinus was up 17-0 by the end of the first quarter. The Bears ultimately claimed the victory 31-14.

The UC OSOS school spirit group were stationed in tents outside of Ritter Hall and Patterson Field with raffles, face paint, tailgate games and free spirit gear.

Tyler Winkis, an Ursinus junior, said "Patterson Field has been busy with families and kids since 10:30 and it has not died down. It has been such a great turn out and The Bears are doing amazingly against Gettysburg."

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think it was anything that would be applicable to my situation."

Muchowski also claimed that she didn’t know of any students that are using mobile printing from their phone.

"I don’t think that IT was clear in the email that they sent out and I think that a lot of people are having trouble trying to figure out what they need to do to print from their mobile devices," she said.

Students can now print any supported document types (PDFs, Word Documents, Excel Documents, etc.) from mobile phones with iOS or Android using the mobile application, Breezy.

According to Shuttlesworth the easiest way that students can print the supported document types from their Macs is by uploading their documents to the mobile printing webpage.

To upload documents from a Macintosh for printing or to access step-by-step directions on printing from mobile phones or from Macs go to: www.ursinus.edu/mobileprint.
Take a break with Lassie
Pause for Paws offers stress relief to students

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Pause for Paws is an event that usually occurs on the first Friday of each month. Faculty and staff are invited to bring their dogs to Olin Plaza, which quickly turns into a crowd of students waiting to pet the dogs. The dogs are always excited, having tons of companions to play with and unwinding waves of attention from students who stop by.

This monthly event began in 2012, when coordinator Brenda Lederach, a professor in the Psychology Department, was first introduced to the idea by Dean Terry Winegar, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college. The idea behind it is that the dogs can provide stress relief to students, and also help them cope with missing their own pets back home.

Psychology and neuroscience professor Dr. Jennifer Stevenson frequently brings her dog Elvis to Pause for Paws. When asked why she always brings her pooch, she said Elvis loves the attention and that students seem to really enjoy hanging out with the dogs. Students have even told her how nice it is to visit with the staff and their pets.

"Students say that having the dogs around helps cheer them up if they've been having a rough day," said Stevenson.

Two years after its debut, the event still proves popular with the students, who think of it as one of the best days of the month.

"I always stop by to pet the dogs. Those are my favorite days of the year. I find it so therapeutic," said Lauren Trachtenberg, a junior and animal lover.

With all the new additions to the doggy crew like Jasper the puppy pug and George the beagle mix, students are enjoying Pause for Paws more than ever. There are dogs of every shape and size to play with, even a two legged puppy named Lucky.

"It should occur on a more consistent basis, because unlike the human members of most student's families, one cannot keep in constant contact with their pets," said Alex DeNardo, dog lover and frequenter of the event.

"If Pause for Paws was held more often, then students would be able to fill the gap they feel from being out of contact with their own pets."

For students who would like to see the event happening more than once a month, they can look forward to October because it will be occurring on Oct. 3 as well as Oct. 31 for the annual doggy Halloween party in the plaza. If you enjoy seeing wiener dogs dressed as hot dogs and little pups in Elvis attire, you won't want to miss this dog party of the year.

Photo courtesy of Andrew Tran

Students play with a golden retriever in Olin Plaza at a Pause for Paws event on April 9, 2014.
Don’t hibernate, participate in campus traditions

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Ursinus College, being a liberal arts school, has a diverse group of students and alumni. When seniors are asked what they think are the most important things to do before graduating from Ursinus, there is no unanimous answer. No one student has taken the same track, but there are some things that many Ursinus students feel are must-dos before graduation.

1. Find your niche. By graduation most students have likely found their team, Greek organization or other group like Bonner Leaders or Ambassadors that they identify with. “All students here identify with at least one group,” said Sarah Muchowski, a senior. “Some people have more than one. I used to be on the Ursinus Women’s Basketball Team, but now I’m in Phi Psi.”

Because of the relationships students form in those groups, they often end up with friends that will last long past their college years.

2. Study abroad. Another must-do before graduation that has been mentioned numerous times by those who have gone is biology and that I had spent an extensive number of hours in a laboratory.”

Edwin Kosik, another Ursinus alumnus who graduated in 2013, discovered how he wanted to be in the world while at Ursinus. He developed a strong consciousness of both local and worldwide concerns, and decided to actively incite change.

Upon graduation, he began working as a Corps Member for City Year, a non-profit organization run through Americorp. “The current goal of City Year is to combat the U.S. dropout crisis, and so Corps Members arrive in schools before students get there in the morning and stay after teachers leave in the afternoon to host programs supporting students,” said Kosik. “That means that we’re greeting students as they arrive at the school, working alongside them in and between classes, and then running home-work clubs/coaching basketball teams/leading service projects until they leave.”

Kosik described that he always wanted to do something meaningful. “I’m now doing my second year with an organization that has helped me to figure out what that world means to me,” said Kosik. “The work I do now with my students is the answer; Ursinus taught me first to ask the question.”
Female athletes: not just sexy

Although tremendous progress has been made over the years, there is still more that needs to be done. Now that women have the opportunity to play sports at a collegiate and professional level, we need to focus more on making sure that the media and the public see these females as talented and skillful athletes, not just as beautiful women who look good in athletic clothing.

Often, the media sexualizes women athletes. "One of the things that’s concerning is that a lot of times women’s sports don’t get the media coverage that men’s do unless it’s a sport where the uniforms are skimpy," said Erin Stroble, the associate athletic director at Ursinus. "I think the expectation for women athletes at the professional level is that in addition to performing well they also need to look good."

This sexualization of women athletes in the media shouldn’t be tolerated. "It’s really important to see women who play sports as athletes first," said Katie Hagain, head coach of Ursinus women’s lacrosse team.

When describing a female athlete, the media should focus solely on that athlete’s skill. Any descriptions about her physical appearance or personal life should be considered secondary because these draw the public’s attention away from her achievements on the field, in the pool, or on the track.

The media needs to be challenged so that these women can receive the respectful coverage that they deserve. Campo said that there are a lot of athletes who have incredible skills, but the media doesn’t always give them the proper recognition for their accomplishments.

As consumers of news, we should seek out sources that don’t sexualize female athletes. Indeed, online sports news sites were "more likely to alter and challenge the traditional gender stereotypes" than newspapers according to Edward M. Kian in his research presentation at the University of Texas in 2009. Consulting sources like these could help change the public mindset; by reading and hearing news that avoids stereotypes, people will become more well-informed of the talents of these women and as a result start seeing them as athletes first.

It’s also crucial to make sure young girls are receiving positive messages about becoming athletes. "I think the messages that young girls [receive] today are so much more encouraging from an athletic standpoint than thirty years ago," said Strobles. "They’re seeing that there are athletic careers as options now that they didn’t before."

Watching and reading about sports in the news should encourage girls to play sports by showing them that it’s enjoyable or could lead to a possible career path, not that they’ll look cute in the uniform.

NFL domestic violence scandal was poorly handled on all fronts

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Everything about this incident has been handled poorly. From the NFL to the Baltimore Ravens organization to the judicial system and, most importantly, the two people involved.

There comes a point when the NFL needs to realize that some things are more important than football. People’s health and well-being are more significant than a game. A two-game suspension for somebody who beat their fiancée is nothing. Although the league has since suspended Rice indefinitely, they should have never gotten it wrong in the first place.

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The judicial system failed society by essentially giving Ray Rice a slap on the wrist. If this was just some ordinary person, I wonder how different the outcome of the case would be. But for some reason, sports players and other high profile figures continue to be "so highly idolized and put on such a pedestal by everyone that it is taking priority over women’s well-being, in this scenario" says Karla Pisarcik, a Peer Advocate here at Ursinus.

A year from now, Ray Rice will have this incident expunged from his record. And who knows, maybe he’ll be playing in the NFL again.

If I had control, Rice would be banned for life from the league. If the NFL gives him a second chance, what kind of example are they setting? They are basically telling players that it is not a big deal, they get to try again. What the league ultimately decides to do with Rice will set the standard for all future incidents.

Where one of my biggest problems lies is with Janay Palmer. There was no need for Palmer to apologize for being abused, she was the clear victim in this situation. I do not care what she did, a woman never deserves to be hit. Ray Rice is a 212 pound professional football player. I do not think he would have a problem getting his fiancée under control without punching her.

Janay Palmer not only needs to stand up for herself in this situation, but for other women who have been domestically abused. By staying and supporting Rice, she is telling men that it isn’t a big deal if they hit a woman. Shrugging it off is not the correct way to handle this. Yes it is their life, as she said, but when the whole world can see it and your husband is a professional football player who is idolized, it becomes everybody’s business.

"I think this is one of the rare cases where media attention is actually a good thing. I hope that a lot of people are going to learn from this," says Pisarcik.
Volleyball looks to improve in 2014

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Through a combination of strong veteran leadership and a stellar recruiting class, the Ursinus women’s volleyball team expects big accomplishments this year. The women’s volleyball team looks to rebound from a disappointing 2013 season by improving upon their fundamentals and playing with more intensity.

This year’s team has already found success after a strong showing at the Moravian College Greyhound Premiere in late August, winning the Silver Bracket after finishing 2-0 on the second day of the tournament. The team hopes to build on this success and have a competitive season.

“Volleyball is a team sport and our team is all in this season,” senior Gina Powers said. “We have better goals this season and hope to find success by making the playoffs this season.”

This year’s team will be benefited by a very strong recruiting class, which includes six new freshmen players. Recruiting for the women’s team has even extended as far as Florida in order to add more talented athletes to the program.

The freshman class will play a big role this season—three freshmen have already cracked the starting lineup. Coach Joe Groff highlighted freshmen Jackie Jordan, Allison Raff, Taylor McCartney, and the twins Jasmine and Phrieda Bogere to make a big impact this season.

“We have a great freshman class this season—all of whom are solid players. All of them have played a huge role so far, and the players coming in are experienced club players,” Groff said. “They have not been intimidated by the speed of the game and stepped right in. The level of play is significantly better than that of previous years.”

The combination of the new recruiting class and returning veterans will make for what should be a strong line-up. Returning this season is senior Leah Masielo, who earned all-conference honors last season. Along with Masielo, the Bears are led this season by upperclassmen Joy Oakman, Gina Powers, Lindsay Doyle, and Sam Murphy. Expectations are extremely high and the Bears hope to produce a winning season.

“My expectations are high. We want to have a winning season and play much more competitively in the tough Centennial Conference,” Groff said. “We have a lot of potential and high expectations for this season. I would be disappointed if we didn’t have a winning season this year.”

“I really think we have the opportunity to accomplish great things this season and finally make the playoffs.”

Lindsey Doyle
Senior volleyball player

Improvements have been made on both sides for the team this season. With an increase in depth from the addition of the large freshmen class and much better ball control, the team plans on having a much more effective offense. The Bears were predicted to finish 11th—last—in the conference, but the team intends to finish much higher than that.

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so compressed it unfortunately takes the initial part of the season to really find out what you need to work on and what you are capable of as a group," said Rush.

The program does not have much history of success. With that said, the players are ready to finally be a part of their first ever playoff game for Ursinus soccer. Rush has a lot of confidence in the team this year.

"For us, it’s about developing a winning mentality, a competitive culture, and continuing success," said Rush.

Kyle Rush
Head men's soccer coach

“There’s plenty of opportunity to make a name for yourself as a Bear. Conference play begins on Sept. 20 at home and we feel like we are on pace to hit our stride just in time for when it really counts," said Rush.

The Bears brought in six freshmen who plan to have strong roles on the team and help with the playoff goal for this year. The team is also returning many key players from last year. To build from last season, sophomore Matt Cioeta feels the need to just add on to all of the experience that came back into the program.

“I have a good feeling about this season," Cioeta said. “We stumbled out of the gates but we’ve gotten better every game. We’re learning to piece it all together and put full games together.”

With their record identical to last year’s at this point in the season, the Bears will look to use their 5-1 win against Rosemont as a jumping off point to carry themselves through their conference slate.

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make the playoffs,” said senior Lindsay Doyle.

The enthusiasm and passion for the game is something third-year head coach Groff brings to the team. Groff, an Ursinus alum, is extremely passionate about this team and has high expectations for this team.

“My dream was to coach at Ursinus College. I was waiting for the coaching position to come back up and I was so happy to accept it,” Groff said. "Laura Mo- liken did the honor of hiring me and I hope to be here a long time. I owe so much to this school, the Ursinus community is great and I love to give back. It is truly a perfect fit.”

The combination of Coach Groff’s enthusiasm, a strong freshman class, and effective veteran leadership are already proving to be fruitful—the Bears (7-2) have already equaled last season’s win total as of Monday, Sept. 15 and are currently riding a seven-game win streak. The Bears will start their conference slate against Gettysburg on Saturday, Sept. 20.

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