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The “Final Report,” CIE changes were the topics at hand at the Thursday, Feb. 26 meeting

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Student Senate members and nonmembers who were present were encouraged to voice their opinions regarding the recommendations and the minutes of the meeting were distributed to the Ursinus Community.

“We were excited to have the student senate address the issues contained in The Final Report. It would have been unreasonable for us to expect student leaders to approach the Report with our level of zeal, but the very fact that they took it seriously gives us hope for substantive change,” said members of the We’re Just Saying Ursinus group via email.

Much of the discussion revolved around the proposed changes to the curriculum put forth by the “Final Report.”

One of these changes involved instituting a required 300 level CIE class that reads texts on the issue of race. Another option discussed was adding a fourth CIE question: “How is our experience shaped by societal inequalities based on race, class, gender, and other differences?”

Tony Sierzega, president of the Ursinus student government, supports the idea that the CIE curriculum can fruitfully accommodate and inspire discussion regarding the issues of race and diversity.

“I think it’s kind of problematic that students can go through and take a humanities course or diversity course or global course and not talk about the issue of race. I think CIE is a place where we can work that in somehow,” said Sierzega.

Brian Cox, a sophomore CIE fellow who participated in the meeting, expressed reluctance to the idea of adding the course and the extra question.

“The fourth question being proposed is more of a conclusion than a question, and it is sort of subsidiary to what it means to be human,” said Cox. “The purpose of CIE isn’t to come to conclusions off the bat, it is for students to come to those conclusions by themselves.”

Cox favored the emphasis on programs regarding race and diversity.

“Having rich programing on these issues outside of the classroom is just as important, if not more important than having the actual courses bolster them,” said Cox.

Sierzega agreed that programs are an important part of educating the student body, and emphasized that with the addition of Terrence Williams, assistant dean of students and director of diversity and inclusion, “events regarding race and diversity have gotten much better.”

This echoed a general consensus at the meeting that Dean Williams’ new presence has had a positive impact on the campus-wide discussion of race and diversity.

“We were a little disappointed by the discussion’s overwhelming concern with CIE programs, since there are several other equally important recommendations outlined in the Report. We implore the campus community not to lose sight of the breadth of these suggestions, and to give each section its due consideration,” said the We’re Just Saying Ursinus group in their email.

Going forward, Keithley said that she hopes students will become more educated about the college’s strategic plan, which deals with much of what was discussed at the meeting.

“Sharing the strategic plan and getting students aware of what is in there, because that is what has really been guiding our college, could be a powerful tool,” said Keithley.

Sierzega hopes to continue a dialogue with the faculty and members of the core curriculum planning group.

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Sprinklers in Lower cause damage

Lower floods on evening of Feb. 21 as a result of frozen sprinkler heads

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On Saturday, February 21, the fire sprinklers went off in Lower Wismer, the convenience store in Lower Wismer, and the bookstore. The sprinkler was set off as a result of a frozen sprinkler head. Campus Safety was called and the officers turned the sprinkler heads off. Convenience Store were closed on Saturday night, the campus ant that Lower Wismer and the bookstore, and Pisarcik reported the sprinklers when she walked through Lower Wismer.

At first, she said the water was just dripping out, but then it started to spray out of the sprinkler heads and was soaking the entire area. "I walked in from the outside and the sprinkler head was dripping onto the carpet and it smelled weird," Pisarcik said, "all of a sudden the water started spraying out really fast."

Pisarcik said along with the water, there was some kind of "black goo" coming out of the sprinkler heads. The water was spraying all over the glass windows by the convenience store and the bookstore, and Pisarcik said it resembled a carwash.

Alex Wiltz, assistant director of Campus Safety, said the sprinkler was set off due to the water inside expanding, therefore causing the sprinkler head to break. The sprinkler head was located in the vestibule outside of the bookstore and broke because that area gets very cold in the winter.

Wiltz then went on to describe the procedure the college takes when something like this occurs. He stated that every building on campus has a flow detector in the fire system. When there is any water movement in the sprinkler system the fire alarm is sent off. The officers receive the alarm and check the building for the cause of the flow alarm.

Once the cause is identified and the building is cleared of a potential fire, the sprinkler system is shut down and emptied. Facilities is then contacted to replace the sprinkler head, make repairs, and recharge the system. The fire alarm cannot be reset and the strobe light will continue to flash until the system is back in operating order.

Wiltz said the incident that occurred on Saturday poses no threats or concerns to students, it just proved that the sprinklers work exactly how they are supposed to. "The system performed just as it was designed to do," Wiltz said, "the head was replaced and the system was back online in a few hours that night."

If students ever see a problem with the sprinklers, they should call campus safety and report it immediately.

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that is something that would be really beneficial," said Sierzega. "Faculty response to the email has been really positive. People have been sending me things to read or other steps to take. I hope that faculty members keep sending their feedback, because it has been really helpful to the relationship between student government and faculty."

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Ursinus continues to globalize in Hong Kong

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Ursinus will continue their mission to globalize campus this summer by sending professor Deborah Barkun to Hong Kong to continue working on the Ursinus-Hong Kong General Education Project. The project was initiated last year by the late President Bobby Fong. Ursinus has partnerships with three institutions in Hong Kong: The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Lingnan University, and Hong Kong Baptist University. They spent four days total in Hong Kong, with one of those days given for sight-seeing. The two presenters workshops to professors, sharing their own experiences of class design and general education. Argondezzi taught a writing workshop, Round taught an active learning workshop, and together they taught a course design workshop. Their audience was a couple dozen professors, according to Argondezzi.

According to the program’s website, the professors being taught in Argondezzi’s writing workshop learned how to maximize student involvement with their own writing.

“We’ll talk about our past experiences and explore strategies for creating a writing project that motivates student thinking, formatting an assignment sheet that maximizes student understanding, developing a sequence of in-class activities and at-home mini-assignments that build toward more nuanced student writing, and providing feedback that helps students improve,” according to the website.

Round’s active learning workshop aimed to teach the professors how to move on from the typical lecture-style classes that they are used to, and move more towards an interactive classroom, similar to most classes at Ursinus. Hong Kong Universities are typically three-year institutions, so they are not used to having broader classes, including general education courses. Therefore, one of the major aims of the partnership between Ursinus and Hong Kong’s universities was emphasizing and explaining the importance of general education.

Argondezzi and Round’s joint workshop, course design, was meant to teach professors how to construct their courses in a way that focused on their goal for the student’s learning. According to the website, professors usually design their classes by thinking about what topics they want to teach, building a class off of that, and then testing their students’ understanding. But, this way of teaching is not always beneficial for the students because there is no guarantee that they get anything out of it. Argondezzi and Round taught a workshop on how to design a course by first deciding what goals there are for the students, then designing a course based on how to reach those goals.

“I think the professors got a lot out of it,” Argondezzi said. She continued to explain how it was useful for the professors to hear about other ways of going about their classes.

To further the partnership, Hong Kong has invited an Ursinus professor to participate in their summer session at Lingnan University. That faculty member would design summer courses to go along with their regular curriculum at Lingnan University.

More so, Ursinus currently has fourteen students from China in the class of 2018, according to Ursinus’s News website. This is all part of the effort to globalize Ursinus more.

UC Relay for Life makes strides

With 119 new Ursinus participants in Relay for Life, the committee finds itself in the top 20 Relay colleges and in competition with much larger schools

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Ursinus has been ranked number 18 in Relay for Life’s ‘Bring the People Campus Recruitment Challenge.’

Ursinus has 119 new participants registered, and the challenge called for schools so have at least 100 new participants. The event is 12 hours long and will be held from April 11 at 7 p.m. until April 12 at 7 a.m. in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center. All students are welcome to participate.

According to the Ursinus News website, the event aims to “honor survivors, remember those who have been lost to cancer, promote ways to reduce the risk of cancer, and raise money to help find a cure.”

Last year, the fundraiser raised $37,000 overall. So far this year, the fundraiser has raised $7,500, according to the Ursinus News website, and the goal is to raise over $30,000.

Allyson Norton, vice president for the Relay for Life committee at Ursinus, said this goal is higher than it’s ever been at Ursinus.

It’s an exciting time, especially since a couple years ago Ursinus almost lost the Relay for Life program all together.

“We weren’t fundraising enough, and our event wasn’t as successful as we had hoped it would be,” Norton said, “but we just got a new regional representative last year and she’s been awesome.”

“I think Relay is a really good way to get the whole community involved.”

—Allyson Norton
Vice President of Relay Committee

Norton says it’s exciting to be ranked in the top twenty Relay schools, especially because we’re competing against bigger schools like Temple and more schools that size.

Ursinus’s fundraising has been steadily rising each year the program is held. A couple years ago, Relay for Life barely raised $16,000.

Norton attributes the success on a dedicated committee and more student involvement.

Karla Pisarcik, an avid participant in Relay for Life, said it’s extremely important that all students get involved if they can.

“It is important for Ursinus to participate in relay because it helps strengthen and build our close-knit community,” Pisarcik said, “it is a time to come together as a community and raise money for an excellent cause.”

This year, the theme of Relay for Life is Disney. Norton says there will be new blow up games, more competitions, like bobbing for apples, and much more to keep the environment fun and entertaining for all participants.

The competition that is normally called “Mr. Relay,” a beauty competition for men, will be called “Mr. Disney” this year to fit the theme.

In the pageant, the male contestants usually like to dress up as women. There is a talent portion, a personality contest, and a beauty contest all within the show.

In previous years, organizations have had stands or tables where they can sell things or have games planned for the participants.

In the center of the fieldhouse, sections are marked off for participants or organizations that are participating, and they often lay blankets, pillows, and anything else they brought on the ground.

If people are sleeping over, that is where they sleep.

Norton said the committee is also working to get more professors involved with Relay for Life, since right now the participants are mostly students.

Relay for Life is a chance for students, faculty, family members, and community members can all come together to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Other schools do large events such as THON to raise money, but Relay for Life is Ursinus’s chance to participate in something that raises money for a great cause. Norton emphasized how Relay for Life brings the community all together for twelve hours under the same roof and really builds on the community feel.

“I think Relay is a really good way to get the whole Ursinus community involved,” Norton said.

To learn more about Relay for Life or how to get involved, students can talk to the committee members or visit www.relayforlife.org.
Alexis Primavera, Ellen and Robert head to the Galápagos Islands for research during sabbatical

Within the biology department, there are two individuals who have become integral to the department itself, as well as to the larger campus community. Whether you held a seat in their Biology 101 class, CIE, or upper-level biology courses, or are on the pre-health track or are a CSG fellow, chances are you are quite familiar with these two professors. Although they are away on sabbatical this semester, the pair of them can be caught in around Thomas Hall, from time to time.

This year, Drs. Ellen and Robert Dawley are both celebrating their 25th year of working at Ursinus. The two came in together as a team, shortly after completion of postdoctoral studies at Cornell University and since their time here, they have seen the growth of their department, and have had the opportunity to mentor many students that share in their same passions for Darwinian evolution, ecology, zoology, neurobiology, and morphology.

“We’re really proud of our department and our faculty,” said Ellen Dawley, regarding the expansion of their department in numbers and in diversity. She noted that the department has gained faculty experienced in more recent cellular and molecular findings, an addition that demonstrates the depth of knowledge to which students taking biology courses can explore.

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Ellen Dawley is seen here during a trip to Costa Rica in 2012.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Ellen Dawley

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Poet reads her work on campus

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Ida Stewart, author of the poetry collection "Gloss," gave a reading last Wednesday night in the Lenfest Theater. The event was organized by creative writing professor Anna Maria Hong. Stewart, a Philadelphia-based poet originally from West Virginia, visited Hong’s poetry class before reading excerpts from "Gloss" and other collections of her poetry at the reading.

Stewart’s collection “Gloss” was published by Perugia Press in 2011, a small press located in North Hampton, Mass. They publish one book per year, which is always a first or second book by a female writer.

"I got a phone call at 5:45 on Monday night and I thought for sure it was going to be a solicitor," Stewart said. She debated whether or not to pick up the phone, and then when she did she found out that her collection was chosen by Perugia Press to be published.

"I was shocked, and I’m really glad I answered the phone," Stewart said. "There were around 500 applicants, so I feel really glad to have been picked, but also incredibly lucky because it could have just as easily slipped through the cracks."

Stewart said that contests are a common way that poetry gets published.

"It’s been a really positive experience," Stewart said. "Now I’m part of this wonderful sisterhood of other Perugia Press writers."

"Gloss" was inspired by the Appalachian region that Stewart is from. Some of her poems are a response to mountaintop removal, a type of coal mining.

"Something about it just caught my imagination, and I think it’s because I’m not just writing about mining, but it’s sort of a metaphor for expression and the struggle to communicate," Stewart said. "I think that’s the

Word on the Street

What are you doing over spring break?

“I’m going to Winter Haven, Florida, to watch my brother play baseball and to go to Disney World.” - Alexis Primavera, 2017

"I’m going to see my sister who is coming home from France!” - Megan Hanscom, 2016

"Sleeping, reading, TV watching, sleeping, reading, watching TV etc.” - Victoria Glover, 2015

"Eating food in Wisconsin, alone." - Sophie Snapp, 2017

"I’m going to New York City!” - Deana Harley, 2016
**Goldsmith wins fellowship**

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Dr. Meredith Goldsmith, associate professor of English, has long been devoted to pedagogy and the scholarship of teaching and learning. Because of her commitment to pedagogy and excellence in scholarship, she has been awarded a Visiting Faculty Fellowship in the Humanities Writ Large program at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. When she entered her undergraduate studies at Columbia University in New York City, she had ambitions of being a high school French teacher. She changed focus to English and, at graduate school, and began teaching. As a professor at Ursinus, Goldsmith coordinated an Andrew W. Mellon grant to grow Goldsmith focused on women’s literature of the late 19th - early 20th centuries. She is the editor of both the "Edith Wharton Review" and "Middlebrow Moderns: Popular Women’s Writing of the 1920s."

Goldsmith will arrive at Duke in Aug. 2015, and stay for the academic year. The highly competitive fellowship drew a large number of applicants, and Goldsmith’s was one of the strongest. The opportunity will invite Goldsmith to incorporate hands-on teaching techniques into a larger university setting. She will work on a number of endeavors during the grant— including digital humanities projects and student research—which will enrich her coursework when she returns to Ursinus.

Digital humanities, a burgeoning tool of study for humanities researchers, will be one of her primary focuses. “Digital humanities is a broad term that encompasses a number of different things,” she explained, “but principally what it refers to is using computing and digital tools to engage with humanities research and teaching.” It is a way to cross interdisciplinary boundaries, taking the research in humanities into the modern technological age.

One digital project that Goldsmith will work on builds on her research of Edith Wharton. She will produce a digital map of Edith Wharton’s New York, which can be used to “better understand spatial representations in late 19th century women’s local color fiction,” as she put it.

Goldsmith is eager to take on every opportunity she will have at Duke. She is confident that it will be a learning experience, saying the fellowship will allow her to "bring what faculty at Ursinus do best—our ethos of work with undergraduates—to the research environment and to benefit from the connection between these two points of view and collaboration with a new set of colleagues.”

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**Planting a Flagpole**

Photo courtesy of Ellen Dawley

Robert Dawley taking photographs of iguanas on the shores of the Galapagos Islands.

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The first being the examination of this iguana’s regenerative abilities compared to its close, land dwelling relative, the black spiny iguana of Mexico and Costa Rica. What they hope to do is use the water iguana as, “a vehicle for explaining evolution”—as the land dwelling relative of the water iguana has so far been observed to be much more successful in regrowing its tail after loss.

The other project Ellen and Robert Dawley have been working on, in correlation with the water iguana and also another iguana of the Galapagos Islands, is investigating the possibility of identifying the individual lizards by comparison of the scale patterns on their faces. In regards to this project, the Dawley’s have been in communication with The Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands (CDF), a nonprofit organization that supports scientific research. Ellen Dawley will be in the process of writing a proposal to the Ecuadorian government to continue research on the islands this semester.

“It was a lot of work with the hot Ecuadorian sun beating down on us,” said Ellen Dawley on taking photos of the iguanas. “We spent hours out there.”

The data the Dawleys have been collecting in these reptilian investigations have originated from this recent trip and also from the aboard trips they conduct with students to the Galápagos and Costa Rica. They have been conducting these trips continuously since 1990, and have more than one hundred publications to show for it. Where are these publications? A book on the Galápagos Islands and their pertinence to explaining Darwinian Theory. Are they also building some of the organization and preparation of the team’s photographic data.

Ellen Dawley is finishing up an anatomical paper to be published, on the variation of chemo-receptor sense structures in salamanders, as well as still oversee 11 students in directed research examining the regeneration in American Bullfrog tadpoles, newts, and axolotl.

Presently found in Ellen and Robert Dawleys office are two bear statues, awarded to them for their 25 years of work. It is interesting to note this team’s similarity to these statues—true Ursinus bears, engulfed in their readings, and even on sabbatical, not too far from home.

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**Happening on Campus**

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**Spring Break (March 7-15)**

**Fitness Center hours:**
Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

**Upper Wismer hours:**
Monday - Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Upper Wismer reopens for dinner on March 15, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., resumes normal hours Monday, March 16**

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essential problem that motivates people to write poetry, that sort of struggle to say the unsayable and to speak out against confusing things.”

Stewart wrote the first draft of “Gloss” in graduate school as her thesis for her master’s degree in 2008.

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**Connections closes at 9:00 p.m.**

**Fitness Center hours:**
Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.
Take revenge porn more seriously

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Nudity is everywhere in our society. From billboards selling underwear such as Calvin Klein and PETA’s “No Fur” campaigns to magazine covers, it’s become a more acceptable thing to see. Television shows and movies commonly show sex scenes and no one bats an eye. The people on the advertisements, shows and movies are consenting to having their bodies on display. However, there is a huge difference between the media that people want the public to see and revenge porn.

Revenge porn, according to the American Psychological Association, is a form of “cyber-rape” and occurs when someone posts sexually explicit pictures of their ex-partner without their consent.

The Jennifer Lawrence nude photos circulating the internet are not the same as the “Break the Internet” photos of Kim Kardashian. However, the Jennifer Lawrence photos were just as easy to be accessed as the Kim Kardashian photos once they were leaked. It was common for people to repost the pictures on their Twitter and Facebook pages. Websites that show screenshots of nude Snapchats that have been placed online for the public to see without any consent are common.

People should be able to take nude photos of themselves if they want. If their photos are stolen, threateningly taken from them, or used without consent, the perpetrators should face legal consequences.

There is no doubt that police focus their efforts too much on arresting marijuana users while there are more serious crimes taking place. The spending of the police force will be more efficient when marijuana is legalized and police can focus on more urgent and serious cases.

The United Kingdom has made revenge porn a criminal act that is punishable by law and helplines have been created for victims. At least 17 states in our country have laws that address revenge porn. However, some of these laws are very narrow or too broad.

For example, Arizona’s broad law could make a professor a felon for showing a class a photo of a breast-feeding mother. Alteration of the wording of the law is currently under construction. People should not have to suffer from those who wish to take advantage of them in their most vulnerable state.

Moreover, the Jennifer Lawrence nude photos should be addressed more seriously. In this case, the photographs were taken without her consent and the perpetrators should face legal consequences.

Marijuana laws should be changed nationwide
Legalization poses benefit to many parties, especially regarding race

Yongshi Li

Despite some strong objections against the legalization of marijuana in Colorado, I consider the legalization to be important in reducing unjust, racially biased arrests, increasing government tax revenue, and reducing police spending.

Recreational marijuana has been legalized in Colorado since 2012. Anyone in Colorado over 21 years old can purchase and consume up to one gram of marijuana exclusively in private areas. Recreational marijuana edibles can be found as well, such as in candy and brownies.

The most significant aspect about the legalization is that it reduces unjustified arrest. According to FBI Crime arrest reports in 2010, the amount of Caucasians and African Americans who use marijuana are relatively the same, but African Americans encounter a higher likelihood of being arrested.

Legalization of marijuana works toward eliminating the wrongful criminalization of these citizens.

Some opponents in Colorado are concerned about the damage and harm caused by people who choose to drive high, which is a valid concern. This has been a problem long before marijuana was legalized. With more tax revenue, the state of Colorado can start spending money to train police officers to stop and prevent people who drive intoxicated.

Although it is true that teenagers will have easier access to marijuana, the benefits of legalization of marijuana in Colorado outweigh the downsides. Additionally, by means of more input in education and proper regulations, any negative effects that legalization may have can be reduced to a minimal level.

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Take revenge porn more seriously

The legalization also gives more freedom and responsibility to citizens. The population consuming marijuana remains relatively the same. “It is your choice to hurt yourself as long as you don’t harm others, the policy will not stop or encourage people from doing so,” said Carey.

Some opponents in Colorado
Rugby teams set to tackle spring

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As most of us get ready for the warm weather, the men's and women's rugby teams prepare for their spring season. Since both teams are Division III in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU), their competitive season is the fall season. Then, their records officially count in their division as they work toward playoffs and tournaments. The spring season is more informal where a majority of the matches are scrimmages or part of friendly tournaments with other club teams. However, the relaxing nature of the spring season allows them to be productive behind-the-scenes.

MEN

For the men's team, there are a handful of differences between their fall and spring slates. According to Jacob Bigelow, a sophomore captain of the men's rugby team said, "We use the spring season to build up for the competitive season. There are fewer matches, but it allows us to figure out who our starting fifteen are next fall."

The men continue to play with fifteen players in the spring, but they are participating in one tournament of sevens, which are shorter. The season is also shorter — matches start at the end of March and only last until the end of April.

As a club sport, all of the leadership roles on the team fall on the upperclassmen. Under the guidelines of the EPRU, every team must have someone with a coaching certification in order to play. Since the men's team does not have an adult coach, this responsibility has been taken over by the students. In addition to captains running practice, players in executive positions also meet with administration and schedule games — meaning that this year's seniors are leaving big shoes to fill.

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Leading off

Baseball Bears banking on improvement in 2015

Seth Regensburg (above, center) is seen waving a teammate's attention at practice in the field house on Feb. 26. Regensburg, a sophomore southpaw, will provide rotation depth for the Bears after finishing 2014 with a 3.97 ERA in 10 appearances.

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In his third season at Ursinus College, head coach Stan Exeter hopes to finally have a winning one. Over the past two seasons, Exeter had led the Bears to a 7-27 and 17-17 finishes, respectively. Following that trend, Exeter hopes this will be a breakthrough year for the Bears.

Exeter's main goals for the upcoming year are to improve both the record and the team's all baseball knowledge from last previous year. These are difficult goals — but still achievable, according to Exeter.

Senior James Hoff has other, lofter aspirations for the season. "We should be playoff contenders this year, because we have a lot of experience returning," Hoff said.

He believes the Bears will come into this season with a solid offensive and defensive staff good enough to be Centennial Conference playoff contenders.

The Bears will be returning three seniors this year in Hoff, Alex Manacher and Vince Ron dolone. Senior leadership will be a key part of this season, due to
the fact that most of the team is composed of underclassmen.

The team lost a few seniors to graduation last years, but Coach Exeter is confident that this will have no impact on the upcoming season. "They are supposed to graduate, that's their job," Exeter said. Hoff said the loss of leadership from the 2014 graduating class will be sorely missed.

Coming into the season, the Bears will be returning five players with .300 batting averages.
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is a major concern this spring. Between the impending loss of the senior players—which has brought about shifts in roles on and off the field—they also need to have enough people to play. Unlike varsity sports teams who have coaches and staff in charge of recruitment, the rugby team can only hope to gain members through word of mouth.

That is how players like sophomore Devin Thompson ended up playing. As a club sport, their challenges create a unique community of people.

“We place a huge emphasis on the culture of team. Developing personal relationships... It becomes a brotherhood of guys who really enjoy rugby and want to have fun,” Thompson said. “Our priority is creating bonds on and off the field.”

**WOMEN**

The women’s rugby team also experiences major changes and challenges between their fall and spring seasons. First, there are significantly fewer games, so the women, like the men, switch from fifteen players on the field to seven players.

Their schedule also includes matches with other club teams such as DeSales University, Franklin and Marshall, and Swarthmore. According to Kelsey Knowles, a junior co-captain on the team, one of the highlights of the spring season is the Prom Dress match.

“Everyone wears a prom dress while playing,” Knowles said. “We want to make a statement that women can play sports.”

The match involves the Ursinus Men’s team and both of Swarthmore’s rugby teams. This year, the Prom Dress match takes place on April 28 at Swarthmore.

The women also partake in a tradition known as captain switching: Every year, at the end of the fall season, they vote for their new captains who then take charge in the spring season.

“Our goal is to not have seniors be captains at the end of our spring season,” Knowles said. “Our fall season is important so the election of captains in the previous season allows for a very relaxed transition.”

Sophie Snapp, a sophomore co-captain, commented on her experience: “Changes in leadership always have the potential to be awkward, but our team is close-knit and the transition has been a smooth one.” Also, the team is thankful for Matt Sobel, a volunteer from the EPRU who helps as their coach.

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or better with an additional two players with a 250 mark or higher. Five of those players are sophomores this year, which shows the Bears have depth and promise for the upcoming season.

Both Exeter and Hoff agree these players are sophomores most of their talent lies with the underclassmen. Sophomores Austin Feuerman, C.J. Diana, and Timo Muro are expected to be top performers in the upcoming season.

Feuerman led the team last year in batting average with a staggering .384 in 84 at bats. After a first team all-conference selection at designated hitter, Feuerman will continue to keep this thriving pace. He will primarily be playing in the DH spot this year.

Diana, also a very solid player for the Bears last season, will be at second base for the season. After raking in 327 batting average and 18 runs batted in the 2014 campaign, Diana will continue to improve on a strong freshman campaign.

Muro, an outfielder, batted a solid .330 in 75 at bats for the Bears in the 2014 season. In the field he had a .922 fielding percentage making him not only dangerous at the plate but also in the field.

A big wildcard for the Bears this season will be their pitching staff. There are only two veteran arms available for Exeter, but he is confident he has four starters going into spring break in Vince Piccioni, Sean Psik, Seth Regentsberg and Alex Manacher. He notes that there are also some young pitchers that may get time during the regular season.

During the 2014 season Piccioni was lights out posting a 2.03 earned run average and a 4-2 record. He had thirteen walks to 93 strikeouts over 30 2/3 innings. He has the most to prove, having pitched for Exeter in the second half of the season in a number of years. The Bears will compete in their first game during their spring training trip to Florida on March 7, 2015 in Winter Haven against the University of Mount Union.

**Upcoming Schedule:**

**Saturday**

Baseball: Spring Training in Florida:
Doubleheader vs. Mount Union, 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

M Lax: vs. Kenyon, 1:00 p.m.

M&W Golf: Spring Break Trip @ Pinehurst, N.C.

M&W Track: Columbia Invite @ NYC

**Sunday**

Baseball: Spring Training:
Doubleheader vs. SUNYIT, 9:30 a.m.

Softball: Spring Training at Myrtle Beach, S.C.:
vs. Bridgewater, 9:30 a.m.
vs. Penn St. Harrisburg, 11:30 a.m.

Softball: Spring Training:
vs. Mt. Aloysius, 9:30 a.m.
vs. MacMurray, 11:30 a.m.

W & M Tennis: Spring Break at Orlando, Fla.
vs. Lake Forest

**Monday**

Softball: Spring Training:
vs. Delaware Valley, 9:30 a.m.
vs. SUNYIT, 11:30 a.m.

W & M Tennis: Spring Break:
vs. Oneonta St.
vs. Ill. Wesleyan

**Tuesday**

W Lax: vs. Meredith @ Claremont, Fla., 4:00 p.m.

Softball: Spring Training:
vs. MacMurray, 11:30 a.m.
vs. St. Joseph College (NY), 1:30 p.m.

W & M Tennis: Spring Break:
vs. Oneonta St.
vs. Ill. Wesleyan

**Wednesday**

W Lax: vs. Montclair St. (@ UC), 1:00 p.m.

Softball: Spring Training:
vs. MacMurray, 11:30 a.m.
vs. St. Joseph College (NY), 1:30 p.m.

Baseball: Spring Training:
Doubleheader vs. Gordon College, 9:30 a.m.
and 12:00 p.m.

W & M Tennis: Spring Break vs. Cornell College