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Tree Campus USA honors UC

Tree Campus USA, an organization that awards colleges for their care-taking of healthy trees, has honored Ursinus for promoting tree planting and health.

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Ursinus received the Tree Campus USA status for 2014, an honorable award showcasing the college's dedication to tree life.

According to the Ursinus website, "Tree Campus USA honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation."

Campus sustainability planner Shannon Spencer is the chair of the Campus Tree Care Committee, a subcommittee of the UC sustainability committee. "When the Campus Tree Care Committee met in the early fall we talked about Tree Campus USA," said Spencer, "we realized that we were very close to meeting the requirements, needing only the tree care plan and an Arbor Day celebration."

The committee decided to try and reach the requirements. "We had to write a tree care plan for campus," said Spencer. "This plan had to address certain elements that the Arbor Day Foundation required."

The campus tree care committee members include environmental professor Patrick Hurley, grounds manager Dave Bennett, advancement office member Laura Armstrong, community member Brian Millard, and students Kim Nolan and Colleen Monahan.

"The campus tree care committee is a group of folks who are committed to the health of trees here on campus," said Spencer. "The committee worked collaboratively to meet the requirements," said Spencer, "I drafted the plan with input from facilities, various members edited the plan."

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Greek collect clothes for prom

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Prom is a milestone that every teenager should have the opportunity to partake in. Many teens are lucky enough to make it to their proms, but others are not. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) gives sick patients' the chance to strut their stuff at their annual CHOP patient prom.

The Omega Chi sorority and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity are trying to make these patients' prom just a little bit better. Since right after spring break the group has been collecting old prom dresses and men's dresswear to donate to CHOP. The group will be collecting the clothing until the end of the month.

Members from both Omega Chi and Phi Kapps have been sending out campus emails to inform students that the drive is ongoing. There are collection boxes in Lower Wismer, the Myrin library lobby and in the lobby of Olin hall. Members of Omega Chi have a table set up in Lower Wismer to inform students about the drive.

Emma Crowley, the fundraising chair for Omega Chi, noted that prom is a milestone. If you cannot go, especially due to sickness, some kids are left out from this experience. CHOP prom gives these kids some normalcy in their lives.

Crowley notes that when the sorority was brainstorming ideas for charitable events earlier in the year, many of the members wanted to work the CHOP prom. But they had found out through one of Crowley's contacts at CHOP that the hospital was looking for donations, and the idea took off.

Many of the sisters in the sorority are interested in volunteering at the prom, according to Crowley. They would be doing hair, nails and makeup for the girls getting all dressed up for big event.

"CHOP Prom is a very special event and makes CHOP unique."

— Emma Crowley
Omega Chi fundraising chair

By donating a dress, you are giving sick kids a chance to be part of one of the most special events of their lives.
Ursinus to continue rebranding

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Ursinus is continuing to make changes that began with the new Ursinus shield and the website makeover.

Tom Yencho, chief communications officer, said that Ursinus is not truly undergoing a traditional rebranding process, but more of a visual change. "A brand is not a logo or a tagline," said Yencho. "It's the promise you keep with your audience—primarily our students—and the expectations they have of you. So in many respects, our brand is not changing."

That promise is a message that Ursinus wants to spread to its students.

"What we are aggressively doing is fine-tuning our messaging," said Yencho, "which means being a lot more creative and bold at telling the Ursinus story through the eyes of our students and faculty."

This is reflected in the student profiles on the new website as well as on social media and in the admissions materials.

Dr. Louise Woodstock, associate professor of media and communications studies, says the new shield serves a few purposes. "The shield echoes the collegiate image around the country," said Woodstock, "so there is an element of familiarity. We are trying to express historical continuity while at the same time being contemporary and fresh." Yencho said that the new shield is a better use of the Ursinus red and gold colors. "We wanted our visual identity to better reflect the personality and character of Ursinus," said Yencho. "Our new mark does that."

These changes will start to be seen on campus as well.

"Over the course of the semester and into the next academic year, you'll start seeing the red and 'old gold' shields appear in all of our materials, publications and digital communications," said Yencho. "They'll also be confidently displayed across campus."

The shield and the college name will appear in banners and flags along our main walkways and across campus.

"We're looking to create a more uniform school identity," said Woodstock. "We want to communicate internally to us who we are and what we're about, along with communicating this to the outside world."

Rebranding and making the image stronger and more uniform will help keep Ursinus fresh and new in the eyes of prospective students. With colleges being so competitive, the intention is to make Ursinus stand out.

"We have a lot to be proud of here at Ursinus and we want that reflected in how we present ourselves."

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Chief Communications Officer

With process underway, faculty are encouraged to make their personal profiles on the new website as well. "The shield serves a few purposes. It's a way to present ourselves," said Yencho. "It's a visual reflection of who we are and what we're about, so a renewed focus on our brand identity is so great about this recognition is that Ursinus College has a clear commitment to having a beautiful tree canopy on campus," said Spencer, "the trees that we have here form the backdrop for the great educational experiences that can be had here. We work and play in the shadow of our trees, so it's great to celebrate both our commitment to them and also the beauty and grandeur of the trees themselves."

According to the Ursinus website, Ursinus has hundreds of species of trees on campus. The Environmental Studies faculty and students are taking steps in tree protection and education, including tree plantings and a campus-wide tree inventory. They have also partnered with the Borough of Collegeville on plantings in Hunsteller Woods.

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There are many trees on campus that only bloom for a short period of time in the spring. This tree outside of Olin Hall is one of them.

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Letters to the Editor (grizzly@ursinus.edu)

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Karla Paez was elected as the new treasurer, and of the Campus Activities Board, and Karla Pisarcik was elected as the new secretary. Wood, who is the president of the Campus Activities Board, decided to run for president about three weeks before the election. Since president and vice president run on the same ticket, she needed to find somebody who would serve as her vice president. Wood discussed the position with different people, but ultimately decided that Paez would be the best candidate. Both Wood and Paez are members of the class of 2017.

Wood says throughout her time serving as president she hopes to make the student government as transparent as possible. Wood wants students to be able to be as involved as they want to be. This includes scheduling meetings far in advance so that students can plan to come, updating students on what is happening in the UCSG, and other things that will inform students about what is going on.

"I think the most important thing is to make sure the student government is clear about what's going on around campus so that everybody who wants to be involved can be," Wood said. "So we'll schedule senate meetings way in advance so that everybody who wants to go can do that, and that way discussions can happen."

Sam says communication is also important within the executive board, as well as their passion.

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Sophomore class representative

"If the people on the board are passionate, then they can pretty much do anything they want," Straughn said, "and I think we're really lucky that the exec boards this year and this past year have been so passionate and they've gotten so much done."

Straughn says he got the idea from seeing Wood, who is the current social chair, do her duties. Currently, Straughn is working on planning Mayday, the annual outdoor concert. Each exec board member agrees that communication and passion are essential to leading a good student government. Rick Gould, the new treasurer says communication is important for the student government to have within themselves and the entire student body. There is already a system put in place for the treasury, and Gould says he plans to use that system to the best of its ability.

Gould says he is "shocked" that he is treasurer seeing as he is only a freshman.

"I'm really excited for what he can do next year," Gould said, "and [winning] was kind of a shock, I'm not even in my sophomore year yet, and I have this position already that can help me make changes."

Karla Pisarcik, the new secretary of the UCSG, says she hopes students know how much they can rely on the student government and how they can really advocate for changes. During her freshman year, Pisarcik served as the freshman class president, and is currently serving as the sophomore class representative.

"I think the most important part of UCSG is our ability to be so tightly interconnected with the students, faculty and administration," Pisarcik said. "It is important the we, as Ursinus students, stay involved and engaged in what goes on on our campus. I hope students know that they can trust the UCSG and come to the UCSG executive board with any problems and issues and we will give our very best to serving the student body."

Pisarcik is currently working on a project with the library that was started by Brian Kennedy, the current vice president of the student government. The new exec board will be installed at the end of the month and will take over duties at that time.

In the future Omega Chi and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternities, are one of the main contributors in making the donation process visible to school population. He, in conjunction with the sisters of Omega Chi, is making sure the whole process runs smoothly. He plans to bring this donation process into the light by informing the campus population through word of mouth advertising and flyers. Moriarty also plays on the baseball team and has been pushing them to make donations.

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Please welcome Jason Van Buren to facilities and the Ursinus community.

UC welcomes new director of facilities

Van Buren, who started in March, comes over to Ursinus after working in the pharma industry

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Ursinus College welcomes its newest facilities member, Jason Van Buren, the new director of facilities.

Jason Van Buren has only been working here for the past month but comes from an extensive work background. Van Buren graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York with a B.S in clinical sciences, nuclear medicine and environmental. Over the past twenty years he has worked at University of Rochester in New York as well as companies such as Johnson & Johnson. Before working and college, he joined the Air Force. At the Air Force, he was a medic and spent two years in Germany. During the last months in Germany he was able to work in the emergency room and help deliver babies which was “very rewarding," said Van Buren.

Van Buren is a father of two, a son and a daughter. Before moving to Skippack, PA he resided in New York. Moving from upstate New York to Pennsylvania, one of Van Buren’s favorite things is the season. "There are earlier springs, and longer summers. It’s a short winter here than what I’m used to up in New York," Van Buren said.

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New issue of The Lantern released

The 2014-2015 Lantern will be released on Wed. April 15 in Bomberger Auditorium

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The upcoming issue of The Lantern will be released on April 15. This issue will be dedicated to the memory of Bobby Fong. The Lantern has been part of Ursinus' history for more than 80 years, and is published once a year. Submissions are accepted in October, and the issue comes out in April. A lot of hard work and dedication from Ursinus students gives way to one of the most creative events of the academic year.

Editor of the poetry section, Annie Rus, discussed how the experience was for this year's issue. To start off, The Lantern contains a few categories of writing such as fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, and visual arts. The visual arts usually contain photographs or paintings, or pictures of sculptures. Each section has an editor and they are assigned a staff. The staff is basically anyone who wants to be a part of the literary magazine. "To be a section head, you need to contact the editor-in-chief, and explain why you would want this position," said Rus.

Submissions are distributed among the staff, and each staff member is asked to pick a few that stand out to them. Then, the whole section gets together to vote on all the submissions that each staff member selected. "It's a really hard decision, because there are always such good pieces!" said Rus. The editor-in-chief, Rachel Bonner added that, "The selection process is quite difficult and subjective, however we try to keep as much bias out by keeping the submission process anonymous and by soliciting entries from students of all disciplines."

Ursinus students are often curious to know exactly what criteria The Lantern staff is in picking pieces for the magazine. Every category has different criteria, but according to Rus, unique writing style, and sometimes content are the key to a good submission for

Word on the Street

What is your opinion about the proposed fourth question discussed in "The Grizzly" last week?

"I think it's a very important question. I think it's something that isn't discussed enough on campus, and living with these kinds of inequalities is common here. In response to the article, the rejection of oppressed people's struggles is the rejection of their reality."

- Jackson Riley, 2015

"Ursinus needs to learn to discuss issues of diversity. But that requires a factual education which doesn't belong in a CIE class. It fits the diversity requirement."

- Brian Kennedy, 2015

"I think that would be a good complement to other courses that deal with potentially individual courses such as political philosophy, women studies and Race in America. I feel that it overlaps with these courses but that doesn't mean that it shouldn't be discussed."

- Kyle Peterson, 2015

UCDC concert to have eclectic themes and dances

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The Ursinus College Dance Company (UCDC) is currently preparing for their last show of the year, "Roots and Wings"—a theme that is proving to explore ancestral lineages and jazz origins, as well as challenge political mentalities, while all the while celebrating originality and creation.

The theme of this concert, devised by Dr. Karen Clemente, producer of the show, has paved the way for five unique performances choreographed by Clemente herself, fellow professor Jeanine McCain, as well as guest artists Billy Siegenfeld, Jeannine Osayande, and student choreographer Rosie Davis-Aubrey.

"It's always interesting to see how one theme, one word, or one phrase, is given to the choreographers and each one of us looks at it in a completely different way," said McCain. "It's wonderful to see all the different ways that one theme gets interpreted."

McCain's performance, "Fragment," for example, is a modern dance piece that investigates how family lineage and the search for histories of the past allow for individuality. Music originally composed by former faculty member Garret Hope will set the stage for this piece.

"Earthbound Flight," choreographed by Clemente, will feature four dancers and also live music from student performers. The collaboration of Clemente with music professor Holly Hubbs will present a performance celebrating the work of jazz artist John Coltrane by playing his arrangement of the Rogers and Hammerstein song "My Favorite Things."

Cointiding with the jazz genre that will be presented by Clemente will also be guest artist Billy Siegenfeld's piece "I've Got Your Number." Siegenfeld joined UCDC all the way from Chicago.

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**Guest author speaks on Middle Eastern Politics**

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Last week, Ursinus students welcomed Shadi Hamid as an exclusive guest speaker who focuses his research in Middle Eastern politics in relation to Islam. Hamid delivered an open lecture paraphrasing his theories regarding political Islam, led a discussion for students more interested in his research, and attended a dinner at the neighborhood restaurant Chow with politics and international relations students as well as students from Introduction to Islamic Art.

Among other impressive credentials, Hamid studied at Georgetown University, where he received his BS and MA, and went on to receive his PhD in Islam political behavior in Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco from Oxford University. In 2004 Hamid was a Fulbright Scholar and went to Jordan. During his time there he studied the Muslim Brotherhood. He is considered a leader in his field, and has written for “The Atlantic,” “The Washington Post,” “The Jerusalem Post,” “Democracy: A Journal of Ideas,” among other journalistic companies and in 2014 released his first book “Temptations of Power.”

What was arguably Hamid’s principal point from his lecture last Tuesday was his emphasis on an “illiberal democracy” and what it means for the political system of a country to be so intricately connected to the Islamic faith. Hamid’s book and lecture were driven by the theme of understanding Islam’s relation to everyday politics and absolute religious ideals, said Hamid.

Hamid is focused on understanding Islam’s relation to politics and seeing if there is a unique relationship between the two compared to other religions. Earlier this year, Hamid returned from a month long research trip where he traveled to London, Tunisia, and Turkey in preparation for his upcoming book.

Hamid mentioned briefly during his discussion that his interests in the political unrest in Middle East and the U.S.’s involvement therein began with 9/11.

“For me, as someone who is of Arab origin, that’s at least part of where my interests come from. Growing up and spending some of my summers in Egypt, some of those questions start to come to you, oh there’s something not quite right in these societies, there is a fundamental lack of democracy, this lack of openness, and there is a sense of despair that you feel when you’re in these countries, this sense that the future is closed,” said Hamid. “I was always interested in trying to understand that more. What are these societies really about? And I find Islamists in particular quite fascinating because it really gets at this intriguing tension and even conflict between the mundane realities of everyday politics and absolute religious ideals,” said Hamid.

Students are often encouraged to look into the past and analyze the state of politics in the U.S. and abroad from a distance. Even with the American presidential elections, it can be difficult to keep up with the many candidates and domestic policies. The political status of the Middle East is often a particularly challenging narrative to follow, and valid, comprehensive sources of up-to-date information about such complex situations are few and far between. Hamid’s literature on the subject emphasizes what takes place and why it matters.

Hamid said, “The Middle East is currently the most violent, unstable region and whether we like it or not, we as Americans are tied to the Middle East. No matter how much we try to get away from it and disentangle ourselves, we keep on getting dragged back in. These are not just academic discussions, it really matters what we do in the Middle East and it will have an effect on our role in the world.”

The final program of the week will be Osayande’s piece “Hands Up, Dancing for Justice: A Tribute to Amadou Diallo.” The dance will feature live music from Dunya Performing Arts Company. It will not be Osayande’s first contribution to a UCDC concert, as she has served as a guest choreographer before; however, it will be different in its parallel “to social contemporary issues of the time of violence against African American men by police,” said Clemente.

UCDC will present “Roots and Wings” on April 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Lenfest Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center.

On April 23, the first night, there will be a “talk back” following the show, where audience members can ask questions to choreographers and dancers about the performances. All are welcome to attend and tickets will cost $2 for students and $5 for general admission.

The Lantern will be unveiled April 15th, in Bomberger Auditorium along with a few readings by the authors.
Campus safety needs more resources

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Even though Ursinus is nestled in the town of Collegeville, where crime is almost exclusively limited to thefts and burglaries, Campus Safety still needs access to more, better quality resources. Ursinus is relatively safe when you look at its crime statistics online through their 2014 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, but Ursinus is a small school so these crimes have a bigger impact on the community. In 2013, the highest reported crime was burglary with 10 offenses on campus.

Another crime in the report for 2013 is Forcible Sexual Offenses-Rape, which has the second highest amount with 4 reports online through their security.prison. The report defines sexual offenses as, “Any sexual act directed against another person, without the consent of the victim,” with rape as a specific subsection of that crime. Clearly it is not something that can and should be done so that all students can feel safe at any time.

According to Maddie Mathay, a student Campus Safety dispatcher, there are not a lot of calls about safety issues on campus. She mentioned that a majority of calls from students include lockouts from buildings, along with medical emergencies on the weekends.

Mathay also explained that Ursinus only has two of the emergency call boxes on campus: one which is located near the Keileidoscope and the other at the back of the gravel lot behind New Hall. To her knowledge, it does not seem like the school plans to add any more of the call boxes on campus.

“The only times that I remember receiving a call from the boxes is when someone pressed them by accident or as a practical joke. The call boxes also require you to stay there the whole time, which is not always effective if there was an emergency. Most students call us on their cellphones,” said Mathay.

It is true that Campus Safety can be reached immediately through their number, which can be found on the Ursinus website. However, the location of these call boxes may contribute to their obsolescence on campus. There are no emergency call boxes on the outer edges of campus, where they would probably be more useful to students walking alone at night.

Students who live on the main section of campus probably do not have to worry about what time they leave at night as they head back to their dorm. Pathways to the more centralized buildings are well lit and are close in proximity to the physical Campus Safety office. For those students who live on Main Street, safety measures are not as readily accessible.

Caylon Fowlkes, a sophomore resident of Clamer Hall, has to walk approximately ten minutes to get to the main part of campus. Fowlkes discussed how her schedule almost always forces her to walk back to her dorm at night. Based on this issue Fowlkes and her friends try to coordinate their schedules so no one has to go back alone.

Fowlkes said, “I am often scared walking back alone...especially if there is only one person walking on Main Street who I know is not a student. Also the street lamp right outside of Clamer typically goes out at a certain time so many times it is pitch black outside.”

Campus Safety offers a variety of services, and one of the most appealing is their safety escort system. According to the Campus Safety website, “Personal safety escorts from and to any on-campus location are provided to members of the campus community at any time during the day. Escorts may be via foot, golf cart, or safety vehicle.” However, there are a few circumstances where this service is not student friendly.

Fowlkes explained a particular experience involving her friend, “Many times, my friend has come over to hang out in my room and she lives in 732 Main Street. When it has gotten late she has called Campus Safety to take her home. They told her that they do not come all of the way to Clamer and that she would have to meet them at Marzella’s.”

Campus Safety needs to have access to more money so they can make Ursinus safer for all students no matter where they live on campus. They could add more emergency call boxes to other more remote areas where they would get more use. They could even purchase more golf carts so they could take the time to get students from any distance on campus.

In terms of the thefts, they could also take into security cameras for some of the high traffic areas to reduce crime on campus. Everyone can agree that Campus Safety does the best with what they have, but they need to have better equipment and resources. Some may argue that it is not necessary because of the minimal amount of crime on and off campus. However, there is no reason to put on a price limit when it comes to the safety and welfare of Ursinus students.

Sexual assault deserves coverage

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Before the internet, publications were made using ink, paper and machines. If a story that was being printed was stopped, it became a very expensive decision. In today’s world, it is a completely different story. To publish a story or to delete one, all it takes is the press of the delete key from a laptop or a press of a button on your cellphone. Rescinding an article that has already been published is a dramatic move. It becomes even more dramatic when you bring in a topic that people don’t know exactly how to handle. When you introduce a controversial topic, especially sexual assault and rape on a college campus, it is a whole different ballgame.

The Rolling Stone magazine article about an alleged gang rape committed by members of University of Virginia’s Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, “A Rape on Campus,” has been retracted, with an apology that includes a note that asks themselves, “how [they] could have gotten the story wrong...”

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Rolling Stone should have checked their facts before publishing such an impactful story. More research should have been done. In my opinion, I was proud to see that the author of the Rolling Stone article wanted to expose a situation that occurs too often on a college campus. However, the article has caused more harm than good to a topic that needs to be addressed.

Statistically speaking, it is estimated that the percentage of “completed or attempted rape victimization among women in higher educational institutions” might be twenty to twenty-five percent in college. Nine in ten victims of sexual assault and rape knew who their offender was before it occurred, according to the National Institute of Justice. However, the way the journalism took place did not help the case for people who have suffered from sexual assault and rape, hurting both males and females.

Our society is too afraid of talking about these topics because we don’t want others judging us for putting attention on a topic that is controversial. I personally feel that sexual assault is one of the most controversial topics, just like how race and police brutality are topics today. It is a topic that does not just focus on one race, gender, age or sexuality. It occurs to people all over the spectrum.

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Mike Neal, a senior ESS major, has scored seven goals and registered eight more assists for the year. He’s appeared in all 11 games as of this writing. The team currently sits at 9-2 overall and 4-1 in conference play, and is in line for a second seed in the conference tournament.

Midfielder from the Midwest

Mike Neal, hailing from the Detroit suburbs, is playing a key role for lax in ’15

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On the field, senior Mike Neal might look like any other player on the men’s lacrosse team. However, there are a couple of major differences: his talent, and the fact that he is one of the small handful of players not from Pennsylvania or New Jersey, and the only player that doesn’t hail from the eastern seaboard. As it turns out, Neal’s hometown is Shelby Township, Michigan, a suburb north of Detroit.

Neal always knew that he wanted to play lacrosse in college. But going to school far away from home was not always part of the plan. “Going far away wasn’t always what I wanted to do,” Neal said. “But it was never really out of the picture.”

During the college recruiting process Neal was looking mostly at local colleges in the Great Lakes area, including Adrian College, a small liberal arts school in Michigan. Ursinus was the only college Neal considered outside of the Great Lakes.

Neal came across Ursinus by attending a lacrosse recruiting camp at Gettysburg College.

“One of the coaches at Ursinus was my coach for the week,” Neal said. “Then I took a visit out here during the summer and I really liked it.”

When it comes to recruiting athletes who live far away, head coach Jamie Steele said that a lot of kids will come to camps in this area during the summer and that is biggest place where he does a lot of his recruiting.

“I never got to see [Neal] play live,” Steele said. “But he met one of my assistants at the camp and he raved about Mike.”

Steele then met Neal on his visit senior year.

“It was a perfect fit right off the bat. He is very smart, very intellectual, but also really wanted a good lacrosse program.”

Besides wanting to play lacrosse in college, a lot of other factors contributed to Neal decision to come to Ursinus.

“I knew it was a really good school academically, that definitely had a big play into my decision,” he said. “I wanted to go into the health field and I know the sciences here are really good. Both athletics and academics were the big factors.”

While at Ursinus, Neal has been able to have an impact on the lacrosse team throughout his whole career.

“Mike and his class, the seniors right now, have really grown this program. When they came in we were not very good. They all started their freshman year,” Steele mentioned.

“Not many players come in and start their freshman year. They had to take the brunt of playing some top-ranked teams when they were freshman,” Steele went.

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Hyman is pictured above preparing in the batter’s box during their April 4 game against Gettysburg. Hyman had a nice day at the plate, going a combined 1-for-3 with a run scored and a pair of walks in two games.

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community to have more success. Hyman definitely has passion for the sport, which has translated to success at the college level. Coming in as a freshman this year, she won again a starting spot at third base. Campo mentioned her defense is one of her strong suits. She works hard in the field, which can lead to better production from other players. Not only is she contributing for the Bears in the field—she is crushing the ball at the plate. She has solidified herself as the fifth hitter in the lineup. In 39 at-bats, she is hitting .389, with nine driven in.

Campo described Hyman as a hitter “trying to hit the ball hard and move people when the opportunity is there,” something she has been very successful at. Campo also mentioned that she is a very confident hitter at the plate, yet very relaxed. This usually is a recipe for a success.

Campo said that she fits in with the team right away, which most freshmen struggle to do. She found her niche and become a productive member of the team. Campo also discussed how Hyman fits into the Ursinus community. This gives her an edge over some of her other classmates.

Hyman is very humble on and off the field. She is self-described as being “a team player... I worry about other players and I am respectful of my coaches and teammates. I want to see our team succeed.”

Off the field, Hyman believes that the other girls on the team can come to her with any problems as a friend, not just a teammate. Hyman believes she knows how to lighten the mood and crack a joke when need be.

The other aspect to being an athlete is your performance in the classroom. Hyman is sporting a GPA of over a 3.0 for her first semester as a Bear. The first semester of freshman year can be one of the hardest times in a college student’s life. Tack on playing a sport and it becomes almost impossible. This shows Hyman is a very well-rounded individual on and off the field.

Since she is just a freshman, the hope is that she will continue to improve over the next four years. Campo made it known that “she has a lot of talent. As the years progress it will be important for Hyman to work just as hard as she is to further herself in her playing career.”

With talent, good fielding and a dangerous bat, Hyman should have a nice career at UC. She will be able to showcase her skills in upcoming competition against Washington College, Muhlenberg, and Alvernia in the coming days.

Neal is seen above during their April 4 game against Eastern. He scored a goal in the Bears’ 14-11 win.

Upcoming Schedule:

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