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Two decades of Ursinus Fringe Festival

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Last week, Ursinus’ Fringe festival, which is inspired by the Philadelphia Fringe festival, turned 20 years old.

The event kicked off on Wednesday, September 11 with a staged reading of the “Euthyphro,” with Philadelphia-based actors Akeem Davis and Kevin Meehan playing Socrates and Euthyphro.

Thursday, September 12, featured the Cabaret Show, which is a varied showcase of the Ursinus community’s talents and performing skills. This year’s Fringe Cabaret featured a variety of musical performances and dance. The event was hosted by seniors Jeniece Butts and Justine Cinallli.

“We were lucky to have both students and faculty participate in this year’s cabaret. It was a great show and the audience was enthralled through the very end by all the performers’ talent,” said Cinallli.

Senior Tommy Armstrong, along with sophomore Liam Worcheck, combined and covered a pair of songs for their performance.

“I was so glad to perform again as a senior. I did an act my freshman year where I performed a scene from “American Psycho” and then played

Professor Walvoord wins First-Year Advising Award

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Here at Ursinus, the First-Year Advising Award is presented to advisors who have been exceptional helping freshmen transition into college life. This year’s recipient is Ryan Walvoord, an Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Walvoord joined the faculty at Ursinus back in Fall 2016. Prior to joining Ursinus, he received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Rochester Institute of Technology. Attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry and then conducted post-doctoral research at UC Berkeley.

According to the Ursinus College website, the award is based on “nominations from students and the winner is selected by a committee of past recipients.”

The award was presented to Walvoord at the Ursinus Day Academic Convocation (UDAC) by Interim Dean of Students and Co-Director of the Institute of Success, Missy Bryant.

From the website, during the award ceremony, Dean Bryant shared some words from a written student nomination:

A student wrote, “Dr. Walvoord is very deserving of this award. He is extremely enthusiastic and is always willing to help his advisees if we have any questions. He encouraged me to take classes that I wanted to take and helped me change classes last minute at the beginning of the semester.”

Walvoord said it was a great surprise to receive the award, especially considering that he has only been working at Ursinus for a couple of years. He wanted to credit Professor Mark Ellison for mentoring him in serving as a first-year advisor. In terms of guiding his advisees, he said he likes to make sure they know that they have support systems in place for them that will enable them to make it through their first semesters.

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He also tries to stress things such as self-care, and tries to ensure that first-year students are aware of all of the educational opportunities available to them. In terms of the resources he provides to his advisees, he goes over skills such as time efficiency and time management, and also takes them on a walking tour of campus when they first arrive here.

Dr. Walvoord enjoys advising and working through the unusual turns it can take, such as students wanting to change their major and deciding they want to study abroad. He believes that the relationship between an advisor and advisees should be different from the relationship between a professor and students because advisors are guiding students at Ursinus rather than evaluating and assessing them.

"Psycho Killer" on guitar, and this year I got to play 'Psycho Killer' again! Liam and I abridged and combined a song, 'On the Road Again' by Bob Dylan," said Armstrong. Juniors Myla Haan and Chrissy Foley performed a ukulele cover of "Lights On" by Maggie Rogers. Haan was quick to note that the space offered by the cabaret showcase is encouraging. "Though Chrissy and I experienced some fumbles during our performance, neither of us were worried or concerned because the environment is just so supportive," said Haan. Friday started off with an afternoon Hip-Hop Master Class held by Clyde Evans Jr. Later that evening Evans Jr. was joined by the Chosen Dance Company to give a Hip-Hop performance in the Blackbox. The last day of Fringe began Saturday evening with an improv rendition of "Doctor Who" called "The Improvised Doctor Who Parody." This event saw audience members assign the cast roles to the improv troupe members.

The Fringe festival culminated with that night's Drag Show in the Blackbox. The show featured professional performers from Philadelphia and New Hope.

The Golf team...
Men's golf competes at Spartan Invitational

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The Ursinus College Golf team had a very interesting and enthusiastic tournament at the Spartan Invitational. Despite not having the best first day, they were able to significantly pick up where they fell behind on the second and third day to finish 13th in the overall team standings.

Kyle Quagliero, who contributed to this comeback, says that even when the team was not doing its best, he and his teammates were able to stay as positive as possible for the rest of the invitational.

"My 75 was nice because I started out very poorly both days but stayed optimistic the whole time and grinded it out." Quagliero then explained how one of his other teammates was able to be a positive influence that helped lead the team to a higher ranking, "I believe our team has been greatly influenced by one of our players, Liam Bradley, since he's a very positive person and always optimistic."

Senior Brian Barrett spoke about a few team goals for the remainder of the season. "I think a good team goal would be top 3 at conferences. For us to accomplish our team goals we definitely need to focus on peaking at the right time."

With this in mind, he then reflected on past mistakes during previous seasons that he hopes the team will be able to correct this year. "Last year our fall season was good, but the spring went the other way. If we can somehow flip that script, we will be in good shape. Staying optimistic, trusting our abilities, and training over winter break will be key to a successful spring," states Barrett.

In addition to Barrett speaking about some team goals, senior Ryan Hodgdon had a few things to add to the list, including, "Break 320 consistently and play better against conference teams" and "Top 6 in conference."

With hopes that these goals will get the Ursinus College Golf Team up and running, we wish them the best of luck in their fall season. Go Bears!

Shammah Bermudez will depart from Ursinus

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Director of Disability Services and Section 504 Coordinator Shammah Bermudez will be departing from Ursinus College to join the Mitchell-Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he will oversee the Disability and Student Services.

Bermudez has been working in Disability and Services and Student Affairs for 10 years. Prior to Ursinus, he served as a coordinator for Disability Services at Delaware County Community College.

During his four years at Ursinus, Bermudez facilitated accommodations for students under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, a civil rights law that was originally passed in Congress in 1990 and protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination in the workplace, including other settings such as school.

He has served as one of the many faces who have supported students to reach their highest academic potential regardless of their circumstances.

"From supporting students in and out of the classroom, serving on committees with students, to planning awareness programs, I am always inspired by how much passion and drive Ursinus students bring to everything they do," said Bermudez.

He talked about the impact Ursinus students have had on his life. "It is also the relationships I have developed, many of the students I have worked with have stayed in touch even after graduation," said Bermudez.

As for his new role at Mitchell-Hamline, he's excited for what's to come. "I think I am most excited about the opportunity to create something new. This position is brand new for Mitchell-Hamline and I get to build everything from the ground up," said Bermudez.

According to Bermudez, Disability Services and the Institute for Student Success are currently in the process of searching for a replacement. "Whoever that is will have a great team to work with and be able to put their own stamp on it. I am confident that regardless of who comes after me, the students will always be supported."

Bermudez has stated he'll miss spending time with students at Wismer, going to athletic events and performances and attending homecoming, which is coming up.

"I love the energy that comes from working here and getting to know everyone on such a personal level. I will miss a lot of things, but most of all I will miss our students," said Bermudez.
Res Life launches “It’s On Me” campaign

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Let’s be honest, four years is a very long time to co-exist with the same group of people. With Ursinus’ requirement for students to live on campus for the duration of their education, it can be a little bit tricky to navigate how exactly we are meant to live together.

Residence Life has launched a new campaign for the ’19-20 school year titled “It’s On Me,” which strives to explain how high of a priority it is that students understand the meaning of being not only a good neighbor, but a great one.

At the beginning of the semester, Alyssa Caffarelli, Assistant Director of Residence Life, sent out a campus-wide email announcing the launch of the “It’s On Me” campaign. The email explains that “It’s On Me” focuses on the promotion of healthy living spaces, meaning that the residence halls are clean, friendly, and supportive. It encourages students to focus on the little things, such as asking how your roommate’s day was, picking up trash in the bathroom, and checking in on the condition of all of your neighbors.

Residence Life strives to make the lives of all students comfortable and pleasant, and that means educating everyone on how to synchronize in a helpful and sympathetic way.

The resident advisors across campus have gotten involved with spreading the importance of the new campaign. New Hall RA Julia Gilpin says, “It’s On Me” is a great way for all students in our community to take responsibility and hold each other accountable when fostering a safe environment. Everyone needs to be accountable to step in to hard situations and conversations among peers, even if that is very hard for them. The main point behind the “It’s On Me” campaign is to enable students to stop being bystanders. So many lives could be bettered or saved if someone just had the courage to intervene in hard situations. Essentially we want to encourage everyone to have a say, and step up during a challenging situation.”

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- Julia Gilpin, New Hall RA

The entering class of 2023 has a total of 439 students, making it one of the largest in Ursinus history, meaning that it is a significant priority that there are extensive resources available about learning to live with one another.

With so many different backgrounds being represented at the college, the campaign stresses how important it is for all students to be respectful, look out for each other, and listen to your neighbors.

So, amongst your extensive studying for this week, maybe pick up a piece of trash in your hall, say hello to someone on the stairwell, and smile at someone you have not met before. After all, “It’s On Me,” but really, it is on all of us.

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Wismer feeds more than Ursinus students

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Around campus, Upper Wismer is known for offering students a buffet-style dining option. Off-campus, Upper Wismer is also appreciated at a local food shelter called Manna on Main Street, where a program called Wismer on Wheels helps to feed residents.

Wismer on Wheels is an on-campus organization which delivers food to the shelter twice a week. Deliveries happen on Mondays and Thursdays to Manna on Mainstreet in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. This is thanks to Ursinus students who package leftover food from the dining hall. The food that is donated only comes from the warmers and has not been touched. This is a precaution to avoid any bacteria being transported. Wismer on Wheels avoids donating food items like soup, dairy, and fish. This is to ensure that the food does not expire quickly.

"I think it is very successful," says Nate Antwi, a consistent volunteer for Wismer on Wheels. "We have been doing [Wismer on Wheels] for four years now. I know the people at the food shelter appreciate us for being consistent donors."

Not only is Wismer on Wheels good for the community but also a great way to be sustainable. Food is not being thrown away -- instead it is going to places where it is needed.

According to Manna on Main Street's website, Manna on Main Street's goal is to diminish hunger in Northern Pennsylvania; their website shares that they provide food as well as social services and education for people in need.

Donations are a big help to make that goal come to life. "The constant donations and loyalty Ursinus gives is appreciated," says Jane Kro, a volunteer who is one of the assigned delivery people for Wismer on Wheels.

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If you would like to volunteer for Wismer on Wheels or to learn more about them, send them an email at wismeronwheels@ursinus.edu.

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Andrew Yang: promising or placebo?

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Potential Democratic challengers to the presidency have sprung forth from all corners of the country. Some have disappeared as quickly as they materialized, while others have managed to hang in there. Beto O'Rourke switched his branding strategy from Democrat Who Skateboards to Democrat Who Says Cuss Words, new-age guru Marianne Williamson briefly accrued memetic infamy, and Joe Biden's eyeball almost exploded in public. But out of all the candidates, none have surged from anonymity to popularity quite as quickly - or quite as significantly - as Andrew Yang.

Yang is a former tech executive and entrepreneur whose campaign mostly centers on two issues, both of which are influenced by his career in the tech industry. The first is automation, which Yang wants to greatly curb because he fears that widespread automation of labor will lead to mass unemployment. The second is less of an issue and more of a sweeping policy proposal: Yang proposes that every American over the age of 18 should receive a monthly stipend of $1,000, commonly described as a "universal basic income" or "UBI" for short.

At first glance, Yang and his campaign seem almost too good to be true. A buck underdog, not a career politician, who values creating jobs and distributing wealth in a way meant to tangibly improve people's lives? But, as bitter old people are fond of saying, when something seems too good to be true it usually is. For all his earnest concern about automation and its potential impact on the national economy, Yang is still an ex-asset of Silicon Valley, that arm of the private sector run by nu-yuppie tech bros who trust less than career politicians, it's entrepreneurs. I saw "The Music Man," people - I'm no dummy. According to the above-mentioned "New York Times" profile, Yang's personal campaign motto is "not left, not right, but forward." And I'm all for forward, lord knows we could use a little forward in these times, but, y'know... wouldn't LEFT be nice, too?

Why Ursinus could use a shuttle bus system

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This weekend, Ursinus students can take advantage of three pre-planned bus trips through the Student Activities office. The school often offers such programs on weekends, which vary in location, timing, and cost from week to week.

These trips are multipurpose affairs; meaning students have to be willing to commit a significant portion of their weekend if they want to take advantage of the break from campus. But outside of these pre-planned weekend trips - ergo, on weekdays, or to any but these select locations - Ursinus students without access to a car or the spare money for Lyft or Uber trips can find it difficult to make it off campus.

Access to local destinations like Target and Providence Town Center is limited, to say nothing of farther-off locations like Philadelphia. Both Target and Providence Town Center are about a one-hour walk from campus, rendered practically impassable by short but significant stretches where the hopeful pedestrian would have to walk along the edge of the open road.

There is local public transit, but not much: the only SEPTA line which passes campus comes once an hour on average, and it takes roughly 25 to 30 minutes to get to the Norristown Transportation Center. From Norristown it's possible to reach a greater variety of locations via Regional Rail and the NHS.

Unless they're conveniently situated along the 93's limited route, other local destinations are not always reachable by bus. In fact, the shortest bus route to Providence Town Center would actually take longer than walking there, by a significant margin. The difficulties outlined above can lead to a frustrating sense of being trapped on or near campus if you don't drive. Occasional shuttle buses to nearby but difficult-to-access locations might help to alleviate this sense of distance.

I also can't help but wonder how convenient a shuttle bus system - either college-subsidized, or covered by a nominal fee - might prove for certain Ursinus employees, some of whom commute to work using the previously-detailed public transit system.

It would obviously be impractical to create even an occasional bus route without the framework and expertise required, to say nothing of the lack of data on student interest. As a stopgap measure, or even a less stressful alternative, it might be nice if the Student Activities office surveyed the student body for interest in potential locations before choosing and scheduling weekend trips. Overall, I believe basically anything would constitute a substantial improvement over the current policy of sporadic, seemingly randomly decided outings.
Sipf agrees: “What lead to [our] success [versus] Bethany would have to be just the hard work that started after last season.”

Knowing that conference play was approaching, Gardner said, “Our mindset heading into Gettysburg is to make a statement to the rest of the conference that we are real contenders to bring a Centennial Conference Championship back to Collegeville.”

However, the Bears prepared for the Gettysburg Bullets just as they did for any game. “Our mindset for week two is no different than any other week. Every week is one roadblock in our way to be conference champions as coach would say, and we take that to heart. This is just another team trying to take something away from us and we don’t let that happen,” Sipf said. Spingler agrees. “We focus on playing Ursinus football and do it to the best of our ability.”

Spingler admitted that the team was eager for the conference matchup: “Heading into Gettysburg we’re excited and want to come out fast and focus on winning each play one by one.”

The Bears rolled over the Bullets, establishing a two-game winning streak and 1-0 CC record. Ursinus returns to Patterson field Saturday, 9/21 for a homecoming matchup vs. Juniata.

Games has been junior goalkeeper Addie Frey. Frey has shone extremely brightly. She saved a total of 24 shots on goal in the three games, with a goal saving average of 80 percent. Out of these 24 blocked shots, 17 of them were in the game against Rowan College.

Despite the fact that the team lost to Rowan, Frey kept her team in the game. Ultimately, Ursinus lost 5-4.

The game truly was a battle between the goalkeepers as each team had a high shot accuracy and played extremely well. However, Frey still outdid herself, and was awarded Philadelphia Defensive Field Hockey Player of the Week. The girls have shown that their team has earned their place at 13th in the nation. They continue to gain momentum to meet preseason expectations and perhaps exceed them with Addie Frey and Gemma Dufoe leading the charge.

Scores as of Monday, September 16

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FOOTBALL SHOOTS
PAST GETTYSBURG

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The Ursinus College football team has started its season off with a bang. With a strong defensive performance, the Bears won their home opener versus Bethany College (W.V.) with a final score of 22-10, and then their first conference game against Gettysburg, 48-10.

The Bears tallied nine sacks against Bethany, which matches the single-game program record that was set in 2016 and made it a historic defensive performance.

Junior defensive lineman Darren Sipf played an important role in the Ursinus defense with two sacks and four tackles. “The whole team was excited to get that first week win and start off the season 1-0, but we know there are things we could work on still so we know we gotta keep working,” said Sipf.

Senior defensive back Jack Spingler added 1.5 sacks to the Bears’ defense. “I believe we have a strong supportive and motivated group. [We] know what we have to do to get better and we were excited to pull out our 1st win of the season.”

Senior running back Stacey Gardner, who scored the Bears’ first touchdown of the game in his first game after a position change, believes “the work that we have put in to become a well-oiled machine began with the start of our offseason training last season and everyone has showed the will and desire to carry it through over the summer and hopefully through the rest of the season.”

The Bears believe their success was due to hard work and trusting their teammates. Spingler believes, “Trust overall lead to the success we had against Bethany. Trusting each other and having relentless effort won us the football game.”

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THIRTEEN IN THE NATION, ONE IN OUR HEARTS

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The Ursinus Field Hockey team has begun its season with a 2-1 record in three non-conference games after two straight seasons of conference games with 8-2 records. The team was predicted to come in third place in its conference preseason poll.

Over the summer, the Ursinus team was officially ranked 19th in the nation in field hockey.

Despite opening the season with a loss to Rowan, the team buckled down for back-to-back wins against Messiah College and William Smith College. Messiah’s field hockey team is ranked fourth in the nation, so this was a very important win for the Bears.

Against Messiah, senior Gemma Dufoe scored two goals, leading her team to its first win of the season.

In the following game against William Smith College, Ursinus took another win, shutting out the opponents with a score of 4-0. Each of these goals were scored by four different players: Dufoe, Devon Caroll, Erin Saybolt, and Kayla Paulson.

Another vital asset to this team and its stellar performance in early non-conference

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UPCOMING GAMES

Friday 9/20
Women’s Volleyball vs. PSU Brandywine
Women’s Volleyball vs. McDaniel*
Men’s Soccer vs. McDaniel
Football vs. Juniata

Saturday 9/21
Women’s Soccer vs. McDaniel

Monday 9/23
Men’s Golf at Williamsport C.C.

Tuesday 9/14
Women’s Soccer vs. Swarthmore

Wednesday 9/25
Men’s Soccer vs. Desales
Field Hockey vs. Swarthmore

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