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Remembering Terrence Williams

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On January 20, the campus received devastating news about the passing of Assistant Dean of Students Terrence Williams. The atmosphere immediately changed as the whole campus grieved. The Field House was filled with students, faculty, friends and family mourning the loss of a great leader on campus. This vigil was organized apace and provided a safe place to be connected as a community.

Williams was an advocate for the success of students of color at Ursinus College. He constantly looked for opportunities to make the school more inclusive. He created a safe space for many students, in and out of the Institute for Inclusion and Equity (IIE). Under his leadership, the IIE became an incredible space. It will continue to feel his presence and leadership.

Williams' impact was made evident in a Zoom memorial service that included current students, faculty, and alumni. Many people recalled his gift to create a positive environment in every room he walked in. He was notorious for making jokes and being direct with students. Williams did not hold back when informing students of their mistakes, hoping that they would learn from them. As a Dean, he was serious, but could switch up and joke around with anyone as if they had been friends for years. The sound of his iconic boots rang out across campus, and you could hear him from a mile away.

I am an out-of-state student and he once invited my sister (who does not attend Ursinus) and I to his house for Thanksgiving. He prepared a full, yummy meal and as we ate, he shared stories.

Also, he made dad jokes that made us cringe, but nonetheless made us laugh. He made us feel like family.

Jalen Everette '22 comments, "I wouldn't be where I am today without Terrence. His calming demeanor and perfect word choice helped an anxious high school student get on the right path to fulfilling my potential."

Terrence was always a vibrant energy, especially during faculty and staff pick up basketball games in the Bakes. Sharing multiple laughs and cheers with other members of the Ursinus community on the court, Terrence was an all-star. Diane Skorina, Director of Teaching & Learning Services, shared games with Terrence, as both teammate and opponent. "Terrence was so much fun to play basketball with. He played hard, scored a lot of points and blocked a lot of shots, but what

mattered most to me was his kind and encouraging spirit and his ability to keep the mood lighthearted on the court. I'll always wish for just one more high five," says Diane. Thomas Carroll, a physics professor, says, "As soon as you heard him yell "Cookies!" after a basket or a flashy pass, you knew Terrence was schooling someone in the post. He played with joy and intensity on the court. We loved him for that same joy and intensity off the court and we all miss him dearly."

His impact on the world, but especially the Ursinus community, will continue to live on.

We are so grateful for his leadership and care. We will miss you eternally, Terrence!

"I wouldn't be where I am today without Terrence."

-Jalen Everette '22



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Shots, shots, shots, (almost) everybody!

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Each day of the COVID pandemic brings another new challenge to Ursinus College. As we all know very well, students were required to be vaccinated before returning to campus in Fall of 2021. The vast majority have been vaccinated, with only a few exceptions. However, faculty and staff were not required to be vaccinated to return teaching in person on campus. Some students were bothered by the fact that the same expectations were not being made of the faculty and staff.

On December

20th, Ursinus announced that faculty and staff must be fully vaccinated by February 10. Dean Mark Schneider explained that faculty had not initially been required to be vaccinated because, “We had never seen any transmission between student and faculty. The faculty were pretty quick to get vaccinated so once we topped that 90% level we just said, we don’t really need to push beyond that at this point,” says Schneider.

Ursinus made the decision to require faculty to be vaccinated because students can no longer choose to be remote. “Students have to show up to class, faculty have to show up

to teach. It seemed really important that the highest level of confidence be surrounding what happens in the classroom. We wanted to make sure that the classroom is a place where everyone feels comfortable,” stated Schneider.

Ursinus cannot enforce vaccination guidelines as strongly with employees from outside contractors—such, as Sodexo and Olympus. This is a concern for some students, since these are the people who prepare food, and students do not wear masks when eating or drinking in the dining hall. Similarly, cleaning staff regularly enter houses, suites, and common areas to

clean, in living spaces where students are not required to wear masks. Schneider stated that, “We expect that they [Sodexo and Olympus] will have the same sort of standards on campus as we do, however they’re responsible for doing the enforcement with that. We regularly communicate with our outsider providers and they give us evidence that they are compliant with that. We aren’t taking responsibility to make sure all of their employees are compliant.”

This past Thursday, January 27th, Ursinus held a Pfizer booster clinic with Rite Aid. While the booster is mandatory for students who are

eligible, faculty are still not required to get it. “It [the booster clinic] is designed both for faculty and for students, we are encouraging the faculty and staff to do this but it is optional for them at this point,” Schneider said.

Ursinus continues to try to control COVID-19 cases on campus. As Dean Schneider said, “We have to push ourselves to be as normal as we can while keeping the campus safe,” he concluded.

Grizzly Grins

“Deep within us -- no matter who we are -- there lives a feeling of wanting to be loveable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is let people know that they are loved and capable of loving.”

- Mister Fred Rogers

Fun Dates to Celebrate this February:

- 2nd -- Groundhog Day
- 7th -- Send a card to a friend Day
- 14th -- Valentine’s Day
- 17th -- Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 21st -- Presidents’ Day
- 22nd -- National Margarita Day

A Note from the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Ursinus Family,

When wrapping up the fall semester, I was feeling quite overburdened and bogged down. Instead of studying like originally planned, I decided to plow through my desk drawers as a means of procrastinating. Deadlines do not just

vanish. You think a big bad passionate editor would know that through and through, right?

But I stumbled upon a pretty profound gift instead. The gift of notes, cards, letters, and emails people have written me over the years. And, yes, I held onto them. A handful of them are from my biggest cheerleader, my mom. She has

continuously championed me to break barriers and bust out of any small corner anyone tries to put me in. I have always been enamored of her ability to love effortlessly and vocalize it on paper and in practice. She never has shied away from the opportunity of sharing how deep her love is and just how proud she is of me. When I began to submerge

myself in the verbiage, I became so overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from not only my mom, but from others too. The feelings of joy and gratitude prevailed. My stress did not.

When taking a step back from the demands of school, I gained a deeper appreciation for the unapologetically, bold lover my mom truly is. It is

so often we underestimate the power of small caring acts, like a handwritten note or a nurturing conversation. Both of which carry the potential to make a fruitful, lasting impact. As a wise man once said, there is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved. I hope you resonate with this sentiment, not only on Valentine's Day, but everyday.



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Make a Grizzly Grin

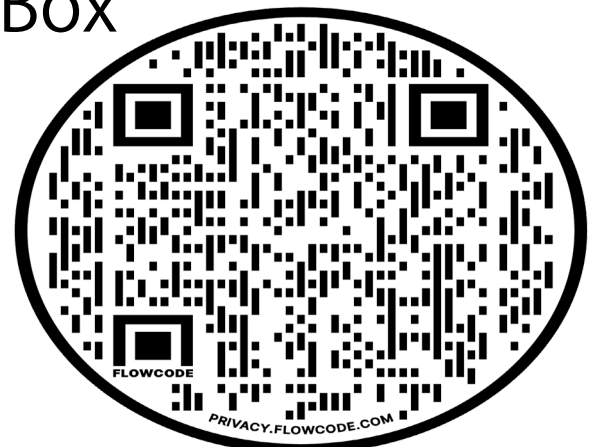
Our monthly challenge:

Give one genuine compliment to another for the next 28 days. It has to be a stranger, too!

How is it going?
Email us: grizzly@ursinus.edu to let us know!

Student Government Suggestion Box

Ursinus College Student Government wants to hear from you! Scan to fill out a Google survey to submit ideas or suggestions you want to see from Exec Board and Class Councils! Or if you have any problems you want us to address.



The Master Barista: Alexis Kimbel

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It's been about two years since Cafe 2020 made its debut at Ursinus College, and it's safe to say it's a student-favorite.

It's the perfect spot for an iced coffee, a warm pastry, and a vast selection of flatbreads and paninis. Every day, you can find a line past the bookstore filled with energy-craved students chomping at the bit to get their fix. With Cafe 2020's recent success, most of us tend to look past the faces behind the operation. It's easy to take Cafe 2020's work for granted, however, there is a person to credit their success.

Who is the smile behind our coffee? Who is the kind conversationalist that gives us our tea? That would be Alexis Kimbel.

Alexis Kimbel serves as the supervisor for Cafe 2020. She specializes in catering, food service, and putting a smile on customers' faces. There is not a day that passes by where Alexis does not come

to work eager to serve the students of Ursinus College.

"You guys drink a lot of coffee!"

-Alexis Kimbel

"I would love to start off by saying, boy you guys drink a lot of coffee!" exclaimed Kimbel hot off a lunch rush. "It's a very fast-paced environment, and I love it just because of that. I see most students 4 or 5 days a week and I love getting to know them and hearing about their experiences on campus."

"I love getting to know [the students] and hearing about their experiences on campus"

-Alexis Kimbel

Kimbel describes herself as a team player, working with a great bunch of employees who are eager to serve Collegeville some much needed energy. She also describes herself as a risk-taker, as she decided to embrace the challenge of heading her own team two years back.

She began her journey as a caterer

for Sodexo, a food service and hospitality provider. Amid the lack of catering opportunities during the Covid-19 pandemic, she was asked to be a supervisor at Cafe 2020. "Excited and nervous,

I stepped into the Cafe two weeks before opening to go through Starbucks training. I had a great Starbucks leader and manager at the time in order to help me adjust and learn everything needed. I am so thankful for them because Cafe 2020 has really been a success."

Kimbel has been with the Cafe since it's opening in 2020, and has done a very successful job garnering a strong group of student employees who spoke very highly of their respected supervisor. "Alexis came to work every single day with



Courtesy of Jenny Berrios

a smile on her face. Even on the gloomiest of days, she was always looking to brighten things up," said former employee, Jason Kleintz '23. "Whether it be with a new coffee recipe or a small conversation, she's always brightening up our day."

"Whether it be with a new coffee recipe or a small conversation, she's always brightening up our day"
-Jason Kleintz '23

With her continued success at

Cafe 2020, Kimbel is looking to earn a promotion. Her goal is to become a retail manager at Sodexo, or to possibly open a coffee shop of her own. While we would hate to see her go, we wish her the best of luck in any endeavors she chooses to pursue.

The next time you're looking for a high-quality coffee, or an even higher quality conversation, Alexis Kimbel has got you covered.

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And watch out for joint WVOU-Grizzly events!

Dress to Success

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Navigating the real world after Ursinus is an intimidating thought for many students. The Abele Foundation Scholars Family, though, has thought long and hard on how they can make this transition a bit easier for their students for years to come. By creating a “Dress for Success Program,” the Abele Scholars will be looking good, and feeling even better for their future job interviews in the coming months!

The Abele Foundation Scholars Program was established in the Fall of 2018 by active alumna Will Abele '61. The program chartered its gracious support to seven incoming Ursinus freshmen, as well as one student who has since graduated. The Abele Foundation Scholars Award is a prestigious scholarship that strives to provide support to “high achieving students with demonstrated financial need,” according to the Ursinus College Website. The scholarship pro-

gram not only strives to give students the extra financial support to be able to succeed at a four-year liberal arts institution like Ursinus, but to provide them with a tight-knit, positive community of like-minded individuals as they navigate through their college years and beyond.

The Abele Scholars Program has three main objectives: “transitioning to and through college to career, navigating colleges hidden curriculum, and a passion for one’s community.” With their pilot class getting ready to graduate this spring, preparing for what life will look like for scholars after graduation is becoming a focus more than ever. Scholars have done their prep work, taken their courses, connected with faculty and staff, and maybe even met the people who will be at their weddings. But they may not have any idea what they will wear to that job interview. Maybe their old prom suit that’s really

too small? Or that nice-ish sweater that you really hate the color of but it’s all you got? The Abeles understand this all too well and they don’t want it to be an additional burden for their scholars.

“Scholars have done their prep work, taken their courses, connected with faculty and staff, and maybe even met the people who will be at their weddings.”

But they may not have any idea what they will wear to that job interview.”

By providing their senior scholars with a “shopping spree” to the Philadelphia Outlets, they hope to provide business-appropriate clothing for future jobs, interviews, and other formal occasions to which their future endeavors may take them. On January 21, 2022, the Assistant Director of Admissions and Abele Scholars Recruiter, Allison Hoffman, accompanied the senior scholars to make sure they were ready to conquer the world after UC.

Abele Scholar,
Megan DePaul 22,



Courtesy of Julia Paiano

expressed her gratitude for the Dress to Success program, stating, “when we were shopping, Allison told us to shop for what made us feel confident. I now feel like when I enter an interview wearing professional clothes, I’ll feel confident and proud to share who I am.”

The Abele Foundation Scholars Program is continually thinking outside of the box. With generous and involved donors like Will and Joan Abele, students feel like they are involved in something bigger than themselves and a lifelong fellowship more or less than simply a scholarship.

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Dunkin' vs. Starbucks

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It is no secret to most scholars at Ursinus that caffeine is essential for getting through the long days of classes, lectures, and labs. Also, caffeine is needed for waking up or staying up until the early hours of the morning to complete an assignment. The necessary-evil (aka caffeine) most commonly comes in the form of coffee which students are able to purchase at either the Starbucks located in the Commons on the Ursinus Campus or the nearest Dunkin' Donuts. Since Dunkin' and Starbucks are two of the most

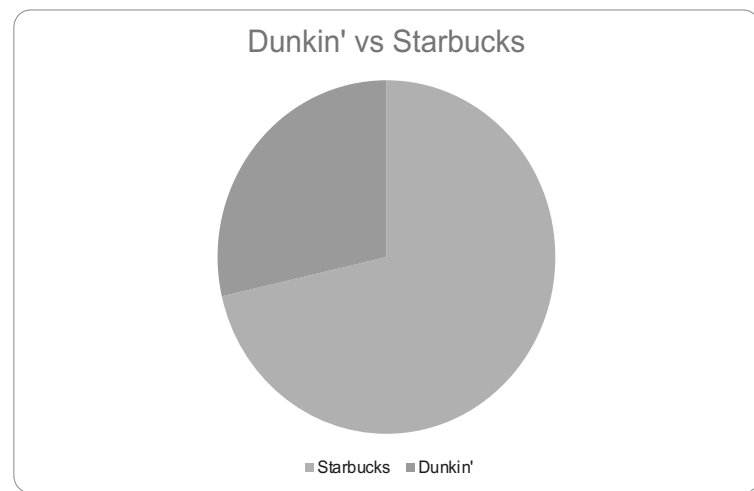
well known coffee chains in the United States, most residents make a choice of which drive thru to swing through to get their daily fix. Therefore, The Grizzly decided to ask: Do Ursinus students prefer Dunkin' or Starbucks?

As seen on the pie chart below, a total of 70 students were asked their preference with 50 ruling in favor of Starbucks and the other 20 voting for Dunkin'. Among the 50 that voted for Starbucks, Zoe Moosburger '24, elaborated on her choice. "Starbucks has a variety of drinks I like. Some

times I'm not always in the mood for coffee so instead I can get something fun like a strawberry acai. I also really like their bagels more than Dunkin' and it's more convenient to go to the Starbucks on campus than waste gas for the Dunkin' nearby."

Lots of students do enjoy the on-campus coffee convenience which makes it easier for students to get the energy boost they need. Of the 20 that voted in favor of Dunkin', Jessica Schnur '24, stated that "Dunkin' was closer to my home so it was easier

getting there. Dunkin' has far better food in my opinion, especially with their donuts. Not to mention, Starbucks is way too pricey for me."



A Dining Dollars Idea

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At the end of each semester, many students are left with a collection of hundreds of unused Dining Dollars.

By paying for friends' food, splurging at the C-Store, and just accepting that you're never getting the money back, you can distract yourself from this issue, but it's still an issue. A possible solution to this would be allowing students to use Dining Dollars at the Bookstore – at the very least for snacks and academic supplies.

Director of Dining Services, Michael Forstoffer, explained that Dining Dollar policy goes

through "the administration and business office." As for how frequently changes occur, Forstoffer further detailed "as they would be needed or warranted, there's no set parameter or expiration date for something being changed." When asked if there have been dialogues about Dining Dollars expansion to the Bookstore, Forstoffer responded, "not to my knowledge." For those interested in voicing their opinions, Forstoffer encourages students to "take it through the SGA, which would probably be the best outlet to try and start the motion and to move it forward." He reaffirmed Dining Services'

commitment to hearing student voices and said, "student comments are always taken into consideration for policies that are looking to be adapted or changed."

There are reasons some might be hesitant to allow Dining Dollars to be spent at the Bookstore. Limited inventories of merchandise, caused by the supply chain and ongoing pandemic, could make it difficult to restock merchandise after an influx of dining dollar sales. Adding on to that, the influx in quantity and frequency of sales during textbook returns could create a lot of extra work. Finally, it raises the ques-

tion of the applicability of dining dollars to other areas. If a book or a sweatshirt, which certainly doesn't meet the "dining" part of Dining Dollars, could be bought with dining dollars, why couldn't it pay for a replacement ID or a parking ticket? This would simply create future problems to deal with.

This is where the simplicity of a slight policy change comes into play. Snacks from the bookstore should be no different from using dining dollars at the C-Store. Both are using dining dollars at Ursinus-operated services for students to buy food. The C-Store

further offers students basic toiletries and first-aid, so the similar option to students of basic school supplies at the Bookstore would make sense as well.

By providing more outlets for students to spend their dollars, they should have fewer Dining Dollars at the end of the semester, with the added convenience of quick access to supplies and snacks at the Bookstore. It simplifies many of the logistics for Ursinus while adding convenience for students. Thus, a minimal policy change of allowing Dining Dollars for snacks and school supplies would benefit the campus as a whole.

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but all my strength is in my legs. So you see two different styles, even though it's the same sport."

Young wrestlers like Bowman have encouraged other women to try the sport. Bradley said, "I got interested in wrestling when I saw a poster of my high school team with a girl on it. I thought that was cool, so I joined the team." She explained, "It was definitely tough at first. I was the only girl on my team at the time. But the sport has definitely grown for women, and people are becoming inspired by that." Bowman and Bradley have cemented them-

selves as trailblazers, but they're far from finished at Ursinus. Bowman added, "I hope it continues to grow. I know plans are in motion for wrestling to continue as a co-ed sport, but hopefully as a women's program on its own—fingers crossed, of course." While Bowman remains hopeful that her efforts will establish a women's team at Ursinus, the future of the program lies in the hands of the college's community. On the "Pinning Inequality" campaign's homepage, wrestling coach Joe Jamison wrote, "While we are working towards that goal, and have the support from our administration, we will need a philanthropic

effort from the community to get this off the ground."

"Girls can be just as strong. Guys are usually strong in their arms, but all my strength is in my legs. So you can see two different styles, even though it's the same sport."

—Sydney Bowman,
Class of 2022

If you want to help make the future of women's wrestling possible, you can participate in the "Pinning Inequality Pledge." You can pledge a dollar amount for every pin the wrestling team achieves this season, and all proceeds will go toward starting a women's wrestling pro-

gram. According to the website, a donor agreed to fully match the donations if they reached \$100,000.

Wrestlers like Bradley and Bowman are counting on community support to make their Ursinus experience the best it can be. Bowman concluded, "It's great Ursinus is starting with its foot in the door for women's wrestling, even though we're co-ed, it's still great to see the progression of women's wrestling."

Bradley ended by saying, "I just hope we get the funding we need to make this happen. And also, to really just make it known to people that women's wrestling is a thing, and women can

wrestle," with a special emphasis on can. Bradley is absolutely correct. Women can wrestle, and they will wrestle. It's up to the Ursinus community to decide if Collegeville, PA will be added to the list of places young women can choose from when deciding where to continue their wrestling and educational careers.

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the players for instilling family values into the team. "He's a mentor to every one of us," stated Hughes. "He doesn't just want us to succeed at basketball, he makes sure we all learn lessons as we go through our years here at Ursinus. He's taught me so much in my four years that not only applies to basketball, but leading in life, how to be a good father, husband, brother, son, and so on." Small is actively instilling the traits to not only become good basketball players, but to become leaders; something that Ursinus surely doesn't lack. With thirteen players

on the team, the Bears only have three seniors in Ryan Hughes, Peyton Vosternak, and Matt McMahon. The three seniors have exemplified stellar leadership to their young core, successfully inspiring the ten underclassmen to buy into their vision and expectations. "These guys bought into a program where we work hard everyday and make sure we get better."

With only three seniors, the Bears' young core has really shined this season, in no small part due to the rise of sophomore guard, Trevor Wall. The St. Joseph's Prep product

has shined for the Bears as a point guard, posting 13.1 points per game and earning the starting job. "Coming here I really wanted to win and develop as a player, whether that be starting or coming off the bench," exclaimed Wall. "I am trying to progress game by game and elevate my play to help the team." While he has showcased elite level scoring, all his abilities aren't highlighted on the stat sheet. The guard does an outstanding job of running Coach Small's offense, essentially governing the Bears on the offensive side of the floor. He is a high

level communicator, and the sky's the ceiling for the young man.

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—Ryan Hughes,
Class of 2022

The Bears' future is surely bright as we have also seen stellar play from the likes of sophomore Beau Everett, Freshman Sean Neylon, and many more. "I hope by my senior year we can be the best team we

can possibly be," Wall explained. "We want to be feared around the centennial and hopefully accomplish a centennial championship along with a trip to the NCAA tournament. After all, we all came here to try and win championships."

With Ursinus' success this year with their young core in tow, it might be time to make some space in the Floy Lewis trophy cabinet. If you haven't hopped on the Bears' bandwagon yet, you better find a seat before it's too late.

Bear Down: Men's Basketball Edition

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Following the cancellation of the 2020-2021 season, the Ursinus Men's Basketball team is off to a solid start for the 2022 season. The Bears lost some notable names to graduation, losing three starters in Bruce Edwards, Lucas Olshevski, and George Gordon, which dropped the Bears to the #5 rank in the Centennial Conference preseason poll. With the odds stacked against them, the Bears accepted the challenge and came ready to play. With their win against Washington College this Monday, the Bears advanced to a 9-6 record, moving them up to #3 in the rankings.

Senior guard, Ryan Hughes, has been an absolute star this season, averaging a career high 18.6 points per game while also bringing in 6.6 rebounds per game. The guy has all the talent in the world. With his ball-handling ability

and decision making, he has maintained a field goal percentage of 50.5%. Not to mention that he can jump out of the gym, boasting 6 blocks this season as a 6'4" guard. Above all, Hughes has demonstrated that this team has the drive to win games as a family. All 13 players have bought into making this season as successful as possible. "Everyone on this team has a role, and we all bought into those roles when the season started. We look at ourselves as a family, and nobody is above one another."

The family aspect of this team has been truly special. The squad is often seen around campus together, spending as much time together as possible. It's no coincidence that the Bears value family, as they are led by the great Kevin Small. Coach Small is entering his 21st season as the Bears' head coach, and has been praised by

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Courtesy of Ursinus Athletics

Pinning Inequality

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On December 5th, Sydney Bowman '22, became the first woman in the history of Ursinus wrestling to earn a victory for her team, and she didn't stop there. She went on to clinch two more wins, ending the day with a 3-0 record. Bowman, along with her teammate Laura Bradley '25, hope to bring a women's wrestling program to Ursinus. Currently the team is co-ed, but the recent-

ly-launched "Pinning Inequality" campaign seeks to raise enough funds for a women's program by itself.

Women's wrestling is new to Ursinus, but Bowman explained, "I started wrestling in third grade. I don't really know anything different. I've been doing this since I was seven." She added, "I was lucky, and my coaches were very supportive growing up. I didn't really face too much discrimination - that I was aware of at least - especially when I was younger. But once

I got into high school, it was a little different. I was the only person in the locker room, which is nice, but you know it gets a little lonely sometimes. But the biggest thing is strength. It's very funny - wrestling. I wrestled a lot of matches against guys and only a few matches against girls, and it's two very different styles of wrestling because we're strong in different ways." She emphasized, "Girls can be just as strong as guys. Guys are usually strong in their arms,

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Upcoming Games

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Tuesday

Track and Field@ York
Women's BB@ 7pm

Women's BB@ 3pm
Men's BB@ 1pm
Wrestling@ 12pm
Track and Field Invite

Sunday:
Gymnastics@ 1pm