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\$3 Million Donation Creates Andrews Family Fellows

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Dr. Arlene Andrews McLean '62, has pledged \$3 million to establish the Andrews Family Fellows Fund. Thanks to the Andrews Family Fellows, STEM students pursuing advanced degrees will have the chance to partake in career-enhancing opportunities such as research. This fellowship honors McLean's parents, who drove her love of learning. "It's the Andrews Fellowship Fund, actually in memory of my parents who did not have college degrees, but spent their entire lives learning and instilled that in us kids," she said.

McLean's Ursinus experience had a significant influence on her career path, exposing her to a field of work that she grew to love. "My education at Ursinus did two things," she said. "It broadened my interests, made



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me want to learn more about arts, languages, music, you name it," she said. "As far as science goes, it focused me. I came into Ursinus as a physics major. So, a lot of physics, a lot of math. And then [I] took some biology courses, which I'd always liked. But it made me like biology even more."

Post-Ursinus, McLean spent some time figuring out where she wanted to go in terms of her

career path. "One of the reasons why I'm actually trying to focus on you folks now is that I meandered a little bit. I came out of Ursinus with a degree in biology, and looked around for a job, and found what I could get was a technician job." Eventually, she headed back to school, receiving her PhD from Thomas Jefferson University. Her career has been full of exciting experiences, from work-

ing as a statistician at Merck, a pharmaceutical company, to speaking worldwide about the clinical trials of the Hepatitis B vaccine. "As opportunities presented themselves, I was willing to try," McLean explained.

The Andrews Family Fellows Fund will not only support students' education and learning goals, but it will also relieve them of financial worries as they continue their education.

"This gift will provide two opportunities: first, to allow students to be exposed to more student-faculty mentoring, research opportunities, travel to conferences, and other experiences that will put them solidly among the best prepared to enter stellar graduate programs in STEM," said President Jill Marsteller '78.

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“Second, students will also have the tremendous opportunity to receive debt forgiveness once they complete their Ursinus degree, to help them persevere and earn their PhD.” McLean has high hopes for STEM students here at Ursinus, and wants the Andrews

Family Fellows to put students on the right track. “I hope it helps them to focus earlier than I did,” she said.

The Andrews Family Fellows Fund will build upon the academic opportunities already available at Ursinus. “Not only is Dr. McLean’s gift going to enhance the experience of the Andrews Fellows as

Marsteller described, but it is providing an example of extending our already successful Summer Fellows program to include more support and mentoring,” explained Dean Mark Schneider. In addition, the Andrews Family Fellows may open the door for more fellowship opportunities in the future. We hope that this

will encourage other donors to the college to consider gifts that allow us to extend these sorts of opportunities to students in other disciplines,” Schneider concluded.

“We are still working out details of the application process, but we will do this in coordination with the regular Summer Fellows applications,

so applying to Summer Fellows will put students in consideration,” said Dean Mark Schneider. If you are interested in applying for the Andrews Family Fellows, be on the lookout for information in the coming weeks about the application process.

Honor Your Experience

As the Class of 2022’s Ursinus story comes to a close, they begin to reflect on their past four years. During the final year, Ursinus seniors have been encouraged to give back to their beloved institution. It is suggested that students make a donation corresponding to their class year, example: \$20.22. Seniors will make the donation in honor of someone who has made a significant impact at some point during their Ursinus career.

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Bidding Alvert Hernandez Farewell!

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Alvert Hernandez joined Ursinus in 2019 where he resided in the Freshman center. Many of us know him from working with housing, conversing with him when we were figuring out where we were going to live. His first year he focused on freshmen and their housing, but as his time here continued he moved to focus on Reimert, New, and North. His work was truly felt by all areas of the campus! On March 11th, 2022 Hernandez said goodbye to Ursinus to continue his journey elsewhere.

Hernandez is moving on from Ursinus to join Moravian University as its Director of First Generation Student Initiatives, an inaugural position within the division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. At Moravian, Alvert will be in charge of building their first ever center for first-generation students. Hernandez will be able to give their college the help they need and specialize his focus to first-gen students and their success, addressing issues and topics such as “programming, leadership develop

ment, personal and academic advisement as well as additional resources for first generation students.”

When asked about what he is going to miss the most about Ursinus, Hernandez answered, first and foremost, the students. Throughout his time here Hernandez had built genuine relationships with students, something he will always cherish. Hernandez will also miss his amazing co-workers, a team that has supported him throughout his numerous endeavors. He will also miss playing basketball with students and staff, and noted that the athletes on campus are talented and helped keep him in shape!

Hernandez feels most proud of all of the positive changes he was able to enact throughout his four years here. He also cited the impressive work of Student Affairs, saying, “[they] made a lot of changes that have enhanced the student experience, for example, thinking about residence life through a more equitable lens and building a residence life programmatic curriculum.” However, Hernandez is most proud of the relationships he was able to build with students. At Ursinus, he was able



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to make a difference by “helping a student navigate college or even being a listening ear to a student having a challenging time.”

Hernandez concluded with how special Ursinus will always be to him. During his time here he has been able to learn a lot of lessons that will help him with his work at Moravian. Although these lessons have helped him in

his career, they’ve also been able to positively influence him as a person! He’s learned it’s important to put yourself first and to develop a healthy work/home life balance. One final lesson he will take to Moravian is to “always take my lunch hour to either shoot some hoops or break bread with co-workers and students in Wis!” Ursinus will miss all of

Hernandez’s hard work and his departure leaves a lasting impact on Residence Life. Ursinus wishes you well at Moravian!

Extra! Extra! Watch All About It

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Have you ever tried watching a newspaper? Well, on COSA 2022 you can watch a production of a living newspaper brought to you by Dr. Meghan Brodie's theater capstone class. Experience a live telling of climate change, a topic very important to the class, brought to you live.

How did this come to be? Dr. Brodie, inspired by the Federal Theater Projects of the 1930s and the "living newspapers," offered this capstone. As Jacob Ryan '22 explained, there were special grants for artists in that era and living newspapers were one result of this fund, with shows that "tackled important issues" such as unions and economics, and so knowing the context of how these began were very important in picking a topic, which was left up to the students. They came to class in January with a handful of ideas and ended up with a list

of roughly one hundred ideas altogether before they narrowed it down to climate change and, more specifically, water issues (such as shortages and pollution). Brodie has said that her class is full of "creative thinkers, artists, performers, designers, technicians," and "risk takers" and that being able to "create and fully produce their own play" is a "tremendous undertaking." She is so proud of how far they have come in their Ursinus careers and of their commitment to "[use] theater as a vehicle for social justice." Ryan said they get to bring the living newspaper "towards the modern age of theater" this way. Students took part in everything from writing scenes, designing the stage, marketing for the production, and acting, fully bringing this show to life. Director Ali Wolf '23 explained that she wanted her scene in particular to be "something [that] could happen to anyone." Each scene, as Zara Tabackin

'23 elaborated, was a collection of newspaper clippings.

Climate change was an important topic from the start, Gabby Marrero '22 said, even if the class at first did not know what to choose "because there's so much." Soon enough, issues revolving around water became popular, such as "water, having access to clean water, climate refugees... and [the] ocean levels rising," as Tibackan explained.

When asked about their favorite parts of the show, Marrero answered that she loved "learning about people from different walks of life" while Ryan said it was "seeing how everyone's collective part of this adaptation to make a whole emotional concise story." Emily Bradigan '23 and Naomi Marin '23 both also said they liked the "Rising Sea Level" scene and the monsoon, but, like much of the team, they agreed that the ending was one of their favorite parts

of the show. Wolf didn't want to "give anything away, but I always get the chills" while Foley told us that she may be "a little biased because [she] wrote it," but it effectively drives home the "sense of urgency and power" they want the audience to feel. I will leave it to you to watch the ending to discover what happens.

When asked what the team is most excited about, Tabackin shared that she loved getting to combine her acting and writing theater classes into one production and utilize her design skills from classes like lighting or sound design and "to be able to take those skills and make them meaningful." She also continued saying that it gave the class "an opportunity to get much closer" since they are "all in charge [with] little to no outside help." It really made the class feel like it was in the "real world" of arts. Bradigan shared that they loved seeing "how everything comes together"

from brainstorming to the dialogue to truly "immerse the audience." Foley said she was most excited to "see all [of their] hard work pay off" during the COSA performance after this "huge endeavor," and Wolf says she is so excited for everyone to see the final product, their "baby." They poured so much time into the design and technical work and it will be the show to see after a semester of wonderful productions.

For seniors, this was their last semester on the Ursinus stage. Both seniors interviewed performed in Sweat, the culmination of their theater careers, and had a hand in Rocky Horror, but this show was different.

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- Jacob Ryan 2022

Ryan said that it was the final product of how the theater department “really rounds itself out properly” and pushes them to answer the Quest Questions we have all tackled since CIE. “It culminates it into a point where the past four years makes sense as for how we were analyzing everything because we are now putting everything we have learned for

the last four years into action.” Marre- ro is grateful to have another “one last time” after Sweat and to get to perform with the theater fam- ily.

When asked what they wanted the audience to know, Wolf, the director herself, warned the audience “If you’re looking for a relaxing day at the theater then this is not the show for you. Living Newspaper produc-

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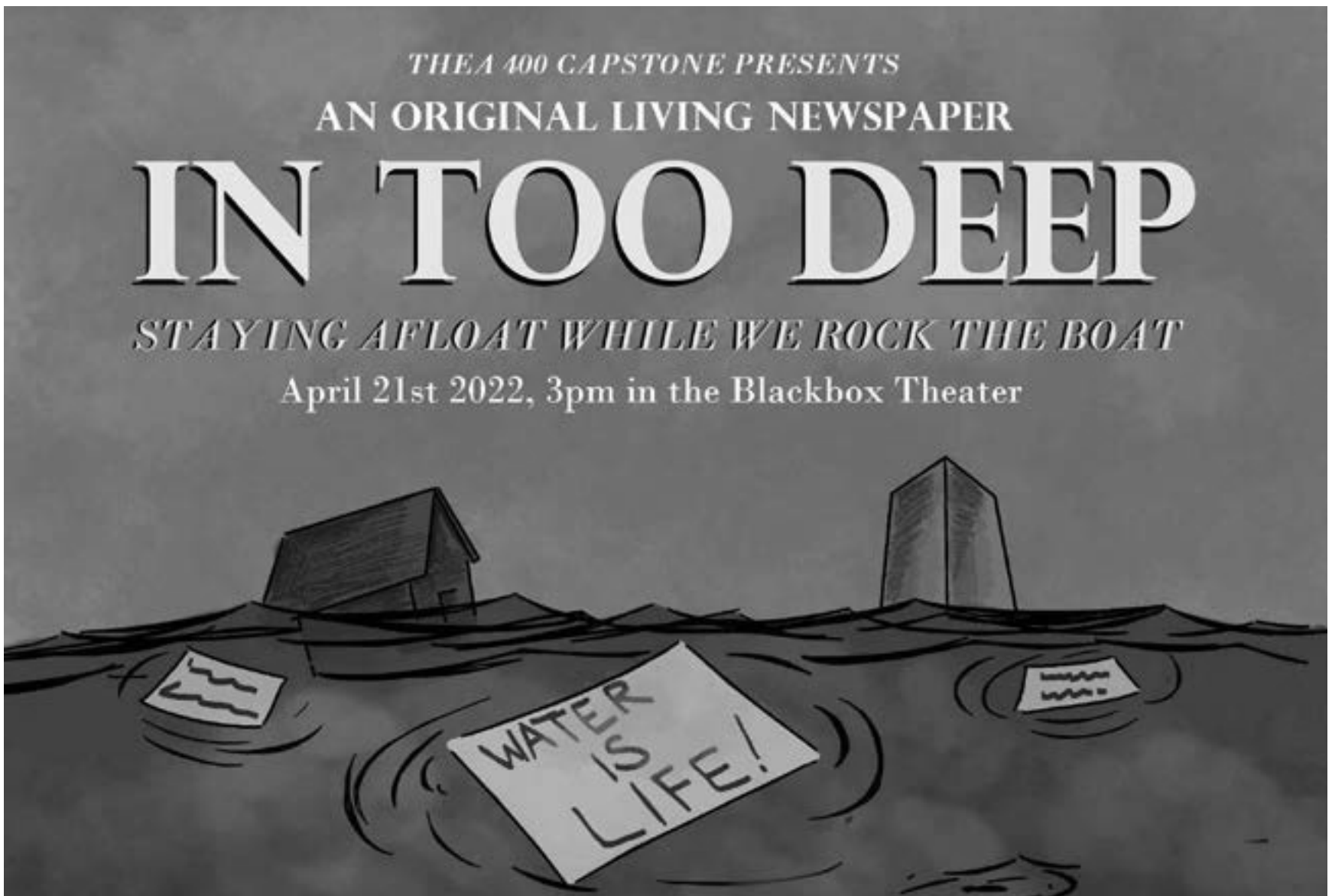
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- Ali Wolf 2022



Don't Judge a House By Its Exterior: Main Street Edition

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Between Reimert Hall, BPS, BWC, and the many Victorian homes that line Main Street in Collegetown, Ursinus' campus is surrounded by beautiful architecture that has stood for decades. From the outside, visitors, locals and students alike recognize the design and detail of these intricate homes. From the large porches to the decor around the trim of the homes to the unique aspects of every room, including large banisters

with intricate hand rails, trim surrounding nearly every door and unique floor plans, these are features we do not see often in homes today. These homes have housed many important men and women in Ursinus' history. Ursinus began buying the homes from founders and prominent figures of the colleges as early as 1890.

Although the homes appear to be well-kept by campus housing, there are many issues that arise for residents

time and time again. From the outdated appliances in the kitchens and bathrooms, to the dated flooring, the homes could use a refresh. The drab colors and lack of emphasis on the interior design brings down the home-y feeling. Adding new and fresh pieces into the homes would accentuate the Victorian aesthetic these homes and buildings have to offer from the inside out.

Granted, a different set of students are moved in and out

of these homes each year, many of the homes are permitted to register events, and the fact that they are lived in by college kids might suggest reasons why they aren't given these kinds of updates – along with the extensive time and cost it would take to make these renovations.

However, simple additions and renovations such as adding updated appliances, fresh laminate countertops, cleanly tiled showers, even waterproof hardwood floors

throughout the homes, would make a huge difference.

Moving away from home and family and into buildings with unfamiliar faces while adjusting to college courses is already a significant adjustment for many students. Adding a sense of comfort and warmth to the homes will not only attract more students to these residence halls, but ideally give them a better sense of home away from home on campus.

Ursinus Greenspace: Misused or Ignored?

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One hundred and seventy acres of Ursinus, and the greenspaces on this campus are barely used – have you noticed that? The Berman Lawn, Paisley Beach, and other surrounding large areas of grass go most of the academic year unnoticed. The Berman Lawn has two shining moments throughout the year, when Ursinus

students begin and end their journeys. During freshmen orientation, there is some form of a welcome event during the first weekend and then commencement for seniors in May.

Once in a blue moon, there are the occasional frisbee goers, a few students lying out on a blanket, or a visiting family's dog running amok. There are attempts to attract students to the

adirondack chairs spread out around campus, however, those invitations are accepted only occasionally. Junior, environmental studies major, Jenny Ronzoni feels that the lawns around campus are not beneficial to the community, both human and natural. "Lawns don't support wildlife. The campus would be so much more vibrant if the lawns that aren't being used

would be filled with more trees, shrubs and flowers," says Ronzoni.

As students, and the overall Ursinus community, I know we could go the extra mile to hold more events, casual or formal, on the greenspaces around campus. With such a stressful academic environment, especially for those with a rigorous course load or student-athletes, I think we should

be making efforts to spend time outside. Greenspaces should be put to good use rather than just mowed.

Ursinus likes to praise and advertise the beautiful campus, but how much use does that campus actually receive?

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played.

“So far my team started off with a 3-0 record within our conference, which is new territory for UCWT, and I am really excited to see how the rest of our season pans out!”

—Maddie Russell
Class of 2022

Senior Maddie Russell won both her 3rd doubles match and 1st singles match in a tie-break against Gettysburg. Not only did Russell secure two big wins that night but she also made the impressive achievement of winning her 50th match here at Ursinus!

“Achieving 50 wins is a huge accomplishment that I am very proud of and definitely wanted to achieve during my time on the team,” she says. She has high hopes for her last tennis season here at Ursinus. “So far my team started off with a 3-0 record within our conference, which is new territory for UCWT, and I am extremely excited to see how the rest of our season pans out!”

Despite the Gettysburg match running later than expected, the Ursinus tennis team prevailed, scoring their third win of

the season.

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Ursinus is excited to see what the Bears will do next.



Courtesy of David Morgan



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tle Beach by scoring 52 runs on the week and winning five of their appearances.

“Playing in such a special place, with so much history is amazing. The course and conditions prepared us for the tough spring season while also giving both teams a get-away and vacation.”

—Jessica Lamarca
Class of 2022

The last of the teams that had the privilege of going on a trip was the golf team, who took the eight-hour drive to Pinehurst, North Carolina, a site of the U.S. Open for the best golfers

in the world. The area is home to many golf courses and provided both the Men’s and Women’s teams with so many opportunities to prepare for spring competition.

“Playing the night matches under the lights with your team cheering is just special and only motivates me for conference matchups.”

—Maddie Russell
Class of 2022

Senior Jessica Lamarca talked about how this trip meant so much to the team saying, “Playing in such a special place, with so much

history is amazing. The course and conditions prepare us for the tough spring season while also giving both teams a get-away and vacation.”

Although they cannot stay on these trips forever, the athletes always find a way to continue their momentum even when back in Bear country.



Courtesy of Will Schwartz

Warming up to the Season

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Finding the rhythm and energy to move past the slump of winter and into the spring season can be a challenge, especially for student athletes. Many teams on campus had a change of scenery this year traveling to different areas of the country to compete. Finding motivation in nice weather, new competition, and a change of scenery helped these teams catapult themselves into the spring season.

With seven different teams traveling to places like Florida, Puerto Rico, and the Carolinas, athletes found getting out of the cold in Pennsylvania a motivator for some good play. Both Tennis teams got a chance to go to Kissimmee, Florida and had a great team bonding trip by playing all day and into the night under the lights. When asked about her experience on the trip, Maddie Russell,

senior captain for the Women's team, said, "Spending the week with my team on and off the court is awesome. We get a chance to spend a lot of time by the pool and relaxing, but most of our time is drilling and playing." Russell has now been on the trip three times and when asked what her favorite part was, she explained, "playing the night matches under the lights with your team cheering is just special and only motivates me for conference matchups."

Also while spending time in Florida, the softball team found a way to warm up their bats before coming back to Pennsylvania, securing a few wins and playing against strong teams. The team also found a way to make a real impact from the mound, striking out 21 batters on the week. The baseball team had a very similar trip as the softball team, finding success in Myr-

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Courtesy of David Morgan

The Long Match

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On March 26th, the Ursinus Tennis team was set to play Gettysburg College at 1pm at the Perkiomen High School tennis courts. However, the match ended up finishing at 2:45am in the Floy Lewis Bakes Center with Ursinus winning 5-4. How did this happen? Why did a tennis match run for over 12 hours?

Darby Rogers is

a sophomore on the Men's Tennis team who plays #2 doubles and #4 singles. Rogers and his partner lost in their #2 doubles match in a 7 point tie break, but he came back and won his #4 singles match 6-3 6-1. "The reason it ran so late was because it was supposed to be played outside starting at 1. However, the rain pushed the time back until 4pm, but because the courts were still wet, we had to move inside to the

FLB, which only has 3 courts. The women eventually started at 4:30 and it took them until 9:45 to finish their match, due to the fact it was so close.

This then gave the men 30 minutes to warm up and start at 10:15. Our match as previously mentioned was also so close and why it ran until 2:45 in the morning." He went on to say that this was one of the longest matches he has ever

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Upcoming Games

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Tuesday
Men's Lax@ 4pm Women's Lax@ 7pm	Track & Field@ 3pm Golf@ All Day	Track&Field@All Day Baseball@ 3pm	Track@ All Day Baseball@ 12pm Mens' Lax@ 12pm Tennis@ 12pm Softball@ 1pm Baseball@ 3pm Softball@ 3pm Women's Lax@ 3pm	Softball@ 3pm Baseball@ 3pm Women's Tennis@ 4pm Women's Lax@ 5pm