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A Look Ahead:

At *The Grizzly*, we believe that there is always something to look forward to.

'A Look Ahead' is a section where our team showcases upcoming articles. The purpose is to generate excitement within our readership and the extended Ursinus community. In our next edition, we are proud to present our 1,000th issue. We're celebrating everything *The Grizzly* has been, is currently, and will be.

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Budgeting for Ursinus' Future

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Photo Courtesy of Ursinus College Website

President Hannigan, who reminds students to call her Robyn, met with the Ursinus Student Senate on November 2 to discuss Ursinus' financial status and plans to move the college forward into its next era. The main takeaway? She plans to diversify our income stream through the management of our current properties as well as changing overall policies to improve the quality of life on campus, particularly for students.

Despite the rumors that float around saying Ursinus is in financial trouble, Ursinus is faring better than most similar colleges, Robyn says. Ursinus just about breaks even in the end financially, even with the deficit the college has operated in since 2016 of somewhere between \$2-5 million each year, which is recuperated annually through withdrawals from the endowment and donations. The college has withdrawn 5.7% (instead of the recommended 3-5%). Ursinus' only debt comes from the IDC bond, a \$10 million debt which the college has already allocated the money to pay off in 2026. Despite all of

this, the college has not borrowed against its credit or borrowed anything in order to keep the college functioning. Moving past Covid, the college is comparatively financially well-off compared to similarly-sized liberal arts colleges, according to Robyn, who was hired to "bring us back on-board."

Ursinus operates with a budget of roughly \$65 million, the funds for which are primarily collected through student tuition and room/board payments, and Robyn states it is "to the credit of the faculty and the staff that we are able to accomplish what we can" with this budget. With slim margins, there are some costs that do get shoved to the side, such as our depreciation budget. Each year the budget allocates money so that when facilities and equipment need repairs or replacements, there is the money to pay for them. However, the college currently budgets \$1 million each year when it should budget \$5 million a year, and has done this for a few years. Robyn did clarify in the senate meeting that student club funding will not





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few years. Robyn did clarify in the senate meeting that student club funding will not change from years prior.

So what is new with the budget?

To begin, Robyn is moving the annual budget meeting to the summer so the budget is approved prior to the school year beginning. Second, students learned that Ursinus owns the majority of Main Street. She discussed the possibility of the area between Second and Fifth avenues being rezoned from half residential-commercial and half-residential to entirely residential-commercial to promote more businesses moving into the area. She also posed the idea of selling a few of the properties in order to reinvest the money into other properties and projects such as installing air conditioning in Main Street houses. There is currently a public comment period on the rezoning of Main Street, at which current residents will discuss these changes. Robyn did clarify “we don’t want to be Phoenixville or Skippack. We want something that is college town but very reflective of Collegeville.” She also mentioned wanting there to be more high-end housing options in Collegeville, and for there to be more of a community for students to want to continue to live in after they graduate.

Another way Robyn suggested Ursinus could expand its income is through growing the student body, which was met with concern for what it meant to stay a residential liberal arts college. She said that she wished to ensure Ursinus stayed a liberal arts college and that she wants to increase the structures for student support so everyone can feel supported coming to campus, whether they are a commuter or on a sports team or any sort of combination. Over the meetings, she repeatedly recognized that student athletes carry advantages in regards to support systems that other students don’t have, which leads to a higher average GPA. Immediately upon entering the college, they have a group of peers and staff that check in on them and make sure they’re on top of their coursework. She

says she wants “EVERY student” to have this support system on a more comprehensive level, regardless of their “affinities.”

One limit to student expansion is housing. Currently 91% of the student body is residential, but Robyn seemed open to lifting the on-campus housing requirement for juniors and seniors, dependent on community input. She posed the idea of building an apartment building for student housing, but that partnering with a firm to do so would be most possible if they could see the student body was growing.

Much-needed changes to the meal plan were discussed, to the delight of the student audience. Robyn called our current meal plan “bizarre” and wishes to change that as soon as possible. She wants to implement meal plans at different pricings and work with Sodexo to change the available options as well as Lower Wismer. One exciting specific possibility is that she wishes to get Sodexo partner businesses to accept dining dollars and to encompass Marzella’s within that. The meal plan prices will not likely change for at least another year, but the other changes are already in their early stages and will “really begin moving” in this next semester and summer with Dean of Students Missy Bryant’s guidance.

Other notable budget items included athletics. Robyn plans to turf Patterson Field sometime this year and to turf Wilkes Field next year. Patterson is at the end of its life cycle, and the Wilkes turfing is to help expand the rugby program and give them a place to play on campus. The tennis court renovations will be finished this year as well, and the track will be renovated alongside Patterson Field. That will in turn free up more land off-campus to lease to a company for development. She clarified that this will not affect the organic farm or the cross country team’s use of Hunsberger Woods, especially since Ursinus doesn’t “own Hunsberger Woods

so [Robyn] can’t sell that. [She] would love to, that’s a lot of money,” she joked in the senate meeting. She had a vision of building a sort of apartment building or retirement home where the current rugby field is now, which would provide student housing, work experience, or another stream of revenue for the college.

The question of how the new president viewed the liberal arts was posed, and Robyn followed up after the meeting by stating, “the liberal arts are more relevant than ever. But Ursinus is, for me, not just about the liberal arts, but rather how we challenge ourselves to think beyond liberal arts.” Her definition and the community’s definition will dictate how Ursinus moves forward in the future, especially since she did repeatedly refer to Ursinus as a “business.”

She ended the follow-up by saying “higher education is a promise [which] enriches the individual, their family, community, and society towards prosperity and justice for all.” She clarified that she holds a “contemporary view” of the liberal arts, “one that maintains and grows the experiences that manifest new knowledge in service of a better future for all.”

Democrats Win Big in Pennsylvania Amidst Midterm Elections

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UCARE students getting Ursinus students registered to vote.
Photo Courtesy of Ursinus College Website

Last week, millions of Americans stuffed themselves into voting booths – or mailed in their ballots – to make their voices heard in this year’s midterm elections. This year, certain House and Senate seats were contested, and most states voted on governors. Here at Ursinus College, students and Collegeville residents alike made their voices heard at the Schellhase Commons. Members of the Ursinus Votes club have worked throughout the semester to help register eligible students. Student engagement has been rising steadily throughout the past decade – 81% of registered Ursinus students voted in 2020, compared to 66% at academic institutions nationwide, according to an article posted on the Ursinus College website.

Here in Pennsylvania, Democrats won both the Senatorial and Gubernatorial races. John Fetterman defeated Mehmet Oz in the race for the Senate by a few hundred thousand votes, becoming the first Democrat to hold this position since 1962. Formerly Pennsylvania’s lieutenant governor, Fetterman advocates for criminal justice reform, Medicare for All, and cannabis legalization. He also supports implementing a wealth tax and barring Congress members from trading stocks.

Josh Shapiro beat Doug Mastriano in the governor’s race by a significantly larger margin. Shapiro, formerly Pennsylvania’s attorney general, promises to protect abortion access, cut the commonwealth’s

corporate tax from 10% to 4%, and create a gas tax refund for passenger vehicles. Shapiro also supports unions, abolishing the death penalty, and investing in clean energy. Both winning candidates have proved popular with young voters, who favor their progressive policies. A CNN exit poll noted that most male voters and white voters without college degrees supported Oz, while most female voters, voters of color, and white voters with college degrees supported Fetterman.

Nationwide, it appears that Republicans will maintain control of the House, while Democrats hope to make up the majority in the Senate. The GOP expected to benefit from skyrocketing inflation, a problem often blamed on Democrat President Joe Biden, and new district lines following last year’s redistricting.

Voters also had decisions to make on numerous hot-button issues. Vermont, California, and Michigan residents approved constitutional amendments securing the right to an abortion. Following the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*, the issue of reproductive rights was once again returned to the states, many of which have already banned it. Recreational marijuana was legalized in Maryland and Missouri, but failed to pass in Arkansas and North Dakota. Most states have legalized marijuana for medical purposes with nineteen allowing recreational use. In recent years, the movement to decriminalize canna-

bis and expunge past offenses has gained nationwide traction. Last month, President Biden pardoned all federal offenses of simple marijuana possession. He’s also asked the Department of Health and Human Services to review its classification as a Schedule One substance. Schedule One substances are classified by the DEA as having no known medical purpose and a high potential for abuse. For reference, cocaine and methamphetamine are Schedule Two Drugs.

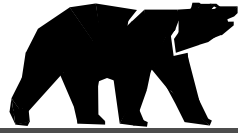
Alabama, Tennessee, and Vermont all passed ballot initiatives restricting forced prison labor; a similar initiative lost in Louisiana. The 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, but contained an exception for “a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.” This clause has been used to pay prisoners just cents per hour, with some states not paying a wage at all. Washington, D.C. residents approved a measure to increase tipped workers’ minimum wage from \$5.35 to \$16.10. The federal minimum wage - \$7.25 an hour - has not been raised since 2009.

If you didn’t or couldn’t vote this year, there’s still time to make your voice heard in the 2024 presidential election. Being able to choose who represents you is a right not everyone in the world has – so make sure your voice is heard in the years to come!

A Letter from the News Editor:

It’s been a pleasure serving as the News Editor for *The Grizzly* this semester. I look forward to continuing my work when I return again in the Fall of 2023. No worries about the future of the News section, as Chase Portaro ‘24 will be covering for me in the Spring. Thank you for reading!
Happy Thanksgiving.

- Sean McGinley ‘24



A Year's Worth of Plays in Two Days

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There are approximately 1.03×10^{51} ways to create a one act of twenty plays from *365 Plays/365 Days*, but Joey Nolan '24 has chosen one of those combinations from Suzan-Lori Parks' 2002 anthology for Breakaway Student Productions to perform December 10th and 11th. The anthology itself is comprised of 365 plays Parks wrote every day for the course of a year. Picking twenty plays from the selection, Nolan has composed a one of a kind performance you won't see anywhere else other than the stage in Bomberger Chapel.

How does one craft a one-act when the limits are endless (or very very big)? Nolan said he spent the summer reading the full anthology over and over again and picked twenty that stood out and "fit a certain existential vibe." He continued, saying they "work well together to tell a story about interconnectedness." "Underneath all of it is a message of hope while being hilarious," he added, saying "humor is a really powerful tool. It can give you a new perspective on things... even on a serious thing... that really enhances the importance of it." The plays are almost "a creative playground. You can do a hundred different things with them and it will still work."

Nolan chose the anthology after spending time studying the work last spring in Professor Scudera's class where groups of students performed selections from the reading themselves. He said he "really connected with the material because it was all about interconnectedness and connection through conflict."

Within the play itself, there are twelve actors each with two to five roles throughout the entire show, and two actors never leave the stage at all, Annie Zulick '25 and Abbie Painter '23. Zulick, who plays roles titled "Krishna" and "Someone Else," called the play "a wonder" considering "the dedication one must have to commit to writing a play every day for a whole year." She continued, saying "here we are, taking this beautiful creation and applying it to our experiences and creating something new." She said it was "very special" since it is "the ability to pick and choose certain



Courtesy of Joey Nolan '24

pieces and make our own storyline out of it all makes it an entirely new and unique experience." When asked about how she prepared for the show, she said "I really want to fully immerse my character in this play. It isn't a character I'm typically used to. There's not as much exaggeration, but rather I can bring my own truth to a lot of what I'll be performing. I want to live and breathe this character."

When asked why Nolan wanted to direct, he said he's "always had a passion for theater [and] wanted to see more of what it was like from the production side... to get out of [his] comfort zone and take the reins." He also discussed attending the Atlantic Acting School over the summer which he said "totally changed my perspective on everything. After living in New York and fully immersing myself in theater for two months, I really know now that's what I want to do professionally." He said it was a class of sixty and the others were the "greatest actors I have ever met in my life" and called the teachers "inspirational and incredible." Getting to attend the program allowed him to really "see the impact that theater has on people."

Nolan ended the interview making sure to remind everyone to "come see the show!" The show performs December 10 and 11 and follow up on Breakaway's Instagram, @uc_bsp, to learn more. Good luck to the cast and crew!

Concerts This Weekend!

Get your music fix in this weekend and come support the shows!

Saturday, 8:30pm - Loose Change Concert in Lower Wismer

Sunday, 4pm - Ursinus Strings Concert in the Bomberger Chapel

Meet Dora Zeibekis '24

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Junior Dora Zeibekis not only has a jam-packed schedule full of schoolwork and activities, but has also turned her academic experience into a business. As a biology and Spanish double major, Bonner Leader, biology TA, member of the Ursinus women's investment fund, and academic coach, Zeibekis already has a lot on her plate. Now throw in a studygram-turned-business, known as @coffeestudi on Instagram.

Zeibekis' studygram was born out of her own academic obstacles and her desire to improve herself academically. "In 2020 I started looking up ways to do better in school and I discovered a lot of tips online that helped me," says Zeibekis. "I thought that I would share what I learned with the world and so I started my blog on Instagram!" Her Instagram grew quickly, and with nearly 125k followers, her academic tips have reached students from all across the world. "Flash forward two years later, I would have never imagined that it would become so big," she says. "I love how I can help students from all around the world!"

In addition to providing school-related information and tips on her Instagram, Zeibekis now offers academic services outside of her studygram. "Just this year, I started offering personalized academic coaching lessons online and I have really specialized in what I can help students with," she says. "My main three services are teaching study tips, time management, and aspects of wellness to students." Her goal is to support students and help them gain a sense of control over their academic journey. "I do this in hopes that students can have more autonomy, success, and feel more inspired even if they are struggling."

Her pursuit of providing academic help to others has helped her to learn about the different aspects of business. "In terms of my business I have really learned how to work with brand partners and make more connections with others who want to collaborate," she says. "I'm hoping in the next few months I can find more ways to ex-

pand my income revenues in creative and fun ways on my platform." In addition to gaining business experience, Zeibekis has connected with students from all over the world. Zeibekis has had the chance to work with students from numerous countries, from China to Spain to Cuba. "Because of this, I feel pretty comfortable working with all different kinds of students and feel confident in helping them," she says.

The success of her studygram has opened up new career possibilities for Zeibekis. "I came into college wanting to go to medical school, but now that I have found something that I both love and am really good at, I want to slowly develop this into a private business," she says. "After college, I will likely apply for a job in the research or pharmaceutical world, and will put most of my free time into my passion for helping students." Her college experience has also fostered an interest in teaching. "Down the line, I think it would be wonderful to work as a professor at a college teaching biology or help guide professionals in career development," she says. But for now, Zeibekis is living in the moment and enjoying her remaining time at Ursinus. "...right now, I'm really excited about my last two semesters at Ursinus where I might be doing more research. I'm planning on graduating a semester early, so traveling with my friends is also something that would be wonderful to look forward to."

Zeibekis hopes to convey a realistic college experience to her online audience, not a perfect one. "That's why I focus on posting content online that reflects my college experience and shows both the good and the bad days," she says. Although she received some criticism when her studygram began, Zeibekis has continued her work of providing accessible academic resources and information to students online. "I am so glad I listened to my heart because I can't imagine my life without this passion of mine," she concludes.

If you would like to keep up with



Courtesy of Dora Zeibekis '24

Zeibekis online, access her academic tips and resources, and check out her great coffee content, be sure to follow her on Instagram at @coffeestudi. If you are looking to book an academic coaching or tutoring appointment with Zeibekis, make sure to visit the link in her Instagram bio.

Happy Thanksgiving from *The Grizzly!*

Have a great rest of your semester and be sure to join back for our 1,000th Issue next week commemorating *The Grizzly's* History! Get some rest and finish up the year strong!
- Marie Sykes

Want to write for *The Grizzly*?

Pitch meetings are on Wednesdays at 7pm in Ritter 141.
Reach out to Grizzly@ursinus.edu to get involved or sign up for MCS-006-A for next semester!



Senior Beer at the Senior Bar

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Senior year senior beer! Or not, depending on where you were standing at Molly Maguire's in Phoenixville this past Halloween. A new tradition of a series of off-campus senior-only outings (first introduced by Kate Hunt of the student government of '22), this year's Halloweek-end bar went extremely well in terms of a great turnout and a good time, but unfortunately was still missing a few things: reasonable ticket prices and, in some cases, the drinks themselves. But still, two full bus loads of students showed up, indicating great prospects, if not anything else, for future senior events throughout the rest of this academic year.

Kicking off the start of this series of outings, it was clear that the organizers, this year's student government, had a vision: senior unity, fun drinks, and continuing last year's legacy. Their only problem? Never having planned such a large-scale event for their peers before. Ursinus did not sponsor the event, so the student government was left to their own devices, and had to coordinate all logistics from scratch. This entailed choosing the location, talking with the owner, calculating ticket pricing for the students, coordinating transportation for everyone, etc. Their efforts were successful in the sense that so much of the class showed out, but the event did not go without some criticism.

Claire Hynes '23 noted to me, "at least in the beginning it was more hectic than I'd expected, with everyone trying to get drinks. It was really crowded and only two bartenders were working. It was really fun being

able to talk to people that maybe you don't see all the time, but my only complaint was that the tab ran out ten to twenty minutes after [we got there], so some people only got one or two drinks." No one person can really be held at fault for these issues, but they were widely recognized among the students who went out that night. Last year's senior class paid \$5 for entrance into the Trappe Tavern to get free drinks (with required tips) whereas this year's senior class paid six times more to get an average of two to three drinks. And that only happened if a) they were lucky enough to push through to the front and then possibly be waited on, or b) they were insistent enough to pay for their own tab after the group one ran out. So, at face value one can see why students may have been frustrated at this outcome. But luckily for student government this was really the only major issue, and it can be easily changed for the future—changes may just mean switching back to the Trappe, or even simply coming up with a different type of deal in coordination with the bar owners. Claire also pointed out that different systems could be used to ensure that everyone gets what they are promised on the flyers: "maybe if there was a ticket system where people were given a certain number of tickets to give to the bartender in exchange for drinks that could be easier for everyone." It's certainly an idea that would help maintain consistency.

Overall there is definitely something special and full-circle about going out as a senior class, and even

with a few hitches in logistics the night still proved to be a good one. I also reached out to alum Kate Hunt who told me about the past events and offered advice to her student government successors: "It definitely took a lot of work and I had to establish a strong relationship with the Trappe [in order to pull off the senior bars]. The only advice I have is just go for it—if you don't ask you'll never know. I never thought the Trappe would offer us free drinks and I never asked—I just called and [the owner] basically just wanted to help in any way he could." And with so much time left in the school year, things are essentially bound to improve. The class of '22 witnessed at least four senior bars: their Halloween event, an ugly sweater party, a 100-days countdown to graduation, and 10 days until graduation which also happened to be Cinco de Mayo. Hopefully, this sense of unity and school spirit will be kept up through similar events this year!

As plans for the future commence, it seems that the student government is working hard to improve what they have begun. Fun and out-of-the-ordinary senior experiences are not only important for celebration and full-circle-moment purposes, but they also help bring the students out into the surrounding communities of Phoenixville, Trappe, and of course Collegeville. So to all the seniors out there, make sure to cherish each and every last moment you have here on campus, and then come out to the senior bars!

Field Hockey Season Recap

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The Field Hockey team has just completed another season. With an overall 10-9 record, 6-4 in the conference, AND making the Centennial Conference semifinals, the Lady Bears have a lot to celebrate. There were a few ups and downs, as any team will endure, but the Lady Bears left the fall season with a winning record.

After taking a brutal 2-3 loss to Swarthmore, Wednesday October 19th, Ursinus' first loss to that school since 2002, the Lady Bears did not lose until the semifinals. Following the Swarthmore loss, the Lady Bears celebrated Senior Day with a huge win against McDaniel at home, honoring their six seniors. The Lady Bears won with ease, 4-1, against the Green Terror. Team unity is the key factor to UCFH success, and Coach Janelle Benner and the senior captains create fun bonding ideas for the 23 student-athletes. Activities off of Snell such as pumpkin painting, team dinners, and Sunday study halls, helped to destress the team in such a competitive conference and season.

I was able to interview members of the team and hear how they thought the season went. Firstly, what better way to get a feel for the team this season, than from a newbie! Freshman Gigi Testa enjoyed her first season as an Ursinus FH Bear: "Reflecting on the season I would say it exceeded my expectations. It was really great to adapt to the new faster paced level of field hockey. I was thankful for Coach Benner keeping us organized and focused while still making everyday fun." As a freshman, the pressure can be on. Testa felt the support from her teammates and senior captains throughout the entire season. "My biggest personal achievement was scoring my first collegiate goal. It was a really fun game and my teammates were so happy for me. I also think I grew a lot as a person and a player as I tried out new positions and adapted to playing with a new team," says Testa.

Senior captain Laura Rothschild has seen it all in her last four years of Ursinus College Field Hockey. "Our confidence and

connections grew dramatically and led us to become more successful each day. Our final run was against a nationally ranked, talented team. I would have loved to beat Hopkins in my senior season, but we gave them a good run," says Rothschild. After the semifinals loss, Rothschild continues to see positives, for herself and her team. "We were the first team to score on them in conference play in the past 3 years. I am happy to have had this season as my last one and will miss it terribly," says Rothschild.

To cap off a successful season, five senior Lady Bears received All-Centennial achievements! Jordan Moore received First Team, captain Laura Rothschild and Jordan Ulsh received Second Team, captain Sarah Symes received Honorable Mention and Addie Plummer received Sportsmanship Team.



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From the Bench to Breaking Records

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There's 35 seconds left in the Ursinus-McDaniel game and the Bears are up 1-0. A McDaniel player hits a long free kick. A McDaniel forward meets the ball and flicks it towards the goal. Bear's goalie Kaela Frenchman dives to the ground grabbing the ball, securing the 1-0 win over McDaniel on Senior Day.

During the fall 2021 season, Frenchman dove to her right side in practice when a teammate asked to shoot on her in-between drills, and tore her posterior lateral capsule in her knee. She said, "I didn't find that out for a month and a half until I got my MRI." Several doctors' appointments followed the MRI, and the doctors concluded that she did not need surgery because the tear wasn't bad enough to get an operation. But it was bad enough that she couldn't play for the remainder of the season. Frenchman did rehab for 6 to 7 months, 5 days a week, and got a cortisone shot, until she was finally able to run again come spring season.

Spring season was all about "getting back into it, and getting my feet wet again," Frenchman stated. After the conclusion of the spring season Frenchman had to change her mindset from being an injured player on the bench, to wanting to become the starting goalkeeper for the fall 2022 season. Bears goalie coach Jodi Clugston-Voss described how she asked Frenchman after the conclusion of the spring season, "are you okay with being on the sidelines, or do you want to play?" Frenchman replied, "no, I want to play." Clugston-Voss then said, "well you have to prove it to me." Frenchman said, "I had a mindset switch after our spring playday, where I just wanted it...I wanted to win, I wanted to win in every aspect, I didn't want the coaches to have any reason to not play me." She proved it. Frenchman described how she took the summer workout packet very seriously and worked out 6 days a week with no extra rest days.

Come pre-season, that grind paid off. She excelled in all of her goalkeeper fitness tests, as well as the field player tests. She



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gave credit to her coaches for pushing her to change her mindset and, "my family, teammate Izzy Allocco, and Liv for keeping me there." Clugston-Voss stated, "she has really put the team first by coming into pre-season in shape." Frenchman started 15 out of the 17 games throughout the season, not playing in just two games due to injuries.

Frenchman has been working her whole life to be able to play college soccer, starting at age three when her older brother started kicking a ball around with her. She has been a goalie since she was six years old in rec soccer but said, "I started taking goalkeeping really seriously in about 8th grade." Frenchman explained how her dad pushed her to become a goalie because she was an outfielder on a softball team and said, "I played 3rd and 1st base, which is a lot of reaction time and just like footwork and agility, so they kind of went hand-in-hand." One of the factors she described

that set her apart from other goalies from a young age was her ability to kick the ball really long, which her dad had taught and worked with her on.

Frenchman said she chose to come to Ursinus because the team was welcoming, and she really liked them but also "that the team would appreciate me as a goalkeeper which was big because I've been on teams where they kind of just don't care about their goalkeeper." Ursinus ended up being the right fit for her as she broke many records this season. Throughout the fall 2022 season Frenchman ending up breaking two single-season records for save percentages and goals against, as well as tying the shutout record in a season with seven. Goalkeeper coach Clugston-Voss stated, "I am very proud of her and our team." From being injured on the bench, to breaking records, Frenchman had quite a comeback story.