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## Good Samaritan Policy Changes: Good Ideas?

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On Tuesday, August 29th, students filled the Musser Auditorium for Student Government’s first Senate Meeting of the semester. The schedule included typical beginning-of-year formalities, including changes made to club funding, Wismer improvements, and the introduction of new Student Affairs Staff members. The hot topic of the night, however, was changes to the student handbook and the Good Samaritan Policy.

The Good Samaritan Policy enables students to call for medical assistance in a crisis without fear of disciplinary action for behaviors such as underage drinking. For many years, Ursinus has used this Policy in practice, according to Dean of Students Missy Bryant, but it was not included in the handbook until last school year, reflecting the change of Pennsylvania codifying immunity for college students seeking medical attention last year (section 6308). Because of the passage of this law, Student Affairs added the Policy by mirroring language found in the policies of other colleges in the Centennial. After fur-

ther deliberation, they concluded the language in last year’s Policy regarding hosts and registered events was too broad and worked towards the changes reflected in this year’s handbook.

Communicated at the end of August, the Good Samaritan Policy was adjusted for the 2023-2024 year to add additional information regarding event hosts, with the handbook now stating, “In circumstances where a student or organization is found to be hosting a registered event where medical assistance is sought for an intoxicated guest, and the hosting organization or student contributed to the needed medical assistance, the hosting organization or student(s) may be held responsible for violations of the Code of Conduct.” This language was changed from last year’s handbook, which did not include guidelines about the host or student contributing to the medical attention.

Adding liability for hosts, concerned students argue, will cause students to hesitate to call for help in situations of crisis. The student calling and the one injured will still have protections.

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According to Dan Kelly, Associate Dean of Students, the updated policy includes more direct language to cover “egregious behaviors,” such as forcing drinks, hazing, or excessive selling of alcohol to students under 21. Student Body President Ben Douglas spoke about the challenge codifying terms into the handbook such as “egregious” or “excessive,” as they can be difficult to define, but are included in the how the administration explains and will address the College’s policy when enacted.

The administration is scheduling meetings with SGA and concerned students to better clarify the Good Samaritan Policy. While these changes are considered, students should not hesitate to reach out for medical attention if someone needs it.

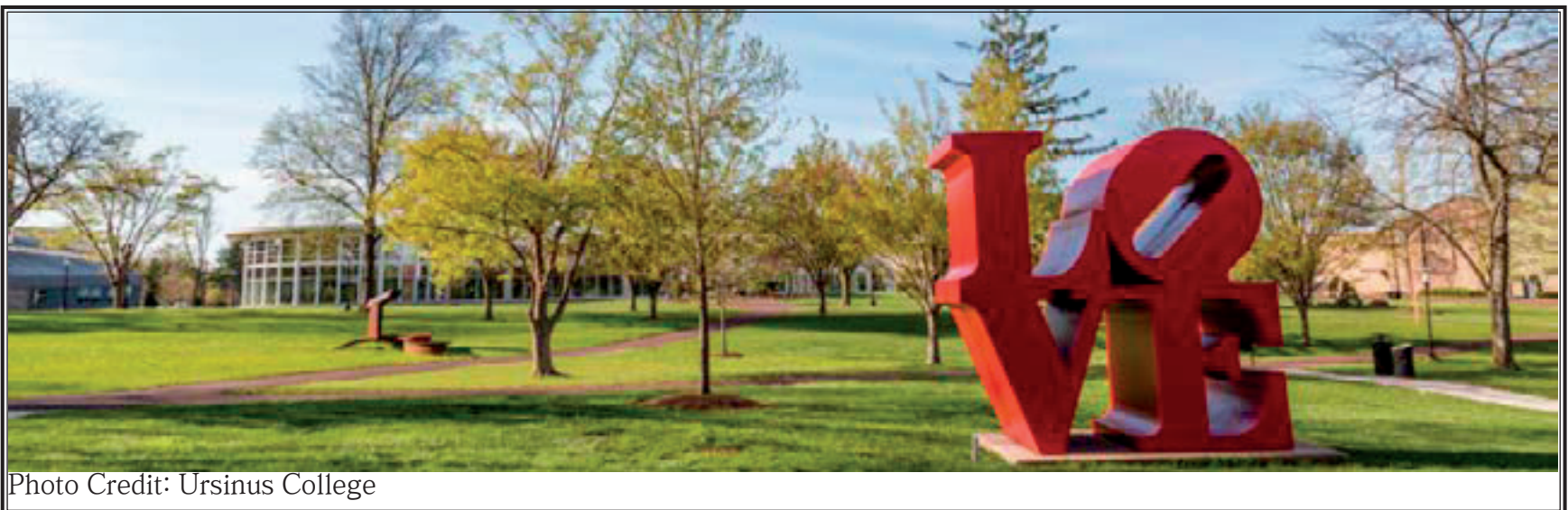


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# Changes Across Wismer

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Bubble tea, acai bowls, and a new Tour of Italy - Wismer pasta edition? Dining services saw some notable changes over the summer, everywhere from Naturals to Cafe 2020 (with Lower Wismer to see a complete renovation next summer).

Upper Wismer now serves Wawa coffee and boasts a Tour of Italy pasta station complete with bread and dipping oil, and a salad of the day, alongside a promise of expanded future meals being served at the Saturday night steak night and the Wismer Grill.

Lower Wismer now does not close until 9:30pm, though only one of The Grill, SubConnection, and Tres stations will be open from 7-9:30 in a rotating schedule. Jazzman's has more sandwiches and the C-Store now offers a variety of new protein-based snacks and "power beverages." This expansion of drinks is happening across campus with Naturals and Cafe 2020 carrying a similar variety, such as a protein smoothie to go. Bubble Tea can be found at any of these three places and acai bowls are new to Naturals. Cafe 2020 has afternoon dessert and beverage specials from Monday through Friday as well, but they struck one key item from the menu: the soup of the day.

What do students think about these new changes? Nick Chlanda '25 and Annalyse Dickinson '25 both commented that the food options had definitely improved.

Gianna McCarthy '25 particularly enjoys the new mini chocolate chips for the yogurt (located behind the salad bar). Connor Bernier '25 said the "desserts have been really good."

Natural's new acai bowl has certainly been popular these past few weeks, according to Tanya, who runs Natural's. The acai bowl has been the subject of one key complaint: its \$9.99 price tag (with the equivalent of 1.3 meal swipes for about two scoops of acai and either four customizable toppings or 4-6 set toppings). "So expensive," Lauren Markley '26 commented. Missy Bryant responded that using meal swipes at Natural's and Lower is using a "meal equivalency" and meal swipes may not equal a meal.

Verity Wolf '27 pointed out their shock at the C-Store prices. One pack of sushi rolls costs \$13 and the new charcuterie board is \$18.99 for 12.5oz of meat, cheese, and olives.

Furthermore, a dozen eggs cost \$4.69, compared to \$1.19 at Target, and Panera soup is now priced at \$8.19, where Target sets it at \$5.69. For students on the dining dollar plan, this raise in prices also is accompanied by the convenience fee taken out of the available spending power, as students pay \$2,588 for the plan and only receive the equivalent of \$1,749 dining dollars (with the 60 meal swipes combined with the \$1299 dining dollars), making

this conversion factor \$1.47 USD paid for \$1 Dining Dollar. So when a student pays \$8.19 Dining Dollars for a bowl of Panera soup from the C-Store, they are paying \$12.03 USD, a bit over twice as much as they would pay for it at a local grocery store. The Bake City Protein Muffins have a much lower discrepancy, as they only cost \$0.50 more than a single muffin is worth in the bulk pack on the brand's website. When asking about the cost of items a few years ago in the C-Store compared to now, a

Wismer employee pointed out that the cost of food has gone up.

Another cost complaint is the new commuter dining plan, with three options ranging from \$475 to \$1,195, with a similar chunk of spending power taken out to the dining dollar meal plan. "It's more expensive than it's worth, but I can see that the benefit is convenience and it brought it to the parents' attention. My mom never talked to me about [buying food] [until she saw the email]" Hannah Conley '23 said, who chooses to use Bear Bucks to buy on-campus meals instead, which comes with a 10% discount to purchases rather than a 47% extra cost, as students on the dining dollar meal plan pay.

One concern was the inaccurate rumor that meal plans increased in cost by 25%, though this is unfounded. Bryant confirmed that they increased by 3%, as was announced last November. Faculty meal costs also increased in Upper Wismer (not student meal costs, whether on the Bear Buck or not), though Bryant stated during the senate meeting this was to keep it fair since the faculty prices have only increased by \$0.50 in recent history, and that was in 2020. The meal plan has increased as well as in-house item prices, though there has not been an increase in dining dollars or meal swipes accompanying these plans.

A few students did say they wished Upper Wismer had more options for those with dietary restrictions. Wolf said she wished there was some sort of option beyond fruit for a vegan dessert, and Miara Truong '25 said she wished it was more obvious where the gluten free options are, "especially with dessert." She said the only change for gluten-free options were with the pasta bar, but she "[hasn't] found any" other changes.

Students are encouraged to submit suggestions to Wismer if they want to see any changes. There will be a dining survey released soon and its contents will help inform the dining contract negotiation this next year. Until then, enjoy exploring the new Wismer options.



Taste of Italy Station  
Courtesy of Marie Sykes



# Student Handbook Changes

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## Banning of LED lights

The banning of LED light strips also confused some members of the student body. At the Senate meeting, Ben Douglas said this change was made because Facilities reported damaged walls from the lights' adhesive.

## Bears Own Up

Bears Own Up is a new resolution option for students who violate the Code of Conduct. It states, "Students who choose to accept responsibility for violations of the Student Code of Conduct may forgo an administrative hearing and opt to move through Bears Own Up. Through this method, students work with a Student Affairs staff member to create a plan for them to

repair any harm caused by their actions, rebuild trust with those impacted, and make sure no further violations of the Student Code of Conduct occur in the future."

## Fire Safety

A new addition to the handbook states that more than 50% of dorm walls cannot be covered. Executive Director of Campus Safety Gabby Wright talked more about this at the Senate meeting as well. She discussed how some students decorate their walls with wrapping paper along with having candles and hot plates in their rooms, creating a fire hazard. The handbook now also specifies that appliances such as fridges and microwaves must be plugged into a wall, not a power strip.

## New Member Education (NME)

The length of Greek Life NME is now shortened, with a six-week maximum rather than eight.

## Drinking Games

"Beirut, beer pong, or water pong tables" have been added to the list of banned binge drinking paraphernalia. Dan Kelly spoke about this change at the Senate Meeting, adding that all of these games encourage excessive drinking, even in cases using water.

Students can find the handbook on Ursinus's website and direct any questions about these changes to Dean of Students Missy Bryant.

# Letter from the Editor

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Welcome back to campus everyone! I hope everyone had a great summer and good luck on the year ahead of us.

As a quick introduction, I'm Marie and I'll be your Editor-in-Chief this year. I've spent my time in The Grizzly covering everything from the arts to investigative journalism pieces as well as making some puzzles here and there. When I'm not writing for the Grizzly or doing physics homework, you can find me playing the drums, writing fiction, or working out. I also love digital art and cross stitch and am in the process

of planning out a new piece. I'm an avid tea drinker though most recently I got into espresso.

The Grizzly serves as a place to highlight student voices on campus, whether that is through showcasing what we do, what we think, what we care about, and more. This is a place for students to learn about what is happening on campus outside of their own sphere as well as celebrate the really cool things happening on campus. It's a place where students can make change. Most of all, this paper is literally composed of student voices, highlighting

them by default.

If you're interested in writing for the Grizzly, whether that just may be for one specific article or something long-term, reach out to the Grizzly email (grizzly@ursinus.edu) and let us know or speak to an editor. We also have a team of photographers and have been known to include comics and puzzles in the paper.

I'm looking forward to this year ahead. There is much planned for The Grizzly and I hope you enjoy reading along.

# Hello from the News Editor

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Hi, I'm Erin Corcoran and this semester's News Editor. I've been writing for *The Grizzly* since my sophomore year and I am very excited to continue writing through my final semester, along with being more involved with the pa-

per. Outside of The Grizzly, I am a Media & Communications Major, with a Digital Studies and English minors. a DJ and webmaster for WVOU and a student worker at the Berman. Being a part of The Grizzly, especially the News

section, I want to bring important issues and students' perspectives to the forefront of discussions on campus. If you have a story you'd like to see reported on, send me an email!

## ODA's Peer Mentor Program

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How should we live together? Joining a new community at college, this core question calls us to live thoughtfully with others, and more than that, it calls us to contemplate what the word “relationship” means. A relationship is the state of being connected. The intention of the Office of Disability and Access' Peer Mentor Program is to facilitate relationships within the Ursinus community, joining pairs of students who may find a connection. The program works to join mentors who want to give back to their community, having experienced their own uncertainty or hardship during their first year, with mentees who are concerned about navigating the social aspects of college.

ODA's process for matching up mentors and mentees is always under development and changing. Depending on the number of applicants, ODA likes to facilitate mixers. Assistant Director of Disability and Access Joanna Timmerman says that the mixers “give students more agency in their matches” and allow students to “see if anyone just ‘clicks’ together!” However, Timmerman also likes to consider herself a “decent matchmaker!” The applications for mentors and mentees ask students what they hope to get out of their relationship and includes the types of activities the students would like to do together. This creates an idea of who might be a good fit. Dee Singley, Director of Disability Services and 504 Coordinator, and Timmerman have personally met all of the students in their program, getting to know their interests, majors, and schedules. Therefore, Singley and Timmerman have a good idea of which mentors and mentees share similarities. According to Timmerman, “Last year I was able to pair a mentor who was an athlete with a mentee who was going to be juggling theater and dance. While not the same interests, we felt the mentor would be able to (and very

much so did!) provide guidance on how to balance time between academics and extra-curriculars.” Once the students are paired up, they can begin to participate in the experience of connecting and building a relationship with each other.

This experience will most definitely be different for mentors and mentees, but the experience will also be mutually beneficial. Both parties will gain something from the experience. According to Timmerman, ODA's “hope for our mentors in this program is for them to build leadership skills and see themselves as someone who can and does serve their community in meaningful ways.” Timmerman would also like to shout out ODA's mentors from last year (many of whom graduated), as they had 100% retention of mentees from fall to spring. Payton Fritz, a current sophomore and a mentor this year, finds this program to be very important. Fritz says, “It can be hard for some people to find their footing in college and sometimes it can ruin college experiences. Life at Ursinus is such a fun time and I want to help others have a great time like I do!” She states that a huge part of her freshman year was the experience of getting help from upperclassmen on a variety of things, and she would like to have the experience of passing that down.

While the experience of mentors is one of leadership, the experience of mentees is one of support. ODA's hope for the mentees is for them to feel supported as they discover Ursinus, especially as they explore the abundance of opportunities that campus has to offer. “Our hope is that our mentees can realize that they are part of a significant community of students with disabilities on campus, which may help reduce feelings of loneliness or insecurity,” states Timmerman. Along with the goal of making mentees feel connected and confident, ODA sees

the Peer Mentor Program as an avenue where students can see themselves in their mentor. According to Timmerman, mentees “can picture being a student leader and achieving success at Ursinus as a student with a disability.” Through this program, ODA wants all participants to feel “more confident in themselves and their decision to attend Ursinus!” Timmerman added.

What will I do? This core question calls us to contemplate the extent of our power to impact different communities. With the singular “I” especially, it can be a daunting question. Can just one person really make a difference? The mentors in ODA's Peer Mentoring Program are exemplifying that this is indeed possible. They are demonstrating that each student is capable of positively impacting the campus community, starting with just one mentee. Making a difference does not have to be on a large scale, it can simply start with making a difference in one person's life. This leads to a domino effect, causing a mentee to become a mentor and resulting in a larger impact than one previously thought was possible. These connections are invaluable because connections do not just strengthen relationships, but they also strengthen and unify the whole community. With the addition of this program, Ursinus is continuing to be a community full of support, connections, and students who can make a difference.



Taken from the Ursinus website



# Meet SGA President: Ben Douglas

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Meet Ben Douglas, class of 2024 student and Ursinus's SGA president. During his time in Student Government, Douglas has plans to increase SGA's presence on campus and utilize SGA's influence to improve the college experience for all students.

Douglas's motivation for joining Student Government stems from his desire to improve students' time at Ursinus. "I decided to become involved in student government towards the end of my sophomore year because I value the Ursinus experience, but do think there are ways in which it could be improved," says Douglas. "By getting involved in SGA, I've been afforded the opportunity to be involved on campus in a way that I hope will allow me to leave Ursinus better than I found it."

Douglas's involvements extend far beyond his position as president. He has been involved across campus as a computer science major and a member of the Ursinus Rugby Club. In addition, Douglas works as a part-time software developer for Lockheed Martin.

Douglas expressed his goals to collaborate more with the student body and build more awareness of SGA on campus so that students feel comfortable approaching Student Government with concerns. "During my time as president, I would like to see the student body start to utilize SGA more," he says. "I hope that through this upcoming year, we can build students' awareness and trust in student government." Ultimately, SGA's work will be a joint effort with students. "I believe that if we all come together, we can be a force for change on campus that will ultimately improve the Ursinus experience and hope to instill that attitude in as many students as possible throughout my time as president," Douglas says.

In conjunction with his goal to make SGA's involvement on campus a collaborative one, Douglas encourages students to approach him and other members of SGA with ideas and issues. "I would like students to know that as SGA president, I value their input and hope that they are comfortable sharing their opinions/concerns so that SGA can advocate on their behalf," says Douglas. "I would encourage any Ursinus student to not hesitate to reach out to me or anybody who is a part of SGA to provide their input."

Douglas and the rest of the SGA executive board are busy with plans to improve the Ursinus student experience in any way they can. "SGA has a lot planned for this semester, in addition to the events our social chairs intend to host throughout the year, we plan on continuing growing SGA's influence on community improvements," he says. "This includes initiatives such as advocating for a fairer educational environment through the implementation of the newly created Student Regulations Committee, encouraging the facilitation of a more equitable living environment across campus by installing water filters in Main Street houses, and improving the accessibility of the valuable resources provided by the Wellness Center." SGA's current plans are not exhaustive, and Douglas emphasized this. "Beyond the initiatives we have planned, we are prepared to advocate on behalf of the student body whenever necessary," he says.

For Douglas, the overall hope is that SGA becomes an active and involved organization on campus that works alongside students to create change. "As president of SGA, I want to help SGA grow into a sustainable force for good on campus," says Douglas. "I hope

that through the efforts of this year's Student Government representatives, we can begin to get SGA more involved in the decision-making process on campus to ensure the student body's thoughts and concerns are heard and valued."

The campus community is excited to work with President Douglas and the SGA executive board this upcoming school year, and we cannot wait to see what SGA has in store to help improve the Ursinus experience. If you have any concerns or topics you would like to discuss with SGA, reach out to Student Government at SGA@ursinus.edu. Meetings are generally every other Wednesday, with the next meeting post-publication on September 27 at 8pm in the Pfahler Auditorium.



Ben Douglas  
Taken from the Ursinus website

Meet the new Features Editor! My name is Kate Horan, and I am a junior here at Ursinus. I am an English major with a minor in Media and Communications Studies. Outside of class, I am a Writing Fellow at the Center for Writing and Speaking and I am the Marketing Assistant for the English Department. I was the Opinions Editor for The Grizzly last year and I am the Features Editor this year. I love writing and editing, and I am very excited to work on The Grizzly this semester! It is going to be the school newspaper's best semester yet!



## Upper Wismer's Wonderful New Eats

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In our Ursinus College community, the Wismer Center is always a big topic of discussion. Is it good? Is it bad? I love Upper Wismer and as a first year, I'm here to give you my honest review.

My main breakfast has been a strawberry yogurt bowl paired with Nature Valley granola. Additionally, I get a side of freshly sliced, juicy fruit. It's very filling and gives me the energy I need before heading to class. Occasionally, I'll get omelets, breakfast sandwiches, and pancakes. They're all excellent choices. And I must say, the potatoes have my heart. Whether they are diced potatoes, hash browns, tater tots, or curly fries, they are top notch



Photo Credit: Andrew J. Perez

any day of the week.

Lunch time is great because the food is freshly ready to be served. I've been by the salad bar a lot because the diversity is unmatched. Generally I'll make a huge salad, consist-

ing of diced grilled chicken, cucumber, tomato, hard boiled egg, bacon bits, and bleu cheese dressing. In my view, these combos and flavors create a unique match, making me hope the salad bar doesn't get slept on.

Dinner reminds me of what's cooked at home. The barbecue chicken is my



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favorite so far because it's smothered in a tangy and savory sauce. I find it heavenly along with their mushrooms. They are amazingly tasty, don't knock it until you try it. Other options like pizza and desserts are outstanding. Wismer offers desserts like cookies, pies, and cupcakes. A stand out is their chocolate pudding pie. It is to die for! Pizza proposes styles like buffalo chicken, meatlovers,

and mushroom. Sicilian also, which I love. The pizza and desserts rotate every day.

Overall, the freedom of choice in Upper Wismer is wonderful. I'm looking forward to a great year dining here!

## Editor Introductions

**Mairead McDermott - Layout Editor '24**

Hi! I'm Mairead, rhymes with parade! I am the layout editor for The Grizzly, so I make all the fun details and the overall look of the newspaper. I am a double major in Art History and Anthropology with minors in Museum Studies and Chinese Language. I work at The Berman Museum of Art where I am leading a digital archival project of the Francoise Gilot collection.

If you have any opinions on the layout or fun designs you want to see, let me know!

**Renie Christensen - Social Media Editor '24**

Hey! I'm Renie Christensen and I'm the Social Media Editor for The Grizzly. I am an English major with a minor in Biology. Outside of The Grizzly, I'm a student advisor, an academic coach, a member of Tri Sigma sorority, and involved in STAT! I am ecstatic to be a

part of our team of editors this year.

**Hannah Conley - Website Editor '23**

Hello. I am a senior Physics major in my last semester here at Ursinus and happy to be a part of The Grizzly. Outside of The Grizzly, I am also a Physics Lab TA and a member of the Society of Physics Students. In my spare time, I often carve artisan wooden spoons out of wood scraps or firewood. I also enjoy other forms of amateur woodworking, whittling, and art in general. One of my proudest accomplishments in my time here at Ursinus is winning the cover prize of the Lantern 2023 issue.

**Sean McGinley - Opinions Editor '24**

Hi, I'm Sean McGinley and I'm the Opinions Editor for The Grizzly this school year. Outside of The Grizzly, I am involved with the Admissions Office, Melrose Fellows, and Pre-Law

Society. I enjoy being a part of The Grizzly because I think it's really important that students be provided with a resource to engage with their community and stay informed about their school.

**Georgia Gardner - Photo Editor '25**

Hi, I'm Georgia and I am excited to bring a new vibe to the Grizzly with awesome photos. Outside of The Grizzly, I am a Ucrew peer educator and love helping others! I am an avid hiker and videographer. The Grizzly's photos help catch the attention of students and staff to read the amazing articles that our staff and editors produce and that's why I love photography! Seeing a snapshot of what is going on around our campus helps readers be more engaged. I hope I do well as the photo editor and allow the Grizzly to thrive!





## UC Soccer on Fire!

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The sun radiated onto Patterson Field last Wednesday night, a beautiful environment for men's soccer as they took on the Immaculata Mighty Macs. The weather was fitting for an Ursinus soccer team which recently has been the hottest thing in town. The Bears have found themselves lighting up the scoreboards with 18 goals in just 3 games, the same number they scored throughout all 14 games of last season. But what has caused this incredible offensive renaissance?

It all started on October 19th of last fall. The Bears, 3-7 at the time, faced off against a stout 5-4 Muhlenberg team that would eventually take home the Centennial Conference title. The Bears had faced injuries and hardship throughout the year, but this represented a massive opportunity to put on a showcase for the Centennial Conference. They fell down 2-0 early, seemingly overmatched. But they would rally to turn the game into a 3-3 tie, battling back against a solid squad. Senior Tommy Molliss described the game as a showcase of "what we can do if we're resilient," pointing to their ability to battle back despite the early conditions. It is with this confidence that the Bears seemingly approached their offseason, striving to get better every day, but also to come together as an overall team. Coach Daniel Clitnovici pointed to the team's ability to create "genuine relationships... and actually get to know one another on and off the field" as a crucial piece of the team's success, ensuring chemistry on the pitch between teammates. Molliss agreed, stating the team has been "much more on the same page" in comparison to last year, making it "easier to get the ball into the attacking third and ultimately score more goals."

The Bears' teamwork has certainly translated into success for the Bears on the pitch, as the team has started 3-0 for the first time this decade. A huge



Photo Credit: Donovan Dyitt

piece of this has been the resurgent offense, aided by the breakout season of sophomore Julian Faust. Faust suffered injuries throughout most of his freshman year, but described how he took injury prevention "more seriously" in the offseason to come back even stronger. With three goals against Medgar Evans in the season opener, Faust scored the most individual goals in a game for Ursinus since 1993. He is also the first Bear in two years to earn Centennial Conference Player of the Week, a tremendous honor given for leading the league in goals and assists to that point. "It feels great to be recognized" exclaimed Faust. "Hopefully as a team we'll continue to have success and other guys can have the same opportunity." It certainly seems like that could be a serious possibility. Ursinus leads the Centennial Conference in almost all categories to start the season, with Sophomore Collin Deal tied for the conference lead in goals, Senior Harry Lorenc and Freshman Simon Muether leading in assists, and Molliss leading in total points. Coach Clitnovici points to the "free-flowing attacking brand of soccer" which the team has developed as a large reason for all of this offensive success. "We are playing with a much braver mentality" he emphasized, noting that the team "...still has a way

to go" but is "approaching this season on their front foot." This certainly rings true in watching the Bears' play style. They attack more than anyone in the conference with 83 shots on the goal, striding down the field with an aggressiveness that opponents have simply been unable to match. As Molliss points out, the Bears are simply "...ready to take on any challenge that's ahead of us."

Ursinus' explosiveness has taken over the Centennial Conference these past few weeks, but challenges still await. They still have yet to face their inter-conference rivals in teams like Gettysburg, Muhlenberg, and Johns Hopkins, as well as strong out-of-conference squads like Haverford College and King's College. But it's hard not to be optimistic, and the Bears certainly have their sights set on continued success. "We have a lot of work to get done in order to be better from game to game" pointed out Coach Clitnovici, "We will continue to focus on the processes of getting better each and every day." With both an explosive offense and a steadfast mindset, it's hard to see this success stopping anytime soon. Be sure to get out and support the team as they continue their season against King's College this Wednesday, and Go Bears!



## Bears' Football Comes Out Of Hibernation With A Head Of Steam

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Following a successful 2022 season for Ursinus Football that featured a starting lineup composed of mostly seniors, the biggest question for the Bears this offseason was, "With all of the departures from the 2022 team, who is going to step up?" Now that the 2023 season has officially arrived and the Bears have two games under their belts, these doubts and questions have essentially been answered.

Third year quarterback Jalen Bradford looks as advertised in his first two career starts, posting a combined total of 6 passing touchdowns, 484 yards passing, and 53 rushing yards over the past two games. But you may be asking: "who is he throwing the ball to?" After star wide receivers like Nick Schnaars, Octavius Carter, Zach Throne, Kevin DePrince, and Dallas Evans graduated in the Spring, this receiving core may seem vacant with only sophomore stand-out Justin Collier, who has been out of the lineup for the first two weeks, being the only starter to return

from last season's group. But these vacancies have been filled in impressive fashion by players like Sophomore Cody House (Game 1: 6 receptions, 88 yards, 3 touchdowns; Game 2: 5 receptions, 64 yards, 1 touchdown), Sophomore Markel Roberts-Jackson (Game 2: 3 receptions, 39 yards, 1 touchdown), and Junior Cameron Dennis (Game 1: 2 receptions, 72 yards). Not to mention that the three-headed monster in the backfield consisting of Tony Holden, Dawson Fresses, and Mike D'Amico has made its return and the offensive line seems to be in good hands with sophomore starters Trey Williams and Devin Cope coming back as juniors with more size and experience than last season.

As for the defense, the secondary returns a multitude of talented players like Ryan DiVergilis (recorded an interception in Game 1), Aaron Anderson, and Anthony Esposito. The linebackers room holds on to its captain and four-year starter Brett Gross while including some other experienced rotational

players in the mix such as Marc Clayton and Julian Jones. Finally, the defensive line looks stout despite the departure of First Team All-Centennial defensive end Ethan Belville and starting nose tackle Jack Ginley. Players like senior defensive end Ryan Bodolus, who was a First Team All-Centennial Player last season as well and former true freshman starting defensive tackle Sean Spinosa have been wreaking havoc on opposing offensive lines, combining for four sacks in two weeks. Some notable new names that have stepped up so far for the Bears' defense include: senior defensive tackle Mike McCuen (Recorded a sack and tackle for loss against Alvernia), junior safety Patrick McManus (5 tackles against Kean), and junior defensive end Connor Carter (1.5 Sacks against Alvernia).

Overall, if we have learned anything from the past two weeks, the Future of Ursinus Football is in great hands!



Photo Credit: Donovan Dyitt

**Dominic Minicozzi - Sports Editor '24**  
Howdy! I'm Dominic Minicozzi and I'm the sports editor for The Grizzly. You may recognize me as the guy on campus with the really cool mustache, but that's not the only interesting thing about me. I work as a broadcast announcer for our Athletic Communications department calling games for our Football, Basketball, and Lacrosse Teams. I'm also in the Ursinus College Choir and Scholars in Service. If you have any interesting stories about Sports on Ursinus' campus, feel free to reach out. Have a great day and GO BEARS!!!