

Candidates Debate Rhode Island's Future

by Jordan Frias '11 Asst. News Editor

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How prepared will Rhode Islanders be when a catastrophic storm hits in the near future? That will depend on who is elected as governor of the state in the 2010 election.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Providence College hosted a gubernatorial debate, entitled "What's Next for Rhode Island's Environment.'

The candidates who were present for this event were Providence College alumnus and Republican Party member John Robitaille, current treasurer and democrat Frank Caprio, moderate candidate Kenneth Block, and Former U.S. senator and independent candidate Lincoln Chafee.

Public administration major Lauren Swidler '11 raised one question about the state's preparedness for climate change and how these candidates will respond to these threats.

After last April's flooding in the state of R.I., candidates agreed that at this moment the state is already prepared in the event of another disaster.

"Rhode Island should be proud that we have a great Emergency Management Agency and Army National Guard," said Robitaille.

One of the central issues the candidates were faced with was the funding system for transportation. Being labeled as a "broken" system, candidates were asked how they would repair the R.I. transportation system.

Block recognized the lack of funding for the RIPTA, which he described as



a very important aspect in the life of Rhode Islanders.

All the candidates touched upon expanding the RIPTA system to fit the high demands of the community.

There is no viable transportation fund," said Robitaille. "We should start thinking about long term plans that offer mass transportation."

With Rhode Island's literacy in question, one panel member asked candidates what they could do to solve this problem.

"We need to expose our kids to science and technology at early ages," said Robitaille.

The other candidates agreed that education is key to making Rhode Island's literacy match that of other states.

The panel raised many questions focusing on the central idea of Rhode Island's environment. The first question regarding this issue was the concern about water waste and access to clean water.

Robitaille, Caprio, and Block all agreed that the preservation of R.I.'s water system is of great importance, but funding is limited.

"We have resources [in R.I.] that need to be protected," Robitaille said. "I cannot make promises to allocate money on this until I look at our revenues."

Caprio believes that we must find a way to fund initiatives that deal with DEBATE / Page 4

Cold Case: The Truth About Law School

by Meghan Conway '12 News Staff

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new commitment to jack things up in the pre-law world here, and I'm going to work to achieve that."

On Tuesday, Scanlan invited students to attend a pre-law information session where he Need help applying to law addressed the steps involved in applying to law school. He began by asking students to write a paragraph describing why they want to go to law school.



school? John T. Scanlan, Ph.D, Department of English is at your service. Scanlan has been named the new Providence College prelaw advisor, effective at the start of the 2010-2011 academic year. As pre-law advisor, Scanlan will serve as a resource for students in their law school application process.

"I write about the law and about the 18th century, so I'm actively involved in the scholarship of legal thinking," Scanlan said. "Providence College has made a

"I ask you to save this sheet so when you're in law school facing a challenging exam or paper, you can pull it out and remember why you are there," said Scanlan.

Scanlan informed students that the field of law is not necessarily booming in this economy. Lawyers are underpaid and law firms are hiring fewer interns.

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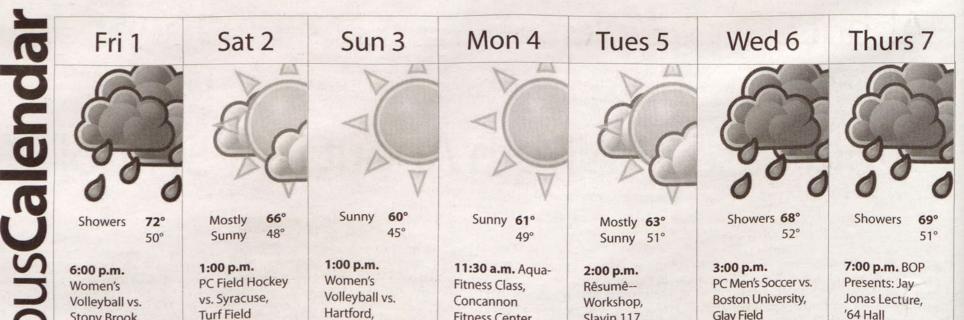
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Every Providence College student knows that eventually, a day will come where we will all pack up one last time, bid farewell to 1 Cunningham Square, and move back home for good. Four years flies by, and it is not very long before the real world comes knocking at our doors. No matter what one's major or interests may be, every student is faced with the same prospect of getting a real job upon graduation. Luckily, this seemingly daunting task is made easier by the various programs currently being offered at PC.

Career Services is definitely an asset to all Providence College students, promoting programs such as the Career Fair, which is coming up next week, and helping to lend a little guidance to those of us who are clueless as to what we want to do with our lives. Other programs, such as the Pre-law information session, the FFE-sponsored Employee Panel (which helped inform students about interview skills, internships and getting entry level jobs) and the Career Services Mentor Program (which allows students to shadow professionals in careers they are interested in) also encourage students to start thinking and planning for post-college life long before they don that black cap and gown. With college, you take as much as you are willing to put in, but Providence College definitely prepares its students to succeed. Whether you are planning to apply to grad schools, join the Peace Corps, take a year off, or just dive right into the work force, having some conception of what to expect, some guidance, and, of course, some valuable life experience is something for which we should be very grateful.

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BOP Debate Continues in Congress

by Jordan Frias '11 News Staff

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Two pieces of legislation were proposed by Nick Mikula '11 at this week's Congress meeting to satisfy Congress members and BOP vice president Kenneth Woodland '11.

After last week's decision to approve BOP's constitutional change concerning the electoral process for BOP's vice president, Mikula drafted resolutions that would make the BOP vice president a passive member of Congress while excusing Woodland from being a passive member if this legislation were agreed upon.

A passive member does not have the right to vote. Active members are elected by the student body while passive members are elected by their peers.

Since last week's decision allowed BOP vice presidents to be voted on internally instead of externally, Mikula believes that they have given up their right to be an active member.

Woodland believes that the BOP vice president represents the student body since he is voted on by an average of 50 BOP members, ie. students. He compared the BOP vice president to a class representative in Congress who is voted on by approximately 100 students, since there are five representatives per class. Class representatives do have the right to vote on legislation and are active members in Congress.

Kelli O'Donohue '11 disagreed with Woodland and reminded Congress that they voted against committee chairs having a vote in Congress last year for the same reason.

Congress motioned to end discussion on the topic and will vote on it next week.

The third piece of legislation was read aloud by Skye Hawkins '12. This piece of legislation concerns the resolution on the decision to reorganize the Balfour Center proposed by Congress. Mary Bogan '11 spoke on this issue and reminded Congress member that their resolution mirrors that of Faculty Senate, which strongly objects the way in which the Balfour Center was reorganized.

There was no discussion on this piece of legislation. It will be approved or denied at next week's meeting.

In addition to legislation, Student Congress welcomed Fr. James Cuddy, O.P. as their special guest at this week's Congress meeting. Along with Bogan '11, Patricia Carroll '11, and Peter Van Name '11, Fr. Cuddyexplained a new committee on health that they plan to form within Congress.

The group explained how this committee would take advantage of the resources available on campus while encouraging collaboration with other groups and administration members. They are currently working with Katie Gates, health educator and wellness coordinator of Student Health, and John Hogan, director of the Personal Counseling Center.

The committee plans to focus on specific health areas such as addiction, mental, physical, and emotional health as well as with spiritual health, which Fr. Cuddy would provide. The group was just formed this fall semester. They plan to work with the women's and men's self defense classes that we currently have here at Providence College. I need more. I want you to care about me and also about the world. You're not evolving and this just isn't a healthy relationship...

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Undressing the Truth About Dating Violence

by Shannon Cordeiro '11 News Staff

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While most people are focused on the war in Iraq that is being fought overseas, their is a silent war being waged in our own backyard. This war is a fight against domestic violence and sexual assault. It is one that can be deterred by you, right here on the Providence College campus.

This week, the Office of Residence Life is hosting Project S.A.V.E. (Sexual Assault & Violence Education) Week. On Sept. 27, 2010, "The Yellow Dress" was presented at the Blackbox Theater in the Smith Center by Meaghan Willis, actor and educator from Deana's Educational Theater, located in Wakefield, Mass. "The Yellow Dress" marked the second event of S.A,V.E week. Deana's Educational Theater holds presentations for all ages, from kindergarten to college aged students, covering a variety of topics from sharing, to bullying, and dating and domestic violence education. "The Yellow Dress" guided the audience on a journey through one college student's experience with dating violence. Her relationship seemed perfect, except for the namecalling and controlling behavior exhibited by her boyfriend. Her every move was scrutinized. Her boyfriend stalked her and constantly checked her e-mails. When this abusive behavior escalated to physical violence, she broke off the relationship. He reacted by taking her on a car ride to talk things

over. Here, things went from bad to worse. He drove a few miles out of the way, parked, and bashed her head into the dashboard numerous times, breaking her nose and leaving behind lifeless eyes and a blooddrenched yellow dress.

This story unfortunately serves to captivate the cycle of violence that thousands of people fall victim to. But according to Willis, this is "not just a female problem."

"It's an everyone problem. It is not just females that are being abused," says Willis.

It is important for everyone to

Kolpicki Surveys Learning Styles

by Micaela Cameron '13 News Staff

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Do your notes from class contain arrows and nonsensical symbols? Do you ever have difficulty focusing on ideas in your papers? Do you fall asleep during lectures? If you find yourself answering yes to any of these questions, you have your learning style to thank. In a workshop held by the Office of Academic Services, participants discovered their learning styles and received tips that coincided with their unique study habits. "Learning styles develop over time," said Jill Kopicki, associate director of the Office of Academic Services, during the "What Kind of Learner Are You?" workshop held last Tuesday. "My learning style was different in grad school than it was in college, and now my learning style has developed and is different than how it was in grad school. In college I learned that I studied better in the library than in my room. I also learned I had to study by myself before I could study with a group. Knowing your learning style can help not only in college but also in the real world. " During the workshop, participants took a Learning Style Inventory survey. The Learning Style Inventory helped participants discover their particular learning style. The inventory also gave participants an idea of how they viewed themselves as learners. The results showed that there are four different learning styles. While some may learn best from concrete experiences (feelings), others might learn best from abstract conceptualization

(thinking). Furthermore, some may learn best through active experimentation (doing), and others through reflective observation (watching).

Participants were encouraged to find a study buddy who has a different type of learning style than their own.

"Develop supportive relationships with people whose learning strengths are your weaknesses," said Kopicki. In addition to discovering learning

styles, participants found out which learning mode they tended toward. During the workshop, participants took the Learning Styles Assessment, a short quiz, which told them if they were a visual, auditory, or kinesthetic learner. Once they were placed in a category of learning, participants were presented with tips for note-taking, reading, exam preparation, and testtaking. Visual learners, who learn best by seeing, are encouraged to create graphs in their notes during lectures and while reading assignments. Auditory learners, who learn best by listening, should read their notes out loud and sit close to the lecturer. Kinesthetic learners, who learn best through movement, should remember key words by typing them up. "I decided to come to this workshop because I wanted to get a better idea of who I am as a student," said Dora Mighty '12. "I wanted to know how I learn in order to get better grades in my courses. Coming to this workshop helped me find out what type of learner I am and how I can use my advantages to advance my education." The Learning Styles Inventory, Learning Styles Assessment, and a more complex inventory, the LASSI, are available to take in the Office of Academic Services by appointment.

be involved. Here is how you can help. Look out for the warning signs of possessive, controlling behavior. Express your concerns to the victim, and help them get the resources that they may need in order to remove themselves from the abusive situation. Don't be discouraged or give up if the victim is hesitant in leaving the relationship. When the person is ready, he or she will leave.

On average, it takes a victim six to nine times to get out of an abusive relationship. Be neutral and supportive so as not to isolate the victim. Some resources include friends, Campus Ministry, helplines, and many other surrounding agencies. One in four females will be in some type of abusive relationship by the time they graduate from college.

If you or someone you know is being abused, call the 24-hour helpline at 1-800-494-8100 or contact the Rhode Island Coalition against Domestic Violence at 401-467-9940.

Debate: Candidates Cover **Environmental Issues**

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water waste that "do not work for Wall Street, but work for R.I.'

Chafee, on the other hand talked about increased funding for these water initiatives if elected governor.

"I would be proud to get the money for [water initiatives]," said Chafee.

Candidates were then asked their opinion about question four on the R.I. ballot. If passed, it will allow the state to open three historic properties, acquire farm land, and restore parks.

There was a positive consensus between the four candidates that the voters will support these causes.

Caprio felt the best way to tackle the issue with open spaces is by asking communities in R.I. to approve a bond issue for it.

Robitaille spoke of his support for question four as well as a campaign for recycling and reusing which would create jobs and stimulate the economy without raising taxes.

Block agreed with Robitaille that in order to broaden its tax base Rhode Island needs to create new job opportunities.

Pereira's next question focused on renewable energy and new energy strategies.

Caprio and Robitaille both agreed that they would encourage homeowners to use renewable energy. This includes conservation of energy by isolating homes and encouraging recycling.

Even though this may prove to be expensive, Block felt there would be long-term benefits.

We should be a leader in off shore energy," said Block.

He talked about improvements in technology, like solar power traffic signals, which would cost a lot at first, but will pay off in the long run.

Alongside question three, the next question posed the issue of solid waste management.

When you give people the chance to recycle they will embrace it," said Chafee.

Everyone agreed with Chafee in terms of making R.I. a leader in energy efficiency and waste reduction.

The discussion ended with the discussing a broader candidates ecological agenda.

Chafee began the discussion with a proposal to revenue for environmental laws which Block and Robitaille challenged.

"You need a governor that is going to look you in the eye and say things are getting tougher," said Robitaille in terms of lack of revenue.

Each candidate agreed that Rhode Island's problems for the most part are manageable, and have faith in the future of the state.

"We need to protect R.I. and foster it," said Caprio.

Judith Swift, director of the Costal Institute at the University of R.I., was the moderator for the debate. Swift ended the debate by commending the candidates for their "willingness to jump into the political frame" during these economically tough times.

The event was hosted by the Environmental Council of R.I. (ECRI.), a coalition composed of 60 organizations and individuals which serves to enhance and protect the environment. The political science department and the Board of Programmers also co-sponsored this event.

A panel composed of five various members were allowed to address the candidates with questions that were approved for the debate in a rotating order. These questions were not seen by the candidates before the debate.

David Brunetti, treasurer of the ECRI, Lauren Swidler '11, a student at the College who is currently doing a project on community preparedness for national and manmade disasters, Tricia K. Jedele, director of the Conservation Law Foundation, Jennifer Pereira, a program grant officer of the R.I. Foundation, and Jonathan Stone, executive director of the Save the Bay Inc. and former Providence College professor made up the panel.

Swift explained how each candidate would be timed on their responses to questions asked.

Freshmen Congress Members Elected

by Kaitlyn Monast '13 Assistant News Editor

STUDENT CONGRESS

For the past two weeks, "vote for me" posters bearing the faces of eager freshmen have covered the kiosks around the Providence College campus. After hard campaigning, votes were calculated and nine leading freshmen were chosen to represent the class of 2014 in Student Congress. The results show Mark Caprio '13 as president, David Conner '13 as vice president, Claire Carroll '13 as secretary, and David Naam '13 as treasurer. Rob Bowman '13, Melissa Scott '13, Umer Malik '13, Caroline Young '13, and Donald Do '13 were elected as the class representatives.

While some are looking to create change at the College, Caprio is looking forward to planning new events.

"Mostly [I am looking forward to] getting out there, meeting the responsibilities and implementing new ideas," said Caprio.

The elected members of the freshman class are ready to step into the shoes of their new position.

LAW: Scanlan Stresses **Student Preparedness**

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"There are more and more tiers in law firms now," said Scanlan. "Six years as an associate and you might not get to be a partner, but just a higher priced associate. This is an economic reality."

Scanlan advised students of the harsh realties of law school, such as intense competition and long hours of research. He also highlighted the many opportunities a law degree can offer.

"There are many different kinds of things you can do with a law degree," said Scanlan. "Not only corporate law or corporate litigation, but big corporations where there are hundreds of lawyers, judiciaries, government lawyers, advocacy groups, and more."

Scanlan informed undergraduates that law school admission focuses less on students majors and more on the difficulty of their courses and their overall Grade Point Average. He also noted that law schools are not more favorable to students with double majors.

"In law school, admissions boards are made up of many different sorts of professional people," said Scanlan. "It's extremely challenging to get in to law school and my best advice is to study, study, study."

Prospective law school student

Rachel Sheehan '11 shared her personal experiences with the law school application process. She discussed the support available to students on the Law School Admission Council Web site (LSAC).

"It's like the common application for law school," said Sheehan. "This is where you apply to schools, register to take the LSAT, and send your recommendations and transcript."

Sheehan spoke highly of Law School Admission Test (LSAT) preparation classes. She recommended the LSAT Kaplan course offered at the College from February to May.

"I know people who have studied on their own and have done really well," said Sheehan. "In my personal opinion the class was worth every penny because I'm not the best standardized test taker."

Scanlan stressed the importance of being well prepared to take the LSAT because the test is grueling. He also suggested that Providence College students form groups such as prelaw societies or book clubs to increase interest in law on campus.

'The fact that he's taken time to develop resources for students who want to go to law school, nobody now has to seek out these different outlets on their own and that is great," said Sheehan.

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With only three weeks of school under their belt, the newly elected Congress members were excited to begin their positions.

We are at the stage where you don't know everybody," said Naam. "So, it's good as a freshman that they are giving us a lot of trust."

Even though they are new to the school, and to Congress, they are ready to get involved.

"I have talked to a lot of freshmen about getting all the buildings wireless, and about the [Raymond Cafeteria] hours and what to do about the huge lines," said Scott.

I am a class representative, so I am here to represent the class as a whole," said Bowman. "Any ideas I get I will pass on to the Congress."

Along with their individual jobs as Congress members, O'Conner hopes to get the freshman class involved with the decisions.

"My plans are to act as mediator between the freshman class and the student body," he said.

With the first meeting just a couple of days away, the class of 2014 Congress members do not know what to expect.

"It is going to be a culture shock," said Do. "I have friends who are in Congress and they said the way they operate is pretty official. I am getting prepared for that."

Collectively, their biggest plans are to work together as Congress members to create change the whole freshman student body will appreciate.

"I know communication is key," said Malik. "We are going to have agreements and disagreements, we just have to try to compromise and decide what is best for the class."

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RUSSIA

Last Tuesday, Sept. 21, police shut down a rally in the Russian

capital of Moscow, campaigning against Russian Mayor Yuri Luzhkov's stance on gay rights, according to the BBC. The rally, which was timed to coincide with the 74th birthday of the mayor, ended with eight protestors arrested, including notable Russian gay rights activist Nikolai Alexeyev.

The activists and the government have come into conflict in recent years. Mayor Luzhkov, banning the event, transformed a gay rights parade into an illegal protest. Luzhkov warned in a conference on Monday, Sept. 20 that if any such parade were to take place, it would be viewed as an illegal protest and would be met with police force. For the last five years, the Moscow city government has refused to approve applications for gay pride parades. It claims that they would only incite "public disorder," according to the Russian news agency *Ria Novosti*.

Additionally, *The Huffington Post* reports that, in the past, both the city's Orthodox Church and far right groups in the region have promised to disrupt any parades that might occur.

The mayor, who is not unfamiliar with controversy, first came into a similar spotlight in 2007 when he declared that gay rights parades should be viewed as nothing less than "satanic."



An activist participating in the Gay Rights rally is arrested by Moscow Police.

In his conference on Monday, Luzhkov proclaimed that "A gay parade. . .cannot be called anything but a Satanic act. . .we haven't permitted such a parade and we won't permit it in the future. . .It's high time that we stop propagating nonsense discussions about human rights, and bring to bear on them the full force and justice of the law." Additionally in 2008, Luzhkov compared homosexuals to "weapons of mass destruction," according to *The Gay and Lesbian Times*.

The organizer of the event, Nikolai Alexeyev, was reportedly arrested in Russia's Domodedovo Airport the week before, and was taken to an unknown location for two days. Alexeyev maintains that, while in custody, he was continuously intimidated to withdraw a case from the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). In the case, he complained about Mr. Luzhkov's continued refusal to allow gay pride parades in Moscow, reports the BBC.

Alexeyev was eventually released and was able to make it to the protest in Moscow before being arrested once again by Russian authorities. In response to Moscow's continued refusal to allow a march, Alexeyev states that, "It's the same old medieval homophobic rhetoric." There has been no official response by the government in relation to Alexeyev's abduction allegations.

Meanwhile, news of Moscow's reaction to the protest has drawn criticism from several countries. In Canada, a similar rally was held on the same day in order to show solidarity with Russian activists. Canadian-Russian woman Alpina Polotskaya, said that during the 1990s, Russia's restrictions on homosexuals were not nearly as restrictive, but that within the last ten years Russia has been "going backwards" when it comes to gay rights. Polotskaya says that while she can be openly free about her sexuality in Canada, she would not feel the same way in Russia. "I'm afraid to be out," she said.

Alexevev's arrest in Following Domodedvo Airport, British liberal democrat Member of Parliament and European Parliament, Sarah Ludford said the event was of "deep concern." She went on to say that "state-sponsored homophobia, as shown by bans on gay pride, is common in Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe, and I fear that this arrest of a prominent gay rights campaigner may be part of this." Officials from the International Lesbian and Gay Association of Europe shared similar concerns during Alexeyev's incident. They argued at the time for an "immediate end of intimidation and pressuring him to withdraw his ECHR complaints."

As of Monday, Sept. 27, President Dmitri Medvedev signed a decree in which he fired Mr. Luzhkov, who has been in power since 1992, according to the BBC. The Itar-Tass News agency reports that Mr. Luzhkov was forced out of office "because he has lost the trust of the president of the Russian Federation." The former mayor has recently drawn sharp criticism from state-run news agencies for continued gridlock in the capital city's streets and for the bulldozing of historic monuments. The BBC reports that he and his wife have also been accused of corruption. In his place, Vladimir Resin, Luzhkov's former first deputy, has been appointed to the chief position in Moscow.

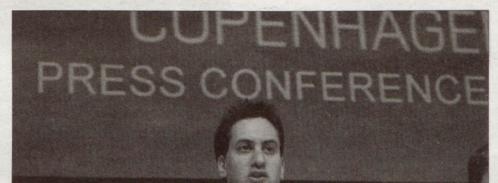
A New Era for the Labour Party

by Laura O'Neill '13 World Staff

UNITED KINGDOM

After a surprise victory in the hotlycontested Parliamentary elections, Britain has found a new leader of the country's Labour Party in Ed Miliband. A young political upstart whose career in public life is still in its infancy, Miliband plugged his campaign platitudes while promoting the image of a centrist candidate capable of revitalizing the cash-strapped middle class. Despite being relatively unknown figure throughout most of the campaign period, Miliband's popularity has been growing steadily for weeks, culminating in a stunning, last-minute victory in the fourth and final round of voting over his brother. According to the New York Times, the newly elected Labour leader owes much of his success to strong support from powerful unions. Miliband was also unafraid to openly criticize Prime Minister Cameron's economic programs. They are expected to cost hundreds of thousands of Britain's six million public sector jobs and include measures to institute a \$135 billion cost reduction process that will be presented next month. In his acceptance speech, Miliband assured voters that his primary concern in the coming months

is to ensure the economic health and safety of the middle class, and that he will fight for additional unemployment benefits and higher standards of job safety and security. But while his supporters contend that Miliband has the skills and initiative to lead his party toward the realization of these goals, critics argue that the Green politician will easily succumb to union pressures out of a sense of obligation after their votes secured his victory. Milliband



vehemently denies this, stating that "...all these characterizations are both tiresome, and, well, rubbish," reports *The New York Times*.

Yet, for all of the turmoil and uncertainty surrounding Miliband's qualifications and future performance, election gossip has been more closely centered on the personal repercussions of his victory than on his plans for breaking in his new title. In what is sure to be remembered as the most awkward political competition in British history, Miliband now faces a sticky future with his brother and fellow political powerhouse.

David Miliband, the elder brother and the more experienced of the two, has been a well-respected figure in British political life for years. Viewed by many as former Prime Minister Tony Blair's protégé, David Miliband served as foreign secretary for three years under the Brown administration and ushered in "a new era of Labour" in which the outdated party would utilize a more



Mr. Ed Miliband at the United Nation conference on climate control in 2009.

progressive strategy to meet modern challenges. The golden boy of English social debate, David Miliband was the favorite to win through three rounds of voting and seemed on the verge of triumph until a final ballot reported that the younger Miliband had pulled out a last-minute upset by 51-49 percent. Unlike his brother, David Miliband failed to attract significant sponsorship from unions and lost ground when he refused to publicly criticize the Prime Minister's economic policies and advocated a less radical strategy of budgetary reform featuring additional tax increases and fewer spending cuts.

Though both brothers insisted throughout the campaign that the outcome of the contest would have no negative consequences on their personal relationship, tense exchanges during 60 rounds of public debates seem to indicate otherwise. Additionally, prominent members of the Cameron administration, who were bracing themselves to deal with the opposition posed by David Miliband, are overjoyed at the notion of sparring with a less experienced Labour leader. It remains to be seen in the coming months whether the correct Miliband was chosen for the job.

WORLD

Soccer Changing Lives

by Becca Larrivee '13 World Staff

BRAZIL

In the United States and around the world, one billion people suffer from homelessness, a statistic that will continue to grow as the economy continues to sputter. Mel Young, founder and president of the Homeless World Cup foundation has created a new and fun approach to combat this sobering statistic: soccer.

The Homeless World Cup is an organization "dedicated to providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to homeless and excluded people to represent their country on a World Cup-like stage. "The motto of this grass roots organization is "A Ball Can Change the World." This motto clearly states the agenda of the organization, which strives to positively impact the lives of its participants through the playing of this beautiful game. Statistics provided on the organization's website, speak to the positive impact of the tournament on the lives of the players, with "73 percent of players coming off drugs and alcohol, moving into jobs, education, homes, training, and even going on to become players and coaches for pro and semi-pro teams."

Mel Young is a firm believer that homelessness is something that can be avoided in today's world. "Homeless people become part of the landscape of the modern person and really become invisible," says Young. He also believes that



The opening ceremony of the Homeless World Cup in Brazil.

in wealthy countries, such as the United States, should take into account the percentage of their population are homeless. "Homelessness is not acceptable and countries should feel utterly ashamed of themselves." Young believes that by starting small initiatives, such as the Homeless World Cup, they will increase awareness of the dire homeless situation throughout the world. He hopes that with this increased awareness, there will be a push to solve the problem and eliminate homelessness altogether.

Eighteen countries competed in the first tournement, held in Munich, Germany. Now, thanks to the sponsorship of huge, multinational corporations such as Nike and MSN, the foundation has grown to include 80 member teams from regions around the

world. This year's tournament, held at Copacabana Beach in Rio, Brazil has 64 participants including teams hailing from India, Uganda, the United States, the Philippines, South Korea, and many more. There are many well-known supporters of the tournament including the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA), the United Nations, and soccer stars including Chelsea forward Didier Drogba and English international Rio Ferdinand. Well-known teams such as Manchester United, Real Madrid, and Tottenham Hotspur have also pledged to support teams by paying for uniforms, flights, and other necessary equipment for training. Arsene Wagner, coach of the English Premier League's Arsenal squad has also volunteered to run next year's tournament set to take place in Paris, France.

One player in particular can speak to the positive effects of this tournament due to his own personal experience. Bebe, born Tiago Manuel Dias Correia played for Portugal's National Homeless World Cup team during the 2009 season. From there, he played for two small Portuguese clubs before being selected by Sir Alex Fergueson to compete for soccer powerhouse Manchester United at the young age of 20 years old. When asked about the Cup, Bebe said that "The Rio 2010 Homeless World Cup is a noble cause and I am very proud to have been chosen to take part. Football changed my life and it can change the lives of many."

His success is a tribute to the hard work that hundreds of volunteers put into sponsoring and organizing this tournament every year. It also provides strong positive motives for the participants to move forward in their lives despite their homelessness. In the words of Mel Young, "Homeless World Cup is a gigantic effort creating real, significant change. When human beings decide to move forward, they can move mountains. More people getting involved will turn the trickle into a torrent and we will change the world forever."

If you would like to get involved with this grass roots organization, please visit the website homelessworldcup.org. Here you will find more information regarding this life-changing tournament as well as a section to donate to this worthy cause. It is also on Facebook under Homeless World Cup, where you can follow the fate of your chosen team. This year's tournament is occurring from Sept. 19 to Sept. 26.

Commonwealth Games Delayed in India

by Molly Driessen '12 World Staff

INDIA

Speculation has risen over the 2010 Commonwealth Games scheduled to take place from Oct. 3 to Oct. 14 in India. When the Commonwealth Games Federation selected India to host the games, the country had seven years to prepare. Little construction was completed until 2008. While international attention has increased over India's progress, it was further heightened with last week's collapse of a pedestrian bridge to the main Nehru stadium. On top of the bridge's collapse, 18 of the 34 athletic towers have been completed in the Athlete's Village, part of a stadium's ceiling caved in, and another main stadium, Shivaji, will not be used because it is too far behind in construction. Last week, the BBC obtained photos depicting the lack of construction and progress for the games. The pictures contained images of animal footprints, dirt, construction rubble, and a lack of electricity and plumbing. These photos prompted the withdrawal of several prominent athletes, including Greg Henderson, who has won 4 medals for New Zealand in past games. An English diver medalist, Peter Waterfield, also withdrew and told the BBC, "I have a wife and two children who were very concerned about me attending the event, and this decision is one that we have made as a family. I hope people will understand and respect this." Several other cyclists from England, New Zealand, and Wales have dropped out as well. All 71 countries will compete, but the conditions



a campaigner for workers' rights for the People's Union for Democratic Rights, stated that, "with barely a month to go before The Games, conditions for the workers remain unchanged. It seems neither the state's labour department nor the state government is interested in taking up the workers' issues." The government reports that at least 45 workers have died during construction, while human rights watch groups believe the number is more. Worker documentation has been a challenge, with an estimate of 40,000 workers. A High Court Committee has been appointed to further investigate the lack of payment, housing, and security. According to the BBC, one worker said, "The toilets are in such a bad state that you can't breathe. I wish I could go back home." Images of the workers' living facilities display cramped, makeshift tents with no ventilation or space. In response to these criticisms, Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna stated in the New York Times, "Let me assure you on behalf of the government of India and the people of India that we will see to it that the Commonwealth Games are conducted according to international standards, and the athletes who come to participate in these games will feel quite happy about their conditions." Many remain hopeful that construction and sufficient progress will be made. According to the New York Times, the Prime Minister, John Key, of New Zealand commented,"Ithink if the Commonwealth Games didn't go ahead, that could have significant implications for the future of the Commonwealth Games, and that's not something we'd like to see." Most countries are still bringing their teams to India but remain very cautious and watchful over security and accommodations.

Construction workers at the site of the National Stadium in New Delhi, India.

of the accommodations and security will be reviewed daily. This week, English athletes of the hockey and lawn bowls teams have begun to arrive but will remain in hotels until the village is completed.

Some countries argue India should not have been permitted to host the games. Controversy initially arose when India influenced committee members through cash inducements, according the BBC. The BBC also quoted, the Australian Olympic Committee President, John Coates, as stating that "The Games shouldn't have been awarded to Delhi in hindsight. The problem is the Commonwealth Games Federation is under-resourced. It doesn't have the ability to monitor the progress of the cities, in the way the [International] OlympicCommittee does." The chairman of the Commonwealth Games Scotland, Michael Cavanagh, also commented, "There have been dogs roaming around

the village, the apartments are filthy, there are piles of rubble and right now it's not fit to receive 6500 athletes and officials."

In hosting the Commonwealth Games, India hopes to boost their international image and display itself as a strong political and economic country. Past host countries for the Commonwealth Games also have looked to the games as an opportunity to prove capable hosts for the Olympics. India has been looking to compete for the 2020 Olympic Games. So far, India has spent £1.5 billion to develop eight new arenas. They have exceeded their initial budget and have increased taxes to help cover costs.

Along with criticism over the construction progress, attention has been brought to the workers building these sites. According to the *BBC*, 40 percent of India lives in hunger, and 46 percent of children and 55 percent of women remain malnourished. Maushimi Basu,

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This Week In History By Katie Davenport '14, World Staff

Sept. 24, 1789 – Congress passes the First Judiciary Act, which establishes the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sept. 25, 1981 – Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female U.S. Supreme Court justice.

Sept. 26, 1960 – A debate between presidential candidates airs on television for the first time when John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon meet in a Chicago studio to discuss issues in the political campaign.

Sept. 27, 1540 – Pope Paul III establishes the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) as a religious order.

Sept. 28, 1781 - The Battle of Yorktown begins during the Revolutionary War.

Sept. 29, 1941 – Approximately 34,000 Jews are brought to the Babi Yar ravine in Ukraine, where they are shot to death with machine guns. The executions last for two days, becoming known as the Babi Yar Massacre.

Sept. 30, 1954 – The U.S. Navy commissions the world's first nuclear submarine, the USS Nautilus.

Ahmadinejad at the United Nations

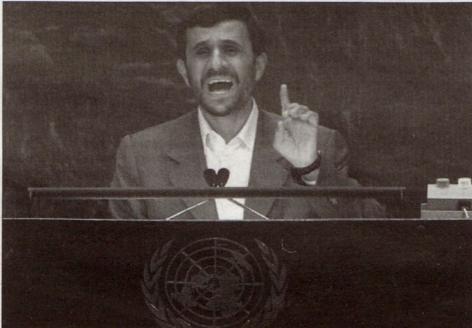
by Keely Hopkins '11 World Staff

INTERNATIONAL

While speaking at the United Nations General Assembly last week, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the United States government of being behind the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

"Some segments within the U.S. government orchestrated the attack to reverse the declining American economy and its grip on the Middle East," Ahmadinejad said.

"The majority of American people," he said, "as well as most nations and politicians around the



the United States is more concerned about Iran's nuclear activities than its alleged human rights abuses. He sighted protesters, politicians, and students who oppose the government being jailed or killed in the streets.

President Obama said the Iranian people are ill-served by their government. Not only does the Iranian government appear to care more about pursuing a covert nuclear program than the economic stability of its country, but it also does so without concern for public support.

"I think all of America sees human rights, basic freedoms, the freedom to speak, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom to choose your own government, freedom from fear and abuse from government as central to who we are, central to our values, central to our foreign policy," said Obama. "We will speak out forcefully," he said, "when we see governments abusing and oppressing their own people." Ĥe also mentioned the importance of free and fair elections. When people who oppose the government in power are jailed, that government loses its credibility in international relations, he said.

world agree with this view."

Delegates of the United States along with other allied nations walked out as the president made these remarks.

President Barack Obama later called the remarks both offensive and hateful in an interview with Bahman Kalbasi of the BBC's Persian service, which broadcasts directly to the Iranian Public.

"Particularly for him to make the statement here in Manhattan, just a little north of Ground Zero, where families lost their loved ones people of all faiths, all ethnicities who see this as the seminal tragedy of this generation—for him to make a statement like that was inexcusable," said Obama.

He went on to say that these statements stand in sharp contrast to the views of the Iranian people after the 9/11 attacks.

"And it just shows, once again," said Obama, "the difference between how the Iranian leadership and this regime operates and how I think COURTESY OF THE DA

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the National General Assembly at the U.N..

the vast majority of Iranian people, who are respectful and thoughtful, think about these issues."

He went on to place the blame for the recent sanctions against Iran on the government, saying that it is hurting its own people.

"What I have said consistently is that we are willing to reach out with an open hand to the Iranian government and the Iranian people," said Obama, adding that "Iran has not been able to convince the international community that its nuclear program is peaceful."

Iran has a right to a peaceful nuclear program, explained President Obama, but the government has not taken steps to prove they are not interested in weaponry.

The U.S. government is not acting unilaterally on this matter. It has the support of the UN Security Council in imposing these sanctions. This includes support from both Russia and China, who are concerned about stability in the region.

Tehran may be more open to negotiations than it has been in the past, due to how hard hitting these sanctions have been. The Wall Street Journal reports that it is still unclear how serious the Iranian government is about engagement with the US.

"Some analysts say [Ahmadinejad's] pursuit of controversy is intended to divert media attention from human rights issues and the effects of sanctions on the economy," reports the The Wall Street Journal.

Kalbasi asked President Obama if

Obama reiterated that America does not have a problem with the Iranian people, but rather, their government.

After President Ahmadinejad's remarks about 9/11, Obama continues to leave the door open for diplomacy.

"There's a history there that is difficult," he said. "But it can be bridged with mutual understanding, mutual respect, and we want to see the people of Iran ultimately succeed."

FRIAR FINANCE 10/1 By: Andrew Gellert '13 World Staff

Comparative Advantage, Trade, and Sweatshops

Dim, cramped workplaces complimented by long hours of work and miniscule wages that are barely enough to live on. By Western standards, sweatshops are a moral outrage. But an examination of the economics behind cheap Third World export industries reveals that trade is often the key to developing from poverty to prosperity.

At the macroeconomic level, trade benefits all nations involved. For a specific example, consider the United States and an imaginary poor country called Exportistan. Consumers in the U.S. demand shoes. The U.S. can produce shoes domestically, or trade with Exportistan. The U.S. can produce shoes with a much higher productivity than Exportistan, due to an advanced industrial and manufacturing Exportistan must use base. unskilled hand labor to assemble the shoes. But it is still cheaper to produce the shoes in Exportistan because Exportistan has a lower opportunity cost for shoes. If the U.S. diverts resources to produce and sell shoes, it is not spending resources on more valued goods such as computer software or electronics.

On the other hand, Exportistan has a low opportunity cost for shoes (it does not give up the capacity to produce anything more valuable when it chooses to make shoes). This is the principle of comparative advantage: even though the

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Hundreds of workers are shown here in a Nike sweatshop in China

U.S. can produce shoes more efficiently on an absolute scale, on a comparative scale it would much rather use its capacity to produce something more valuable. Comparative advantage allows poor countries with no skills or capital to sell goods and services to advanced economies. The U.S. gets cheap shoes and can still specialize in producing more advanced goods, while Exportistan gets a healthy export business to bring money into the country.

The picture improves when foreign companies hire workers in Exportistan. For example, if a large

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American company built a shoe factory in Exportistan, it would purchase machinery and train its workers to improve productivity. This investment improves the human capital of Exportistan's citizens, giving them both the skills and equipment to produce goods of their own. Going back to the shoe example, a worker leaving the factory now has the training to open his own business selling shoes, textiles, or crafts. His work experience and the money he accrues from wages allow him to become an entrepreneur, further boosting the local economy.

Even though the hypothetical worker is paid an abysmal wage by Western standards, data from the Institute for International Economics shows that the average wage paid by foreign companies in the Third World is twice the average wage in local manufacturing sectors. In other words, "sweatshops" pay about twice as much as the next best alternative for workers in poor countries. In retrospect, this is obvious; if workers were not getting a good deal on wages, they would not take jobs in sweatshops. The flow of capital and investment also improves the lot of the developing nation as a whole. The consulting service AT Kearney reported that rapidly-globalizing countries in the Third World that were more open to international trade grew 30 to 50 percent faster than insulated countries.

Southeast Asia personifies this trend: Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, and China all grew rapidly based on an export economy selling cheap goods to mature nations. Trade is a sure way to develop poor nations. It is extremely easy for Westerners enjoying GDP per capita rates over \$40,000 to condemn sweatshops and their relatively low wages, but to subsistence farmers with incomes under \$100 a year, sweatshops are a beacon of hope for a life beyond poverty.

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Follow The Leader (If You Can Find One)

Republican, Democrat or Other, Political Leaders Becoming Hard to Find



by Ewen Finser '12 **Commentary Staff**

POLITICS

President Obama has failed to connect with Americans even at a basic level. For an electorate charged by the soaring election year rhetoric of 2008, the promise of change has been lost and muddled amidst the hard realities of governing. What this has shown us about Obama is that clearly articulating grand themes does not equal efficient implementation of precise political

goals. Amidst tumbling approval ratings, the Obama Administration has failed to alter its approach or even try to learn from its mistakes.

The recent health care debacle serves as a prime example of the lack of leadership. In the early, heady days of Obama's presidency, talk of universal health health care care for all – was expected by many and championed by the left. But instead of telling Congress his

vision, Obama left the important details up to them. Left to their own devices, Blue Dog conservative Democrats, industry lobbyists, and powerful individual Senators were allowed to shape the agenda. Almost

overnight, the dream of free health care became settling for a public "option" and, finally, even *that* was dropped. Regardless of whether universal health care is what each of us desired personally, the failure to lead was on shocking display for all those who expected the impassioned speeches and poignant promises to become a reality. For other examples, one must only look to the response to the BP oil spill, the failure to enact Cap and Trade, and the inability to either extend or repeal the Bush era tax cuts.

Not to be outdone, congressional Republicans have yet to demonstrate

> they that can seize the moment and provide new leadership for the American people. a shocking In display of political deafness, House Leader Minority John Boehner, who was backed by a phalanx of Bush era loyalists, released the "Pledge to America," which designed was to give voters a roadmap of how Republicans will govern if given the mantle of power. What the pledge actually contained wasa watered down

version of the "Contract with America," the Republican legislative proposals which sparked the 1994 Republican Revolution. In a way, it does make the current Republican leadership has failed a paramount test of leadership, the ability to adapt to a new political reality. 2010 is different than 1994. The Tea Party must be recognized in its own right, and not just as an extension of the party apparatus.

A good example of how the "Pledge America' to fails to provide political courage can be seen in how Republicans plan to address spending reform. The "Pledge to America" may talk of reducing spending and the national debt, yet it fails to address the largest areas of spending, namely, defense spending and entitlements like social security. Without addressing these elephants in the

room, any discussion of spending reform is just window dressing. The Tea Party, independents, and the rest of America have every right to doubt the sincerity of the pledge. It is incumbent on congressional Republicans to be doubly sure to prescribe bold new conservative solutions precisely because the higher echelons of leadership remain eerily similar to that of the Bush era. These same individuals now in leadership presided over a time when spending was rampant and entitlements were

So where does that leave us? Americans are without clear leadership and a sense of national direction. Stewing in our anger, the Tea Party has taken off as a rejection of the politics of Obama, but also of established

> Republicans. Instead of nominating the traditional straitlaced candidates, increasingly an frustrated electorate has turned to electing off-beat nontraditional candidates. Candidates Rand Paul of Kentucky, Sharon Angle of Nevada, Joe Miller of Alaska, and Christine now O'Donnell of Delaware are first rate examples of

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the national spotlight. Voters are disillusioned, angry, or both. It would appearthatthey are deliberately secondguessing traditional candidates, in favor of those who they believe will be more principled and will actually stand for something; anything at all. What the voters do not want is more politicians incapable of political courage. This election year, voters are out to punish both the Obama Administration and the Republican establishment, with good cause.

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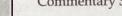
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by Jenn DiPirro '12

holding hands. My best friend from smile." I think that makes perfect sense. really help you guys out with that. I

wouldn't want to be wrong and have a bunch of smiling freakazoids coming in and out of Feinstein. I myself look miserable everyday walking around campus. I never smile and will probably pretend to be on my cell phone at all times to avoid an awkward social encounter. I should probably smile more with JRW in the near future. So let's whip out the Crest White Strips and show off those pearly whites, PC!



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REFLECTION

There is a woman that lives up the street from me at home, and my mother thinks she is so peculiar. "Why is she always smiling like that?" my Mom will ask. "What is there to be so happy about?" It is kind of bizarre to see someone smiling all the time. She is out in the garden watering her flowers, smiling. She is going for a power walk in her swooshie suit, smiling. She is outside in the rain without an umbrella, smiling. It's just funny that my mother is often enraged by the fact that this woman is so visibly happy. My mother is not exactly a miserable person. I mean, she has her moments of psychosis just as often as any other mother. My question is why are people so bothered by the sight of happy people?

ight of a happy couple

nome has been known to stick her head out of the car window and yell things at couples like, "He will lie to you!" or, "They all cheat!" Though this is not my immediate response upon seeing such a cheerful public display of affection, happy people are often a bit unsettling. This same best friend who likes to yell obscenities at couples on Main St. is But does that mean we should walk around campus, not talking to anyone, just smiling? I would say no, because then we would look like freaks.

I guess the only time that I ever really struggle with other people's happiness is when it comes to grades. I really hate when anyone, my friends especially, do better than me on any

WHY ARE PEOPLE SO BOTHERED BY THE SIGHT OF HAPPY PEOPLE?

also known for falling head over heels for guys almost instantly. We love her, but in this sense, she is a bit of a hypocrite. Though, aren't we all?

Take my mother again as an example. She is probably going to kill me when she reads this, but if my mother had something to smile about like that weirdo up the street does, then she would probably wear that same goofy look.

A favorite quote of mine that one Personally, I often want to throw of my good friends said this summer "If you're ugly then you

assignment or test. As a matter of fact, I get pretty upset when they have nicer shoes or make-up too. I am naturally a competitive person. This is what Kant referred to as "Unsocial Sociability." (Shout out to Dr. Arroyo!) Unsocial Sociability is that feeling you get when a friend does better than you. You want to tear his or her head off, but you refrain because he or she is your friend and, well, you know what's coming next; you just smile.

I'm not fully sure how to combat



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Finding the Metaphysical In Awkward Silences



by Tommy Cody '13 **Commentary Staff**

REFLECTION

We all hate it - that awkward silence that creeps into conversation and takes an eternity to pass. It's like your car stalling at a green light. The silence screams at you and no matter how hard you try, the ignition won't catch. Time stands still. You are stuck sitting there, holding up traffic. When you finally

get started again, it is like it never happened. You go about your merry way breezing towards y o u r destination with ease.

These moments come and go every day and we choose to forget them. Today, in our rushed and busy lives

we do not give ourselves enough time to breathe. We fill our planners with a myriad of events, meetings, classes, and activities in order to get ahead or to ensure that we are never left alone. We fear the silence and being left alone with our thoughts and uncertainties. But who is to say that this silence, which we are all too happy to forget, is a bad thing? Do we not all long for time to just stop, even if for only a brief second, so we can collect ourselves and put our minds at ease? If so, then why do we avoid silence at all costs?

We are afraid to unplug, to let loose, to put an end to the constant input that prevents us from feeling lonely. It does not make us feel wanted. I don't feel like I have friends if I stick my ear buds in and turn my iPod volume up all the way while I walk to class. Rather, I feel alone, lost in my own dream that blinds me to the living, breathing the conversation, and only speak world pulsating around me. I am distracted from my existence. I am distracted from living. I am distracted from looking around and appreciating the sites and

sounds that inundate my mind, filling it with splendor.

C.S Lewis's Devil in The Screw Tape Letters warns his young nephew, a new tempter, to be aware of the dangers of letting his human go on a quiet walk or enjoying a good book, for those are the times when they are most vulnerable to "Him," that is, God. They may realize that they are being tempted. They may find what they really desire truth, peace, and quiet. I am not saying that every time you turn on the TV or listen to loud music you are being tempted by the devil. All

Í am saying is that your is mind is being pulled away from itself. It becoming is detached, unable to probe itself and come to some realization of what it is supposed to be and why it is there. These are topics for Civ, so I am going to let them be, but I hope you get my point. We are

often told that

contemplation, thought, and prayer are meant for our private lives. In The Weight of Glory, C.S Lewis translates and tells us what they are really saying. "Those things are for your private time ... which we will ensure you do not have."

Take time out of your day and unplug. Stop assaulting your senses with useless, artificial noise; the garbage that sits and rots in your mind, rendering your senses worthless and turning them into mush. Take a quiet walk, without your iPod. Turn off the phone and find a quiet place on campus to read. The one thing we really need during this time in our lives, when we are most impressionable and decisive about what to do with ourselves,

is quiet time to simply think. Be at peace, embrace the silence, and think, even in conversation. Do not be afraid of that awkward silence. Let it be. Take a deep breath, digest when you have something of value to say. Otherwise, relish the few times a day where time stands still and where we truly exist in the moment.

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Ray Food Gives Freshman Repulsive Deformity



by Megan Costello '12 **Commentary Staff** SATIRE

On Saturday morning at exactly 9:02 and five seconds, Gary Saunders, a five-time freshman at Providence College, consumed a Raymond Hall Cafeteria fajita. It was soon to be his last. The fajita, which consisted of typical fajita contents, omitted a peculiar odor not unlike that of a Dunkin Donuts trashcan. The fajita had a suspicious purple tint to it, which

the suit, Gary was alarmed to see a suspicious bump erupting from the left side of his belly button. The bump was purple and it was disgusting. Gary waited until the bump started twitching spastically before he bothered to call 911. When the EMT finally arrived 3.024 minutes later, Gary was operated on immediately, despite the disgusted complaints of his unimportant roommate. After extensive analysis of the deformity, which was removed from Gary's doctors suspected the body, bump was the growth of a third arm. This suspicion was never

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BEFORE. RAY CAFETERIA AND POSITIVTY'

Gary dismissed due to his ongoing confirmed because the doctors had battle with color blindness. Upon consuming the deformed fajita, Gary began to show bizarre symptoms. He started ranting enthusiastically about the deliciousness of Ray cafeteria food. He even went up for a second helping of Ray's styrofoam bagels.

His peers later expressed their concern about his odd behavior.

"It was unlike anything I've ever heard before," announced freshman-15 victim Bradley Santos, "Ray cafeteria and positivity."

"We suspect he was under the influence of illegal substances," said a solemn-faced random freshman.

Two hours later, in the seclusion of his dejected dorm room, Gary noticed a hole forming in his neon green bodysuit. Upon removing more important people to attend to and found the bump analysis dull. Gary did not eat Raymond Cafeteria food again that day.

At the end of the day, we can only say that Gary Saunders experienced an enigma envied by no one. Gary's doctors were radical enough to suggest that the majority of Providence College students immediately switch to the zero-meal plan at Ray to limit the number of weird casualties. Unfortunately, dorm residents are required to have at a minimum the 15-meal-plan, so Raymond Cafeteria decided to stop making fajitas. It is likely that this tragedy will occur again sometime within this millennium. So beware Providence College students: this probably won't happen to you.

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What Pancakes Taught Me About My Love Life



by Allison Pelle '11 Commentary Staff

ROMANCE

I once read a quote that said, "Things that are a waste of time: pancakes, alcohol-free reheated drinks, and falling in love." While I disagree with the latter two items, I do believe that reheated pancakes are a waste of time. Part of the allure of pancakes is that they are hot off of a griddle, maybe in your home kitchen, served by your mom's huge rubber spatula right onto your plate that you lifted to meet the saucer of warm, starchy goodness. Orange juice, butter, and maple syrup wait in the wings. Or maybe you're at a diner on a Sunday morning and your white-haired waitress brings out a huge stack of blueberry pancakes on her arm, next to a mountain of

exciting. But since we were limited in time, he used to run out in the morning and pick up pancakes from IHOP to bring back for us. Needless to say, he was a sweetheart to try and make my stupid fantasy come true, but the pancakes were never very good and we had to eat them in a rush and in a cramped room. Not very romantic. We played this charade a couple more times that summer before giving up completely.

before giving up completely. The next boyfriend and I met while I was abroad. On Valentine's Day, he cooked me dinner, so the next morning I offered to make pancakes. Channelling my inner Jack Johnson, I wanted to make banana pancakes, since we lived in London and it rained all the time. What a perfect pancake breakfast idea! We headed to the market and picked up the necessary items, but when we returned home to make them, the batter wouldn't cook, it stuck to the pan and filled the apartment with a



hashbrowns. Maybe they're coming off a frying pan in your friend's apartment on a groggy, dehydrated Saturday after a long night. The pancakes soak up whatever was in your stomach as you discuss hangover cures. No matter which type of scenario you enjoy your pancakes in, they are great because they're fresh right there and then. They lose all of their glory and appeal when they're stuck back in the fridge under a loosely-gathered piece of plastic wrap.

I have always loved pancakes. They are usually my go-to order when eating out for breakfast. I have only been in two serious relationships, but I always kind of think about what it would be like to have a pancake breakfast with my boyfriend at the time. I think it seems a little bit spontaneous, rolling out of bed around noon and using whatever you have in the fridge - still wearing your pajamas - to satisfy your sweet tooth in the middle of the day. I have had two pancake experiences with two different boys. Maybe the way these failed fantasy mornings panned out says something about me, about them, and about us. My first boyfriend and I used to have undercover sleepovers because we lived at home and had to sneak around without our parents knowing. The idea of such a covert operation made it that much more

strange burnt banana smell. It was an epic failure.

I think the fact that I could never pull off actually cooking pancakes for the boys I was with says something about me. It says that I wasn't ready to be so settled. I wasn't ready to be committed. I didn't really know what I was doing. The first boy and I couldn't even go downstairs to make pancakes, so we got someone else's. We couldn't pull off a relationship either because we were holding onto the idea of something that just couldn't be. We wanted the idea of perfect morning with pancakes, cuddling, and coffee but we knew that it was all kind of a lie. With the next guy, I gave the pancakes a shot, but in the end, they weren't meant to be. I had good intentions and dreamed of how perfect it would be, but I couldn't make it work. I wanted to show him that I could cook for us and instead I scraped black pancake batter off of a skillet, embarrassed. I guess that I was trying to be someone I'm not. So maybe the next time I'm seeing a boy, I'll attempt to make pancakes in the morning. Maybe it will work out and maybe it won't. Maybe I'm crazy for thinking pancakes can tell me anything about a relationship. But maybe, the things we love and try to share with the ones around us can help us learn a little more about ourselves.

TANGENTS TIRADES

Providence Props. This past weekend, my friends and I took a roommate date into downtown Providence for the widely-known Waterfire. My friends had already been to Waterfire before but I had never been, so I didn't really know what to expect. I was impressed to see the downtown area was far more crowded than I had ever seen it. There were families, couples on dates, and college students from all over. The fire and its surrounding shows and attractions brought a sense of life to the city. It wasn't like my friends and I were out on the town for a night of cosmos and sophistication like in *Sex and the City*, but it gave me a much broader perspective on Providence as a whole rather than the mall and the Elmhurst neighborhood. My roommates and I finished the night by retreating to our room and watching *Sex and the City*, just to pretend that's what our lives were like anyway. So, kudos to the city of Providence for providing me with the glamour I needed in a night away from work and responsibility. — **Kaylee Miller '13**



Backing the Buzz: From Luis Suarez's game-saving handball, to Landon Donovan's heroic stoppage time goal, the 2010 FIFA World Cup was full of the unexpected. But in all 64 matches, the one thing we could all count on was the loud buzz that relentlessly echoed from our television sets. Chances are, upon first hearing the infamous blare of the Vuvuzela, you thought a simple fly swatter could silence what sounded like a swarm of disgruntled bees. Of course, after a few games we all realized that these angry insects were nowhere to be found, and in doing so surrendered to the loud harmonic drone of what some have considered the worst invention of all time. As of recent, the simple one-meter-long plastic horn has been banned from nearly every arena/sporting event known to man. But, you can't deny that the Vuvuzela helped define the intense atmosphere of this summer's tournament. The South Africans have their Vuvuzelas, the Brits have their chants, and what do we have? The wave? I think America could use a little noise to promote soccer which, with the exception of every four years, is neglected to make television time for things like arena football and NASCAR. I'm all for the Vuvuzela. Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzz. - Kerry Vaughan '12



A Redhead's Rant. The word "ginger" is a completely derogatory term for the minority group of natural born redheads, and I feel discriminated against. Since I've been here, despite the redhead population at PC, no one seems to know my name. It's Genevieve, by the way. Thanks to South Park's Eric Cartman, redheads are "soul-less, evil, inherently disgusting and dumb creatures" who fall into one of two categories: day-walkers or night-walkers. In light of this, redheads have been beaten, in some cases to death, on National Kick a Ginger Day, which was created in light of this episode. This is a crime against humanity. South Park rekindled anti-redhead sentiments. After being called a ginger in the library a few nights ago, I angrily threw Socrates' Apology to the side and fanatically researched this anti-redheadism. According to Greek mythology, people with red hair were thought to turn into vampires after their lives ended. Aristotle described redheads as "socially unhousebroken." Egyptians used to bury men with red hair alive. In the Middle Ages, people with a certain shade of red hair were considered vampires or werewolves. In Corsica, one is supposed to spit if they pass a redhead in the street. Only in Denmark is it considered an honor to be born with red hair. Redheads make up one percent of the entire world's population. Although rare, I assure you that we are people, people with feelings. – Genevieve Ilg '14



I'm Not a Belieber. "If I'm assigned a tangent next week," I wrote on my colleague, Jenn DiPirro's Facebook wall, "I swear to God I will savagely attack

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your beloved Bieber." A man of my word, and more opinionated about popular culture than I should be, I would like to viciously attack DiPirro's Bieber, who she so staunchly defended in the last issue of *The Cowl*. That people only hate him because he's young and rich is a fair and easy accusation to make. But I think Ms. DiPirro will find that there's a plethora of valid reasons to hate Justin Bieber. First and foremost, when I was 12, I listened to music. I used to sit in front of a radio waiting for my favorite songs to come on, and I'd hurriedly press record on the tape player once the announcer finished talking. I'm pretty sure that if I were 12 today, I would have had no tolerance for perpetually prepubescent scumbags terrorizing America's living rooms. His connections with Ludacris and Usher do not legitimize him. That's like saying if you put a red nose on a rugged Sailor, he immediately becomes an authentic clown. I don't care how much he earns, and I don't even care that millions of Twilighttainted youths have deified the freak-of-nature. Music is supposed to speak to its audience, and lyrics should have significance to some degree. What in the world does a 16-year-old know about needing somebody to love? More importantly, what do his 12-year-old audiences know about it? I'd rather idolize a McDonald's Big Mac: it'd be less synthetic than whatever's growing on that walking-caricature's head. I'd rather listen to Celine Dion scratching 11,000,000 blackboards with her teeth for 14 years than listen to that squeaking chipmunk. Seeing him on a billboard reminds me of that Dove commercial where they timelapsed a photoshopping of that average-looking chick's face. Ke\$ha is more talented, and that's a painful thing for me to say. If I were stuck in a room with Hitler, Osama Bin Laden, Justin Bieber, and a shotgun with two bullets, I'd punch Justin Bieber in the face and cry myself to sleep. - Jayo Macasaquit '11

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Sweatshops: Thinking Beyond Stage One

by Arman Oganisian '13 **Guest Commentary**

SOCIETY

It is heart-wrenching to imagine how there could still be sweatshops around the world. It is difficult to make sense of how some people work so much for so little. After pondering these elements of society, the instinctive response of any person is, and should be, to boycott these actions. Immediately, the tendency to jump out and show opposition springs forth from the solidarity we share with our fellow man. This is stage one. It is a stage in which people ignorantly, yet with good intention, remain.

In 1993, the United States boycotted child labor in Bangladesh. U.S. citizens were horrified that companies abroad could treat their workers so deplorably. They fervently boycotted, and it worked. Threatened with a U.S. ban on their imports, companies in Bangladesh were forced to eliminate their use of child labor.

Now, let us move beyond stage one. First, consider why these children were working in these factories. They were not legally bound to work there and the laws were not on the side of the laborers, yet they chose to work there anyway. They worked in these conditions because it was their best alternative. Their situation was one in which they could not receive an education nor could they find better-paying jobs. This is tragic. But was the boycott truly successful? Actually, with their best alternative removed, most children were forced into worse conditions such as prostitution and drug industries. Here, liberal policymakers might stare dumbfounded and mutter "oops." Yes, it is a very

thankful that the factory allowed them to work such long hours.

Now, let us consider the more efficient, yet socially unacceptable, remedy. The statement about the actual choice reveals an important economic principle that liberals tend to ignore: competition. More of these "low paying factories" would mean more competition for the best workers. Thus, higher wages and better working conditions will develop. This market approach, though it will take longer, will actually work.

Of course, this doesn't sit well

THEY WORKED IN THESE CONDITIONS BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR BEST ALTERNATIVE

big "oops." The well-intentioned plan to make these children better off actually plunged them into poverty. This is no joke.

Well-intentioned liberal policymakers who did not think beyond stage one ruined the lives of these children. Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, winners of the Pulitzer Prize in 1991, recounted several incidents when Chinese sweatshop workers were shocked and confused upon hearing that Westerners were boycotting "for their rights." They commented that they were deliberately taking these jobs over other jobs that paid less and were

with many people. "How can you sit by while this happens?" they ask. "How can you be so cold and logical about this?" I counter that a general approach to any social issue is one in which emotions are set aside to allow decisions to be rational and benefits are maximized. In effect, this allows one to think beyond stage one. It allows one to think about the long run instead of the short run. Economics is not conservative and it is not liberal. Economics is not moral or immoral. Economics just is.

Do not take away the best alternative for these people. It is not in their best interest and they don't like it. It is undeniable that excessive intervention in the form of boycotting is worse for everyone. It means job loss for people overseas and more expensive goods for domestic consumers. Sure, it will take time, but the best strategy is to simply let these nations develop independently.

Roughly 1.2 million Chinese citizens increase their income to a higher-than-poverty level every month by beginning work in Wal-Mart factories for 2 dollars USD. In fact, 2 dollars USD is more than half of what the average worker earns in China! With this in mind, it is easy to argue that Wal-Mart has done more for the third world than the World Bank and IMF combined. For example, between 1975 and 1995, foreign aid (as a percentage of government expenditure) was above 50 percent. During this same period, per capita GDP decreased and, for many years, was even in the negatives!

Of course, to those who have no idea how currency exchange, inflation, deflation, or competition work, this will be seen as uncompassionate and cold. I counter that at least I will not be responsible for millions of people losing jobs they depend on.

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EASTBOUND AND DOWN SUNDAYS 10:30 P.M. HBO

by Ryan Waxon '12 A&E Staff

Returning for what is sure to be one of the most triumphant sophomore seasons in HBO series history, Kenny Powers is back and taking names. The first season of *East Bound and Down* aired over a year and a half ago and has gained popularity over the last few months, mainly due to its extremely short length. With only six episodes that are a mere 22 minutes in length you can become a Kenny Powers fan on a rainy afternoon.

Finding himself in Mexico on the run from the half life he had in North Carolina, Kenny has hit a few new lows. He has two sidekicks; Aaron (Deep Roy) who is a foul-mouthed little person with a penchant for abusing big people, and Hector (Joaquín Cosioa), a tall Mexican man who has no interest in learning English for Mr. Powers. When they aren't training/fighting their rooster or 'cock' as Kenny likes to continuously say, the trio is riding drunk on mopeds wreacking havoc on natives. It is everything you would imagine of Kenny Powers in Mexico.

In channeling Kenny Powers, Danny McBride is doing some of the best character acting that has ever been done, period. Kenny Powers has almost no redeeming qualities, yet audiences love him. Within the fictional Kenny Powers universe, no matter how horrible or outrageous he is, people tend to forgive him. He gets away with everything and nobody seems to know why or even care for that matter. The closer to rock bottom he gets, the stronger he seems to hold onto that last bit of the badass Kenny Powers persona.

It appears that for the majority of this season, Kenny will be pitching for a small Mexican minor league team that is even more pathetic than Kenny himself. At the end of this first episode, Kenny rides in on his dirt bike and proclaims his awesomeness to the team. He leaves the team with perhaps one of the best quotes to ever leave Mr. Power's verbose mouth, "Kenny Powers is in fact the Christ figure he is perceived to be". Damn straight he is.

Due rich to the storytelling, this season will likely prove to be one of the best out of the entire run of the series, especially in an environment as colorful as Mexico's. I hope to see Kenny come back and maybe regain some of his glory. Another thing to look forward to is the return of Stevie Janowski (Steven Little) the mentally impaired 'friend' of Kenny Powers and the anchor of the show. The show is better than ever and comes at the tail end of a great night of television.

Grade: A

MAROON 5 HANDS ALL OVER

by Alison DeNisco '11 A&E Staff

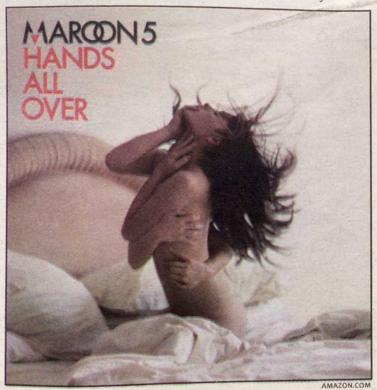
"Ooh yeah!"

Such kicks off "Misery," the hit single and first track off of Maroon 5's third studio album Hands All Over, which However, there is some evidence of creative thought at work in the funk overtones on songs like "Give A Little More," which is slated for a radio release.

The album peaks in the middle of the track list with "Never Gonna Leave This Bed," a sweet, catchy (wait for it) love song, and "I Can't Lie," which employs a piano melody and a breezy feel similar to their 2004 hit, "Sunday Morning." The twangy, lush vocals of Lady Antebellum are featured on "Out of Goodbyes," the final song on the album. While the track will undoubtedly find success on the iTunes top singles list in weeks to come as both bands are hit-making forces to be reckoned with, "Out of Goodbyes" is an out of place add-on to the actual album, with its country feel and the sheer awkwardness of combining Levine's falsetto whine with another voice (one that is actually enjoyable to listen to.) Levine is no Taylor Swift, and Maroon 5 should stick to what they're good at instead of seeking cross-platform success. When all is said and done, Hands All Over is an underwhelming affair that registers as "just O.K." It never manages to capture the realism or likeability of the band's first studio album, Songs About Jane, though traces of it do remain in certain moments.' One reason for this decline in quality rests on the fact that the band too often turns into a one-man show on this album, with Levine's distinct voice as the only noticeable feature of every song, overstepping the instrumentation with the aforementioned "Ooh yeahs!" Hopefully the band takes this opportunity to learn from their mistakes, and hone some of that potential that we saw so clearly in Songs About Jane that somehow simmered out on Hands All Over.

dropped last Tuesday. And there is plenty more misery where that came from on this overly poppy and rather contrived collection in which popular themes include being in love, not wanting to be in love, and loosing love (not necessarily in that order), with lots of sporadic "Ooh yeahs" thrown in for good measure.

Hands All Over marks the Los Angelesbased band's first recording experience with producer Robert John "Mutt" Lange, the hit-making machine behind such artists as Nickelback, Shania Twain, and Def Leppard. And you can tell. The sound is overly polished, the songs well-crafted but too often falling into generalized clichés. Front man Adam Levine, who has gone as far as to welcome audiences into his bedroom life (literally, in the controversial music video for "This Love") on past albums now resorts to fluffy, poppy anthems like "Stutter," declaring, "All I want is you and me always / Give me affection / I need your perfection / You feel so good ... Ooh I really need to know."



Grade: C

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GOOD TELEVISION, WEHARDLY KNEWYE by Jorge Lucas '12 A&E Staff

Some television shows never seem to quit while they're ahead and we find ourselves with The Simpsons or As the World Turns. Other far more deserving shows, sadly, never get the opportunity to find their footing and mature, and they are oftentimes forgotten. Here is a list of some of the best canceled shows that have gotten a second chance at life on DVD and that you would not regret trying out.

Freaks and Geeks

Everyone knows Judd Apatow as the man behind some of the best comedies that the world has to offer. But before Anchorman brought him huge success, Apatow executive produced Freaks and Geeks from 1999 to 2000. Focusing on siblings Lindsay and Sam, the show's 18 episodes fashioned a realistic look into the high school experience that, despite being set in the early 1980s, remained a timeless vision e complete with both humor and sentiment. Revisiting them, it is amazing to see how many now-famous actors were featured on the show in their youth, amongst them Linda Cardellini, James Franco, Seth Rogen, Jason Segel, Jason Schwartzman, and Rashida Jones. Thanks to a devoted fan base, the show was revived for three more episodes and later appeared on Time's • and Entertainment Weekly's lists of the greatest TV series.

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 As I browsed through other lists of the best canceled shows, this one showed up time and time again. Set in the year 2517, Joss "Buffy" Whedon's space Western followed the adventures of Captain Mal Reynolds, played with great aplomb by Nathan Fillion and his ragtag crew as they transported smuggled goods across space. The nine very different main characters made for razorsharp dialogue and provocative conflict, while the special effects and set design created an immersive world where space cowboys and Mexican standoffs reigned. Despite a massive cult following, the show was taken off the air after only 14 episodes in December of 2002, but enough demand from fans brought back the gang for a rather good feature film, "Serenity," in 2005 to give the series its deserved closure.

Arrested Development To this day, I still hear Arrested Development references from diehard fans who rank it among comedy shows like The Office and Seinfeld. The series, executively produced by Ron Howard, introduced audiences to its quirky brand of humor through the dysfunctional Bluth family and their off-kilter antics. No show has yet to match their one-of-a-kind wit. With six Emmy's and a Golden Globe under its belt, it is a wonder that this series got cancelled after only three seasons in 2006. Ever since, rumors have multiplied over the alleged script for a feature-length film. Not long ago, the entire crew was purportedly on board, though Michael Cera seemed the most reluctant, probably due to his

burgeoning career. But the most recent news suggests that we can expect a film,

with the whole cast, very soon.

• Carnivale As HBO post-Sopranos looks for another hit in Boardwalk Empire, it would do well to mimic the same quality it showed in Carnivale. Beginning in 2003, the show intrigued record audiences for HBO with its underlying elements of mysticism and spirituality that . informed the characters' overarching fight against evil. The show's accurate depiction of the Great Depression and the mysterious, dusty atmosphere garnered much artistic and technical praise. Unfortunately, ratings fell and in 2005 the show was dropped after 2 seasons, leaving many loose ends unattended and questions unexplained. The show ended up being 4 seasons shorter than creator Daniel Knauf had intended, but contains enough hidden clues to be worth owning and

watching again and again.

Daria • • • •

Though another TV show about high school, Daria held a much more satirical lens up to the teenage years than Freaks and Geeks. The dry, sardonic character of Daria Morgendorffer originally starred in MTV's Beavis and Butthead and then got her big break in 1997. Unlike the other shows on this list that did not get much of a chance, Daria enjoyed five long seasons and two movies in which she observed the clichéd suburban world and became the cynical voice of a generation. Daria's influence can still be felt today in shows like South Park and King of the Hill, adult cartoons whose productions she inspired with her own success.

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by Lindsay Sheehan '11 A&E Staff

L'Artisan Café & Bakery **4 South Angell Street**

Looking for a delicious but healthy lunch on a Sunday afternoon, a roommate and I trekked across Providence for a place that was different than the usual PC off-campus favorites. Past Golden Crust, Atwells Ave, I Heart Mexico, Tokyo, Meeting Street Café, and all the hallmarks on Thayer Street, we started to cross into an unexplored cluster.

Wayland Square, where Angell Street, not to be confused with your exciting homework account, and South Angell Street form a four-way intersection; we enter where the hipsters and young professionals' boundaries merge. Cafes, bookstores, boutiques, salons, and a toy factory decorate the area. Baggy Aladdin shorts, greasy hair, and pastel glasses touch shoulders with loafers, stripes, and baby strollers. It is only ideal that a French bistro is smack in the center of all this activity. A place where an undergraduate student named Tree can order her soy macchiato while the financial analyst with his beautiful wife and three year old child can have a salmon wrap.

This paradox is L'Artisan Café & Bakery, recently opened six weeks ago by a Montreal man looking to bring his restaurant from the land of hockey and red lights to Providence, RI. Thank you. L'Artisan Café & Bakery has all the staples of a Francophone bistro like La Salle Bakery: various Paninis on homemade rolls, wraps, pastries, soups, a la carte items, homemade breads, espresso, and a close-knit character. The atmosphere, but not the prices, is more upscale than most cafes with its windows and high hanging lights. Both inside and outside, people are reading the paper, doing work on their laptops, and meeting for coffee dates.

We order our food at the counter by selecting from the chalkboard and bakery case items. After only a few moments wait, we carry our items on the stylish white ceramic plates to the outside patio.

So how is the food, you ask? My vegetarian date chose the fresh tomato and mozzarella pesto Panini with a side of cranberry butternut squash soup. The soup was by far the most delicious mixture of smooth sweetness that either of us have ever tasted. I ordered a ham and brie panini with a side of their apple walnut salad. The smoked ham and melted brie on the grilled homemade role was crisp and succulent.

Our bill came to \$26 for the two



paninis, both with a side, a slice of chocolate cake, and a shot of espresso. Not too shabby. You have most likely paid less for an order similar to this, but then again you are paying for homemade deliciousness. Beyond the food, we had access to front row seats to a friendly fender bender and couples walking their dogs / kids (who can decipher between the two when kids are on leashes and dogs are in purses?).

L'Artisan Café & Bakery is a great

A Call To Arms

Injustice at

Ray Cafeteria

place for you to dab your buds. Since it is a bit of a hike to get to, bring homework and a laptop to make the most out of it (the café has access to wireless internet). If you're looking for a hangover breakfast or Applebees style meal, this is not the place for you. But if you're looking for some satisfying café staples, get at it, guy.

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by Sarah Dombroski '13 Assistant A&E Editor

Let's

Let me open with an obvious statement: the food at Raymond Cafeteria is not very delicious. I find myself at the sandwich line receiving lovingly crafted sandwiches, filled with mediocre meats and sub-par veggies, at least twice a day. I have come to learn how to tolerate this mal-nourishing routine because, as humans, we all have innately learned to do something called "adapting to our environment." Thus, I have adapted to this environment by allowing sandwiches of lesser quality than I would usually let grace by lips, enter my digestive system. However, I have recently had a semi-personal encounter with injustice at Ray Cafeteria that I will not let stand! We find our heroine perusing the Classics station a week ago Monday. Like a famine-stricken squirrel, she scurries from station to station before the Civ influx hits, hoping to find something to feast on. Her choice is between a soggy noodle bowl with weird chicken floating in it and an apricot pork fritter sandwich, quite the dilemma. She finds solace in the salad bar. Alas, the selection is sparse, but it will do. She crafts a salad filled with protein and other goodies, and sits down with her friends to gorge. Although the salad did its job and satiated her gnawing hunger pangs, she still craved something light and retreshing to munch on during the trek back to lower campus. After extensive deliberation, she decided on cucumbers. As many students do, she made her

way over to the little nugget-sized Dixie cups the management provides for the students, grabbed one, and filled it will cucumbers (a cup filled with cucumbers equals approximately six cucumbers.) Being the contentious student that she is, our heroine dismissed herself from her Ray table so she could catch up on some reading for one of her classes. Then, as she was leaving, disaster struck.

was forced to throw out the cucumbers on account of her desire to not make a scene in the midst of the lunch rush.

I'm sorry, but I just do not understand how we pay so much money for our meal plans and one of our own is restricted from bringing CUCUMBERS with her. Not even like a Tupperware container of cucumbers, a very small cup of cucumbers. So, as a member of the student body, I want justice!

Our heroine was approached separately by two individuals on the management staff at Raymond Cafeteria and was asked to not bring the cucumbers outside the confines of the establishment. Naturally, as any inquisitive student would, she questioned why the togo cups were provided if students were not allowed to bring anything outside of the dining hall? Always asking the tough questions. The adults expertly avoided her excellent point and continued to berate her for her cucumbers. Our heroine weaseled away, and just as she was about to make her escape, she was approached by a member of upper management and instructed to dispose of the cucumbers! Outrage! If I were her I would have probably made a comment regarding the fact that hunger is a major problem in this world and throwing the cucumbers out would be a detrimental waste and slap in the face to society as a whole, however, our heroine is not as sassy as I am, and kept her composure. The man insisted on her throwing the cucumbers out, and so naturally, because that is a positively absurd request, she challenged him. To make a long story short: she

ow, let's veer away from the microcosm that is the Providence College community and speak about the food service industry in general. From the full-service restaurant sector to the service provider portion, a part which the majority of students come in contact with on a day to day basis, the food service industry has its fair share of shortcomings. Fast food restaurants contradict the slow food movement, and restaurants are jacking up their prices preventing the average household from being able to afford going out to eat, and in the case of Providence College and our food service provider, they insist on berating students who try to extend their meal plans outside Ray's glass doors in order to keep their ordering costs lower (but I'm just speculating.) There are flaws in the system that need to be remedied, and some sectors are improving more than others. McDonald's started up a "fresher" section on their menu that includes salads and snack wraps, and various full-service restaurants have specials on certain days to provide more affordable options to eager patrons. However, our Raymond Hall must take the hint to get with the program and be progressive, because, like I said, I want justice!

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Keeping It Classy: Up-and-Coming Fads For the Fall

by Lauren Starr '11 A&E Staff

Brisk weather is moving in and the trees are changing; it's official... fall is here. With the warm days of summer behind us it's time to put away white jeans, tiny bathing suits and colorful sundresses. Every year during New York Fashion Week, a few major trends emerge from the runways. One of the freshest

this trends season actually brings us back to a decade of political change, women's rights, and of course Jackie O. Say to the hello 1960s. This fall's fashion is not inspired by peace and love and the VW Buses most of us associate with the era, but rather the classic style that dominated most of America at the time. It is the official come back of

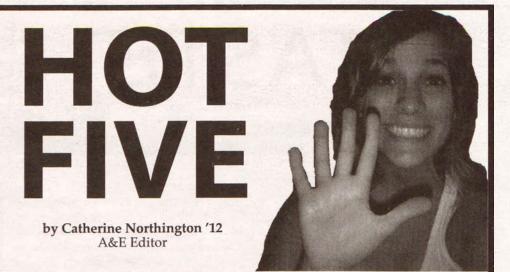


femininity in fashion. A Jackie O. era show, Mad Men, in its fourth season, displays the '60s style craved this season. All of us should take some notes on the wardrobes of the female characters: Betty, Joan, and Peggy. These three leading ladies flaunt their womanly figures and waistlines with pencil skirts, muted color blouses and curve-hugging dresses. The women wear desirable classic A-line dresses, form-fitting cardigans and elegant circle skirts. But Mad Men isn't the only show popularizing the style. Designers also embraced this 1960s influence during Fall Fashion Week. Marc Jacobs, one of fashion's biggest names, said his fall Louis Vuitton show, where he serves as creative director, was inspired by calendar girls and aimed for a fresh retro feel. He even chose curvier

> Victoria's Secret models such Adriana Lima, Elle Macpherson and Alessandra Ambrosio to walk the runway and show off their curves in his ultra feminine collection.

> However, 1960s inspired style isn't reserved for Hollywood beauties and supermodels. Adding elegant accessories and classic lady-like pieces to your wardrobe at PC

can switch up your fall fashion. A thin belt around the waist of any cardigan can complement any figure, or a floral A -line dress for your next formal event, is the most chic choices right now. Most girls love leggings and a great pair of Uggs in the cold months at PC, but embracing the 1960's with a modern twist and including some of these romantic feminine pieces in your fall wardrobe will give you a new, but classic, look.



The Hot Five

Number One in this week's Hot Five is, paradoxically, the Hot Five **itself**. The Hot Five is a new feature in which I share five things that you, as a PC student, should know about this week. They could be local events, restaurants, or just general suggestions. Oh, and they'll sorta kinda be A&E-related. Maybe?

Café 412's New Menu

If you haven't been to Café 412, for whatever reason-GO. I would live there if I could. And just when I thought 412 couldn't get any more brilliant, they introduced a menu of customizable burgers. The burgers are sinfully delicious, as is everything on the 412 menu. Delivery's great and all...but at some point I suggest you toss the lethargy aside and take a night to enjoy the atmosphere at the restaurant.

Jazzman's Pumpkin Coffee

I'm a coffee purist and tend to stay away from flavorings in my brew. However, I recently tasted the pumpkin-flavored drip at Jazzman's. It's bomb. They don't add any unnecessary sweeteners; it's straight-up coffee. Opting to live in the same building as Jazzman's this year was a good life decision. I like to make my own coffee, but when I'm feeling particularly lazy, it's nice to know I theoretically don't even have to put pants on to get a hot cup of joe.

Family Guy

This week's season premiere, a parody of Agatha Christie's [SUPERB] novel, *And Then There Were None*, surpassed my (admittedly somewhat low) expectations. I gave up on *Family Guy* long ago, but was pleasantly surprised by the show's return this week.

Hobbledehoy

The existence of the word "hobbledehoy" was brought to my attention this week by *Cowl* Editor-In-Chief emeritus John Vaghi. Everyone should look up this word and start using it. It is my belief that consequently, the world will be a better place.



This Week: Favorite Off-Campus Eatery

Catherine Northington Favorite Off-Campus Eatery: Café 412

Her Thoughts: I somehow engineered the A&E section this week to include two separate mentions of Café 412's greatness. And, if you ask me, two isn't enough. The environment there is friendly, relaxed, and homey (brick walls, soft lamp-lighting, a unique bar area, wooden bench seating, etc.) Furthermore, the menu is boundless—I went there a minimum of once a week all last year, and I *never* ran out of satiating culinary options. Week after week, though, I return to my old 412 standbys: the nachos with guacamole and the prosciutto pizza. Please see this week's Hot Five feature for my further outpourings of devotion for 412.

Her Views On Sarah: LaSalle Bakery is a solid choice. They have delicious snacks, sweet and savory. Their pesto pastas and steak calzones are works of art. And don't get me started on the Caramel Cinnamon Apple Roll (GET ONE TODAY. You won't regret it, I swear). Plus, LaSalle brews a delicious cup of coffee. But overall, I find that 412 beats out LaSalle, because it caters to a distinctive array of winers and diners—from a sophisticated dinnertime crowd, to a more rambunctious late-night crowd.

Sarah Dombroski Favorite Off-Campus Eatery: LaSalle Bakery

Her Thoughts: I love manly foods. Pulled pork, meat lovers pizza, and ribs are all part of my repetoire however, nothing tops the Local Favorite, LaSalle Bakery's claim to fame. A hearty and satiating delecacy enveloping roasted peppers, procsuitto, basil, fresh mozzarella, and more into a hug between its perfectly crisped loaves, and then, tied with a bow. *Bellisimo!* This sandwich alone skyrockets LaSalle to the top of my list; however, the bountiful amount of perfect treats showcased throughout the bakery only serve to cement LaSalle not only in my good graces, but also in my dreams.

Her Views On Catherine: Café 412 is fantastic. Their proscuitto pizza will make you sing. However, first and foremost, LaSalle is less scary to walk to. Second of all, LaSalle has SWEET AND SAVORY selections. Lastly, LaSalle caters all that I would ever desire at every time of the day, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, LaSalle continues to exceed my expectations. Gold Star! September 30, 2010 **CLUBS & ORGS** The Cowl 21 **DRESS SALE!** DEPT. OF THEATRE, DANCE, & FILM Fall Mainstage Productions The **All Dresses Just** \$20! Dresses edda Gabler BY HENRIK IBSEN That Cure Tuesday, a de la calendar de l ОСТ. 29-31 POP-UP Boutique October 5, 2010 NOV 5-7 Blackfriars Dance Concert 12:00 to 5:00 NOV. 20 & 21 p.m. Sponsored by: DINNER WITH FRIENDS BY DONALD MARGULIES **Colleges Against Cancer** '64 Hall DEC. 3-5 Providence www.dressesthatcure.org College 401.865.2218 www.providence.edu/theatre A program of: Storio Semma Weekly **Sporting Events** Come Build Bridges in your New College Community! Thursday, September 30 Building Bridges (Part of the Orientation 2010 Program) has been rescheduled! Members of the Class of 2014 are encouraged to attend this truly rewarding experience. W Tennis 3:00 p.m. WE. Hariford Date: October 16th Time: 9:00am-3:00pm Friday, October 1 **The Registration Deadline is OCTOBER 6th W Valleyball 6:00 p.m. WS. Stony Brook Students can register by sending an email to sail@providence.edu or stopping by the SAIL Office (Slavin 104) Saturday, October 2 Geld Booley Help us honor our commitment to 1:00 p.m. Syracuse 53 service sites across Rhode Island Sunday, Canhar S Weday hall Gall Backay 60 Hariford 1:00 p.m. Albany 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 5 Withing Intil TM Rhode Island 83 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October G MError Boston Univ. 3:00 p.m. 1 **McPhail's Slavin Center** (401) 865-1120 AIM: McPhails02 mcphails@providence.edu ents **McPhail's Hours:**

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You Can Never Really Dance Alone

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by Conor Leary '11 Portfolio Editor

FICTION

He stood looking at himself. It was the only thing he could do, standing in a room where an entire wall was covered in reflective surfaces. Mirrors were more than just shiny panels that reversed the world and allowed people to see themselves, how they looked, and what they might need to change. Looking at himself in the mirror that day, Jacob saw where he might fit best.

His world felt as delicate as the standing mirrors that if shaken by some sudden seismic rift in the earth would collapse from the wall they stood against. They would fall, and in doing so, spray the gray floor with their pulverized pieces. They would send flat and shiny shards flying sharply up and away from where the greater body of the mirror had perished. Jacob knew they would have carved him into a Swiss man, one who wouldn't smell as much like the cheese as he would resemble it.

All the same, his world felt fragile. It felt uneasy. The image being thrown back at him was of a boy he only partially recognized, but he was absolutely alone. The mirrors were precise in reflecting the sweatpants he had chosen to wear that day and the loose t-shirt that hung around his narrow torso. He recognized his short haircut, the blue-green color of his eyes, and the way his face seemed tense, as if examining some mystery of the world.

Today's mystery was something in the mirror.

Today's mystery was the person standing in front of him. He knew it was his reflection. But what he saw was more like a twin, his twin standing before him in another world, one just beyond the mirror. His twin existed in the wide open studio darkened by the storm clouds outside set in reverse.

Jacob literally saw the silence of the room and how it sauntered around like a ghost. Chilling breezes made his limbs tremble as they stood in a very uncommon shape. He saw his twin tremble as well. He stood with a straight spine, his chin resting at a level where he could see his taller twin with his head tilted artistically to the side. He stood higher on his feet and watched his twin's heels grow lofty and lift off the floor.

His arms rounded out in a sturdy circle. He saw the tiniest tremors his body released as he tried to remain absolutely still. He saw his twin trying to copy him. He saw himself trying to copy his twin. Then, he found the determination in his twin's same eyes, undeniable, and felt one leg lift.

Simply passé. Holding his foot and the rest of his body high, he maintained as statuesque a figure as he could muster. He felt himself stop breathing. He saw the absence of imaginary wind leaving his nose or sneaking through the creases in his mouth. In the mirror, he saw his twin's face growing redder, sweat droplets rolling out from under his hair, and his fingertips trembling. He felt a strong burn in his stomach and watched as his twin began to shake.

Then Jacob fell. His knee buckled and he fell to the floor. His eyes crashed into the area at his feet. He felt the bottom of the floor shake and looked immediately up. He feared becoming like a Swiss man; and what a horrific way to say goodbye to the world if one is to impersonate Swiss cheese in doing so.

But everything had remained stable. Falling out of the hold had not so devastated the world that mirrors fell from the walls they were safely adhered to. The act of fighting against the laws of gravity and stressing the muscles in his calves in a very different way hadn't been so earth-shattering that it brought the room crashing to the ground. Jacob quietly smiled, imagining how silly it had been to believe the entire universe could be completely decimated by his attempt to dance. When his eyes reached up to find his twin coming to that same realization, there was no keeping either of them from doing what they had come to do that day. The twin brothers had come to dance.

There was a moment of absolute nirvana where Jacob let his feet fly. Curling around one another and dipping into intertwining steps of both grace and balance, Jacob no longer saw himself in the mirror. He spun, buckling his knee in the air and making sure his toe grabbed behind it so his balance would remain unwavering. Ducking his head, he flew through the air with knees bent in order to curl to the floor and stretch towards the sky. In doing so, he let his back roll over the floor until he pushed up from his stomach.

When his legs locked together, his eyes found his brother in the mirror. There was a brief smile between them, an agreement, before Jacob carried himself from the floor and out of the dance studio. He heard the distinct echo of his twin leaving the dance studio set in reverse in the mirror as he laced up his shoes and whispered the agreement.

"I won't forget the music next time."

Kidney Stones



by Tom Nailor '12 Portfolio Staff

I imagine a tiny Sisyphus pushing up a tiny rock from bladder through ureter up a fleshy path that's blocked.

A punishment I'm confident for any poor old soul. But why, I ask, just tell me why does he deserve this heavy toll?

Are we flawed and fleshy and imperfect in more than moral ways? Do we push a rock up each our paths each and every single day?

And does the rock, the damned rock, roll down the damned way? Rolls down past us, watch it go, 'till we piss our lives away? And grind against the grimy pavements, And linger on the casements; Let us quit our quiet basements...

For a place of shattered windowpanes, A place of rain-eroded lanes, Where the bugs and the billboards always buzz, Where nothing was, but now there is; A place where we can go in place Of this too-confining space; Let us quit this too-confining space, Of sores that fester, never scar, Refresh ourselves in the dirty bars, Drink the mud and scratch the scars; When the gutters overflow with unseemly things, Let us float unbothered down the unclean streams.

In the room the people come and go But only talk of Kotoko.

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What Makes A Lifeguard Blow His Whistle

by Tom Nailor '12 Portfolio Staff

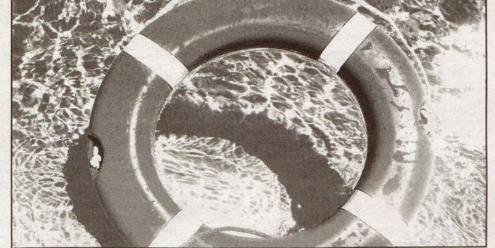
ESSAY

Summer. A time for people to enjoy the sun and the surf, to spend time with family and friends, and for most of us to work in exchange for the funds that become oh-so-necessary in college (obviously because school supplies are very expensive, as every college student can attest to). As you get closer to graduating, people will begin to do different things with their summer; some will travel to far-flung places to help the less fortunate for months at a time, while others might choose to study abroad, or even be a resident assistant on campus. Still more will work at internships to garner valuable experience. Why, you might ask, do I continue to work as both a lifeguard and a swim instructor at my local YMCA? Perhaps it is the interesting characters that keep me coming back. When it comes to the pools at the New Canaan YMCA, or perhaps any aquatics facility, there are specific groups of people, easily recognizable and yet mysterious to those who don't observe them every day as I do.

So, Steve Irwin style, I've chosen to write about these groups of people in an effort to shed a bit of light on the nature of those interesting specimen that inhabit the pool. We'll begin with the types of people who come in to swim laps, of which there are three this article is concerned with:

1. Chatterbox Maximus, more commonly known as The Talker. The most common animal seen at the pool, this is the type of person that comes in to swim and proceeds to talk not only my, but everyone else's ear off. This may not seem like such a bad thing, but trust me; when you've been sitting in a pool for several hours, it's not so much a pleasant interruption as it is a struggle to hold a conversation with someone. The Chatterbox Maximus is also easily offended, so when you might be scanning the pool to make sure no one is drowning, they will usually storm off in a huff and grumble to the other swimmers. Heaven forbid that one of those other swimmers falls into our next category.

2. No-Interruptus, more commonly known as a Workaholic, is a special breed when it comes to the pool. This



is the type of person to whom even a simple greeting from your neighborhood lifeguard can prove to be of the utmost annovance. You can forget about asking them to share their lane when the pool is busy or get out of the pool for their own safety (given the weather, the chemical readings or something of that nature). And if you may have been a late lifeguard, preventing them from swimming, expect to hear about it from your boss as they angrily tell him what an "insult" it is that they didn't get their daily swim finished. Be wary not to start a conversation with this type of swimmer, do not engage them unless absolutely necessary. Know that they won't consider anything short of their own death as absolutely necessary, and even that is questionable.

3. Team-Members come in three varieties: Swim, Synchro, and Diver. These are people, always younger than yours truly, who are members of one of the YMCA's variety of Aquatics Teams. All are characterized by the surprising inability to listen to the lifeguard, their inability to enter a pool quietly, and their belief in their own superiority over anyone else that might be in the pool. Rarely one emerge from this group who will react with any sort of kindness to a lifeguard, given that they are usually either ignoring everything under the impression that they have run of the pool come practice time, or perhaps from a simple belief that their talents make them better than everyone else.

And now we'll move onto the four types of people you'll meet when you teach swim classes to the little ones, some of which may sound hauntingly familiar.

Writers In Spotlight

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1. Chatterbox Minimus, closely related to our Chatterbox Maximus, is a child who could not be more excited to be at the pool, and wishes to tell you just about everything that has ever happened to them. Usually a pleasure to have in class, this child will make it difficult by interrupting you and being so adorable while doing so that it's difficult to discipline them without feeling as if you are a terrible person. They will also take anything that they perceive as ignoring them to be a true slap in the face, and may easily evolve into an example of our next specimen.

2. Warbling Wailer, more commonly known as The Crier, does NOT want to be at the pool. They do NOT want to swim, and they want everyone within a two hundred foot radius to know that. Perhaps they are truly afraid of swimming-more often, harsh as it may sound, they are angry at the loss of control. What do you mean I have to be here when I don't want to? What do you mean I have to do whatever this stranger in the bathing suit tells me? What do you mean you aren't going to sit here and watch me while I cry? What do you mean I won't get what I want ... and so on and so forth while your valiant swim teacher does his best to be kind and avoid infuriating our next specimen.

3. Hover Judger, more commonly known as The Helicopter Parent. This is one of the most dangerous specimens known to the pool. This is someone who questions you at every turn, chooses to ignore the rules, and either stays on deck or dashes in at the slightest sniffle from their child. You must know that even when they are not in the pool area, they will be watching you, and heaven forbid

Johnny/Susie isn't the only one in the class? Why, my child is an individual, and I'm paying good money to force you to realize that, so you'd better shape up or ship out! The Hover Judger will make it impossible to enforce the rules during Family Swim as well, as they will either assume that they know best, or that you must be some schmuck off the street as opposed to anyone who might know how to do their job. Still, sometimes you would prefer a Hover Judger to the opposite end of the spectrum, realized in our next species.

4. Neglecting Nannyer, will seem like a blessing in comparison to The Helicopter Parent in that they merely drop the child off on time and then leave, never again to question you. Members of this species are most often unrelated to the child, and therefore have less stake in making sure of anything. However they will complicate your life by making it impossible to find out any pertinent information about the child (perhaps they had an incident in the water earlier in life that makes them afraid? What's the home situation like?) as well as perpetually forgetting to pick up the child, bringing them on the wrong day, and failing to understand your explanations of said mistakes when you try to tell them. Similar to the Hover Judger, the Neglecting Nannyer will also fail to understand the rules of the pool as you try to explain them, making Family Swim once again difficult to monitor.

Obviously this article has not allowed us to explore the pleasant people (of which there are many) that come into the pool, but that has not been its intent. It has been intended to show those species you must be on the lookout for at the pool. Why get into the job you ask? I'm quite sure that the famous scene from Sandlot featuring the attractive lifeguard Wendy Peppercorn at the local pool was quite a bit of motivation to get into the profession (out of hopes that there would be cute coworkers, not hopes of little kids trying to make out with me if I have to give them mouth-to-mouth). If you don't get the reference, please go rent the movie. Right now. Still, sometimes one does wish that you could have a bottle of Repel ala Pokémon in order to ward off these various species of pool-goers, but alas, it is not to be. Now that school has begun, it means being able to leave behind this particular microcosm of people, though it does leave one wondering you spend time trying to teach the other children you have. What do you mean as to what sort of species one will encounter in the wider world of Providence College.

Jane Austen (1775-1817)

Suzanne Collins (1947-present)

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Jane Austen is one of the most recognized names in British Literature; an authoress who penned her creative works under the name "A Lady." She wrote many novels that are still considered to be renowned stories of passion and drama. They portray the necessity for every individual to discover the accepted imperfections of society and to fight, through intense and eloquent verbiage, against them. Her novels are full of wonderful narratives, dialogues, and arguments, which turn the very process of writing into a truly elegant art.

Some of her works include: Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey, and Persuasion

-Conor Leary '11

Are you looking for an author who knows how to write more than just teenage romantic fluff? Well I've found the one for you! Suzanne Collins, author of The New York Times bestselling Hunger Games Trilogy, offers her readers the chance to examine the consequences of a world which has been devastated by the abuses of power and state. Collins skillfully incorporates issues which exist in our world today, such as government control and personal independence, and develops them into the overall themes of her books. While the Hunger Games Trilogy is by no means a forecast for our impending future, it does incite in the reader many questions and concerns about the meaning of power, freedom, and love (don't worry, there is also a love story to be found in these pages).

-Dara Plath '13

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Renewed Flight

by Blake Bergeron '11 Portfolio Staff

My brother slept loosely on the couch, thin arms slack like threads draped alongside his body, mouth just open as if to roll a warm vowel into the emptiness of the room.

It was a deep sleep one unaware of movement, ignorant to the physics that so absolutely rule the waking world,

the sleep of a child without enough memories to know the difference.

He shifted in the airy flight of his dream to the brink of the world where all the salty oceans cascade off into infinity

(this precipice of course being nothing but the edge of a couch cushion)

Blindly diving into the dew of the ether

A controlled fall into the shallow pond of youth, not yet flooded by the water of living

Until reaching,

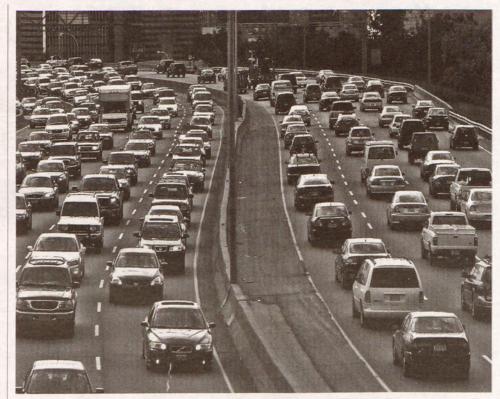
He could not know what

for wakefulness caught him, so abruptly stopped his determined fall to substitute a fall of its own

(his head by now had collided with the lip of the coffee table, the pallor of his crying face luminous against the darkness of the blood issuing from his temple)

A father now gathering up his son,

Frenzy in his bulky arms wrapping in towels the first great wound



The Effects of Heat on The Human Mind

by Dara Plath '13 Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

The traffic was unbearable. All I could see down the highway for miles were dormant cars so tightly packed together they seemed to form one long line of sparkling metal: a true mechanical wasteland. I noticed how some of the passengers were sprawled lifelessly on the hoods, as if the cars had ejected them for lack of use. It was a strange sight: metal and human seeming to melt together in the blazing heat. I wondered if once this mess was cleaned up, they would be able to peel themselves off.

I had shut my car off in a frugal attempt to conserve the little gas I had left, condemning myself to a humid and sticky hell. I watched as some of the sun-bathing mutants slid off their cars and started to walk along the shoulder in an attempt to discern what was creating such a blockage. I, on the contrary, remained glued to my seat by the sweat dripping down my neck and back. I pulled down the mirror

I fidgeted with the radio out of boredom, bypassing stations playing monotonous pop songs or announcers talking about dreary topics. Eventually, I found a station broadcasting what was happening on the highway. The announcer's raspy voice filled the vacant space in my car and seemed to hang in the heavy air, a solitary proclamation in time. She reported on an overturned McDonald's truck; nobody was hurt but apparently there were frozen Big Macs scattered everywhere. I couldn't help but smile at the image of thousands of the sunbathing mutants running towards the frozen patties in an attempt to ease their burns.

I closed my eyes, suddenly content with letting my mind melt into a syrupy mess of muddled thoughts. I focused on the soft hum of the cars on the other side of the highway as they hastened to their destinations; the noise soothing like a lullaby, slowly putting me to sleep. Before I could drift into total unconsciousness, two mutants slammed their hands against the side of my car and began rocking it back and forth. I grabbed the side of

LIKE WAVES OF INVISIBLE WATER BECKONING ANYONE THIRSTY ENOUGH TO TAKE A DRINK.

and took a quick glance at my face: the door and began yelling for help, a hair a frizzy mess, skin mottled with cry which soon turned to one of dread pink blotches. I sighed and flipped the as I watched the skin of one of the nirror back up angrily.

mutants slowly drip off.

of the boy's life

Sweeping him off to the hospital

in renewed flight.

It was the type of summer day where you find yourself eerily mesmerized by the heat coming off of the pavement, like waves of invisible water beckoning anyone thirsty enough to take a drink. I half-heartedly searched the back seat of my car for any water bottles, but realized after a few seconds that the effort it took to sift through all the junk was only making me hotter. Defeated, I leaned my head back, surrendering my lungs and body to the sultry air.

The car in front of me had left its engine on, and it continued to tremble and emit a sweet yet toxic odor of gasoline. Its fumes crept silently into my nose and spread through my brain, making me feel sick and euphoric at the same time. I watched as the three boys sitting in the back seat tried to get my attention by making funny faces. They finally got me to laugh when the youngest blew a kiss to me and his mother, conscious, yet jaded by their actions, yanked at his shirt until he turned around.

I was momentarily distracted as a group of the mutants came barreling down the highway, gripping frozen Big Macs in their hands-some were arranging them on their skin to ease their burns while others greedily ate them, spraying ketchup all over the pavement. I started to bang on the windshield, attempting to get the attention of the boys in the car in front of me. They merely pointed and laughed, their eyes a mean 'shade of red, while their mother cackled in the front seat, her mouth foaming a disgusting cream-colored froth.

The car behind me wailed its horn and my eyes shot open. I looked around, prepared to fight off the mutants, but only found the drivers of the cars behind me yelling obscene things to get me to move. I gingerly turned on my engine, feeling a gust of cool air conditioning hit my face and started driving forward, leaving the sweltering day behind me.

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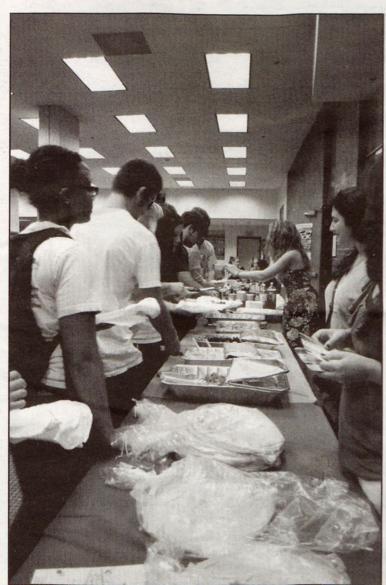
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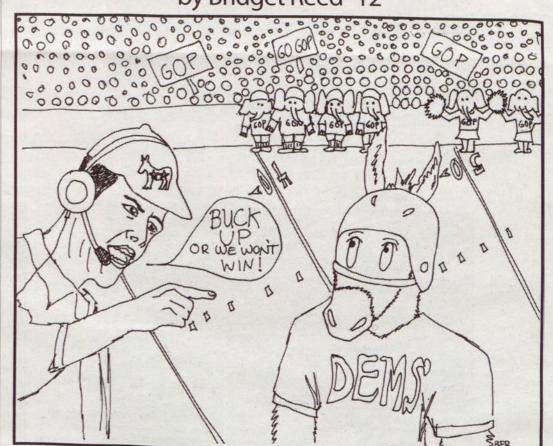
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ABOVE: Connections **Retreat on September** 24th to the 26th.

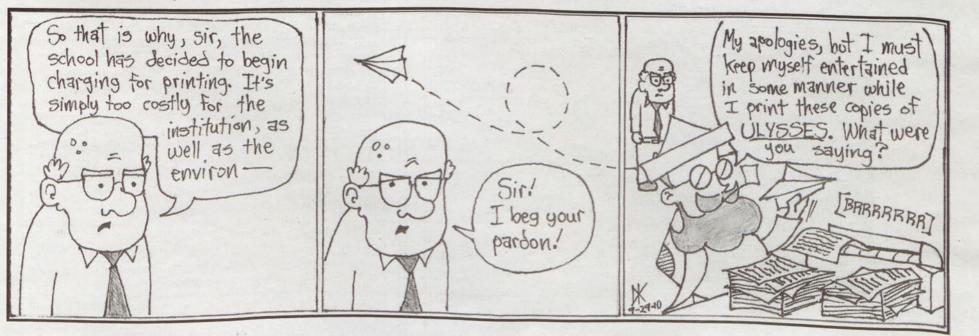


ABOVE: Rosa Clemente, Hip-Hop activist and 2008 VP Candidate for the Green Party, in '64 Hall on the 28th.

Midterm Election Pep Talk by Bridget Reed '12



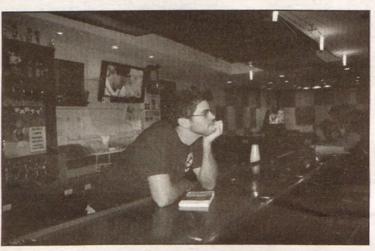
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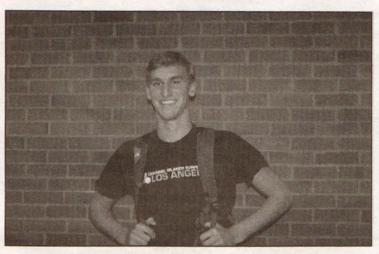
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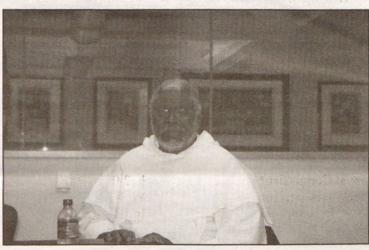
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"Comebacks againsts Pittsburgh." Mike Valencius '11



"Kyle Gillen." Conor Brown '11, Rose Floyd '12, Lauren Podgorski '12



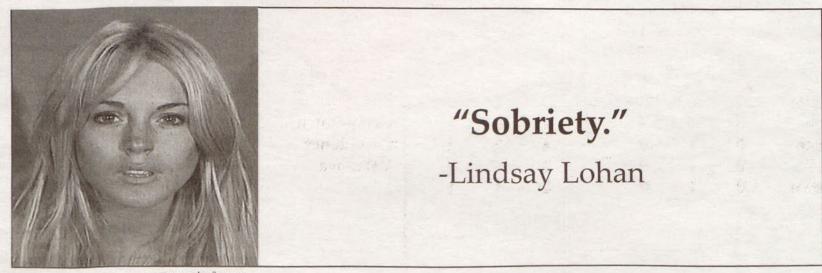
"My wedding!" Father Batts





"A better FFE office." Lily Glueck '11

"The men's track team." Nicole Williams '11



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Friars Scoreboard

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Standouts



Matt Marcin Men's Soccer Senior - Wilmington, Del. Marcin scored a goal against Louisville and another against Harvard this week. He now has three goals on the season.



Marisela Aviles-Duron Tennis Sophomore – Tegucigalpa, Honduras Aviles-Duron advanced to the semifinals of the ITA Eastern Championships over the weekend. She won three consecutive matches at the tournament.

Schedules

Scores		Schedules		
Thursday, 9/23		Thursday, 9/30		
Women's Soccer vs. Syracuse	L, 1-0	Women's Tennis vs. Hartford	3:00 p.m.	
Friday, 9/24		Friday, 10/1		
Field Hockey at Connecticut	L, 2-0	Women's Soccer at Seton Hall	7:00 p.m.	
Women's Hockey vs. McGill	W, 3-1	Women's Volleyball vs. Stony Brook	6:00 p.m.	
Tennis at Army Invitational	Ind. Res.	Women's Ice Hockey at Robert Morris	7:00 p.m.	
Saturday, 9/25		Saturday, 10/2		
Men's Soccer vs. Louisville	L, 2-1	Men's Cross Country at Wisconsin Adidas Invit.	12:45 p.m.	
Women's Cross Country at Roy Griak Invite	5th of 29 (139 points)	Field Hockey vs. Syracuse	1:00 p.m.	
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Sunday, 9/26				
Women's Soccer at St. John's	W, 1-0	Sunday, 10/3		
		Men's Soccer at Notre Dame	2:30 p.m.	
Tuesday, 9/28		Women's Soccer at Rutgers	1:00 p.m.	
Women's Volleyball at Dartmouth	L, 3-0	Women's Volleyball vs. Hartford	1:00 p.m.	
Tennis at Rhode Island	Postponed	Field Hockey vs. Albany	2:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, 9/29		Tuesday, 10/5		
Men's Soccer at Harvard	W, 2-1	Women's Volleyball vs. Rhode Island	7:00 p.m.	
		Wednesday, 10/6		
		Men's Soccer vs. Boston University	3:00 p.m.	

Standings

Men's Big East Soccer (Blue)

Women's Big East Field Hockey

	Big East			Overall		
Team	W	L	Т	W	L	Т
Connecticut	1	0	0	7	0	1
West Virginia	1	0	0	5	2	0
Marquette	1	0	0	3	3	2
Notre Dame	1	0	0	3	2	2
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	4	2	1
Providence	0	1	0	4	2	1
Seton Hall	0	1	0	2	5	1
Georgetown	0	1	0	2	4	1

	Big East		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Connecticut	2	0	8	1
Syracuse	2	0	6	3
Louisville	1	1	6	3
Rutgers	0	1	3	7
Georgetown	0	1	5	5
Providence	0	1	2	7
Villanova	0	2	2	6

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Offense Powers Providence to Two Wins over McGill

by Al Daniel '11 Sports Staff

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Revving up her turbine blades, the fastest pair on the Women's Hockey Team, Kate Bacon '12 personified the momentum that could stay only briefly in the hands of the McGill Martlets.

At the halfway mark of Saturday's third period, with a 4-4 tie in place after the Friars had once trailed 3-1, Bacon was touring the puck through neutral ice when Logan Murray bumped her from behind, resulting in an interference minor. It was the third penalty Bacon had drawn on the Marlets all day.

"I think it's just a team goal," said the speedster, who also led the Friars with five points on the weekend. "Just keep your feet moving. I always skate my hardest every time, hopefully force them to pull me down, and get power plays for our team."

With 25 ticks to spare on that power play, defender Christie Jensen '12 fed partner Amber Yung '11 along the far circle-top. Yung's slapper cleared a screen set up by Laura Veharanta '12 and beat McGill goaltender Andrea Weckham, ultimately spelling the difference in a 6-4 triumph that completed a sweep of the two-game exhibition series.

"I'm not going to say I expected it, but we knew [the second game] was going to be a lot harder," said Head Coach Bob Deraney. "It's a game where you get tempted to look for an easy way. We didn't pay as much attention to detail



Amber Yung '11 sent in two slapshots for goals against McGill on Saturday, Sept. 25. Providence won the game with a score of 6-4.

as we did for 60 minutes on Friday. The first period, we hardly paid attention to detail at all, and that was the difference between the first period and the last two periods. We really buckled down and that was what carried us."

Reeling off of Friday's 3-1 win, the Friars ran up the shooting gallery and nabbed an early lead Saturday with a goal by Rebecca Morse '14 at 6:55 of the opening frame. But the Martlets were quick to disassemble PC goaltender Christina England '11 with what little

ammo they were allotted. By the 13:34 mark, England had yielded to Nina Riley '14 after spilling the lead with two goals on four shots faced.

Riley, seeing her first sliver of action as a collegiate athlete, would let in the only bid she faced in the first period, but went on to repel 10 of 11 stabs in the second. Staggeringly, her services were hardly required in the closing frame, when PC outshot McGill, 17-0.

England, who only had to stop 16 of 17 shots on Friday, and Riley were both

getting a critical feel for the college crease while celestial minute-muncher Genevieve Lacasse was at a five-day Team Canada camp in Calgary. Lacasse is expected to miss three regular season games in January to take part in an international U22 tournament, which will mean resorting to one or both of her backups, neither of whom has ever played more than five minutes in an NCAA game.

"I think we played really good defense," said Deraney of England's first impression. "I think Christina had to make some saves and she made the saves when we needed them."

"We are a team and we should be able to play anybody on the ice at any given time, and that's what [Friday's game] displayed.

"She won the game," he said of Reilly. She went in down, 2-1, she gave up two goals in a little over 40 minutes, and ended up getting the win. I always say, good goaltending is 'I'll give up a tie, but I won't give up a lead.' And that's what she did."

Within the first 10 minutes of Saturday's second period, Providence renewed their lead to 4-3 on goals from Ashley Cottrell '12, Yung, and Bacon. Leslie Oles retied the game for McGill on a power play at 12:42, but after her sweatiest stanza was over, it was Riley's turn for relief. Bacon drew her second opposing penalty of the day at 6:29 of the third period, terminating what could have been a productive Martlets power play after only 10 seconds, and the visitors never got another look at their target.

"It goes both ways," said Yung. "We helped out our goalie and the goalie saved our butts a couple of times too, so I think it was a good effort by both parties."

Shutout of Roger Williams Lifts Black Pack to 2-0

Sweeney, Mauro, MacDonald, Hill, and Mahoney Score in the Season's First Away Game

by John Butler '11 Sports Editor

MEN'S RUGBY

Two weeks, two wins. And just like that, after a year off, the Men's Rugby Team has earned a 2-0 record and a total of 67 points. With the offense firing on all cylinders, the focus for Head Coach Mike Cox is defense.

"The joke that I'm hearing now is that they don't want to give up a try all season," said Coach Cox. "If we have seven kickoffs all season, they'll be happy."

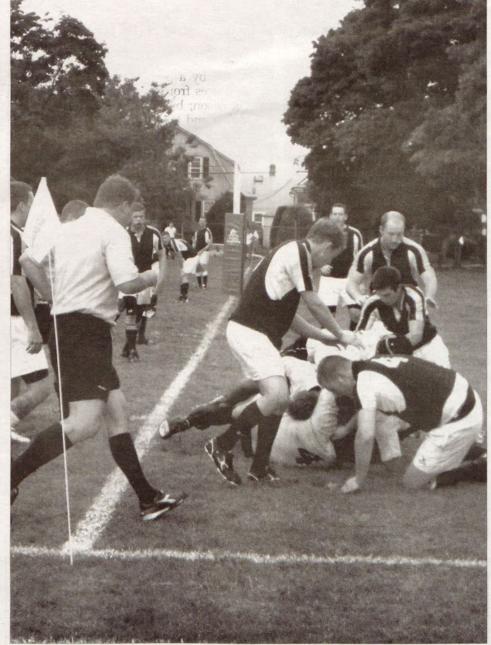
At the rate the Black Pack is going, seven kickoffs-that is, one per game-might just be a feasible reality. Providence dismantled Roger Williams on Saturday, Sept. 25, in its first away game of the season. The Black Pack topped the Hawks 31-0 in Bristol, R.I. The seniors carried the team, as Dan Sweeney '11, Adam Mauro '11, Craig McDonald '11, Evan Hill '11, and Will Mahoney '11 all scored tries. Hill's score came on a hard-fought play in which he escaped the hold of four Roger Williams players. McDonald took care of three extra kicks for the Black Pack.

The most immediate goal, however, is to continue playing well so that the Black Pack will be invited to return to Division II from Division III, where they are currently playing.

they are currently playing. The winner of Division III annually receives an automatic bid to play in Division II. In recent years, the invitation has been extended to the Division III runner-up as well, but there has been some reluctance on the part of Division III teams with regard to making the jump to Division II. Schools of this tier very often have fulltime rugby coaches on campus and more resources at the disposal of the rugby program. For Providence, there is no reluctance whatsoever.

"Our goal is to get back to Division II as soon as possible," said Coach Cox.

With each passing week, it seems nat the goal is becoming more



"The senior leadership is just great," said Coach Cox.

And indeed, for a team that has a freshman class whose talent has been mightily impressive so far, solid leadership at the top will be vital for the success of the team in the future.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," said Coach Cox. "I have never had this many good rugby players come in as freshman...I'm most proud of the fact that we're 60 deep, and I think the school is a little overwhelmed with the number of players we have. But that is a good problem to have." realizable. The offense is operating effectively. It remains, then, for the defense to continue its good work.

defense to continue its good work. "I came in as a defensive-minded coach," said Coach Cox. "We have to make every effort not to let [the other team] score. I'll be satisfied if we win every game 3-0."

On the injury front, nothing other than some minor scrapes and bruises grew out of the Roger Williams game. Nevertheless, the injuries sustained in the Black Pack's first game against UMass Dartmouth have been devastating. A torn ACL has ended one player's season, and another suffered a separated shoulder. The good news is that the shoulder injury will not require surgery.

The Black Pack returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 1:00 p.m., at home against Massachusetts Maritime Academy. This will mark Providence's second and last home game of the season. The teams will play on Hendricken Field.

DAN NIETO '11/THE COWL

The Rugby Team put up 31 points on Saturday, Sept. 25, against Roger Williams in Bristol, R.I.

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Aviles-Duron Reaches Semifinals at West Point

by John Butler '11 Sports Editor

TENNIS

Although their roster was decimated by illness and injury, the Friars took their show on the road last weekend to the ITA Eastern Championships at West Point, N.Y. The tournament annually attracts 32 highly competitive schools from various conferences, including the Big East, and provides an arena for competition by pitting players against opponents whom they might not otherwise play in regular season matches.

Providence's wunderkind Marisela Aviles-Duron '13 continued her record of stellar play this season. She recorded three consecutive wins against the A Singles players from St. John's, Rhode Island, and Farleigh-Dickinson to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals, Aviles-Duron squared off against Hofstra's Elena Ivanova, a recent transfer from Michigan State, but lost 6-3, 6-3. Aviles-Duron's play has been a mainstay for Providence this season.

Perhaps her most impressive showing came in defeating Farleigh-Dickinson's Elmine Botes after losing the second set. Aviles-Duron came back with a dominant 10-8 win that sealed the victory.

"Mari's mental game has always been her strength," said Head Coach Kyle LaBranche. "She's as tough as nails, and her composure is as good as [that of] anybody I've ever worked with." Aviles-Duron's even keel has been a normative factor for this Friar team, which headed into weekend play four starters short due to the flu and other unfortunate setbacks. While the flu seems to have passed, it seems that a shoulder injury might sideline Melanie Albert '12 for the rest of the fall season.

Nevertheless, Providence's players rose to the occasion. Maria Clara Bernardez '14 took her B singles game to three sets, but ultimately fell to Connecticut's Alexa Gregory. Ayushi Sinha '11 in C Singles played well, but was up against some stiff competition.

"Ayushi played well, but she got a very tough draw," said Coach LaBranche. "She played a very good player in the first round and then her first consolation match was the two seed."

The good news from the ITA is that Providence is forcing competitive matches against teams who were far from reach in previous years.

"It's early, so the progress we're seeing is from last year," said Coach LaBranche. "When you add a player to the top of your lineup it moves everybody down. Mari is playing great, so the team is definitely going in the right direction. The next step is to start beating [the new competition]."

Providence was scheduled to play Rhode Island on Tuesday, Sept. 28, but that match has been rescheduled due to rain. The Friars return to action on Thursday, Sept. 30, at home against Hartford.

SOCCER: Several NCAA-Caliber Games Upcoming

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beneficial toward the season's end when the tournament selection committee looks to nonleague games as the deciding factor in who dances and who does not.

It was a different story for the Friars on Saturday, Sept. 25, when they were defeated by No. 8/10 Louisville, 2-1. The loss snapped a three game Providence winning streak. Louisville's Dylan Mares scored the decisive goal in the 76th minute as his team stayed unbeaten with a 5-0-2 overall record and a 1-0 mark in conference play. The Friars' three-match winning streak came to an end and Providence now stands at 4-2-1 overall and 0-1 in league action.

The Friars took the early 1-0 lead when Marcin connected on his second goal of the season. Daniel Fabian '12 lofted a cross from the right flank to the far post and Marcin ripped a onetime volley with his left foot from 15 yards out into the back of the net at the 8:27 mark. Louisville then evened the score in the 33rd minute when Kenney Walker fired a direct free kick from 22 yards out which deflected off the Providence defensive wall and past Obando.

In the second half, the Cardinals had two early scoring opportunities from in close, but both Charlie Campbell's and Austin Berry's bids missed high. In the 75th minute, Ryan Smith was in on a clean breakaway, but Obando made a diving stop to his right and then corralled the rebound to keep the game tied. However, just over one minute later, Aaron Horton played a through ball to Mares who scored with his right foot from 10 yards out to give the Cardinals the lead for good. The Friars then pressed forward in search of the equalizer as Louisville played with 10 men for the last nine minutes and 54 seconds due to Smith receiving his second yellow card, which resulted in a red card. With less than one minute remaining, Bryan Minogue '11 was able to get on the end of a cross and fire a header, but Andre Boudreaux was there to make his lone save of the game. The Cardinals finished with a 13-7 advantage in shots as Obando recorded two stops.

"The Louisville game was definitely a tough and frustrating one," said Minogue. "This next stretch of games is full of NCAA-tournament caliber teams and we need to get a few results in the next couple weeks if we want to be considered for the NCAA postseason. That being said, we're looking forward to the upcoming matches and one good thing to take from the Louisville game is we're confident that we can compete



Defenseman John Raley '12 has been solid on the backline this season for the Friars.

with any team in the country."

Indeed, the Friars look to rebound from this tough loss and rack up some quality wins down the stretch. However, it should be noted that not all was lost this past Saturday. Marcin was named in the Big East Weekly Honor Roll on Monday, Sept. 27. Also, last weekend, the Providence College Men's Soccer program celebrated its Fall Homecoming Weekend with the grand opening of its new locker room and its inaugural golf outing.

The Friars will look to feed off this positive energy as they prepare for the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame University. In a game that will be televised by CBS College Sports, the Friars will travel to South Bend, Ind. on Sunday, Oct. 3, for a 2:30 p.m. start, hungry for their first conference victory.

The Friars are back in action on Sunday, October 3, at 2:30 p.m. when they play Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Volleyball Splits Games as Conference Play Looms

by Alexis Smith '12 Sports Staff

VOLLEYBALL

The Friars ended a long week on Tuesday with a tough loss. They started the weekend off on a good note when they beat Quinnipiac, but on Tuesday, Sept. 28, they lost to Dartmouth in all three sets, 15-25, 19-25, 15-25.

"I think that during the past three games, we've really come together as a team more," said Shelagh Dolan '12. "We had a whirlwind trip to Florida last weekend that ultimately bonded us as a group and created the desire to play for each other."

Providence has won six of nine matches and improved its record to 7-11. The Friars captured their season-high third consecutive win at Quinnipiac (21-25, 25-19, 25-21, 25-17) on Wednesday, Sept. 22, in Hamden, Conn. The Friars were led by a pair of juniors, as Lauren Fletcher '12 posted 15 kills and Shelagh Dolan '12 notched 11 kills. Co-captain Emily Morris '11 added seven kills while picking up 16 digs for the team. Cassie Muzzonigro '13 led the back row of the Friars with 23 digs, just three shy of her seasonhigh. Giving the team 35 assists was Carly Morrison '12, who was reliable and kept the team going. The battle began with the first set. Quinnipiac's Lawler notched an ace to start the match which put the Bobcats up 4-0 from the start. The Friars did not give up. They hung tough, as Morrison came to the service line with Providence down 5-3 and rattled off six straight to put her squad up 9-5. The battle did not end there. They had seven ties and a couple of lead changes throughout the set. In the end, Providence could not overcome the .121 hitting percentage and fell, 25-22. "If we forget about the score and just play together during every point. we win games," said Dolan. "We play well when we play for each other."

For the second set, Coach Margot Royer-Johnson's squad was up to the task. Providence dominated with an early lead of 10-2 in the second set, keyed by a pair of kills from Fletcher and aces from Lauren Hendel '12 and Morrison; but the Bobcats did not lie down and take it. Amanda Armstrong of Quinnipiac made 10-straight serves to get her team back within two at 19-17. Biediger keyed the team with four kills. They relied on the senior leadership of Morris at the end, as she notched two kills including the set-winner and Providence took the set, 25-19.

In the third set, the Friars again took a commanding lead before the Bobcats fought back. Providence led 13-5, keyed by two kills and an ace from Fletcher, before Quinnipiac got within one, 14-13, on an ace by Ashley Kopacki. While the Bobcats tied it once, they were never able to regain the lead on the set and a pair of kills by Hendel sealed the deal with a win of 25-21. "We have been playing more of 'our game' over the last three matches," said Coach Royer-Johnson. "We have talked about focusing on playing good volleyball instead of outcome. Providence showed its skills again in the start of the fourth frame, taking a 14-5 lead behind the service games of Morrison and Fletcher. Armstrong tried, with an impressive run, to pull the Bobcats within nine, but a block by Fletcher and Morris sealed the set, 25-17, and the match was won 3-1. The remainder of the season begins this Tuesday with an away match at Dartmouth that we feel will be a great matchup for us. Then we move into our conference season where we know we will surprise our new conference," said Coach Royer-Johnson. The Friars' next games will be on Friday, Oct. 1, versus Stony Brook at 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, Oct. 3, when they Will play against Hartford at 1.00

FRIARS: Hoping to Execute

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Coach Madl has said that DiStefano has had many "solid games" that have propelled her to the front, but she continues to express her "faith in both [players]."

The UConn game provides a good starting point from which the Friars can work. The Huskies scored both of the game's only goals within the first eight minutes of play. After that, PC's defense got stronger and managed to hold off the strong attack of the Huskies' forwards for the rest of the game. The Friars hope the rest of their season will follow suit. The first half of this season has been like the first half of the UConn game-the opponents have scored and left the Friars playing catch-up early on. However, PC plans on settling down and playing the game their way for the rest of the season.

Coach Madl told *The Cowl* that learning to "execute for good stratches" is the hub of this week's workouts. She recognizes that there are "two very talented and physical teams" coming up this weekend and knows that they will be "battles." However, the team is ready. The stats are just numbers, and these numbers can change and improve each game.

The Friars invite two more ranked opponents to town this weekend, as No. 8 Syracuse and No. 17 Albany make the trip to the Friar Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex for a pair of games, Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1:00 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2:00 p.m. PC has faced an opponent that has at least received votes in the Kookaburra/ NFHCA Division I Poll in all except two games this season.

Coach Madl said that the Friars are going to "worry about themselves" as they face off against these two huge opponents. This weekend will show how the Friars can "execute and compete."



PC Students Must Become Friar Fanatics

COMMENTARY

I have no voice. When I spoke with my mother this past Sunday night, she was yelling that I'm going to lose my voice for good. "You can't go out there and yell and yell over sports, Christopher!" Mom, I love you—but I don't care. I love the Friars too much.

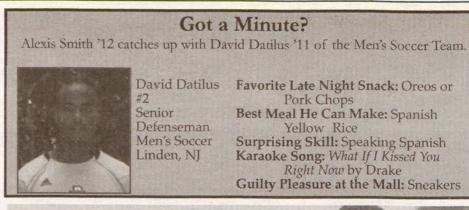
I grew up in Connecticut and was an instant Jim Calhoun disciple. By the time I was 15, I had experienced two Final Fours and two national titles. I was the husky kid who loved the Huskies. Now, I'm 21 and 80 pounds lighter. I can't stand that University or its legendary coach anymore. I bleed Black and White. I'm a Friar now.

When I arrived on the PC campus back in the fall of 2007, I was young and wanted to have a voice at the games. I was timid at first—always wondering if I would be clever enough from the stands—but I grew out of that thanks to my friendship with a few seniors who grew up as Friar Fans. I learned that I could get away with some of the comments that my high school wouldn't allow at sporting events. I also learned that with the exception of Men's Basketball games, all PC sporting events are FREE!

I took full advantage of this as I made it a priority to support every Friar team as best I could. Then I met a group of kids that were more obsessed with Friar Athletics than I was. We formed the Friar Faithful the student-based booster club—and began to organize thoughts and ideas so we could have a great impact at each PC sporting event. Our cheers and jeers have helped Friar Teams capture some of the most memorable victories in school history. From our Women's Hockey Team winning the Hockey East Regular Season title in 2009-10, to the Men's Basketball Team upsetting No. 1 Pittsburgh back on Feb. 24, 2009, there is no greater feeling than knowing you were in the stands and yelling at the top of your lungs.

Now here I am—a senior with one last hope at celebrating postseason glory on the PC campus—asking you, the students, to get out and get loud. I can honestly say that Providence has the advantage over so many schools because all of the sports facilities are either on our campus or five minutes downtown. Let's take advantage of the walking distance to the FREE games on campus and the FREE transportation to the Dunk for basketball games. Let's come together, whether freshmen or seniors, and become Friar Fanatics this season.

Providence College has a rich tradition. The Friars have known success in many different sports over several years. So, yes, buy your season tickets for only \$99 and reserve your seat at the Dunk. But also make sure you are catching all of the games on campus and supporting your fellow students who are wearing the Black and White for you. Trust me, there is no better feeling than getting inside the heads of opponents, seeing your athletes acknowledge your presence, and watching your team claim victory after victory here in Friartown.



Providing our readers with as much PC Football news as we can.

COWL SPORTS

Two Continents, Two Teams Vie for Golf's Ryder Cup

by Nick Aiken '12 Asst. Sports Editor

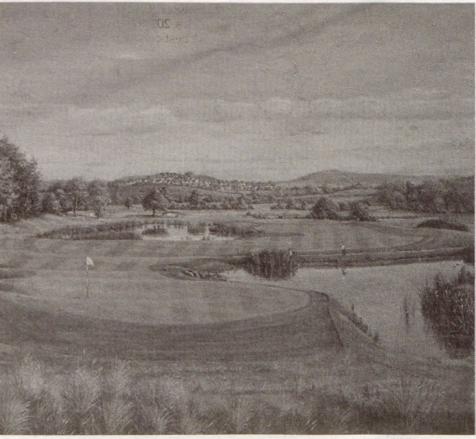
RYDER CUP

Every other year, the best golfers from the United States and Europe gather together for one of golf's most prestigious and historically rich events, the Ryder Cup. Characterized by thunderous roars, zealous team spirit, rapturous celebrations, and occasional cataclysm, the Ryder Cup is a unique event which most players prioritize over any of the four majors.

In recent years, the Europeans have

constructed on each hole to allow for diversity in the way in which the holes are set up each day. The final stretch of holes is tough, requiring precision in both strategy and execution. Players whose matches reach the 18th hole will be faced with a decision to either carry a pond in front of the green with their second shot or lay up and leave a tricky pitch from a downhill lie over water to a raised green. The 18th is undoubtedly a perfect finishing hole for the Ryder Cup's match-play format.

for the Ryder Cup's match-play format. Team U.S.A., captained by Corey Pavin, is looking to successfully defend their title, but this will be no easy task considering the depth and dexterity of their European counterparts. The U.S. roster contains a mix of veterans and youngsters, players who grip it and rip it as well as those who methodically plot their way around the golf course. The team is made up of Phil Mickelson, Hunter Mahan, Bubba Watson, Jim Furyk, Steve Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Jeff Overton, Matt Kuchar, Stewart Cink, Ricky Fowler, Zach Johnson and Tiger Woods. The U.S. squad will likely play aggressively, taking advantage of their superiority in length; and given the number of holes with risk-rewards opportunities, long hitters such as Mickelson, Watson, Johnson, and Woods will be expected to tally up a multitude of birdies. Look for the long hitters to be the difference makers for the U.S. team, especially young guns Watson and Johnson, both of whom had break-out seasons on the PGA Tour. Team Europe, captained by Colin Montgomerie, is very talented this year, and many believe it to be Europe's strongest squad in several years. The roster, comprised of Luke Donald, Ross Fisher, Peter Hanson, Padraig



dominated the event, but this year, the United States finally enters the Ryder Cup as defending champions. They reclaimed the cup on their home soil in 2008, even without top player Tiger Woods. But this year, Woods returns as a captain's pick, and so does the chaos, passion, excitement, fervor, and drama that have become synonymous with the Ryder Cup.

The Twenty Ten Course at The Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, South Wales, is a pristine and picturesque venue specifically designed to stage the 2010 Ryder Cup. Opened in July 2007, the course measures 7,493 yards and has a par of 71. The whole course is played along the floor of the Usk Valley, and consequently, breathtaking views can be taken in on every hole. Water comes into play on nine holes, creating several risk or reward opportunities which could prove to be the deciding factor in many matches. Several holes have been designed to provide different options for players from both the tee and the fairway, and an assortment of tees have been

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The Twenty Ten Course at The Celtic Manor Resort is the site of this year's Ryder Cup.

Harrington, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell, Rory McIlroy, Edoardo Molinari, Francesco Molinari, Ian Poulter, and Lee Westwood, is favored to win the event by several points. The roster contains several new faces, but a core of veterans such as Harrington, Jimenez, Poulter, and Westwood will help newcomers relax and focus throughout the week. Kaymer and McDowell won the PGA Championship and U.S. Open respectively this season, and McIlroy and Westwood had great seasons as well. The European team is known for its consistency and camaraderie, both of which have proved to be advantages over the U.S. in the past. If the Europeans play smart golf, eliminate mistakes, and force the Americans to play aggressively, they will most likely prevail.

The action begins on Friday. Two continents, two teams, one dream—to win the Ryder Cup.

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Which quarterback has been the best in the NFL this season?

"Cut that meat! Cut that meat!" Over the past six years, whether appearing on those hilarious Sprint commercials or tearing defenses to shreds on the gridiron, Peyton Manning has excelled in all aspects of life. This 2010 NFL Season is no exception. After just three weeks of hard-hitting, Sunday NFL football, one thing is for sure: Peyton Manning is still the NFL's best quarterback.

After a tough divisional loss in week one, the Indianapolis Colts have bounced back, handling their last two opponents with ease, both victories beginning and ending with No. 18. As of right now, Manning (87-126, 1013 yds., 9 TDs, 0 INTs) ranks first in nearly every statistical measure used to evaluate an NFL quarterback, including an unprecedented 116.9 passer rating. So far this season, Manning is literally second-to-none.

Sure, some quarterbacks (like Michael Vick) have written quite a comeback story for themselves, dazzling avid viewers and fans alike with quick cuts, sleek jukes, and flashy moves. But the fact is, despite lacking a seemingly impossible return from the concaves of Federal Prison on his résumé, Peyton Manning's numbers speak for themselves and will continue to do so for the remainder of the 2010 NFL campaign.

Although it pains me to say this, as a loyal season-ticket holding Patriots fan, Peyton Manning is at the peak of his NFL career right now and continues to post ludicrous numbers week after week that simply cannot be ignored. So, before we all jump on the Vick bandwagon, let's not hastily cast arguably the greatest quarterback of our time into the doghouse, a pun 100 percent intended.

- John Sessions '12

In three games, Michael Vick has accrued a quarterback rating of 110.2 (second highest in the league behind only Peyton Manning), completed 60.7 percent of his passes, thrown for six touchdowns, rushed for one touchdown, and has not thrown any interceptions. Not too shabby for a man who many thought would never play in the NFL after his jail sentence, huh?

Vick, more famous for being a jailbird than a Falcon or an Eagle, is silencing critics with his stellar play, emerging as one of the most dominant and feared players in the league once again. The wings on the side of his helmet do not lie, as the man can truly fly. At 6'0, 215 lbs., Vick runs around the field dodging defenders and making people miss every Sunday. He forces opposing coaches to craft extensive game plans to make sure he does not make them look foolish. Every time he touches the ball, it is impossible to predict what will happen because a big play threat always exists, regardless of where the ball is located on the field. Vick is a special player, who combines strong legs and a strong arm unlike anyone else in the league. He is undefeated through two starts, and nearly helped the Eagles come back and defeat the Packers after entering the game to relieve Kevin Kolb of his duties.

This week, the Eagles face the Redskins in Philadelphia, and I expect Vick to continue his outstanding play. I will not be at all surprised if Vick is able to lead the Eagles to the playoffs. In doing so, he will likely earn himself a trip to the Pro Bowl. If either of these feats is accomplished, Vick's 2010 season will mark one of the best complacts in NFL history.

- Nick Aiken '12



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SPORTS DIGEST

Diamonds in the Rough. Although the statistics page shows a 3-0 loss, there is more to the story behind the Volleyball Team's recent game against Dartmouth. Providence jumped out to an early 7-3 in the second set, thanks mainly to a kill by Lauren Hendel '12 and a service ace by Cassie Muzzonigro '13. Shelagh Dolan '12 also had a good game. The bottom line is that more and more players are contributing, and as such, are increasing the playing quality deeper in the roster. This bodes well for the Friars as they are set to cease competing independently. Providence will play its first game in the America East Conference on Friday, Oct. 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mullaney Gymnasium.

Hockey Captains Named. Earlier this week, Head Coach Bob Deraney announced the captains of the 2010-11 Women's Hockey Team. Jean O'Neill '11 and Alyse Ruff '11 have been named captains, and Amber Yung '11 and Genevieve Lacasse '12 have been named assistant captains. The Friars open their regular season on Friday, Oct. 1 at Robert Morris in Pennsylvania.

Rask Named Assistant Hockey Coach. Head Coach Tim Army announced this week that Devin Rask has been named an assistant coach of the Men's Hockey Team. Rask is a former All-American who played for Providence from 1999 to 2003. Rask holds the school record for most goals scored in one period at an impressive four goals. The former left wing will take over for Stan Moore who resigned earlier this month.

Lacrosse Alumni Game to Be Held this Weekend. The Lacrosse Team is holding the annual J. Gerald Alaimo Alumni Game at the Friar Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 4:00 p.m. Named for Gerry Alaimo, a former administrator in the Department of Athletics, the game will feature the 2011 squad and the team of former Providence lacrosse players.

Tennis Rained Out Against Rhody. The Tennis Team was set to play Rhode Island on Tuesday, Sept. 28 in a home match. Inclement weather, however, required that the match be moved to Thursday, Oct. 7. This match will mark one of the few on-campus installments of the PC-URI rivalry, and it will surely be a competitive match.

Eyes Peeled, Ears Open. Keep a look out for *The Cowl's* tenth annual *Winter Sports Preview* which will be published in next week's *Cowl*. The insert will feature in-depth looks at all of the winter teams, along with analysis, predictions, and some slamming photos.

A Tip of the Cap. A tip of the cap goes out to Jill Camburn '11G, who was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll this week. Camburn notched the game-winning goal for the Friars against St. John's this week. For several seasons, Camburn has been a staple of the Women's Soccer program. She is now ranked fourth all-time in points with 54 and fifth alltime in goals scored with 20.

This Week's On-Campus Game to Catch. No. 8 Syracuse comes to town on Saturday, Oct. 2 to do battle with the Field Hockey Team. This game will be a rematch of last year's Big East Semifinals, in which the Orange defeated the Friars by a slim 2-1 margin. Syracuse enters the game coming off of a 4-3 overtime victory against No. 10 Louisiville. Providence has won two of its last three games.

This Week's Off-Campus Game to Read About. The Men's Soccer Team is taking on the Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Sunday, Oct. 3, in South Bend, Ind. Notre Dame is 1-0 in conference play, having defeated St. John's last week. The Fighting Irish have lost only twice this season. Providence is 0-1 in conference play this season, having lost to Louisville last week.

Greany Leads Friars in Elite Field at Griak Invitational

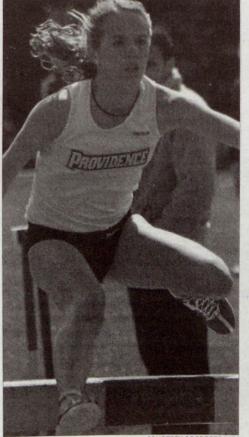
by Bridget Stack '13 Sports Staff

CROSS COUNTRY

In the sea of runners, the Women's ross Country Team stood poised and ready to take off when the starting gun sounded. The No. 17 Friars finished fifth this past Saturday in the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota. This was the first race of the season where all nine Providence runners competed. The Lady Friars finished with 139 points, behind No. 24 University of Arizona, No. 18 University of New Mexico, No. 25 Iowa State University, and No. 7 Duke University. Leading the Friars was Shelby Greany '13, who with a time of 21:09.2, finished fifth out of the 300 runners in the race. Laura Napier '14, in her first collegiate start, finished 10th with a time of 21:23.0. Other scorers for the Friars were Mary Kate Champagne '12 (30th, 21:49.9), Hannah Davidson '12 (35th, 21:54.7), Sam Roecker '13 (54th, 22:16.1) and Emma Peron '11 (85th, 22:39.6). Amie Schumacher '11 (106th, 22:52.3) also competed in the race for the Friars. For being the first race, everyone raced really well. Top five was our goal, so we achieved that," said Greany.

eight of the top 10 finishers are also in the top 30 teams in the country, including the Friars.

"We are where we need to be right now. We've got nice depth through [the top] six [runners]. We probably need to get a little bit stronger seven to eight, just in case. But we are very, very solid through six," said Head Coach Ray Treacy.



ranked sixth in the country."

The Big East conference is one of the toughest this year, having six Big East teams ranked in the top 30 in the nation. No. 1 Villanova, No. 6 Georgetown, No. 11 Syracuse, No. 18 West Virginia. and No. 30 Notre Dame are all tough competitors as Providence aims to capture the Big East Championship later this month. Last season, the Friars finished fifth in the Big East meet. "We definitely want to do much better at the Big Éast than we did last year. We have the potential to do much better this year," said Greany. With the goals in place and the season starting off on the right foot, the Lady Friars are on track to complete what they set out for this season. "The goal is to keep...healthy and training well over the next five weeks. I think if we can do that, we'd be a very good team by the championship part of the season," said Treacy. The next race for the Friars is the New England Championships on Saturday, Oct. 9, in Boston, Mass. "At the New England, we are only going torun a couple of our JV runners because the week after we have the Pre-National meet ... so the people that would be running New England are those outside our top seven," said Treacy. "It is kind of a development meet for us, to see who is going to step up."

Out of the 29 teams that competed,

On Saturday, Sept. 11, five Lady Friars competed in the Central Connecticut State Blue Devil Invitational and took first place. Four of the five runners finished in the top six.

"We've started off much, much better than we did last year, which is a real plus for us," said Treacy.

These two races put the Friars on the right track for this year. "Last year, we finished 11th in the country. This is a better team so the goal is [to be in] top 10 in the country. We are on track, I would think, right now" said Treacy.

The Friars are already looking ahead to the Big East Championship which will take place in Jamesville, N.Y. at the end of October. "We want to do very well in the Big East meet that is a huge meet," said Treacy. "Outside of the NCAA's, that is the second most important meet of the year. In that meet, we run against the number one team in the country, Villanova, and Georgetown, who is

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Shelby Greany '13, seen here during the outdoor track season, took fifth place at the Roy Griak Invitational over the weekend.

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Friars Hold off Red Storm for First League Win

Jill Camburn Scores for PC, and the Friars Earn a Share of a Four-Way Tie for Third Place

by Dan McNamara '13 Sports Staff

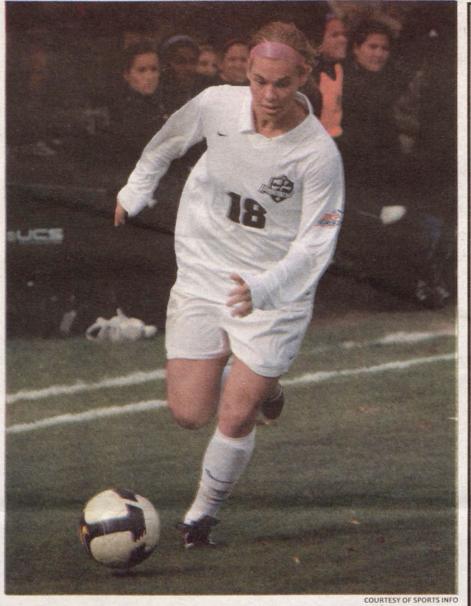
WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Women's Soccer Team travelled to Jamaica, N.Y. on Saturday, Sept. 26, to face the St. John's Red Storm in a very hostile environment. The Friars earned a hard-fought 1-0 win for their first conference victory.

In the 22nd minute, Jill Camburn '11G made all the difference. Camburn put in a shot off an assist from Taylor Bartini '12 that ricocheted back to her off the goalkeeper. Camburn now has 13 points on four goals and five assists this season. She is fourth in Friars history in points (54), fifth in goals (20), and tied for fourth in assists (14). This past week Camburn was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll as she helped the Friars upend the Johnnies for the first time since 1999. This is the second time this season she has earned this accolade.

Providence goalie Caitlin Walker '11 preserved the lead against St. John's that Camburn established, and in doing so, notched her second shutout of the season. For the Friars' defense, the win marked their seventh shutout. The backline allowed nine shots, four of which were shots on goal.

The Friars are now 7-2-1 and 1-1-1 in Big East play. They will travel to New Jersey to face Seton Hall for their next conference game. The Pirates are 2-1-0 in conference play thus far, and are now in fourth place in the National Division of the Big East. The Friars, who are members of the American Division, are in a four-way tie for third place.



Women's Soccer vs. Syracuse Play-by-Play

5th minute: Set piece from Laura DiClemente '12 to Courtney Collins '12

who tries to poke it in off a header, but a great save. The ensuing counter attack by Syracuse had a shot go over the bar.

19th minute: Break away slide tackle by Jenna Roncarati '13 to knock the ball out of the box.

20th minute: Kate DelCiampo '11 rips a shot, but Syracuse's Brittany Anghel gets the save.

30th minute: Amanda Webster '13 has a goal disallowed due to an offside call.

34th minute: Syracuse forward sends a shot over the bar.

36th minute: Goalkeeper Jill Schott '11 tips a crossed ball over the crossbar and out of danger.

40th minute: Schott again plays the ball over the bar as it comes in off of corner kick. 45th minute: 0-0 at the half. Friars outshoot Orange 7 to 4.

51st minute: Collision in the box with a Syracuse player and Schott, but Schott is able to hold her own.

54th minute: Corner kick by DelCiampo reaches and is headed by Emily Castle '12, but she sends it over the crossbar. 55th minute: Kick save by Schott. 57th minute: Webster crosses it into the

box, but Anghel makes a great save.

71st minute: Webster gets a through ball in the box but is denied by goalie twice. 73th minute: Collins misses a 23-yard

shot wide right.

84th minute: Schott punches the ball away safely as the Friars look to counter. 85th minute: DelCiampo's corner goes

to the head of Lindsey Trubia '11.

90th minute: Friars give up a counter attack goal as the Orange score with 10 seconds remaining.

conference foe St. John's.

Jill Camburn '11G scored her fourth goal of the season in the Friars' narrow 1-0 victory over

Conn Blanks Friars in Conference Opener

by Meaghan O'Neill '12 Sports Staff

FIELD HOCKEY

After recording stellar back-to-back victories during the previous week, the Field Hockey Team could not maintain that momentum as the Friars fell 2-0 to No. 6 Connecticut on Friday, Sept. 24, during their Big East opener.

Providence leashed the Northeastern Huskies on Thursday, Sept. 16, but the Friars had a more difficult time subduing the UConn Huskies was more difficult. UConn took control within the first two and a half minutes of play. After falling behind early, the Friars were held scoreless through the remaining 62 minutes. Stretches of spotty offense have been problematic for Providence this year. The Friars have been shut out five times this season. PC has been outscored 19-7 by their opponents, and is struggling to generate scoring chances. On the season, the Friars have been outshot 72-24-nearly a three-toone margin. All of these stats make the situation look grim for the Friars. However, Head Coach Diane Madl has a positive outlook for the future. The stats can be misleading," said Madl, as she stood at the Friar Field Hockey and Lacrosse Complex on Tuesday afternoon. The coach called another practice this week to prepare her team for two big games this weekend against No. 8 Syracuse, and No. 17 Albany. She is working with her team this week to jumpstart "more momentum on the offensive end."



Providence Rebounds with NL Win by John Sessions '12 Sports Staff

MEN'S SOCCER

The Men's Soccer Team scored two

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Shannon DiStefano '12 had nine saves in goal against the powerful Connecticut offense on Friday, Sept. 24. Providence held the Huskies scoreless for the final 62 minutse of play.

The Friars plan to "build on that this weekend," said Madl.

Although the Huskies jumped on the Friars early last Friday, many of the issues for them earlier in the season have come in the second half. The second 35 minutes of play have been the most troublesome for the Friars this season. In fact, they have been outscored 11-3 in the second half this season.

Madl is not dwelling on this as a problem that cannot be fixed, though. She plans to emphasize that her players need to gain "understanding that it's a 70 minute game." Focusing on one half or the other is not what she

is concentrating on, rather she plans to focus on consistency overall.

On the defensive end, the Friars are stabilized by a strong presence in the net: goalie Shannon DiStefano '12. She has been named Big East Honorable Mention for three consecutive weeks now. Earlier in the season, DiStefano shared time with Kathi Weidman '13 between the pipes. However, DiStefano, the Longmeadow, Mass. native, has emerged as the starter for the team, showing her strength by having nine saves in the game against Connecticut.

goals in the first period and held on for a hard-fought non-league win against Harvard on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The Friars allowed just six shots on goal, and goaltender Jhojan Obando '11 gave up one goal in the win. He recorded five saves over the course of his 90 minutes in goal.

Matt Marcin '11 scored his third goal of the season against the Crimson. Marcin has been on a tear as of late, having scored his three goals this season over three games and nine days.

Also scoring for the Friars was Keith Jecewiz '13. Jacewicz notched his first score on the season and was also credited with the assist on Marcin's goal.

Providence racked up a total of eight shots, which paled in comparison to Harvard's 18 shots. However, the Friar offense took advantage of the opportunities it had to in order to secure the win.

Although the victory has no bearing on conference standings, Providence's win over this Ivy League foe might prove to be