



Curtains Takes A Bow

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ARTS

"Boston Strong" is the theme of the week, and, in keeping with this spirit, I encourage everyone to see the Providence College Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film's strong performance of *Curtains*, a musical comedy set in Boston. The show is a fun mockery of musical theatre, presented by an excellent cast and filled with both cheesy and raunchy jokes. If you could use a laugh this weekend (and who couldn't?), head down to Smith Center for the Arts and check out the murder mystery musical that has a killer sense of humor.

If you love musicals, you will love *Curtains*, which spotlights the failed

production of *Robbin' Hood*, and the chaos that ensues when its lead actress is murdered on opening night. A show-within-a-show, *Curtains* encompasses countless theatre puns and allusions to Broadway hits. However, director Jimmy Calitri, who had directed past PC shows *The Sweetest Swing in Baseball* and *Lend Me a Tenor*, ensures that despite the emphasis on theatre humor, anyone can understand the hilarity of the performance.

Jeff DeSisto '13, who plays Sidney Bernstein, the sleazy owner of the theatre company, enjoyed working with Calitri to surprise the audience with some of the more understated humor throughout the play. "I'd

worked with Jimmy before on *Lend Me A Tenor*, so the process of finding the comedy in even the smallest moments was very familiar and easy to me," said DeSisto. "I think audiences are going to be surprised at how they will laugh at some moments they shouldn't be laughing at. There are moments that are straight funny, but there is a murder in this play so already there is a dark



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Students Reflect on Boston Marathon Tragedy

by Bridget Stack '13
Sports Editor

REFLECTION

"We are going to die today." Those are the words that Jennifer Crosier '13 muttered to her boyfriend after escaping the Boston Marathon bombings. No longer was it a nice, cool day that was the perfect prelude to a Bruins game, but it was a day that held a harrowing experience.

Crosier was at the Boston Marathon on a whim. The day was nice and the afternoon devoid of any commitments. Instead of waiting until later in the day to enter Boston

for the Bruins game, Crosier decided to go to the Boston Marathon to enjoy the city she loves and enjoy the rare spring day.

The original landing spot was at the finish line, where the crowds were loud and the runners exhausted, yet exuberant. When the crowds became too rambunctious and seemed to grow in number, the pair ventured further down the road, right across from The Forum.

Right across from the second bombing.

"Anyone's life can literally stop at any minute, and I am just thankful that my life didn't end on Monday."

The first thought that crossed

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Raymond Cafeteria to Receive a Facelift

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CAMPUS NEWS

Enter Ray at a peak mealtime, and those slinking, snaking lines of students engulfing the salad bar may make you late for your next class. Yet come next fall, thanks to renovations that will be occurring in Ray early this summer, you will most likely be able to cruise right through.

"During the crunch times, the salad bar is the most popular," said Stu Gerhardt, the general manager of Providence College Dining Services. "I think this [renovation]

is the biggest bang for the buck... You won't have to wait as long."

Gerhardt stated that almost every year, one area or station in Ray is renovated, noting that it is easiest to make changes to one station at a time.

"We try to be more efficient," he said. "It's all about trying to create an exceptional student experience." Thus, given the traffic around the salad bar station, it has been the area selected for renovation.

According to Gerhardt, the current T-shape of the salad bar makes it difficult for employees to switch trays and hinders students from moving through efficiently since they must share the food items

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In Brief

by **Christine Rousselle '13**
News Editor

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Seniors Get Caps and Gowns

The annual Cap and Gown Day happened this past Wednesday, April 17. Seniors followed a red carpet into '64 Hall to collect graduation tickets, announcements, academic hoods, academic honors cords, and, of course, caps and gowns. Seniors also had the opportunity to donate for a brick on Alumni Lane.

Field Hockey Friendly

The Providence College Field Hockey Team held their annual Field Hockey Friendly event on Wednesday, April 17 at Lennon Field. Each member of the team created a team consisting of PC students and faculty, and teams were pitted against each other in a pool-style tournament. The event raised money for the Make a Wish Foundation and sought to educate the Providence College community about the sport of field hockey.

24-Hour Film Festival Coming

The Providence College Film Club and PCTV are sponsoring a 24-Hour Film Festival event. Teams will have 24 hours to write, film, and edit a three-to-four minute film. The contest begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Prizes will be awarded to the best films, and films will be shown at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 21 in the Slavin Mural Lounge.

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Date Night Comeback

by **Carolyn Bothwell '15**
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CAMPUS EVENTS

On Friday evening, April 12, the Office of Residence Life and the SAVE, Sexual Assault and Violence Education Committee, worked together to sponsor the Bring Back the Date event. Motivated by Project SAVE, Providence College students and staff are striving to promote traditional and healthy courtship.

"Inspiration for the event came directly from the students. So many students talk about the dissatisfaction with the 'hook up' culture in college, but are unable to articulate alternative, socially acceptable, means of 'expressing interest' in one another," says Tiffany Gaffney, dean of residence life.

Bring Back the Date sold out quickly, leading the planners to expand and accommodate more couples. With over 60 people in attendance, the event was a success.

They strived to mimic an ambiance similar to that of a scene from the romantic movie *A Walk to Remember*. With beautiful lights and live music, the Fishbowl was transformed into a lovely and affordable venue. A jazz

trio lead by Zach Matook, McDermott Hall director, performed soft jazz throughout the evening.

Tickets for a couple were \$10, making the evening an inexpensive alternative to outings on Thayer Street and Federal Hill. Couples had the option of sitting at tables of two, four, or six, catering to their interests. This allowed for attendees to sit in groups or have a more private experience. The event was also elegantly catered, providing the couples with delicious food.

"I loved when I looked around and saw that every seat was full! I felt so great to know that we had accomplished what we had set out to do! To see people really enjoying themselves and their company in a sober environment was really nice for a change," says Andrea Tempesta '14.

The positive feedback from Bring Back the Date encouraged the future planning of similar events promoting healthy dating. In the fall, Residence Life plans to host an evening in '64 Hall. This will open up the opportunity for more students to attend and enjoy a larger dance floor.

"Hook up culture still exists and I don't think that is going to change, but it was really nice to know that the date is not dead!" says Tempesta.



CAROLYN BOTHWELL '15 / THE COWL

Bring Back the Date was sponsored by Res Life and the Sexual Assault and Violence Education Committee.

Oller '16 Takes a Stand Before a Full House

by **Elizabeth Nako '15**
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STUDENT LECTURES

"Everyone has a disability, but mine is visible," said Cisco Oller '16 during his talk on Tuesday, April 16 titled "My Struggles Define Me." The event was co-sponsored by Student Multicultural Activities, Campus Ministry, and Disability Dialogues. This talk, originally planned to take place at Slavin Soft Lounge, was moved to McPhail's to accommodate the large crowd. The event was standing room only.

The presentation opened up with Elena Yee, director of Student Multicultural Activities, who explained, "Oller shared his story with me and I thought of every possible way to get it out." Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P., assistant chaplain, and Dr. Licia Carlson, a philosophy professor, were also eager to co-sponsor this talk by Oller.

Yee then introduced Jacob Weaver, the graduate assistant in the SMA office. Weaver himself is physically disabled. At 15, he was shot in the eye while walking down the street. Seven years later, he was able to forgive one of the men involved in the shooting. The assailant is now in prison. "Be grateful for what you have, do not judge, and be able to be forgiving as much as you

can be," he said.

Weaver then introduced the featured speaker, Oller. Oller started off by thanking everyone for their unconditional support, and God for his life, gifts, strengths, and blessings. Oller wanted to do this talk to share some of the lessons he has learned that have helped him overcome certain challenges related to his disability.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oller chose to attend PC because of its the well-known academics. Oller was born with Pelizaeus-Merzbacher Disease (PMD), a rare inherited condition involving the central nervous system; PMD delays motor abilities, coordination, and intellectual functions all to various extents. In Oller's diagnosis, his motor ability is affected, but his cognitive functions are not. Oller's disease mostly affects his ability to walk, and has required surgery, leg braces, and lots of physical therapy.

Oller considers himself to be "handicapped" rather than handicapped, and did not realize he had a disability until entering elementary school, when he started to be bullied. As he grew older, Oller was afraid to tell others about his disability and just wanted to be like everyone else. "Inside I was suffering because I saw myself as disabled and not unique." In his senior year of high school, he was not invited to celebrate with his classmates at a farewell event, and once he found out he felt both



MORGAN PEKERA '15 / THE COWL

Cisco Oller '16 is a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is glad to call Providence his new home.

rejected and sad. Oller firmly believes that "rejection can be overcome with a positive attitude," and encourages students to never give up on their passions, dreams, and goals.

To have the ability to walk, Oller faces a lifetime of hard work and multiple medical procedures. In the summer of 2008, after advice from doctors, he traveled to Johns Hopkins Hospital to have leg surgery. After staying for two months of rehabilitation, his outlook on life was changed. He observed that other patients were happy despite having disabilities and realized that God has a purpose for everyone in life.

Oller wants people to watch him without being discreet because "my disability makes me who I am." He also encouraged students to lend helping hands if they see him struggling up a hill.

According to Oller, starting every day can be a challenge, but he will never let anything get in his way of living life to its fullest. "I made it here [at PC] because I had the courage and determination to experience something new." Dr. Carlson saw Oller's talk as "a really important event to continue a campus wide-dialogue about disability as a civil rights issue."

Providence College Admits 5,404 to Class of 2017

by Micaela Cameron '13
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ADMISSIONS

The start of spring brings annual changes to campus. The quad fills with students searching for the sun, the trees become green once again, and the senior class prepares for graduation. But as Semisonic expressed in "Closing Time," "every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Although the graduation of the Class of 2013 is near, the incoming Class of 2017 is on their way to Providence College.

This academic year, the College received 9,655 total applicants. The College has admitted 5,404 students. Raul Fonts, dean of admission and financial aid, stated that the College's goal is to enroll 980 students in the freshman class.

The number of applicants is almost identical to last year's, with the exception of 12 additional applications this year. However, the number of students admitted was 200 fewer.

Of the students admitted, 57 percent are female and 43 percent are male, consistent with the College's previous percentages.

This year, the College began to accept early decision applications. Early decision is a binding admissions program. If an applicant is invited to the College, they must sign an agreement that they will enroll. This year, 162 students applied early decision and 142 were admitted. Fonts said that it was a very successful first year and that he was pleased with the outcome.

The decision to implement early decision applications came from a survey of students at the College who applied early action. They were asked if they would have applied early decision if were given the chance. Seven percent responded positively.

20 percent. The College accepted 17 percent of these applicants, compared to the acceptance of 17.7 percent last year. Fonts stated that this was a great number, considering that there were 210 fewer applicants admitted overall.

Of the students invited, 55 percent

12 enrolled international students in the Class of 2017, whereas there were none last year at this time.

This year, 288 students of the Class of 2017 have enrolled at the College. Last year, 159 were enrolled at this time.

The Class of 2017 is also talented academically. Fifty-one of the students admitted were valedictorian of their class. Forty-three were their class salutatorian. 245 students were in the top five of their class. 122 held a perfect 4.0 GPA and 514 had a 3.9 or higher. The average, unweighted GPA of the admitted students was a 3.54. The average SAT score for math and critical reading was a 1256.

Family Day for accepted students also showed improvement. Fonts stated that it was one of the largest turnouts in history. Over 725 accepted students attended and there were a total of 2,300 people in attendance. Thus far, the feedback from attendees was very positive.

"I think it's one of the most talented classes I've seen in my years at Providence College," said Fonts. "What continues to impress me are the things students do outside the classroom. Their leadership, commitment to athletics, theater, dance, music, and the amount of community service students perform, is truly outstanding. That's why we selected these kids. They are great fits to Providence College."



SAADIA AHMAD '14 / THE COWL

Accepted students and their families gather in the Peterson Recreation Center for lunch.

"It's an opportunity to identify students whose first choice is Providence College. We want students who want to come to Providence College and early decision gives us that opportunity," said Fonts.

The College's number of multicultural student applications has increased. According to Fonts, each year, the applicant pool of multicultural students increases. Last year, 19 percent of the applicants were non-white. This year, the percentage has grown to

are from New England, with 7.5 percent from Rhode Island. Thirty-three percent are from the Mid-Atlantic states, and 10 percent are international students. The international applicants hail from countries such as Canada, Vietnam, South Korea, Japan, China, Honduras, and Ecuador. For the past seven to eight years, the College has been actively recruiting students from South America. Additionally, this year, the College had 50 applicants from Puerto Rico. The College already has

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Congress Votes for a Non-Discrimination Policy

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
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STUDENT CONGRESS

General and committee announcements included reminders to seniors about Cap and Gown Day, Senior Giving, and a kind message of thanks and hope from PJ Butz '13, a member of Congress who ran in the Boston Marathon on Monday. Other committees mentioned pieces of legislation that would be discussed later in the meeting, and other events going on this week.

Student Congress Vice President Amy Balfe '13 introduced the first piece of legislation. It proposed to amend the Preamble to the Student Congress Constitution to include "sexual orientation and gender identity" in its non-discrimination policy. The Congress passed a motion to vote on this proposal and the bill passed.

The next piece of legislation proposed to change the College's notice of non-discrimination to include "sexual orientation" as well. Balfe also introduced this bill and she explained that it was important that as a school, we do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. Justin Gomes '13, Student Congress president, explained that upon passage, this bill will go to Kristine Goodwin, the vice president of Student Affairs, the Office of the President, the Board of Trustees, and requires communication with the Diocese of Providence. Gomes

mentioned that Father Brian Shanley, O.P., has expressed interest in "welcoming the conversation."

Representatives from SHEPARD provided their input on the bill and whether they believed "gender identity" should be included in the notice, or if that step should be saved for another time. Matt Smith '16, SHEPARD publicity chair, explained that gender identity is how people define themselves through the social constructs of male and female. Lauren Kelly '13 and Colin Sheehy '14 (president and vice president of

"We need to fight the good fight, come in strong, and leave with what we can get."

SHEPARD) both expressed their full support for the bill, but suggested that including "gender identity" might present another roadblock from making the next step. Michael Hagan '15 commented on the spirit of the amendment and said, "We need to fight the good fight, come in strong, and leave with what we can get." There was a vote to include addition to the amendment, which was passed, and in turn the bill was passed as well.

The bill that would encourage professors to activate the SAKAI site and upload syllabi for their classes was passed, as well as the bill allowing the select performance ensemble to count as the Fine Arts

Core requirement. Kaitlin Falls '13 introduced the first, and Katelyn Higgins '13 introduced the second.

The last piece of old business was a bill about distributing a survey through Residence Life in the dorms on campus. There was a motion and vote, and this bill was rescinded.

The first piece of new business was introduced by Meghan Keating '13, the chair of the Clubs and Organizations committee, about recognizing the Photography Club as an official club on campus. Keating explained that the group has productive meetings,

has co-sponsored a number of events, and sustained membership. Brian Carolan '13 introduced the second piece, involving slight changes in the Constitution of BOP, mostly amounting to formatting and grammatical changes.

Justin Gomes '13 introduced a piece of legislation that would create more student spots on committees of the Board of Trustees. These would include the buildings and property, Catholic and Dominican mission, development & alumni affairs, finance, strategic planning, and varsity athletics committees. These students would be appointed by the president of Student Congress and would meet once a semester with the committees.

The last piece of new business was a bill about displaying sexual assault information and resource posters in bathrooms on campus and in the dorms. This was introduced by Margo Sheehan '13 who explained that people need to know where to go and who to contact, and work to prevent it from happening.

Old Business:

SCA-63-08: Amendment to Preamble of the Constitution of Student Congress

SCA 63-15: Relating to the College's notice of Non-Discrimination

SCRC-63-16: Use of SAKAI for Course Reference

SCRC-63-16: Performance Ensembles as Fine Arts Core

New Business:

SCB-62-12: Recognition of Photography Club

SCB-62-16: Amendment to the Constitution of the Board of Programmers

SCRC-63-18: Appointments to Committee of the Board of Trustees

SCRC-63-18: Availability of Sexual Assault Resource Posters

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Best-Selling Author Junot Diaz Visits Providence College

by Jackie McCarthy '14
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CAMPUS LECTURES

On Wednesday, April 10, Providence College hosted a special guest speaker. Junot Diaz has recently appeared on *The Colbert Report* and many other news networks to talk about his stance on immigration reform, the success of his books, and to promote his newest collection of short stories. He came to share his experiences as an author creating art with his literature.

Junot Diaz is the author of three best-selling books: the collection of short stories *Drown* (1996), the novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* (2007), and his most recent collection of short stories *This is How You Lose Her* (2012). In his books, he writes using colloquial language, the same language he used when speaking to his audience. He spoke in his coarse but insightful language about everything from the inspiration for his characters, to growing up as a Dominican-American in suburban New Jersey.

In 2008, Diaz was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his novel *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. He was also awarded the MacArthur Fellowship, or "the MacArthur Genius Grant" in 2012 for his work on *This is How You Lose Her*.

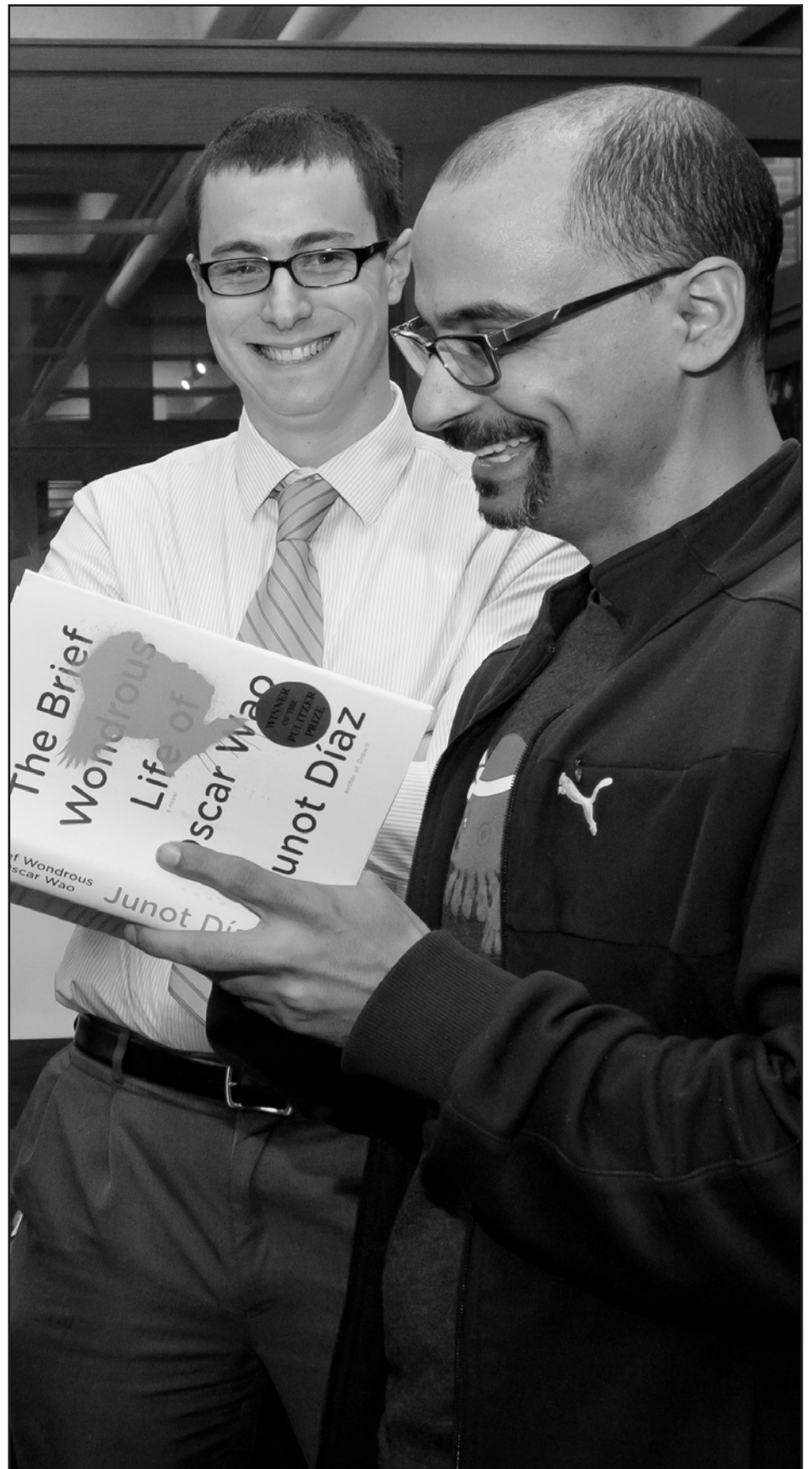
When asked by an audience member how he deals with the pressure of having to live up to the fact that he has been awarded a Pulitzer Prize and MacArthur Fellowship, he said that he writes because he loves it, not to please anyone else but himself. The way he put it was that life is short, so there is no reason to be worried about the things

he has not written yet, or whether what he has not yet written will live up to what he has already written. Also in response to this question he said, "[When writing] I put more pressure on myself than any prize could put on me." In addition to the Pulitzer Prize and MacArthur Fellowship, Diaz has been awarded a number of other literary awards.

While Diaz has a successful career in writing, he also works as a professor of literature at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). When asked about his job as a professor and a writer, he says that literature is an art. Jokingly, Diaz says that in America the arts are sometimes perceived as "irrelevant and a huge waste of time." His mindset, however, is that art is an essential component to our education. He is proud to put himself at the front lines of what he calls "hand to hand combat," which the arts frequently face. He called it a privilege to be able to teach it.

Diaz described the art of literature as one that must be learned. He admitted to the audience that writing is, in fact, something that is very difficult for him. "Most of us are never encouraged that you can be awesome at something you find very difficult," he says. He encouraged the audience to do what they love to do, and not to cast aside what might be difficult for us as those things might be what we are meant to do.

Junot Diaz is a talented writer who accepts his praise humbly and graciously. His presence at the College was inspiring. While he is humble and gracious, he is confident in his abilities and encouraged the audience to be the same. Diaz left us with a few good lessons and a greater knowledge of who he is as a writer, a teacher, and person.



JESSICA HO '14 / THE COWL

Junot Diaz, a recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship, has recently appeared on *The Colbert Report*.

RAY: Flo's Moves Again

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and dressings contained in the middle area of the salad bar. However, the new salad bar will be constructed in the shape of a V to eliminate these inefficiencies. The V-shape will enable both sides of the salad bar to mirror each other, containing twice the amount of trays and dressings, and therefore enabling students to move through quicker. Moreover, the inside of this V-shaped salad bar will provide an area for employees to work, allowing them to access fridges that will be placed inside and to switch out the trays without having to leave the interior.

Renovations are scheduled to begin right after the school year ends, and it is expected that they will be completed within 30 days and in time for new student advising days and orientation this summer.

While Gerhardt stated that the newly renovated salad bar will not have any effect on seating, he noted that some of the existing furniture will be rearranged and new furniture will be added this summer as well.

"It's about trying to change the institutional look to create

a better ambiance and a better feeling," he said.

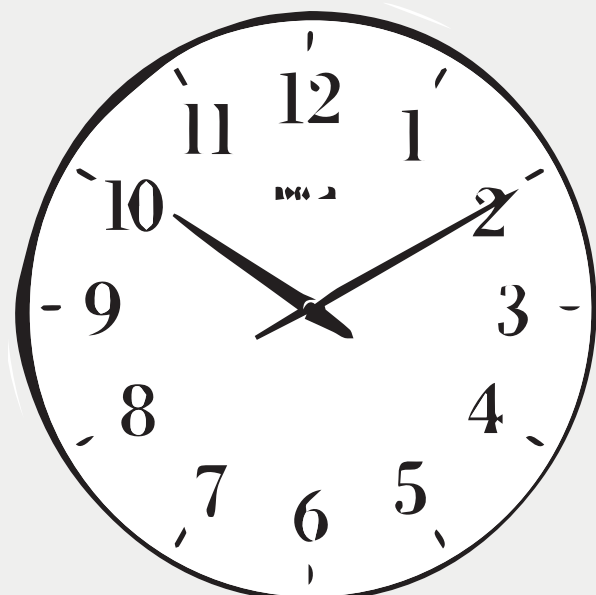
Therefore, what Gerhardt deemed the "pretty old and pretty worn" tables with wooden legs and red chairs will be donated to local non-profit organizations. Additionally, the booths by Flo's to Go will be moved to the windows on the left side of the dining hall, new rectangular tables will be set up, and round high-top tables will be placed behind the existing high-top bars. The back portion of Ray, which contains newer tables and chairs, will not be affected by any of the furniture changes.

"A lot of changes are based on patterns and comments," said Gerhardt. "We can make changes and it looks great, but we can only wow so long before it gets old."

Yet whether it is aesthetic changes or changes to render operations more efficient that are being made, Gerhardt stressed what is ultimately most important to him.

"It's about having fun," he concluded, adding that when you are stressed out, Ray should be a place to go where you can relax.

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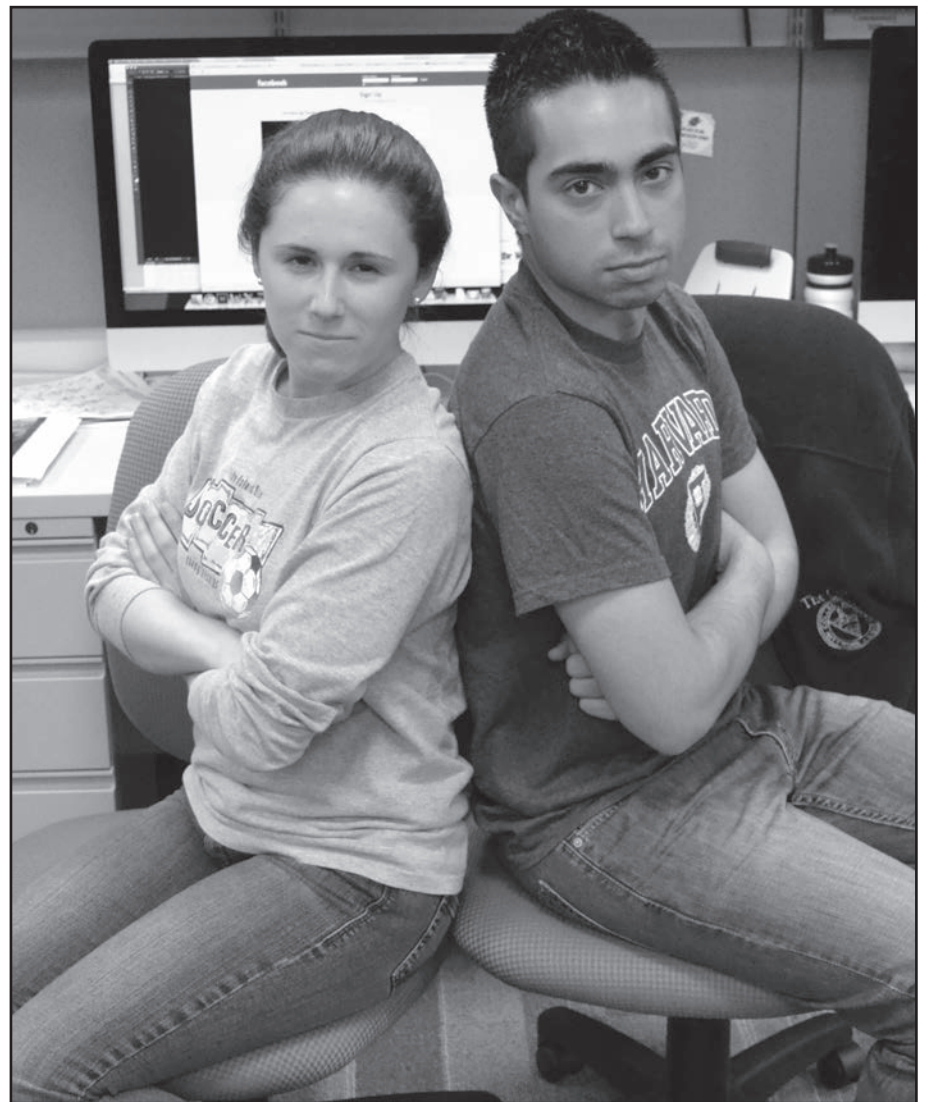
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by Christine Rousselle '13 News Editor

PC Picture of the Week



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Next week. We're coming. - A & K

PC Tweet of the Week



Got a suggestion for the PC Picture of the Week or PC Tweet of the Week? Tweet us @TheCowl!



Immigrants Face Challenge

by Rebecca Larrivee '13
World Staff

DOMESTIC

"Immigration is a complicated issue. But at its heart, immigration is quite simple: It's about people. It's about families. It's about how we help each other understand what being part of this country is all about." These are the words that greet visitors to the site *Define American*, a site owned and operated by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and undocumented immigrant Jose Antonio Vargas.

In an intimate setting in the Aquinas Lounge on Saturday, April 6, Vargas led a discussion on immigration with students, professors, government and school officials, and scholarship recipients.

He was invited to speak at a breakfast to honor the recipients of the Tam Tran Scholarship, a scholarship awarded to undocumented students by the Coalition for Applicants for Student Opportunities, a part of the Cesar Chavez Foundation. Applicants to the scholarship must be undocumented immigrants and must pledge to join a support group for other undocumented students.

Vargas, an immigrant from the Philippines, discussed his experience here in the US, particularly after he discovered that he was not a legal resident of the country. He spoke about living in fear, the limitations placed on travel because he could not get a driver's license, and the challenges in finding classes and jobs that did not require pieces of identity that we often take for granted: Social Security cards, driver's licenses, etc.

It was only after winning the Pulitzer Prize that he realized the strength of his voice and the opportunity that he had to change the immigration experience for other undocumented people living in the US. It was then that he came out and publicly declared that he was an undocumented immigrant.

First, in an article that appeared in *The Washington Post*, followed by a cover page on *Time*, Vargas became the face and the voice of the immigration movement in the US. Since publicly outing himself, Vargas has sat in front of Senate immigration panels and has been interviewed by a number of different media outlets on the topic.

The mission of Vargas and the *Define American* movement is to challenge the stigma that has surrounded immigration. A recent victory for the organization, and Vargas in particular, was the removal of the term "illegal alien" or "illegal immigrant" from the Associated Press's Stylebook, a move that was quickly followed by *USA Today*. The Associated Press has defended this move by stating that the term "illegal immigrant" is "biased against the people that it describes," according to *CNN*. The argument against the term "illegal immigrants" is that human beings are not themselves illegal, their actions are, and it unfairly stigmatizes people who often came into the country as children and are actively seeking citizenship.

This road to citizenship is set to become significantly easier for students whose families immigrated here when they were young. Under current bipartisan legislation called the DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors), applicants who entered the country illegally as minors would be allowed to pursue a shorter path to citizenship after completion of university studies or two years in the Armed Forces.

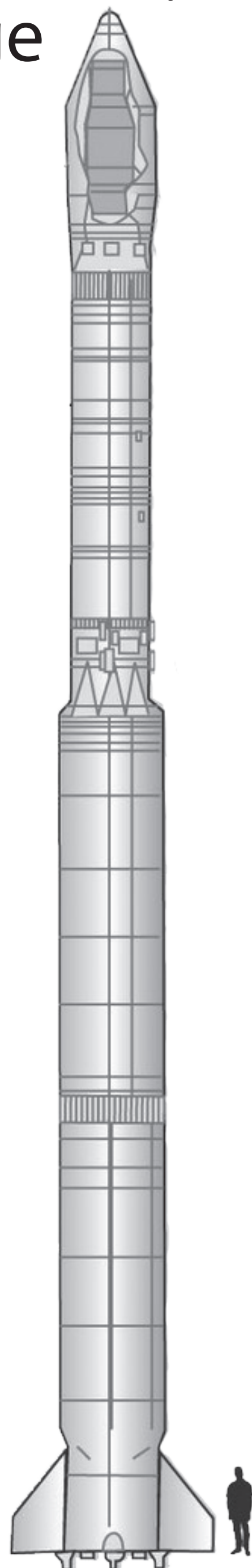
This act is different from the DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which puts low priority on the deportation of undocumented immigrants who arrived as children. Supporters hail the bill as one step in the right direction to complex immigration reform while opponents believe that it will encourage increased illegal immigration by lessening the consequences, though evidence to support this claim has not been

conclusive.

In local politics, the Rhode Island state legislature is exploring the possibility of offering in-state tuition rates to undocumented students who have completed their high school experiences at a Rhode Island high school. While students will still not qualify for federal assistance through the FAFSA program (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the move will make attaining a university education that much more affordable for prospective students who wish to pursue higher education.

The most recent development in the call for immigration reform is the submission of an immigration reform bill by the Gang of Eight, a bipartisan Senate group. The bill allocates over \$3 billion to "beef up security on the border, which includes fortifying fences, staffing up patrols and acquiring surveillance technology from the Department of Defense, including drones and drone pilots," according to *CNN*.

After the successful completion of these measures, a plan which can take up to 10 years, migrants can begin to make strides toward attaining legal citizenship. Exceptions to this rule are DREAMers and some agricultural workers. The bill proposes two different pathways to legal residency as noted by *CNN*: "registered provisional immigrant (RPI) and lawful permanent resident status." In order to qualify for either of these, undocumented applicants must show that they entered the country before December 31, 2011 and have committed no felonies in the US or abroad. The process will come at high cost for the migrants, with a \$500 penalty for entering the US illegally and a duty to pay back taxes for all years spent in the US. After these payments the immigrant will receive provisional status and can be hired by any US company. Blue card options with different privileges are being explored for agricultural workers.



Korean Peninsula Boils

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World Staff

KOREAN PENINSULA

For more than 40 years, tensions between the United States and North Korea have been rapidly increasing. At times the conflict has reached a boiling point in which North Korea threatens to attack the US or South Korea, at which time the United States threatens to retaliate. This is a continuous occurrence, but this time could be much different.

Tension reached an all-time high in mid-January when *CNN* reported that "North Korea's National Defense Commission [stated] it will continue nuclear testing and long-range rocket launches" in spite of the US's efforts to end nuclear testing in North Korea. The North Korean government then released a statement that this was part of "an upcoming all out action aimed at the United States."

After several months passed, tensions continued to escalate. On March 5, 2013, North Korea announced

that the North Korean government wanted to put an end to the armistice established in 1953, which concluded the Korean War. On March 11, an announcement that the armistice is being "scrapped" was made.

On April 3, 2013, tensions continued to rise when North Korean officials announced that they "pledge to restart its Yongbyon nuclear complex" making the creation of weapons grade uranium possible. Seven days later, on April 10, the US announced a "North Korea missile test could be imminent."

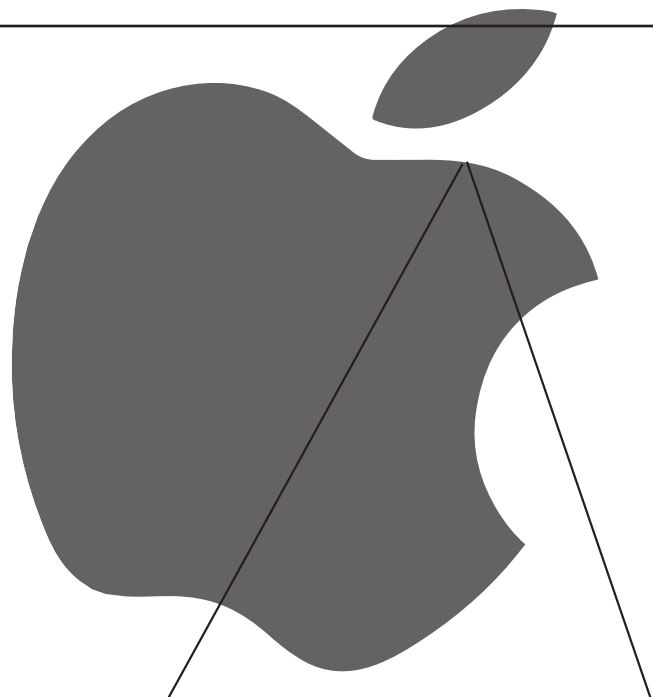
The Obama administration believes a possible missile strike on either the United States or South Korea could occur at any time. A senior administrator in correspondence with the White House believes, however, "There is no indication that missiles believed being readied for tests have been armed with any nuclear material." In fact, various White House and Pentagon officials believe that assuming that North Korea has attained, tested, and fully developed weapons grade uranium is

a completely inaccurate assumption.

As information involving the crisis between North Korea, South Korea, and the US has unfolded over the past few weeks, DIA released a statement saying they have "moderate confidence the North currently has nuclear weapons capable of delivery by ballistic missiles, however, the reliability will be low," making an attack on the US more unlikely than previous reports.

It is difficult to produce a conclusion considering that the conflict between the US, South Korea, and North Korea is transforming every day. Spencer Williams '16 stated, "North Korea is clearly not going to use any form of nuclear strike on the United States and if any attempt is made, the United States should show North Korea how terrorism is dealt with." Williams also stated, "North Korea is merely enjoying their five minutes of fame and they understand the consequences they will be faced with if any evasive actions are made."

BUSINESS IN THE WORLD



by Andrew J. Gellert '13
World Editor

BUSINESS

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, Apple Incorporated (AAPL) has once again fallen behind Exxon-Mobile (XOM) in the battle to become the world's largest company. Apple saw its stock drop five percent on Wednesday, bringing its market capitalization below Exxon-Mobile's. The two companies have been trading the top spot for months; a shaky day for one of the giants can bring it down to second place. Anything from macroeconomic data, like China's GDP results, to internal shakeups or product announcements can send Apple's stock up or down. Exxon-Mobile's stock is less volatile, but regulatory uncertainty or conflict in oil-producing regions can affect the price of oil, and thereby Exxon-Mobile. Both of these stocks, therefore, are vulnerable to a variety of external shocks in addition to changes in the earnings potential of the company due to internal changes.

The tension on the Korean Peninsula has implications beyond politics. Many major companies are headquartered in South Korea. These include Kia Motors and the Hyundai Group in the automobile sector; the Hyundai Motor Company, a subsidiary of the Hyundai Group, is the largest automobile manufacturer in the world by profit. Another company familiar to Americans is the Samsung Group. Many different products are produced under the Samsung brand. The most well-known are personal electronics such as the Galaxy line of cell phones, as well as big-ticket items like televisions. Other notable Samsung products include chemicals, engineering equipment, and insurance. Uncertainty on the peninsula will threaten the bottom line of these companies, which could have a major effect on the global and domestic economy.

Over the past week, the markets have declined precipitously for several days. A round of poor earnings results and worrying signs from Europe led to a major selloff, with all ten sectors in the S&P 500 in decline. Markets have been on a powerful upswing for the past several months, but this decline threatens the trend. Many investors felt safer putting their money in Treasury bills. The corresponding rise in the demand for Treasuries increased their price and decreased their yield, which dropped to around 1.7 percent.

Mike's Market Corner

by Mike Lynch '14
World Staff

Major stock market indices sold off to begin the week on Monday, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) fell 265 points (1.79 percent) and the S&P 500 fell 36 points (2.30 percent). China's GDP grew at 7.2 percent in the first quarter of 2013, missing analyst estimates of 8 percent. Gold prices plummeted \$138 (nine percent) Monday in response to the poor China GDP report. China purchases large quantities of physical gold, which could be another explanation of the panic selling seen on Monday. If China's economy were to continue to stumble, this could result in decreased demand for gold, a big warning sign for gold investors.

Mergers and acquisitions has been one of the hottest segments of the economy, and it has shown no signs of slowing down. Thermo Fisher Scientific (TMO), the second largest life-science equipment maker, acquired Life Technologies (LIFE) for \$13.6 billion (\$76 per share). This will help TMO tap into the market for mapping and testing DNA. Dish Network (DISH) offered to buy Sprint (S) for \$25.5 billion in a cash and stock deal that outmatched Japan's Softbank Corporation's bid to acquire Sprint. Sprint closed at \$7.06 per share, up 13.50 percent as investors warmly welcomed a bidding war for the company.

The WORLD in BRIEF

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

A Dutch organization named Mars One is offering applicants a one-way trip to Mars. So far, thousands of applicants have signed up. While there is a mission that hopes to go and fly back in 2018, this trip is specifically one-way, hoping to colonize the planet. The project, along with the application process, will be televised as a reality TV show.

Applicants would not be able to come back as their muscle and bone mass would be too weakened after the eight-month trip and time spent under Mars' weaker gravitational field. To avoid running out of supplies, new applicants would be sent every two years to aid those already on Mars. The project will cost about \$6 billion to send the first wave of applicants.

Scientists have successfully created the first home-grown kidneys. The kidneys were transported into animals that were able to begin producing urine. Kidneys are the most in-demand organ for transplants, according to the BBC. These new kidneys offer two potential benefits. First, the kidney tissue would match specifically with the patient it would be given to, allowing the patient to forgo the drugs needed to suppress the immune system from rejecting the organ. Second, the new kidneys would greatly increase the number of kidneys available for transplant. The kidney was developed by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The most powerful earthquake to strike Iran in 50 years occurred Tuesday, causing tremors to be felt as far away as India. The 7.8 magnitude quake occurred near the city of Khash, which is close to Pakistan. Officials in Iran stated that the quake occurred in the desert, 59 miles underground, and reduced the strength down to 4.0. There were no casualties reported in Iran thus far. In Pakistan, however, 35 have been killed, and over 150 have been injured. The Pakistan military responded immediately by sending troops to the affected areas. A 6.6 magnitude earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam, by comparison, killed about 26,000 people.

Nicolas Maduro, the man chosen by Hugo Chavez to succeed him as Venezuela's next president, has won the national election. Maduro beat out former bus driver Henrique Capriles with 50.7 percent of the vote, compared to Capriles' 49.1 percent. The defeated party is calling the results "illegitimate," however, as there are more than 300,000 incidents of voting violations that must be examined. The Venezuelan National Electoral Council, meanwhile, has ruled the results irreversible. World leaders Vladimir Putin and Raul Castro were among the first to congratulate Maduro. The United States, on the other hand, has called for an audit of the results.





OPINION

Adios America, Hello Argentina!

Reflecting on the Future

by Jenn Giffels '14

ABROAD

If I asked most of you reading this article right now what you're thinking about, I can almost guarantee the majority of you would respond with things you have to do, be it study for your exam next week, send summer internship applications, or call your parents, who are probably wondering if you're still alive. Even supposedly enjoyable tasks such as Skyping a friend from home, planning a birthday dinner, and getting enough sleep have become boxes to check off on the to-do list.

As seniors in high school, we are expected to know what we want to do with the rest of our lives, and as early as freshman year in college we have our classes for the next four years mapped out. It's kind of like how grocery stores start selling Halloween candy and decorations during the summer: why?

The director of my program likes to tease us students from the US about how absurd we are in thinking that we can have our lives so planned out. "A few years from now? That's like science fiction!" Yet how many conversations happen daily at PC about life after college, if we'll pursue master's degrees, if we'll look for a job close to home or halfway across the country, who our maids of honor and best men will be...

This habit of having our days, weeks, and months planned out leaves us frantic when things do not go as planned. The RIPTA didn't come? Now I'm going to get to the mall half an hour later, which means I won't make 5:30 dinner time, I can't get to the library with enough time to finish my paper before my meeting at 8, I'll go to bed later, and now I'll be more tired tomorrow so I'll have to plan on getting coffee before class... I'm the first to admit I plan out my days like this, and my agenda book is my best friend.

The more I'm immersed in Argentinean culture, the more I realize that the time I spend planning is often a waste. For certain things, of course, planning is necessary, but when I think of how often these plans change, and then how stressed out I get when things don't go accordingly, I appreciate the flexibility and ability to go with the flow that the people in Argentina seem to emanate.

Engrained in Argentinean culture is the principle of living in the moment. When you sit down for a coffee with someone, you're not thinking about the next place you have to be or constantly checking your watch. It's hard to not live by my old habits, and of course I still grow impatient with situations or get stressed about school, my plans for the summer, and picking classes for senior year, but I can see I've learned a whole new level to the value of patience and adaptability.

As my director told our group during one memorable moment, we think we can predict the future but we can't, so stop trying! There's great merit to being able to think on your feet, to adapting to the circumstances, to being flexible and using the resources available at the given moment. This doesn't mean to procrastinate, to ignore deadlines, or not to think at all about the direction you want to go in life, but it does mean relieving yourself of a little unnecessary stress. After all, don't the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry? And who ends up happy and successful in the end but the one who can best adapt to the change?

Say It Loud and Proud:

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REFLECTION

As I drove back to campus following Easter break, I realized that it would be the last time I did so as a student. The chapel peaking over the hill and the big blue bug (the sentry of 95 just outside of Providence) would, for the last time, hold the promise of a wonderfully stuffy dorm room, classes I could complain about to anyone and find a commiserate sufferer, the promise of sunny days spent outside procrastinating and long nights that turned into mornings. It is not so much sentimentality for, I truly distrust that emotion; it is too much like that song, I can never remember the name, the one that goes, "As we go on we remember all the times we had together..." No, no, no, not good, mushy gushy, I hate it. The feeling is more a realization of coming to the end of things, not so much mounting the crest of the hill as coming to the point when you finally see the top and wonder, "What is up there and what will I see when I reach the precipice?"

It is too early to give a swan song, a grand farewell, and therein lies that strange emotion that has welled up inside of me. It is the realization, not that I have come to the end, but that I have seen it and had that overwhelming feeling of "Oh dear Lord I don't know what to do. Should I sprint to the finish? Should I slow down and take it all in? Should I leave the trail one last time and blaze my own path to the top? I don't know I don't know I don't know. Can I do them all? Should I even think about it, the dreaded G word?" Yes and yes. Sprint to the finish, leave the trail, slow down, look around, maybe even backtrack a bit and most emphatically think about the G word. Thinking about it is the one thing that will keep things in focus.

The greatest mistake and greatest pitfall graduating seniors fall into is denying that it is happening. WE ARE GRADUATING!

Isn't that awesome and sad and cool and scary? It is so many things. How are we supposed to deal with them if we do not acknowledge, nay, embrace, that it is happening? If we deny it, then we will graduate with a boatload of regrets and missed opportunities because we did not see the urgency, the top of the hill. How can we sprint, slow down, look around, take one final detour, if we refuse to see that the top is in sight? How will we say, "To hell with it! I only have a couple more weeks? I will go out tonight," or "You know what? I've never hung out with these people before but why not now?" How are we supposed to make these decisions? How will we solidify friendships and make new ones that could last if we don't recognize that this might be my last chance to do so?

We can't. Yes, it's sad. And no, I do not love thinking about it either. But I know that I have to, that if I do not I will miss the best part, the final sprint, the victory lap.

So I say loud and proud, I AM GRADUATING! It will be the first thing that comes to mind when I wake up from now on. I AM GRADUATING SOON and it is awesome! Let it be our battle cry. Let us live our last days here with no regrets, no missed opportunities, no friendships left unexplored, and all the passion and life and hope of freshman year, this time with a little more wisdom and experience but, for goodness' sake, no lack of joy. And let it be the kind of joy that can only come from the knowledge that the end is near that, yes, yes, WE ARE GRADUATING!

Faith Matters: Life is Fragile

by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.
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CAMPUS

Monday morning got off to an unusually good start. I had celebrated the 10:30 Mass the night before, so I hadn't got a whole lot of sleep. But when I woke up, I was full of energy and in a great mood. Little did I know what the day had in store.

I made my way over to Slavin, grabbed a quick cup of Dunkin', and dropped into the WDOM studio to appear on Fr. Justin's radio show. Our conversation ranged from the nuances of Lutheran anthropology to the best characters in *Caddyshack*. We were both on our games and the morning was getting better by the minute. Little did I know what the day had in store.

I got to the office for my weekly staff meeting and had some serious Chinese food with my colleagues in Campus Ministry. We had some laughs and had a chance to catch up on what's been going on in St. Dominic Chapel. I remembered

how much I love working with these people and was utterly at peace. Little did I know what the day had in store.

I didn't know that we'd all spend the afternoon glued to the television as details emerged about a terrorist attack in Boston. I didn't know that we'd be trying to track down a number of students whom we knew were running or watching the Marathon. I didn't know that we'd be pulling together an impromptu Mass with hundreds of members of the college community that evening to pray for the victims. I couldn't have known what the day had in store.

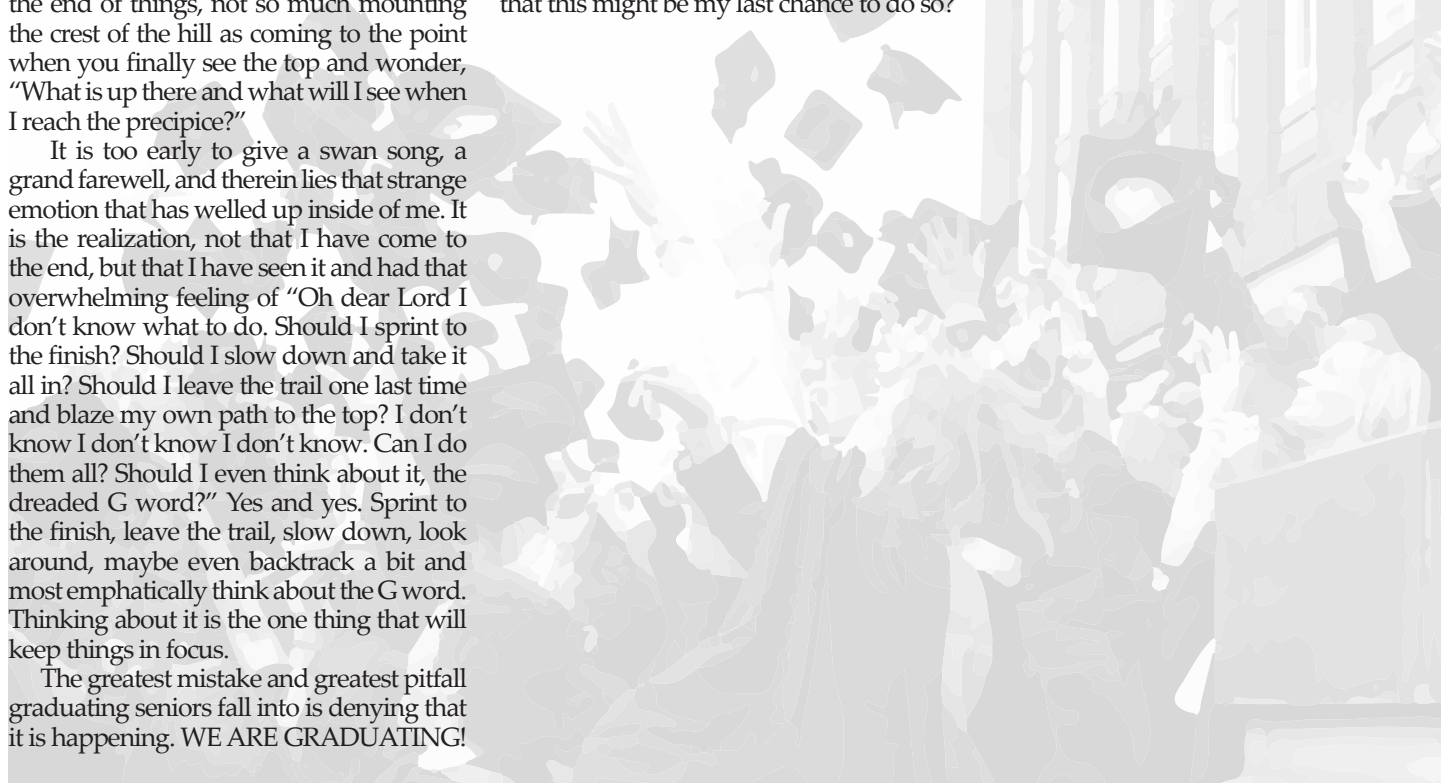
Of the many public expressions of sympathy and solidarity that emerged in the hours following the attack, the one that struck me most deeply came from Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York. He said, "The tragic end to the Marathon reminds us all that evil exists and that life is fragile." It's not particularly profound, but it's absolutely true and worth trying to remember each day.

Life is fragile. A day like Monday can help us to remember that. It began well for so many

people. Months of perseverance and hard work were about to pay off for a great number of runners. Thousands of spectators smiled and squinted off into the distance to catch their friends and family members turning that last corner as they headed toward the finish line. But in one moment of unbridled terror, everything changed.

Remembering that life is fragile is not meant to strike fear and anxiety into our hearts. It's not meant to make us stay in bed with the covers pulled over our heads. Rather, it's meant to motivate us to do just the opposite. It's meant to make us get out into the world and live. Today. Now. Go out and run. Talk. Laugh. Study. Pray. Serve. Love. Forgive. Share. Read. Write. Dream.

None of us knows what tomorrow will look like. Monday showed us that we don't even know what the rest of the day might bring. As we continue to pray for the victims, we save a prayer for ourselves: The time we have is a gift from you, Lord. Give us the grace to use it well.



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Our Hearts Go Out to Boston

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EDITORIAL



We do not realize how heavy our hearts can become until we experience a moment of complete sorrow. A heavy heart cannot be concealed. It weighs on the mind, making each happy minute harder to bear.

This past Monday, the world felt a heavy heart. We watched as Boston was struck by an act of terrorism that shook a strong, proud city to its very core. No one expected that the young and innocent would be targeted in a manner so public and evil.

Unfortunately, our nation has experienced this type of terrorism before. Indeed, our generation was raised in an age of global terrorism. We know the feeling of hope slipping away.

However, we also know the feelings of resilience, unity, and love.

As a nation, we have overcome hate personified into terror; we have risen from the ashes of two towers lauded for their might, and have become a more united people because of it. Once again, we have shown an incredible ability to find light in darkness. Runners continued past the finish line, running to nearby hospitals to donate blood. Others used social media to notify total strangers that their houses and apartments are available for shelter during the lockdown.

This solidarity and love amidst senseless carnage is what keeps despair at bay. As hard as it is to lift a heavy heart, we must try to find the strength to do so.

Through unity we will find strength; through love we will find hope.

Professor Reflects on Marathon Tragedy

by **Dr. John Scanlan**
Guest Opinion

BOSTON

There is a special camaraderie among runners and the people who support them and cheer them along. The reason is simple: the vast majority of people who compete in road races—from the Boston Marathon to the Friar 5K—are not professional or “elite” athletes. They are everyday people who, when they are not running, might themselves be cheering along the runners from the sidelines.

Road races are for amateur athletes primarily, and as such, they remind us of many of the most admirable aspects of American athletics. They bring together friends and strangers, young people and older people, and people from different walks of life. Although they take place in specific places and highlight local customs, they attract weekend athletes from near and far, just as our own Friar 5K does. And most of the proceeds of road races go to charities or non-profit organizations.

Perhaps most important, road races—whether the Block Island 15K or the Marine Corps Marathon—release a wonderful feeling of joy among everyone who participates in them. Runners, timers, organizers, police officers, emergency medical staff, journalists, sponsors, friends, family, fans with cowbells, and even those shouting Marines in camouflage: everyone is feeling good before, during, and especially after a road race.

All this helps explain why the outrageous, heinous crime that marred this year's Boston Marathon strikes a special nerve. The person or people who set off the explosions attacked our best selves.

I live in Cambridge, and have been an amateur runner in the Boston-Providence area for 20 years. Where I live, everybody knows somebody who was directly affected by the explosions. A relative of one of my daughter's friends sustained severe leg injuries, for example.

As the news unfolded on Monday evening, I winced yet again when I discovered that the first blast went off on the doorstep of Marathon Sports, the running shop I've been using for years. The people who work at Marathon Sports—many of whom are themselves runners—have organized many road races over the years, and I've participated in a good number of them. I must know, at least somewhat, a handful of people who were working in that shop on Boylston on Monday.

I also winced because I had visited the Cambridge Marathon Sports shop with my 13-year-old daughter the day before the Marathon. Earlier that day the two of us had run the Boston Athletic Association 5K, which follows for the last mile or so the exact route of the end the Marathon. My daughter and I crossed the storied Finish Line on Boylston Street. Thinking ahead to her next race in late April, the James Joyce Ramble in Dedham (where actors dress up as Joycean figures along the route!), my daughter was picking out new running shoes.

I told the young man who helped us that we had just finished the BAA 5K. He quickly congratulated us both, particularly my daughter, and then shifted gears a bit, becoming a bit more chummy. He explained that he was running the Marathon. “I'm doing it just for fun,” he said with a crooked smile. “I'm not trying to compete or anything, but I want to finish in under three [hours].”

At that, my daughter and I smiled crookedly in return, knowing that we were going to be his fans

tomorrow. So as he helped her choose just the right shoes, the three of us bonded in the way runners do when they talk about running. We were runners and we were fans at once. We were supporting one another.

This important relationship among runners and those who support them helps explain why the lasting, and fitting, images of this year's Marathon are of runners and non-runners helping one another in battlefield conditions. People literally tore the shirts off their backs to stop the bleeding of strangers' legs. First responders used lanyards as tourniquets.

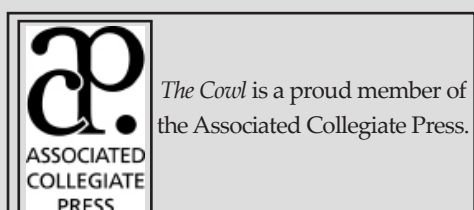
Unlike professional athletics or high-visibility Division I college sports, road races are not a branch of the entertainment industry. Running in a road race is at its core an enactment of community, in the best sense of that word. Every road race brings together a new group of friends and strangers, and often in ways that bring out the best in its participants. On Monday in Boston, this spirit of community may well have saved lives.

And no surprise: the people at Marathon Sports heroically cared for the wounded “triaging in the store and outside the store,” as the owner put it, shortly after their storefront was blown open.

As we mourn those who died, and as we pray for and comfort those who are suffering in Boston, let us bear in mind that when we recall what road races nurture—a reliable sense of community—we may be identifying at least one of the sources that will help strengthen us in the days and months and years ahead.

We are all runners now.

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The Opinion staff's thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the Boston Marathon tragedy.



Seeking Gender Equality in Military Service

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SOCIETY

Finally, the inevitable has been brought to fruition: the military ban on women fighting in combat has been lifted. Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta has decided that by 2016, women will be able to serve in the front lines of battle. For years now, brave women have been dedicating their lives to the protection of our country. This hits close to home because female graduates of the Providence College ROTC program have been leaving their families and friends behind to go abroad and put their lives at risk. According to the *New York Times*, "More than 800 women have been wounded in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more than 150 have been killed." Mind you, this is without being in combat roles. Before the ban, the danger was all there, but without the payoff of receiving leadership roles. All risk, no glory. With that, women should be allowed to have combat roles in the military.

According to *CBS News*, this new decision will eventually force Congress to take a look at our country's current service registration process. There has not been a draft for the United States Armed Services since 1973. But, if the time comes for another one, what role will women have to play? When American males wake up on their 18th birthdays, they do so with the knowledge that they are now

eligible for the draft. They have to march down to their local post office and fill out a Selective Service card. If women are allowed to fight in the front lines of battle and be eligible for leadership roles in the military like men, should they be forced to register for the draft too?

There are varied opinions on this issue around the PC campus. Some people believe that those women who want to participate in combat should be able to, but forced draft registration should be suspended until society creates universal equality for women. One PC freshman said, "Until women make as much as men for every dollar they earn, women should not be forced into the draft." Women are still not complete equals in society, and it is hard to imagine pushing them into battle when they are seen as inferiors in the work place.

However, I believe in the old cliché that we can't have our cake and eat it too. As women, we can't seek out the opportunity to participate in the front lines of combat without putting ourselves in the position to fulfill that duty. If the time comes when we are asked to register, we are going to have to be as strong as those men and women who choose to be in the armed forces every year. Yes, the idea of being drafted is frightening for many people. But, if women want to receive the same pay and leadership roles as men do, we should be asked to register for a potential draft with our male peers. If we want gender equality, we must accept the bad along with the good.



CORR Values Love is the Answer

by Emily Corr '13
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FAITH

When I was a child, my father would often say to me, "You can have anything you want." Now this seems strange, as most of us heard just the opposite as children, being told "no" and "because I said so" more times than we could count. But I vividly remember sitting on my floral bedspread and in the backseat of our minivan, and Dad uttering those strange words with such confidence and honesty. I thought it strange at the time too. I knew, even then, that he couldn't give me anything I wanted. Although I often took a few minutes to think of the most extreme gifts one could possibly receive, dreaming of ponies and trips to Disney World, I restrained myself from making requests. I thought I was doing him a favor. "Dad can't really give me anything I want. He's just being nice. We don't have a lot of money. I don't want to make him feel bad."

In the years since, I have reflected on those little moments with confusion. What a statement to make to a child. The provider offering to provide anything. And to the most dependent,

gullible, and fun-driven of beings, nonetheless. Even as an innocent child I knew we were strapped for money. But why, then, would he even offer?

This past Sunday, the Gospel recounted Jesus asking the most important question He will ever ask us: "Do you love me more than these?" It was upon hearing these words that I realized that love is the very thing that centers us in our lives—that from which everything flows. When we love and allow ourselves to be loved, anything is possible. All of our dreams and desires are fulfilled, and we are happy. This is what happens when we learn to love God with our whole heart.

It has taken me until the age of 21 to realize that the question was never why, but what. When Dad offered to give me whatever I wanted, he wasn't talking about Barbie dolls and ice cream before dinner. He was talking about love. Unconditional, uninhibited, wholehearted, life-giving love. Because by loving me, he knew I would learn to love myself, others, and God, and thereby "have anything I wanted."

So here's to promising to give others "anything they want," and experiencing those very things ourselves.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Take Care of Yourself

As we approach the end of another academic year at Providence College, with less than three weeks until final exams, summer is beckoning to us, yet it feels as though we are drowning in never-ending to-do lists with no sign of a lifeboat in the distance. However, one thing that should be on your end-of-the-semester-to-do list is taking 15 minutes for yourself to rejuvenate: throw on some Jack Johnson music, close your eyes, and let the mellow melodies clear your mind. After doing this, all of those papers and projects won't seem so insurmountable, and you'll feel more focused and driven to accomplish these tasks. When life is overwhelming at this time of year, remember these little "mental health moments" and stay calm, for the excitement of summer is mere weeks away!

—Nicole Corbin '15

Celebrating Gratitude

Last week I attended a fantastic event on campus. Sponsored by numerous organizations, an appreciation dinner for the ABM workers (those who diligently clean our residence halls each day) was held in the Slavin Soft Lounge. The third annual dinner provided an evening of good food, many thanks, and a few tears as one of the workers gave a speech thanking those who ran the event. I hope this minor entry into *The Cowl* posits this event on the radar for our readers. While this short blurb does not give justice to what a wonderful night it was, I hope you all will remember this when it comes around again, and also extend gratitude to those who assist us each day with smiles on their faces.

—Matt Santos '14

North Korean Rhetoric

In recent weeks, provocative rhetoric by North Korea has opened up a debate about the prospects of a nuclear war. Here on the East Coast, and perhaps even on the entire North American continent, we need not worry about being hit with a nuclear warhead. One of the reasons is because North Korea has limited capabilities to equip even a short-range missile with nuclear weapons and the other is because Dennis Rodman is advising Kim Jong-Un. Nonetheless, we should still take the North's rhetoric seriously and cautiously because history has surprised us before.

—Nathan McGuire '16

Letter to the Editor

Reflection on Service and Amnesty International

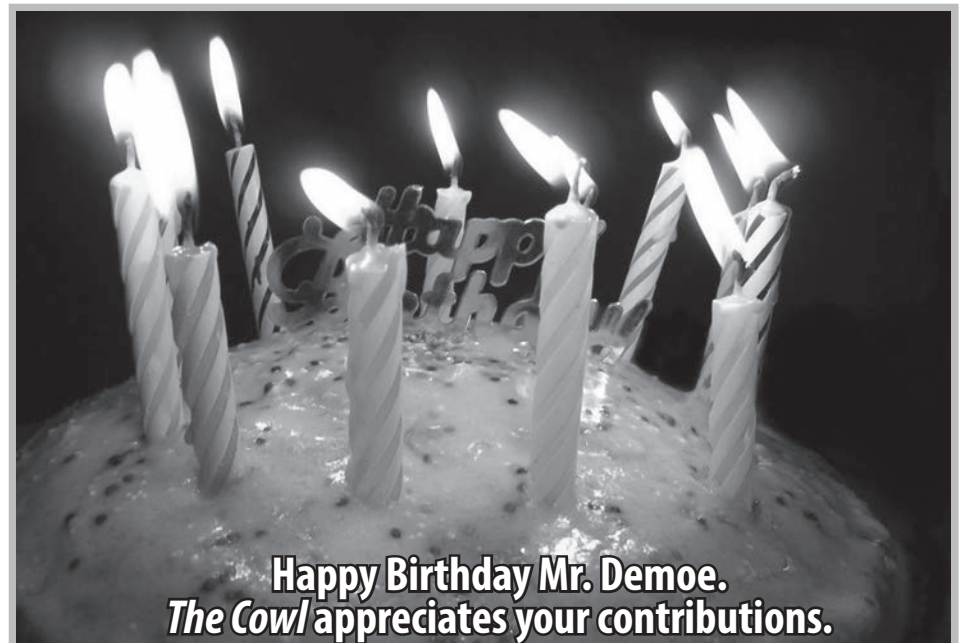
Since I am a real American (combat wounded veteran of World War II as an army rifleman against the Japanese in the Pacific Southwest theatre of operations that required eight months' hospitalization), I also served against the North Koreans and Chinese during the Korean War. Also, a believer in the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church with the emphasis of being "pro-life," and a real Catholic. I am also a real sinner, which I hope has been forgiven by God on my way to salvation and the realization of the "geatic vision." I never thought I would be praising Amnesty International for being an opponent of "sorcery" that is presently enclenican Papua New Guinea (yours truly spent six months in 1944 in my second World War II sojourn). This 1973 sorcery act criminalizes the practice of sorcery and recognizes the accusation of sorcery as a defense in murder closes critics of the law say that it encourages against people accused of being sorcery by codifying by black magic as a legal phenomenon. The killing of Kepari Leniata, a 20-year-old woman who was stripped, tortured, doused in gasoline and set ablaze. The United Nations said it was deeply disturbed by her killing, which was reportedly carried out by relatives of a six-year-old boy who they claimed had been killed by her sorcery.

However, I find it incomprehensible that I have been given avenue on our campus by the college administration and the PC Board of Directors. It also allocated \$1,654 to AI which supports abortion for 2012 and 2013. St. Thomas Aquinas said abortion is a grave sin against nature. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin said, "Abortion is torture according to scientific studies as it causes pain and suffering." AI should adhere to Thomas Aquinas and Bishop Tobin, especially the members of AI on the PC Campus, What do you think? Incidentally, Bishop Tobin is a member of the PC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe '73

P.S. When am I going to receive a PC honorary degree?



Happy Birthday Mr. Demoe.
The Cowl appreciates your contributions.

How Cowl Articles Impact the Writer

by **Beatriz Forster '13**
Opinion Staff

REFLECTION

To write for news media is to make one's self vulnerable to criticism, rebuke, and scorn. Similarly, to write for a newspaper gives a writer the precious gift to perhaps help open a window for someone so that this individual may consider a previously unexplored idea. These are two facets of writing for *The Cowl* which I take seriously, and that both entrust the crafter of an article with a momentous amount of responsibility. I know that I also speak for other students when I say that we do not write for the school newspaper in order to preach rhetoric. If this was the case, we'd be inflating our egos and expending your valuable time. Instead, I believe that whether or not we're cognizant of the fact, what we write is not just for you but also for us. Let me explain.

No, writing should not be a self-serving enterprise for the greater glory of the writer. You see, the topic of our articles, at least for the Opinion section, is not assigned, but rather chosen because it is important to us individually. In some way, a certain subject has been on our minds all week, albeit subconsciously. It's certainly not true that my opinion on an issue means that I have it all figured out, that the past week has constituted the completion of a grand jigsaw puzzle which I've just proudly assembled. Each article represents not a finished thought released to PC, but rather an ongoing rumination which the writer continues to ponder as the exciting process of publishing an article, reaching readers, and then hearing feedback takes place.

What I write may animate tempers or form smiles among those on the receiving end of the newspaper, but perhaps what people think about less frequently is how our articles impact us. So often what I write is not just advice for my peers but instead contains the words that I need to hear myself. Writers don't have all the answers. In fact, writers and readers alike

meander down a page to find that they still have not answered their question or satisfied their intellectual desire. People take much for granted when they read an article, since they have to assume that they share fundamental things with the writer, or else the opinion of the latter would be of absolutely no interest or consequence.

Here's something I think we all share: we don't want to grow up, or if we do, we only accept this rite of passage on our own terms. It's significant that "growing up" seems to connote a mere biological process that excludes our souls. I think that this is an erroneous association that dangerously leaves too much out. Obviously, we've all physically matured so that we look like adults who are ready to assume our responsibilities in the world. But look again, and you might not be so certain that those "mature" human beings aren't suppressing some tears or gasping to think that college will soon be over.

Thank God that we're more than just matter, because if we weren't, you'd be pretty deceived about the state of students' minds just by cursorily glancing around. Sure, tears and gasps are physical signs, but the fears and anxieties that they represent go much deeper. This past weekend, at the Accepted Students Mass, I heard something during Fr. Brian Shanley's, O.P., homily that wasn't principally intended for those who are already students at PC but that I needed to hear anyway.

I hope that I paraphrase this okay, but one of the points that resounded with me is that we're liars if we say that we're not afraid when what we see ahead of us on the horizon is unknown. This fear, though, is perfectly natural and human. How boring life would be if we had all the answers. Both writer and reader would be obsolete because then both of them would know it all already. It is only by admitting and embracing our fears that we can "grow up" and thrive. We're unprepared for the world indeed if we can't step aside and acknowledge our own weaknesses so that hope may replace fear and peace overwhelm trepidation.

PC & the Dating Scene

by **Kaylee Miller '13**
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

While there are a lot of great things about Providence College, there is one major problem on this campus that I feel that I need to get off of my chest. It is a problem that has troubled me over the past four years, and it is something that I might have been too scared to talk about until now, for fear that it might do more harm than good. But the fact is, romance is a completely dead concept here at PC.

We live in a culture that is based on hooking up, a quick fix on the weekends that we quickly laugh about and then awkwardly ignore during the week. We tally our hookups like they are points that will ultimately lead to a gold medal. And quite frankly, when we think about the level that we have reduced ourselves to, it is disgusting. What happened to the romance, the dates, the hand-holding, and the manners?

I can count on one hand the number of girls I know here who have been asked on a date in the past year. Those who date and have the steady relationships are seen as the lucky few on our campus. Obviously it takes time and commitment to foster healthy relationships with one another, but I believe that many of us are unwilling to put ourselves out there. Ultimately, we lack a sense of vulnerability and we don't take chances because we are afraid of rejection.

I don't understand what the real aversion is to dating. Providence is full of fun restaurants, and we all

have the means to get there, whether it be RIPTA or car or boat or plane or even glider. The opportunities to get to know each other in a social setting are readily available. Do we really feel that we need to be drunk in order to interact with one another? Because if that is the case, then we have another problem entirely on our hands. The best relationships are built in a sober setting, where the lights are on, the words are not slurred, and we aren't being pushed and shoved around by crowds.

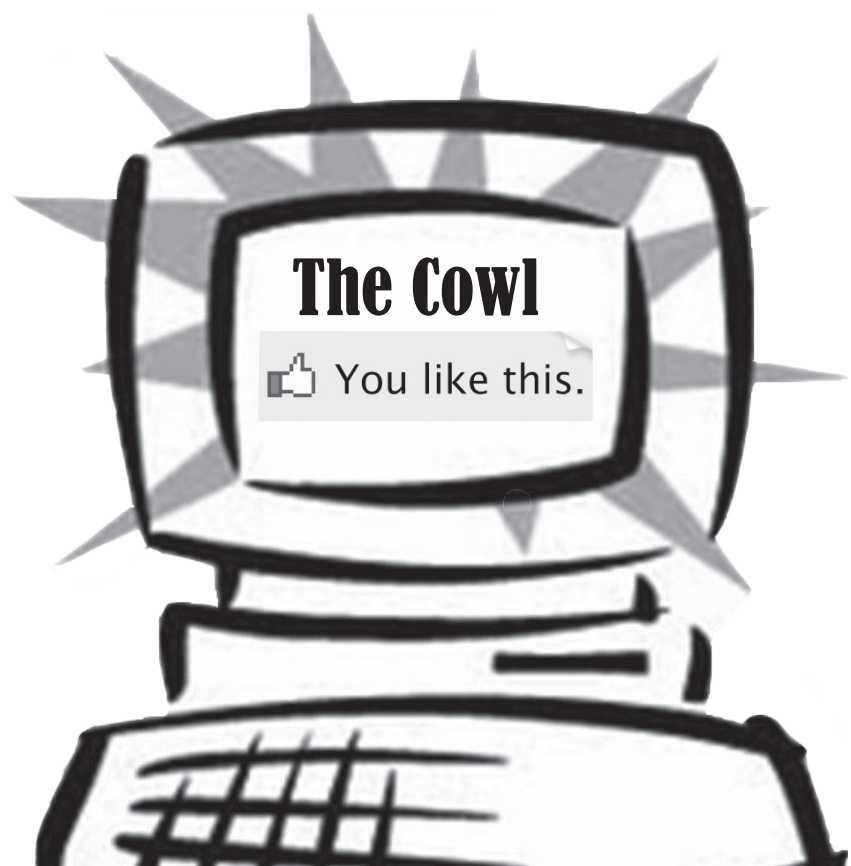
I use PC as an example here, but I think this lack of romance is something that occurs at college campuses all across the country. Beyond college, students from middle and high schools are submitting themselves to an idea of love that is completely false. Texting, Facebook, and Twitter have made us lazy, judgmental, and completely superficial in our idea of love. We get to know people based on profile pictures and tweets, and we court one another through text. Rarely, if ever, do we get to know each other in that intimate one-on-one setting.

Although I am writing from a female perspective, I do not believe that men bear all the responsibility in making a relationship happen. I am slightly old-fashioned in the way that I believe a man should ask out a woman, but we can't live only by that standard anymore. We all have the responsibility to build relationships with one another. We could all benefit by putting ourselves out there at some point throughout the semester. Hold someone's hand, make them feel special, tell them you care. A little bit of compassion can go a long way.

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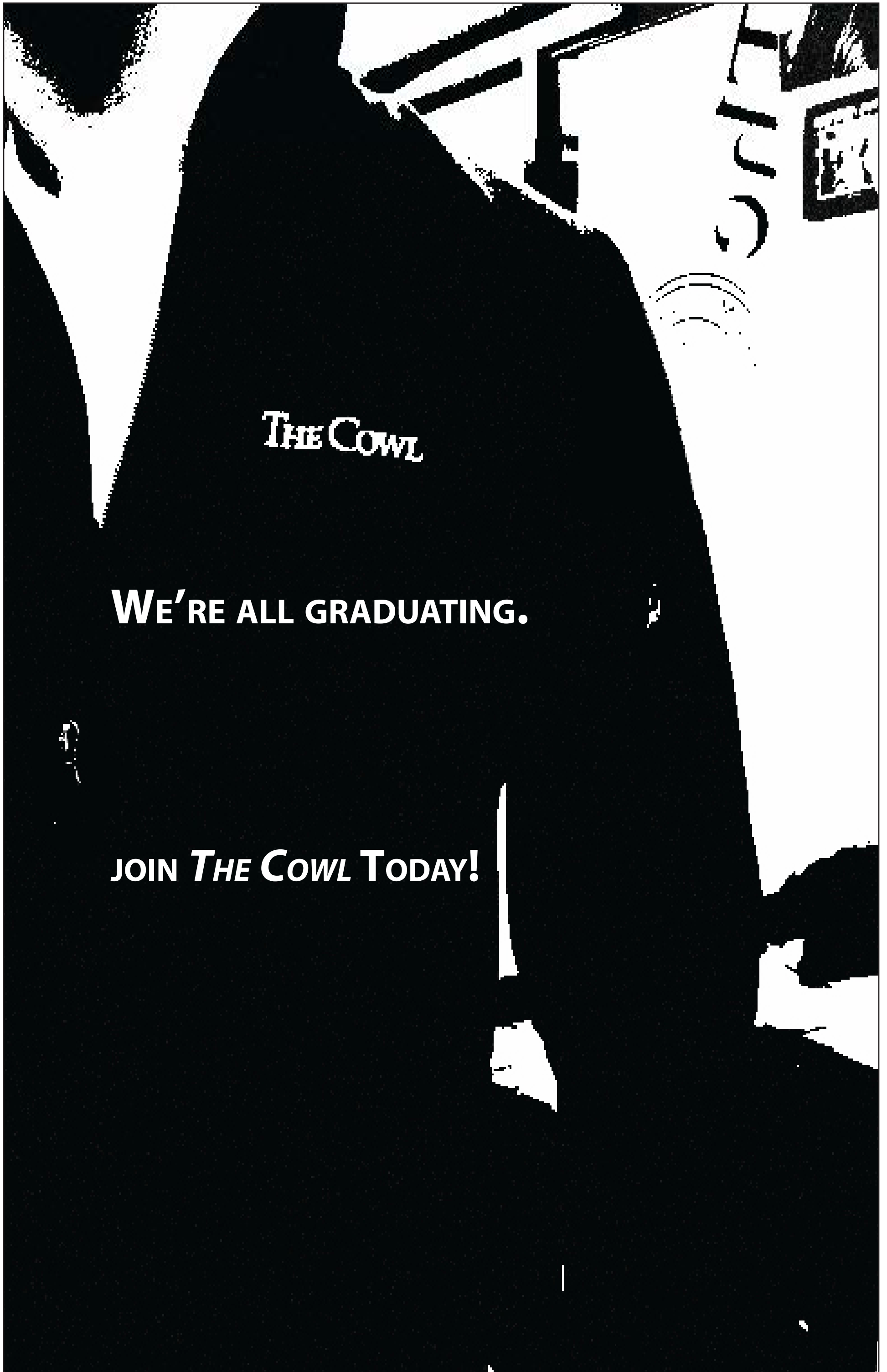
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FOOD, DUDE

@pCphAtKidZ's Providence Dining Bucket List

by Sarah Dombroski '13
A&E Editor

FOOD

Dear Providence College Community,

We address the campus semi-regularly through 140 characters. However, as the year comes to a close, @pCpHaTkiDz has decided to speak to the Providence College community through a series of reviews of restaurants on our personal bucket list. Please read carefully, and mark up your maps thoroughly.

Love,
PcPhAtKidZ

The Butcher Shop: BREAKFAST

In terms of purchasing the best readily available egg sandwich in Providence, the Butcher Shop tops the list. Served on a bevy of breads (although you would be foolish to get anything but French), bacon, egg, and cheeses are overflowing with all of the goodies. Although they serve breakfast all day, the Butcher Shop also has deli sandwiches that must taste as good as they look and various salads. All the way over by Wayland Square, the Butcher Shop requires one to bypass the local hotspots like Papa Paulie's and LaSalle to get the goods, but we promise, it is worth it.

Dok's Deli: SANDWICHES

Dok's Deli is a small hideaway on Ives Street, wallowing in the limbo between Thayer Street and Wickenden Street. Rather unassuming from the outside, Dok's is a clean, sleek, almost freezer-esque cathedral to the sandwich. First, the menu: a simple, no-nonsense collection of 20 of the most eclectic, finely crafted sandwiches you will ever lay eyes on. The Kayotic Ham: sliced ham, smoked gouda, baby arugula, grilled red onions, and Tabasco-garlic aioli on toasted nutty wheat prove to be a perfect balance of flavors that complement each other subtly. Dok's smokes their own meat in-house, which produces the freshest product possible that does not need to be bolstered by means of decorative bread or pressed sandwiches (both of which are great in appropriate situations). It truly is a sandwich establishment, as their food is served in a basket with homemade chips and house-brined pickle, the perfect sides to any sandwich. In addition to sandwiches, Dok's serves burgers, salads, and soups. The brisket chili is simply to die for, dahling.

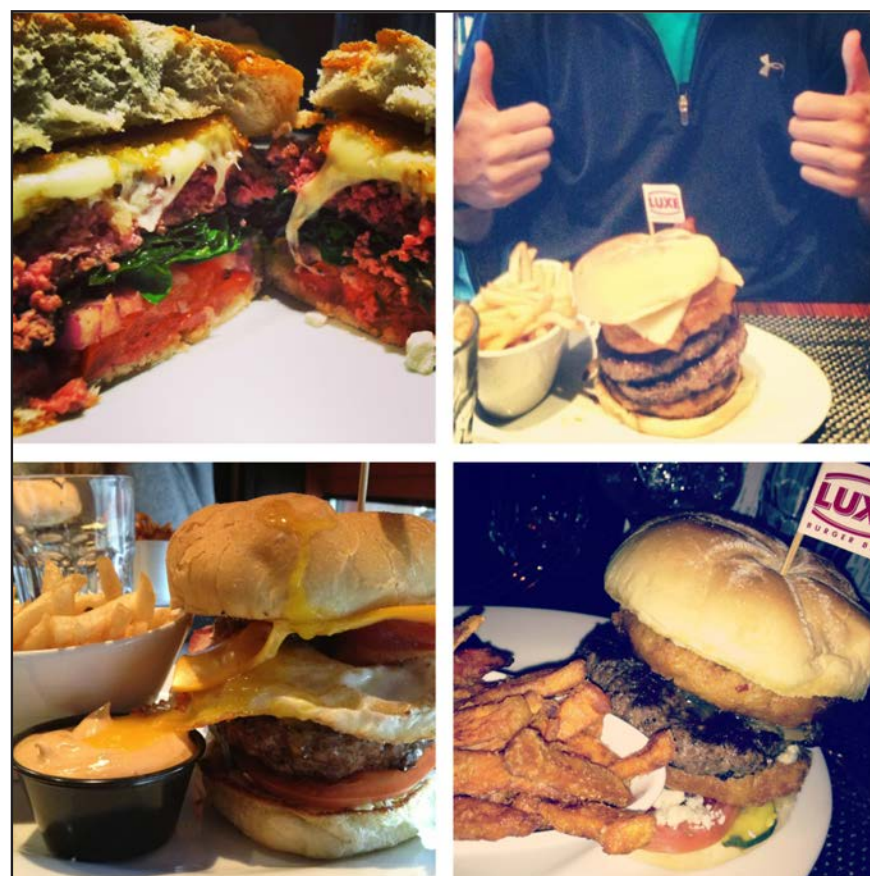


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Luxe: BURGERS

Lying in the valley by RiRa and the Capital Grille, Luxe dwells as the Burger Mecca at the center of Providence. Although there are others of similar function around the US of A, the build-your-own burger aspect of Luxe is indisputably its defining feature. First, given the choice between Kobe beef, Gold Label beef, a veggie burger, chicken, or something else that is so irrelevant that I cannot remember what it is, the diner must select the foundation of their meal. Then, it is time to let your artistic flair soar, because crafting these burgers, my friends, is an art. Luxe boasts premium toppings such as fried mozzarella, pulled pork, and even a fried egg, but also a wide range of regular toppings and dipping sauces, along with the opportunity to "pimp those fries" with cheese sauce, chili, etc. Luxe, from start to finish, provides the best single burger in Providence, from plate to palate.

Curtains: Opens to a Full House

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twist to it."

One of the most memorable characters was Lieutenant Frank Cioffi, played by Daniel Caplin '14. "Frank" is hired to investigate the homicide, but he becomes far more interested in picking up the pieces of the failed *Robbin' Hood* than in piecing together the murder mystery. Delivered differently, Frank's lines may have been far too corny, but Caplin makes them work, playing Frank as a goofy klutz with an exaggerated Boston accent and overall awkward mannerisms.

"As an actor, and avid fan of musical theatre, playing Frank Cioffi is both a challenge and a joy I eagerly await every day before I arrive at the theatre," said Caplin.

Other standout performances were those of Erin Fusco '13, playing the high-maintenance leading lady, Jessica Cranshaw, and Grace Curley '14, acting as the overeager stage manager, Johnny Harmon. Though Fusco's performance as Jessica was short-lived (pun fully intended), she personified her in a realistic way that qualified the other characters' excitement over her death. Curley's facial expressions alone were Tony-worthy, and almost every appearance she made brought

on tears of mirth.

Though the majority of musical numbers were entertaining, crowd favorites were the hilarious "The Woman's Dead" following Jessica's demise, and the ominous "He Did It" at the beginning of Act II. Katrina Pavao '16, well cast as straightforward and snappy stage mother Carmen Bernstein, shined in "It's a Business," and Patrick Mark Saunders, playing lovesick lyricist Aaron Fox, melted hearts with "I Miss the Music." Of course, I have to give a shout-out to the amusing "What Kind of Man?" as well, a song that criticizes critics for being so critical (uh, hi there).

The live orchestra, colorful set, and beautifully crafted costumes all added to the embellished musical effect of the show. Costing only \$5 for students, \$10 for senior citizens and PC faculty and staff, and \$15 for the general public, *Curtains* is certainly a show worth seeing and will be performed in the Angell Blackfriars Theatre at 8 p.m. on April 19-20 and 2 p.m. on April 21.

Marisa Urgo '14 (chorus member Jane Setler) sums up the passionate performance and the cast and crew's dedication over the past few months: "*Curtains* is a really special musical because it reminds all of us why we love doing musicals in the first place."



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Excuse to Skip Class

Sarah O'Brien

Her Choice: Gone Golfin'

Her Views: If you're gonna skip class, you gotta do it with class. None of those *subpar* excuses. Pay close attention, since many of you may need such an alibi after a weekend spent on the green...In order to become Masters of the excuse, you must be sure there are no holes in your story. If there is a hole-in-one, your professor will know your lie is Bogey. He or she will call you out-of-bounds, saying, "A little Birdie told me you were at a partee..." Of course, if you putt in the effort to articulate an excuse, you might as well give it a shot. Even if there's some backswing from your lie, you probably won't have a stroke. So, if you're having a rough day, meet me at the 19th hole.

Her Views on Dombroski: This is, in a word, ridiculous. Milking cows? Smooth, Sarah. Real cool. Totally normal. Will you be sporting your ridiculous "summer sweater" while engaging in these ridiculous antics? Did my message not get through to you last week? You need help, hun. Or maybe you're just lonely? Drake may say, "No new friends," but let's cut this milkmaid some slack. Or some steak. Was that in poor taste? Don't have a cow about it—or do. I'm in no mood to care. Carry on, ridiculous rascals of the PC community. Keep anything but calm. And people, please invite Dombroski to your shenanigans.

Sarah Dombroski

Her Choice: Ridiculous Antics

Her Views: Don't we all reserve the right to engage in ridiculous behavior? As the school year dwindles, and the summer fever sets in, I believe that antsiness builds up in Providence College students like carbonation. If you don't partake in ridiculous behavior from time to time, you will burst. Ridiculousness is a birthright, but only when your chosen activity lives up to its hype. You can't say, "Didn't go to class to play frisbee, it was RIDIKQLOUZ." That's just lame. Go milk a cow, go skeet shooting, snorkling, join a hotdog eating contest, become an amateur face painter instead. Have a festival of ridiculousness, if you will. C'est la vie!

Her Views on O'Brien: Golfing is golfing. I don't want to bash it too much because I have a feeling that a) I will need to learn how to play it at some point. b) I adore golfing attire and plan to break it out in the upcoming weekends as a result of the warm weather... c) It is relatively stationary, and sometimes you are provided with a cart, which is an aspect I not only respect, but also enjoy. However, skipping class to go golfing is less than heroic, O.B. Like I said, go milk a cow instead.

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The Bachelor Steals Viewers' Hearts

by Kelly Laske '16
A&E Staff

TELEVISION

They are a group of television shows that you tell yourself not to watch but you cannot turn away from, often referred to as *The Bachelor* franchise. Some refer to these shows, *The Bachelor*, *The Bachelorette*, and *Bachelor Pad*, as TV's "lowest low." The Bachelor franchise brings in a ridiculous number of viewers (around seven million each week) and can be considered some of the most watched television shows out there. Even though the show is filled with random catfights and endless drama, people across the nation are continuing to tune in.

But the question is simple: Why? After 10 years, there has been a total of 17 seasons of *The Bachelor* and seven of *The Bachelorette*, and only a mere four out of 24 couples have "made it work." No one can truly justify why they enjoy watching a show that, let us face it, fails at match making. But with a new season of *The Bachelorette* coming this summer, and the sudden cancellation of *Bachelor Pad* season three, buzz about what is to come is already in the air.

After getting dumped by Sean Lowe in the most recent season of *The Bachelor*, fan favorite Desiree Hartsock is ready to find love on the show's summer season. Hartsock, 26, is currently filming her season in Atlantic City with 25 lucky men. A bridal stylist from Los Angeles, Desiree is most famous for the fact that her brother is considered one of the reasons

why she was sent home. Her brother openly did not believe that Sean loved his sister and said, "You're crazy about a lot of girls, right? I think you're just a playboy." This greatly offended Sean, and Desiree was sent home at the next rose ceremony. Her tearful exit and goodbye to Sean made everyone feel sadness for her.

At the *Women Tell All* event, it was revealed that Desiree would be the next bachelorette, and she immediately grew a fan base. Rumors are beginning to fly, and insider journalists are already trying to piece together who she brings to the top 10.

On March 16, 2013, ABC caught devoted fans by surprise by suddenly cancelling *The Bachelor Pad*, a show that consists of men and women from past seasons who were voted out and have a chance to find love and/or win \$250,000. The contestants live in a house together and pair up in an attempt to win challenges and get the opportunity to go on dates. The show took drama to a whole new level, and viewers were asking for more. Producers are not answering questions as to why there will not be another season, but did confirm that the show will come back in 2014.

It is as simple as this: you either love *The Bachelor* franchise or you hate it. Half the people who love it cannot figure out why they keep watching it. Because they bring in over five million viewers every week, producers will keep the series of shows going for as long as they can. This summer, will Desiree be able to make it work and defy everyone's expectations by forming a relationship with one of the lucky contestants?

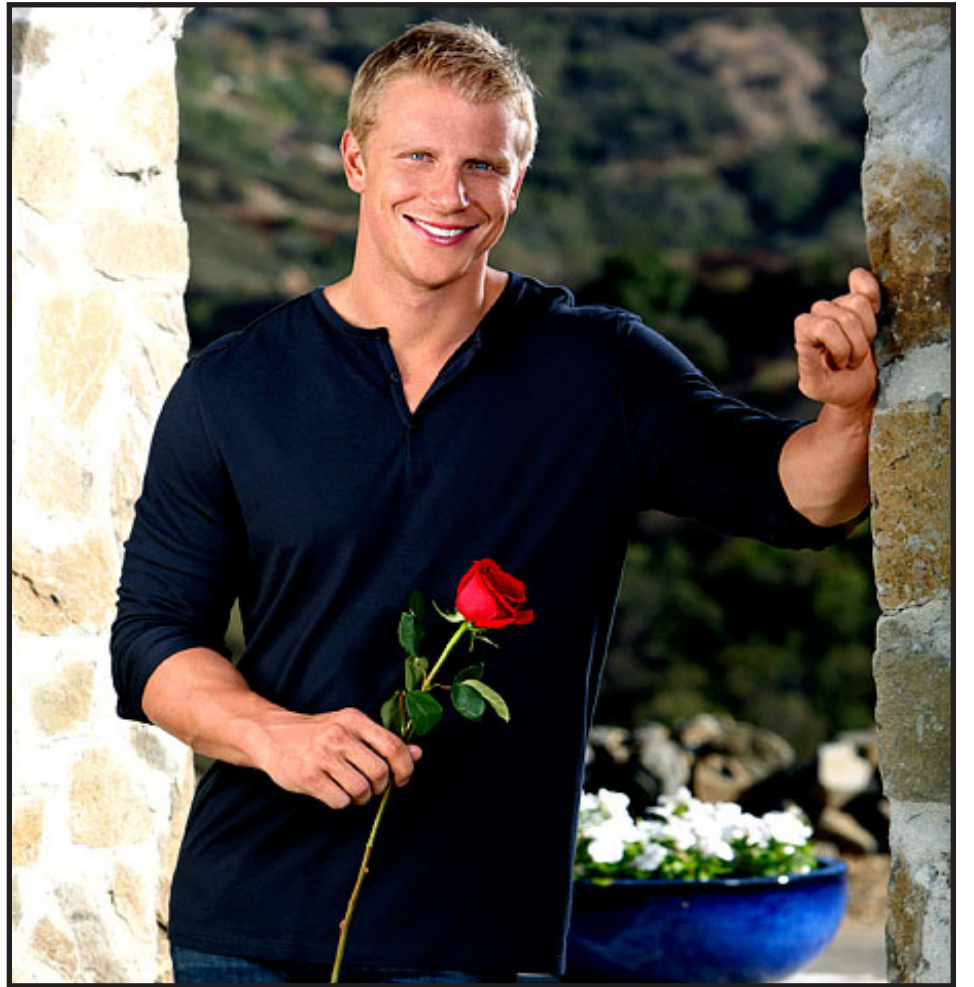


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The College and SAIL brought in a jazz band on Wednesday night to perform music in McPhail's to fundraise for emergency services for the victims of the recent bombings in Boston.



ABOVE:

MORGAN PEKERA '15/ THE COWL

On Wednesday, April 17, the Armenian Society sponsored a lecture by Arev Rinkjian '15, who spoke about Armenia's history, political disputes, and contemporary debates.

RIGHT:

On Wednesday, April 17, the College held its Cap and Gown Day for seniors to pick up their Commencement packets. The event had a map of the United States, upon which seniors placed a thumbtack where they plan to be next year.

BELOW:

On Saturday afternoon, BMSA, BOP, and the Office of Student Affairs held their annual Cultural Jamboree, featuring dishes, games, crafts, and live performances from different cultures.



ABOVE:

JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

On Thursday, April 11, OLAS, Friars Club, and BMSA held an ABM Appreciation Dinner for the Eurest workers as a token of gratitude for all their hard work throughout the year.



JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL



MERYL ERTELT '13/ THE COWL



PROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

What do you miss most about being a kid?



"Sleeping."
Katie Duvall '14



"Believing in Santa Claus."
Chris Torres '16, Khushbu Desai '14



"Playing with my toy, Woody."
Allie Hurley '15



"Not having to care about life or studying."
Mohammed Alshair '16



"Tommy Pickles!"
Kaitlyn Montague '14, Courtney Diamond '14



"We miss Dunkaroos!"
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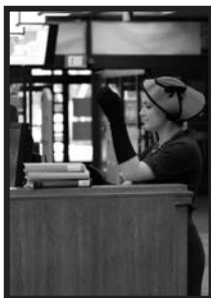


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The Proverbial AHA Moment

by **Melanie Souchet '14**
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

People like to talk about that moment in their life when they realized that they needed to step things up. That shining moment when they decided to turn their life around, kick that gambling addiction, write the next great American novel, or balance the state budget. For a lot of people, it happened after a near-death moment. I had the near-death moment, but not so much the revelation. Not at first.

It should have hit me in the seconds after the car sideswiped my bike and sent me flying. But it didn't. There was no moment of my life flashing before my eyes, no revelation that I'd led the most bread-and-butter existence in the history of mankind. In fact, my only thought was "what" and the only thing that hit me was the ground.

It didn't hit me when I was propped up against a wall and trying to figure out why my head was bleeding. That was another textbook time for me to have The Moment, but I was in shock

at the time. It's a bit difficult to come to an existential conclusion when all you can do is stare at the mangled wreck of your bike and wonder how big of a dent it left in that car.

It didn't come in the ambulance, either. Again, it was probably the shock. It was hard enough focusing on the paramedics, all of whom were wondering how I'd bashed my forehead open even though I was wearing a helmet. I had been wondering the same thing. I could only hope I wasn't bleeding to death. Since they didn't immediately drag me off to surgery when I reached the emergency room, I figured I wasn't.

The moment didn't come while I was waiting in the ER, held immobile by my own soreness and a neck brace. I did start crying, though. Some poor nurse stopped to check on me, and when she asked if I was okay, all I could manage was, "That bike was brand new."

Not my most dignified moment, I'll admit it.

I calmed down when my sister arrived. She was taking it remarkably well. "At least tell me the guy stopped,"

she said. I had to admit I didn't know. I'd been too busy wondering what they were going to do with my bike and if the damage was repairable. "Your priorities are really messed up, you know that, right?" she scolded. "You could have died."

Her saying that didn't trigger the moment. I just shrugged it off. The fact that my existence had nearly been wiped out seemed less important than the fact that my face was covered in blood.

I ran the gauntlet of medical procedures, and any one of them could have triggered The Moment. But none did. I didn't come to grips with the frailty of my existence as I sat in the CAT scanner. I wasn't overwhelmed with relief and a desire for change as they stitched my forehead shut. Nor did I start to weep for lost time when my x-ray results came back all clear. Before you think I'm entirely insane, I was at least grateful that I didn't have any broken bones.

I didn't even have the moment as I sat in the waiting room while my sister called the cab. I was over my shock, more fine than I should have

been, considering the circumstances, and was about to go home. I should have reevaluated all of my life choices by now, but I hadn't. I just sat in the tacky chairs and wondered why I was suddenly feeling ill.

My mom would later say that it was probably the Vicodin. Apparently, my family has a history of issues with painkillers that no one had seen fit to tell me. I threw up in the cab like a drunken freshman.

It was only then, as the driver pulled over so I could lean my head out the door, that I wondered where exactly my life had gone wrong.

I guess being hit by a car wasn't undignified enough for the aha moment. Puking. That was the key.

Since that day, I got a new bike, had my stitches removed, and started getting out more. Not exactly the brilliant Hallmark ending one might expect, but it's a step in the right direction. I just sometimes wish that I could have figured it out without the embarrassment.

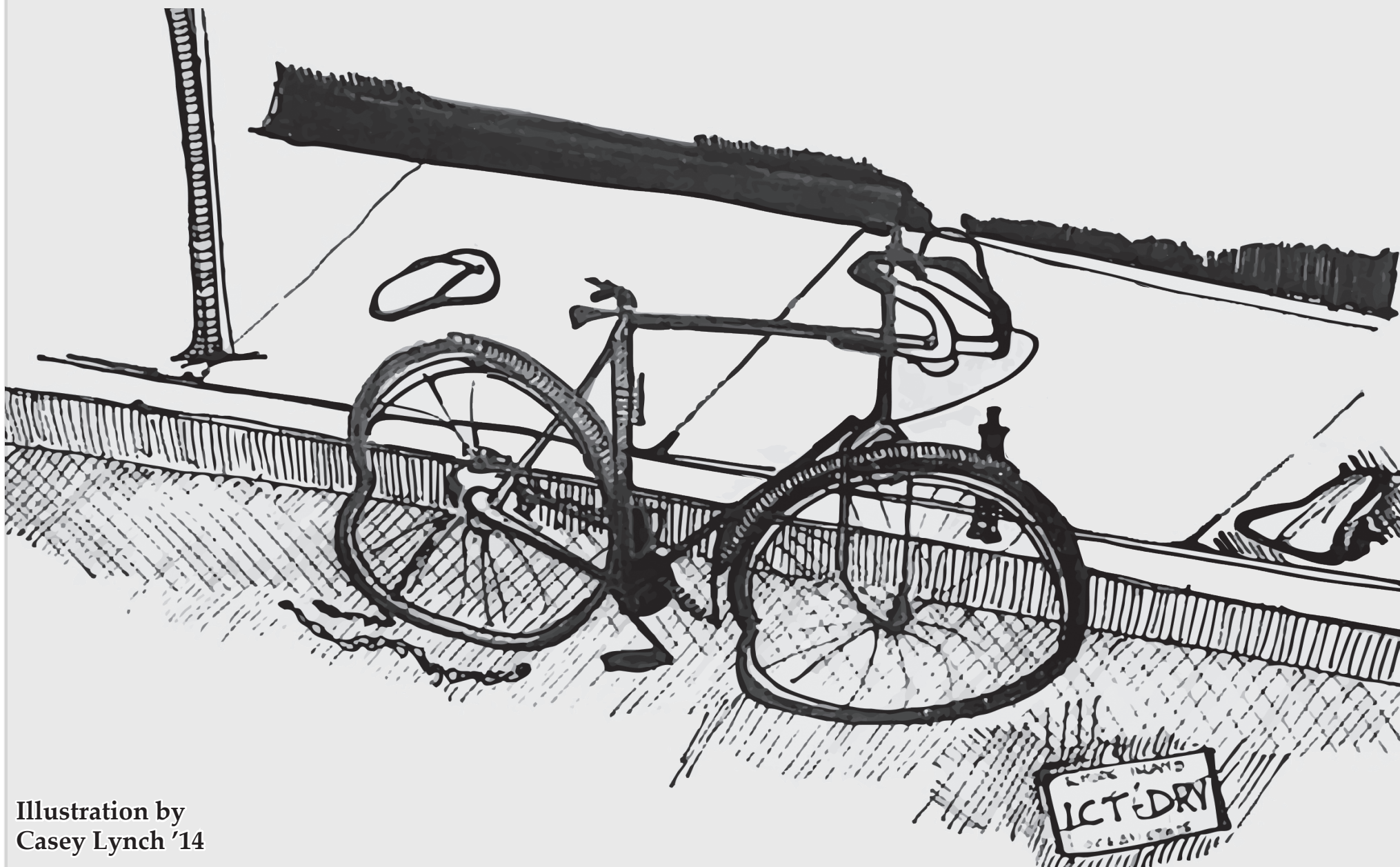


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Name that Character!

Claims to Fame

She's the mother of the world, a lover of apples, and possibly speaks Parseltongue.

Chosen Craft

Entrusted as the co-caretaker and cultivator of the world, as well as the companion for her Man.

Hot or Not?

She's got a pretty great body for someone thousands of years old and looks great in a fig leaf.

Personality

She's naïve, but always has good intent. Is she a saint or sinner? God only knows...

Conflicts

Her husband put all the blame on her—if they ever make it back to the garden, he is *so* sleeping outside.

**Check Back Next Week
for the Answer!**

Illustration by
Casey Lynch '14

Last Week's Answer:

Katniss Everdeen

"No one will forget me. Not my look, not my name. Katniss. The girl who was on fire."

Katniss, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

River Tide Run

by Justin Fernandez '15
Portfolio Staff

The river runs deep where bridges were burned.
I'll light the fire all alone to see it turn to ash,
And I'll jump in the river and float away
Until I miss these pink night skies.

So carry me away, away in the drifting current,
To the distant shores no man has seen.
And alone at last I sleep in sandy beds
Where the tide will swallow me in my sleep.

Undone

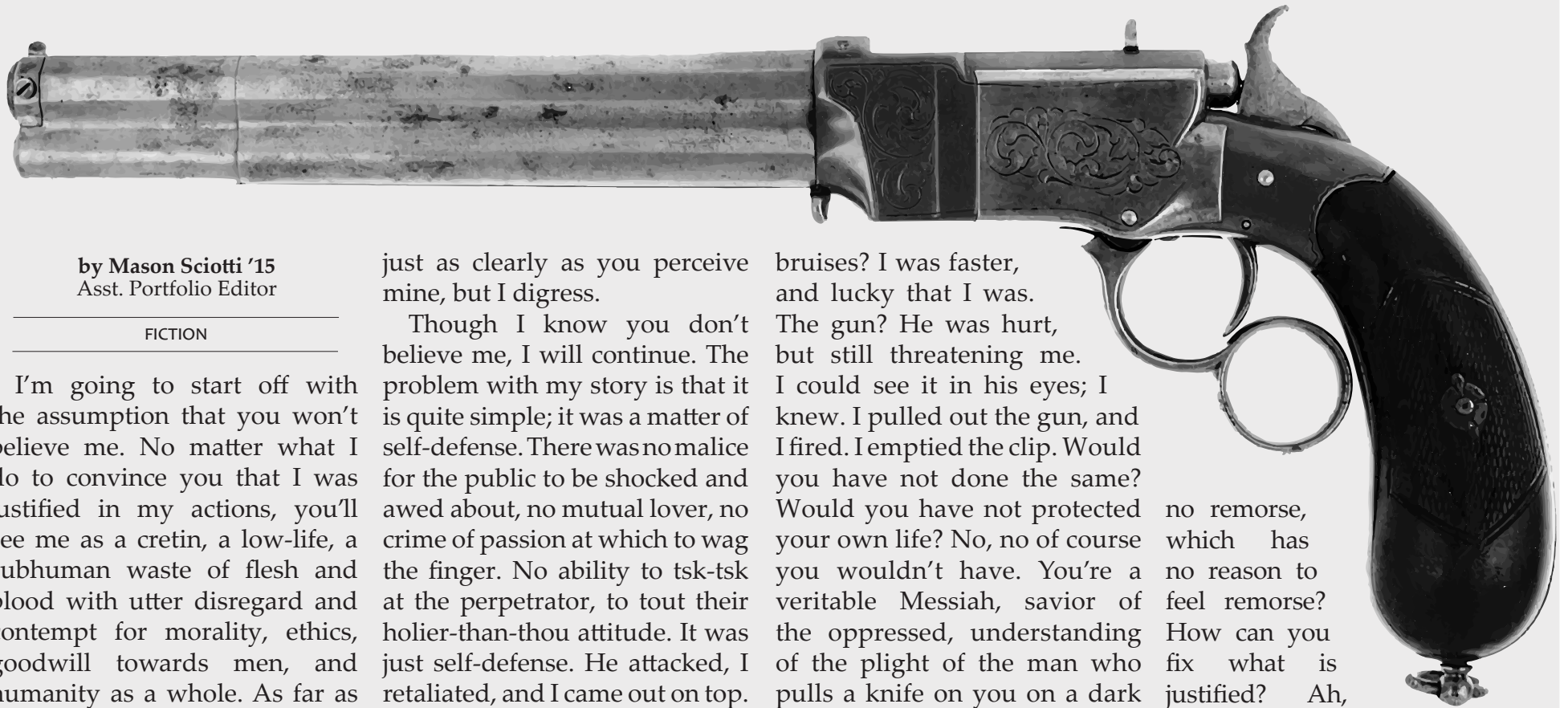
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The lonely like a weight on my shoulders
Pressing down upon me,
The tired like a gnawing within me,
Consuming all that I was,
The nothingness I have become
Is tearing me apart at the seams,
I'm not whole,
I'm undone.
No longer so simple, this existence,
No longer so complete.
The lonely leaves me transparent
With the understanding I'm broken,
The tired steals shallow breaths from my lungs
With the knowledge I'm drowning,
The nothingness I have become
Is killing me.
I'm not whole,
I'm
Undone.

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RUNYAN V. STATE (1877)



by Mason Sciotti '15
Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

I'm going to start off with the assumption that you won't believe me. No matter what I do to convince you that I was justified in my actions, you'll see me as a cretin, a low-life, a subhuman waste of flesh and blood with utter disregard and contempt for morality, ethics, goodwill towards men, and humanity as a whole. As far as you're concerned, I'm barely worth the air that the judge inhaled in order to articulate my condemnation. But how can you judge me when you have only seen me on the cross? You know my nature by the manner in which I fold my hands? Or perhaps it is the finger that I choose to use to scratch my temple that gives me away? Well, I'd have to say that your pressed suit and tie tied as tight as a noose gives away your purpose

just as clearly as you perceive mine, but I digress.

Though I know you don't believe me, I will continue. The problem with my story is that it is quite simple; it was a matter of self-defense. There was no malice for the public to be shocked and awed about, no mutual lover, no crime of passion at which to wag the finger. No ability to tsk-tsk at the perpetrator, to tout their holier-than-thou attitude. It was just self-defense. He attacked, I retaliated, and I came out on top.

Why did he suffer two shots to the head, one to the gut, and numerous stab wounds? Well, I can tell that you have never been in a fight. It's an altered state of mind; your consciousness escapes you. He pulled his knife, I pulled mine; I was quicker. I honestly could not tell you if it was five jabs or 15, and you wouldn't be able to either. All I was thinking of was survival. Why do I not have any marks on me? No cuts or

bruises? I was faster, and lucky that I was.

The gun? He was hurt, but still threatening me. I could see it in his eyes; I knew. I pulled out the gun, and I fired. I emptied the clip. Would you have not done the same? Would you have not protected your own life? No, no of course you wouldn't have. You're a veritable Messiah, savior of the oppressed, understanding of the plight of the man who pulls a knife on you on a dark street corner at 3 a.m. Of course you wouldn't defend yourself; you'd offer him your lung, and turn the other cheek so he can get better aim at your heart.

But what do I care. You don't believe me anyway; I'm scum. Dirt. Less than that, actually. Nothing. A void of humanity. Skin and bones and blood without a soul. Therefore, I'm not sure what you expect this prison sentence to accomplish. How can you reform that which feels

no remorse, which has no reason to feel remorse? How can you fix what is justified? Ah, yes I see. Justified in *your* sense of the word. My mistake. I thought we were a nation of laws, not of easily swayed, prejudiced men. Silly me. Well, off I go then, I suppose. Into the hole whence I came, or so you say. I'll just be here, using that dusty old piece of paper once called the Bill of Rights as kindling.

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Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Davey,

I'm going to tell you something no one has ever told you before. Quit. Turn back now. You are not good at sports. You are uncoordinated, unbalanced, and frankly a waste of space on the soccer field. Nerves are not your problem. Your genetic make-up is. Had David Beckham been your father (and not your delusional idol), you might have had a chance at athletic success. I can only suggest that you join some sort of art club, maybe basket weaving, perhaps even cheerleading. (Because, even I can tell you, as a Valley girl extraordinaire, cheerleading is not a sport. Not in the slightest. Not even a little bit. So shut the heck up.) If you are even remotely good looking (please, no blemishes and/or cellulite), I would work on your strengths. Do you have nice cheek bones? A lovely, pug nose? A caboose that could make J.Lo jealous? Work it, sister. Wear your tightest skirt and mosey on down to those cheersister tryouts. Be aggressive. Be, be aggressive. Be aggressive. Be, be aggressive. *Jump around like a moron and smash your pompoms together.* (No pun intended.) Godspeed and go team.

Tiffany

This Week: Sporting Sorrow

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I am on an intramural soccer team this semester. My team is really intense and wins every game. Every time I go in, I mess up because I am so nervous! Now my team always keeps me on the sidelines. How do I tell my friends that I want more playing time while also keeping my anxiety in check and showing my talent?

Sincerely,
David Beckham at Heart

Dear Mr. Beckham,

First, I just want to say that I have always been a huge fan of yours. I admire the way your sleek athletic body dominates the field, and I'm really impressed with your courage in taking a job as an underwear model. I have every picture hung up in my room. This is the motivation that gets me through my working day. Just kidding, I don't work. Anyway, a footballer of your stature is clearly adequate in skill for an intramural soccer league. You are just worried that your overpowering ability will make the other players feel bad. Well, don't worry. You are such a superior human being that the self-esteem of ordinary people means nothing to you. It is commendable that you are so kind to your opponents and teammates, but pay them no heed. Unleash your full power on this puny gang of amateurs. Consume their half-baked, homespun uniforms in the holy fire of your wrath. When the field is empty of all inferior participants, when you stand alone, victorious, then you will be at the peak of human achievement.



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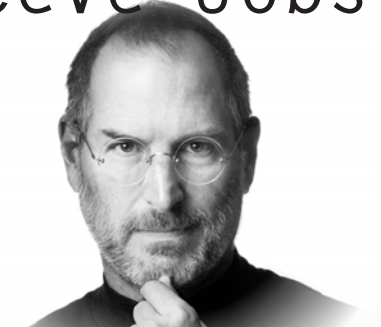
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Best Baseball Movie?

The Sandlot *Moneyball*

Earlier this month, *The Sandlot* turned 20 (feel old?). Nonetheless, the hilarity and heart-warming story that is encapsulated in the film is timeless.

The plot of "new kid" Scotty Smalls attempting to befriend the team while trying to retrieve his dad's signed Babe Ruth ball is extremely easy to enjoy. Why is this the greatest baseball movie? Because the plot is not about money, fame, or even winning. It is about a bunch of kids who play ball during the summer. They enjoy playing the game and play it solely for their love of baseball on a less-than-stellar field they deem *The Sandlot*. The story is sure to bring viewers back to the days when hanging out and getting into trouble with friends were the only priorities.

Enough with the sentimental part; *The Sandlot* is just an overall great movie to watch...and it is very quotable. If you have not heard the phrase "You're killing me, Smalls" in your life, you desperately need a new friend group. Do not get me started about the epic chase scene. Sure, car chases are entertaining for about a minute, but being chased by a humongous beast (a huge, intimidating dog) to the soundtrack of "Wipe Out" has to be one of the most enjoyable two minutes in movie history (slight exaggeration).

Overall, *The Sandlot* is a classic that is a great flick to watch regardless of age, mood, or time period. If you have not seen it, I just ask of you: do not watch the sequels.

-James Kirby '15

With a handful of potential options, my pick for best baseball movie all-time would have to be *Moneyball* by a slight margin over the classic *A League of Their Own*.

This 2011 feature stars the extremely popular Brad Pitt, as the Athletics' GM Billy Beane, and the hilarious Jonah Hill, who plays Beane's genius assistant GM Peter Brand. Although some may feel this movie is not entirely about baseball, it beats the traditional portrayal of baseball since it actually incorporates the whole story of a Major League organization's daily operations.

Moneyball is based on the real-life events of the 2002 Oakland Athletics' baseball season, as the team tried to remain competitive in the AL West with only a small-market budget. Throughout the film, Beane fights many well-respected advisers and organizational figures that are highly skeptical of his strategy. With a "moneyball" approach, the A's structure their roster based on pure statistics instead of scouting reports, and essentially field a team of rejects and unproven talent. After early-season struggles, the team eventually starts to improve and tallies an AL record-setting 20-game unbeaten streak and a trip to the playoffs.

This movie provides a truly amazing story of the underdogs and also shows the strategy involved with this incredible winning streak. In addition to the stellar storyline, the Pitt-Hill dynamic duo provides an entertaining and realistic portrayal of the Beane-Brand pair in the A's front office. Overall, *Moneyball* is a well-done interpretation of a real MLB team and deserves to be called the best and most realistic baseball movie.

-Sarah Wacik '15

In the Spotlight

Men's Lacrosse: The Friars had mixed results throughout the week. They started the week strongly, getting a huge 12-11 win over Holy Cross on the road. This win in Worcester added to the strong resume the team has posted on the road, putting them at 5-2 on the season in these games. Two freshmen, Brendon McGuire '16 and Jack Connelly '16, played huge roles in the win. McGuire scored three goals in the victory while his freshman teammate racked up nine saves, including a potential game tying shot from Holy Cross. The team had a difficult time in the first game back home against in-town rival Brown. They fell to the Bears 7-6 in a difficult night game. Greg Fitzmaurice '15 led the fight for the Friars, scoring two goals in the loss.

Women's Softball: The Lady Friars had a tough start this week, being shut out in all three games of their series against the University of South Florida. However, they bounced back in an extremely strong way throughout the week, posting a 3-0 record after that point. They did this with two big victories over in-state rival University of Rhode Island. The third victory was a 7-4 win over Boston College which put the team at 9-1 against non-conference teams outside of tournament games. The standouts for the Lady Friars in their two wins against URI came from their pitching staff. Corinne Clauss '13 went the distance in the first win, holding URI to four hits and one run. Kiara Amos '16 also went all seven innings in the second win, allowing only six hits and two runs.

In the News

Nationally Recognized: Jon Gillies '16 was recognized by the Hockey Commissioners Association (HCA) on April 12, 2013 for his stellar play all season. He was recognized in two major ways, by winning National Division I rookie of the year and being named a second team All-American. Gillies posted absurd numbers at the goalie position this year, recording 992 saves in thirty-five games and contributing in a huge way to the Friars 17-14-7 record.

The Unsung Hero: Kyle Murphy '13 was presented with the Derek Hines Unsung Hero Award in Men's Division I Hockey on April 12, 2013. The Hockey Commissioners Association (HCA) made Murphy the second Friar to be nationally recognized in the end of season Men's Division I Hockey awards. Murphy was a key leader on a very young Friars team, playing in all thirty-eight of the team's games this year and scoring three goals while adding eight

Baseball Rallies Around Boston

MLB Shows Boston Its Support After Tragedy

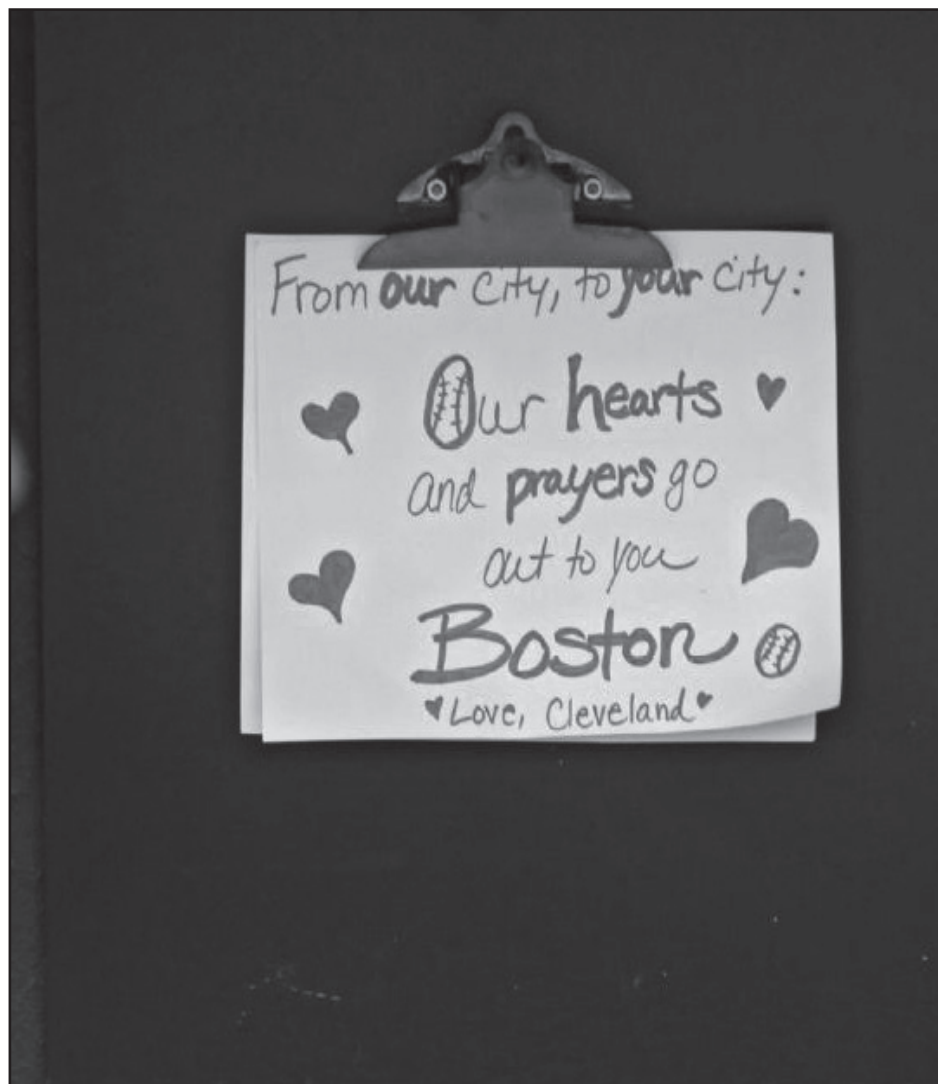
by DJ Anderson '16
Sports Staff

BASEBALL

The horrible events at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15, 2013 represented any major city's worst nightmare. As gruesome and terrifying details of the attacks unfolded, the rest of the United States did the only thing it knows to do in a time of panic: support. Every major city in the country reached out to Boston less than moments after the attacks, knowing that their support was just what the city needed.

Although times like these show the minor importance of sports in the scope of human life, athletic events can provide some of the biggest stages to rally people around tragedy. Major League Baseball and its biggest teams and cities recognized this, and these organizations showed this in their response.

The most noticeable response of an organization came from the most unlikely source. The New York Yankees, the team that makes up the other half of the best rivalry in sports, sent a huge message to their rival Boston Red Sox. They played Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline," a song played traditionally in Fenway



Park at every Red Sox home game, in the third inning of their home game against the Arizona Diamondbacks a day after the tragedy.

At the end of this tribute, YES Network Announcer Michael Kay put it best when he said, "We are thinking of our friends to the North." This attitude extends way past the New York Yankees, as many other teams made similar tributes to the Red Sox and the entire city of Boston.

The Milwaukee Brewers used song in their approach to a Boston tribute as well, playing the theme song of *Cheers*, a famous show formerly filmed in Beantown, before their game the day after the attacks.

Finally, the Cleveland Indians made an effort to reach out to Boston on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. They posted the phrase "Boston Strong" during a moment of silence before hosting the Red Sox at Progressive Field.

The ways in which people can contribute to Boston's cause are endless, but all of the gestures made by the various organizations of Major League Baseball are special and unique. They showed the way that support of every American person and city is above anything else.

Smart Kids Can Play Hockey

Yale Wins Hockey Championship

by Chris Szimanski '14
Sports Staff

HOCKEY

This Saturday, the Yale Bulldogs debunked two myths that have long been misunderstood about college hockey. The first is that smart people do not play hockey, and that hockey players are just "lax bros" from north of the border. The second is that the ECAC is no longer irrelevant.

Hockey players have an unfair stereotype as being unintelligent despite the fact that last season Yale posted an impressive percentage as more than two-thirds of the roster was honored with ECAC All-Academic Honors. The Friars posted an impressive mark with 40 percent of last year's team earning All-Academic Honors as well. This year's academic honors have yet to be released since the semester has not concluded, but the teams are both expected to have an equally impressive showing.

Hockey is a very cerebral game, and requires intelligent athletes. Even those members of the team who did not earn All-Academic Honors by way of their GPAs possess a strong knowledge for the game, as any athlete who plays at the collegiate level must.

Connecticut went into the final knowing they were in for a good day with ECAC conference rivals Yale Bulldogs and Quinnipiac Bobcats set to square off. The campuses are

just 10 miles apart, and they are fierce competitors. Following the game, which had a 7 p.m. puck drop, one of the two Connecticut schools would claim its first NCAA Hockey Championship in program history. Both schools compete in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, which has long been jokingly referred to as the EZAC for the lack of competitive teams. It last had a champion in 1989 when Harvard claimed the crown of college hockey. The ECAC proved to be a competitive conference this season, earning three spots in the field of 16 teams to play for the NCAA

Championship, the same number of spots Hockey East teams earned.

Last Thursday, the Frozen Four, a play on the NCAA Basketball Tournament's Final Four, kicked off with Yale beating UMass-Lowell in overtime prior to Quinnipiac defeating St. Cloud State. Yale came from behind to tie and eventually win the game in overtime 3-2, knocking out the Riverhawk team which ended the Friars' season three weeks ago. Quinnipiac easily

handled the St. Cloud State Huskies, dispatching them by a final of 4-1.

The championship game saw a tightly contested first two periods as the Bulldogs entered the final period leading only by a single goal, which came in the waning seconds of the middle stanza. This lead seemed insignificant as Yale had dropped the previous three meetings with the Bobcats this season. Also, in regional play, Quinnipiac had dispatched Canisius after trailing 3-1 at one point. Coming out for the third, Yale proved that the late goal

was a huge momentum boost and they took it to a Quinnipiac team which seemed deflated. Three third period goals provided Yale with 4-0 championship game victory and their first title in program history. Along the way, Yale defeated the top three teams in the rankings beginning with No. 2 Minnesota in the regional, followed by No. 3 UMass-Lowell, and finally the top-seeded Bobcats.



Photo courtesy of NCAA

Just Sign the Dotted Line

Coach Cooley to Stay at PC Until 2021



Photo courtesy of Fairfieldmirror

by Danny McNamara '13
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL

Providence College Athletic Director Bob Driscoll called it one of the easiest decisions he has had to make as the head of Friar athletics.

After a 19-15 season, and a trip to the NIT Quarterfinals where they fell to eventual champion Baylor, Ed Cooley is going to roam the sidelines for his hometown team until at least 2021. It is, according to the *Providence Journal*, the four-year extension to his previous six-year deal he inked in 2011 that will bring his average salary over the lifetime of his contract to around \$2 million.

"Coach Cooley has demonstrated in numerous ways that he is the right coach for Providence College," Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., said. "He is a true leader both on and off the court, and we could not be more pleased to affirm that leadership by extending his contract."

After being picked last in the preseason Big East Coaches' Poll, a 9-9 conference mark and eighth place finish assured all parties that Cooley is going to be the one to bring Providence basketball back to where it belongs.

Much has been said about the departure of Ricky Ledo, but the additions the Friars will have this year and throughout Coach Cooley's tenure will be sure to make up for the loss of one player.

"We have made progress over the last two years, but we are not satisfied,"

said Cooley. "We came with the goal of winning championships and that remains in our sights. We will continue to work to make Providence College basketball an elite program in the nation."

Heading into the summer and next season, the Friars will be expected to receive an NCAA tournament berth for the first time since 2004.

Winners of seven of their final 10 conference games, Cooley has established a brand, a certain trademark that now comes with Providence Friar basketball. He will continue to bring in players that want to be Friars, that want to come here, go to class, and play for a coach who wants to be nowhere else. He and his staff will not look at players just because they have four or five stars on recruiting sites, even though it is always a perk, and will not look at them because they are one of the many schools on a player's list.

During the end-of-the-year banquet dinner, Cooley made it clear that next year's team can be very special. He said that Kris Dunn '16 could be one of the best to wear a Friars uniform, and that Kadeem Batts '14 and Bryce Cotton '14 will not only be two of the better players in the Big East, but leaders and role models for a younger team as well.

Now that Cooley has all but a few of his players on the team he will coach for the next eight years or so, winning games and making the field of 68 are what will come next.

Boston Strong

Continued from front page

Sara Ratto's '15 mind was that the JumboTron exploded. The second: "I was going to die."

Five hundred and fifty yards separated the two bombs that were detonated at the Boston Marathon; less than that separated Ratto from those two explosions.

Situated on Boylston Street, Ratto was there to cheer on a friend's mother who was competing. She was there to absorb and relish the sense of unity that the marathon encouraged, and to dream of one day running alongside those that passed her.

Ratto stood between those two bombs—close enough to hear the bombs explode, feel the ground shake, and escape before seeing the carnage.

Close enough to see her life flash before her eyes.

On April 15, Boston was forever changed. The site of the Boston Revolution so many years ago was once again facing a revolution.

A day of celebration will now forever be marred—a day of innocence no longer.

At 2:50 p.m., hours after the leaders of the race crossed the finish line, recreation runners and those running for charity finally had the finish line in sight. After four hours and nine minutes, there was only 0.1 miles or less remaining in the 26.2-mile race. That 10th of a mile, for many of the runners, was never to be completed.

"My first thought was that it was thunder, in all honesty," Crosier says

of her initial reaction to the bombings. "My boyfriend is an Army Ranger, so he is trained to deal with this. His first thought was that the Prudential Center was collapsing. As soon as he realized it wasn't, he turned to me and said, 'It's a bomb, Jen. Just run.'"

As an explosion ripped through the crowd and the barriers, runners fell and civilians fled. No one understood what had occurred until 10 seconds later, when a second explosion detonated. No longer was this day filled with joy and unity—it was now filled with carnage and devastation.

Three people died in the bombing. The first victim was an eight-year-old boy, Martin Richard, returning from giving his father a congratulatory hug for completing the race. The other victims were a 29-year-old restaurant manager, Krystie Campbell, and a 23-year-old Boston University graduate student, Lingzi Lu, both who were there to cheer on friends. One hundred and seventy-nine people were injured, and 10 people required amputations.

The Providence College students who escaped to Boston for a day of celebration were met with fear. "It felt like it was [happening] in slow motion," explains Ratto. "In a matter of seconds, so many thoughts went through my head. Though I didn't know what it was at that point, I knew the situation was dangerous and that we had to get out of there."

Ratto and her friend sprinted to Massachusetts General Hospital, where her mother was working. Tripping, and barely avoiding being trampled, they

made it right before the hospital was locked down. Her friend's mother, the marathoner who was only three-quarters of a mile away from the finish line, met them there.

Further down Boylston Street, Crosier was locked inside the Prudential Center for more than a half hour, finally being gently shifted through the mall until everyone was deposited in Champions, a bar attached to the Marriott. It was there that she learned the extent of the damage, and that there were multiple bombs. For the first hour, she was ignorant to the carnage that occurred down the street.

This event both restored their faith in humanity while simultaneously destroying it. Heroes emerged from this disaster. From those that ran into the commotion not knowing if there would be another bomb, to those runners that continued past the finish line for two miles to Massachusetts General Hospital in order to give blood to the victims, and even those that pulled their friends to safety and away from the pandemonium.

"I would go to the [Boston Marathon] again," Crosier says. "Was I any safer at the Boston Marathon than I would have been at Providence College? How can someone tell me where I am safe at this point? Because I just thought it was a normal day, and obviously it was not."





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United We Stand

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By now everyone has seen the Massacre from the Marathon. The terror, the blood, and the tragedy are still bitter as I write this Monday night. I am from Massachusetts, my dad works in Boston, I spent my summer working in Boston, and I have spent countless hours commuting on trains into the city to see the sports I love, the museums I love, and, most importantly, the city I love.

I trembled this Monday afternoon around 3 p.m. when I saw the news. A lump sprung in my throat, and my heart fell through the floor. I took millions and millions of deep breaths before I finally sprung the courage to pick up my phone and call my mom and many of my close friends who are in school in the city. The fear I felt was surreal. I could never begin to describe

it, and I am sure many on campus felt that way on Monday as well. Luckily, everything was okay, as I hope it is for you, reader.

While it is easy for people to sympathize with it, and pray and feel for the victims and their families, it is hard for those outside of Massachusetts to fully comprehend the significance of this attack. The fact that it took place on Marathon Monday, on Patriots Day, is the most startling.

For those of you who do not know, Patriots Day is a holiday that commemorates the Battle of Lexington and Concord, the start of the Revolutionary War. The Marathon has been run on Patriots Day since 1897, and the Red Sox have played games on Patriots Day since 1957. It is a state holiday in Massachusetts, and many businesses and all schools are closed on this day.

I love Patriots Day. Growing up in Massachusetts, I am accustomed to starting my April vacation with Patriots Day. It was my start of spring,

my day that announces that the summer is rapidly approaching. In fact, the first thing I think of when I think of Patriots Day is the sun, because it seems that every Patriots Day is sunny and warm. The innocence of the Holiday was something I embraced.

The Red Sox start at 11 a.m. every Patriots Day. I used to sit there with my glove and watch every out. There have been some exciting games on Patriots Day, and this year was no different as Mike Napoli clubbed home a winning double for the hometown Sox. Then after the game (normally a Red Sox win), I would go outside and play sandlot baseball with my neighbors. It was the start of my summer. It was Patriots Day.

Multitudes of families travel into the city for the Marathon. There is a constant flux of people walking around historic Boston, and many college kids take full advantage of the bars opening early. It is a huge day for the city, and it is a special holiday.

Looking back on Monday's attacks, it is easy to see that whatever coward

did this was looking to attack iconic structures. The turn onto Boylston Street is one of the most famous in Marathon racing. It is the turn that tells the racer that they did it, they finished one of the hilliest and hardest marathons. It is a sign that the runner has overcome obstacles, and battled adversity. They have done it. But that was ripped away on Monday.

It is not only where the attack took place that hurts. It was the timing of the attack. On our sacred holiday. Patriots Day will never be the same. The innocence is gone. The happiness is gone. I will forever remember this day. Boston will remember this day. The US will remember this day. Patriots Day will take on a whole new meaning to me. But we will recover, and Patriots Day will forever remind me how blessed I am. Blessed that no one I know was hurt. Blessed to have those I love with me still. But one thing that will not change is that I am blessed to be from Boston. I will forever love that dirty water.

