



Not Your Ordinary Freshmen

An Unusual Journey to Friartown and Beyond

by Christine Rousselle '13
News Editor

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

For most 18-year-olds, May 1 is decision day when it comes to higher education plans. However, Jon Gillies '16 and Mark Jankowski '16 are not like most ordinary 18-year-olds. Gillies and Jankowski were both selected by the Calgary Flames in last June's NHL entry draft, and last May 1, neither of them had made the decision to attend Providence College this fall.

Gillies and Jankowski first met "for 10 seconds in an elevator" this past June at the NHL Combine. Before they arrived at school, they kept in touch during the summer over Twitter, mainly discussing their recent decisions to attend PC. They are now both starters on the Men's Ice Hockey Team, which virtually nobody thought was going to happen last May.

Gillies had a very unorthodox path to Friartown. He entered 2012 committed to

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Best Buddies Creates Long-Lasting Friendships

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
Senior News Staff

CLUBS

The Alumni Private Dining Room was jam-packed on the evening of Monday, October 23 as members of Best Buddies came together to get matched up with their buddies for this year. The room was bustling with excitement as new members introduced themselves, and old friends caught up with familiar faces. When the pizza finally arrived, the 70 or so participants settled down to enjoy the food, and the match-up proceeded to get underway.

Claire Scahill '13, head of the Best Buddies chapter of Providence College, was pleased to say that the event went well. Best Buddies is an organization "that goes far beyond Providence College," Scahill explained. Members have to register online through the Best Buddies website in addition to filling out a questionnaire to help the process of getting matched up with a buddy. "Once all of our buddies and college members submit their responses to the website, we can go through and create



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The Best Buddies Program pairs developmentally delayed adults with college students.

pairs that we think would share a lot of things in common."

The Best Buddies website states, "Best Buddies Colleges pairs people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one-to-one friendships with college students." This program offers participating students a great opportunity to make a new friend,

and it allows someone with a disability to start a friendship with a person outside of their environment.

This is a big year for Best Buddies at PC, mainly because the Brown University chapter BUDDIES / Page 5



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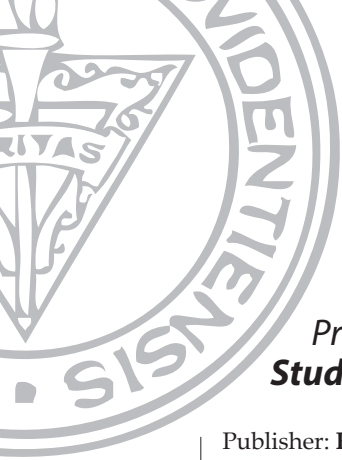
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Editor's Desk

Happy Halloween, Friartown

What do they call that situation a baseball player is in when they're stuck between two bases? A pickle? Well, in any case, that's what we find ourselves in, PC. Halloween is on a Wednesday this year and the Providence College campus has fallen into a frightening frenzy about when to celebrate this spook-tacular holiday.


As much as we all love candy corn and dressing up in outlandish costumes, let's get real: this is not exactly an important issue. In fact, we'll solve it for you right now... celebrate on both weekends! Double the costumes plus double the candy equals double the fun. Now that we have solved this Sherlock Holmes-like mystery, we're going to talk about something really substantial: the two articles featured on our front page.

First, our hockey-loving News Editor wrote an article about two freshman hockey players who have already been drafted to the NHL. As members of the Providence College community, we cannot help but feel a sense of pride about the accomplishments of our fellow students. Jon Gillies and Mark Jankowski represent only two of the 4,000 undergraduates who constitute this school, and they should be indicative of the success we are all capable of attaining.

For our next story, we focus on a broader group of students who participate in the Best Buddies Program at the College. These students embody a sentiment of generosity and charity that should be imitated by all. *The Cowl* has the utmost respect for these students who take the time out of their busy college schedules to make the world of an individual less fortunate than ourselves a better and kinder place.








As you begin to gear up in those creepy costumes and head out in search of Kit Kats and Reese's, try to take the time to look behind the masks of the peers you will be spending this Halloween with; you never know who you might meet. We are lucky to have a campus comprised of a very unique and talented student body; one only needs to open up an issue of *The Cowl* to find that out. Have a safe and scary Halloween, whenever you chose to celebrate it!

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Third-Annual Friar 5K Has Record Number of Registrants

by Jackie McCarthy '14
News Staff

FRIAR 5K

On the morning of Saturday, October 20, race participants gathered behind Harkins Hall in their sneakers and dri-fit gear ready to run Providence College's third annual Friar 5K. It was perfect weather for a race, with cloud coverage and just a hint of humidity. It was easy to see that the crowd was energized, despite the early start time. At 10 a.m., the race official fired the gun, and the runners were off.

The challenging five-kilometer certified course consists of a loop around the College's campus and the streets of its surrounding neighborhood. The course formed a loop that started and finished through the main security gates.

By the time the runners were at the halfway point, it was obvious who would win the race. Running down Huxley Avenue, the leader, Julian Matthews '12, had created a substantial gap between himself and the rest of the runners. As he ran through the main gates and past Harkins to the finish, the rest of the runners were nowhere in sight. Matthews broke the tape in an impressive 14:50.1, a new course record. Matthews, a graduate student at PC, is a member of the Providence College Men's Track and Field team with indoor and outdoor season eligibility. He used this race to gear up for his indoor season.

"It had been discussed with my



JESSICA HO '14 / THE COWL

Runners begin the third-annual Friar 5k near Harkins Hall.

coach that I would run the race as an opener for the road racing season," Matthews said. "I didn't know what to expect from the race, and was hoping for something around 15 minutes." It is safe to say that Matthews achieved his goal.

Second and third place also went to members of the College's track team. Julian Oakley '16 finished with a

time of 15:29.5, and Joe Vercollone '16 finished with a time of 16:00.4. They are both red shirting the cross country season and gearing up for their first official varsity indoor track seasons.

Runners of all types competed in the Friar 5K last weekend. Completion times ranged from 15-minutes to an hour. This major fluctuation in completion time might be due to the

large number of people that attended the event. Katelyn Higgins '14, co-chair of the Friar 5K Committee along with Laura Hasler '15, stated that this year's 5K was the largest and most successful yet.

"We had a total number of 1,060 registrants! We beat our goal of 1,000 runners, and beat last year's number by 106 runners!" she said. Higgins claimed that the success of this year's Friar 5K is due in part to the efforts of the 20 committee members who marketed the event.

There were participants from different ages, areas, and backgrounds who participated in the Friar 5K. Students, faculty, Providence locals, and others ran side by side at this event to reach different goals. These goals included the collective goal in raising money to fund the PC experience, running a fast race, getting fit, and just finishing the race. Kayla Andrade '14, expressed her happiness upon completing the race without stopping by saying, "I feel good now that I've finished! It's my first 5K, it was great!" Other finishers of the 5K race included Dean Steven Sears and Fr. Shanley, O.P.

After the race, the Friar 5K Committee also hosted a "Friar Fest" on Slavin Lawn. At the event, there was a post-race yoga session, a bouncy playground, a raffle, live music, and the post-race snack of donuts. Both the 5K and the celebration after the race were major successes in bringing out the masses to participate and get involved.

Who is Michael Ruane '71?

The Cowl's series on Providence College's history continues this week with Michael Ruane '71, namesake of the Ruane Atrium and the Ruane Center for the Humanities

by Amanda Garganese '13
News Staff

PC HISTORY

Chances are, most students ignore the glass-encased entrance known as the Ruane Atrium in the hopes of getting into the Concannon Fitness Center in time to snag the last treadmill, or run right past the giant indoor trees in desperation to get the last spin ticket. Some students may take in the smell of mozzarella sticks coming out of the deep fryer in Alumni and walk right past the atrium. The artfully designed glass entrance is an undervalued and often overlooked part of the Providence College Campus. Countless tours walk through the atrium daily, and hundreds of Friar Fanatics line up and stampee through the atrium just to catch a Friar basketball t-shirt from Vincent Council before Late Night Madness, so why is such an important area ignored, and how do they grow 25 foot trees inside?

In 2007, the Concannon Fitness Center was added on to the other side of Alumni Hall along with the Ruane Atrium glass lobby. This lobby serves as a common entrance for the fitness center, the Slavin Center, Alumni Hall, and Peterson Recreation Center. So who is the man who donated the glass structure with the big trees? Michael A. Ruane graduated from the College in 1971 and has since become one of the College's most prominent alumni. Upon graduating from the College, he attended the prestigious



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Michael Ruane '71 has lent his name to two buildings on campus: the Ruane Atrium (left) and the Ruane Center for the Humanities (right).

Wharton School where he obtained an MBA. Ruane currently serves as the Managing Partner of TA Associates Realty, which is a Boston-based real estate advisory and investment firm formed in 1983. In 1987, the company became privately held, and now manages approximately \$8 billion in assets with a real estate portfolio that runs across the country. He also serves as the Chairman of J-PAC LLC and Medipharm Manufacturing Group, Inc, in addition to serving as the Chairman of the Development Committee of Northeast Health System.

Despite his incredible success, Ruane did not forget his beloved alma mater. He has served as a trustee since 1999 and became the chairman of the Providence College Board of Trustees in 2004. He now resides in Wrentham,

Mass. with his wife Liz. The Ruanes have been longtime PC benefactors and are members of the 1917 Society, which recognizes charitable donations to the College exceeding \$250,000. In addition to the more than generous donation of the Ruane Atrium, Ruane has supported the women's ice hockey team and also established the Michael A. Ruane Endowed Chair for Business Engagement. Ruane's most recent donation came in the form of a major gift to construct the Ruane Center for the Humanities, which is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2013. The Ruane Center for the Humanities will become the College's signature academic building and will emphasize the College's commitment to the liberal arts and humanities. It will be the new home

of the Development of Western Civilization core curriculum, as well as the Liberal Arts Honors Program. The building will also house the School of Arts and Sciences and the departments of English and history.

Even after graduating from the College and achieving vast amounts of success, Michael Ruane continues to be an active member of the PC community. His generosity is crucial to the College's ability to better the facilities and education for its students. Ruane's strong ties to the Providence College community are a testament to the close relationship the students have with their college.

Footprints Gospel Choir Seeks Proposed Club Status

by Jackie McCarthy '14
News Staff

STUDENT CONGRESS

On the night of Tuesday, October 23, Providence College's 63rd Student Congress met to discuss a number of issues. President Fr. Shanley, O.P., was present to answer questions about any concerns of the members of Student Congress.

There were two new orders of business that needed to be discussed. The first order of business included the Recommendation No. SCRC 63-02: The Availability of Voting Information for New Students was introduced by Justin Gomes '14, president of the Executive Board of Student Congress. This recommendation would allow students to be more informed about their voting as students in the state of Rhode Island. This recommendation also included the availability of information about absentee ballots for students to vote in their home state if they wish to do so.

Next, Meghan Keating '13 of student clubs and organizations committee introduced a bill of proposal: SCB 63-02. This bill proposed for the Footprints Gospel Choir to be a club on campus. Members of the group were present

to provide information about their club and to answer any questions.

There was no old business to be discussed.

During the information session held by Fr. Shanley, questions were asked about the construction happening on campus. He said the Ruane Center for the Humanities is coming along nicely, and it should be done by next September. They are hoping to have all of the steel framing in place by winter, and will be putting a bubble over the construction so that they can continue to work during the winter months. The next change on campus that we will see, according to Fr. Shanley, will be an extension and improvement to Schneider Arena. Other improvements to campus will be the gutting and remodeling of Dore Hall as part of its transition into the Business School. There will be improvements made to other athletic facilities, and hopefully to a number of the dorms in the near future.



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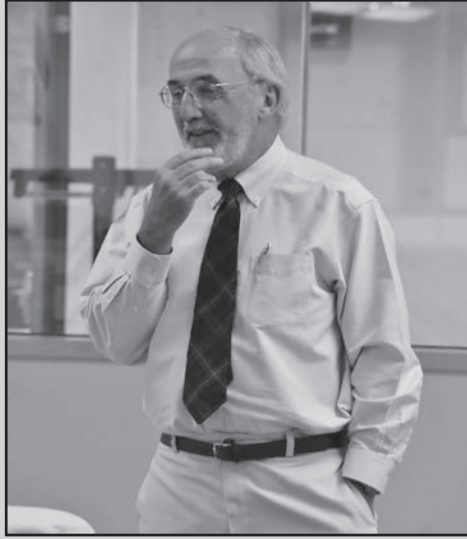
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Dr. Mark Hyde and Kelly Branham '12 Research the Effect of Attractiveness on Political Candidates

by Andres Taborda '15
Asst. News Editor

CAMPUS EVENTS



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Aside from teaching multiple classes per week, professors in the different departments at Providence College continuously work on independent or collaborative research. Dr. Mark S. Hyde of the political science department is no stranger to research and this past Wednesday he shared some of his latest findings. The area of research: attractiveness.

Hyde's empirical research measured the impact of attractiveness and sex on political candidates. The research was experimental, which is a methodology generally used in psychology, not political science. This type of research, however, is growing in the realm of political science. The experiment also served as a way to show how easy it is to get students involved in political research. According to Hyde, good research can be done with the help of undergraduate students.

"I was looking at my research agenda and it looked very slim, actually," Hyde laughed as he told those in attendance. He brought out some data that had been collected by students in the past. The date related to political candidates and how their attractiveness supported or hurt their success. The data showed that attractive individuals were perceived to be more competent and have better lives.

Hyde took the date he had and added more variables to it. The new variables looked at gender's effect on the results. The experimental design was a 3x2, meaning that there were two independent variables split into three categories each.

To complete the research, Hyde and his research assistant Kelly Branham '12, who is now a Ph.D. candidate at Brown University, took on the project together. They began by picking out the 12 most attractive candidates from a pool of pictures. They then had 50 student judges rate the pictures on many scales to eventually select

the most attractive candidates to use for the study. However, Hyde and Branham ran into some problems with attractiveness. The results had means that were not statistically significant and they could not make distinctions. To solve this, they collapsed the attractiveness into two categories, more attractive and less attractive, to make a scale that would hopefully offer statistically significant results.

Two more variables were added to the experiment: sex of the subject for perception purposes and the self-esteem of the subject using the Rosenberg scale.

The results showed that female subjects with lower self-esteem attributed a more positive political image to less attractive women candidates and a more favorable political image to more attractive men.

Hyde explained that competency of the candidates was measured solely on the biographies provided to the subjects. He further explained that in this type of research, pre and post tests are usually done, but since there were no preconceptions of the candidates given that they were fabricated, this measure was not relative to the study.

Hyde and Branham, as co-authors, are currently contemplating where they want to submit the study for publication.

BUDDIES: Next Event on Nov. 14

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shut down last year. PC has happily welcomed all the buddies who were previously at Brown to come participate here. Scahill noted that because there are so many buddies this year, some still need to be paired up, and she encourages anyone interested to join. She added, "We would love to have them."

Best Buddies holds events at least once a month, and the next one is on Nov. 14. All the buddies and new friends will be attending the PC women's basketball game to cheer on the Lady Friars and spend time together. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is also taking place later that month.

"It is a potluck dinner, so each home where our buddies live brings a portion of food for the event," explained Scahill. Some other events that are held annually are a karaoke night later in the year, along with Bingo Night.

Scahill guarantees that Best Buddies is a really wonderful program to get involved with on campus. She has been paired up with her buddy, Rudy, since her freshman year, and

over the years they have developed a great friendship. She added that Cara Spadaro '13, secretary of the program, is matched with one of Rudy's good friends, Jimmy.

"The four of us get together all of the time and have dinner in Slavin or play pool in McPhail's. They both mean so much to Cara and me and we are so lucky to have them in our lives."

The main goal of the Best Buddies chapter at PC this year is to make sure that every pair of buddies gets to experience a close friendship, like that of Scahill, Spadaro, Rudy, and Jimmy. The Best Buddies program offers an opportunity for all participants to change the world by making a new friend. The members are able to grow and impact the life of another by both being a friend and gaining a friend. The website elaborates on the opportunity for gaining leadership skills through involvement in the program. Fortunately, there is ample opportunity for PC students with a surplus of buddies who would love to foster a new friendship.

NEWS

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by Andres Taborda '15
Asst. News Editor

NEWS BRIEFS

Election: It's Still Going to Happen

With 12 days left until Election Day, clubs and organizations throughout campus continue to inform the student body about the presidential race between incumbent and Democrat Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney. The College saw forums hosted this week about the influence of Latino voters in this election. A forum on birth control and its link to breast cancer was also held this past week. Birth control has been a heated issue after the Health and Human Services mandate requiring employers to supply birth control to its employees through its insurance policies. Approximately 70 students also flooded the Slavin Overlook lounge this past Monday to watch the final of three presidential debates. Events will continue to be held in the next two weeks leading to a trip to the polls at Schneider Arena or to the Post Office where students will send off their absentee ballots.

I'm on *The Cowl*, So I Must Be Awesome

Project Stereotype was held once again this year at Providence College. With different tables located around campus, students were prompted to write stereotypes relative to themselves on large index cards and hang them around their necks to display throughout the day. The daylong event concluded with a debriefing in Aquinas Lounge, where all students who participated shared a meal and discussed the many stereotypes brought up throughout the day.

Class of 2015 Taught About Healthy Relationships

The Office of Residence Life began its mandatory sessions for the Class of 2015 this week. Last year as freshmen, all members of the class were required to attend a seminar on consent. This year, sophomores headed back to Moore Hall to hear a session on healthy relationships. Different speakers offered the same presentation to all members of the class and offered advice as to how to go about the different scenarios that may arise in relationships while in college.

Well, JRW, You Had a Great Run

Speaking of the Class of 2015, after two surveys, it has been decided that the traditional Junior Ring Weekend will cease to exist and this year's sophomores will hold the event in the fall of their senior year. After an initial survey sent out to every member of the class brought back results that contradicted themselves, a second survey offered clear results and decided the future of what the College, for many years, knew as JRW.

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Ask PC: Campus

"What is the best event you've been to at PC?"

"The Civ Scream the night Osama Bin Laden was killed. It showed real patriotism."

-Meredith Cook '13

"Skate Night. I love to skate and there aren't many opportunities to do so, so a skate night every once in a while is fun."

-Jenna Marchione '15

"The NOLA Meal Auction because it's for a great cause and it is great to see different groups of students participating for a great cause."

-Devon Annicelli '14

"The Hunger Games movie in Peterson. It was the first event that I went to with my new roommates. I wish it had been outside."

-Emily Mercer '15

"I love the hockey games. The atmosphere in Schneider Arena is awesome."

-Wess Trask '16

"Circolo Italiano's cannoli event. The cannolis were amazing. I felt five pounds heavier after I ate one and went to the gym right after."

-Chris Tansey '13

"The glow party. It was just mad chill."

-Dan Mulé '15

"I really like Jason Anderson. He's been to McPhail's a few times. He creates an intimate setting and it's cool."

-Robbie DesRoche '13

FLAMES: Jankowski Selected 21st Overall, Gillies Taken With 75th Pick

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conference rival Northeastern University. In March, he chose to explore other options following the announcement that Northeastern's goalie would be returning for his senior year. Gillies had previously made an agreement that he would be allowed to look elsewhere if the Northeastern goalie was going to return to the school. Gillies, the number one ranked goaltender in the United States Hockey League, was immediately faced with a deluge of offers from both colleges in the US and from Canadian major junior league teams. Had Gillies accepted to play major juniors in Canada, he would have forfeited all NCAA eligibility.

Gillies explained that his final options came down to PC and the Quebec Remparts, a team in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League. Gillies said that he visited both teams, back-to-back, and then returned

back to Indiana (where he played in the USHL) to graduate from high school.

"After I graduated I sat down with my parents, and we decided the best route as a goalie was college. College provided a better opportunity and an extra year of development," explained Gillies. Players typically begin playing major junior at age 16 or 17, and age out of the system after they turn 20, whereas the majority of NCAA players do not start their college careers until they are 18-21 years old.

Jankowski's path to the College was a bit more straightforward than Gillies', yet was still different from the typical high school senior. Jankowski, a native of St. Catharines, Ontario, was announced as committing to PC on May 3, 2012, yet was expected to play a year of junior hockey before joining the Friars in 2013.

In June, he became the highest selected Canadian high school player in NHL draft history when the Calgary Flames selected him in the first round,

21st overall. Jankowski played for Stanstead College, a boarding school in Quebec, for his junior and senior years of high school.

Regarding the draft, Jankowski described being selected as "one of the most exciting experiences of [his] life" and claims that he was not aware that he was the highest-ever selected Canadian high school player until someone else told him that fact. He said he met with Calgary the day of the first round of the draft, and they told him that he could be pulling on their jersey by the end of the day.

Gillies' experience with the draft was a little different. As he was not selected in the first round, he had to wait until the second day of the draft to find out where he would end up.

"I didn't even know I got drafted. I was there, but I was on my phone. I didn't hear it... when I shook my advisor's hand I had to ask him which team I was going to." Despite the minor confusion, Gillies

still describes the experience as "unbelievable."

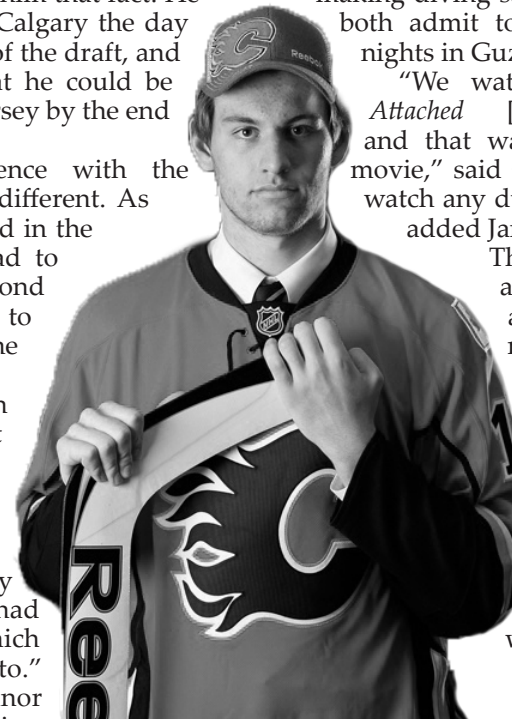
Despite their superior skills on the ice, Gillies and Jankowski are just like many other members of the Class of 2016. Both entered the college declared as management majors, and they both admit to not being the biggest fans of Development of Western Civilization. When they are not scoring goals or making diving saves in Schneider, both admit to enjoying movie nights in Guzman.

"We watched *No Strings Attached* [Sunday] night, and that was a phenomenal movie," said Gillies. "We don't watch any duds in our room," added Jankowski.

The Friars return to action this Friday and Saturday night at Schneider Arena against Hockey East foe University of Maine. Both games are at 7 p.m. The Friars tied third-ranked Miami University last weekend.



Mark Jankowski '16 is a left wing on the first line.



Jon Gillies '16 is currently the starting goaltender.

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DALAI LAMA

Visits Providence

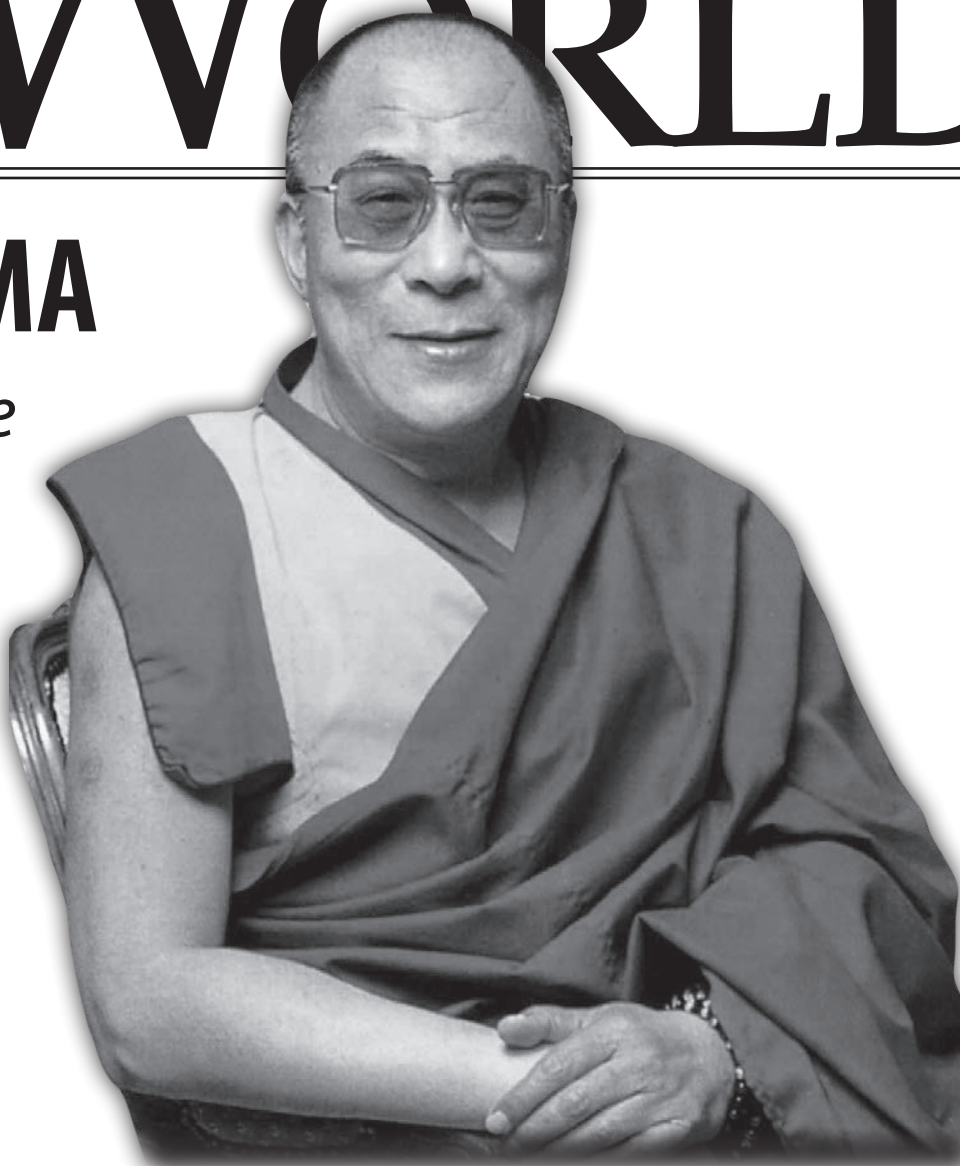
by Becca Larrivee '13 and
Lynnzie Marinaccio '13

INTERNATIONAL

The concept of the Dalai Lama is an interesting part of Tibetan Buddhism that dates back to the 14th century. The Dalai Lama is believed to be the reincarnation of the same line of spiritual teachers, all whom are manifestations of an enlightened being of compassion. Although he has reached enlightenment, upon death, the Dalai Lama postpones his own nirvana, or freedom from suffering, and chooses to be reborn in order to help mankind. The Dalai Lama serves as both the spiritual leader and head of government of Tibet.

The current Dalai Lama, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, was born in a small farming village in 1935. He was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama when he was two years old and began monastic training when he was six years old. His list of accomplishments and awards is lengthy and impressive, including winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989. His three main commitments are the promotion of human values, the advancement of religious harmony, and the issue of Tibet.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is perhaps most well known for his role



as the leader of Tibet throughout years of conflicts with China. Ever since the Chinese occupation of Tibet in the 1950s, the Dalai Lama has worked to find a democratic and peaceful solution to its political problems. His Holiness, along with around 80,000 other Tibetan refugees, has lived in exile in northern India since 1959. Throughout his lifetime he has written books and delivered speeches around the world on the importance of various international issues,

including interreligious dialogue and understanding, gender equality, environmental protection, and, most importantly, international peace.

His Holiness was invited to Providence by Brown University to give the 86th Stephen A. Ogden lecture on International Affairs, a series started following Ogden's tragic death after an auto accident in 1963. The title of his lecture was "A Global Challenge: Creating a Culture of Peace." His Holiness took the stage of the Rhode

Island Convention Center at 2 p.m., amidst a standing crowd of several thousand. To the delight of the crowd, which consisted of primarily current Brown students and alumni, His Holiness began his lecture by putting on a Brown University baseball cap that was given to him by the college. After joking about the benefits of a hat in its ability to hide his receding hairline, he moved on to the central themes of his discussion: happiness and peace.

The principal theme of His discussion was on the inherent right of all living, conscious things to have a happy life. Happiness, he believes, can never come from violence, so therefore, it is essential that we begin to search for peaceful ways to solve conflicts among human beings. The 20th century was "a century of progress and bloodshed." But, he said, the future is still in our hands. We must shift our focus so that we see all individuals as human beings and try to approach all problems from different perspectives, looking away from our individual worlds and focusing on our relationship to others and to the world. The primary responsibility of achieving this vision lies on the shoulders of the youth, and it is up to those who are currently in power to begin allowing the young people to come in and begin to truly shape the world. It is the hope of His Holiness that the young people of the world will take this power and bring about a century of compassion.

Shades of Triangle Shirtwaist: Factory Fire in Pakistan

by Naomi Eide '13
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PAKISTAN

On Sept. 11, in Karachi, Pakistan, 258 people were killed in a fire at the Ali Enterprise Denim Factory. *Yahoo News* reported that the blaze was started when a boiler exploded and set fire to chemicals stored in the factory. When the fire started, there were between 300 and 400 people inside the building, with only one exit, as factory owners had barred the rest to prevent theft. The company denies that doors were locked and in turn blamed fire officials for their late response, though witnesses say that the fire fighters were on the scene within minutes. The Karachi fire chief Ehtisham-ud-Din said that many of the deaths were caused by suffocation from smoke inhalation, as people were unable to escape the basement that quickly filled with smoke. Those on the upper floors of the five-story building had to break through bars covering the windows in an attempt to leap to safety.

CNN reported that while firefighters were working to put out the fire and rescue workers, some family members went into the inferno themselves to save their loved ones. One of the workers, Abdul Ghani, went into the fire in an attempt to save his wife. "I remember thinking if I can't save her, I hope I burn to death with her," Ghani said. "The fire was so intense I couldn't get in. We broke the wall down and

found bodies melted onto each other. . . piled up and completely burnt." In the end, Ghani's wife was one of many who died in the fire. While others burned to death trying to get through the barred windows, some jumped, hoping they would survive the fall. "When smoke spread all around, I jumped out the window in panic," said Mohammad Shahzad, who broke an arm and a leg when he hit the ground. "I found myself in the hospital when I regained my senses."

After over a month of investigations, reports surfaced that on Aug. 20 RINA Group, an Italian inspection company that looks into factories on behalf of human rights organizations, had cleared the factory, commending it on its safety regulations. The audit stated that there was "access to fire extinguishers and passages leading to exits was maintained [and] free from any kind of obstruction. Primary exits and emergency exits are kept unlocked while employees are inside facility." Following the events of the fire, RINA issued a statement on their website stating, "The certification body is not in a position to verify the day-by-day implementation of the system. RINA has decided, as a precautionary measure, to voluntarily suspend new certification activities in Pakistan." RINA has also said that they would be doing an internal investigation of the matter.

With 70 bodies still unidentified, criminal proceedings will most likely take place next year. Though police officials said the owner of the factory



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was released due to his deteriorating health, his two sons, Shahid Bhaila and Arshad Bhaila, who assist with the management of the company, are being held in jail and could face murder charges. Arif Elahi, the Secretary of Labor, has pledged that the provincial government will give up to \$9,000 to the families of the 173 identified victims. "We are still identifying some of the bodies," Elahi said. "As soon as we know who they are, we will compensate the rest of the families." Faisal Siddiqi, the victims' lawyer, said that they have "asked the government

for a comprehensive inspection of all factories, details of transparent compensation for the victims' families and an independent judicial commission that will investigate the fire." Some are worried that because 63 percent of Pakistani exports come from textiles, officials are allowing lapses in safety measures and a lack of enforcement of factory fire codes. Both a police investigation and government inquiry are looking into the fire, and other factory owners are continuing to reevaluate the labor laws in their own factories.

Twitter Blocks German Neo-Nazi Group

by **Conor McGinley '16**
World Staff

GERMANY

Twitter has chosen to block German users from viewing tweets made by an anti-Semitic group in Germany, implementing for the first time its "country-withheld content" policy announced in January.

This German neo-Nazi group known as Better Hannover has been posting anti-democratic and anti-Semitic messages on the popular social media site since 2008. Yet since the collapse of Nazi Germany in 1945, the promotion of such sentiments has been made illegal in the country. This "country-withheld content" policy has now made it so that a government can request that a certain user's tweets be blocked and rendered inaccessible to that specific country's population.

Twitter has not banned the account of Better Hannover, nor has the company deleted its posts to the public. They have simply made it so no user in Germany is able to view such tweets. It is not the first major company to do so. Both Google and Facebook have policies that allow them to remove content at a government's request. This decision was not extraordinarily controversial in itself, as the German government, and all governments, have the right to censor illegal propaganda and uphold its laws. The concern is the matter of where Twitter will draw the line. Many people are worried as to how broadly the site's new policy can be applied, and what its effects will be on the limitation of free speech.

Since its conception, Twitter has been a symbol for unfiltered and



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free expression by the general public, regardless of beliefs or affiliations. The company's new policy begs the question: where will it end? Twitter stands by its mantra that its goal is to provide a "free flow of information" around the globe, and will only enact this new policy when legal matters are involved. But one has to wonder if this policy can be stretched and altered, allowing for other governments, including our own, to withhold content that it deems inappropriate and therefore restricting what may be

the public's right to see.

Aidan Preston '16, an avid Twitter user, has his concerns about what this milestone could mean for the public. "Twitter is setting a precedent that is denying free speech to their users; if people are worried about being censored then it will ruin the uninhibited and genuine nature of the site." Although Preston agrees that the tweets made by Better Hannover are radically inappropriate and have no place in a public forum, he wonders if this policy may be used in looser

terms.

There is indeed a line between justified censorship and the limitation of free speech. Yet now Twitter will effectively subject itself to a constant need to negotiate legal challenges put forth by governments, and decide what falls within the jurisdiction of the "country-withheld content" mandate. Only time will tell how this new policy will affect the way the public uses social media and our outlook on the true freedom of speech.

Creativity Linked to Brain Disorders

by **Ben Remillard '13**
World Staff

SCIENCE

Long believed to have direct correlations with each other, Swedish researchers at the Karolinska Institute have found new links between creativity and mental illness. *The Huffington Post* reports that the researchers used a large-scale study of the Swedish population to show that families with a history of bipolar disorder and schizophrenia were more likely to produce artists and scientists. The researchers utilized 40 years' worth of data, using 1.2 million records of anonymous patients and their relatives. The study showed that writers in particular were more likely to be diagnosed with schizophrenia, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse, and that writers were almost 50 percent more likely to commit suicide than the general population. Some popular artists that struggled with mental disorders throughout their lives and eventually killed themselves include Ernest Hemingway, Virginia Woolf, and Vincent van Gogh.

In 2010, Dr. Fredrik Ullén of the Karolinska Institute announced a connection between dopamine, a chemical produced in the brain that affects mental health, and mental health disorders, that "the dopamine system in healthy, highly creative people is similar in some respects to that seen in people with schizophrenia." Researchers of this latest study, led by Dr. Simon Kyaga,

suggested that certain types of mental disorders should be viewed in a new light given these connections, and that some disorders may actually be viewed positively. Kyaga said, "If one takes the view that certain phenomena associated with the patient's illness are beneficial, it opens the way for a new approach to treatment."

BBC gave the example that "restrictive and intense interests of someone with autism and the manic drive of a person with bipolar disorder might provide the necessary focus and determination for genius and creativity. Similarly, the disordered thoughts associated with schizophrenia might spark the all-important originality element of a masterpiece." Kyaga suggests that rather than view medicine in terms of black and white, where anything outside the psychological norm is expunged, medicine might be altered in such a way where doctor and patient could decide on a treatment that might actually retain some of the "beneficial" aspects of their disorder.

This suggestion comes on the heels of a British study published earlier this year where patients with bipolar disorder actually shared the positive aspects of their experiences with their disease. The study, researched by the Spectrum Centre for Mental Health Research at Lancaster University in the United Kingdom, covered ten individuals that looked positively on their experiences with bipolar disorder, who said that the disease in fact helped them live their lives more fully by opening them up to

new emotions and ideas. There was a caution to the study however, with the head researcher warning that "there is a serious downside to the bipolar disorder. Research has linked it with long-term unemployment, strain on families, substance abuse, poor quality of life, and suicide rates 20 times that of the general population."

There are others who warn against viewing mental health disorders too positively. Beth Murphy, head of information at the mental health charity

Mind, suggested, "It is important that we do not romanticize people with mental health problems, who are too often portrayed as struggling creative geniuses. We know that one in four people will be diagnosed with a mental health problem this year and that these individuals will come from a range of different backgrounds, professions and walks of life. Our main concern is that they get the information and support that they need and deserve."



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BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

Newsweek Ditches Print

by Iryna Bocharova '15
World Staff

BUSINESS

Well-known 79-year-old news magazine *Newsweek* will die in its print version to reincarnate as *Newsweek Global* in the new digital format starting in 2013. The striking news makes both the magazine readers and journalists wonder if the *Newsweek's* lot is a signpost of the digital future awaiting all newspapers and magazines.

In the past seven years, the number of *Newsweek* copies sold dropped from three to about one and a half million. Accompanied by the decrease in advertisement revenue, the decline brought approximately \$40 million in annual losses. Once a competitor to *Time* magazine, *Newsweek* was sold by Washington Post Co. for \$1 in 2010. Its new owner, audio equipment tycoon Sydney Harman, assumed responsibility for the magazine's liabilities after entering a \$1 bid for

the publication. Harman's purchase would have been considered great years earlier, but at that time *Newsweek* was a periodical with a strong brand name but no editor-in-chief and serious management problems. One example of management inefficiencies is that *Newsweek* paid \$13 million in 2010, an astonishingly high rent for a company of this size. Harman merged *Newsweek* with the news website *The Daily Beast*. The website's editor-in-chief Tina Brown assumed an editor's position in both publications.

In the next two years, *Newsweek* did not climb out of the ditch it fell into. After Harman's death in 2011, his family stopped financing the magazine, leaving it up to *The Daily Beast*. Brown hopes that the current decision to go digital will save the publication and increase its popularity as the number of tablet users grows exponentially. Brown claims that the new format was inevitable and rather a question of time. She seems to project this statement onto the whole

media industry's future. To some extent, she is right. *Newsweek* is not an outlier. Starting 2008, *US News & World Report* went digital only. It is currently employing 180 staff members and is making a profit. Another publication, *SmartMoney*, became online only in June and had to lay off 25 percent of its staff.

Critics remark, however, that Brown's explanations about the future of the industry and struggle with profitable advertisement in print publications are excuses. *Newsweek's* transition to the virtual publishing is not a leading indicator for the nearest future of the press. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist* "has nearly doubled its circulation to 1.6 million" this year and *The Week* "is up to 541,000 from 525,000." In fact, *The WSJ* itself is the top daily newspaper in the US with average print and digital circulation of 2.11 million based on the Audit Bureau of Circulations' reports as of 2011. Those successful newspapers manage to exist in a hybrid form, both

offering online access and maintaining the print product.

Newsweek's story may be better explained by its debts and lack of public appeal. Tina Brown is known as a good crisis manager. She improved *The New Yorker*. Yet she failed to sustain the *Talk* magazine that closed. At best, her covers shocked and attracted the public, like the one featuring a nude, pregnant Demi Moore that launched the pregnancy pictures fad. But her latest covers, like the aged Lady Dee, raised ridicule. Brown is like a tightrope walker. She is a good performer, but sometimes she is about to lose her balance. Managing two different news sources like *Newsweek* and *Daily Beast* may have been too much for her to take on. It is hard to argue that digital format will not become the future for the press some day; still it is too early to give up on the print products.





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Maria Pantazelos
 Class of 2014 Treasurer

Fun Fact: My life, in a nut shell is pretty equivalent to My Big Fat Greek Wedding

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The Cowl 11
October 25, 2012



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ABOVE:

Early morning on Saturday, October 20, the Office of Institutional Advancement held its third annual Friar 5K race, the proceeds of which will benefit the PC Fund.



JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

ABOVE:

SOAR, along with SHEPARD and Women Will, held a day-long labeling project surrounding stereotypes in which members of the PC community wrote down a stereotype they face or are concerned about and wore it throughout the day. The event ended with a forum to discuss the experience.



SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL

ABOVE:

PC's Lecture and Colloquium Series, Theological Exchange Between Catholics and Jews, sponsored an event entitled "Family Secrets: Sin and the Book of Genesis," featuring Associate University Chaplain for the Jewish community at Brown University, Rabbi Mordechai Rackover.



JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

ABOVE:

The Sabor Latino event, which was sponsored by OLAS and took place this past Thursday, October 18, gave students the chance to get a taste of various Latin American cuisine from local restaurants and enjoy entertainment by the Pasofino Social Club.



REBECCA BROPHY '13/ THE COWL

LEFT:

The NOLA Immersion team of Campus Ministry hosted its annual Meal Auction fundraiser this past Wednesday, October 24, in which students had the opportunity to bid for a dinner with their favorite professor, staff member, or friar. The event raised over \$2,000.



PROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

What are you going to be for Halloween?



"Dom O. Mazzetti."
Joe Gustin '13



"Lilo and Stitch, but I don't have a Stitch."
Caitlin Trainor '14



"We're reenacting the Revolutionary War."
Dan Miller '13



"We are each going to be a different holiday."
Samatha Tralka '15, Jaclyn Shephard '15,
Jenna Verrengia '15



"The Spice Girls."
Bill Giguere '13, Eric Hann '13



"White Trash and a Ghost."
Lexi Moubarak '15, Martha Fermin '15



"The Holiday Armadillo!"

Ross Geller



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PC DOES COMIC CON: AN INSIDER'S TAKE ON THE COMIC LOVER'S PARADISE

by Alanna Smith '14
A&E Staff

ENTERTAINMENT

So, what is New York Comic Con? New York Comic Con (NYCC) is considered the second largest comic convention in the country, following San Diego Comic Con. It is a gathering dedicated to celebrating various aspects of pop culture, such as movies, anime, manga, video games, TV, and of course, comic books. NYCC is run by ReedPOP, and it was first held in 2006. This year, the convention was once again held in the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Though the official numbers have not yet been released, it is estimated that over 100,000 people were in attendance over the course of the weekend.

WHAT IS IT LIKE??!

From Oct. 11-14, there were many reported sightings of superheroes and villains across New York City. There are many strange things in Times Square, but it is not often that you see Batman and the Joker crossing paths with a team of all-female Avengers. Closer to the Javits Center, even more familiar faces popped up in crowds, including containing several Spidermen, Hogwarts students, and even some fully-armored Stormtroopers.

Intimidating as people dressed as Darth Vader or Batman's Bane may be, the atmosphere was most definitely friendly. Strangers chatted with other strangers while waiting in lines for panels. It was very common to see someone with a camera run up to a person in a particularly fascinating costume, politely request to snap a picture, and then run back to their companions. My friends and I were photographed quite a few times as we wandered the Exhibit Hall and the Artists' Alley. We saw booths run by big companies like Marvel and DC all the way down to the very friendly and talented designers of indie graphic novels. We even got to sign a giant birthday card for Spider-man's 50th birthday.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK PANEL

Another panel that I attended was hosted by several big publishing companies, including Disney, HarperCollins, and Random House. They gave the audience the chance to preview books that will be coming out over the course of the next few months. Fans of *The Hunger Games*, you are in luck. The overwhelming theme of many new YA books seems to be that of a dystopian future.

COLLEGE HUMOR PANEL

The first panel that I attended was run by Jeff Rubin (dressed as Batman) and Patrick Cassells (dressed as Scorpion), two writers for the online comedy site, CollegeHumor. They put on a great show, mixing stand-up comedy and improv. They started out by picking costumed guests out of the audience and pairing them up against one another. Scott Pilgrim faced off against Mario, Black Widow went up against a female Deadpool, and in the ultimate "battle," Harry Potter faced Ash Ketchum. The last one was a tough call, as the audience kept heckling the hosts and shouting support to their favorite characters. (Harry Potter won, of course.)

The audience was then treated to an appearance by CollegeHumor's "Hardly Working" crew, who put on a small skit about the dangers of our very technological world. The final surprise of the evening was when Judah Friedlander of *30 Rock* stepped out onto the stage. He declared that he would be running for president on the basis of being the "World Champion," and he kept the audience laughing by responding to their questions about his policies on health care, the homeless, and immigration. He turned out to be cool even when not on the stage, as I found out upon talking to him after the show.

THE VIP LIST

So, who was at Comic Con, other than thousands of comic book fans? Well, the cast of *The Walking Dead*, for one thing, and Seth Green and the rest of the cast of *Robot Chicken*. It would not be a proper comic convention without the great Stan Lee, either.

I was able to catch a glimpse of some big name actors. Christopher Lloyd (*Back the Future*) was there, as was Sean Astin (*Lord of the Rings*), Carrie Fisher (*Star Wars*), and from the original Batman and Robin, Adam West and Burt Ward. I had the pleasure of meeting Chris Columbus, the director of the first two *Harry Potter* films. And speaking of Harry Potter, I got to meet the big bad boy himself...Tom Felton, who played Draco Malfoy.

So, in the end, was it worth the four-hour bus ride to NYC, the crowds, lines, and wallet-emptying? Totally. I am counting down the days until NYCC 2013.

I'VE SEEN YOUR KIND OF "HELP" MAJOR! WE'LL SKIP IT IF YOU DON'T MIND!

The Duck and Bunny: A Snuggery

by Katherine Bacino '14
A&E Staff

FOOD

As midterms come to a close and thoughts of fantastical costumes float through your head, it is just about time to relax, let your mind drift to a happier place and well...just snug. Lo and behold the Duck and Bunny, a snuggery located here in Providence at 312 Wickenden St., just a short two and a half miles from school. What might you ask, is a snuggery? According to Duck and Bunny, it is a cozy and comfortable place. Utilizing this simple definition, the creators of this little gem converted a colonial home into a cozy and creative work of art. The snuggery is a place where one can come to relax, have a bite to eat, and de-stress.

The interior of the Duck and Bunny is a delicate combination of sophisticated and welcoming, boasting a warm fireplace and little tables where you and your fellow snuggle buddies can chat and catch up. The whole space has a whimsical feel that can be summed up as "stepping into *Alice in Wonderland*," as one visitor explained. As you relax in the tearoom or lounge, have a cup of tea to enjoy on your own or share a pot with friends. All teas brewed at the Duck and Bunny are loose leaf and unique in flavor. If you are opting for a traditional afternoon fix, have a taste of the Darjeeling or Afternoon Apricot. If you wish to venture over to the wild side, try the Chamomile Vanilla

Bean, Chocolate Chai Rooibos or the delicious Strawberry Sassafras. When you need a feel for the great outdoors, step outside to the traditional English garden where visitors can gaze upon the beautiful greenery, part of which is an herb garden that is seasonally harvested to flavor some of the Duck and Bunny's delectable treats. Sounding a little too feminine for our male readers? Stop in and smoke a cigar as you appreciate your company in this outdoor lounge space.

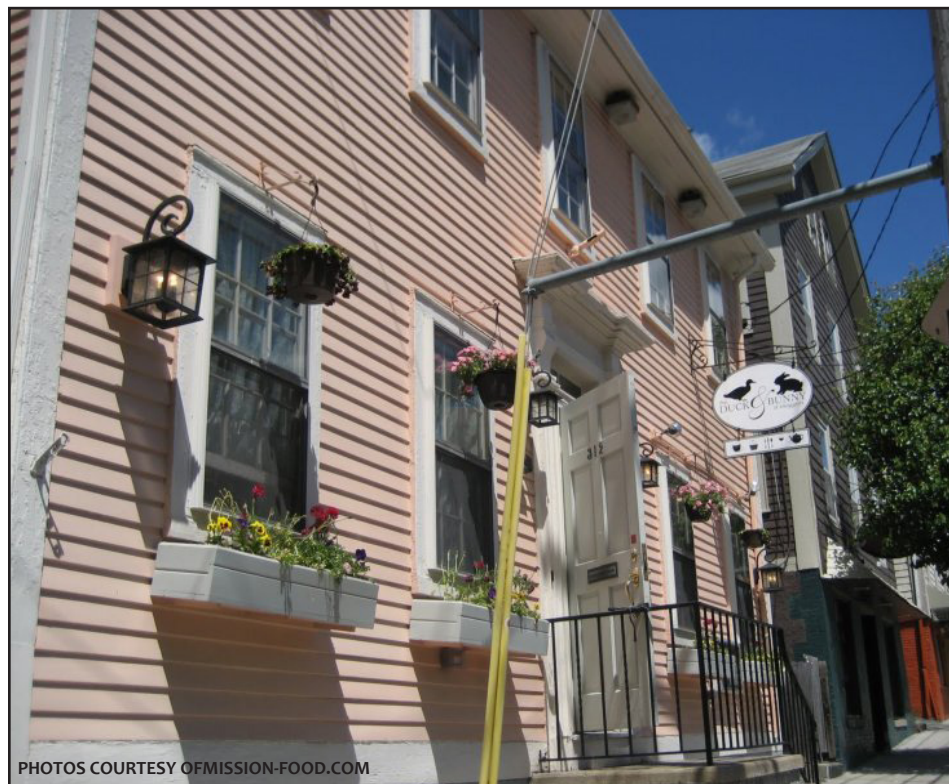
Just as the Victorian ambiance is exceptionally wonderful, the food selection is just as magnificent. The anytime afternoon tea provides a pot of your choice, finger sandwiches, scones, jam, and other mini treats. Of these treats the cupcakes, for which the snuggery has received much acclaim, have been described as "phenomenal," with red-velvet and banana-nutella serving as popular favorites. Do you already find their regular cupcakes out of this world? Take home the mega-cupcake for your next big event. The giant baked treat, which serves 10 to 12 people, will surely be a hit.

If you are in the mood for crepes (and let us be honest, when is a bad time for crepes?) both your sweet and savory tooth can easily be satisfied. For those of you who are of age, the menu creators have provided a complimentary beverage suggestion with each crepe's description. The Distinguished Lincoln boasts a

creative combination of black forest ham, Gruyère, and caramel mustard (best paired with a Sauvignon Blanc, for those of you who are curious). For a sugary satisfaction, try the Angelina, a blueberry crepe with Des Nuages cheese, raspberry chocolate, and lemon zest.

And just when you thought this place could not get any cozier, the Duck and Bunny provides opportunities for you to bring a little bit of whimsical

goodness to your own home. Each loose-leaf tea is available for purchase along with mugs and water bottles emblazoned with the space's adorable label. Each mug purchase comes with a free cup of coffee. Save the environment and get free coffee? I cannot think of a better combination. So take an autumn afternoon off: get your mind off sociology and science and focus on what matters more, sweet treats and snuggling.



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Obama or Romney?! The Battle Continues, Musically

by Haley Webster '14
A&E Staff

MUSIC

When comparing President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney's official Spotify playlists, one has to first wonder...who still listens to Carrie Underwood? But also, which president has a better taste in music? We'll be comparing the highs, lows, and kudos of each playlist.

President Obama:

High:
"You Are The Best Thing"
Ray LaMontagne

This sweet little ballad shows the softer side of President Obama while also highlighting his connection to current alternative artists. Whether this song is included in the list as an ode to Michelle, his daughters, or the great nation of America, we appreciate a little indie-pop coming from the Chief.

Low:

"You've Got the Love"
Florence + The Machine

Obama is stretching it a little too far with this one. Where Romney's picks are a bit more conservative and mainstream, Obama is clearly trying to reach a younger audience with this track. We are not buying it. One sweet ballad is enough for a single playlist, and LaMontagne takes the cake on this one.

Kudos:

"Mr. Blue Sky"
Electric Light Orchestra

This classic is truly an underrated jam. President Obama definitely blasts this throwback on days when the polls do not turn out in his favor. For President Obama to see the versatility and downright beauty in this track speaks highly to his ability to spot a winner, in and out of the Oval Office.

Governor Romney:

High:
"As Good as I Once Was"
Toby Keith

It takes a lot of confidence to be able to put a song with such a bold (and slightly self-degrading) title on a playlist that is supposed to reflect one's personality. By incorporating this track, Romney shows he can poke fun at himself, which is a nice change of pace from his typically conservative nature. We can just hope this is not a preview of what is to come if this Massachusetts governor wins this year's presidential election.

Low:

"It's Your Love"
Tim McGraw

I am gagging. This twangy track must be in the top five percent of the most obnoxious love songs of all time. If this is what he serenades Ann with, then it is truly a wonder as to how they have all those kids.

Romney needs to work on his game a little and pick a better song to show his sensual side.

Kudos:

"All American Girl"
Carrie Underwood

We thoroughly appreciate Romney's ability to share his tween-dream sing-alongs with

us. If you couldn't tell by that distinguishable stench of Americana, Romney has a strong affinity for country music. Keith Urban, Toby Keith, and Willie Nelson all make appearances on his playlist, but the real showstopper would be the presence of American sweetheart Carrie Underwood.



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Underemployed: Overrated?

by Mary McGreal '15
A&E Staff

TELEVISION

Underemployed is MTV's new comedy-drama that airs Tuesdays at 10 p.m. It opens with your basic "group of friends fresh out of college and filled with an entitled sense of optimism at the prospect of starting their post collegiate lives" storyline, then quickly moves on to show that none of their plans have worked out as they had hoped. Welcome to the real world. Maybe. I mean come on, MTV. Where in the real world can I spend my life "underachieving," as one of the characters describes her current state of affairs, while still managing to afford a spacious, eclectically decorated apartment? That I only have to share with a maximum of three other people? While working a minimum wage job? In Chicago? Ah, right. This is not real life, this is television.

There are obvious connections to be made between HBO's *Girls* and *Underemployed*. The recent hit is slightly less surreal and more realistic than its MTV counterpart. Both shows address some of the same issues: unexpected pregnancy, people showing up on doorsteps unannounced, bosses with questionable motives, and a bunch of twenty-something-year-olds trying to navigate the cruel world all by themselves (with some help from

Mom and Dad, of course). The cast of *Underemployed* includes a pregnant woman who spends the whole episode storming off to one location or another, and a man who thinks he deserves to be a Calvin Klein underwear model, who both read as rather whiny and obnoxious. On *Girls*, where the majority of the characters annoyed me, at least they had personalities. The characters on *Underemployed* do not even seem to have that going for them.

One of the characters with the potential to become more than a cliché is Sophia, portrayed by Michelle Ang. She is an aspiring author working in a donut shop, and in a bit of a twist, is revealed to be exploring her sexuality, while coming to terms with the idea that her life might not go exactly as she always imagined. Sophia caught my attention—out of the group, she was the most dynamic. I look forward to seeing how her storyline advances, which is more than I can say for the rest of the cast. I would have to say the Russian woman is my second favorite character. At most, she has two lines throughout the whole pilot and her presence is not clearly explained. She is apparently the significant other of one of the men, who makes a distasteful joke about her apparent eating disorder. As of now, her inclusion in the show is rather inexplicable, but in her ambiguity, she stands out from the rest of the characters.

Honestly, *Underemployed* underwhelmed me. It is not that I look

to be overwhelmed by television shows, but the pilot really needs to captivate me and make me excited for the next episode. I found the dialogue to be a bit disconnected, the storylines vague, and the whole thing rather boring. I tend to favor quality over quantity television, which is perhaps why I did not mind *Girls*, which clocked in at about a half hour per episode. The first episode of

Underemployed ran for about an hour, but I think the same thing could have been accomplished in half the time. However, since I have only seen the first episode, I am willing to give it another couple of episodes to see if it improves. If it does not, I imagine the cast will go from *Underemployed* to unemployed sometime in the near future.



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Batman vs. The Joker

Sarah O'Brien

Her Choice: THE JOKER

Her Views: Is this a joke? Nope. I'm not advocating the destruction of hospitals and I'm not a psychopathic clown, but I have to admit, the Joker is quite a character. And creepiness aside, his is a character we should do justice to (pun intended, what up Justice League?!). The Joker is far more intelligent than Batman, setting countless traps for him and always staying a step ahead. Yeah, he's an evil genius, but the Joker probably graduated from Providence College with a psychology degree. This guy is a *thinker*. He uses his brilliant mind to murder masses of innocent people, sure, but I bet Socrates would love to have a drink with him. And sometimes, well...he sort of has a point: "When the chips are down, these uh, these 'civilized people,' they'll eat each other. See, I'm not a monster. I'm just ahead of the curve." Uh, happy election season? (Another quote of his: "If you're good at something, never do it for free." *Cowl*, take the hint...) So, I guess what it comes down to is this: why so serious, Sarah?

Her Views on Dombroski: He's a bat. He's a man. He's BATMAN. Cue girlish shriek: OMG! Oh my Gotham. But, like, let's be honest: this superhero has *no* superpowers. None. Unless you count his super good soul...I don't. He is essentially a detective, and he doesn't even work alone (Robin is in the hood). Batman's secret identity is Bruce Wayne, and you should know better than to trust anyone with two first names. Plus, the Batmobile is wicked outdated. Does it even have a GPS system? I think Siri's sarcastic comments would help lighten up the Dark Knight...Finally, what is with Batman's costume? Men in tights have never been my type (something to keep in mind with Halloween just a week away...) and as Edna Mode would say, "No capes!" Dombroski may have the argument the student body deserves, but not the one it needs right now.

Sarah Dombroski

Her Choice: BATMAN

Her Views: I realize everyone always says, "nice guys finish last," however, Batman is killing it. Literally and figuratively (JKJKJK Rule #1: No killing.) Batman has already gone through three movies and made moves on Katie Holmes and Maggie Gyllenhaal. Not too shabby if you ask me. His sleek black costume is aerodynamic and offers a nice view of his abs, which are conveniently defined by the hardened plastic on his suit's torso. Also, he is the namesake of the trilogy. No one says, "OMG SO EXCITED FOR BANE!!!!" Lame. The hero is the face of the franchise, and in this case, Batman's mask provides the identity (see the metaphor I'm going with here...?) for both the movies and the comic. If that doesn't say champion, I don't know what does. Additionally, the Batman decided to be the Batman because he felt like it. He wasn't bitten by a radioactive arachnid or born with super-strength and the power of flight; he is just a BAMF with a plan. BOOM, ROASTED.

Her Views on O'Brien: First of all, the Joker could really use some Mederma. He's being dramatic with the whole "I have raised scars" thing, and it's just unnecessary. If you ask me, the Joker is just being a diva because he's overcompensating for his lack of original ideas. Towards the end of *The Dark Knight* he just starts swirling objects around in the air because he can't think of any other way to inflict chaos. I could inflict chaos that way. I'm doing it right now, and you don't even realize. Frankly, readers, I have a theory. Sarah is actually a psychotic clown who wanders around campus attempting to inflict chaos. See that tipped over trashcan? Sarah. She is defending the Joker because she relates to his need for attention. I'm sorry, I've revealed your secret, but what doesn't kill you simply makes you...stranger.

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COMMENTARY

ELECTION: T-Minus 14 Days Which course has influenced your political views the most during this election cycle?

Global Economy with Dr. Thomas King

Suit size, tie color, amount of time spent smirking, menacing body language. What's the common thread? These are all things being discussed in the news after the recent presidential debates. Global Economy has a strong debate component, and with the help of the R.I. Urban Debate League, we have learned stylistic techniques and proper structure. In order to engage in a cohesive, logical, and convincing debate, one must pay attention to these details. The aim of the debate, however, is still to prove to the audience, through the content of your argument, that you have a better position.

While Global Economy has made me realize the importance of presentation and style, it has also emphasized the importance of preparation and presenting a comprehensive argument. Each side needs to explain the current situation and its plan to improve upon the status quo. While presidential debates are certainly helpful, I'm not convinced they reveal as much valuable information to voters as pre-election time demands. And just how crucial to the presidential office is acing this style of debate? Presenting your ideas in a clear and convincing way will always be important, but there is rarely such a thing as "winning" in politics. Negotiation enables society to function; it is difficult to make decisions when each side is overeager to crush the other one to the ground.

Like all global studies classes, this one encourages you to always be aware of the manner in which information is being presented to you. What does it mean when top news agencies are reporting on the size and color of the candidates' suits?

—Jenn Giffels '14

DWC 201 with Dr. Peter Costello

I have been blessed to have Dr. Costello as one of my professors this semester. With his passionate yearning to understand diverse philosophical outlooks, he routinely smothered the entire chalkboard with students' opinions. His respect for freedom of speech, individuality, and diversity of opinion underscores the importance of creative thought. Dr. Costello is intrigued and blown away by every single comment made in class, and he always presents a fascinating response. The drive and compassion in Dr. Costello reminds me of the painstaking entrepreneurial spirit that is needed to rebuild the foundations of our economy. Similarly, Mitt Romney supports the open-mindedness of youth in order to sustain an innovative economy. By contrast, Barack Obama takes the credit away from hardworking individual success and commends the government for the creation of successful businesses in stating, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." Based on his own experience and personal successes, Romney supports freedom of thought for innovators and believes that private sector entrepreneurs will create millions of desired jobs. While advocating the principles of Reaganomics to cut taxes and spur economic growth, Romney will steer this country in the right direction.

—Christina Moazed '15

Introduction to Sociology with Dr. Kara Cebulko

For most of my life I've had conservative political leanings, especially in regards to social policies. I have always tended to believe that most people have the opportunity to succeed through education, good character, and some old-fashioned hard work—the "we walked 15 miles to school through the snow uphill both ways" type. However, I think a lot of that has to do with my family having an immigrant-embracing-American-dream origin. This semester, I'm taking a class that has opened my eyes up to the possibility that my Portuguese family roots are rather exceptional.

My Introduction to Sociology class with Dr. Kara Cebulko has given me insight into lives of this country's most marginalized population. In many of the direst of circumstances in the most poverty-stricken areas, the opportunity for upward mobility simply doesn't exist through any services provided by society. The resources allotted for education don't provide a means by which a person or a family can extricate themselves from the cycle of poverty.

Reading articles in this class and engaging in different discussions with both fellow students and Dr. Cebulko herself has challenged views I've held for years. By reading personal stories and different studies, the depth of class divisions in our country have been highlighted to me. The class has given me a greater sense of empathy, a deeper appreciation for, and a further understanding of the circumstances in which my family immigrated to this country. In this way, I've been able to further see the importance of government support for those not granted this same opportunity in ways I had not before.

—Matt Santos '14

Fundamentals of Public Speaking with Prof. Kate Ambrosini

Last semester I had the privilege of taking the Fundamentals of Public Speaking class with Professor Kate Ambrosini. And, as one of my fellow *Cowl* comrades expressed last year, if you ever take a class with Professor Ambrosini, you know that you are in for a wild ride. After taking that class on public speaking, I feel that it is important to express the admiration and appreciation that I have for both Barack Obama and Mitt Romney as they speak to the masses on a daily basis on the campaign trail. In this day and age, we are quick to criticize when one candidate looks less interested in a certain debate or when another candidate uses silly phrases such as "binders of women." I don't think we truly realize how quickly they must react to crowds, to moderators, and to each other. There is so much more to their speeches and debates than we realize. There are factors such as tone, diction, emphasis, and word choice. I think back on my public speaking class and how nervous I would feel speaking in front of 20 of my fellow classmates. Imagine speaking with all of America watching your every move. Before we criticize, I think we should be quicker to listen to and learn from both of the candidates because it's not just about what they are saying, it is how they say it as well.

—Kaylee Miller '13

Principles of Moral Decision with Fr. Thomas Petri

Without a doubt, Fr. Petri, O.P.'s Principles of Moral Decision has greatly impacted my opinions regarding politics, and ultimately has helped me to discern who I am going to vote for this November. The course is focused on the moral teaching of the Catholic Church through the lens of St. Thomas Aquinas, and, perhaps the greatest joy—as well as biggest surprise—was to discover that there are many misconceptions regarding church teaching. Many people tend to associate the Catholic Church with conservatives and Republicans, when in reality it actually holds many liberal ideals. It is a political view that uniquely takes the middle of the road, not trying to associate with or please one particular party. The Church's politics, rather, form their own political party—one molded from the teachings of Jesus Christ that teach us, above all else, to love our neighbor. While neither candidate in this election fully embraces the ideals of Catholic social teaching, my vote has come down to what I believe to be the most important issue because it concerns so many other issues that flow from it—the defense and protection of human life in all of its stages.

—Emily Corr '13

ELECTION: Where Does the Church Stand?

Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.'s, Assessment of the Church's Position on Endorsement

Introduction

Before coming to Providence College, I was a parish priest in Kentucky. For those of you who don't know that part of the country, believe me when I tell you that the good people of the Bluegrass State take their college sports very, very seriously. Nevermore is that intensity felt than when the University of Louisville squares off against its in-state foe, the University of Kentucky. The passions of fanatical devotees on both sides are stirred up in the days leading up to the big game. Streets are adorned by ubiquitous billboards and each family indicates its loyalty with the flag of either university flown from the front door of its house.

People even show their allegiance at Sunday Mass where churchgoers would dress in red for Louisville and blue for UK, a redneck interpretation of the Crips and the Bloods. Before the end of Mass, one of the priests from our parish would make mention of the game and would playfully pretend to be torn over which team he supported. He ultimately took a neutral stance and bade everyone an enjoyable evening of football, no matter who they supported. But make no mistake: in the privacy of the rectory, this priest was a staunch Louisville fan. But he wouldn't say so from the pulpit because he didn't want to alienate half of the congregation.

This story keeps coming back to me as I think about the upcoming presidential election and some important questions that concern the Church's participation in political life. Why doesn't the Church endorse a candidate? Is the Church a partisan body behind closed doors that feigns neutrality in the public square? Do we simply want to avoid turning off half of the country's Catholics by speaking out? Or are there other principles in play, and if so, what role should they play in our lives as we enter the voting booth? This brief article is an attempt to wade through some of these thorny questions.

Is the Church Endorsing without Endorsing?

Prior to the 2008 elections, the bishops of the United States approved a document entitled *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. It's been republished for the current election season and deserves to be prayerfully read by anyone who takes his or her faith seriously. (Recognizing that you're probably too busy to read a thirty-page document, we've got hundreds of copies of a two-page summary of the statement to distribute this Sunday at St. Dominic Chapel.)

At the beginning of the document, the bishops are quick to assure readers that they do not intend to tell Catholics for whom they should vote (or against whom they should vote, for that matter). Each individual has the right and the responsibility to cast his or her ballot in accordance with a well-formed conscience. It is the Church's duty to help the faithful develop their consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ. And that's what the bishops set out to do with *Faithful Citizenship*.

One of the ground rules that the Church commends to our attention involves intrinsically evil acts. There are some things that we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. The document cites a number of examples inconsonant with the dignity of human life, first among which is abortion. And these "must always be

rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned" (FC, no. 22).

With that clear and unambiguous statement and its direct connection to life issues, it seems like the Church is effectively doing what it said it would not do: telling Catholics how to vote (or at least telling them how not to vote). It's like the priest in Kentucky saying, "I'm not saying that you should root for Louisville; I'm simply saying that it's morally impermissible to cheer for UK." Taken at face value, it all seems a little insincere. But with more than a few nuances and distinctions to be made, there's more to this situation than meets the eye.

The Importance of Political Prudence

The bishops are quick to remind us that there is more to the moral life than the avoidance of evil, no matter how important that might be. It is incumbent on all believers also to practice good works. Failure in contributing to the common good and acting in solidarity with those in need is tantamount to failure in following Christ.

And here's where things can get tricky. On the one hand, Catholics need to remember that not all issues involving human life and dignity are equally weighted. The right to life is the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible, so it's not simply one issue among many.

On the other hand, we need to avoid the temptation to think that a political candidate can be evaluated solely on the basis of his stance concerning the right to life, no matter how crucial that issue may be. The sanctity and dignity of human life demand that we take seriously a candidate's stance on any number of other issues.

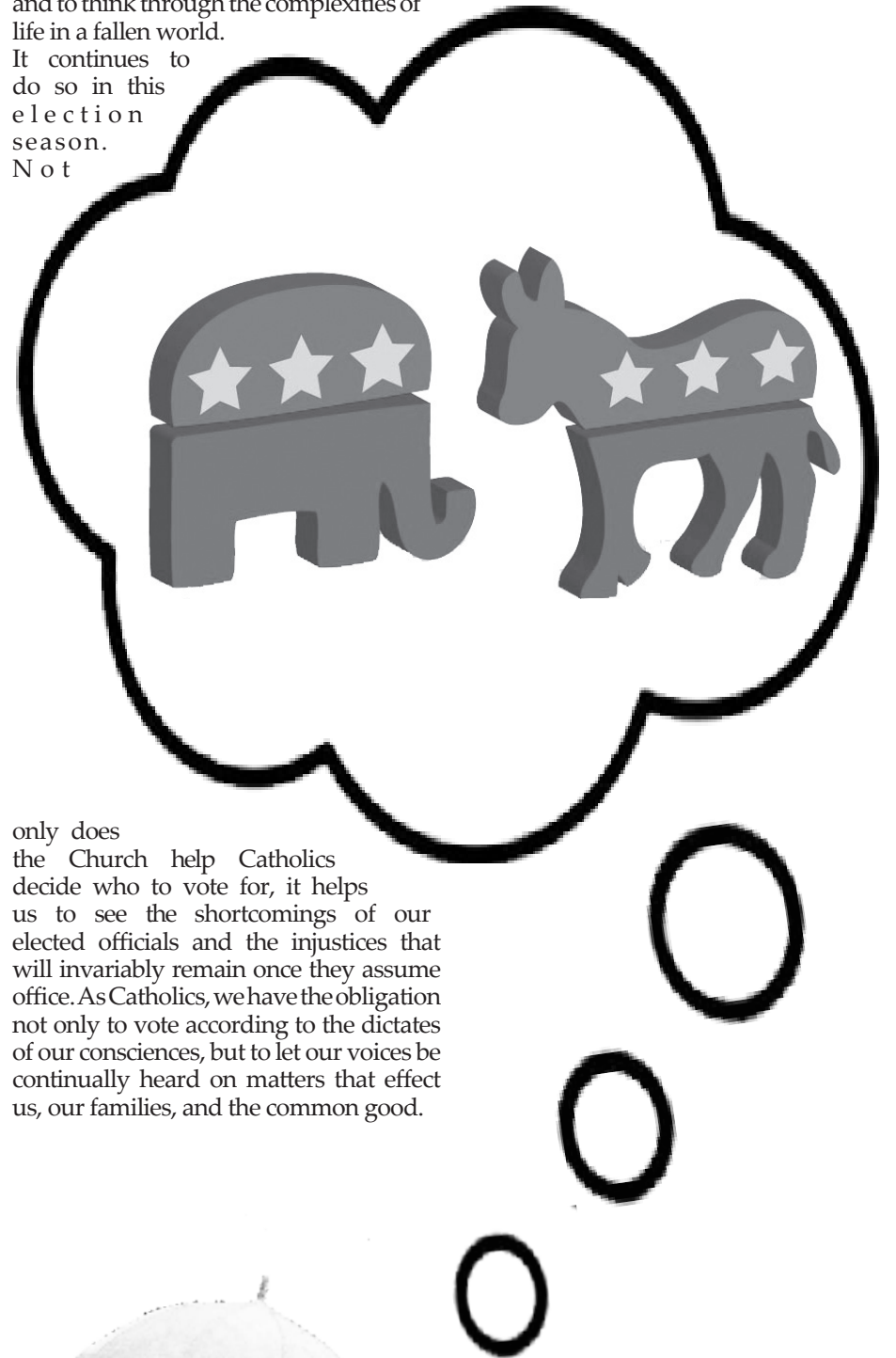
For example, Catholics cannot dismiss or ignore Church teaching on the family, economic and social policies, and education. We cannot have a blithe disregard for the poor and vulnerable in our midst, but with the Church must insist that those who are in greatest need deserve preferential concern. We need to be steadfast in defending religious liberty. Catholics are obliged to pursue justice at all times and stand in solidarity with the entire human family, whatever our differences might be. And that's only to name a few of the many issues that demand our serious and prayerful consideration.

So why doesn't the Church come out and endorse a candidate? Simply put, neither one of the candidates fully shares the Church's comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. And when you go to the polls—whether you're decked out in Republican red or Democratic blue—you should have reservations in voting for your candidate. Neither one is the perfect man for the job.

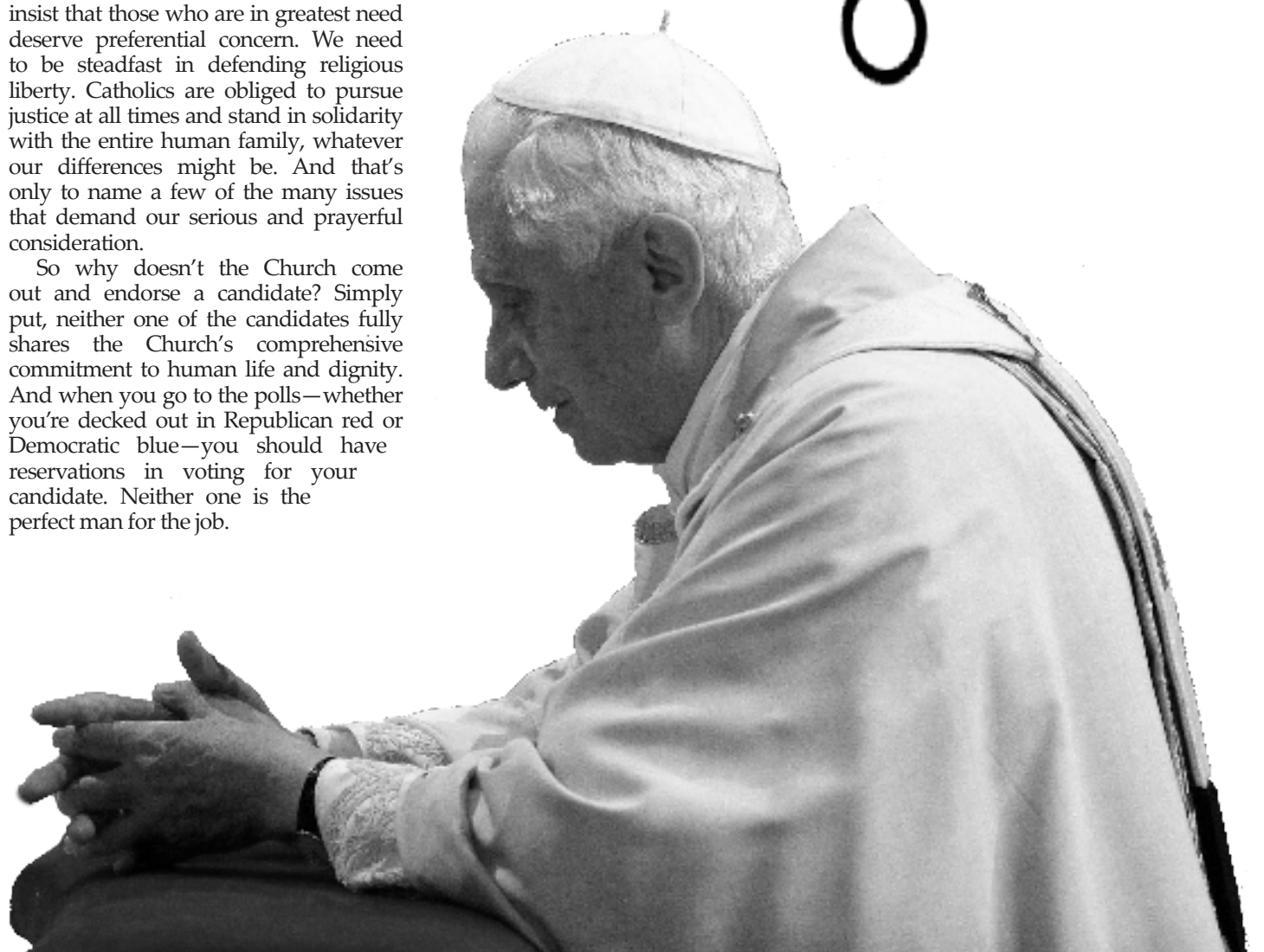
The Church has always helped its members to form their consciences will and to think through the complexities of life in a fallen world.

It continues to do so in this election season.

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only does the Church help Catholics decide who to vote for, it helps us to see the shortcomings of our elected officials and the injustices that will invariably remain once they assume office. As Catholics, we have the obligation not only to vote according to the dictates of our consciences, but to let our voices be continually heard on matters that affect us, our families, and the common good.



Obama Leads War on Women, Romney Protects Them



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Many consider Republicans as the wagers of war on women. However, for Catholics, Democrats' pro-choice platform disregards womens' fundamental right to bear children.

by **Beatriz Forster '14**
Commentary Writer

SOCIETY

As a woman, I naturally approach the election from the perspective of my sex, although my judgments are also colored by other variables, such as my values. But for now, let's stick with the fact that I'm a woman living through the momentous presidential election of 2012 that will decide whether President Barack Obama will remain in the White House or if Governor Mitt Romney will replace him. Once again, as a woman, my sympathies lie entirely with Mitt and so should yours, ladies. Some of the issues that his not-so-feminine feminist opponents cite as problematic for securing their vote include his commitment to abolish Planned Parenthood and his refusal to support birth control coverage in health care. The Romney-Ryan Team has launched a "War on Women," the oppressed masses cry.

The masses are certainly oppressed, but their enemy is not the man challenging the incumbent for presidential office. No, the enemy of American women in the current election is President Obama himself. He cares so little about us that every platitude of his rhetoric and each policy that he has supported has been blatantly anti-woman for the simple reason that he doesn't want to think of us as different—he wants to make us the same as the men who vote for him. How does he propose to do this? President Obama has unashamedly vociferated that the government should provide funding for birth control, which robs us of our individuality and femininity which we have by virtue of our womanhood: the potential to be mothers to our children and not prostitutes of the state.

Women can anatomically become pregnant, but the state wants to subordinate us to its own ends by denying us this privilege and imposing upon us the desires of men by forcing us to say "no" to life and "yes" to submission, inferiority, and murder. I will not be silenced. I accept human life before I assent to the state or to either political party. It's because of the fact that life is the most basic and wonderful reality that it should also be our first priority when confronting politics and the future of this country. The reason why I became so interested in politics in the first place was because of my adamant views that every human life possesses intrinsic dignity

to which not even the president can lay a claim—but of course he disagrees.

As Senator of Illinois, President Obama supported partial birth abortions. In addition, in a article designating Obama as "the Planned Parenthood President," the *Washington Times* said that "he also voted present twice against Parental Notification of Abortion Acts, twice against laws to protect live-born children of abortions, and he even voted against a bill defining 'born-alive infant' to include infants 'born alive at any stage of development.'" No self-respecting—I say "self-respecting" because women have a special affinity to life since we're responsible for ushering children into the world—woman can defend infanticide, or abortion for that matter. Mitt Romney wants to abolish Planned Parenthood and encourage women to start acting like women instead of neutering their sexuality. He's got this woman on his side—and he should have them all.

"We have by virtue of our womanhood: the potential to be mothers to our children and not prostitutes of the state."

Four years ago, when Obama mysteriously secured the support of so many unsuspecting, hard-working women, he proudly supported abortion and birth control. His reasoning: "I don't want my daughters punished with a baby," said our pro-woman president. It comes down to the sad truth that the president has declared open war on your desires to be a mother because he can't even understand your dreams. If there's one thing that I know about women, it's that we hate being fooled and humiliated and will especially do anything in our power to fight against threats to our lives and identities as women.

Ladies believed in the dreams of Obama in 2008, but in 2012, it's clear that we don't share a common vision. In fact, it's evident to me that while I believe in life and freedom, the president believes in a culture of death and the submission of women and innocent children to the leviathan claws of the government. The number one overall issue in this election may be the economy, but how can you trust a man with helping to create a job if he dismisses the grandeur of the woman who helped to create your life?

Politics: In Brief

Dalai Lama Speaks of Secularism, Peaceful Foreign Relations

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, my fiancé and I went to listen to the Dalai Lama speak at the RI Convention Center—unmistakably one of the most profound experiences of my three years in Providence. At the age of two, the child, who was named Lhamo Dhondup at that time, was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso. The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and patron saint of Tibet. Bodhisattvas are enlightened beings who have postponed their own nirvana and chosen to take rebirth in order to serve humanity. In 1989, his Holiness the 14th was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He also became the first Nobel Laureate recognized for his concern for global environmental problems. His dedication to creating peaceful foreign relations and policies is a reflection of his basic world view that peace is the best environment for human flourishing and happiness.

As a part of the Stephen A. Ogden Jr. '60 Memorial Lecture series at Brown University, his Holiness spoke to the crowd of nearly 5,600 and encouraged the largely college-aged audience to reflect on his points about creating a peaceful society through dialogue. He started his lecture by claiming that he never believes he meets someone for the first time because we are all the same human being. He continued by saying that every human desires to be happy, which not only implies but requires the right to peace—both individually and in society. Midway through, he made the claim for secularism, and as students at a Catholic institution, it's important to remember his words. Being a good person is not dependent on being religious. Securing peace for yourself and your community, respecting and trusting your neighbors, and not infringing on others' happiness are not qualities exclusive for religious communities. You can be a good person without practicing religion, let alone Catholicism.

—Genevieve Ilg '14

Presidential Debate: Take Two

So, let's talk about the second presidential debate two weeks ago. To an outside observer it appeared as though Governor Romney and President Obama were getting warmed up for a boxing match, or maybe talking smack before a one-on-one basketball duel. Of course, any one who has bothered to glance at the news in the last decade would know that this is politics as usual in America. Call me a cynic, but I'm not quite sure that I get anything out of watching these debates. The candidates merely spit out pre-rehearsed slogans and make promises that will likely prove empty. And at this point in the game, with nearly two weeks left until the election and the polls tight, both men are pushing to secure the independent voters—it's inevitable that they're going to say whatever it takes to tip the polls in their favor. Watching the President of the United States and the former governor of Massachusetts bicker like spoiled fourth graders was disheartening at most; however, it wasn't at all unexpected. I suppose it's time to start wondering if we should vote for those other perennial presidential candidates. Too bad they don't get any media time, huh? That's something for a whole other tangent.

—Nathan McGuire '16

What's Up with Straight-Ticket Voters?

Straight-ticket voters confuse me. I find it strange that some people can feel so passionately about one political party. Political parties are extremely large and hold so many different people; not every member can hold the same ideas, be great leaders, or be better than the other candidate. Some people despise certain parties; can you really disagree with everything such a large group of people says? Not everything is so black and white – or red and blue, for that matter.

It is completely improbable that every candidate in a party is the best candidate for the job. I know this might seem crazy to you straight-ticket voters out there, but shouldn't we vote for the candidate who is best fit to represent the people, regardless of their party? Straight-ticket voters are like horses with blinders on. They don't look for other options or better paths; they just go straight down the trail they see. There is no way of being completely sure that everyone in that party will lead the people well. Voters should judge each candidate individually, based on their own skills and opinions. Not all Democrats are the same, and not all Republicans are the same. On November 6, vote based on the names you read, not based on the group they represent.

—Kelly Sullivan '15



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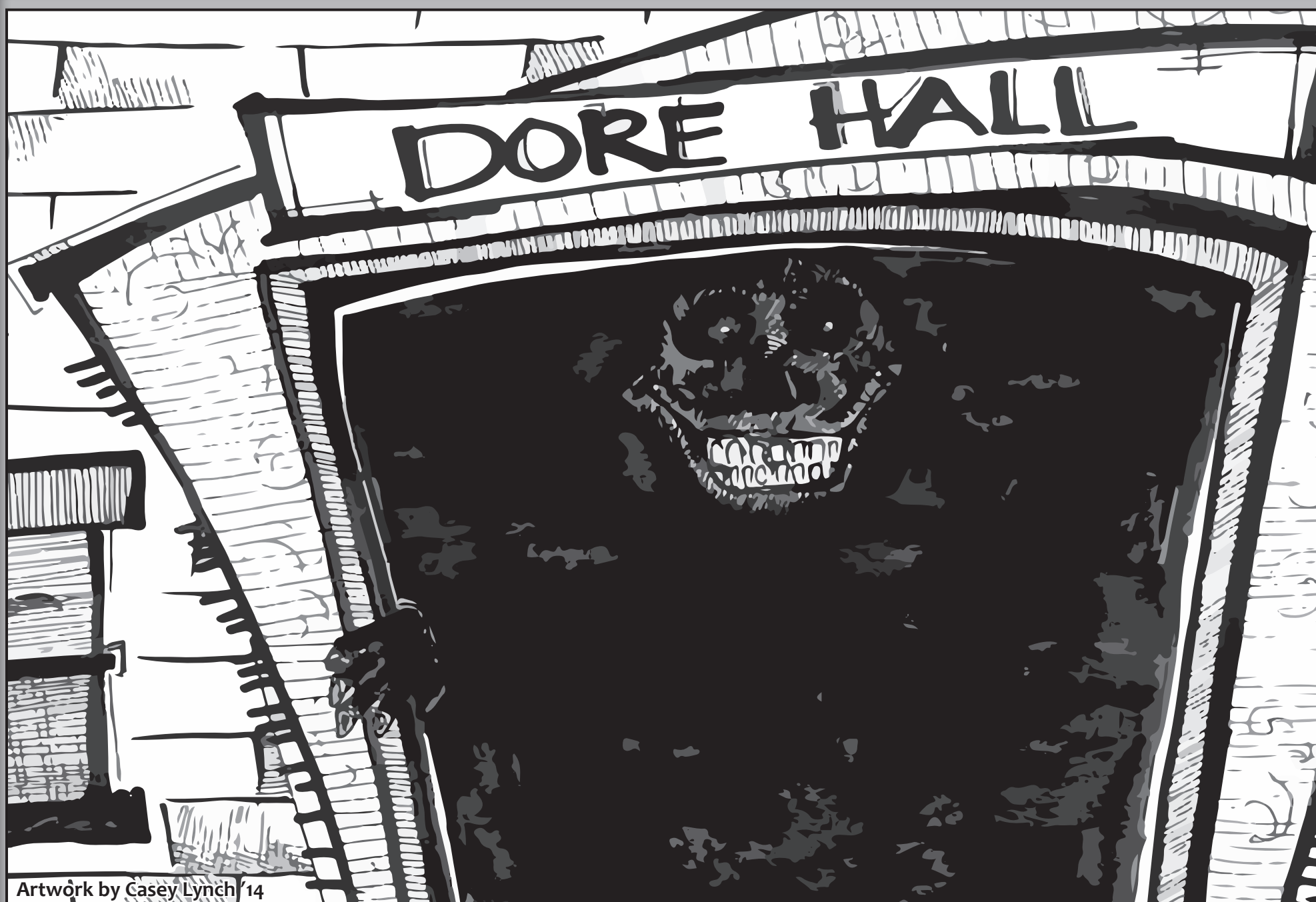


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FICTION

[The following is taken from an interview with Claire Jamison, a freshman at Providence College. The interview concerned what occurred between her and fellow students David Lee, Samantha Wood, and Charles Roland on Oct. 31.]

It was everyone's idea, I guess. We all knew about the tunnels under lower campus. None of us had been down there. You weren't allowed to. But David's sister went to the college when they let students down there, and she told him about it. And then there are the rumors, you know, stupid stuff. Everyone knew that Dore used to be a crazy house, and since the tunnels connected to Dore, people made up stuff. None of us really thought that there was anything down there, but we wanted to go down anyway. Just so we could say we'd done it. Charlie got us the keys, and David knew where the door was, so we all went with it.

We decided to go on Halloween morning, like, really early. We figured the only people out would be drunk and wouldn't remember us, even if they saw us. I kept watch for security while Charlie unlocked the

door. It was quiet down there, and really dark too. I remember none of us had a real flashlight, so we were all just using little keychain lights. There wasn't a lot to see, so David got really bored. Then Samantha came up with this game: we'd all turn out our flashlights and then one of us would walk ahead. Once we got too scared to move anymore, we'd call out and then the other person would walk until all of us had gone. The idea was to see who could go the furthest without chickening out. David went first. He didn't go too far before he started screaming. We all freaked out, turned our flashlights back on, and ran over to him, but there was nothing wrong. He was just trying to scare us. We were all pretty angry at him, but we made him promise not to do it again, and started again. This time, I went first.

[Claire Jamison is asked if they had noticed anything unusual at this point—any indication that anyone else was down there with them.]

No. We didn't see anything when the lights were on, just the walls and some piping and stuff. And I don't remember hearing anything aside from our own breathing. But... sometimes it felt wrong.

[She is asked to clarify.]

You know, like there was something watching us. It was mostly when we

turned the lights off, so I thought it was just my imagination. I went first when we started playing the game again, and it really did feel like there was something there beside us. I kept telling myself it was my imagination, but I didn't get very far. Samantha went next, then David. I heard them both go past me. David went pretty far ahead of me, I think, before he screamed again. At first we all thought he was joking. We told him to cut it out.

[Here, Claire Jamison ceases speaking for several moments. She is asked to continue.]

He sounded really scared. I mean, we all acted like we thought he was joking, but I remember thinking in the back of my mind that he wasn't faking. I don't know if the others thought that, but I was a little worried. I didn't do anything. I stayed where I was.

[Again, she ceases speaking, but resumes without being prompted.]

He screamed for...I don't know how long it was. But when he stopped, Charlie just took the silence as his cue to go forward. I heard him go past me, then about as far as David went. And then he said David's name a few times. And then he started screaming. Not as long as David did, he was just screaming and then he stopped. No warning. And Charlie, he's not

the kind of guy to joke like that. So me and Samantha turned on our flashlights, and when we went ahead, we couldn't find them. We probably would have walked to the other end if we hadn't found David's shoe. There was blood on it.

That's when we both started freaking out. Samantha wanted to go to the end of the tunnel and make sure that they weren't just playing a prank on us, and I wanted to go get help. We were still fighting when we thought we heard Charlie talking. Samantha ran on ahead to see if it was really him. I thought I heard her make a noise like a yelp. And when I called her name, she didn't answer. The light on my flashlight wasn't very good, so I couldn't see. I...I ran. I got out of there.

There was one thing I saw. Just for a second, before I turned and ran. I couldn't get a good look at it, but I can tell you it was really tall. It had to lean over to fit in the tunnel. And it was really thin, like skin and bones. And I know I saw it smile at me.

[While there was evidence of blood and some personal effects in the tunnel, the bodies of David Lee, Samantha Wood, and Charles Roland were never recovered. The investigation is still ongoing.]

A Witch's Potion

by Amanda Brown '14
Portfolio Staff

Seed from a pumpkin,
Tooth of a bat,
Cell from my heart,
A nightmare's threat.

A wreath of roses,
Thorns pierce her heart,
Shed your disguise prince!
Emerge from the dark.

Stripe of a zebra,
A living frog,
Winged a blue butterfly,
And a pure white dove.

A lock of hair,
A monkey's tail,
A ghostly spirit
Thou shall not fear.

Thou shall not speak,
Of what it is for.
Though destined for fair love,
A year's a far.

Cauldron's roar,
Ready for more,
Mortals. Mortals!
Terrible bores.

Cauldron's roar,
Ready for more,
Mortals. Mortals!
Terrible bores.

Bring to me
The one that I want,
My lover long lost,
We begin at the start.



tweets Broom history



#HALLOWEEN



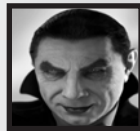
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OMG...I did it...#itsalive



IWantMyMummy
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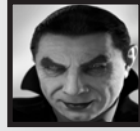
FrankFurter
did I forget the mouth? #cussword



DraCool
@FrankFurter LOL nice try doc...maybe it's time to go back to #dentistry



FrankFurter
@DraCool shut up fatty batty...I thought **@VanHelsing** closed your coffin for good #buriedalivemuch



DraCool
@FrankFurter I had a little help from a vampire's best friend **@BeAWolf**



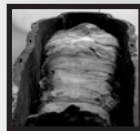
BeAWolf
Aoooooooooooooooooooooooooooo! #tailwag #gooddog



FrankFurter
I hope you and your fleabag are happy together #matchmadeinHell



VanHelsing
I've got you #freaksofnature



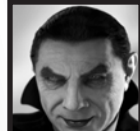
IWantMyMummy
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#hmmmmffphff



Van Helsing
@FrankFurter...did you forget the mouth? #youcussword



KingMe
RRRRRRRRRAAAAAA!!!! finally! those bandages were all up in my grill...now you shall ALL feel the ancient wrath of King Tutankhamen!



DraCool
@FrankFurter...who's he? #hedoesntevengohere



KingMe
@FrankFurter @DraCool you worthless peasant frog eaters...you will respect your Pharaoh and bow down to hi—



VanHelsing
shoots arrow...I hate halloween

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Carving Pumpkins

by Mason Sciotti '15
Asst. Portfolio Editor

PROSE POEM

There's something oddly cathartic about carving a pumpkin. The swift movements of the knife through the top of its orange head remind me of surgery, perhaps Dr. Frankenstein piecing together his creation. I've never considered myself a violent person, but there's something about the feel of the knife in my hand that feels right. It's not a utensil; it's an extension of my arm. It's as much a part of me as my legs, my feet, my nose, the hatred that I harbor in my heart. But, again, I'm not a violent person. I'm more interested in the creative aspect of the carving, the ability to take a blank, orange canvas and turn it into anything that I could imagine. Perhaps I'll carve a smile, festive, but with a bit of mischief hidden behind the teeth. Then comes the nose, a simple triangle. Angular, made with just a few cuts. A few, sharp, quick, lethal cuts, that makes the nose. Ah, yes... the eyes. The eyes have always given me trouble, I never know quite what shape to make them. I could easily make triangles, matching his nose, but where's the creativity in that? Where's the passion for art, uniqueness, for the sharpened steel cutting through soft pumpkin flesh as if it were some inconsequential obstacle in the way of my final goal of carving and cutting and slashing, hacking and... ah yes, the eyes. As I said, they've always troubled me. I'll make them triangles... to match the nose. A little symmetry never hurt anyone. No, symmetry never hurts. It's that which is out of place, odd, irregular, strange that seems to elicit fear, hate, and pain. I'll never understand it myself, the way people look at us, STARE at us, HATE US... the irrational fear that people have of what is different. And so what if someone has oddly colored hair? A few piercings, interesting makeup, and dark clothing, darker thoughts, isn't that what makes us unique? Different from each other? But no, people don't like what's different, they don't understand what's different. I suppose that's why I like carving pumpkins, each one is different! There's no harm in them being different. It's creativity, it's individuality. It's art. It's not harmful, it's not malicious, it's not murder. It's art.

The art of carving, just like a pumpkin.

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Pumpkin,

It sounds to me like you have some problems with self-control. "Candy," as everyone knows, must be had in moderation for this very reason. "Candy,"

while fabulous for getting rid of those pesky inhibitions, has a high fat intake. Repeat after me: If I'm not counting every calorie of every solitary thing I ingest, I'm doing something wrong. So now that you've significantly lowered your hotness factor, what do you do? I suggest any age old method for weight loss. And they're age old, so you should know what I mean. Suffice it to say that the Lifetime Movie Network will be a wonderful starting point for ideas and inspiration. Don't be afraid—take risks. Nothing feels as great as fitting into that double zero and strutting your stuff along a cold, beer can strewn street. You are the model and Eaton is your runway. Work it.

Tiffany

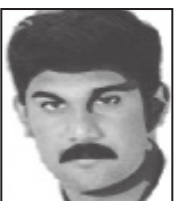
This Week: Costume Conundrum

Dear Tiffany and Earl,
I'm a freshman in Ray and I've ate too much "candy" these past few weeks. Now I can't fit into my bunny costume! How do I lose the weight so I can go "tick-or-treating" on Eaton Street?

Sincerely,
Almost a Pumpkin Munchkin

Dear Munchkin,

Your sins are finally catching up to you. I don't think you really understand the magnitude of your transgressions. If you can't manage to squeeze into that bunny suit, how will you find a Halloween night pumpkin buddy to tug your tail and rub your ears? After all, if you don't put the suit on, you can't take the suit off, if you catch my drift. So my solution is to get a pirate costume. It's a little more aggressive than a bunny. Sure, you might be a little bit munchkin-shaped, but you can plunder booty and walk planks all night. Just think of the possibilities for that peg leg! It's all about context and framing. Don't be a terrified bunny—be a heroic pirate, striding the decks of Eaton Street houses. Even if you don't choose the pirate idea, definitely pick another costume. Anything intimidating is good, as long as it doesn't look like you got lost on your way to Comic Con.



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SPORTS

No Money, No Problem Swinging Towards Excellence

by Sean Bailey '14
Asst. Sports Editor

TENNIS

Only one team on campus has no funding. Only one team has a part time head coach. Only one team on campus won the New England Championships this year. That team is Providence College Women's Tennis Team.

The tennis team may be the most unheralded team at PC. The team receives no funding from the school and must fundraise for all its equipment and resources. Scholarships cannot be given through the sport, which can doom a program in the NCAA world. The Friars combated all of this, and won the New England Championships. The fact that they cannot give out scholarships plays a large role in recruiting, and it is a testament to Head Coach Kyle LaBranche.

LaBranche also deserves recognition when it comes to the team's success. Being a coach is not his only job; he is a high school teacher by day. This is a rare breed for a head coach—especially for a Big East team. He is the only part time head coach at PC. Despite this, and a lack of a budget or scholarships, he recruits good players and devotes many hours coaching them. He also gets them to win.

On Oct. 15, LaBranche and his squad co-hosted the New England

Championships, and won. Not only that, but they also won by 10 points over all other competitors. They beat teams like Bryant, UConn, Stonehill, and Sacred Heart. The singles and doubles both performed well for the Friars, dominating the event. Hannah Zangari '16 was the strongest player all tournament. She went 3-0 in the weekend for No. 6 singles.

That is not the only astounding thing that has happened to this remarkable squad. On Oct. 20, Marisela Aviles-Duron '13 set the PC record for most wins at No. 1 singles, with 66. Her story is that of an underdog, as LaBranche noted, "This record is evidence of Mari's truly incredible career. As an undersized player lacking the power of most top players, Mari has earned every one of her wins with tenacious hard work, unbreakable concentration and impeccable shot-shot-selection and strategy." Aviles-Duron selflessly gave credit to coaches and players as well, saying, "This is not an individual accomplishment, but a reflection of the dedication and hard work of my coaches and teammates who have been key to my success. I could not do it without their advice, instruction and support."

All of this has led to an unforgettable season for the tennis team. They have battled uphill without funding and scholarships and they have made do with their limited resources. They are proof that hard work and dedication can trump big-budgeted programs.



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Missing the Madness

by Sean Bailey '14
Asst. Sports Editor

OPINION

Pandemonium. That is the only word that can even come close to capturing the essence of college football. But even that falls short of fully summarizing it. Upsets, big plays, kids thrust into stardom, traditions, rivalries that are ancient and timeless. It is the NFL, but with more teams, no playoffs, and crazier upsets. School pride for alumni centers on a win versus a rival. Passion swirls around a successful program, to the point where an Alabama fan went to rival Auburn's campus and poisoned a tree that served as a landmark on their campus. Students travel by the thousands to stadium parking lots, tailgating all day and then entering a raucous crowd to cheer on their team.

Yet, I have to admit one thing; I am not an avid fan of the sport like I am the NFL. And talking with many of my friends and acquaintances from the Northeast, it is not an uncommon view. But why is this?

One major reason is the corruption of the sport. The BCS (Bowl Championship Series) is decided by a computer. This prevents teams like the 2004 Auburn Tigers, who went undefeated in the SEC, from playing in the championship game. It is a system that leaves teams like Boise State perpetually on the outside looking in, despite a spotless record. This makes it so that the best is not always deciphered on the field, but through formulas and statistics. The reason this corrupt system

has remained for as long as it has? The NCAA would lose a lot of money if it were to remove the system. The BCS also ranks teams for bowl games, which are sponsored by huge corporations. If the NCAA went to a playoff system it would lose multi-million dollar deals with major businesses. While the system is being remedied within the next couple of seasons to have a four-team playoff, it still has many holes.

The other reason many Northeast kids are not engulfed in college football madness is less menacing; there just happen to be no major programs up here. Boston College and UConn, are two New England Division I programs, but their success has been sporadic, with some great years followed by forgettable ones. Each of these programs also lacks tradition. And they are in areas engulfed by professional sports allegiances, between New York and Boston. The lack of a football team at PC also inhibits my enjoyment of college football. I do not know what is like to fill up a 100,000-seat stadium and belt out the school's fight song. It is one of the few things I really wish PC had, because all my friends who go to school down South look forward to college football Saturdays. Also, a prejudice formed when the Big East blew up the conference for the sake of faltering football programs at schools such as Syracuse and UConn. These moves come at the expense of basketball, and therefore at the expense of my favorite sport at PC.

All of this leaves me and many other kids from the Northeast on the outside looking in.

In the Spotlight

Field Hockey: PC is in the final stretch of the season, and entered last week on fire with three straight wins. The Friars continued with a Big East win over Rutgers. Henni Tietze '15 and Daniella Bernasconi '16 netted goals for the Friars. The win clinched them a spot in the Big East Tournament. The Friars were brought back down with a loss in overtime to New Hampshire. The season ends this Saturday versus Louisville.

Women's Soccer: The Friars traveled to UConn to end their regular season, and they were looking to end their three game losing streak. However, the trip was unsuccessful as the Friars lost 3-2 in double overtime. Courtney Maguire '16 scored her first career goal in the losing effort.

Men's Ice Hockey: The team had a tough road trip to fourth-ranked Miami of Ohio University. The trip did not amass a win, but it did earn the Friars a tie in the first game 1-1. Then the team dropped a 4-3 decision in overtime. Noel Acciari '16 netted the game-tying goal with 48 seconds remaining. The Friars return home to face Maine this weekend.

Men's Soccer: PC had a busy week last week hosting Georgetown last Wednesday. However, Georgetown upended the Friars 1-0. Three days later, the Friars traveled to Notre Dame and lost 3-0. PC ends their season next week with a game at UConn.

Women's Ice Hockey: The girls righted the ship this week, and it could not have come at a better time, as they hosted their first Hockey East game of the year against Vermont. They beat the Catamounts 4-3, with Molly Illikainen '16 notching the game winner. Then the Friars beat down Vermont 4-1 in the next contest. The Friars remain at home this weekend against St. Cloud State.

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WINTER SPORTS

PREVIEW

Men's Basketball

The Year of the Friar

by Daniel McNamara '13
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL

The long off-season for Providence College Men's Basketball Team ended when the doors to Late Night Madness opened, and the team officially began practicing. Practicing is all the highly touted Ricardo Ledo '16 can do this season as he waits until the 2013-2014 season. "My mentality hasn't changed," said Ledo during the team's media day. "It's just to continue to get better, be the best player I can be and help my teammates out in practice so they can be the best players they can be."

Many fans are already preparing for next season, but one would be foolish to do so with Vincent Council '13 leading the Friars. "I think he's going to be the Player of the Year in the league," said a rightfully excited head coach, Ed Cooley. "It starts and ends with him. I think he's the best point guard in the country." Council averaged 38.7 minutes last year and led the Big East in assists with 7.5 per contest. Council was ranked the 59th overall player in the country. "Obviously I think I should be ranked higher, but that's what I'll need to prove this year," said Council.

Josh Fortune '16 is a recruit joining Council in the backcourt. "His development is being overaccelerated," noted Cooley on Big East media day. "Mark my words, he's going to have a game where he'll have eight or nine threes." He is a deadeye sharpshooter, who excels from the corner and can also put the ball on the floor. "He's going to have some moments that make people say, 'Wow, where did this kid come from?'" said Cooley.

Bryce Cotton '14, who shot 37.9% from behind the arc, is the other cog to the Providence backcourt. Cotton lit up the league from deep last year and will see better shots this season. He will hopefully be joined by Kris Dunn '16 at some point in the season. He is currently recovering and will most likely not return until late December. "I won't rush him back until he's 100 percent," referring to the possibility of Dunn redshirting. "I want to make sure I'm a realist when it comes to building a program," states Cooley.

The backcourt will be one of the best in the country. As for the frontcourt, fans will hold their breathe. The best player in the frontcourt is LaDontae Henton '15. He will look to stretch the court and could be one of the most underrated players in the conference. Kadeem Batts '14 also returns for another season. He, Henton, and Brice Kofane '14 will hopefully get some help this season. Sidiki Johnson '15 awaits a waiver that Providence has filed to see if he can gain sophomore eligibility right away instead of waiting until December. "Sidiki is ready to be an impact player in the Big East," said Cooley. "He is a physical specimen. He rebounds at a high level and is very, very active—he's going to be something to be reckoned with."

Cooley hopes to strike fear in the coaches and players around the country. "I thought we accomplished a lot of great things last year, even in some of the games we lost," said Cooley. "I love the 'us against the world' mentality. I want guys that are edgy, angry—those are my kind of guys."



Ed Cooley wants to win a National Championship. In order to do that, he needs all the support he can get, which includes the students at every game cheering on the team. Unfortunately, Friar pride has seemed to dwindle in previous years, with many empty student seats. This year, however, students might have a valid excuse to miss these games. As a result of very unlucky scheduling, students will only be on campus for a total of four Big East conference games.

Obviously no one is at fault here, unless you want to place blame on the NCAA, then be my guest. However, in the "New Era of Friartown," with buzz for the team at the highest it has been in a long time, this news is disappointing. The Friars play their first home conference game against DePaul on Jan. 5., which is during winter break. Students will also miss the Syracuse and Villanova games as a result of winter break. That's not all. As a result of an early spring break, students will also not be here to see the last two home games—St. John's and Seton Hall. That means five of the nine games will take place during winter break.

To add to the dismay, students will also miss two non-conference games against Fairfield on Nov. 23, which will take place over Thanksgiving break, and Colgate on Dec. 18, which will be the first day following the last possible day for fall semester exams.

The conflict for many is not the games being missed, but as a result of the missed games, the value of buying season tickets. The student season ticket package is \$99. Is it worth it? Yes. First, students who buy season tickets and go to every home game that is not during break—there are only 10—get their money back. Considering the offer, Patrick Benedosso '15 said, "I think it's a pretty good deal considering [students] only have to go to 10 games, and Cooley is working hard to put a great product on the court. Pretty soon there will be a lottery to get season tickets." While there are individual student tickets available at \$7 per game, there is no guarantee to get a ticket for the marquee Big East games. There may be other benefits as well. There is a rumor that going to all 10 home games (as a season ticket holder) will merit a free ride and room to travel to the Big East Tournament in New York City. In addition, students receive a much more convenient card this year instead of an envelope with the physical tickets to every game. Finally, there is nothing like the atmosphere of a Big East game at the Dunk, and with the talent on the Friars this year, expect a lot of upsets and close games in which the "6th man" is the deciding factor.

-James Kirby '15

Women's Basketball

A New Era in Friartown

by Joey Ciccarello '16
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL

The 2012-2013 Friar Women's Basketball season is full of hope, promise, and new. The most important of these new faces is that of new head coach, Susan Robinson Fruchtl. Robinson Fruchtl comes to the Friars via Saint Francis University of Pennsylvania, where she led the Red Flash to back-to-back Northeast Conference Titles and NCAA Tournament appearances, once being named Northeast Conference Coach of the Year. Robinson Fruchtl was also a decorated player at Penn State, once winning the Wade Trophy for the best women's college player in the country. Robinson is already making a difference amongst the players.

"She has affected us in a very positive way. She sees all our full potentials and she pushes us so that we can reach them," says Brianna Edwards '13. "What I love the most is that she is extremely motivating to all her players. It's just the best feeling to have a coach who believes in you and knows how great you actually can be."

The Friars return some key players in their rotation as well, led by guard Symone Roberts '13 and forward Brianna Edwards '13, both seniors. Roberts, a fleet-footed guard from New Britain, Connecticut, is the team's leading returning scorer after averaging 8.2 points per game over 28 games last year. She has proven that she can contribute much more than just her offense to the Friars, averaging 3.2 rebounds, 2.1 assists, and 1.9 steals per game last year. While Roberts provides most of the outside presence for the Friars, Edwards, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, adds a solid inside element to the Friars' game. After averaging 2.4 points and 2.7 rebounds coming off the bench last year, she is the Friars' only real returning post

presence, and her contributions to the team will need to be huge in order for the team to continue playing deep into March. Other returning players include sophomore forwards Alexis Harris '14 and Chanise Baldwin '14, as well as junior guard/forward Danielle Pearson '13. Robinson Fruchtl brings with her two freshman recruits as well; guard Lexi Sells of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and forward Evi Iiskola, all the way from Espoo, Finland.

While the NCAA Tournament is the ultimate goal for any team, the Friars will first look to improve last year's record of 13-17 (5-11 in Big East play.) Early improvement will be a necessity, and the early out of conference challenges at Clemson and home against Arizona State will show whether the team has improved from last year. The toughest Big East game figures to be against Notre Dame, the national runner-up last season. Also, games against UConn and St. John's will be challenging. These three teams, all of whom appeared in the NCAA Tournament last year, will be obstacles to overcome in the Big East. Even winning one out of three games should be considered an enormous accomplishment for the team.

Playing in the newly renovated Alumni Hall should energize the Friars right from the get-go, as they open with back-to-back home games against Drexel and Vermont. Robinson Fruchtl's exceptional coaching skills and basketball knowledge that she demonstrated while coaching at Saint Francis should be noticed and appreciated more as she begins coaching in the country's top conference. Her guidance should lead the Friars to a drastic improvement from last year, perhaps even a winning record both overall and in conference is in the cards for this year's team. If this occurs, the Lady Friars could turn heads by playing deep into March for the first time in recent history.

2012-2013 Roster

15	Chanise Baldwin Sophomore	6-2
33	Brianna Edwards Senior	6-1
42	Alexis Harris Sophomore	6-1
30	Evi Iiskola Freshman	6-0
10	Danielle Pearson Junior	5-9
12	Symone Roberts Senior	5-7
13	Tori Rule Sophomore	5-7
20	Lexi Sells Freshman	5-10
2	Nikki Turcotte Junior	5-8

Susan Robinson Fruchtl
Head Coach

Dan Durkin, Kristeena Alexander, Dario Hernandez
Assistant Coaches

2012-2013 Schedule

Home Games:

11-9	Drexel	7:00
11-14	Vermont	7:00
11-24	Akron	2:00
11-28	Iona	12:00
12-7	Arizona State	7:00
12-22	URI	1:00
1-5	Georgetown	2:00
1-12	Louisville	2:00
1-23	Villanova	7:00
1-30	St. John's	7:00
2-9	USF	2:00
2-12	Connecticut	7:00
2-26	Marquette	7:00
3-2	Notre Dame	4:00



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MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

THE SEASON ON ICE THAT WILL BE ONE TO WATCH

by Veronica Lippert '15
Senior Staff Writer

HOCKEY

One year in, Nate Leaman has the rebuilding of the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team further along than anyone anticipated. Last year, he led the Friars to the semifinals of the Hockey East Tournament when preseason predictions had them missing the playoffs altogether. Lack of depth, further hampered by injuries, hurt the Friars throughout the season. This year, a strong contingent of new players gives Providence four impressive lines.

Leaman had his first full recruiting season with Providence this year, and he managed to collect one of the better classes in the NCAA. The most comprehensive list of prospect rankings are maintained by the NHL's Central Scouting Services, and Providence had three recruits ranked in the final list of draft eligible players. Mark Jankowski '16 and Paul de Jersey '16 were ranked 43rd and 98th respectively among North American skaters. Jon Gillies '16 ranked sixth among North American goaltenders. Jankowski made national news when he was taken 21st overall in the first round of the NHL entry draft by the Calgary Flames, one of the most surprising picks of the draft.

However, it is goaltender Jon Gillies, also a Calgary Flames draft pick, who has proven himself invaluable to the Friars through the first few games of the season. Originally committed to Northeastern, Gillies also entertained an offer from Patrick Roy's Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL before deciding on Providence. Goalies Alex Beaudry '12, and Justin Gates '12 both graduated at the end of last season and it was expected that goaltending would be one of the

weakest points in the Friars' roster, but Gillies has proven otherwise. "He's very calm. He's very composed in the net," Leaman said regarding one of the freshman. "Through four games for a freshman he's been very good. He's given our team a chance to win every game."

Leaman points to Noel Acciari '15 as an under-the-radar player who has impressed him. Acciari, a physical fourth-line center, has played all four games for the Friars and leads the team in shots on goal. The other major addition to the team is Kyle Murphy '13, transfer from Notre Dame. After sitting out last season, as required by the NCAA, he was named the team's captain.

On opening night, seven players suited up for the Friars who had never before played a shift for PC. The poise of these players, especially Jankowski and Gilles, will be a major wild card throughout the season. If the two continue to play like the NHL draft picks they are, the Friars should have a chance at winning every game this season.

Providence has some returning fire power as well. The headliner of last year's recruiting class, Ross Mauermann '15, has picked up exactly where he left off, leading the team with five points through four games. Tim Schaller '13 also returns. He led the team in goals last year despite missing almost half the season due to injury. His experience in the Hockey East should prove invaluable to the Friars, provided he can stay healthy.

Providence goes into their series against Maine this weekend at 1-2-1. Providence, however, may face some difficulty. Maine has been struggling this season, which makes these early season games must wins for the Friars. The team also forced a tie with Miami, OH, the number four team in the country. Regardless, Providence should have an intense game against another team that stays focused right down to the last minute of the game.

2012-2013 Roster

1	Russ Stein	Sr
2	Kevin Hart	Jr
3	John Gilmour	Fr
4	Mark Adams	Jr
6	Tom Parisi	Fr
7	Drew Brown	So
8	Will Goss	Fr
9	Damian Cross	So
10	Mark Jankowski	Fr
11	Tim Schaller	Sr
12	Stefan Demopoulos	So
13	Paul de Jersey	Fr
14	Ross Mauermann	So
15	Steven McParland	Fr
16	Kyle Murphy	Sr
17	Brooks Behling	Fr
18	Nick Saracino	Fr
19	Derek Army	Fr
20	Shane Luke	So
21	Chris Rooney	Sr
22	Brandon Taney	Fr
24	Noel Acciari	Fr
25	Kevin Rooney	Fr
26	Matt Montesano	So
27	Alex Velischek	Sr
28	Steven Shamanski	Jr
31	Dylan Wells	Fr
32	Jon Gillies	Fr
44	Myles Harvey	Sr

Head Coach: Nate Leaman

Assistant Coaches: Ben Barr,
Jamie Russell

Goaltending Coach: Jim McNiff

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

SHOOTING FOR A TITLE

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HOCKEY

The Providence College Women's Ice Hockey Team's season started before the calendar turned over to the month of October with their annual exhibition against perennial Canadian Interuniversity powerhouse McGill University. Following that 3-2 exhibition victory, the team has won three and dropped three so far this season. After a tough start against strong non-conference opponents, the Friars started their Hockey East schedule where they left off last season—with two convincing wins over Vermont.

This week the team hosts St. Cloud State in two out-of-conference games before hitting a tough Hockey East run.

The Friars, under Head Coach Bob Deraney, enter the season with lofty expectations after coming up only a goal short in last season's Women's

Hockey East Championship game, where they fell to Boston University in double overtime. The way last season ended will certainly leave the team hungry to come out and prove that they are truly a contending team in this powerful conference.

Bob Deraney enters his 13th season behind the bench in Friartown, where he looks to lead another young team through the trials and tribulations of the season, in hopes of another run through the postseason. He has an impressive resume under his belt—having won two Hockey East titles and one ECAC title before Hockey East was formed. The Friars have also made one NCAA tournament appearance in his very successful tenure, and there is no reason to think that another strong showing in the conference tournament is unreachable this season. Not to go unmentioned are his two Women's Hockey East Association Coach of the Year Awards.

Last season's team had solid senior leadership from Kate Bacon '12 and record holder Genevieve

Lacasse '12 in net. This year's squad is led by Jessica Vella '13 and Jessica Cohen '13 as captains, and Nicole Anderson '13 and Corrinne Buie '14 as the alternate captains. These four ladies look to lead an otherwise young team, bringing along not only their leadership on the ice and in the locker room, but also the experience of having made deep playoff runs already in their collegiate careers.

So far in the young season the offense has been paced by Vella and Molly Illikainen '16. The offense has the unenviable task of replacing significant scorers due to the departure of several key seniors. If these two can keep up their hot start, and the rest of the lineup can continue scoring timely goals, the offense will score enough goals to win on a nightly basis.

On the defensive end of the ice, Jennifer Friedman '12 and her solid two-way defending will be missed, but with other skaters stepping up, this is also replaceable output. The defensive aspect of her game will be

replaced by smooth-skating Jessica Cohen, who performed admirably on the blue line last season after moving back from forward to start the season. Offensive output will come in part from Cohen, with Rebecca Morse '14 helping with the puck moving from the back end.

The biggest replacement coming into this season is in the net, as career saves leader Genevieve Lacasse '12 must be replaced between the pipes. Early in the year, Sarah Bryant '16 looks to have the edge on the task, however, three different goaltenders have gotten at least one start through the first six games.

If the goaltending can continue their solid play, and the defense can get the puck out of the defensive zone and up to the forwards quickly, this team's potential is seemingly unlimited. The Lady Friars are primed for an exciting season, so get down to Schneider and cheer them on!



Swimming & Diving

The Team that Wins in the Water



by Sarah Wacik '15
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SWIMMING

The 2012-2013 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Team have begun another season filled with high hopes. The Friars are led by Head Coach John O'Neill, who returns for a sixth consecutive year and his 23rd overall season. The women's team captains are Allie Black '13, Allison Curran '13, and Sam Schlich '13, while the men's leaders are Eric Burtchell '13, Marc Freda '13, and Chris Morales '13. The Friars will rely on the guidance of these senior captains as the program develops into a perennial powerhouse.

Senior swimmers and divers on the women's side include Black, Schlich, and Amie Fracker '13. Last season, Black won the Sears Diving Award and reached the NCAA Zone A Diving Championship, which marked an exciting first in the college's swimming and diving history. Schlich was awarded the 2012 Cindi Luciani Award, which recognizes the women's Most Valuable Student-Athlete in dual and championship meet competition. She also swam for four relay squads that set new school records at the Big East Championships in the 200y freestyle, 400y freestyle, 800y freestyle, and 400y medley. Amie Fracker '13 scored three second place finishes in the 1m diving event during her junior year, and reached the preliminary round at the Big East Championships as a sophomore.

Underclassman swimmers to watch on the women's team this season include Leia Federiconi '15, Reilly O'Connell '16, and Kelly O'Neill '15. Last season, Federiconi earned three first-place finishes in the 100y, one first-place finish in the 200y breaststroke, and was a member of the PC record-setting 400y medley relay team at the Big East Championships. O'Neill led the team in the 50y, 100y, and 200y backstroke and was voted the team's recipient of the Most Valuable Female Freshman Athlete in dual and championship meet competition.

For the men's team, Burtchell, John Fatigati '15, Ben Kardian '13, Connor Lui '14, and Justin Tse '15 strive to

turn in successful seasons for the Friars. After a solid year, Burtchell was presented with the David Hardy Coach award, which recognizes his commitment and sportsmanship in both academics and athletics. Burtchell begins this season as the active points leader on the squad and 11 on the all-time list in career points for Providence. Fatigati led the Friars with 255.75 points during the 2011-2012 season as he broke the school record for the 400y IM and posted the second-fastest time for the 200y IM in the College's history. At the Big East Championships, the current sophomore participated in the 200y backstroke, 200y IM, and 400y IM and was a member of three additional relay teams. He earned the Horace Bowden Award, which acknowledges the men's Most Valuable Student-Athlete in dual and championship meet competition, and the men's O'Neill Family Award for the top freshmen. Kardian earned a 14 place finish in the Big East Diving Championships and also received the Sears Diving Award. Lui was the runner-up in season points for Providence last year, and was presented with the Jan and Brian Larkin Most Improved Male Athlete Award. Tse qualified for the Big East tournament in the 100y freestyle, 200y freestyle, and 500y freestyle, while swimming for two freestyle relay teams.

Providence looks to impress its fans in various swimming and diving competitions throughout the year. Several important meets include the women's "Pink Out" meet for breast cancer awareness on Nov. 14, at 6 p.m., and the Harold Anderson Invitational, which is a crucial qualifying event, on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. This year's Friar senior meet will be against rival Holy Cross on Jan. 26 at 11 a.m. Many swimmers and divers continue to eagerly prepare for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season. Co-captain Black stated, "This season, we hope to have many members set personal bests, break more Providence College swimming records, and qualify for the Big East Championships." After many hours of arduous training, both the men and women's teams aim for a winning season and to send more members to the 2013 Big East Championships in Indianapolis. The team's next meet is this Friday, October 26, at 6 p.m., when the Friars host rival Bryant University.

Men's Roster

Eric Benz	Fr
Ethan Brosnan	Jr
Eric Burtchell	Sr
James Butler	So
John Fatigati	So
Marc Freda	Sr
Ben Kardian	Sr
Peter Knapik	So
Connor Lui	Jr
Michael Luiz	Jr
Zach McKeown	Jr
Chris Morales	Sr
Daniel Murphy	So
John Nash	Jr
Kenny Savage	Jr
Andrew St. Pierre	Jr
Justin Tse	So

Women's Roster

Reilly O'Connell	FR
Kelly O'Neil	SO
Devon Cameron	FR
Erin Nanna	SR
Nicole Monanian	SR
Kelly Lamoreaux	SR
Tara Walter	SO
Morgan Lee	JR
Leia Federiconi	SO
Kathryn Page	FR
Emily Kennedy	SO
Gabriela Mayuri	SO
Meredith Pramer	SO
Kelly Hall	JR
Amie Fracker	SR
Allie Black	SR
Abby Garrahan	FR
Leah Moynihan	FR
Allison Curran	SR
Eileen Colliton	SR
Megan Farrell	FR
Sam Schlich	SR
Samantha DeGross	JR
Meghan Condon	JR
Kimberly Hall	JR
Jessica Harvard	JR
Kathleen Degnan	JR
Jillian Mullany	JR
Olivia Ray	SO

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TRACK & FIELD

HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

by Julia Claudy '13
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TRACK



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The Cross Country Team transitions into its indoor track season this winter with an extremely successful fall season nearly at its end. The indoor season brings together cross country, sprint, and field event members, a group of about 60 Friars. Their first meet will take place at Brown University on Dec. 1, an introductory meet that will allow runners to clock in times that they will use as a base for the rest of the season. Head Coach Ray Treacy confidently looks forward to a successful season and anticipates strong performances from new recruits and upperclassmen alike. From the men's team, up-and-coming freshmen Joe Vercollone, Julian Oakley, Harvey Dixon, and sophomore Shane Quinn lead the underclassmen in their respective races. For the women, the team welcomed freshmen Sarah Collins, Molly Keating, Lauren Mullins, and Katie Sischo to the program. "We have a great group of freshmen that are sure to have an immediate impact on the team this season," comments Coach Treacy.

When the team returns from winter break, they have just four weeks to prepare for the Big East Championship. Treacy stressed the importance of using winter break as a time for runners to recover from a very demanding fall season. Since nearly half of the team participates in

cross country, they are dedicated to a three-season sport. By taking advantage of time off, the runners will come back refreshed and ready to compete in the six meets before the championship. The indoor meets include: the Brown Invitational (R.I.), Fordham Quad Meet (N.Y.), the Greater Boston Invitational (M.A.), the Terrier Invitational (Mass), the URI Invitational (R.I.), and the Valentine Invitational (Mass.). The indoor season will conclude on Feb. 16 in Cleveland, Ohio for the Big East Championships. Although the season is short, the indoor meets allow the runners to improve their times in preparation for the final spring season. The teams the Friars look forward to facing are Georgetown and Villanova, who also showcase some of the top middle-distance runners in the country.

With Big East and NCAA Champions on the Friars' roster, they look forward each new season to furthering the success of their predecessors. The track and cross country program at Providence has a long history of outstanding achievement that began in the 1970s and flourished into a fully developed program in the '80s with the help of the administration. "The tradition of the program at PC is what makes it so well-esteemed and successful as well as the athletes themselves," says Coach Treacy. "The success of the athletes feeds off of itself. Seeing Olympians on our roster, people see what athletes can do if they come to Providence." We look forward to the continuation of the Friars' achievements to continue in the upcoming winter season.

FIVE GAMES TO WATCH

Men's Hockey vs. BC
Friday, Dec. 7

A rematch of last year's Hockey East Semi-Finals would be enough to attract hockey fans to this game. BC ended PC's last season in the Garden. BC is a perennial powerhouse, while PC is looking to stake their claim in the upper echelon of Hockey East. Jerry York's BC squads are national contenders as well, and a win here will put the Friars on the map. These teams are division rivals, Catholic school rivals, and there is no animosity lost between these two schools.

Women's Basketball vs. UConn
Tuesday, Feb. 12

UConn has one of the most prestigious and famous basketball programs. That includes men's and women's basketball. They are the face of women's basketball. Just their presence would sell. This will be Susan Robinson Fruchtl's first shot at Geno Auriemma and the Huskies and will prove one of the Friars' greatest challenges of the season.

Men's Basketball vs. Notre Dame
Saturday, Feb. 16

The Fighting Irish come into the season as favorites in the Big East. The Friars will be near full strength at this point of the season, with Kris Dunn '16 and Sidiki Johnson '15 both available second semester. This will be a stretch run that Ed Cooley and the Friars hopes plays pivotal to a deeper Big East Tournament run. Knocking off a potential power will do wonders for the team's confidence heading into the tournament.

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Merrimack
Sunday, Feb. 17

Last year the Friars welcomed Merrimack rather rudely, dethroning the number one team in the land. This year they will be looking for revenge but the Friars will be ready. This will be another good barometer for an up-and-coming Friars squad that looks to make a large splash in what is normally a frozen power of balance in Hockey East.

Men's Basketball vs. Syracuse,
Men's Basketball vs. Pittsburgh
Wednesday, Jan. 9, Tuesday, Jan. 22

I know I cheated this last one. I only couple these two schools because this will be their last go around at the Dunkin Donuts Center. Both teams will bolt to the ACC next season, leaving behind a large legacy. Friar fans will smile when recounting the huge upset over then undefeated Pittsburgh in 2009. The Pittsburgh game will also be on ESPN2. Syracuse will also leave amidst many memories, and the Friars will look to provide both schools with a rude good-bye.

-Sean Bailey '14

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