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Whitehouse Visits Campus

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
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A small group of protesters standing outside the lower campus gate on the evening of Friday, February 15 was the culmination of the public outcry in response to Senator Sheldon Whitehouse being invited to speak at Providence College.

The political science department, College Democrats and Republicans, and Pi Sigma Alpha sponsored this lecture from the senator concerning his vision for tackling the obstacles Congress will face in the coming years. Father Brian J. Shanley, O.P., had sent out a campus-wide email earlier in the week addressing the issue, explaining that he saw no reason to bar the senator from speaking about an "academically valuable" topic unrelated to his views that are at odds with those of the Catholic Church. But, lo and behold, the opponents persisted.

There were four women

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RI Collegiate Conference: Leading with Values

by Carolyn Bothwell '15
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CAMPUS NEWS

On Saturday, February 23, the Providence College School of Business hosted the second annual Values-Based Leadership Conference. In attendance were 140 students from various Rhode Island colleges and universities, coming together with a mission to lead and honor their values. The conference was held in '64 Hall, Slavin Center, and Feinstein Academic Center.

"The conference is based on the premise that regardless of one's level of leadership knowledge and skills, effective leadership requires that a leader be conscious of his/her values and live out these values in his/her day-to-day interactions and decision-making with integrity," said Matthew Eriksen, Ph.D, management professor and department chair.

Jennifer Anello '13, Future Friar Executive president, Cristina DeSilva, and Dr. Eriksen all helped plan the event.

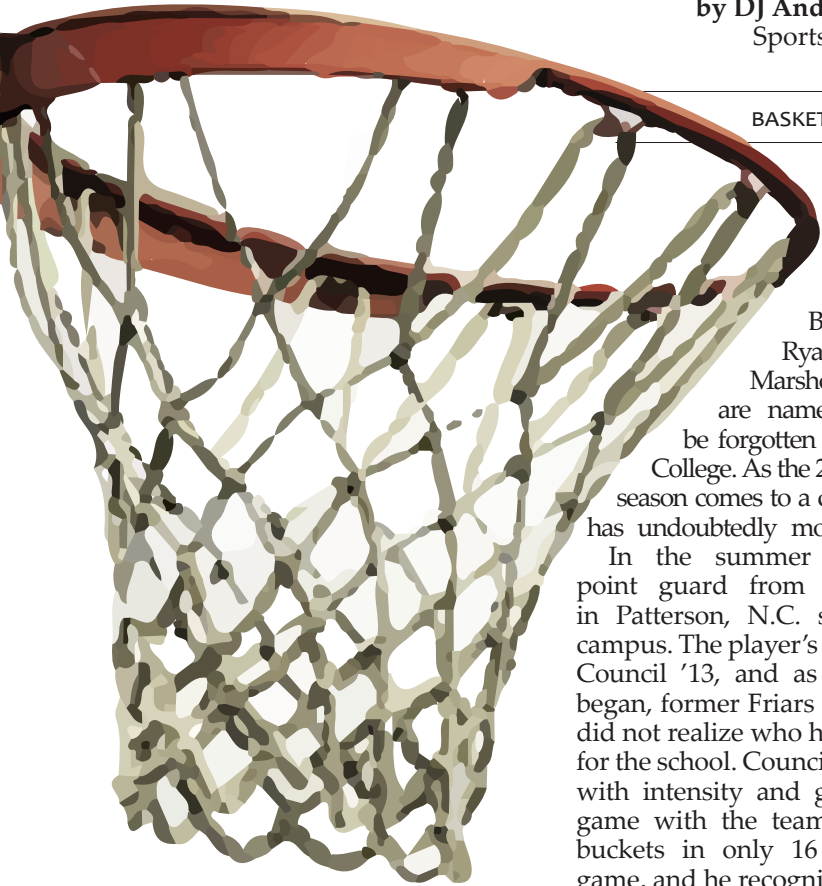
The conference began with an opening address

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Vincent Council Breaks Assist Record

by DJ Anderson '16
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL



Jimmy Walker '67, Ernie DiGregorio '73, Billy Donovan '87, Ryan Gomes '05, and Marshon Brooks '11. These are names that will never be forgotten here at Providence College. As the 2012-2013 basketball season comes to a close, another name has undoubtedly moved onto this list. In the summer of 2009, a 6'1 point guard from Patterson School in Patterson, N.C. stepped onto the campus. The player's name was Vincent Council '13, and as the first practice began, former Friars coach Keno Davis did not realize who he had just secured for the school. Council has been playing with intensity and grit since his first game with the team. He scored two buckets in only 16 minutes of that game, and he recognizes those first two points in that game as the best moment of his Providence career, because,

as he said, "You never know when you're going to get that first basket."

Since that game freshman year, Council has been the assist leader for the Friars in every one of his four seasons. His leadership and ability to make others better has led the Friars through the end of the Keno era and into the beginning of the Cooley era. Even through the tough times in both of these eras, the only thing that has stayed consistent is the play of Council.

In the Keno Davis era, Council was a consistent contributor to the team. He consistently filled the stat sheet, and helped better players like Jamine Peterson and Marshon Brooks. Council says to this day that Marshon Brooks was his favorite teammate to play with. When speaking of Brooks, Council said he "loves watching good shooting guards shoot the ball." Fortunately for Council he's been surrounded by good perimeter players at PC, and as he stated, "I've been playing with good shooting guards since high school." However, upon Brooks' departure to the NBA, the Friars hired Ed Cooley to replace former coach Keno Davis.

The play of the Friars as a whole has certainly

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The Importance of Dialogue

by Sean Aherne '14
Guest Commentary

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I am someone who believes that intellectual conversations create a stronger community and in college a better learning environment. The recent explosion of emotion over the issue of diversity is both positive and negative. We need an open dialogue. The motto of our college is Veritas, meaning truth. In order to discover a clear unbiased truth we need to hear all sides of all worthy debates. I was very pleased with Fr. Shanley's acceptance of US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse's appearance on campus to discuss bipartisanship. The president of our college said in an email to all students, "I do not

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Last One Out makes it big!

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Famed Olympic runner, Oscar Pistorius, on trial for murder.

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Relay For Life



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in brief

by Andres Taborda '15
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Pope's Resignation Observed at Providence College

In light of Pope Benedict XVI's resignation, Providence College held a Mass in his honor this past Wednesday. Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P., and Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P., concelebrated the Mass. The Mass also included the Liturgical Choir. Benedict XVI announced on Feb. 11 that he would be stepping down as the successor of St. Peter at the end of the month. A conclave is to follow in March to elect the new pope.

Lenten Season Cuts into Girl Scout Cookie Season

Giving up sweets for Lent may not have been the best idea considering Girl Scout cookie season is in full swing. In fact, the College has held sales in the past few weeks in Slavin. Girl Scouts and their leaders have set up tables outside of McPhail's offering a wide variety of flavors. The craze has hit the campus with fervor as everyone is trying to get their annual serving of Shortbread and Caramel DeLites, among other flavors like the new Mango Cremes.

Providence College Celebrates Black History Month

Sodexo did their share in celebrating Black History Month this week as they held a "Black History Month Dinner." The meal in Raymond Hall consisted of southern fried chicken, corn, southern style collard greens, corn on the cob, and hot pepper sauce. Other events have been held throughout the month to commemorate black history in the United States.

Plaid and Circumstance

Just before leaving for spring break, the Class of 2013 gathered in McPhail's for a country-themed senior night. PC's own The Nick DeLeo Band provided the entertainment with popular country covers. Following the break, the senior class will continue with class bonding events leading up to its graduation on May 19 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

And They Did the Harlem Shake

Providence College students can now be found on YouTube in the popular "Harlem Shake" videos. Charles Toth, Ph.D., professor of biology, did a video with his General Biology class in a lecture hall in Albertus Magnus Hall. A simple "Gen Bio Harlem Shake" search returns Toth's video as a top result. Other groups on campus have recorded themselves doing the dance and have uploaded them to the web.

Student Congress Updates

by Christine Rousselle '13
News Editor

STUDENT CONGRESS

- SRC-63-08, Regarding Feinstein Reservations for Group Use, was voted on and was not passed. The first vote was inconclusive with 17 in favor, 15 opposed, and four abstentions, and the re-vote resulted in 17 in favor and 18 opposed.
- SRC-63-09, Regarding Residence Halls and Handicap Accessibility passed unanimously. This bill will improve handicapped access at Bedford and DiTraglia Halls.
- Two bills were proposed: One concerns hiring an athletic trainer for non-varsity athletes, and the other concerns a form that would be given to graduating seniors to evaluate their major. The forms would then be returned to the department so the programs could improve for other students.
- The Class of 2014 is hosting the Junior Job Jumpstart and a Junior Night.
- The Class of 2015 is currently accepting submissions for the Done With Civ shirt.
- President Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., addressed the members of Student Congress and answered various questions related to the Big East break-up, campus construction on athletic facilities, the purchase of Huxley Avenue, and the new branding campaign.
- Men's Ice Hockey Head Coach Nate Leaman addressed the members of the Student Congress, discussing the future improvements to Schneider Arena and seeking advice as to how to improve student attendance at games.

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at 10 a.m. given by Giovanni Feroce, CEO of Alex & Ani. Feroce embodied the company's maxim as he displayed positive energy and inspired his audience. Despite Alex & Ani's rapid success, the company still upholds the same values that it launched with.

The event continued with interactive workshops for the students to attend and benefit from. The workshops were run by various PC faculty as well as accredited business leaders from the Rhode Island area. There were various focuses of each clinic, helping attendees to reflect on the values that they want to lead with. Some of the potential topics for workshops included: "Young Leaders Rock (But We Still Have a Lot to Learn)," "Establishing Your Leadership Identity: The Structure of Effective Personal Storytelling," "Reflecting Your Personal Core Values: The Foundations for Values-Based Leadership," and many others.

"These workshops were structured so that the students participating in the conference would be able to learn, but with interactions. The speakers made sure that it was not just a lecture, but the students were given activities as well," said Madeline Romeu '15.

During the conference's lunch

break, the participants were lucky enough to hear another keynote speaker, Andy Posner, co-founder of Capital Good Fund. Posner graduated from Brown University, making his experience relatable and inspirational for the Rhode Island students. Posner explained that everyone is interdependent, and urged his audience to involve themselves with beneficial values.

"I believe in the value of authenticity, and my motto is 'You only live once, but if you do it right, that's enough,'" Posner said.

In closing, Dean Cycon, founder of Dean's Bean's from Orange, Mass., advocated that employees should align themselves with companies that operate with similar ideas to their own.

"He was a very passionate speaker... I think that this conference was very beneficial to learn leadership qualities and how to keep your values intact while entering the workforce," Romeu added.

After reflecting on his experience at the conference, Shamus Noonan '13 decided that he wanted to lead with the value of persistence. "I want to go above and beyond when engaging in activities and not giving up on something once I set my mind to it," Noonan said. The Values-Based Leadership Conference was a success leaving everyone in attendance motivated.

Get to Know Your Newsies

Andres Taborda '15

Major:

Political Science

Hometown:

Pawtucket, R.I.

Fun Fact:

I have a weird obsession with Josh Groban and Sarah Palin.

Most Commonly Found:

The Cowl office

Biggest Role Model:

My editor, Christine!

Annoys Him Most:

Giving back massages in *The Cowl* office

Most Passionate About:

Learning different languages



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Tim Wise Takes Diversity Issue Head-On

by Kathleen McGinty '16
News Staff

CAMPUS EVENTS

Living with nine other roommates in New Orleans after graduating from Tulane University in 1990, a pot of days-old gumbo left rotting on the stove by one of his roommates, author Tim Wise learned a crucial lesson from such an unbearable stench.

"I came to understand that it didn't really matter anymore whether I made the mess or not," said Wise in his lecture entitled "Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash" at Providence College last Wednesday, February 20. "I was tired of living in the residue of what someone else had done without my involvement, without my participation, but nonetheless actions that were now having consequences for me and the environment that I shared with those other people. The same is true with human society." Just like Wise was enticed to clean up the pot of gumbo left on the stove by his roommate, he was also moved to clean up the mess left in the wake of racial discrimination, inciting him to travel around the country to discuss diversity initiatives on college campuses and in corporate America.

"We didn't create [the mess]," noted Wise, "but we've inherited its legacy and we have to be accountable to and responsible for taking the world as we find it and trying to shape it into something else that it can be, more than it is when we find it."

In order to do so, Wise suggested that silence is not a viable response to the problem of discrimination. Thus, according to Wise, without deliberate efforts such as affirmative action programs, equal opportunities will not

be provided for those who are often overlooked because of ongoing biases and systemic inequalities inherent in our society. Moreover, he called for a greater understanding of the predicates and history preceding these biases and inequalities.

"To deny the historically contemporary reality of racial inequality in the name of color blindness is to...be blind to the consequences," said Wise. "If you're blind to the consequences of color, you can't very well remedy them."

Therefore, given the recent article on diversity published in *The Cowl* that has provoked discussion at the College, Wise stated that it is these types of discussions that college students should be engaging in and struggling with.

"We need to step back for just a second and think very clearly about what this current moment here at the College, because of the article that was in the paper and the reaction to that article, what opportunity that has given us here at this institution for which we probably in the long run should be grateful, as painful as the conversation can be," he said.

Furthermore, Wise upheld the College's current diversity initiatives, noting that if the College endeavors to produce well-prepared, productive citizens as stated in its Mission Statement, then students must gain knowledge and experience from interacting with the broader, diverse population comprising our country.

Following Wise's lecture, three students were given the opportunity to ask questions. The first inquirer, Beatriz Forster '14, capitalized on the idea that we are all made in the likeness of God and asked him how we can address the problems outlined in Wise's lecture if we as a society neglect



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Tim Wise is the author of several books about racism.

to emphasize one's personhood. Wise acknowledged there is more to a person than race, gender, and class, but he also responded that saying we are all created in the image of God will not correct the current inequalities.

The second question, asked by Shayna Kaufmann '13, elicited a response from Wise that asserted not everyone can make it on their own due to disparities in housing, income, and education among races that suggest either there is no equal opportunity or that African Americans are inherently inferior.

Lastly, Ash Issam '15 asked Wise whether the goal of affirmative action was curing obstacles or a commitment to diversity itself, to which Wise responded by asserting that to turn out functional people, the student body of colleges should be more of a microcosm of the world.

Issam, an international student, stated that he thoroughly enjoyed Wise's lecture. "I thought it was an amazing experience. The rhetoric

might have been a bit divisive and sarcastic," he said, but he hopes that it will start a good dialogue on campus.

Andrea De Pauw '13 agreed. "I really learned so much," she said. "[Wise] had a lot of confidence and creativity in teaching these topics. Our school could really learn from this." Wise expressed similar sentiments as he concluded his lecture.

"If we do not as a community, both here at this college but really all around the country, figure out a way to engage that conversation and stop kicking it down that road to the next generation, there will be folks that are going to be back in rooms like this in thirty or forty years having the very same conversation," said Wise. He continued, "If we leave that legacy to our children because we refuse to clean up the mess just because we didn't make the mess, those children, those grandchildren, those great grandchildren will curse our names, and we will deserve their curses, for we will have failed them miserably."

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from the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, an organization that seeks to spread public awareness about the negative consequences of abortions. The ladies were eager to talk to any student or person walking by and answer any questions others had for them. One of the women, Hannah Lusiognan, explained that they were there "to achieve awareness that a Catholic university was inviting a pro-death advocate to speak at the school." She went on to state that they were standing as witnesses because they regret what they have done and hope to stop the "lies that are continually perpetuated" by people like Senator Whitehouse.

Although the women were aware that Senator Whitehouse was not speaking about his views on abortion, they were adamant in their view that this was against the request from the Conference of Catholic Bishops. One of the other women, Julie Lamin, explained that as pro-life advocates they were spreading awareness about the situation from a moral standpoint.

Back within the gates of PC and during the reception, Father Brian J. Shanley, O.P., introduced Senator Whitehouse, addressing the "elephant in the room" and expressing his great respect for him and the office he holds. Senator Whitehouse shared his gratitude for Shanley's kind words and added that he did not want to "hold up the aging athletes" waiting for him at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Throughout the rest of the reception, Senator Whitehouse moved about the room talking to the students and faculty.

Eventually the crowd moved into the Smith Center Concert Hall and Senator Whitehouse began his lecture

entitled, "An Effective Congress for the 21st Century." He began by expressing his excitement for having the chance to talk "in a venue designed for concerts and orchestras," while adding, "Don't worry, I won't try to sing."

Senator Whitehouse acknowledged that Americans are fed up with the "useless and unnecessary quarrels" that plague Washington and stated that he has heard recently that "Congress is less popular than a root canal."

To address these problems, he started with the Senate. He explained how the filibuster is being abused, and it is essential that members of Congress do all they can to "reduce gridlock and pass high priority legislation."

He went on to state that the Hastert Rule is one of the biggest contributors to dysfunction in the House of Representatives. This unofficial rule states that the speaker of the House will not bring a bill up for vote unless it has support from most of the members of the majority party. "The cure is obvious, ditch the Hastert Rule. It is the obvious and evident solution."

His second major point was for Congress to follow the advice of Wayne Gretzky: "Skate to where the puck is going to be." A few of the issues he believes Congress must focus on include cyber security, climate change, and health care. He stated that cyber security is an exceptionally vulnerable issue that is going to get worse. He also noted that Rhode Island is already beginning to feel the impact from climate change. He added, "We are nowhere near the puck on health care."

To conclude, Senator Whitehouse spoke of an American duty to pass on the democracy that shines light against the darkness of the world and a democratic virtue present in the fact that democracy's defects are visible. The power to correct them lies with us.

Senior Giving Update

by Christine Rousselle '13
News Editor

CLUBS AND ORGS

Everyone who has ever walked into Phillips Memorial Library has seen the bricks inscribed with the names of alumni on Alumni Lane. These bricks are the most visible project of Senior Giving, and the Senior Giving committee has some lofty goals for the Class of 2013.

Led by Cate Latz '13, the Senior Giving Committee consists of Matt Froehlke '13, Catherine Moorad '13, Ali Gualtieri '13, Brendan Collins '13, Danica Lynch '13, Julie Moloy '13, Shannon Droge '13, Felicia Giuliano '13, Christine Genova '13, Kaley Benson '13, Courtney Diamond '13, Kaity Reilly '13, and Brianna Lutz '13. Their goals for the Class of 2013 include a 44 percent participation rate (or about 340 members of the class donating), and the Senior Giving Committee hopes to raise \$35,000 total.

While many seniors initially question the wisdom of donating to a school they have already paid thousands of dollars in tuition, Latz hopes that seniors view donating to Providence College as a way to give back to the school. The money that is raised from Senior Giving goes to the PC Fund or Angel Fund.

The PC Fund is a general fund that goes towards improving the College. Tuition only covers about 84% of the cost of educating a student at PC,

and the fund covers the rest. The PC Fund has paid for the Slavin Center renovations, the library basement renovations, and the wireless expansion of PC-Secure. Campus is now fully wireless, thanks to money from the PC Fund.

The Angel Fund was created in 2009 and serves as an emergency financial aid fund for disadvantaged students who experience unexpected monetary problems.

While the majority of senior giving contributions come through the bricks on Alumni Lane, the Senior Giving Committee also hosts other fundraising events and will be co-hosting a Senior Night in McPhail's with Student Congress.

Donating to Senior Giving is easy and can be done online via a link on their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PC13SrGiving). While parents are able to donate on the page, the donation is not considered to be a "senior" donation unless it comes directly from the student.

Anyone who donates \$100 will be eligible to get a brick for Alumni Lane with their name on it, and all donations must be received by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. On May 2, there will be a "Senior Sendoff" event at Fr. Shanley, O.P.'s house, honoring every member of the Class of 2013 who has donated.

"We encourage people to donate \$20.13, in honor of the class year," explained Latz. "I think the biggest thing to realize is that...tuition doesn't cover everything. Our PC experience has been made possible by donors."

Dr. Charles Toth: Former Biology Hater Becomes Biology Department Chair

by Elizabeth Nako '15
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FEATURED PROFESSOR

A fun fact Providence College students may not know about Charles Toth, Ph.D., chair of the biology department, is that he hated biology in high school. "I used to want to be a dentist," he said. Of course if one wants to pursue the field of pre-medical studies, biology courses are a requirement. While completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Toledo in Ohio, he experienced a change of heart and enjoyed his cellular and molecular biology course. This course influenced Dr. Toth to teach and find ways to become a professor.

Toth, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, then went on to the University of Virginia for graduate school to further his studies in the field of biology where he earned his Ph.D.

Also, while at UVA, Toth met his wife, another biology

student, through her roommate who was in Toth's lab. After receiving his doctorate, Toth and his wife went to the University of California at San Francisco where they both pursued post-graduate doctoral research studying the immune system.

One of Toth's first jobs was working at Pfizer, Inc., a company that does research in health-related fields to help find new therapies. Toth has a lot interest in immunology, which ties into his current research. Toth worked at this company in Connecticut, which is convenient for him since all of his in-laws are from the Boston area.

Although Toth did enjoy his time working at Pfizer, his real passion was always for teaching, which is what led him to the College. Toth says, "I enjoy working with students and having the ability to know about a little of a lot of things." What Toth really likes about research is how it focuses on the "little things" to help him gain a sense of the "big picture" and concepts in biology.

One of the research projects that Toth is working on with students is using human stem cells to figure out how to turn them into blood cells. Toth says that he has never had anything go terribly wrong during his labs other than the power going out and contamination, but he always advises his students during lab to follow the rules and not to do anything hazardous.

A question that a lot of PC students have been pondering is why was the pre-health studies minor program, which was mainly for non-science majors who expressed an interest in the health related medical fields, discontinued. Toth has received numerous phone calls from concerned parents asking for the reasons. Toth explains that it was not just one major reason but many that contributed to the discontinuation of this program.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dr. Charles Toth is a native of Ohio, loves to cook, and has two sons.

First, there were too many minors that were pushing the science majors out of required courses when trying to register. Secondly, the minor was originally set up for students going into the health professions but morphed into something that was not for the original purpose, and at the present time, was not capable for serving the majors.

The decision to eliminate the program is described by Toth as "still a controversial issue at PC and was not a popular decision to not put students in the minor." Right now, the biology department is in the process of adding more staff members to hopefully continue the program again someday, but Toth says that this process does not happen overnight, and they are trying their best to cater to the students.

If Toth was not the biology chair at PC, he said that he would probably be a chef. Cooking is one of his hobbies at home, and his favorite meals to cook are brunches or whatever his 11- and 15-year-old sons are asking for. Toth agrees that studying biology at PC is not an easy feat, after all it is part of the myth here at PC of the "ABCs" (the hardest majors here are arguably accountancy, biology, and chemistry). Toth describes the biology program as being rigorous, because it starts out being difficult with the required chemistry, calculus, and physics courses. The school usually recruits good students, however, so they tend to do well. Toth also says that the neuroscience program's required courses at PC help students to be well prepared for medical school. Toth has only good words to describe the overall academic environment at PC.

"I love it here. For me it is not a job. Sometimes an adventure, but usually I just have a good time here."

Funding Controversy Strikes Smaller Student Organizations

by Micaela Cameron '13
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CLUBS AND ORGS

"Congress has been doing a bad job of getting information relayed to us," said Goldie Hang '13, vice president of the PC Film Club. Hang's concern with Student Congress has been weighing on her mind for the past few semesters. Hang said Congress has not adequately communicated with the executive boards of clubs. She believes this is a problem that has existed even prior to this year. "It's really difficult because they don't let clubs know what the allocated money should be used for. I'd also like better communication in terms of deadlines and the kind of reports you need to send to them. I think they've been doing a poor job in organization," said Hang.

Dan Hogan '13, treasurer of Student Congress, responded to Hang's concerns. Hogan explained that at allocation meetings, each club was instructed to come prepared with a budget which outlined the money that the club requested. This money was to be used for events that clubs would put on for the entire school.

"Hang also believes that an invisible heirarchy exists among the clubs."

Hang also believes that an invisible hierarchy exists among the clubs which gives priority to certain clubs more than others. She wonders if the money allocated to smaller and newer clubs is fair in comparison to money allocated to bigger clubs such as Board of Programmers (BOP) and the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs (BMSA). "I get really mad because they don't give smaller clubs a chance to grow and build, so we haven't really been able to do as many events," said Hang.

Hogan explained that larger clubs such as BOP and BSMA contain smaller groups within them. For example, BOP contains many committees, such as an entertainment committee and a guest lecture committee, and BMSA contains sub-clubs such as Asian AM and Afro AM. Because these clubs are larger and need more money to fund their divisions, they receive more money. "I know it's tough for small clubs. We are working out how we can use the student activity fee of \$550,000 dollars, and how we can fairly dole it out to the 60 to 70 clubs on campus. It does get extremely tight, it's tough by the end of it to make it all balance out," said Hogan. Because of small budgets allocated by Congress, Hang was forced to

decline co-hosting an event with the Sci-Fi Club.

Warren Lucas '14, treasurer of the Sci-Fi Club, Anime Club, and Rejects on the Rise, also found problems with Congress' funding. With the funds Congress allocated him for the year, Lucas planned out events for the three clubs. However, after winter break, Lucas received news from Congress that they were cutting the budgets of Rejects on the Rise and the Sci-Fi Club. Lucas was forced to cancel events he had planned. "I really wasn't expecting cuts. I went through the entire process and went to all the meetings, and I still get money taken out. It's really a disincentive to care. Why should I submit my reports on time if they will take money away from me anyway?" said Lucas.

Hogan said this process was not limited to Sci-Fi Club alone. He also stated that it was not "cutting" the budget of club, but rather reallocating the money. Hogan and Congress looked to see if clubs were using the money they asked for at the beginning of the year. If they were not, Congress allocated part of their funds to the new clubs of the spring semester. Lucas noticed that the amount deducted from the budget of the Sci-Fi Club was similar to the amount of money his clubs had in their agency accounts. According to Hogan, this was a coincidence. Lucas said that he loves the events BOP and BMSA put on, and he finds both clubs have great leadership. However, Lucas finds it hard to compete with the events that BOP and BMSA put on.

Hogan and Congress are currently brainstorming strategies to solve the budget problem. He does not want to raise the student activity fee, but rather use a percentage of the tuition increase. Hogan explained that year after year, events become more costly and the student activity fee does not go up, making it difficult for clubs to receive adequate funding.

"I know small clubs want to grow and expand, but Congress is also up against the wall. We have this budget, and when you distribute to 60 to 70 clubs, it's not that much. It may seem that BMSA and BOP are higher up, but it's because of the size of their events and club. We would hope that smaller clubs would want to cosponsor with the bigger clubs," said Hogan.

Editor's Note:

Several clubs affected by the reallocation process received all or part of their initial allocation funds back after repeated contact with S.A.I.L., the Dean of Students, and Student Congress.

Puzzle Answers

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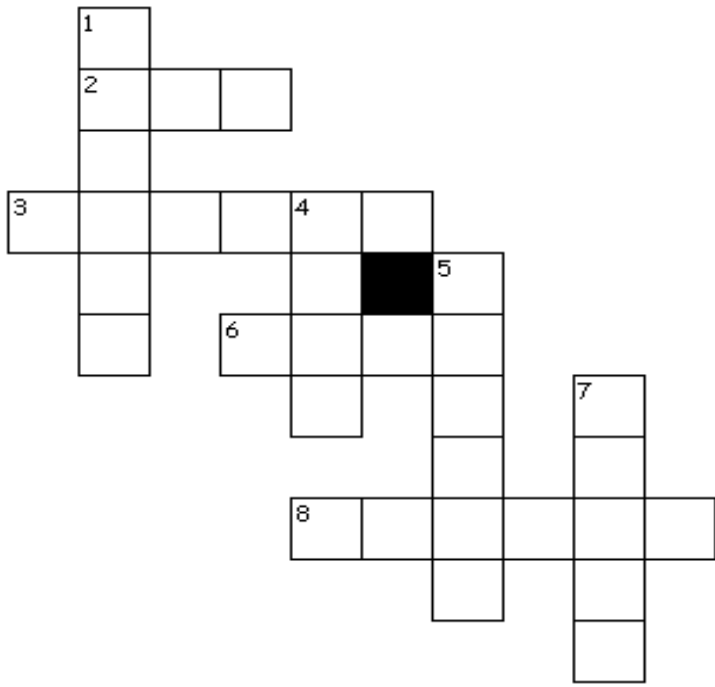
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The Procrastination Station

Featuring colors, as today is the anniversary of the sale of the color TV to the public

The Rainbow



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- 3. A color of the rainbow.
- 6. A color of the rainbow.
- 8. A color of the rainbow.

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- 5. A color of the rainbow.
- 7. A color of the rainbow.

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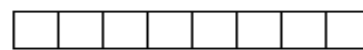
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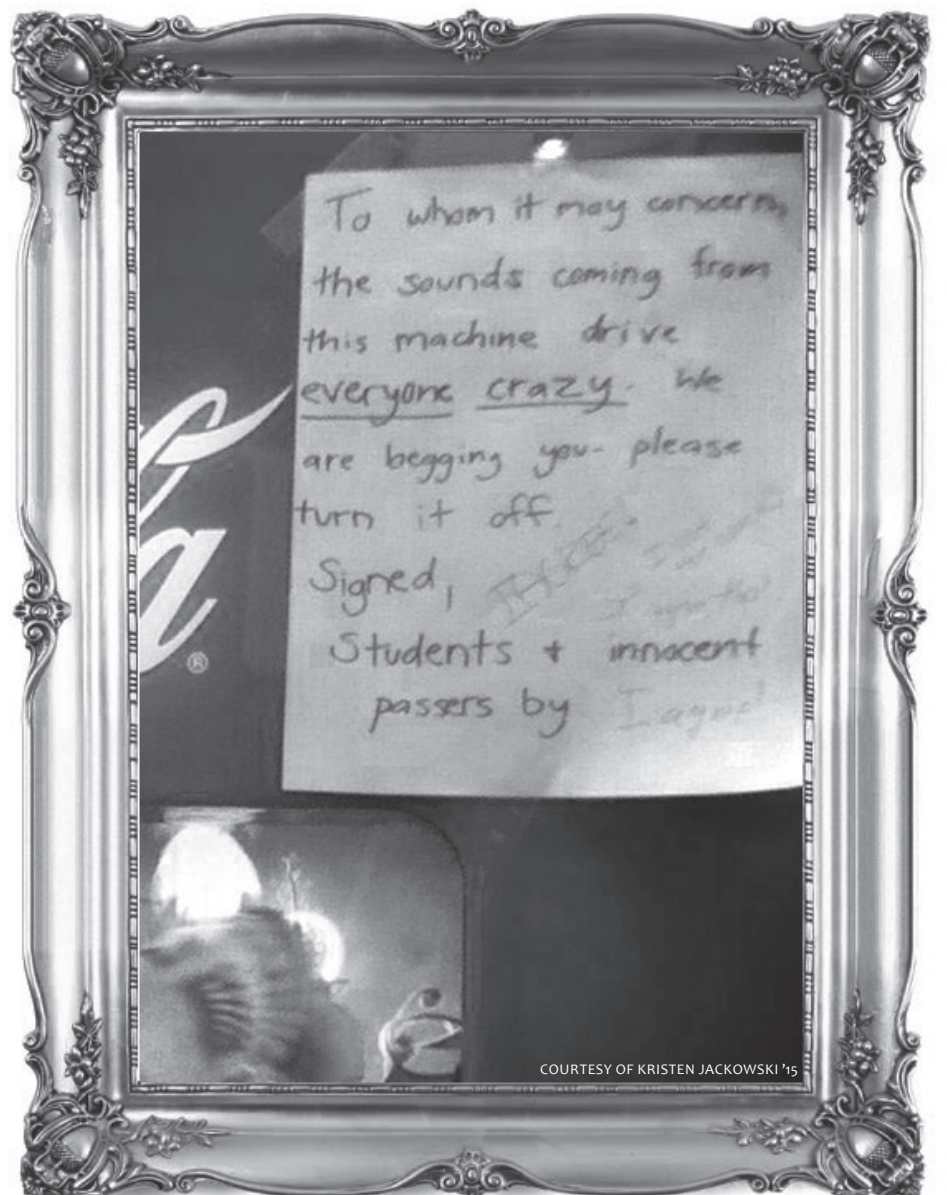
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by Christine Rousselle '13
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PC Picture of the Week



Preach.

PC Tweet of the Week

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From Sweden with Love: *Propaganda Para-Bears "Drop In" on Belarus*

by Naomi Eide '13
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BELARUS

Last week, a Belarusian border guard was sentenced to two years in a maximum-security correctional facility after an incident last year where he failed to report a Swedish plane illegally crossing the border into Belarus. The sentence was the first jailing by military tribunal in connection with the invasion of teddy bear paratroopers.

On July 4, 2012 the unnamed border guard in question violated procedure and did not notify his unit officer that a small plane had entered Belarusian airspace after crossing over the Lithuanian border. The light plane carried two Swedish nationals and 879 teddy bears, which were air dropped into the central town of Iryanets, each carrying pro-democracy messages such as "We support the Belarusian struggle for free speech."

Tomas Mazetti and Hannah Frey were the two Swedish citizens who carried out the stunt in order to publicize the struggle for human rights in Belarus. Both Mazetti and Frey worked for a Swedish advertising company, Studio Total, which said it was inspired by Belarusian pro-democracy activists who were carrying teddy bears with protest slogans.

Nicknamed by the media as the "teddy bear paratroopers," the air drop was meant to draw attention to

human rights violations in Belarus. Labeled as one of the most oppressive countries in Europe, the post-Soviet Belarusian government openly censors music and the Internet, and strictly limits the freedom of the press. Even insulting the president in public can lead to as much as five years in prison.

When asked for the motivations behind the incident, Mazetti said, "There are few examples in history of forcing a dictator to step down through money or weapons alone, and of course one should protest his actions. But [the] campaign using teddy bears has been received warmly in Belarus, and many people think that it's very funny."

The teddy bear paratroopers sparked an international incident after Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko ordered an official investigation. Following the results of the investigation, State Border Committee Chairman Igor Rachkovsky and the Air Force and Air Defense Commander Dmitry Pakhmelkin were fired. Numerous military and security officials were reprimanded for the incident. Irina Kozlik and Yulia Doroshkevich, two local journalists, were even charged with "violating the law on protests" by posing for photographs with some of the teddy bears, resulting in a fine of several hundred dollars.

Reacting against the Swedish government, President Lukashenko gave the Swedish embassy until August 30, 2012 to remove all diplomats from Minsk. In response, Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt tweeted, "We remain strongly committed to the freedom of Belarus and all its citizens. They deserve the freedoms and the rights of the rest of Europe."

The Belarusian KGB security service demanded that representatives of Studio Total go in for questioning in Belarus to ensure there is an "objective, comprehensive investigation of the case, and an explanation of all aspects of the intrusion into Belarusian airspace." The ad agency responded by saying they would meet with investigators in Sweden only if "all the political prisoners in Belarus" were released.

European Football Leagues React to Offensive Taunting

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EUROPE

The sounds of gas chambers, monkey cries, and fireworks going off, large groups waving swastikas, jeering opponents, and cries for players to “go back to the zoo where they came from—no, you are not at a neo-Nazi rally; you are actually at a soccer match.

Soccer, or football as it is known around the world, has been credited with its ability to provide a platform for dialogue and interaction among individuals with different cultures, economic backgrounds, and political situations. It has been called the universal language, for it is one of the only games where all 11 players on the pitch can come from different countries, speak different languages, and still work together to successfully win a game.

Football has been used as a successful platform to launch political movements, education programs against HIV/AIDS, and as a tool to combat social issues such as homelessness, drug addiction, and gang violence. Even in our own backyard, it is being used to help kids get better grades in school at Pawtucket’s very own Project Goal.

Unfortunately, the same characteristics that lend themselves to the use of soccer as a tool for positive social change can also be used to benefit less noble causes, largely



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European soccer matches have been plagued by instances of racism and hate-filled messages, forcing FIFA to adopt new strategies to improve conduct.

staged and supported by some of the most conservative countrymen across Europe. From Italy to Spain and from Serbia to France, these right-winged nationalists are beginning to take center stage, downplaying the positive role that football has played in the modern world.

One of the problems that has been continuing to plague the football world is racism. In a report published by *The New York Times* in early January, the author discusses a recent incident of racism that occurred in Milan during a friendly match between Italian football

clubs A.C. Milan and Pro Patria. Apparently, “Kevin Prince Boetang, a Ghanaian-German midfielder, responded to racist chants by kicking a ball into the stands where some Pro Patria supporters were howling like monkeys and then walked off the field, followed by his teammates.” In Serbia, British football player Danny Rose was reported to have “responded to the racist abuse he and his fellow black teammates received throughout the match by ironically clapping to Serbian supporters, kicking a football into the stands, and mimicking an

ape as he walked towards the player’s tunnel” on British website PolicyMic.

In one of the most recent cases to garner public attention, UEFA, the Union of European Football Associations, charged the Italian club Lazio over \$180,000 for racist chants used by supporters during a recent Europa League match against British club Tottenham Hotspur, according to the BBC. This is the second consecutive fine that the club has received as a direct result of the racist behavior of supporters, the first being a \$50,000 fine issued after their first match held against Spurs at White Hart Lane in London. Lazio has become internationally renowned for its openly violent supporter group SS Lazio.

The occurrences of racially charged abuse and player taunting have become all too common during the course of European football events, bringing players, coaches, and supporters to call for stricter fines and penalties for those charged with racial abuse. Supporters charged with racist crimes are facing criminal charges in courts across Europe, paying fines as high as several thousand Euros for their actions.

CNN reports that FIFA President Sepp Blatter has been forced to adopt and implement new strategies to address the issue, as “simple handshakes are simply not solving the problem.” Anti-racist strategies vary greatly from country to country, but through the work of UEFA and the many European anti-racist affiliates, it is a problem that will be eradicated.

Controversial Olympian on Trial for Murder

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SOUTH AFRICA

Oscar Pistorius, the South African sprinter who earned international fame when he ran in the 2012 Summer Olympics with both legs amputated, has been charged with the Valentine’s Day murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. As he pleads that he thought Steenkamp was an intruder, fans across the world can only close their eyes and mourn the death of the 29 year old model.

Pistorius was born without a fibula in each of his legs and before his first birthday both of his legs were amputated. With his mother’s motivation, he trained at a maximum level all of his life using prosthetics that emulated the legs of a cheetah.

His hard work paid off in 2012 when he won gold medals in the men’s 400-meter race and in the 4 x 100 meter relay at the Summer Paralympics and participated in those same events at the Summer Olympics. He became the first double leg amputee to participate in any Olympics, then at the age of 25.

In the early hours on Valentine’s Day just two weeks ago, Pistorius’ girlfriend was found dead in the bedroom of his home in upscale Pretorius, South Africa. The athlete claims that he thought she was rather an intruder, and fired a gun four times through a locked bathroom door in self-defense.

Reeva Steenkamp was famous in her own right even before she started dating the man nicknamed “Blade Runner.” After completing her law degree, Steenkamp rose to fame as a model and even became the face of the cosmetics company Avon in South Africa.

The day before her murder, she asked her Twitter followers, “What do you have up your sleeve for your love tomorrow?” Her sponsors and the companies she worked with described her as having an unbelievably kind personality and a great sense of humor.

Oscar Pistorius’ uncle stated, “[Oscar and Reeva] had plans together and Oscar was happier in his private life than he had been for a long time. Oscar—as you can imagine—is also numb with shock as well as grief.”

On Feb. 22, Pistorius was released on bail with the condition that he not enter his home in Pretoria where the shooting occurred. Detectives there are still meticulously searching the scene in his bedroom suite.

Interestingly, authorities found a substance in the bathroom that was initially named in court as testosterone. However, prosecutors quickly withdrew that statement.

The substance has finally been identified as Testis compositum, an herbal remedy that representatives of Pistorius have said he used for “muscular recovery.”

A product by the same name is also sold as a sexual enhancer, and it is unclear if Pistorius had been using it for that intent.

“It would appear to be a homeopathic treatment, and these

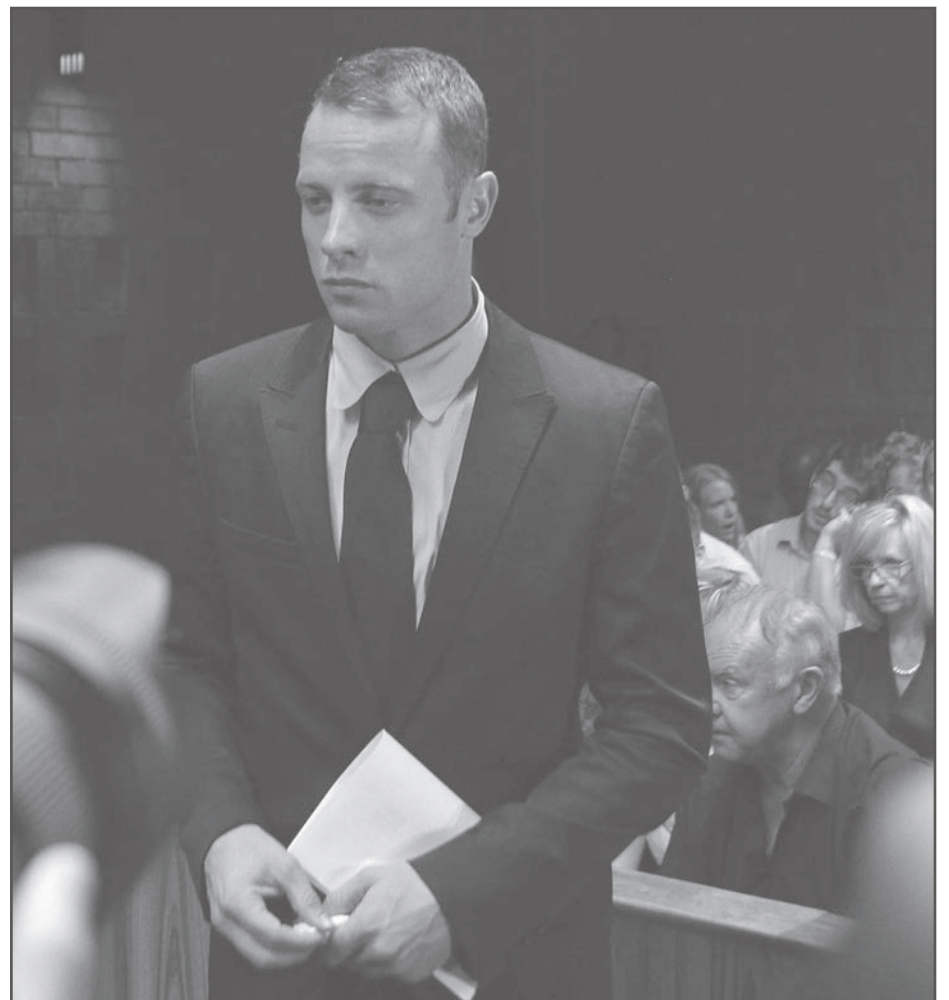


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South African Olympian, and beloved public figure, Oscar Pistorius is facing charges of premeditated murder for the shooting death of his girlfriend. He is currently out of bail, awaiting trial.

treatments are not prohibited by the list,” confirmed the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Although Pistorius will not be rebuked for the use of that substance, his endorsement with Nike has been suspended and he has chosen to not participate in

upcoming races so as to deal with the legality of the situation.

All that remains clear is South Africa lost an innocent and beautiful young girl, and the legal case against Pistorius should not obstruct the remorse and respect due for her life.

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BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

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BUSINESS

Released for purchase late last year, the Google Chromebook is the “new kid on the block” among portable tablets and innovative laptops. At a budget friendly price of only \$250, the Chromebook boasts error-free WiFi service, Bluetooth capability, USB jacks, and a six and a half hour battery life. In an attempt to mimic Apple’s sleek design, the Chromebook is lightweight and features a simple silver screen and modern styled keyboard. Designed by Samsung, the Chromebook is Google’s answer to the Mac laptop, but without the hard drive capability. According to *The New York Times*, the Chromebook was designed only for online activities, such as using the Web, email, or YouTube. Without a hard drive or DVD/CD insert, the Chromebook is “silent and fast, as long as you don’t try to do two things at once.” Although critics scough at the device’s impracticality, the Chromebook is a perfect solution for “technophobes” and frugal customers.

Reported last Thursday by both *Apple Insider* and *Patently Apple*, Apple has officially retained a patent for “an advanced wearable computer in the form of a bracelet that could double as a watch.” According to *Forbes* magazine, Apple aims to allow customers to accomplish a variety of everyday activities on the watch’s touch screen, including “adjusting the order of a current playlist or reviewing a list of recent phone calls.” The reported watch design is cutting-edge, sketched like a snap bracelet, featuring a solar panel underneath the display, powered by the kinetic energy of the user’s arm motion, and having the ability to focus the screen of the watch directly towards the user by body position sensors, essentially allowing the watch to turn with the user’s wrist. Apple has had a team of about 100 product designers on the grind for a new watch design for months, striving to create a unisex product with the simple elegance of the Mac but the practicality of a watch. The release of this new “snap bracelet” design is most likely the final design for the product and should be in production stages within the year.

Conducted between Feb. 13 and 18, a recent poll by *USA Today* and Pew Research Center shows the majority of Americans support President Obama’s proposal to raise federal minimum wage from \$7.25/hr to \$9.00/hr. The results of the poll show that 71 percent of Americans support the wage increase, while only 26 percent opposed. Eighty-seven percent of Democrats, 68 percent of independent groups, and 50 percent of Republicans approve the initiative, with about 64 percent of polled Tea Party affiliates opposing the political policy. Economists largely agree that a minimum wage policy acts as a price floor intentionally set above the market equilibrium wage, in hopes to protect workers against inflation and low pay. A minimum wage too far above the equilibrium wage may result in an increase in unemployment, with struggling firms forced to lay off employees in order to cut costs. Obama’s plan hopes to close the gap between inflation adjusted wage and average hourly earnings, claiming the \$1.75 increase in minimum wage is rightly adjusted for changing inflation rates. Introduced in the most recent State of the Union Address, the policy proposal has a long way to go before implementation, and still faces significant opposition within Congress.

Mike’s Market Corner

by Mike Lynch '14
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Stocks got off to a rough start this week, as both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 retreated from their multi-year highs. The Dow has been flirting with the 14,000 mark, and the S&P 500 has been stuck trading around 1,500, two psychologically important levels for investors. The CBOE Volatility Index, considered the best gauge of fear and panic in the markets, soared over 30% and closed just under 19. Stocks are looking for a new catalyst, as they have traded sideways over the past few weeks. Investors may err on the side of caution this week, as some \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts (known as the sequester) are set to kick in on March 1. Home Depot (HD), TJX Companies (TJX), and Priceline.com (PCLN) are three of the more important stocks to watch, as they all reported quarterly earnings this week.

Across the pond, the Eurozone recession widened in the fourth quarter of 2012 as GDP shrank 0.6 percent versus a 0.4 percent decline in the third quarter. Growth in the global economy has been slow to nonexistent, as the US also reported a 0.1 percent contraction for its fourth quarter GDP. A second reading of the fourth quarter GDP will be announced on Thursday, February 28, providing investors with a more accurate and precise report. Global financial markets could face severe downside risk, unless more upbeat economic reports are released.

The WORLD in BRIEF

by Ben Remillard '13
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Following a breakdown in talks between lawyers, the United States will sue Lance Armstrong. The suit will charge Armstrong with defrauding the American public by using drugs when he insisted he did not, and for negatively affecting the image of the US Postal Service. The Postal Service brought in over \$100 million in benefits through its sponsorship of Armstrong. The disgraced biker publicly admitted to doping in an interview with Oprah last month.

The United Kingdom has lost its AAA credit rating for the first time since 1978. The decision by ratings agency Moody’s was based on the expectation that UK economic growth would “remain sluggish over the next few years.” Canada and Germany are the only remaining major economies to currently have a AAA rating.

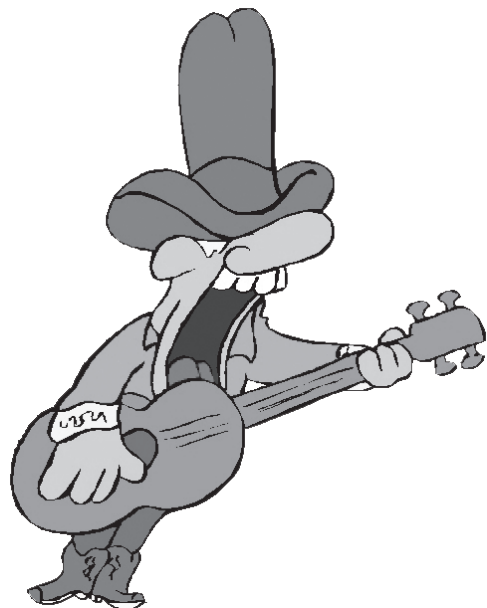
Pope Benedict announced this past week that he would remove the 15-day waiting period normally assigned before the election of a new pope. The waiting period, which was designed to allow the church to grieve the death of the pope, was deemed unnecessary in light of Benedict’s unusual resignation. The announcement will allow for extra time to choose the next pope before Easter.

The Pentagon’s \$400 billion program, the F-35 fighter jet, had its entire fleet grounded last week. Following the discovery of a cracked engine blade in one of the jets, the entirety of the fleet’s flight operations were suspended until the root cause of the problem is established. This is the second time in two months the force has been grounded.

Anheuser-Busch, the world’s largest alcohol producer responsible for beers such as Budweiser and Michelob, is being sued by American beer drinkers for allegedly watering down their products. The \$5 million lawsuit claims that consumers have been robbed of the alcohol content in 10 of the company’s beers. The company argues that the claims are “completely false...We proudly adhere to the highest standards in brewing our beer.”



Y'all Should Listen to this More Often



by Kelly Sullivan '15
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MUSIC

Cowboy boots, spurs, plaid, Southern accents, cowboy hats—do you see where I'm going? Country music, of course. You've seen *Footloose*, right? Can you dance like that? Probably not. But country music will definitely give you that Southern-flair and happy feeling that comes along with relatable music. *Let me show you how country feels.*

Music is what we use to vent, to relax, and to enhance certain emotions. Country music is the genre of music that is easy for everyone to immerse themselves in. We can't all understand the wild, head-bangin' lifestyle portrayed in rock or whatever message dubstep is trying to send us. Country music is laid-back and incorporates so many different emotions and situations that you'd literally have to live under a rock to not be able to relate. Convinced yet? *Tell me what I gotta do to win you over.*

Don't worry, I'm not talking about Taylor Swift. I'm talking about Tim McGraw, Blake Shelton, Toby Keith, Kenny Chesney, and Miranda Lambert, artists that write about situations everyone goes through. Country music is about our struggles and hardships and the love, community, and good times that come out of them. It's about picking yourself back up after a fall, appreciating those around us, and looking forward to the road ahead.

It might not be lyrical poetry (*Are you gonna kiss me or not?*—seems pretty straight forward.), and it may lack depth (*You know I like my chicken fried—really?*), but country music is genuine. It's about things that are real.

My wish for you is that you give it a try. Approach it with an open mind. Hopefully it'll take you by such surprise that you're going to wish you had a *Storm Warning*.

Country music has a *Heart Like Mine*, it gives me motivational *Days Like These*, it's *My Kind of Party*, do I make myself clear, *Do I?*

Songs that you can connect with, that make you hopeful, that you can dance to, that hold emotional attachment, that are hands-down happy—you don't like that? *Well, this is country music and we do.*

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A Saturday Spent Working with the Special Olympics

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CAMPUS

Because of the multitude of volunteer opportunities, students can go their entire four years at Providence College without being introduced to a group or organization that they would otherwise love to help. I could probably spend the rest of the year writing about different groups on campus that everyone should at least take a look at, but for now I would like to just talk about one in particular.

Although Special Olympics definitely does not struggle to find volunteers, I cannot fathom someone going through their four years here at PC without at least having a chance to get involved. Special Olympics seeks to connect volunteers from the Providence College community with local athletes of all ages associated with the Special Olympics Rhode Island (SORI) organization through facilitating different sporting and social events. This year's student leader, Katie Ferris '13, who has been devoted to the group since her freshman year, has helped carry on a thriving tradition of cooperation with SORI. Why has she continued to devote so much of her time and energy to the group these four years? For Ferris, there is nothing better than making the athletes happy. "My biggest motivation for coming back each year is the smiles that I am able to see each time I am at an event," she said.

This past Saturday, Special Olympics teamed up with SORI to hold a traditional basketball tournament in Peterson Recreation Center. A little over 100 PC volunteers lent a helping hand with anything from keeping score, announcing games, and handing out pizza, to simply taking the time

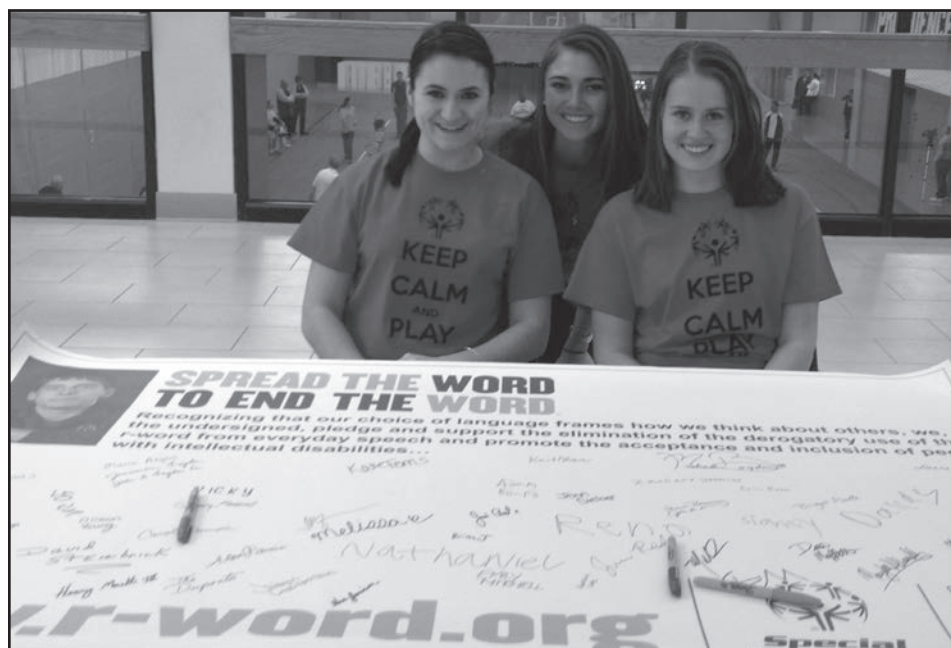


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The "R-Word Campaign" is a national pledge to prevent people from using the word "retarded" in everyday use because of its hurtful and derogatory connotation.

to interact with athletes. Like Ferris said, the joy that radiates from each and every smiling face makes every minute spent volunteering well worth it.

Although Special Olympics has thrived over the past couple of years, they still face challenges and misconceptions about the athletes they serve. "The greatest challenges for SORI, I think, are the misconceptions that the general public has about disabilities and the Special Olympics organization," Ferris said. "Many people assume that the SORI athletes are 'inferior' in a sense, and it is heartbreaking to learn how the athletes can be viewed by outsiders who are unaware and uneducated about the organization." Through sports and creating an environment of genuine interaction and learning, Special Olympics seeks to break down these misconceptions.

If you missed the basketball tournament but would still like to help Special Olympics in their goal of not only building relationships

with the athletes but raising awareness for the cause, Ferris and her team of volunteers have just begun to launch The "R-word Campaign," to "Spread the Word to End the Word." The campaign is a national pledge to prevent people from using the word "retarded" in common language because of its hurtful and derogatory nature. At the tournament, athletes, spectators, and volunteers signed a banner pledging to stop using the word. Over the next few weeks, the community at large will have a chance to sign the banner, which will eventually be hung in Slavin.

If you have been meaning to get involved or if this is the first time you are really hearing about Special Olympics, do not wait to get involved. I can guarantee that you will not only enjoy meeting the awesome volunteers but will also be transformed by the relationships you will forge with the athletes. And if for no other reason, do it for the smiles.

Tim Wise's Talk: An Ineffective Way to Seek Truth

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CAMPUS

I'm afraid that I can't help myself. I just have to weigh in on the ongoing "diversity" issue. As a non-American citizen, I'll gladly remind you that "dissent is the highest form of patriotism." Refusal to comply with oppressive laws is what motivated American colonists to begin this glorious republic, of which I wrote so highly a few weeks ago. Now I'll take my turn at standing up for injustice.

Last week, so-called "anti-racist" speaker Tim Wise came to Providence College following the invitation of diverse organizations and pontificated at length on racism. I attended this talk and identified some issues. I won't address the substance of what he said here—that would require a much longer article. Instead, I'll speak to the character of his talk and how it relates to dissent in general.

I have a problem with the fact that rather than serving as a forum or discussion of the topic of diversity, which

seems to interest otherwise apathetic students, Wise's talk was an angry, resentful, arrogant tirade. Although students were allowed to ask questions, there was really no opportunity to get a word in during his lengthy responses, which made it seem like no one could refute such a wise orator.

You bet I asked him a question pertaining to what I viewed to be one of the principal errors with his train of thought: his anthropological reductionism. No, we're not just male or female nor are our identities determined by our ethnicities or socioeconomic statuses. As I told Wise last week, we're more than that—we're made in the image and likeness of God. Disagree with me if you like, but regardless, that is certainly a statement that elevates our human nature.

This statement also forms part of the Strategic Plan that has recently sparked so much conversation. In fact, in order to explain how this new set of objectives will enhance diversity, it says on the PC website that "recognizing that all are created in God's image and likeness, we will promote a campus culture that is respectful of the dignity of every individual and in which diversity in

many forms and expressions is valued and appreciated."

Here's how I think dissent breaks down: I don't think that it's appropriate for a speaker to come to our college and inform us that our mission and institution poorly prepare us for the world because, as Wise asserted, our student body doesn't accurately reflect the world's diversity. Obviously, we can all list the kind of statistics that we bubble in on standardized tests and government forms, but yes, there is a truth above these categories. The motto of our school is *Veritas*—Truth. I can't conceive of a more worthy goal.

Of course, the only way to arrive at the truth is by hearing various opinions, but all of them should be concerned with arriving at this endpoint of truth or else the enterprise becomes a joke—one which apparently Wise finds entertaining. We should take peoples' opinions seriously as well as respect the dignity of those who voice them, but I will not respect lies or the notion that we should settle for anything but the Truth—not the "sociological" truth (an oxymoron) but the objective Truth which we will continue to pursue with confidence.

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Thank You, Staff

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CAMPUS



Running an organization with over 85 staff members and overseeing everything from budget, publishing, printing, and distributions week after week, while being full-time students, is a taxing job. Needless to say, we have questioned our decision to lead *The Cowl* (just as, we are sure, our predecessors have and our successors will) a little over 500 times in the past few weeks.

After all, our staff members and organization as a whole have been physically as well as emotionally threatened, accused of racism, censorship, and a right-wing bias.

The only thing that kept us going was the enthusiasm and cheerfulness of our staff. As these accusations were peaking on Wednesday, February 13, we were all in the office until 3 a.m. trying to deal with them while putting together the issue along with the accompanying Valentine's Day insert. We had our work cut out for us, and we were both thoroughly depressed about this and the atmosphere around campus.

In the midst of our Wednesday-night desperation, a staff member picked up his ukulele and started a 10-minute sing-along that included, among other songs, "Thrift Shop." It was this sing-along that made it so clear to us that we did not regret deciding to lead *The Cowl* last year. It became evident that the *The Cowl* is still the same loving and rewarding community we joined four years ago.

We would like to thank the entire *Cowl* staff for taking the high road, for not shouting back when we were being shouted at, for defending the concept of freedom of the press, and for playing music and keeping us upbeat when we hit rock bottom.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our editorial board. Thanks so much for keeping us sane and keeping us going. Thank you for stepping up and taking on duties beyond your job description. Thank you for putting 30 hours into *The Cowl* every week, even though you are unpaid and do not receive credit.

We would also like to thank Kelly Sullivan '15 for having the courage to publish an unpopular opinion. You started a dialogue about an issue that may have otherwise gone untouched.

The same goes to all of our Commentary writers who want to address critical issues. Please do not be discouraged. We must continue to bring them to the forefront. After all, what else is Commentary good for?

"Watch" Out: Apple Designs Another Product

by Nicole Corbin '15
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SOCIETY

Rumors have been swirling around the media that those geniuses at Apple are creating a new device colloquially as an iWatch. A recent patent filing by Apple gives some validity to these rumors. This begs the question: do we really need another Apple product? I think not. Just take a look around the Providence College campus, aglow with blue light emanating from everyone's hands. You would be hard pressed to find a spot on campus without a bright Apple logo.

Reportedly, the patent indicates that this "smart watch" consists of a small touch screen, displaying the time, which conforms to the wearer's wrist and allows the user to respond to text messages, review recent calls, and connect to other devices. That sounds a lot like...a cell phone.

The iWatch is still in the early stages of development, but past Apple history, along with the patent application, indicates that consumers can expect the same functions and sleek design characteristic of all Apple products. Moreover, I guarantee that the newest Apple baby will be marketed so expertly and with such precision that we will instantly feel incomplete until it is in our possession—what I like to call, "The Apple Effect."

Over the years, Apple has succeeded in making us buy the same product, with slight variations, and this new watch, if and when it hits the market, is no exception. Let's face it, Apple's iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad perform the same function, but name a person who only owns one of those devices. I'm convinced that's an impossible task.

Just last year, I jumped aboard the iPhone bandwagon like nearly everyone else in the country. But, the moment turned on that glossy screen, I felt ridiculous when I realized what I had done because that device was practically identical to the one propped on the dock in my room. I now have an iPod Touch



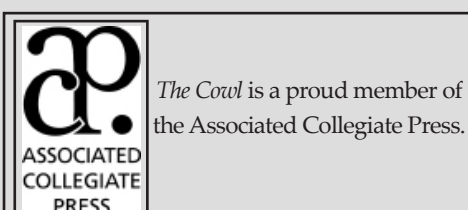
Apple is developing its newest product, the iWatch, which is apparently revolutionary.

and an iPod Touch that makes phone calls (oops, I mean iPhone).

Don't get me wrong, Apple is a leading innovator of technology (I'm sure somewhere in the world there is an altar dedicated to Steve Jobs), and I love my Apple products, but I will be the first to admit that owning an iPhone and an iPod Touch or an iPad, or all three, is superfluous.

If you have yet to yield to the alluring temptations of handheld Apple products,

go for it and buy an iWatch. But, if you, like me, already own multiple Apple products, what's the point? Why strap on my wrist what I already have in my pocket? Plus, unless you're going for a "techno-chic" look, this watch isn't going to pass any inspections by the fashion police.



TANGENTS & TIRADES

The Groundhog Was Wrong

Wasn't it just a few weeks ago that Punxsutawney Phil predicted an early spring when he didn't see his shadow? I was all for the prediction and admittedly quite excited to get started on some early spring shopping. But it seems like Phil may have been a little off, at least up until this point. First, we have that atrocious blizzard like something out of a documentary on Antarctica. Then, this past weekend we had more snow and freezing temperatures. It hasn't been the warmest of times walking around the campus-turned-ice-box. I think it's safe to say that we're all ready for spring, and hopefully Phil's forecasting has something to it because I can't stand another day of this cold.

—Nathan McGuire '15

Connecting with Historical Providence

A typical rainy Saturday lures me into falling asleep amidst the trickling sounds of water and wispy gusts of wind. Luckily, a friend of mine, Emily Kennedy '15, had read the SAIL Digest and inspired me to pull on my boots, charge out of my dorm, and enter the historical corners of Providence. As we ventured through every crevice of Brown, we escaped our daily routines and entered a sacred place that time seems to have disregarded. When touring the John Brown House, we learned the story behind the founders of Providence. Bumping into Brown students and hearing about intriguing opportunities they are able to encounter in one afternoon has opened me up to a new outlook on educational experiences. Every day I am grateful to hear stories of heroism and adventure that fill me with curiosity and fascination. These stories and real life experiences instill in me the desire to learn and discover like my ancestors. Digging deep into the lives of those who came before fulfills my passion for connecting with people who have been forgotten.

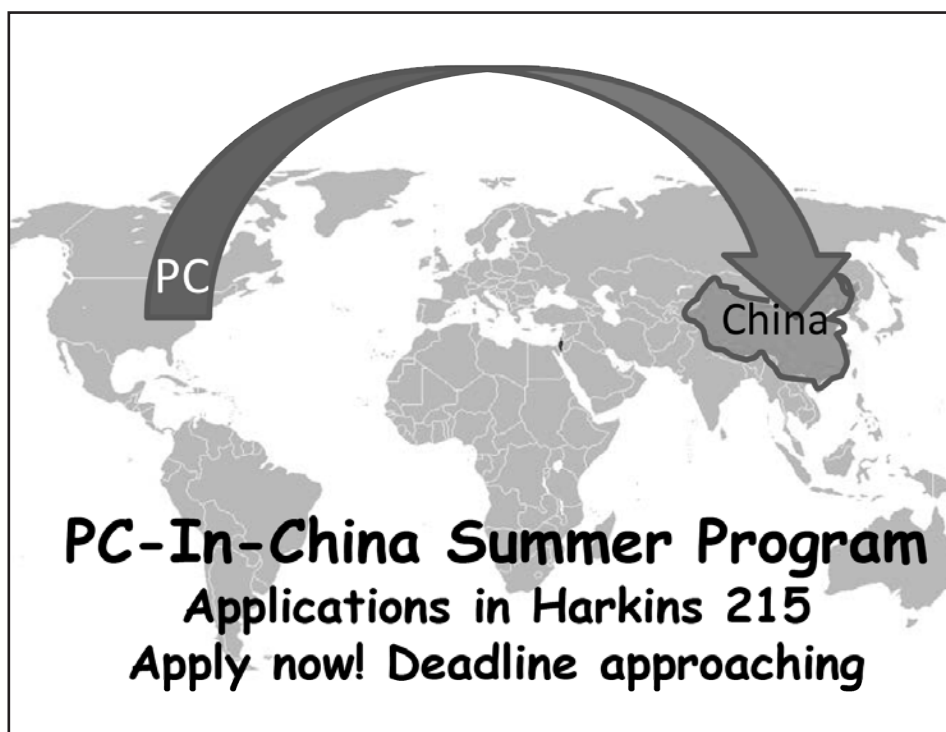
—Christina Moazed '15

DIALOGUE: Speak Up, Civilly

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believe that any reasonable person could argue that the opinion of a sitting senator on the state of Congress is not academically valuable." This gives me hope that we can have a healthy open dialogue on this campus about the issues that challenge our generation. I hope the administration continues to adhere to this policy. College is a time of learning and growth. However, true learning and growth cannot be attained if only one side of a debate is heard. I am a faithful person who is very proud to be Catholic. This does not mean I do not enjoy hearing all sides of an argument, even when I disagree with them.

In today's society, too often we talk past each other or even worse do not talk about important issues at all in fear of offending someone. We as a college and as a society must discuss the tough issues or risk a legacy of neglect that would be far worse than offending an individual on a given day. We must respect each other's opinions not by agreeing to disagree but instead by engaging in a real evaluation of facts. There is a right and a wrong in every situation, we as humans may not be wise enough to be able to recognize it, but nonetheless the truth exists. Challenge yourself to seek out a higher level of intellectual conversation because we will all benefit from it.



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Faith Matters: A Sign of the Times

by Fr. James Cuddy, O.P.
Campus Chaplain

CAMPUS

It finally happened. Someone stole the sign from my parking spot by the chapel.

This has been a great source of irritation for me this week, and I'm choosing to use my allotted space in *The Cowl* to complain to you, my virtuous readers. I know that none of you would ever commit such an abominable act. But bear with me as I whine.

Every time I've piloted the Chaplainmobile towards St. Dominic's this week, I've seen a different car in my space. And with no sign posted to threaten ill-mannered motorists, there's nothing I can do. The worst instance of this was when I saw my dutiful assistant, Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P., parked in my once-sacred spot. I asked him what he was doing, and he smirked and said, "Sorry, dude. There was no sign there."

Do you know the worst part about this whole villainous episode? It's that I have no right to be upset. I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was on the criminal end of the same episode back in the day. I think the statute of limitations has run out, so I can finally admit that I had the "Reserved for Chaplain" sign hanging on the wall of my house on Radcliffe way back in 1996. And now the sins of my youth have been visited upon me.

As I drove around Elmhurst each day looking in vain for a parking spot, a Scripture verse kept echoing in my guilty ears: "A person will reap only what he sows." I've been wondering if this is some

kind of divine retribution for a seemingly harmless prank committed years ago.

This is not, of course, how God works. Life isn't that simple. We know that bad things happen to good people. And we know that the wicked often prosper. Just look at Christ on the Cross; the most ignoble death was imposed on the most just of all men. There often seems to be no correlation between our actions and the consequences that follow.

So what does it mean to reap what we sow? And why should we bother trying to be good? There are two answers that we need to look at. The first concerns the afterlife. You and I are going to live forever. The place where we spend all eternity – whether heaven or hell – will be determined by both our faith and our works. We want to sow good seeds that will put us on the road to everlasting glory.

The second reason is a bit subtler. If we make daily efforts to live well, we'll progressively be changed into better people. We may not obtain material blessings or have an easy life. We will not be exempt from suffering in this life. But we'll enjoy some modicum of peace and happiness, the likes of which the wicked will never know.

With all that being said, a final word of absolution to the bandit who made off with my sign. You can keep it. I've got an old one that I can use.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to Keeping Us Safe During Nemo

Dear Editor,

It was quite a snowstorm, but we got through it. And we got through it so well largely through the hard work of so many committed members of the Providence College family. The Sodexo workers camped out close to campus so that our students could be fed, security remained vigilant on campus so that we could stay safe, and physical plant folks worked 'round the clock to plow and shovel and ensure that the heat stayed on. Kudos to you all!

Sincerely,

Fr. Mark Nowel, O.P., Ph.D., Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies

*Please note that this letter was intended to be printed in the last issue.

Diversity Is not Solely Skin-Deep

Dear Editor,

My name is Justin Maloney, I am a white male, AND a minority. I know what you're all thinking: "That's ridiculous!" or possibly "How dare you? You're detracting from 'real' minorities!" Well, I just want to let everyone know that diversity and discrimination are not solely skin-deep, nor only a matter of gender.

I'm 5'6". Statistically, I am less likely to be promoted in my chosen profession, get dates, or achieve political office than my taller counterparts. I will probably earn less for the same job when pitted against someone of average height. Even better, if I try really hard to succeed or be treated as an equal amongst people of average to above average stature, I have the "Napoleonic Disorder" (you know, when short men, because they're obviously insecure about their hideous deformity, compensate by attempting to achieve great things). But guess what? I get no scholarships, no public defense when a short joke is made, no nothing. Now, before you decide to go pat a "height-challenged" dude on the back and tell him that it gets better, don't. This article isn't to raise "short awareness." It's just to let the campus know that everyone struggles. Every. Single. Person. Struggles. Every person can be marginalized, it just depends what the lens is. Today it is race and gender. Tomorrow it could be height. The next day, hair color. By maintaining the current extremely limited scope of diversity, we create an idea of it that is inherently not diverse! I think from now on maybe we could all try to see diversity in every little aspect of each person instead of making diversity purely a race or gender issue. After all, we're all different from one another, and in that perennial diversity, we can find true and lasting unity.

Sincerely,

Justin Maloney '15



STAY
SAFE
AND
ENJOY
SPRING BREAK

PC's Team Effort to Fight Cancer

by Emily Goodnow '14
Guest Commentary

CAMPUS

Each participant in Relay For Life has a story. It begins when that friend, parent, relative, coach, neighbor, or teacher is diagnosed with cancer. It is a distressing, disappointing, and altogether life-changing moment for the patient and all of his or her loved ones. For some, this moment is a distant, painful memory. For others it is a reality difficult to grasp.

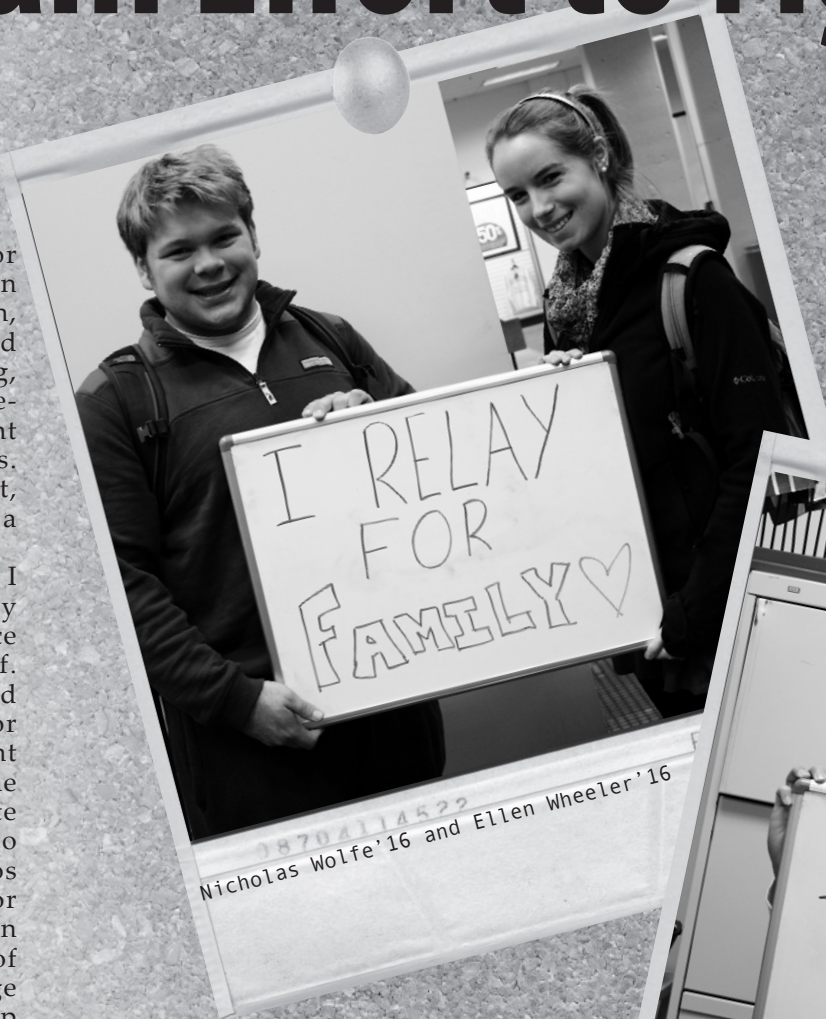
Last Thursday in Lower Slavin, I was given a glimpse into the Relay stories behind the Providence College students and staff. As the Team Recruitment and Registration Chair for Relay For Life at PC, I facilitated an event where students completed the sentence: "I Relay for..." on a white board and then posed for a photo with their statement. The photos will be displayed at the Relay For Life event so that participants can honor a loved one. The purpose of this promotion was to encourage students who have not signed up to do so and to remind students who have already signed up why they are going to participate.

The students' responses varied from deeply personal to light-hearted. Several students wrote: "I Relay for My Dad" while others said: "I Relay for more birthdays." Some students knew exactly who they wanted to honor, so they scribbled their responses and posed for the picture rather quickly. Others hesitated to complete the sentence. Some were unsure whether they wanted to publicly address a loved one. Others struggled to recall someone they knew with cancer. And some students, obsessed with the neatness of their handwriting, became distracted from the purpose of the event. Although I photographed various students with the same responses (such as "I Relay For my grandparents") each student reacted differently when I took the photograph. Some beamed genuinely, while others struggled to smile for the camera.

This effect on the students was undoubtedly idiosyncratic, yet one feeling held constant: passion for Relay For Life. The event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, serves as a memorial service, rally, and party, all wrapped up into one. It honors deceased loved ones, supports struggling patients, and celebrates the proud survivors. Relay For Life is unique because it gives meaning to each awful and awe-inspiring moment throughout the cancer battle. People attend Relay For Life year after year because it brings the community together in an enjoyable way to draw attention to an unenjoyable, yet common experience.

I Relay for Mark, Lisa, Grandpa, and the Providence College community. I Relay for inspiration and a cure. What do you Relay for?

The "I Relay For..." Campaign will continue on March 21 from 11:30-2:30 in Lower Slavin. Relay For Life will be held on March 22 at 6 p.m. in the Peterson Center. Sign up at www.relayforlife.org, pc.ri.



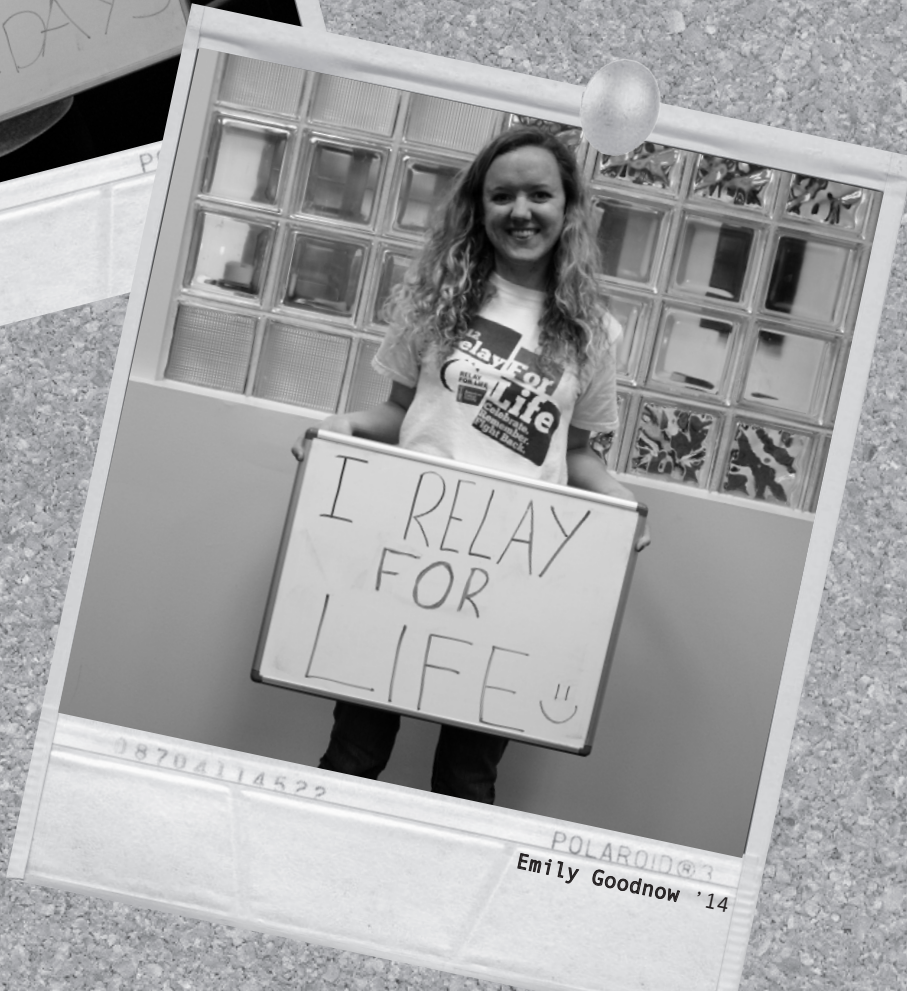
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February 28, 2013



ABOVE: SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL
As part of Alumni & Family Weekend, celebrity magician Nick Locapo performed for a crowd of over 100 on Saturday, February 16.



ABOVE: JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL
On Feb. 26, the African American Society held the Black Expo, featuring food from several countries in Africa and performances by the Motherland Dance Team and Senegal Drummers.



ABOVE: SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL
Comedian Tom Cotter from *America's Got Talent* came to PC for Alumni & Family Weekend and performed on Feb. 15.



ABOVE: REBECCA BROPHY '13/ THE COWL
The PC Investment Club brought in Bob Scharpf to speak about his experiences in the investment industry.



ABOVE: SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL
After six months of community organizing, the cast and crew of this year's Vagina Monologues held their show at the Avon Cinema this past week and raised over \$8,000 to benefit the local efforts against domestic violence at the Women's Fund of Rhode Island and the global V-Day Organization.

Compiled by Saadia Ahmad '14, Photo Editor, and Rebecca Brophy '13, Assistant Photo Editor



PROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

What would be your ideal spring break?



"Cuddling on a sandbar."
Kelsey Smith '15, Patrick Benedosso '15



"Punta Cana with my friends."
Caitlin Foley '15



"Going to Nigeria."
Taiwo Adefiyiju '14



"Beyonce's house for the week!"
Shanice DaSilva '15



"On an island getaway with Matt Pavia."
Jack Lockwood '15



"On the town with Ellen and Portia."
Kelly Allen '14, Jen Celli '14



"Retirement!"

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PUTTING THE 'RAD' IN POST-GRAD: LAST ONE OUT MAKES IT BIG



by Sarah O'Brien '15
Asst. A&E Editor

MUSIC

You know them. You love them. One of their songs is stuck in your head right now. They are Last One Out, the pop/rock band from Providence, and they are no longer playing around—they are playing serious *music*.

Last time I hung out with Last One Out, the band was in the midst of the Hard Rock Rising Contest, making it into the final round of this international competition. Now, a year later, the Providence College '11 alums are establishing a name in the world of alternative rock.

I sat down with the four guys behind the beats—Dustin Bailey (drum, Jeff Gahan (bass), Scott Mesite (guitar, back-up vocals) and Scott Royal (lead singer, keys, synthesizer, auxiliary percussion)—in an empty Feinstein room on Feb. 11.

Last One Out, or LOO, as fans affectionately call them, performed at the Fete lounge with Morning Parade for 95.5 WBRU's Halloween bash this past October and, more recently, played a sold-out show at the Middle East Restaurant and Nightclub in Boston on Jan. 18. As thrilling as these performances were for the band, LOO revealed its biggest break yet: an invitation to play shows in Austin during the South by Southwest Festival this March. Their excitement over their recent successes? Let's just say it's on the record.

SO: What's new?

Gahan: Well, we have a new EP coming this spring, called *Still Life Moves*.

Royal: Three syllables, like our name.

Gahan: People forget it, just like our name...

SO: What is the new EP like? How is it different from your first, *Lover's Trance*?

Gahan: It's only four songs instead of six. It isn't a concept album like the last one; it's more about performance.

Mesite: More rock.

Gahan: Yeah, we're straying away from pop.

SO: Tell me about your show at the Middle East.

Gahan: It was our first time playing in Boston. Playing Hard Rock was contest-based, so this was the first time we were really on our own.

Mesite: It was great to see everyone, all our fans.

SO: Did you know a lot of people in the audience?

Gahan: We were surprised at the number we didn't know. A lot of other bands' fans came to watch us.

Mesite: We made a cool "Making of the EP" video, with help from Billy Nawrocki '12.

Gahan: We like to use PC grads, like how Bridget Foster Reed '12 did the art for *Lover's Trance*.

SO: Where do you guys record?

Mesite: Ian Van Opijnen is the recording engineer, mixer, and producer at Echoroom recording studio. We record in his basement.

Gahan: We try to expand our reach a lot. Nothing is guaranteed. We make contacts where we can.

SO: What are your upcoming shows?

Gahan: We're headed to Austin, Texas to play shows during South by Southwest March 12-17. 6th Street has all the bars, all the bands play there. People have to buy a badge to see the official shows, but the shows we're playing are free and open to public. About two-thirds of the thousands there won't have a badge, so they'll have to come to our show.

SO: They'll have to. No escape.

Gahan: Yeah, exactly.

Bailey: This was a big goal that we set last year.

Mesite: It's crazy; I never thought we'd get into something like this. It just came to fruition after we played MOVE Music Festival in Albany

Gahan: Thanks to MuseBox and ReverbNation.

Royal: All these chance happenings...

Bailey: Every year we set a goal for ourselves. We have to keep an eye on our success and make sure we're moving forward. We're all invested in this, so we have to make sure we're not just sitting. Our first goal was to play at Lupu's, and we did that when we were still students.

Gahan: [After graduation,] we're like, let's give it a year. Then we had success with WBRU and played Lupu's in October. We then had a goal to get *Lover's Trance* on iTunes, and did that. After we did the contests... our goal was South by Southwest 2013.

Mesite: Pretty daunting.

SO: When did you find out you were in?

Mesite: November. Then had to figure out how we were getting down there...

Bailey: It's kind of cool; we set a goal...when you set a goal you never know what path you'll end up taking to get there.

Mesite: You can't predict anything. Sometimes there some good surprises, sometimes there are bad surprises.

SO: So, what's the next goal?

Gahan: We have a couple. They're pretty crazy. I don't know if you guys even know them yet...

Royal: Tell us one of the more reasonable ones.

Gahan: Bonnaroo 2014.

Bailey: Scott, do you have a goal?

Royal: Get more fans.

Gahan: That's what Austin & South by Southwest is about. Gaining fans and connections. It's biggest thing we've done to date

SO: No pressure.

Gahan: Yeah...and if we fail...

SO: There's always McPhail's.

Gahan: No, if we fail, we'll probably never see each other again.

Mesite: Dustin's moving to Alaska.

SO: Off the record?

Gahan: On the record.

Bailey: On the record, off the grid.

SO: Got it. Any big moments you'd like to share?

Bailey: One memory for me was when, while playing first song of set at The Met, I fell off drum riser. I managed to not kill myself...

Gahan: And to stay on time.

Bailey: It was the scariest moment of my musical career.

Gahan: No one in the audience even noticed.

Royal: No one ever notices.

SO: The things people don't know until I spill all your secrets in The Cowl.

Bailey: It's not all glamour.

Mesite: Yeah, like how everything we ever do gets ruined by the weather. Dating back to Stuartstock... one time it rained, another time it was too cold; we were outside, our fingers frozen. BOP was packing up while we were playing our set...

SO: You were the last ones out...side.

Royal: Name's a curse.

Mesite: And everyone messes it up! Once an article called us the "On Last Stand Band."

SO: Tell me more about how your music has evolved.

Royal: It's harder, more serious. We're not talking about love or relationships anymore. We're talking about life stuff.

SO: The real world... the music is growing while you're growing?

Royal: Yeah, exactly.

Mesite: Just getting more depressing.

Gahan: It's unique because there's no lead songwriter, we write together.

Mesite: We live together, so we know each other so well. We're in each other's heads, so it's easier [to write] now.

Royal: We'll hang out in the basement one night and write two songs; they'll just come out of nowhere.

Mesite: We are taking the constraints out of our writing. Like, for *Lover's Trance*, we had an idea in our mind...we were trying to appeal to a fanbase.

Bailey: We were too cautious in a way. It was a concept album, so we couldn't deviate too far. This time, we decided, let's throw all caution to wind and we got like 50 song ideas.

Royal: Yeah, the contest didn't do anything.

Bailey: Not at the end of the day.

Mesite: It gave us name recognition and exposure to the industry, but not fans. We will be like, is anyone even

listening to us?

Gahan: It was more about publicity [for the contest hosts].

Royal: We were asking ourselves, are we really this band right now? We needed a certain realism. People know when something's real or something isn't. You take a chance when you are real with people, not just trying to appeal to fans. We're putting ourselves out there, but I really enjoy where we're going now.

Mesite: We've been listening to records, which is a cool communal experience you can't get when you listen to music with headphones. Even Spotify...it's the illusion of experiencing [music] together, but it's not the same. Not like sitting down and listening to whole thing as a record, asking each other, "Did you hear that?"

Gahan: We draw a lot of inspiration from the PC Pep Band instructor, John Allmark.

Mesite: The school doesn't know lucky it is to have John. He played with Frank Sinatra, The Who, Aretha Franklin...

Royal: He's a role model to us. Someone who's been in the business and can give us advice. Our backbone is still at PC, in that sense. Another thing that has changed the band is these three going vegetarian.

Mesite: Dustin started it and we watched a documentary. It became a no-brainer.

Bailey: Our lives have changed a lot. And going to school was great, since we approach everything with mentality of student. We know to practice everyday or we're not going to get anywhere. You have to immerse yourself. We learn about our role models and how hard they worked... It's way too easy to say, "I'm too tired." If we really wanna do this, we decided this is how we have to live until it happens and even after it happens. That's what keeps us going forward.

Royal: A single tear came down...

At this point, a fan, Cory Kraft, happened to be walking by the room. He knew LOO back when they were just starting out. "I got the CD; listened to it the other night in the car," he told the boys. "I like it. Like it a lot." Favorite track? They wanted to know. "I think 'Favorite Van Gogh,' then probably 'Cavalry.' This EP is different, which I like. It's in the car now. I'll listen to it on the way home."

Check out their new EP, *Still Life Moves*, this spring, like Last One Out on Facebook, and follow them on Twitter @LastOneOutRI.

WHY I AM STILL WATCHING: HART OF DIXIE

by Kelly Laske '16
A&E Staff

TELEVISION

When hearing the title *Hart of Dixie*, you may be confused or not know what I am talking about, and, unfortunately, not many people do. *Hart of Dixie* is one of the most underrated shows on television right now. Originally airing in September 2011, *Hart of Dixie* made a debut on the CW and picked up a small fanbase. Now on its second season, *Hart of Dixie* has more viewers than ever before. Starring the talented Rachel Bilson, *Hart of Dixie* is a must-see.

Hart of Dixie is about a fresh-out-of-grad-school doctor named Zoe Hart (Rachel Bilson) who, having graduated at the top of her class, wants to follow in her father's footsteps and become a prestigious NYC cardio-thoracic surgeon. But when she does not get her dream job at a New York City hospital, Zoe Hart has to re-evaluate her life and decides to accept a job offer from a stranger to work at a small practice in Blue Bell, Ala.

Zoe, hesitant about leaving her glitzy life in New York, moves to Blue Bell only to find that the doctor who gave her the job died and left her part ownership of the practice. Zoe begins to realize that life in Blue Bell is going to be an adjustment, and she begins to lose control of her life. The other part owner of the practice, Doctor Brick Breeland (Tim Matheson), wants her out, as his goal is to be Blue Bell's one and only doctor. Zoe's life gets even more complicated when she

realizes the guy she had her eyes on, lawyer George Tucker (Scott Porter), is actually engaged to the town's stuck-up Southern belle, Lemon Breeland (Jaime King). Zoe, who is living on the plantation of the town mayor and ex-NFL player Lavon Hayes (Cress Williams), cannot get along with her rugged neighbor, Wade Kinsella.

What begins to drive the show are the relationships Zoe forms with George and Wade, because she cannot help but start to fall in love with both of them. From trying to balance her work at the practice, to finding the right guy, to making Blue Bell feel like home, Zoe's life cannot seem to get any more hectic and unpredictable.

So the big question is, what makes this show so appealing? One of the main reasons why I am still watching is because of the cast. Besides Rachel Bilson, most of the cast is relatively unknown, and each and every one of them deserves recognition. *Hart of Dixie* is one of those shows that, because the cast is so good, does not feel like you are watching a television show. You slowly get attached to each character's personality, and even if the character, Lemon Breeland, is not the nicest, there are times when her strong, fierce façade cracks and you get to see the real, vulnerable Lemon. And Zoe's constantly changing love life makes viewers excited for the next episode.

Before you know it you will realize you are either Team George or Team Wade, and the choice is up to you. It is safe to say the characters on this show are just like us.

Finally, one of the main reasons why I am still watching is because of the storyline and writing. Every week the writers throw at least one curveball or something completely unexpected at viewers.

Hart of Dixie is easily one of the most underrated television shows and deserves to be on a bigger television network. *Hart of Dixie* is funny, unpredictable, and a breath of fresh air. And that is why I am still watching.



EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Way To Cross Huxley River

Sarah O'Brien

Her Choice: Dolphin

Her Views: Finally the pod of dolphins I keep in Dore basement comes in handy! Who needs the Guzman slide when you can do the Huxley swim? I can't really think of a cooler way to ride into a party than on a dolphin's back. No need to shout, "House cup!" when you've got the flippin' house dolphin. And trust me, they're not called bottlenose for nothing; they like their liquid. Plus, they can dophinately break the ice just as easily as any polar bear. Sarah, don't bother fishing around for excuses... whale you just admit I won this one by a tidal wave? #Winning and finning. It's basically my porpoise in life. See ya on the flip side.

Her Views on Dombroski: Not trying to rain on your parade... wait, yes, I am. Inner tubes are for blizzards named Nemo. Inner tubes are for intramural water polo. Inner tubes are for makeshift chairs in the post-grad world when your definition of "well-furnished" is the stack of pizza boxes that serve as a table for your remote and cheesy photos. Inner tubes are not transportation. Where's the control? You're gonna be caught in the river's flow and will wind up by Brown or maybe even... JWU. Willing to take that risk, Sar? Can you *handle* it? O. Didn't think so.

Sarah Dombroski

Her Choice: Inner Tube

Her Views: Choosing an inner tube had one motivation on my end: white water rafting. The fallout from the RIPTA raging through the rough waters of Providence streets would fo' sho create rapids down Huxley, which would make an inner tube a prime choice of transportation. You could even caravan down Huxley in a series of inner tubes tied together and create a massive inflatable compound. Ray could cater and all could eat, swim, and be merry! Well, maybe not swim, you could get dysentery...

Her Views on O'Brien: So Sarah, did you not calculate the *disease* factor into your choice of dolphins? A) Dolphins are wild animals flipping and flopping around a dirty ocean, B) if you've ever played Oregon Trail, you know what happens when one spends too much time roaming around in diiiiihrty waters C) how do you plan to rangle a dolphin? Logistically, it just doesn't make sense. Unless you are secretly a soothsayer, I think that might be problematic. You may want to invest in a speedboat.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

by Haley Webster '14
A&E Staff

FEATURE

Book:

Is Everyone Hanging out Without Me?
by Mindy Kaling

Sure, you have tons of textbooks you should be diving into on your week off, but if you are going to read during spring break it better be from something a little more lighthearted than *Contemporary Business Ethics* or *The Odyssey*. Kaling achieved fame by playing a spacy and vain clinger on *The Office* and has recently starred in her own show on Fox, aptly named *The Mindy Project*. Her autobiography focuses on the many roles she has played, both on camera and off, and how she is the classic "awkward girl next door." With chapter titles like "Don't Peak in High School" and "Chubby for Life" you can see how this book will not be quite as content heavy as your academic readings. If you liked Tina Fey's *Bossypants* or Chelsea Handler's books then you will surely find Kaling to be the perfect spring break read.



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Movie:

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Day off? Try week off. *Ferris Bueller* is the perfect movie to start off your spring break due to the movie's promotion of anti-authority, carefree, and reckless attitudes. This classic 1986 film directed by John Hughes encapsulates everything that your spring break should be. Bueller, the quintessential wise guy, drags all of his friends into a day of raucous adventures and endless troublemaking. Through faking sick, stealing his best friend's dad's prized Ferrari, and frolicking through Chicago, Bueller takes his best friend and girlfriend on the adventure of a lifetime and manages to get in minimal trouble for all of his wrongdoings. I am not saying you should start your spring break off by stealing your friend's dad's Ferrari, but I am not saying you should not either.



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Album:

Night Visions by Imagine Dragons

This Las Vegas-based band has been growing in popularity due to its single, "It's Time," which has been circulating through alternative and mainstream radio stations for months. *Night Visions*, released months ago, is a true testament to the talent of Imagine Dragons. This album shows the range of sounds and tracks that this emerging band can create. Whether your spring break entails road trips, time in the sun, or just hometown lounging, this album has something to offer. Energetic tracks like "On Top of the World" and "Round and Round" beg to be sung along to, while the more dramatic, intense tracks like "Radioactive" with its booming vocals absolutely needs to be played with maximum volume. Imagine Dragons is most definitely a band to watch in 2013.



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TASTE OF THE TOWN: YOO SUSHI, IZ IT 4 U?!

by Marisa Urgo '14
A&E Staff

FEATURE

I was quite sad to hear about the end of the revered Café 412, but perhaps the saying is true that when one door closes, another opens. Yoo Sushi is the new Japanese restaurant that took the spot on 412 Douglas Ave. As an avid sushi fan, I knew it was something I had to check out.

The atmosphere looks similar to Café 412, except the bar has been converted to a sushi bar. There is not much décor, aside from a flower and candles at each table. There are about four or five tables, plus a few seats at the sushi bar. While I appreciate intricate decorations and interior design, I do not mind a minimalist setting if the food speaks for itself. I think this is the case with Yoo Sushi.

The menu is large and diverse. You can order any type of sushi roll or sashimi, along with katsu, tempura, or appetizers. There

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are many combination plates or specials that could save you a few bucks. I am a fan of sushi, but typically not adventurous. I usually go for the California roll because it is my reliable favorite. At Yoo Sushi, however, I decided to live on the wild side. I began with a clear soup (konbu seaweed broth), which I thought was delicious and tasted a lot like miso soup. Clear soup is new to me, and I think it would be a good opening dish for someone just experimenting in Japanese cuisine.

As for my main course, I decided to go with two rolls, both new for me. The first was the spicy crunchy tuna roll. I have had the spicy tuna roll before and was not really enamored with it. The crunchiness of the roll really added to it, and it is something I might consider ordering again. The second roll was a peanut avocado roll. I thought the peanuts overpowered the avocado too much, but I think that was the fault of my tastebuds rather than Yoo Sushi. It did give me the idea of making

an avocado and peanut butter sandwich on my own, something I had never considered before. My fantastic dining partner, Kevin Lynch '13, began with Octopus sashimi. Neither of us had tried octopus before, but I recommend giving it a try. It is chewy, but flavorful. He also got the chicken Katsu, which consisted of strips of chicken, sauce and rice. All the food was wonderfully presented and equally as delicious.

I would definitely recommend Yoo Sushi. It might not be the Café 412 that we are all used to, but it is the closest sushi restaurant other

than Thayer. It is reasonably priced, clean, the service was efficient and most importantly, the food was of good quality and delicious. It is definitely worth checking out!



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These Idle Hands

by **Melanie Souchet '14**
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

Gale had been sitting for three weeks now. No wonder he'd become so twitchy.

He knew he shouldn't complain. He was lucky to be alive. That car crash could have killed him. But most days, the loss of his leg felt like only a step down from death. The fact that his injury had been so stubborn didn't help matters any. He couldn't start the fitting for a prosthetic until the doctors were sure the injury had fully healed. Almost there, they said. You'll be back on your feet in no time, they said. Gale wasn't sure he believed them anymore.

There was nothing he could do, no satisfying way he could burn off his slowly building energy. There was no worse feeling in the world.

Between the accident and the regular post-surgery visits, Gale probably spent as much time at the hospital as he did his own home. He made note of the comings and goings of the hospital. Even if he didn't know everyone's

name, there were a few people he knew by sight. One regular, in particular, confused Gale every time he saw him. The guy was in his 20s, tattoos, two piercings in one ear. He was also a knitter. He wasn't the first knitter Gale had seen in the hospital, but they'd all been women (not to mention older and less punk rock). Gale could never work out what the guy was knitting. It was small, too small to even be anything for a baby. Was he making doll clothing? If he was, that would just be the icing on the weirdness cake.

Gale tried not to stare. When he failed at not-staring, he at least tried not to get caught. One day, he failed at that too. It had been 25 days since the surgery. Gale was sitting in the waiting room, with knitter guy sitting not too far away. Gale was especially fidgety that day. He kept drumming his fingers against his knee, picking at a loose thread in his jeans, slouching and sitting up in his seat. Every now and again he'd glance at knitter guy and try to guess what he was working on. When knitter guy started to glance up, Gale's eyes darted away again. His hand kept tapping against the

wheelchair armrest. "So, how many energy drinks did you have today?" asked knitter guy.

Well, damn. He'd been caught. Fortunately, knitter guy sounded more amused than annoyed that Gale had been staring. "Sorry," said Gale apologetically. "Lots of nervous energy. Can't really work it off like I used to."

"I imagine." Knitter guy glanced at the wheelchair, but surprisingly didn't make a big fuss about it. Gale was a bit relieved at that. "I see you around here all the time. What's your name?"

"Gale."

"Nice to meet you, Gale, I'm Tyler."

"Hey, Tyler." Gale couldn't help himself: "So, you knit?"

"Indeed I do." Again, Tyler seemed more amused than offended. "I'm aware it's an unusual hobby for someone of my persuasion, but it keeps the hands busy. I think you could use something to keep yours busy," he added, nodding at Gale's still-drumming fingers.

Gale frowned slightly and shoved his hands in his pockets. "So," he asked, "what are you making?"

Tyler's smile faltered. "It's... uhm..." He glanced back down at the tiny object in his hands. "It's a hat. For my kid. She...she was born too early."

Tyler felt his heart drop at the revelation. "Is she really that small?" he asked quietly. The hat in Tyler's hands would probably fit on a lime, at best.

"Yeah. Scary, right? I can hold her in one hand...well, I could hold her in one hand. They don't really let her out of the incubator."

"I'm sorry."

"Don't be. The doctors say

she'll probably make it. And she's a fighter." Tyler smiled again. "I'm just trying to keep her warm until we can take her home. They don't really make clothes this small."

Gale nodded. Tyler hadn't stopped knitting during the conversation. Watching his hands move was hypnotic. It made Gale even more aware of his own inactivity. His fingers itched. He wanted to do something, anything to work off that energy. Unfortunately, he was called away to see a doctor before he could ask Tyler any questions about where he'd learned to knit.

When he got home, Gale couldn't believe that he'd actually considered knitting as a release. But after more hours of inactivity, Gale found himself re-visiting the idea again and again. He needed to do something. Not just for his sanity, but for a baby so small her father had to make her clothes. For the little fighter.

That night, Gale found himself scouring the Internet for how-to sites and patterns. There were a few false starts, but he finally figured it out. After 10 minutes of knitting, he stopped feeling like his blood was made of caffeine. After half an hour, he realized he hadn't felt this calm in weeks.

The next time he went to the hospital, he brought something with him. It was probably a bit bigger than it needed to be, and a little lopsided, but it was recognizable as a hat. "Umm... Tyler?"

"Yeah?"

Gale held out the hat. "For your daughter."

Slowly, Tyler's face went from confused to beaming. Gale smiled back, suddenly feeling proud of himself.

He didn't fidget for the rest of the day.



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WHERE IS THE CHOSEN ONE?!?!?!?!?

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Illustration by
Casey Lynch '14

Last Week's Answer:

Romeo Montague

"Good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night 'till it be morrow."

Romeo, *Romeo and Juliet* Act 2, Scene 2

Long Road to Paradise

by Justin Fernandez '15
Portfolio Staff

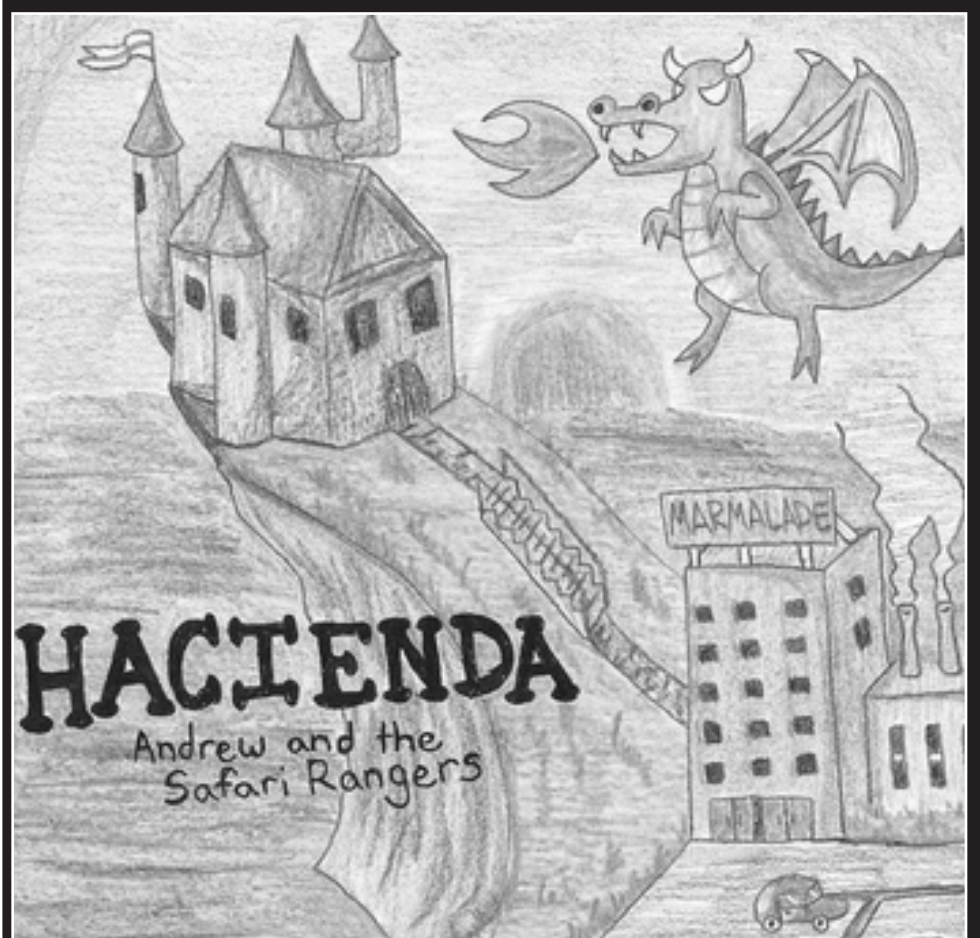
I want to dive headfirst into the ocean,
Swim free with the fish of the sea,
And ride the current with devotion.
I'll swim down through the caverns
Towards the light of the ancient lantern
Hidden, hanging in the abyss on the coral tree.

But the road is dark and the pier is old;
I cannot find the way to go,
And senses fail when blood grows cold.
So I'll drive south and change my lane,
In hope to find some plane or train
To find a route without a woe.

I want to walk naked in the garden,
Where my learning love will grow stout
And my healing, broken heart will never harden.
I'll find familiar faces lying in the shade
Sharing in Love that will never fade,
Together planting its plenty seeds to sprout.

But the gates are shut and locked tight,
The rain will rise and wash away all life,
And I will be lost not knowing left from right.
So I'll wander here and meander there
Until my hopes are led to the place where
All fades, frozen, under the desert's hot knife.

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A Blessing

by Elizabeth O'Neill '16
Portfolio Staff

Give me today
That I may embrace the dawn
Taste the sunlight
Celebrate the trees
Give me an open mind
That I may accept all
Silence negativity
Overcome adversity
Give me strength
That I may rise above the pain
Embrace the fear
Prosper in the joy
Give me peace and freedom
In my heart and in my soul
That I may allow myself to become
More fully alive and empowered
In the embrace of Nature.

Collection

by Emily Goodnow '14
Portfolio Staff

The best is not yet to come.
It is here before me, a tangible sum
Of the words you speak eloquently,
Car rides to nowhere, wild and free,
The Sundays spent doing nothing at all,
Impulse purchases at shopping malls,
Failed attempts at making soups,
Lost wallets on rollercoaster loops,
Grape jelly staining your sleeve,
The feeling of a snow day reprieve,
Your dance moves that no one should
see,
The swing and miss at the mini golf
tee,
Mismatched cards in a game of go fish,
Ice cream orders of a cone and a dish,
I would not trade a moment of this,
Ordinary yet complete bliss.
The best is not yet to come,
It is the everyday joy in sum.

Tiffany & Earl

*Making PC an emotionally stable place one
letter at a time*



Dear Wanting,
The devil is in the details. How can I possibly help you if I don't know anything about you? I can only assume, judging by the lack of interest that even you have shown in yourself, that you are an incredibly boring person and a veritable snooze-fest. Consider this: Go to Savers, explore the inventory of moldy bread, toaster-sinks, and doo-dads, and try to learn from the beautiful madness. Get into character. Try to identify with the creepy characters in the corner. Ponder what person donated the fuschia dinosaur suit. What were their hopes? What were their dreams? What caused that stain dangerously close to the reptile's nether regions? Improvise. Innovate. Explore. Who knows, you might discover that you were a fly in a former life, that you repressed a forbidden relationship with your physics teacher, or that you're actually a Buddhist monk and have no business at this school. Just dive into the deep, grasshopper, and let that imagination wander.

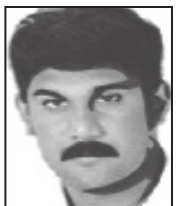
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This Week: Dorm Dilemma

Dear Tiffany and Earl,
I'm a freshman, and I'm a bit of a loner and really shy. I currently live in Dore, and I really want to live in Aquinas or Meagher next year. Do I have a chance of finding nice, normal roommates?

Sincerely,
Wanting to be Cool in School

Dear Cool,
So you are looking for a roomie, basically. That's cool. I just so happen to have an available bed for you next year. The bed is my bed. So we'd be sharing it. The bed, I mean. Are you cool with that? You sound like a cool girl. Let's be cool together. In my bed. It'll be so cool. Sometimes I have little contractions in my sleep and spazz around a little, but it's all cool. Just relax and be comfortable. Maybe a beautiful, intimate, tender moment will ensue, or maybe not. Either way, you need a super cool social roommate (me), and I need a super cool, socially-inexperienced bedfellow. Don't worry about the shyness. Your big buddy Earl is going to bring out your wild side, as it were. I can open up whole new horizons. Remember, college is for experimentation, and young bodies are flexible. We can explore the whole realm of social interactions. In my bed. Together.



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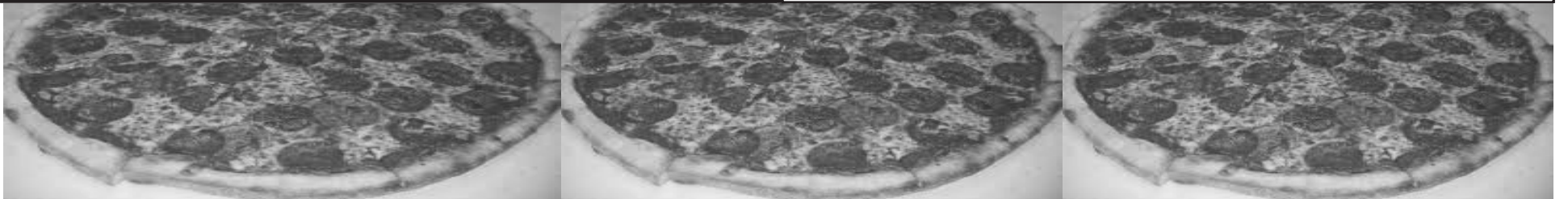
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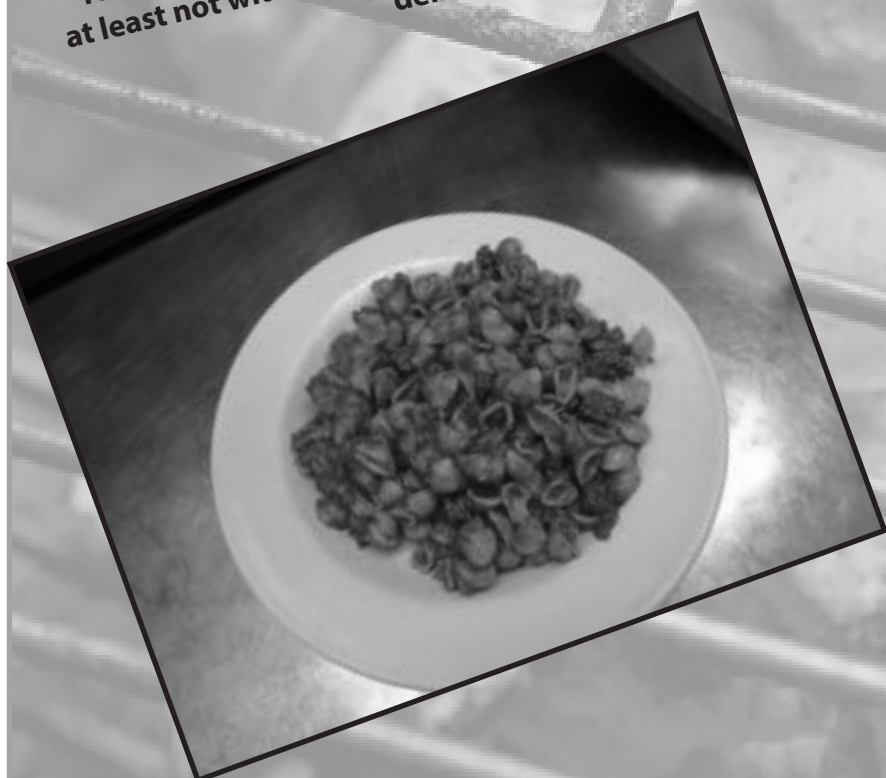


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Best Homecourt in the Big East?

Being a student at a Big East school, I must admit my answer will be a little biased. However, I believe you will all enjoy my biases, as opposed to Bridget Stack's '13, for I am selecting the Dunkin' Donuts Center as the best home court advantage in the Big East.

Before you object and start trying to remember the last game you went to, let me say that the Dunk is the most fearsome when it is full. When all of us are there, wearing our black apparel and yelling our faces off, the arena can get rocking. Andy Katz from ESPN has called the Dunk the "place where ranked teams go to die." Also, with our team's lack of success in the past years, opposing Big East teams stroll into Providence, run around the Marriott, then expect to run around the Friars in the Dunk. However, as my column suggests (a must read if I may shamelessly self-advertise) the team is rising quickly. A healthy Friars squad has given cocky Big East teams fits, and coupled with rowdy college students, clad in black, yelling until hoarse, it makes for a tough environment to playing.

Take this past game against Notre Dame, for example. Students and Providence-area fans all made the pilgrimage to our basketball Mecca. PC played well, and the crowd grew more and more boisterous, reaching a crescendo when Coach Ed Cooley turned to the student section and started frantically waving his arms, pleading the already hoarse students to reach a higher decibel. The Dunk was rocking, and the Friars cruised to an easy win. And it is this atmosphere that makes us more special and dangerous than Syracuse.

-Sean Bailey '14

There is only one arena that can get over 35,000 people to a 40-minute basketball game. There is only one arena that has storied rivalries, and a sea of fans that wear orange and only orange. There is only one best home court in the Big East, and that is Syracuse.

Go ahead, argue the point. Let me give you a little background information first, though. The Carrier Dome is shaped exactly as it sounds. It can hold up to 48,000 people, and doubles as a football stadium. Visiting fans are awed, competition is intimidated, and the fans are crazy. What other school has fans camp out for days to get free tickets to a basketball game? When is it normal to walk into a basketball arena and see tents in the hallways? That is normal for Syracuse University.

The fans are so loud, the chant of "Syracuse" can be heard through the television—oh, and that occurs at away games, too. But this is not about the quality of fans; it is about the quality of the arena. We can agree with Sean Bailey '14, and say that Providence has the best arena. The Dunk can only hold 13,106 people... so a fourth the number Syracuse can hold. The fans sit far away from the court, allowing the visiting teams to sit back and relax. If only visitors were that lucky at the Carrier Dome.

-Bridget Stack '13

Spotlight

Men's Basketball: PC started on a bad note, but made a comeback this week, going 1-1. The week opened with a tough loss at Syracuse, a game that could have shattered their confidence. However, they rebounded well, going to Rutgers and beating the Scarlet Knights 76-72. Bryce Cotton '14 led the squad with 22 points. PC takes on St. John's Saturday, then Seton Hall next Wednesday.

Women's Basketball: The Friars had a tough week, dropping both contests. The first was at Cincinnati, a crushing 64-45 loss. Symone Roberts '13 posted her 1,000th point in the loss. The team returned home and fell short to Marquette 81-70. Tori Rule '15 posted 25 points in the losing effort. PC finishes their regular season next week hosting Notre Dame before traveling to Villanova.

Men's Hockey: The Hockey program has brought a lot of positive attention to the school, as the Friars have skated into a tie for first in Hockey East with UNH. PC notched this through their sweep of Northeastern last week. The first one was a 6-2 beatdown in Providence. Stefan Demopoulos '15 and Tim Schaller '13 posted five points a piece in the win. Then PC shipped up to Boston and beat Northeastern 3-2 behind Steven Shamanski's '14 shorthanded goal. PC has a huge series this weekend against Boston College.

Women's Ice Hockey: PC finished the season on a sour note, dropping their last two contests last weekend. Northeastern won the first game 5-1, then followed it with a 4-3 win. The Friars though still play on, as they take on UNH in the Hockey East Quarterfinals.

News

Honor Roll: Ladontae Henton '15 was named to the Big East Honor Role last week, after leading to the Friars to a 1-1 record. Henton averaged 16.5 points a game, while hauling down 11.5 rebounds. Henton also tallied two double doubles last week.

All Academic: PC's Cross Country team keeps piling up the wins even while they are not in season. The team posted a 3.38 GPA during the fall season. The GPA was high enough to give the Friars the USTFCCA Women's Cross Country All-Academic Honors, out of the 200 teams that qualify. PC finished their cross country season in second place nationally.

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LIFE ON THE ROAD

A TRUE FAN'S JOURNEY



by Danny McNamara '13
Sports Staff

COLUMN

Life on the road can be difficult in the Big East.

The Friars are 4-4 in conference this season when they tip off away from the Dunkin' Donuts Center, but over the years they have shown that things can be difficult when they are not home locker room before, during, and after games.

The lighting is different at every venue. The dimensions of the court obviously remain true throughout the conference sites, but where the students are located and how far the stands are off the court play into that road underdog mentality.

The Carrier Dome, located on the heart of the Syracuse campus, was the site that dealt out 38 straight losses to the visitors, until this past Saturday when Georgetown was the first school that walked to the visitors locker room the victors since 2011, when they ended the Orange's previous streak.

The Dome holds 49,262 seats, of which 35,012 occupied for the biggest on-campus crowd in college basketball history just a week ago.

I was fortunate enough to see the Friars' last visit to the Dome as conference foes with the Orange and noticed one thing about the court and the stands that surround it. The depth perception is abysmal. All those nights I sat home and watched team after team struggle from the field on both ends of the floor, thinking that when they switch sides at half it would always get

better. It does not. How could it when it looks as if you are shooting in the middle of a five-acre field with people that look to be on top of you but are actually a good distance away?

The area behind each basket serves as sidelines for each of their football games, and when you look at the hoop, it is impossible not to be thrown off or confused by how far away it truly is. To get a better glimpse of what it really looks like, I walked the entire stadium after the game and told myself that I would actually feel for each and every road team from here on out that has to play there.

Shooters get in rhythm and teams get on rolls. That is why some have come close to beating the Orange there. Walkthroughs and shootarounds are helpful but do not account for where the crowd is and how they look from on the floor.

Taking it all in, I realized why so many have failed in trying to win coming out of the visitors locker room at the Carrier Dome. On average, 23,618 fans, who feel as if they are following you up the floor, are in fact trying to make out your name and number.

Players and teams perform much differently on the road than they do in their own building. No, not every court is as big as the Dome, or as historic and loud as Butler's Hinkle Fieldhouse, but it is not home.

It has always been said that home is where the heart is. In college basketball, that rings true more than ever.

Photo courtesy of ESPN

New Era Starts with a **BANG**

Friars Continue Winning Streak

by Julia Claudy '13
Sports Staff

LACROSSE

The Men's Lacrosse Team kicked off their first home game of the season with an exciting win against the University of Vermont this past Saturday. The Friars dominated their opponents with 13 goals in the final three quarters after remaining scoreless in the first quarter of the game. This win marked the second consecutive victory for the Friars, giving them an undefeated 2-0 record to start off the season.

A pristine record is especially meaningful for the Friars who have, in past seasons, had difficulty securing wins. A new coaching staff, a talented freshman class, and the leadership of team veterans seems to be the perfect recipe for success.

Although it is early in the season, the chemistry among players on the field is undeniable. The deficit early in the game was approached with more physicality and communication, which led to a succession of goals for the Friars. Some noteworthy performances include a hat trick from Sean Wright '14 and back-to-back goals from Josh Torres '13 and JT Weber '13. Andrew Barton '14 and Mike

Noyse '13G allowed the Friars to be successful on the back end and demonstrated leadership on the field when the team was under pressure. In terms of defense, Jack Connelly '16 took control of the net with an impressive 14 saves to shut down the Catamount's offense.

New assistant coach and former Syracuse player John Galloway spoke proudly of his team's performance against Vermont. "The guys really bought into what we've been working on all week in preparation for the game. We were able to watch a lot of film and play off of Vermont's weaknesses. The first home game of the season is always exciting, and I think this was an awesome experience for them."

The interest that the team has in winning and proving their value as a program has fans buzzing with anticipation for the rest of the season. With two wins under their belt, the Friars have the momentum to do something great with the 2013 season.

While the team looks strong at this point, Galloway stresses the importance of the need to improve on a weekly basis. "We can't settle on the first couple of victories," he comments. The Friars will play their next game at home against Manhattan, looking to further their winning streak.



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Big Runs at the Big East Track Teams Dominate

by Sarah Wacik '15
Sports Staff

CROSS COUNTRY

On Feb. 16-17, the Providence College Men's and Women's Track teams turned in some first-place performances and an overall strong weekend at the 2013 Big East Indoor Track Championship. This competition featured 14 women's and 12 men's track teams, including the 2012 men's champions, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, and the 2012 women's champions, the Georgetown Hoyas. The PC squads notched three individual Big East Championships and asserted their dominance in several other races as they competed at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio.

On the men's side, Julian Matthews '13 captured a first-place victory in the 1,000-meters with a time of 2:29:57. At the 2012 Big East Championships, Matthews had posted a time of 2:30:11 and finished in third place. Shane Quinn '15 participated in the 5,000-meter race and secured a first-place finish with a time of 14:17:45. In this event, the top-three runners were separated by less than one second. Quinn's win marked the Friars' 10th first place title in this event, with the last victory back in 2006. Three of these titles belong to current Providence Head Coach Ray Treacy, who was the defending champion between 1980 and 1982.

In the 3,000-meters, Providence had two of its runners finish in the top half of the race. Dominic Channon '13 came in fifth with a time of 8:11:35 and Liam Hillery '15 came in 12th with a

time of 8:15:41. The difference between the first and 12th place runner was less than 12 seconds. In addition, Julian Oakley '16 finished second in the mile in 4:09:50, and narrowly edged out a junior runner from Notre Dame. Alex Wallace '13 also ran a 4:11:54 mile and came in eighth. PC's distance medley relay group comprised of Channon, Harvey Dixon '16, Nikolas Rebovich '13, and Joseph Vercollone '16 finished in third with a time of 9:49:26. The 4x800 relay of Matthews, Rebovich, Vercollone, and Wallace finished in 7:34:97 and placed sixth in the event.

For the women's team, Emily Sisson '14 and Laura Nagel '14 participated in the 3,000-meter race. Sisson captured the Lady Friars' only first-place finish of the weekend as she turned in a time of 9:20:68, while Nagel recorded a time of 9:25:01 and came in fourth place. Providence also had three runners compete in the 5,000-meters, in which the top three finishers of the race were from the University of Connecticut. However, Shelby Greany '13 posted a time of 16:35:84 and came in sixth place. In addition, Samantha Roecker '13 placed ninth in 16:54:90, and Erin Murphy '14 secured a 15th-place finish in 17:30:31.

The Lady Friars' distance medley relay of Caitlin Abelseth '15, Jackie McCarthy '14, Nagel, and Sisson finished in sixth place with a time of 11:21:02. The Providence women's 4x800 relay team of Elizabeth DeVivo '14, Caile Kohlbrenner '15, McCarthy, and Katelyn Sischo '16 came in 12th in 11:21:02.

By the end of the weekend, the men's team finished in ninth place, while the women's side captured an 11th-place result.

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Council: Keeps Dishing

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been on the upside since the debut of Cooley as coach. When I asked Council about Cooley's impact on the team, he said, "I think he helped a lot of kids grow up, and taught them to be better focused and more responsible." These are lessons that have proved to have a huge impact in Cooley's second year. This was shown with the team's 76-72 win over Rutgers, which improved them to 15-12 on the season and clinched a bye in the Big East tournament. Council called that win their biggest of the season.

The play of the team has certainly surprised many, as the Friars were predicted to finish last in the Big East in the pre-season. This last place prediction definitely became a point of inspiration for the entire team, especially Council. As he described it, the pre-season ranking "lit a fire under me and my teammates." This motivation to be better than this ranking has been evident all season, and in his final season Council has led the charge.

In a season with so much success for his team, Council deflected the personal achievements he has made. On Wednesday, February 20, the Friars traveled to the Carrier Dome and Council became the all-time leader in assists in the Big East. He passed former Syracuse player Sherman Douglas's 426 in the game and now has 437 in his career. Even with this amazing personal feat, the Friars suffered a 84-59 loss to the Orangemen.

As has been characteristic of Council all his career, he put the team before himself when speaking about the game. He said, "It was bittersweet because we lost the game, but I was proud of it, especially being able to break Sherman Douglas' record in Syracuse."

Council was able to break this record because of the mistake-free brand of basketball he has always played. This has been his trademark his whole career, and it once again showed this season.

He has led the Big East in conference game in both assists per game (7.7) and in assist to turnover ratio (2.7). When asked how he has been able to play this type of basketball throughout his career, he attributed it to his teammates. He said, "It's just trust in my teammates, especially knowing what they like to do and what spots they like to be in on the court."

These are characteristics only present in the best point guards in all of basketball, and Council belongs among those players. He proves this with his stellar play in Big East games, as the conference was widely considered the best in college basketball before its plans to disband after the season. Council is definitely among the many disappointed by the impending break in the conference set at the conclusion of the season. Of this he said, "I definitely think it's sad with all the history in the Big East and all the rivalry games. As little kids we watched those games and I just think it's sad that we'll never see them again."

Along with the departure of many teams in the Big East, Friar fans will also have to watch the departure of Council, who will be graduating from the school at the end of this year. When asked about his plans and the future of the team he is leaving, Council was positive as usual. Of the team, he said "the future is bright, especially with players like Josh [Fortune] '16, Bryce [Cotton] '14, Kris [Dunn] '16, Ladontae (Henton) '15, Ricky [Ledo] '16, Kadeem [Batts] '15, and Tyler [Harris] '15 on the roster."

Of his own future, Council said, "God willing, I'm going to continue to play basketball." As the team finishes out their final regular season games and whatever tournament play we may secure, there is nobody we would rather have running the team than Vincent Council.

Do Not Call It a Comeback Friars Basketball Is Back

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COLUMN

Ask many of my friends around campus, and they will say that I am always willing to tell someone "I told you so." I do it frequently, mainly because I am right nearly all the time, and because I am not shy about complimenting myself. Most people who know me will confirm this. So, faithful *Cowl* readers...I told you so.

Back in October, I wrote a lengthy column about how the Friars will be resurgent this year, and how they have a chance to make major leaps. And while this prediction seemed more than aggressive following losses to Brown and Boston College, the Friars have finally rounded into the form I predicted and are making me look smarter than usual.

PC has won five of their last six games. They have won three road games and taken down two ranked teams. They beat Villanova on the road, something that Syracuse and Louisville have failed to do this year. They beat up the Irish so bad that South Bend was debating on changing their name to the Whimpering Irish (slight exaggeration but you get the point). Even in their previous loss to UConn, one could argue

that the Friars outplayed the Huskies.

PC's run resurgence has catapulted them to 10th in the standings (they got the tiebreaker versus Cincinnati), good enough to earn the Friars a bye in the Big East Tournament. PC is also a game

below .500 in the Big East standings, and their four-game winning streak in conference play was their first since 2004, the last time they made the NCAA Tournament.

They end the season with winnable

games at home against St. John's (who is one game ahead of them in the standings) and Seton Hall (who is buried in the bottom four). The final game at UConn could even be won by the Friars with the way they have been playing.

How did this come about? Well, the Friars are finally healthy. Sure, they got Vincent Council '13 and Kris Dunn '16 for Big East play, but it took much longer to fully integrate them into the system. Also, Bryce Cotton '14 finally seems to have shaken that nagging leg injury and is leading the Big East in scoring this year.

The Friars seem to be gelling at the right time, with Council racking up assists, Cotton burying threes, Kadeem Batts '14 emerging as the most improved Big East player, Ladontae Henton '15 finding his stroke, and Dunn digging in defensively.

Cooley has got the team headed in the right direction, and confidence could not be higher. People are starting to take notice, and the Dunkin' Donuts Center is rocking again. PC, assuming they can keep winning, could be headed to postseason play for the first time since 2009. So, for those of us who wrote off the Friars after some bad losses in December, you are welcome back to the bandwagon. You just have to admit that I told you so.



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The Questions Are Answered

Conversation

Chris Szimanski '14 sits down with Coach Nate Leaman, the Head Coach of Men's Ice Hockey, to discuss the season, the upcoming games, and the role students play in helping the hockey program.

Q: Going into the final three weeks of the Hockey East schedule, what preparations are needed for the team to continue the push for the playoffs?

A: We have to compete every shift of every game. We cannot afford to take a single puck battle off if we want to keep playing deep into March. I like the talent of this team, but it comes down to execution, and that starts in practice every day.

Q: Are you concerned with how close all these games have been as of late? The team has played a lot of extra minutes due to overtime over the past month.

A: Our youth is both tough due to inexperience and good because young legs recover faster. Even our veterans have no experience playing in the top of Hockey East, so this is a learning experience for the entire squad. Having six of the last eight games go to overtime is good preparation now that the games are so important. We will not panic in those situations.

Q: What is the biggest key to seeing the Friars host a playoff series when the time comes?

A: We have to take this one game at a time, and bring it every shift, skate hard to every loose puck, whether it is home or away. We cannot rely on our skill to get by because every team is skilled; our execution needs to set us apart.

Q: How important is home ice for the team?

A: Well, obviously we want to play in front of our students and ticketholders, but we are not afraid to go on the road. I feel like we have played really good road hockey, maybe better on the road than at home this year at times. Our students and ticketholders deserve a playoff series because they have been with us all year.

Q: What can students do to help the playoff push and get the team a series at Schneider?

A: Students have been great all year. Obviously the limited seating hurts us a bit, but we need all the students to be loud and supportive. We appreciate what the fans have done this year but being loud and making this a tough arena to play in is very important to us. The Pep Band has been great this year, and we play better when they are present.

Q: Is there anything else students can do to be supportive other than attend the games?

A: The games are most important, they are key. We need the fans to get on the opposing team's goalie during the game. But this is a Catholic School, so it needs to be respectful-keep it classy.

Q: Is there anything you want to say to the students?

A: Thank you, and we need you. I cannot say it enough that we need you these next three home games and for the playoffs. Make this a tough arena and be as loud as possible!

PC Skating to Glory

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MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

With just six games remaining in their season, the Men's Ice Hockey Team began a crucial two-game series with Northeastern. Standing in a tie for fourth (but loser of the tiebreaker) with Boston University in Hockey East, the Friars needed a sweep of the last place Huskies to stay in the hunt for a home quarterfinal series in the postseason tournament.

Friday could not have started better for the Friars, racing out to a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Derek Army '14 and Stefan Demopoulos '15. The Huskies struck back in the second period, cutting the lead to 2-1 within 10 minutes. However, for every goal the Huskies had, Providence struck back, pushing the lead to 3-1 on a Mark Jankowski '16 goal. After Northeastern cut the deficit to 3-2, goalie Jon Gillies '16 stood tall and shut them out the rest of the game. Insurance goals from Steven Shamanski '14, Demopoulos, and Tim Schaller '13 made it a final of 6-2, a repeat of the score from Northeastern's first visit to Providence

this year.

The season series between the Friars and Huskies concluded the next night at Matthews Arena in Boston. Providence started off well again, taking a 1-0 lead into the first intermission on a goal by Drew Brown '15. The two teams traded goals in the second, with the Friars goal coming from Ross Mauermann '15. Clinging to a 2-1 lead in the third period and on the penalty kill, the Friars got the game-winning goal from Shamanski and hung on to win 3-2.

Tied for first in Hockey East with 28 points and ranked nationally for the first time this year, Providence is in good shape to host a first round playoff series. Two crucial series remain with two other ranked teams; this weekend, powerhouse Boston College and the Friars play at home, and the following weekend, the Friars conclude the regular season with UMass-Lowell. Long considered one of Hockey East's doormats, Coach Leaman and the Friars have turned things around this year and have fans excited for what could be a long postseason run.