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News Staff

FACULTY

After a COACHE survey, which was the College's first comprehensive survey related to faculty issues and satisfaction, was administered to the faculty last year, a report was recently published that summarizes the findings of the survey, indicating great dissatisfaction among faculty.

"Last year, the faculty took a job-satisfaction survey regarding their jobs at Providence College," said Dr. Fred Drogula, a member of the COACHE committee at PC. "A very large percentage of the faculty participated in the survey, and when the results came out this fall, they showed alarmingly widespread and deep dissatisfaction among the faculty."

The Collaboration of Academic Careers in Higher Education, or COACHE, is a national organization of over 200 national chief officers at colleges and universities. The survey used is a standard survey developed by COACHE, which covers nine general topics related to faculty satisfaction. According to Harvard University's definition of the COACHE survey, it allows institutional leaders to know how to create a better place to work and has "cultivated a reputation for faculty satisfaction survey tools that are considered best-in-class, offering much more than locally-derived and other instruments."

"The survey was very sophisticated, and a committee, chaired by Dr. Maia Bailey in Biology, was

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# Is The Faculty Happy?

# Friars on Fire

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MEN'S SOCCER

For Markus Naglestad '14RS, it was a sure thing as soon as the ball left his foot. While a packed Ray Treacy Track held their breath, Naglestad calmly slotted a 30-yard free kick past UC Irvine goalie Michael Breslin, lifting the Providence College Men's Soccer Team to a 1-0 third-round victory over the Anteaters.

"That's in my range," Naglestad said of the kick after the game had ended. "I feel good when I get that chance." It marked his 10th goal of the season, and his first in the NCAA

Tournament. The victory also pushed the Friars into the Elite Eight for the first time in school history, and was the second home victory in as many NCAA Tournament games for the 11th overall seed in the country.

Naglestad's goal aside, the game did not lack any suspense. The Friars got a chance early in the first half when Dominik Machado '17 found himself open in the 18-yard box, only to see his shot strike the crossbar and bounce out of play. Naglestad and Fabio Machado '15 fired wide of Breslin's net in the first half as well, and the Friars as a whole outshot UC Irvine nine to three in the first half.

The opening moments of the

second half were especially tense for the home crowd. The Anteaters had a golden opportunity when Bryan Breslin received a cross and put a header on net. However, Friar goalie Keasel Broome '14RS was up to the task, as he leaped into the air and punched the ball over the net. Besides that opportunity, however, Providence locked down the potent UC Irvine offense. Head Coach Craig Stewart praised his defense, noting, "I thought we did a good job as a unit, closing out space and denying them time on the ball."

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# Turning Smith Hill Inside Out

by Frank Flanagan '15  
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LOCAL ART

This past November, Providence College students Michaela Bolotin '16 and Grace Twardy '16 led an effort that brought the Inside Out Project to Providence. The Inside Out Project is a global community art project in which participants paste a collection of portraits outdoors in hopes of conveying a common community message.

The Providence installment ran with the following goal in mind: "To unify the many people who call Smith Hill their home through a public art display." The project was installed on Saturday, November 22, on the St. Patrick's Cemetery wall facing Douglas Avenue, though, due to inclement weather and vandalism, was rendered almost completely gone shortly thereafter.

"I discovered the project this summer, I want to say August," said Bolotin. From there she sprung into action. "I posted [the project] in the Global Studies group on Facebook and asked 'Does anyone want to bring this to Providence?'" Twardy almost

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## COACHE: Dissatisfaction Among Faculty

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created to review the data and make recommendations to the College administration to improve the working conditions for faculty," said Drogula.

PC's COACHE Committee composed the report regarding the survey. "Our committee believes the COACHE survey presents a unique window of opportunity to identify serious problems that weaken our capacity to realize the College's vision," writes the committee. "If concerns are not addressed in a timely fashion...this opportunity will be lost."

"Since the success of any liberal arts college depends upon the dedication of its faculty, the fact that so many of PC's faculty are unhappy with their working conditions is a serious threat to the long term success of the College," said Drogula. "I am hoping that the College administration seizes this opportunity to strengthen the College by responding positively to the clearly expressed concerns of the faculty."

The report outlined four areas that were prioritized as key elements to be addressed regarding faculty dissatisfaction. According to the report, other areas showed great levels of dissatisfaction, such as tenure and promotion. As noted in the previous *Cowl* article from Nov. 20, recent changes regarding tenure and promotion had been made, and due to the ongoing efforts, tenure and promotion were not outlined in the report.

Instead, the report focused on four areas where "easily executable changes should lead to significant gain in

satisfaction." "First and foremost, the faculty was extremely dissatisfied with the leadership and governance of the College, but there were also secondary concerns about compensation, health and family care, and diversity and mentoring," Drogula said.

According to the report, "the largest discrepancy in satisfaction between Providence College faculty and faculty at other COACHE institutions is on the matters of senior leadership." The committee provides a variety of immediate actions to take to improve this, including faculty representation on the Board of Trustees elected by the Faculty Senate, a change in the format in faculty meetings to allow genuine discussion, and "efforts to demonstrate appreciation of the faculty and its role in the success of the College through meaningful response to faculty priorities."

As for diversity and mentoring, it was rated as one of the two lowest aspects of the College by 17 percent of respondents. Intermediate actions to make this more satisfactory include requiring sensitivity training to all faculty members, the implementation of measures to bring greater transparency to decisions, and designing a facility in a central location on campus which could serve as a faculty lounge of sorts, which would promote faculty socialization.

Compensation and health and family care were two other aspects of the report where the faculty's satisfactions were among the lowest in peer institutions.

If the changes suggested in the report

are carried out, greater satisfaction amongst the faculty could be the result. As the committee said in the end of their introductory remarks, "The benefits are clear: a sense of community where

partners collaborate to achieve common goals, stronger loyalty and sense of worth, and an environment of academic excellence."



MORGAN PEKERA '15 / THE COWL

The most recent Faculty Senate meeting took place on Wednesday in Ruane 105.

## New Senior Giving Campaign Forgoes Bricks

by Kathleen McGinty '16  
News Editor

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

For alumni returning to campus, a stroll down memory lane is no longer than the walkway between the Phillips Memorial Library and St. Dominic Chapel. Made up of bricks engraved with donor names, the walkway recognizes alumni or seniors who have donated either \$250 or \$100, respectively, to one of Providence College's Annual Funds. While the installation of the Class of 2014's bricks will reach the chapel and prohibit any new bricks from being placed in the walkway, that is only part of the reason why seniors will not be provided the opportunity to receive a brick in their name following a donation to Senior Giving.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Renee Seitz '09 & '11G, assistant director of annual giving. "Ultimately it came down to what message are we sending... The message we wanted to send this year is that we welcome all students, all seniors to participate in Senior Giving because it's not about that big gift. We are just as grateful to those who consider that \$5 gift."

In fact, according to Torie Schwartz '15 and Jill Levcowich '15, co-chairs of Senior Giving, the dollar goal of Senior Giving dropped to \$25,000 in total donations, while the participation goal is set at 65 percent, the highest it has been since the advent of the brick program.

According to Seitz, Senior Giving is an annual effort to raise awareness and heighten the philanthropic support from the student body. Each year, members

of the graduating class are encouraged to donate to the PC Fund, which supports and is directed to aspects of campus where funds are needed the most, such as clubs and organizations, campus renovations, financial aid, and development of new curricula, or the Angel Fund, which offers emergency financial aid to students in the midst of unexpected financial hardship. Gifts made to these funds are used in the year they are received.

The brick program launched in 2009 in tangent with Annual Giving, initially allowing alumni in their reunion year to be recognized with an engraved brick for their donation of \$250 or more, and evolved over time to include not only alumni, but also members of the senior class who donated \$100 or more. However, the program has initiated a conversation different than anticipated.

"It became a message about buying a brick," said Seitz. "We didn't want students to see a tangible item for purchase." Instead, she hopes that seniors who give will do so to express thankfulness for the experiences they have been provided at PC.

In making the decision to transform its campaign, members of the Senior Giving Committee have been engaged in conversation since last semester and concluded that the timing was right to end the brick program.

Seitz stated that with reunions occurring every five years, every graduating class has been provided the chance to participate in the program. Similarly, with the ongoing Campus Transformation project, uncertainty exists as to where the walkway could continue, and maintenance of the bricks

also detracts from donations, as the College must provide the funds for this upkeep. Schwartz and Levcowich noted that the Committee kept in mind that Senior Ring Weekend now coincides with the same year as Commencement, the increased expenses of which may prevent seniors from donating that \$100 to be eligible for a brick.

The change to the program also comes on the heels of the "Our Moment" campaign launch, which launched what Seitz called a "group effort" mentality to achieving the College's goal of raising \$140 million by 2017.

Schwartz and Levcowich are

currently brainstorming other ideas for students who donate \$100 or more to be recognized: through initiation into a Young Dominican Society, an invitation to an exclusive networking event during St. Dominic Weekend, and even engraving plaques with donors' names.

Yet Seitz stressed the importance of not just donations but participation as well.

"Annual gifts are what set us apart from other institutions," she said. "Participation is just as important as dollars. Small gifts have a big impact when everyone participates."



JESS ARTIGLIERE '17 / THE COWL

## Bursting the PC Bubble

by David Toro '16  
News Staff

### Brown's Stepfather Under Investigation

Before Thanksgiving break, Darren Wilson, the Officer who shot Michael Brown to death, was not indicted by the grand jury in Ferguson, Missouri. Upon all the unrest around the country, Michael Brown's stepfather is now under investigation for possibly inciting a riot. An online video reveals Louis Head, Brown's stepfather, standing on a platform shouting violent encouragements at an already heated crowd.

### Could Artificial Intelligence End Mankind?

Professor Stephen Hawkins, in an interview for the *BBC*, has warned that further developments of artificial intelligence could "spell the end of the human race." The fear of artificial intelligence is its possible ability to eventually learn by itself and supersede humans. Eventually, artificial intelligence would grow at ever-increasing rates. Similarly, Elon Musk has also warned that artificial intelligence is "our biggest existential threat."

### A Call for \$6 Billion to Help Fight Ebola

After claiming the lives of 6,000 people, Ebola has not stopped terrifying people on a global scale. Recently, the new headlines have subsided with apocalyptic visions. However, the fight is still on, and Obama wants \$6 billion to help nurses, doctors, and charity organizations that risk their lives to contain the deadly virus.

### Russia Warns of 2015 Recession

Upon a previous forecasting for an increase of 1.2 percent in Russia's economy in 2015, the Economic Dev. Ministry has estimated a decrease of 0.8 percent next year. The fact that Russia relies heavily on oil and tax revenues makes the country extremely sensitive to price movements. Oil prices keep going down, and they keep hurting Russia as a result. In the event that the price of oil decreases to \$60 a barrel, GDP will decline from 3.5 percent to 4 percent next year.

## Congress Updates

by Nicole Lania '15  
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Congress opened with the announcement of the loss of a member of the PC community. Siobhán Ross, who worked as the Sakai administrator for the College, passed away last week. A memorial will be held at 11:35 a.m. on Friday in St. Dominic Chapel.

The Classes of 2015 and 2016 announced upcoming events. The Class of 2015 announced a senior night on Friday, December 5, in McPhail's. The event begins at 10 p.m. The Class of 2016 announced an End of the Semester Sendoff, also occurring in McPhail's.

This Friday beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a Holiday Film Festival in McPhail's. The event is still open to submissions from students.

Campus Ministry will be hosting two events this weekend: Jingle Bell Bash, where Santa Claus may make an appearance, and Lessons and Carols will also occur, with an accompanying live stream.

Three pieces of legislation were passed. The first is the creation of the Classics Society that will serve the social and education pursuits of students interested in classics. The second is the approval of the internal voting policy of BOP. BOP strives to legitimize and control the process of voting through this piece of legislation. Tangential to this piece of legislation was an amendment that would change who the active and thereby voting members of Congress are. This amendment removes BOP members from voting in Congress meetings, allowing a separation between the two entities and for Congress to provide more oversight to clubs.

One piece of new business was proposed. Michael Hagan '15 introduced legislation to provide 10 more hydration stations in dorms around campus. This legislation was brought forward with the support of the "Think Outside the Bottle" campaign. This organization will continue to propose batches of 10 hydration stations until the campus has met their goal.

Providence College Student Congress  
meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the  
Slavin Soft Lounge.

Meetings are open to the public!

## PC Athletes Network

by Emily Marzo '16  
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CAREER EDUCATION CENTER

On October 23, 2014, Yvette Boisclair '84 and Mark Mandell sponsored the fifth annual Student-Athlete Career Night here at Providence College. The event was an intimate dinner in '64 Hall. Athletic Director Bob Driscoll opened the event and Father James Cuddy, O.P., began the night with a prayer and few laughs.

Mark Mandell, one of the most influential lawyers around, was humbly introduced and greeted the night. Although not an athlete now, he was once a wrestler and baseball player. He said that he believed his job was to help others out and the best advice he is able to give is to pay it forward. He wished all the best of luck with the night and the athletes' futures as he handed back the microphone to Bob Driscoll.

Driscoll gave a warm welcome to keynote speaker and fellow Friar of the Class of 1987, Dr. Sheila Harrity. Harrity played for the women's basketball team here at Providence and earned her degree in social work. This year, Harrity was recognized as the 2014 National Principal of the Year. Harrity said her journey began here at Providence College, where she learned the importance of values, developed her character, and built her strong faith.

After graduation, Harrity worked as a parole officer, but quickly realized her love for education. She returned to school to earn her master's in education. In 2006, Dr. Harrity was handpicked to be the principal at Worcester Technical High School, one of the oldest vocational schools in the nation as well as the lowest performing high school. In this job, she

did not view the school as a problem, but as an opportunity to improve the lives of the students, the school, and the community. She implemented expectations and instituted additional AP and honors programs. She taught her students what she learned at PC, "reach for the stars."

Harrity reminisced of her collegiate basketball career. Before every game, the coach gave a pre-game talk that inspired and motivated the team to beat their opponents, no matter what the other team was ranked or how intimidating their stats were. Harrity took this pre-game pep talk and applied it to her school. The students needed to feel that inspiration to know and feel like they could overcome any obstacle. Through the help of donors and meticulous planning, Harrity arranged for the students to have extraordinary guest speakers come talk to the students and inspire them. This is what helped build what she calls "the culture of success" at her school. She said that the values in basketball and Providence College have helped her determine her purpose in life and have the values needed in order to make a difference. Harrity wrapped up her speech by giving advice that she says may seem cheesy, "If you follow your passion, you'll never work a day in your life."

After Harrity spoke, the conversations began. Every table had both students and professionals sitting side by side based on career interests. Halfway through the evening the professionals switched in order for students to maximize conversations and expertise of the professionals. Guests included leaders in sports marketing, education, non-profit, finance, law, real estate, sales, health care, and many others fields.



ELYSE BUTTERWORTH '15 / THE COWL

Student-athletes network with professionals seated at their table.

# A World Without Hate

by Marla Gagne '18  
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CAMPUS EVENTS

September 21, 2001 was a normal day for Rais Bhuiyan, a Bangladeshi American. He worked his shift manning the counter of a local convenience store in Texas. The day was running smoothly until a white man walked in with a loaded shotgun. Bhuiyan immediately opened the cash register and begged the man not to shoot, thinking this was similar to a robbery he had previously experienced. However, the gunman Mark Stroman, had no desire for money. Stroman simply asked Bhuiyan where he was from, and before Bhuiyan could answer, Stroman shot Bhuiyan in the face.

On Wednesday, November 19, Bhuiyan visited Providence College to present "World Without Hate." Bhuiyan was raised in Bangladesh with a good education as he studied to be a pilot. He eventually left his home country for the United States, hoping to gain a higher education and live the "American Dream." But this dream was short-lived, and America was not what he had imagined. Bhuiyan stated, "I never thought in the U.S. [I] would be robbed."

Immediately after the shot, Bhuiyan felt like a "billion bees [were] stinging [his] face." He felt like he was dying and could not stay in the convenience store, where Stroman would surely shoot him again. He ran to the barbershop next door and begged for someone to call 911. As he waited for the ambulance to come, Bhuiyan recited the Koran. He thought of his

family and fiancé back home, as well as his dreams that had not yet been fulfilled. He prayed to God, begging, "Please don't take me." Bhuiyan had not accomplished anything yet, but promised he would if he survived. Shortly after, he passed out.

Bhuiyan woke up and survived the shooting, something that could not be said for two other victims of Stroman's shootings. Although he was grateful and blessed to be alive, Bhuiyan faced a new nightmare; he had no health insurance or money for his growing health expenses. He had no family in America, and upon hearing the news of the shooting, his father suffered a stroke. After the shooting, Bhuiyan underwent many surgeries, but still lost vision in one eye. Unable to work, he lost his home and was in constant fear of his accumulating debt. He could not travel back home and was no longer with his fiancé. Bhuiyan was still haunted by memories of the shooting, and was afraid to leave the house. He had the terrifying realization that anyone could hate him or attack him because of his appearance.

Bhuiyan suffered emotionally and physically. Many would expect him to hate Stroman, who was on a mission of "hunting Arabs" after the 9/11 attacks. But as Bhuiyan tried to readapt and create a new life, he remembered his promise to God—to do something meaningful if he lived. With the mindset of forgiveness and his promise to God, Bhuiyan embarked on a mission to save Stroman's life. Bhuiyan campaigned with the support of other organizations, and fought to have Stroman face life in prison instead of the death penalty. Bhuiyan was focused on a mission of forgiveness and betterment. Even though Stroman

was executed, he denounced his actions, asked for forgiveness, and referred to Bhuiyan as his brother. Although Bhuiyan's family and many others have supported Bhuiyan's decision of forgiveness, others heavily criticized his decision. Opposers argued that Stroman was not worthy of forgiveness, that murder needs to be justified, and even that Stroman was not a truly changed, repentant man.

After the shooting, Bhuiyan heavily researched and pondered his decisions as a victim. He could ask for equal justice, ask for loss of compensation, or forgive and move on with his life. As Bhuiyan thought about his options, he realized that wishing harm on

someone else is like "you take poison, but want the other person to die." He chose to forgive so that he could let go of the anger and suffering, and finally fulfill his American Dream.

With a mindset of acceptance and forgiveness, Bhuiyan leads the campaign of "World Without Hate." He preaches exposure to other people, a willingness to connect to others despite opposition, and forgiveness. Bhuiyan encourages stepping outside of our comfort zones and moving past our homogenous tendencies. To rid the world of discrimination and violence, we must first look at ourselves. Bhuiyan's final goal? He wants to "transform the human heart."



ANDREW KONNERTH '17 / THE COWL

After being held at gunpoint and shot days after 9/11, Bhuiyan calls for forgiveness and openness.

# Of Arms and a Man I Sing

by Meaghan Dodson '17  
News Staff

CAMPUS EVENTS

If there is one thing that bonds the Providence College community together, it would be Civ. More formally known as Development of Western Civilization, Civ is taken by every student at PC and taught by a sizable number of the faculty. Thus, when people casually drop the name Milton, Virgil, or Dante, everyone knows exactly what they are talking about.

Dr. Steven Smith of the history department sought to make the most of this collective knowledge. The Virgil Marathon, coming in on the heels of last semester's successful Milton Marathon, took place on Thursday, November 20, in the Ruane Great Room. Over 400 students and faculty participated in the 10.5 hour reading of Virgil's *Aeneid*. Whether simply listening to the epic poem, or actually reading it themselves, students and faculty were able to bring this poet's celebrated verses to the PC community.

The idea for these marathons came to Smith last December. He was sitting in the Great Room, admiring the beautiful space and reflecting on the revamped Civ program, when he thought—why not make the most of these new developments? Why not have a campus-wide reading of primary Civ texts?

Smith asked around and found out that an event such as this had never been attempted at PC. He remembers

seeing community readings during graduate school, but these readings were often club events attended by half a dozen people. Smith was seeking something on a much larger scale. He decided to reach out to Dr. Vance Morgan, the Director of the Development of Western Civilization program. Together, they sent the idea to the DWC Advisory Council and then began to plan the first marathon.

The Milton Marathon was held last May, coinciding with the freshmen's reading of John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Smith reveals that the greatest challenge was getting the word out to students and faculty. He worked with his seminar students to plan the event, and then got the Civ teachers on board. Smith and his fellow professors circulated sign-up sheets and offered extra credits to entice students to go, and the marathon was attended by approximately 250 people.

Smith stressed that this event is a unique way in which to celebrate Civ. The building of Ruane, Smith said, shows the College's renewed commitment to the liberal arts and is "our stake in the ground" of the College's history. Civ is a part of the PC identity, and thus Smith intends to continue these marathons as long as there is interest.

Many of these ancient works were meant to be read at loud, Smith stated. Epic poems such as the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* were performed by traveling poets, who passed along these stories from one generation to the next. Smith emphasized the idea that, by keeping this tradition alive today, there is a sense of continuity with the past and

community with the present.

Next semester's Dante Marathon is already in the works. Smith is currently in discussion with certain groups to get some of Dante's *Inferno* read in Italian. Segments of the most recent marathon were read in Latin, as Meghan Lescault '16 of the PC Classics Club and Dr. Christopher Parrott of the English department began and finished the *Aeneid* in Virgil's native tongue.

Smith concluded by examining the value of the Civ program as a whole.

He affirmed that these marathons are an element unique to one's educational experience, as they train students in oral proficiency and contribute to their intellectual development. Smith summarized, "The liberal arts is the heart of what we do here; it is what sets us apart. Civ teaches students how to read critically and think broadly, how to research and write, and how we, as individuals, fit into the trajectory of human history."



SARAH VIENS '17 / THE COWL

Over 400 students and faculty take turns reciting Virgil's *The Aeneid*, taking 10.5 hours.

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## Stop Talking, Start Doing New Year's Resolutions Require an Active Spirit

by Christina Moazed '15  
Opinion Staff

SOCIETY

It's almost the New Year resolution season. Better yet, it should be called making-promises-and-breaking-them season. Only 8 percent of people actually complete their resolutions, according to a study reported by *Forbes*. Of the 50 percent of Americans that establish resolutions, one in three ditch their vows by the end of January. As college students, how should we deal with our challenges and conquer them in the New Year? Well, ironically, students are more likely to talk about their problems instead of fixing them.

But wait. Doesn't talking about our problems actually help our problems? Does it make them disappear? Poof. They're gone.

No, it doesn't. Have you ever heard of the saying that words speak louder than actions? You probably haven't.

But why is it so common for people to resort to talking about their issues instead of actually solving them? In 2014, merely 14 percent of people over the age of 50 achieved their resolutions, as reported by *Statistic Brain*. Additionally, 24 percent of individuals never succeed and fail each year on their resolutions.

So what's the big issue that people fail to realize every year? Talking, waiting, and complaining, as opposed to getting up, acting and doing.

Instead of talking, look inward. You know what you have to do to achieve your goals. Deep thought and serenity will get the job done, and maybe a limited amount of consultation from an experienced elder.

The most common, thought-about, and painstaking resolution that has been at the top of the list of most Americans is weight-loss. Unsurprisingly, one in 2.8 (35.6 percent) of adults in the US are obese, as reported by *Huffington*



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*Post*. But weight-loss is something that requires making the right decisions. If we know that the weight-loss formula requires eating healthy and going to the gym on a consistent basis, why are Americans struggling to make these decisions and thus resorting to complaining?

Albert Einstein once said, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them." As defined by basic psychology concepts, complaining is a result of frustration and dissatisfaction, regardless of whether or not the results were within or beyond the individual's power.

If individuals set resolutions to

make change and achieve their long anticipated goals, but continue with their habits and thus become frustrated and agitated, why does this endless cycle continue year after year? It takes three weeks for repeated actions to become a habit. Three weeks.

We become overwhelmed with the change required by our resolutions, look to others and forget the clear set of decisions necessary to actually achieve our goals. We express our frustrations and groan, look to false advertisements, and are left where we started off. Ironically, the number one regret of older people, as reported by *Huffington Post*, is not living a life true to oneself but for others. An elder reflects on how

external distractions diminished the importance of inner reflection: "Health brings a freedom very few realize, until they no longer have it."

Why is this cycle so common, yet so simple to break? Because we have lost sight of our inner voice and have let it become drowned out by the constant external noise, advertisements, and pressures.

Don't lose hope. Those who make resolutions are 10 times more likely to succeed with their goals. Start thinking about your resolutions now. And don't talk about them. Just do them.

## PC Sexual Assault Policies Too Vague

by Edward Walrod '16  
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

Events in the past few years have shown just about everyone what we, as students, often fear the most. Our colleges have horribly vague, outdated, and unclear sexual harassment or assault policies that further isolate the victim of unwanted actions.

Some of you may know Emma Sulkowicz, a Columbia University student who has been carrying her mattress around to all of her classes in protest of Columbia's handling of her case. She was sexually assaulted by a friend, made to confront him, and he simply said, "It was consensual." Because there were no witnesses or physical evidence to suggest anything different, her case was thrown out and her abuser remains at Columbia University. Unfortunately, her story is not unique. Such outdated and victim isolating policies are present in many schools across the country.

Providence College has to face an unpleasant yet extremely important truth, which is that its own policies on sexual assault and harassment are, at

times, vague and, as a result, fail to combat these issues as effectively as they potentially could. The College does say that there is a zero tolerance policy on such crimes and that they will be dealt with in that manner. This is great. The issue is that the process to reach resolution is horribly diluted.

Everyone deserves to be defended, including the accused. The issue is how they are to be defended. The accuser must confront the accused in front of an administrative official in order for the college to begin action. While the accused should know who is accusing them, is it fair to make the accuser in this situation face their alleged abuser? What if the emotional trauma is too great in the moment or the accuser feels inherently unsafe even under the administration's watchful eye? Quite a few rapes and assaults do not go reported out of the fear that no action will be taken. A spectacle such as this will only create more hostility and emotional insecurity for the victim.

Second is the issue of evidence. Here is where the issue gets hugely sensitive. Often a victim will have no physical evidence or even eyewitnesses. What then? You can't just convict someone when there is no proof. What if the accuser has other motivations?

Likewise, who are you to say that there are other motivations regarding such a traumatic and serious event in the victim's life? The accused can't just be free to do what they want just because in the moment of the crime there were no witnesses. This is why Providence College has to lead the charge and start defining such issues and figuring out such nuances. There will be mistakes. There will be times where the community is seemingly torn apart. But for the sake of a brighter and safer future, the undertaking has to be done.

The first step is to remove this ridiculous requirement of party confrontation before the process can move forward. You can either talk to the administration separately first and then at a later point in time, potentially have the two parties present their stories at concurrent moments to officials.

Second is to remove the vagueness of the definitions of "intoxication." While the school agrees that intoxication automatically disqualifies legitimate consent it does not define the level of intoxication or the characteristics needed to be qualified as something similar. The rest is for someone far smarter than me (come on guys, I am a dumb, hungry, and tired junior) to address.

# Black Friday Shopping Is Overrated

## *Find a More Valuable Way to Spend the Day Off*

by Wesley Trask '16  
Opinion Staff

SOCIETY

Seeing one's family is a real pain. On holidays such as Thanksgiving, that is a universally known truth. Now, I'm all for wanting to get away from your family as soon as the holiday is over, but going shopping is the wrong way to do it. Black Friday, one of the biggest shopping days of the year, was already crazy enough during the past few years. The day has just become ridiculous. Maybe I just don't get it, but 20 percent off of a TV is not something I would consider worth a 4 a.m. wakeup to go fight off crowds at a Best Buy.

For years, Black Friday began on, well, Friday. Stores opened bright and early at 6 a.m. to let the masses mindlessly buy "deals" (off of inflated prices). Eventually, 6 a.m. became 5 a.m., which became 4 a.m., which became midnight.

This year, several stores opened on Thanksgiving night across the nation, except in those few states decent enough to prohibit them by law (thanks again, Commonwealth of Massachusetts!). Naturally, people flocked to the stores, camping out all of Thanksgiving Day to make sure they got themselves the newest Elmo doll (side note, these things now hug you back. Next thing you know, they'll be doing our taxes, and from there it won't be long until they're ruling us all). The whole exercise just seems like an incredible waste of time for everyone involved.

First and foremost, any savings one may incur by shopping on Black Friday can be offset by shopping online. Sites like Amazon ran Black Friday deals during the entire Thanksgiving week through Cyber Monday. If there was something you absolutely had to get from Target, chances are Amazon had the same thing for the same, if

not lower, price. For those who must do some shopping, the convenience of online retailers should certainly be enough to satisfy them.

From the comfort of my laptop, I found deals without ever having to camp out in front of a store or push through mobs of eager shoppers. This freed up the rest of my day for something much more fun than scoping out bargains: the annual Black Friday Boston Bruins hockey game.

Now, many years ago the Bruins figured out that their fan base would generally be more interested in watching a hockey game during their day off after Thanksgiving than to go shopping, and a tradition of matinee games on the last Friday of November was born. The game is no longer during the afternoon (way to go, *NBC Sports!* Great job killing a local tradition), but along with around 18,000 other fans, I enjoyed watching an overtime victory for the home team and letting the folks from Winnipeg know that Canada sucks (eh?).

Okay, maybe this isn't everybody's cup of tea, but I'm sure there are something everyone would rather spend a valuable day off from school or work doing than shopping. Whether it be watching sports, or going to a bar with friends, or even (ugh) spending more time with one's family, there's many more enjoyable things to be done in lieu of shopping.

Even if you're one of those who enjoys shopping (double ugh), there has to be something you would rather be doing the day after Thanksgiving than wasting the day at some mall.



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# Remember Our Family

by Mason Sciotti '15  
Editor-in-Chief

EDITOR'S COLUMN



## Give Somebody You Love a Hug

Siobhán Ross, coordinator of the Instructional Technology Department Program, and a beloved member of our Friar Family, was tragically killed last Wednesday in a driving accident. Though this news has already reached campus, it deserves our special remembrance as we move toward the holidays.

The holidays can be tough for a number of reasons. Many among us have lost friends and family, and not having them with you to celebrate is heartbreaking. It will be especially hard for Siobhán's family, as Christmas will come all too quickly after Thanksgiving without her.

As Father Pivarnik said in his email to the faculty, Siobhán was a bright light on our campus. She touched the lives of many both on and outside of Providence College, and she will be dearly missed. The Memorial Mass for Siobhán will be held at 11:35 a.m. in St. Dominic's Chapel on Friday, December 5. All are invited to attend.

Keep your friends, family, and Friar Family in your hearts. Give somebody you love a hug.

# TANGENTS & TIRADES

## Intramural Playoffs Are Just as Stressful as Finals

As we enter into the last month of the semester, the stakes are getting higher. Term papers are due, final exams are just around the corner, and yet something even more daunting is upon us: intramural playoffs. I am ashamed to admit that yet again I failed to reach the championship game in an intramural sport. This time, my co-ed wallyball team "The Wolves of Walley Street," was knocked out in our quarterfinal match. You would think I have learned some strategy after three years of intramural failure here at Providence College. I am here to tell you that there is a winning formula for those of you who are dying for an Intramural Championship t-shirt. After all, it's all about the shirt. My advice for inexperienced intramural athletes is as follows: recruit big kids for your team. I'm not kidding. Whether it is co-ed inner-tube water polo, flag football, or wiffle ball, the strategy never ceases to change. Larger people just flat-out make a difference when it's crunch time. As Matt Desjardin '16 explained after a crushing wallyball loss, "It's all about gains. Period." I wish he had told me that earlier. On a more serious note, I wish everybody good luck on their final exams. Remember to focus on what is truly important in the next few weeks: your faith, your family and friends, and your schoolwork.

- Matthew Tinsley '16

## Christmas Traditions Are Coming to Town

Everybody knows the unofficial rule of not being able to wear white pants after Labor Day. Since there is an unofficial rule to the start of fall, why not have one for the beginning of winter? It seems the official kick-off of winter is decorating for Christmas immediately after Thanksgiving. Most of us couldn't wait a moment later to tear open the box of Christmas lights and carefully unwrap the handed down family ornaments. There is nothing better than letting a peppermint candy cane melt in your steamy hot chocolate. Certain families have the tradition of getting their tree the Saturday after Thanksgiving, taking the hike to cut it down, and being careful with the hand saw. In some families, the dad will finally pass the saw on to his son when he feels he is of age. For others, they are too tired from the insanity of Black Friday shopping the previous day. For the athletes of the world, they may already be on the slopes where snow machines are blowing fresh powder on the mountain. Whatever your family traditions may be, keep them close to you and remember them. You will be surprised one day when you wake up and your children are following in your footsteps, carrying on these lifelong traditions.

-McKenzie Tavella '18

## Thanksgiving Break: The Ultimate Tease

Thanksgiving is nothing more than a tremendous turkey tease. You work your butt off so that you can go home and sit on your couch, but once you're there, you never want to get up. You see your family, spend time with friends, and even put up your Christmas tree (if your family is like mine, they break out the tree before the leftovers are even put in the fridge). It's awesome. It's Christmas. But then you have to go back to school. Thanksgiving break succeeds in making you consider skipping the next three weeks of school and going straight to winter break. Two weeks of papers, exams, and finals are anxiously awaiting your return, but you would be perfectly happy staying home and finishing the rest of the pie that you must unfortunately leave behind. All Thanksgiving break does is prepare you for Christmas break and then ship you back to school. Don't get me wrong, I want to be at PC, but it's safe to say I'll be dreaming of sugarplums and the end of finals for the next three weeks.

- Brianna Abbott '17

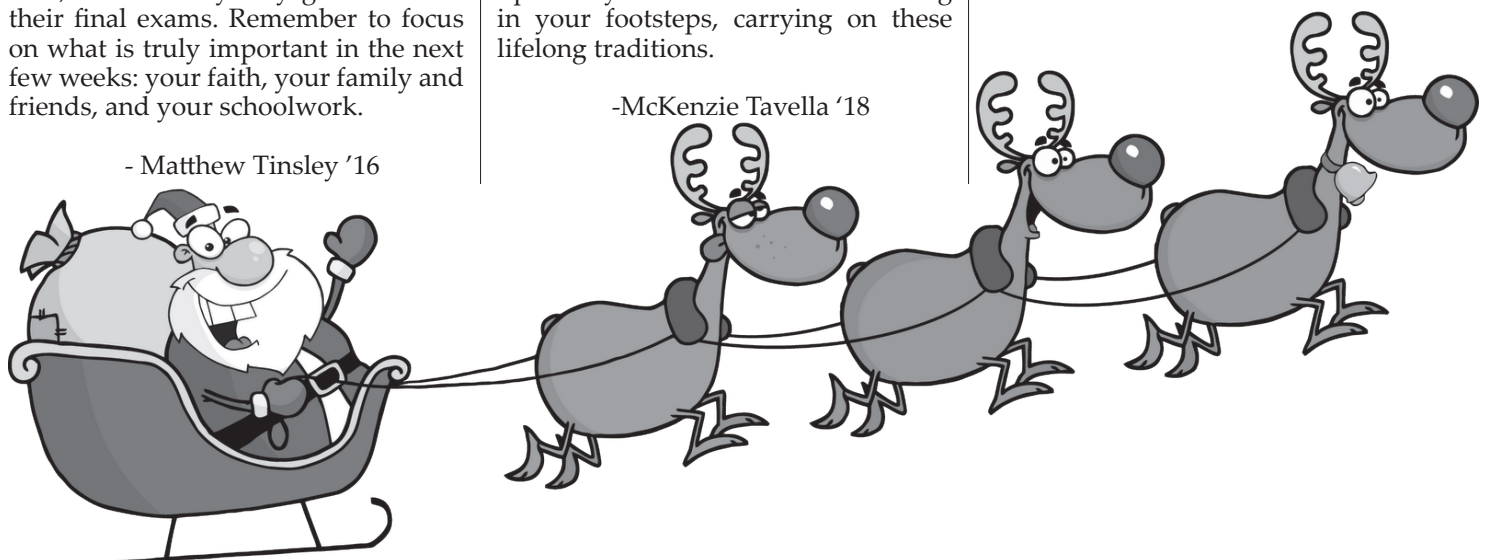


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Jake Denton '18



***"It's been a bumpy road on the journey to a 4.0."***  
Emily Matthews '16 and Jackie Fusco '16



***"Bruh! The struggle has been real."***  
Peggy Aanuo '16 and Nadiva Brown '16



***"Stressful, eye-opening, and crazy fun."***  
John Pereira '16, Giuliana DiGioacchino '17,  
Connie Quinn '17, and Jahzmyn House '15



***"Fun."***  
Kelsey Giroux '15 and Kat Maloney '17



***"Crying, lots of crying, and Netflix."***  
Kara Korslund '17



***"I'm gonna need about  
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***-Twitter bird***



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**ABOVE:** Strictly Speaking, Providence College's only co-ed a cappella group, entertains the crowd of family and friends at the annual Fall A Cappella Concert, also featuring Special Guest and Anaclastic.

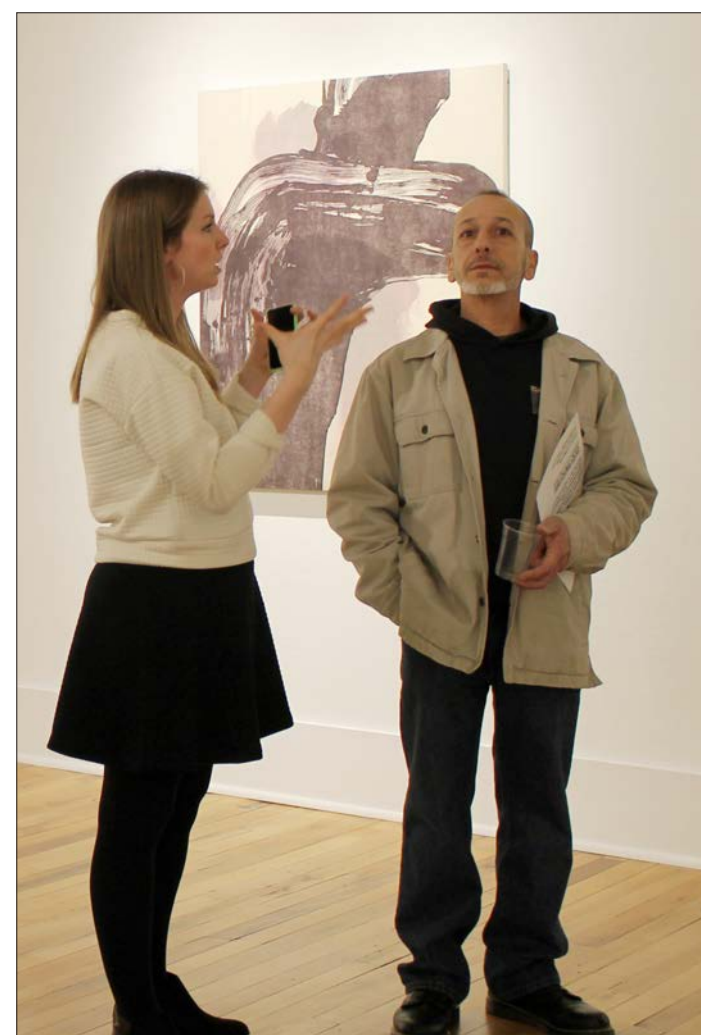
**LEFT:** Ringing in the holiday season, members of the PC community watch the College's annual tree lighting on Slavin Lawn, featuring refreshments, festive crafts, and performances from the A Cappella Club and the Footprints Gospel Choir.

**BELOW LEFT:** To relieve stress before finals and make some new friends, young men and women from Raymond Hall and McDermott Hall get to know each other via "speed-friending."

**BELOW RIGHT:** The college's Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery holds an opening reception for the work of Helsinki-based artists Valpuri Kylmanen and Ari Pelkonen in their United States debut, which will run at PC until January 17, 2015.



ANDREW KONNERTH '17/ THE COWL



JESSICA ARTIGLIERE '17/ THE COWL

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**ABOVE:** Students strut down the runway as part of Motherland Dance Group's second annual fashion show "Threads of the Motherland," which features clothes created by local African designers.

**LEFT:** To learn more about Asian culture, the Asian American Club sponsors Gamesanity, a night of fun games and traditional Asian pastimes.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** PC for Life and Campus Ministry host a night with the Sisters for Life to discuss the culture and charisma of life.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Simply Healthy, Sodexo, and Student Activities co-sponsor Things for Thursday, where students create their own healthy cookbook while snacking on trail mix.

**BELOW:** The Dirigo Leadership Honor Society holds a bake sale to raise money for the Santa Shop Toy Drive, which purchases toys and gifts for the boys of the San Miguel School in Providence.



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## Inside Out: Project Remains Resilient Despite Vandalization

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Twardy almost immediately responded, expressing her support and willingness to become involved.

The two students campaigned to bring the project to Providence, walking around Smith Hill and inviting local business patrons and PC students to become involved. Patrons were most inclined to participate when Bolotin and Twardy approached them with the camera and asked bluntly, "Do you want to be involved?" In total, the two project leaders solicited 49 portraits, split almost evenly: half community members, and half PC students, with maybe one or two more community members.

Though the project was vandalized shortly after the installment, both Bolotin and Twardy consider the project a success. "We had so much positive feedback when we were pasting them [the portraits]. I would have loved to see how much more conversation would have ensued amongst people that didn't drive past that day," said Bolotin, "But I am very pleased with all the people who did drive past and said, 'Thank you, this community needs art.'"

The project, which was just as much about bringing art to the community as it was breaking borders between the Smith Hill community and PC students, was a success despite its short life. Bolotin and Twardy already have plans to bring the project back to Providence next year, only on a larger scale. Next year the hope is to bring the project citywide, with multiple installments around Providence. Furthermore, the two hope to document the process. "We want to document all of the



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stories, and make a book," said Bolotin. "Our theme for that would be migration," Twardy said. "We all ended up in Providence, and there is so much diversity and so many stories that could be told."

With the following mission statement in mind, the project gained traction: "We are not separate communities living in one

space; We are a group of individuals that form a diverse community; We live on different streets; We come from different places; But, together, we are Smith Hill." The mission itself speaks volumes to the project leaders' integrity, as well as the integrity of the project itself. Bolotin and Twardy both encourage stronger student involvement next year,

and hope that after the first year's trial run and gained experience in community organizing that next year will be even more successful.

Pictures of the installment and more information on the project and the participants can be found on the project website: <http://insideoutprovidence.weebly.com>.

# Local Music Spotlight: Eat Crepes

by Ryan Cox '18  
A&E Staff

MUSIC

Three high school friends, now college freshmen, are quickly making a name for themselves in the Rhode Island music scene. Eat Crepes, comprised of Dane Granja, Matt Haronian, and Sherry Romanzi, is a music group that formed in 2013. Beginning as a project between Granja and Haronian, Haronian introduced Romanzi to the group after having worked with her separately in the past. The name came from a conversation between Granja and Haronian; in an interview with local radio station WBRU, Granja recalls, "Matt [Haronian] had

synthesized a very easy plan to follow for life, which was 'F\*\*\* b\*\*\*\*\*, eat crepes,' but we couldn't quite fit those first two words in there, so we slashed them out." In just the past year alone, Eat Crepes has released a full album entitled *Let Them Eat Crepes*, and has plans for an EP to be released this December.

In their most recent "Home BRU'd Sessions" that focused on Eat Crepes, WBRU describes the band as "a band that wholeheartedly embraces the DIY nature of the Providence music scene." In terms of a definitive genre, all three members like to consider themselves as not quite fitting into one single mold. They have been considered a pop group, but Haronian considers pop to be "a

loaded word" when speaking about musical genres, given its broad nature. *Eat Crepes* tend to consider themselves synth pop or electro-pop, and cite artists Foster the People and Depeche Mode as being lyrical and musical influences. "You Complete The Circuit" was their first single, which debuted with a music video in the summer of 2013, and was inspired by a Halloween costume that Granja had created. "What if we made a music video about this?" Granja explains. "What would it be about? So we made it about a robot falling in love with a blender." The music video for "You Complete The Circuit" can be found on YouTube.

Despite only forming in 2013, Eat Crepes has risen to fame mostly through the promotion and support of friends and family, and the recording and production

of their first album helped the trio solidify their work. Eat Crepes has also performed at several Providence Hoot open mic nights. In the same interview with WBRU, Haronian states, "I feel like [*Let Them Eat Crepes*] really cemented our identity as a band because we were all in school and we didn't really have time to play out much. We would do open mic-style things but we didn't really have time to go out and gig, so recording something is sort of in lieu of that." Besides their electronic-based work, Eat Crepes has also performed as an acoustic act, which, according to the band, does not change their approach toward making music. According to Haronian, "Sometimes we're forced to do things differently just because we don't have the same equipment... we've tried to arrange things differently."

Romanzi adds that doing unplugged sessions "makes you a better musician."

Eat Crepes' upcoming EP is titled *Amaroq*, and will come out Dec. 21. They released a music video for "Technophobic

Ghost Boy," one of the four songs on the EP. Eat Crepes's music can be found on Spotify and iTunes. Eat Crepes can also be found on Twitter (@HowToEatCrepes) and on Facebook.



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# Black (Vinyl) Friday: Savings on Records of All Kinds

by Dan Gagnon '15  
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MUSIC

Record Store Day, the pro-vinyl organization that runs the annual event of the same name in April, has organized special vinyl releases from major music artists to coincide with the Christmas shopping season.

These special albums were released on Black Friday and will be sold throughout the Christmas season, or until the limited runs sell out. Several record stores in Providence are participating in this event, including Newbury Comics at the Providence Place Mall, and Kangaroo CDs & Tapes in North Providence, both of which are close to PC. Armageddon Shop on Federal Hill and What Cheer? Records off of Thayer Street are also taking part.

Here are five noteworthy releases:  
**Live MCMXCIII—The Velvet Underground**

These recordings are from the Velvet Underground's three-night residence at L'Olympia in Paris, France, during their 1993 reunion tour. The 1993 tour was the first with the original members of the group since 1968, and also the last due to the death of Sterling Morrison in 1995. This is the first time *Live MCMXCIII* has been released on vinyl, and it includes many of the group's biggest original hits, such as "Venus in Furs," "Sweet Jane," and "Femme Fatale." These live recordings are more significant in the wake of guitarist and vocalist Lou Reed's death last year, and the official disbanding of the Velvet Underground.

**The Big Lebowski—Various Artists**

The soundtrack to the cult-classic 1998 Coen brothers' movie has been



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released for the first time on vinyl. The record is an eclectic selection of songs of different genres, and was produced by T. Bone Burnett. Notable tracks include: Kenny Rogers's "Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)," Bob Dylan's "The Man in Me," "Glück das mir verblieb" performed by the Österreichischer Rundfunk Orchestra, and a cover of the Rolling Stones' "Dead Flowers." It is an album that will really tie the room together.

**Dio and Friends Stand Up and Shout For Cancer—Ronnie James Dio/Dio & Friends**

This album is in memory of the late heavy metal musician Ronnie James Dio and is a fundraiser for The Ronnie James Dio Stand Up and Shout Cancer Fund. The record features covers of

Ronnie James Dio's greatest hits by major artists, and live recordings of Dio himself. Side A includes "Neon Knights" performed by Anthrax, "Rainbow In The Dark" performed by Corey Taylor of Slipknot and Stone Sour, and "Straight Through The Heart" performed by Halestorm. Side B includes live versions of Dio performing the same songs.

**Lullaby Renditions of Jay Z—Rockabye Baby!**

This is the perfect gift for a friend or family member with young kids! Mellow versions of Jay Z's biggest hits performed on xylophones and bells are sure to help young children fall asleep. *Rockabye Baby!* has released over 50 albums including lullaby covers of songs by Nine Inch Nails, The Clash,

The Pixies, No Doubt, and Kanye West. Children may not be "Young Forever," but they will be sure to enjoy this album.

**Morrissey Curates The Ramones—The Ramones**

Morrissey is known for being a temperamental and opinionated artist, so naturally he was never satisfied with any of the multitude of Ramones' compilation albums that have been released. For this album, Morrissey compiled his favorite Ramones songs in memory of Tommy Ramone, who passed away in July. The album focuses on hits from early in the Ramones' career and includes "Teenage Lobotomy," "Sheena is a Punk Rocker," "Rock 'n' Roll High School," and "Blitzkrieg Bop."

# Explore Providence: Holiday Events

by Periklis Fokaidis '17  
A&E Staff

LOCAL

The city of Providence has much to offer to a student longing for his or her winter break. There are a multitude of activities to immerse oneself in, restaurants to eat at, and places to shop, however, there is one event that takes place during the weeks approaching the holiday season that is a hybrid of all of the aforementioned activities. These events are called holiday socials, which began on Nov. 19 and continue until Dec. 20.

Holiday socials appeal to almost every age bracket. There are "write a letter to Santa" stands, movie showings, food carts, and clothing vendors present at each of the events. There are three more weekends to do so: the 6th, 13th, and 20th of December are the final three days to take part in the holiday festivities.

Businesses that have been present in the past are Tallulah's Tacos, Tricycle Ice Cream, and Humble Pie. Each of these businesses offers delicious meals and desserts on site, in order to sustain the best environment possible for each of the attendees at this event.

In addition, the movie showings consist of a selection of holiday

movies curated by Movies On The Block. Movies On The Block is an organization that puts together outdoor movie screenings in downtown Providence. Films are primarily screened throughout the spring and summer months, however, there are special holiday screenings taking place during the holiday season for all of those in attendance at the holiday Socials. Past movies that have been screened during the past few weeks leading up to the holidays included *Rudolph*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Frosty The Snowman*.

These events all include similar things, like food vendors, clothing vendors, etc. However, each weekend there is a different theme for the Holiday social. The theme for this past Saturday was small businesses. For this theme, small businesses from near and far gathered in downtown Providence to promote their products and help make the experience that much more enjoyable for all those in attendance. This coming Saturday, the theme is theater. There will be live performances of *The Nutcracker* by dancers from the Festival Ballet. The Saturday following that, Dec. 13, will be a Holiday Rock and Roll Yard Sale. There will be sales of vinyl records, record players, vintage clothing, and, essentially, all things rock and

roll. The last Saturday of the Holiday Social, Dec. 20, will be a last-minute shopping day. On this day there will be a large variety of things to do and things for sale.

Additionally, Downcity, the organization responsible for holding the Holiday Social, will be doing a \$200 give-away each Saturday. All one has to do is take a picture of something off of their wish list and

get selected to win.

These events are put together by community-minded people that would like to see everyone's holiday needs met. They seek to build a space where one can celebrate the holidays before the holidays. Overall, the event serves as an excellent mode of community gathering, and enables the people of Providence to come together and partake in holiday festivities as



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# The Best Looks for Your Winter Wardrobe

by Isabella Goldstein '17  
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FASHION

*Friar Fashion* here, your on-campus source for all of the latest fashion news and trends that can easily be incorporated into a college wardrobe. Entering the first week of December, the brutally cold winters of New England will soon be approaching, which means it is time to prepare for a new season of fashion. Luckily, stylists and designers have revealed the most chic and fashionable essentials that will get you Friars through this winter.

A statement coat could possibly be the most important piece for the 2014 through 2015 winter season. Designer Dries Van Noten recently claimed, "They can be instrumental in helping to define the overall silhouette of a collection." Therefore, in order to perfect one's look, get a killer coat, a piece that is equally essential for men. Eric Jennings, vice president of Saks Fifth Avenue's department of menswear, recently stated, "This was the season of the statement topcoat." And so it appears a topcoat works as a perfect transition coat from fall to winter for men.

The majority of males, however, may have a harder time applying the trend of a mid skirt to their winter wardrobe. The mid skirt first appeared in the 1970s in effort to subdue the flower power '60s with a sleeker look. Now the streets are currently full of people such as fashion blogger and socialite Olivia Palermo, a fashion blogger and socialite, sporting this type of skirt first inspired by the runway.

In fact, it is quite clear designers make explicit statements on the runways, and this season is no



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different. Say goodbye to your leather, and make room for suede. Designers like Derek Lam, Jason Wu, Michael Kors, Altuzarra, Gucci, Chloé, and Loewe have recently featured this fabric all over their collection shows. Its popularity is due to its versatility. Stylists claim suede is both light enough for a mild fall day and thin enough to layer with woolens in the winter.

In addition to suede, knee-high boots are currently exploding in the fashion world of footwear. In fact, knee-high boots were seen on almost every model in the Chanel and Emilio



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Pucci runways, which featured both the designers' autumn and winter collections. Even though a full-on blizzard has not yet hit the Providence area, knee-high boots are still a go and will be throughout the winter season.

And lastly, do not forget a chunky black turtleneck to complete the ultimate winter look. With its versatility, easiness, and comfort, a turtleneck is yet another statement piece that has proved it can virtually be worn with anything. From Kate Moss to Kim Kardashian, models and celebrities alike have recently taken to



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this trend and have been spotted all over the world wearing turtlenecks, even just this past week.

Follow in the footsteps of designer runways, and you Friars will have a good handle on the winter trends. Just as the weather is constantly changing in New England, fashion is constantly shifting as well; therefore, *Friar Fashion* will continue to update the campus on the most recent trends and news of the fashion world. And remember: whether you are wearing a casual outfit or glamorous dress, *Friar Fashion* says always be fashion forward!

## Gyllenhaal's New Dark Role

by Mike Humphreys '15  
A&E Staff

MUSIC

In today's fast-paced society, video news footage is almost instantaneously streaming on television or through an iPhone. Dan Gilroy's heart-twisting thriller *Nightcrawler* shows the darker side of the business behind gaining the graphic images of car accidents, murders, and other gory incidents through the eyes of a sociopathic, freelance video-journalist.

Like his dark and suspenseful leads in *Donnie Darko* and *Zodiac*, Jake Gyllenhaal once again evokes a sense of fear from the audience in his lead role as Lou Bloom, a loner cameraman who is desperate for work. Losing 30 pounds for the film, Gyllenhaal takes on a ghostly form as he sneaks through the night in order to capture his footage.

To encapsulate the personality of Bloom, the story begins before he becomes a freelance video journalist. Previously Bloom survived through low-life thievery, selling chain link fences and pothole covers to a local scrapyard. It was not until he pulled over on the side of the highway and witnessed Joe Loder (Bill Paxton)

film the police saving a woman from a burning car that Bloom became infatuated with the lifestyle of being a nightcrawler. After this experience he immediately trades in a stolen racing bicycle for a pawnshop camcorder and police scanner.

Bloom gets his first break in the nightcrawling business when he comes upon a man seriously injured in a car high-jacking. Pushing aside all moral boundaries, Bloom walks past Loder into the scene of the ongoing incident to attain better footage. Practically interrupting the paramedics who are assisting the man bleeding out from his injuries, Bloom keeps recording until he has the shot he needs.

Bloom sells his footage to local TV producer Nina Romina (Rene Russo), who is desperate for extreme material in order to get her late night ratings up. Turning mayhem into dollar signs, Bloom exploits his lack of concern for the well-being of the people involved in his work. A fan of Bloom's work, Romina tells Bloom that her ideal footage would be "a screaming woman, running down the road, with her throat cut." Gaining momentum in his career, Bloom begins to manipulate the scenes of accidents before help arrives to better the drama of his footage.

Cinematographer Robert Elswit, whose past credits include *There Will Be Blood* and *Good Night, and Good Luck*, turns the vacation destination of Los Angeles into a beautifully gloomy city of chaos. Shot both digitally and with film, he captures sleek images of the city as Bloom speeds to crime scenes in his recently purchased red Dodge Challenger. As a movie focused on

the acquisition of news, Elswit makes the film seem almost like a real life documentary of Bloom instead of a made up fantasy.

Littered with numerous instances of dark humor, *Nightcrawler* satirizes the American come-up story and today's fast-paced journalism by showing that blood and gore equate to cold hard cash.

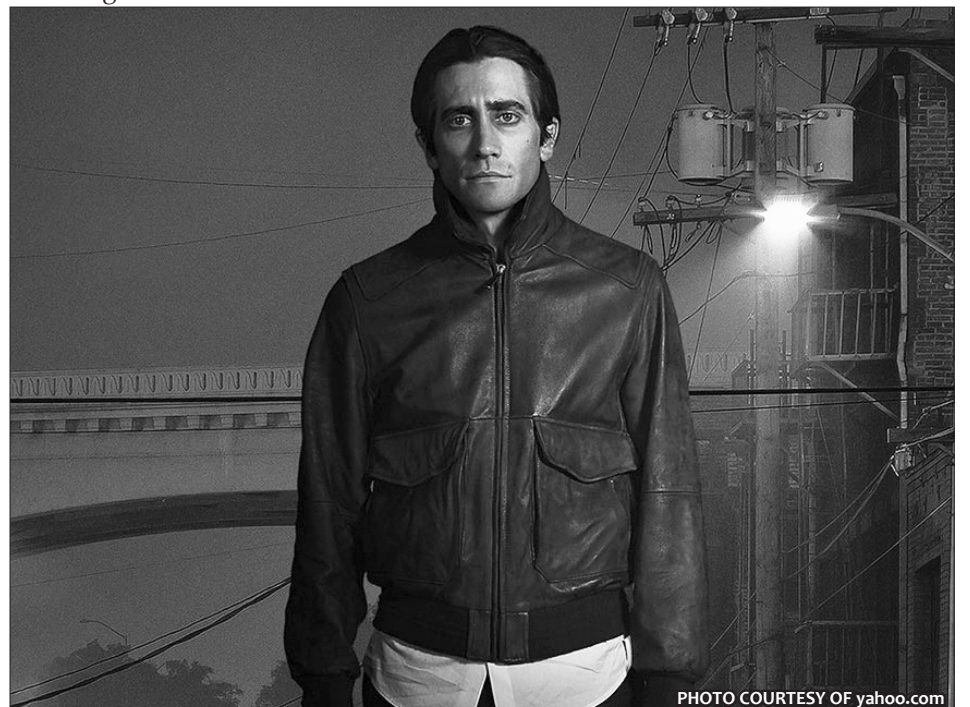


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# GRAY FURY

by Joseph Ahart '18  
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FICTION

They came during the night. Nobody could have guessed that it would happen in their lifetime, but it did nonetheless. It had been two months since the uprising, winter was here, and the campus, which once contained such lively potential of the future, was now a barren wasteland. After all, everything started right here.

I double checked all of my equipment; my net, motion detector, and baton were all in good condition, thankfully. Our equipment was cheap, useless, and not very effective against our enemy. Nonetheless, we had to deal with what was in our possession. Our "armor" was nothing but thick jackets, and when these things were upon you, not even all the jackets in the world could save you.

"Charlie, what's your status?" I spoke in the microphone.

"Ruane is all clear, sir. I'm going to head to the library now."

"Roger that."

Alpha team was the best of the best; ever since the uprising began, their team had more successful missions than any other team combined. We are humanity's last hope. It is a heavy burden to carry, but our responsibility,

all the same. I made my way inside McDermott Hall as quietly as possible. You could never tell when they were lurking around a dark corner, or hiding in a vent. The door swung open with ease, revealing a dark, dusty stairwell. The smell was the first thing that I noticed; the heavy musk smelled almost of pine. That smell was usually an indicator of a major colony, so I took out my bat and headed in with caution.

The basement floor was clear, so I made my way up each level. The ruins of the old building gave me a sad feeling in my heart, knowing that this was once home to such happy memories for students discovering who they were and what they wanted to be. Now it was only a home to these horrid, heartless creatures. Still, none were found in the hall, which was strange.

"McDermott's all clear. Something's not right, Charlie. I'm going to check Aquinas next."

There was no response from Charlie. "Charlie do you read me?"

"Be...quiet..." Charlie whispered into the radio. My heart sank, and I began to sweat. I gripped my bat tighter, and began to head out the hall when I heard some scampering in the vents. I froze in my tracks, looking in the direction of the noise. Out of the cold silence the radio went off with Charlie screaming.

"Charlie?? Charlie!"

"They're surrounding me! There's too many! AHHHHHH—"

"Charlie, do you read?!" I repeated the message louder and louder, and the next thing I knew I was screaming his name into the radio. A loud crash rang behind me, and once again I froze. This time I saw it; it was a larger one, its gray bushy tail flicking in the frozen air, with black eyes piercing my soul. With a loud cry, the squirrel leaped into the air and landed on my chest. It tried to burrow its way into my jacket, causing shards of cloth to fall from my body. I managed to grab it by the tail and throw it across the hall. I began sprinting toward the library where Charlie was last seen, though in the back of my mind I knew he was already dead.

I managed to get outside where the blizzard had picked up. Before I could react, a squirrel jumped onto my pants, biting at my knees. I screamed in both fury and pain, grabbing the squirrel by the paw and flinging it into the frozen storm. Behind me a large group of squirrels emerged from the large tree, and that was the last thing I remember.

I woke up inside a large room, which I quickly realized was one of the old lecture halls. The squirrels had turned it into a shrine where armies gathered and hatched plots. I was bound to a chair by a thick rope, quickly

diminishing the hope of escape. The squirrels covered the room like a soft, terrible blanket of doom. Charlie sat to my left, eyes wide open and breathing heavily.

"Charlie, you speak squirrel," I whispered, "What are they saying?"

"They're deciding our fate," Charlie said, "Whether to eat us or set us free for a message."

After he said that, an older, plump squirrel approached me. His battle scars and extra bushy tail indicated that he was the leader of the army. He strode over to me and climbed on my lap, never breaking eye contact with me.

"What do you want?" I asked with a shaky voice. Silence followed for a long period, until the he chattered his little teeth in response.

"Charlie, what did he say?"

"He wishes to send a message: the age of man is coming to an end, and Squirreltopia will rise. All hail King Fluff. All hail the Gray Fury."



# Conversion

by Jonathan Coppe '18  
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Though darkness once deceived my mind  
To fetter down my soul  
True Light my bondage did unbind  
To show Itself in full.

For how shall darkness combat light?  
It cannot hold its own!  
But with wiles for its lack of might,  
It would keep the soul alone  
Within a cell of dark and shade  
Where lies could whisper 'true'  
To have a malice ready made  
Against the truth it knew.

But Faithful Truth will hear the cries  
Of every wailing soul  
And break the stronghold where it lies  
So it may be made whole.  
And thus I wailed, though I was blind  
In all iniquity  
Still me my Savior came to find  
And make me truly free

O miracle of miracles!  
To be a slave set free!  
From cursed balls and weighty chains  
I did not know to be!

Now to a long and blessed road  
A calling beckons me,  
To return to darkness' prison house  
So all men may be free.  
May truth protect my every word  
And true love guide my feet!  
That every pris'ner here interred  
May cry out and be freed!

O miracle of miracles!  
To be the slaves set free,  
From cursed balls and weighty chains  
They do not know to be.

# I Am Not That Guy

by Paul Francisco '15  
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

"Oh. Goodness. Look who just came back from the dead!" A voice inquired from the door.

Oh please, Lord. What did I do to deserve this? I just wanted a sandwich. All I wanted was the special. That great deliciousness of chicken cutlets, bacon, cheese, hot sauce, lettuce, and tomato on a slightly toasted wedge. That is literally the only thing I wanted today, and you just had to send this guy into my life again.

"Hey! What's up, Will? Long time no see." I said, giving him the typical bro hug.

"Damn right, long time no see. You literally dropped off the face of the planet when you went to college. I don't see you playing video games anymore, you hardly ever respond to messages in the group chat, but when you do, you are hilarious as always," Will said, ordering his sandwich. Will was one of my best friends growing up. We have known each other since kindergarten.

"Yeah, you know how it is sometimes. I am working at camp again, and I am just exhausted a majority of the time," I said, grabbing an Arnold Palmer from the refrigerator.

"Yeah, I get you. Hey! What are you doing tonight? Max is throwing a

party at his house tonight. You should totally come!"

Well, shit. I am going to be forced to say that I will go, aren't I? Dammit. I really don't want to see all those hooligans again.

"So what do you say, Ryan? Are you going to come?" Will said, grabbing a bag of chips.

"Hey boss, your special is ready. Sandwich and a drink, that is \$8.50."

"Thanks, Jimmy. See you next time." I said, paying and grabbing my food. "I am not sure, Will. I haven't talked to any of you guys in forever. It would be weird if I just showed up to a party. There is some bad blood with some people in town."

"What are you talking about? Everyone loves you. You are one of the few people that actually can do something like just show up to a party with people you haven't talked to in a while," Will said, getting a drink.

"I'm not sure. Text me later and I'll see what's up," I said, leaving the deli.

"Yeah, no doubt. Hopefully see you tonight, Ry. It has been too long," Will said.

It was 9 p.m. when I got a text from Will. Come on. I really thought he would forget about this. I looked at my phone and read the text from Will. "Come on. Let's go. Come for a little bit. I am outside of your house." I got out of bed, looked out my window, and there stood the beanstalk Will.

"Hurry up. Throw on a polo shirt, grab a pair of jeans, wear the classic Chuck Taylors, and let's live it up like high school again!" Will yelled, wearing a backpack that was probably filled with some magic juice.

"Don't try and dress me. I will wear whatever I want, you jerk," I said. Of course that was what he was going to wear. I didn't stray from the classics. I wore similar clothes everyday and Will knew that about me. I got ready pretty quickly and walked out the door. Eff this, man. I don't want to be at a party right now. I just want to lay in bed watching something on Netflix. Damn you, Will.

"There he is. Look at this great looking guy," Will said, chugging the rest of his can of juice and tossing it in the neighbors recycling bin.

"Good for you. At least you recycle. So who is going to be at this thing tonight anyway?" I asked, getting into my car.

"Oh you know. The usual: Sean, Mike, Andre, Taylor, Taylor, Taylor, Alexa, Victoria, and Jackie." Will said, putting on his seatbelt.

"You can put the seat back you tall, lanky beanstalk," I said, pulling out of the driveway.

"Don't be mad because you aren't 6'8." Oh and Katie." When Will said that last name, my face lit up.

"Wait. Katie is going to be there. That Katie?"

"I knew you were going to be excited

when you heard that. You still have a thing for her don't you?"

"Of course I do. She's the one that got away."

"Hottest ginger I know."

"She sure is. Looks like we are here.

I don't know why you wanted to drive when Max literally lives three blocks away from me." I said, parking my car down the street from Max's house.

"So you going to talk to her tonight?" Will asked, tossing Ryan a bottle from his bag.

"You know I am not that kind of guy." I said, catching the bottle and opening it.

"So what you are saying is that if she just somehow is thrown into your arms you aren't going to try and kiss her? YOU HAVE LIKED THIS GIRL FOR SEVEN YEARS, RY!"

"I am not that guy!"

"You are starting to sound like a little girl. Come on bro. This is your chance!"

"Shut up dude. This is definitely not going to be the last time I say this tonight. I am not that guy. Never have been. Never will be."

# Fast Fiction

*Here's the deal: 25 words or less. One title.  
An entire story.*

*Get Reading!*

## Undertow

by Ariana Pasquantonio '16  
Portfolio Staff

I felt it—the thrill of the tide coaxing me out, out, the sand slipping from under my feet—but I couldn't look back.

## And Where Do You Live?

by Branan Durbin '16  
Portfolio Staff

Old, sparkling eyes ask,  
"¿Y tú, donde vives?"  
Her shocked daughter's lips  
respond, "Mom, it's me."  
Empty eyes lie,  
"I'm only kidding."  
(Both know otherwise.)

## Shades

by Jose Martinez '16  
Portfolio Staff

I just hope that one day, you'll come to understand that your need to be so complex makes you unlikeable and unapproachable. Stupid Rubik's Cube.

## Zoey

By D.J. Burke '15  
Portfolio Staff

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three big, wet kisses, two furry paws, and one like on Instagram.

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# Moonlight Lullaby

by Justin Fernandez '15  
Portfolio Editor

POETRY

Empty out the words repeating,  
Empty out your heart that's beating.  
Lay your head inside my chest, and  
Forget all the air you're breathing.

Sleep now darling, close your eyes.  
Dream sweet dreams throughout the night.  
Days go by and still you lie  
Wide-awake until sunrise.  
Leave your worried mind aside,  
Rest your head in mommy's hide.  
Now the sun retreats tonight,  
And the moon reveals its might.

Empty out the words repeating,  
Empty out your heart that's beating.  
Lay your head inside my chest, and  
Forget all the air you're breathing.

Come now, darling, please don't cry  
Mama's here now right beside.  
Will a kiss goodnight suffice?  
One, or two, or three tonight?  
Rest inside my hollow arms  
For you need not be alarmed.  
Drift into eternal sleep,  
There's no need to live or breathe.

Nothing grows and nothing breathes  
In the dreams you dream, my son.  
In those dreams you lie forever.  
In those dreams you die together.

Empty out the words repeating,  
Empty out your heart that's beating.  
Lay your head inside my chest, and  
Forget all the air you're breathing.

Sleep now, darling, dream those dreams.  
Dream eternal dreams in peace.

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# Wonder

by Kate Jorgensen '15  
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

In piercing sunlight, drab-brown feathers give  
Off hints of gold, and I am struck by awe  
To see a sign of wonder's presence here.  
The birdling's wings half-flap, and all undone,  
You kneel beside me. We are children, blest  
With gifts of grandeur, gifts of His great grandeur,  
So struck by being, full of joy to be,  
That my heart might break for love, for hope  
Of what a little bird might signify;  
And still, I look to you, to find in you,  
The mystery that we call holiness,  
In saints who see beyond our pale, blank faces.  
So when you knelt beside me like a boy,  
I catch a glint of worth past knowing, gleams  
Of something I cannot tell, but in silence.  
For here is peace, and only peace, as I  
Have never seen, nor ever felt before.

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## Listomania

I've Got a Pocket, Got a  
Pocket Full of \_\_\_\_\_

Moonshine

Ebola

Sand

Nails and Salt

Spiders

Anxiety

Disgruntled Otters

Tater Tots

Postcards from Shelby, Ohio

Candy for Strangers

Vegetables I Didn't Want to Eat

Gravy That I Do Want to Eat



Abigail Sawyer, or Hatori Hanzo as we like to call her here in *the Cowl* office, was trained by Shoalin monks growing up. Upon completing her training, she defeated Bruce Wayne in a sparring battle, and was allowed to travel to Japan. Her martial-art prowess granted her acceptance into the prestigious Ashura Samurai Academy. There she learned the sacred art of Bushido from Master Miyagi. However, as adept as she was in the art of martial art and samurai combat, Abigail's passions lay elsewhere, for the relentless, brutal nature of combat desensitized one's identity. To Abigail, painting, drawing, and sculpture were her true passions.

Upon her request, Mr. Miyagi taught her all he knew of Art. She had to learn how to paint with an anvil strapped to her wrist, destroy a mosaic and remake it (perfectly), mop a floor with a paintbrush, and master every Manga form in existence. This training was no doubt strenuous, but nonetheless worth it. In 2012 she was able to gain admission to Providence College for her artistic skill. Recently, she was employed as the Portfolio section's illustrator, as well as *the Cowl* office security guard (in process). If you see our dear illustrator, talk Art with her, she loves it! However, be wary of ever challenging this skilled warrior to a thumb wrestle!

## Tiffany & Earl

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

### This week...

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

Now that Thanksgiving break is over, finals are approaching quickly. I've never had a college final before; how soon should I start studying?

Sincerely,  
(Overachieving) Annie

Darling Annie,

Ramona Pinot Grigio. Barefoot Pink Moscato. Twisted Chardonnay. Yellowtail Merlot. Franzia Refreshing White. Pour a glass. Or two. Or three. Or slap the bag...and drink. It's Turtle Time.

This is the studying of cultured folk.  
Drink drank drunk.

XOXO

Dear Nerd,

Who even studies for finals? Who even studies for finals THIS early!? Clearly, my little nerdy friend, you are doing college wrong.

You see, finals (like all great conspiracies) don't exist. They are merely an opportunity for professors to grade you according to how much they like you. Since you probably have never even skipped a class, and have gone to every single office hour this semester, I have no doubt that all you need to do is show up to the exam, write some nonsense, and get an A+. For a student like you, no real studying is necessary. You've got it made.

So here's what you want to do: take a shot, take another shot, and go enjoy a night at Whiskey Republic. Rumor has it they have a great DJ playing tonight (at this point Earl would like to remind all readers to drink responsibly).

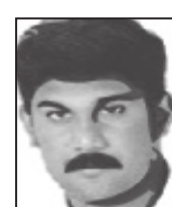
Here's to finals!

#### Disclaimer

The Tiffany & Earl feature is a satirized account of Providence College. Both the question and answers are purely works of fiction. Tiffany & Earl are anti-heroes whose comments ultimately satirize the stereotypes they each represent.



Tiffany



EARL

# Friars Narrowly Miss the Top 25

*Men's Basketball Just Misses Coaches Rankings After Loss to #1 Kentucky*



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by Jeff Williams '17  
Sports Staff

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Since 2004, much has changed at Providence College. The Ruane Center certainly did not exist—Moore Hall was the center of DWC. The Concannon Fitness Center did not yet grace the campus, the St. Dominic Chapel was a new development, and the Ray Treacy Track was a long way from construction. At the end of the 2003-04 college basketball season, the Friars were ranked number 21/19, and entered a decade-long drought. This ended on Nov. 24, when the *USA Today* Coaches Poll ranked Providence number 25.

After opening with wins over Albany and Binghamton, the Friars gave Navy a crushing blow on Nov. 20. The scoring clinic was led by LaDontae Henton '15's 22 points while Ben Bentil '18 added 18 and Kris Dunn '17 came three rebounds short of a triple-double. With a 32-8 second half run, Providence ran the Midshipmen out of

the building with an 88-51 victory.

Two Atlantic Coast Conference foes provided the Friars with their first major tests on the weekend of Nov. 22-23 at the Mohegan Sun Arena in the Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. The Saturday game pitted the Friars against the Florida State Seminoles. While their football team has been flexing muscle for the past two years, the Friars showed that the Men's Basketball Team has some catching up to do. Providence scored the first 11 points and led 18-5 midway through the first half. Henton scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Dunn scored 15 and dished nine assists. Jalen Lindsey '18 was the breakout performer, scoring 15 on five three-pointers. The Friars won 80-54 to catapult themselves into the title game.

Awaiting them the next day were the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. A former Big East team (the last meeting was a 71-54 Friar victory at the Dunk in February 2013), Notre Dame provided a stiff test, keeping the game close throughout. Unfortunately for the Irish, Henton could not miss for the

Friars. Trailing 66-58 with five minutes left, Henton keyed a huge comeback, scoring nine points and knocking down the winning two free throws to help his team prevail, 75-74, and win the Dave Gavitt Cup. His career day (38 points) along with Tyler Harris '16's 17 proved too much for the men from South Bend. The next day, the Friars found themselves ranked and Henton was honored as the Big East Player of the Week.

The Yale Bulldogs were a thorn in the Friars' side last season, holding the hosts to a two point win. They traveled to Providence on Friday, November 28 to face a suddenly shorthanded team—both Dunn and Lindsey were scratched after injuring an ankle in the previous game. After struggling initially, they finally settled down in time to lead by seven at halftime and gain a 10 point lead with ten minutes to play. But Yale went on an 11-2 run to cut the lead to just three with 21 seconds left. After a Henton free throw, the Bulldogs still had an opportunity, but a missed three was rebounded by Kyron Cartwright '18, who sank two freebies to seal the

72-66 triumph.

The Friars traveled to Rupp Arena to face the Kentucky Wildcats in what may be one of the toughest tests in team history. UK boasts nine McDonald's All-Americans and is the near-consensus number 1. The Friars were able to hang in there for much of the game, leading for much of the first half and trailing just 26-22 at the break. Even with 10 minutes left in the game, Providence only trailed 35-29. But after that, the floodgates opened. The Wildcats finished on a 23-9 run to win 58-38 and end the Friar winning streak. Henton was limited to three points, and despite the best efforts of Harris and Carson Desrosiers '14RS (ten points apiece), and the return of Dunn and Lindsey, they were completely outclassed athletically.

Despite the disappointing road trip, PC fans should look forward to further accomplishments, considering last year's late season success. A trip to Boston College beckons on Friday, followed by home games against Brown, Rhode Island, and Stony Brook next week.

# Athlete of the Week: Catherine Zimmerman

by Brent Bauerle '16  
Sports Staff

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

On a team known for its defensive prowess, Catherine Zimmerman '16 stood out as the gasoline that not only lit up the opposition, but sparked the otherwise fledgling Providence College Women's Soccer Team's offense. Zimmerman paced the team with 11 goals and five assists, for a grand total of 27 points that led the team by more than 20 points over the next most productive player. 2014 marks the second year in a row that Zimmerman has led the Friars in goals and points, and she only added to those accomplishments with a dose of off-field acclaim when she was named to the Big East Honor Roll earlier in the season. Though her team failed to qualify for the NCAA tournament, Zimmerman's individual performance was impressive, and with a highly anticipated senior season on the horizon, it is safe to expect more of the same from the Friars offensive catalyst.

**Brent:** You led the team this year in goals by a wide margin. Did you ever feel that you were under an undue amount of pressure to produce, or did you just go out and play your game?

**Catherine:** I think every player feels pressure to do their job on the field. My job happens to be to score goals and make plays, but that doesn't mean it's any more pressure than a goalie having to make saves, defenders having to keep players from shooting,

or midfielders having to be playmakers all over the field. We all embrace the pressure that comes with our position, but at the end of the day we are there to go out and play the game we love.

**B:** Regarding your stellar play this season, which of your individual performances from this year really stood out to you?

**C:** The Butler game stands out to me the most, not just because of the goals scored, but also because of the team's celebration after each one. It was so exciting and fun to celebrate that victory because everyone, from the players on the bench to those on the field, was a part of why we won that game. It was great to witness our hard work pay off in a victory of that fashion (comeback win in OT) and celebrate as a team.

**B:** As only a junior, you have another year to add to what has already been a successful career. What are you looking to do personally to improve going into next year?

**C:** During play, I hope to become smarter and more dangerous within my runs and with my back to goal. In addition, I really want to improve and perfect my finishing ability. Off the field, I just hope to be a leader and someone the younger girls can look up to as a player and person.

**B:** What is your favorite pump up song for a game? Is there a song on your pre-game playlist that most people wouldn't expect?



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**C:** Although I don't listen to it before every game my favorite pump up song and one that most people wouldn't expect is Baba O'Reilly by The Who. My dad used to blast it in the car before my games growing up so not only is it a pump up, but it means a lot to me.

**B:** Do you have a favorite soccer team (besides Providence, of course)? If so, why that team?

**C:** Barcelona because of their quick pace, ability to pass around teams, and goal scoring ability. In addition, I believe that Messi is the most talented and respectable player in the world.

**B:** If you could translate your soccer skill to any other skill (singing, dancing, etc.) what would it be?

**C:** Surfing

**B:** Civ: love it or hate it?

**C:** Hate it

**B:** Favorite book?

**C:** *The Hunger Games*

**B:** Worst movie you have ever seen?

**C:** *Black Swan*

**B:** If you could do one thing at PC before you graduate, what would it be?

**C:** Study abroad

# The Future Runs Deep

## Men's and Women's Cross Country Finish 13th at Nationals



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA NAGEL '14

by Brannon Walker-Hodges '16  
Sports Staff

### CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Ray Treacy has much to be proud of and look forward to regarding his Providence College Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams. On Nov. 22, both the men's and women's teams placed 13th overall in their respective NCAA Cross Country Championships. The championship took place at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross-Country Course in Terre Haute, Indiana, which extends to 6 kilometers.

For the women's cross country team, it was an impressive showing. According to Friars.com, the 23rd nationally ranked Friars team finished with 401 points out of 31 other teams. There was some skepticism among critics that the youth and inexperience of the women's team would hinder their success. However, they exceeded expectations. Leading the way for the Friars was Catarina Rocha '17, who finished 33rd overall with a time of 20:38.4, performing well enough to earn All-American honors. Rocha describes that both teams performed strongly due to their focus on their goals and preparation.

"We prepared for the meet by keeping our goal in mind—finishing top-20 as a team and running to the best of our ability," Rocha said when asked about the teams' approach. The women's team is comfortable and used to success as a whole. Last year as a freshman, Rocha was a part of the 2013 Women's Cross Country National Championship team that shocked the college cross country world. While some college teams might regress and lose talented athletes due to graduation and other factors, the women's core talent is centered around Rocha and other young Friars who have at least one whole year to compete. This includes Katie Lembo '18 and Lauren Mullins '16, who finished within the top-100 of the NCAA National Championships. Rocha is very excited to be a part of a successful program that has high expectations.

"To compete at a high level like this, we all have to be focused but at the same time have fun while we are out there!" Rocha states. Bringing the national championship last year to Friartown is a testament to the effort that Providence College athletics puts into recruiting motivated and talented student-athletes that buy into a vision of collective teamwork and attention to detail in order to achieve success.

This idea draws much parallel to the success of our Men's Basketball and Men's Soccer Programs, both of whom have won Big East tournament championships in 2014. This year, there are many positives to take away from the results of the women's team. Coach Ray Treacy's quote to Friars.com reiterates how proud he is of his women's team. "It will be exciting to see what the future brings over the next two years with this team, bringing Sarah [Collins] back too," Coach Treacy proclaims.

The men's cross country team also had a strong showing at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute. As stated by Friars.com, the men's team finished with a total of 393 points to place 13th overall. This marks their highest-placed finish in a race since 2006 when they placed ninth. The lead man for the Friars was senior Shane Quinn '15, who finished 26th overall with a time of 30:45:1. Quinn has the highest placed finish by a Friar in the NCAA Cross Country championships since Lee Carey '13 finished 24th overall in 2010. Ben Connor '15 also finished strong in the race, placing 30th overall. Both men really turned it on during the second half of the 10k race. Quinn and Connor found themselves placed 63rd and 84th respectively at the half-

way point. They pushed themselves to pass their competitors in order to place within the top-40 of individual performances, earning All-American honors.

Coach Treacy noted the valiant efforts that the men's team put forth during the race. "The men fought really well, having two All-Americans in Shane and Ben," Coach Treacy told Friars.com. The losses of Quinn and Connor will be felt immediately when these two gentleman graduate. However, there is much talent on this team that will keep them competitive. Brendan Sullivan '16 and Julian Oakley '16 will be looked to to carry the torch and lead, keeping the Friars relevant. Coach Treacy seems to have the right mindset to have both the men's and women's teams remain relevant in college cross country. Rocha highlights why Coach Treacy is regarded as one of the best college cross country coaches in the nation.

"Ray has influenced us as student-athletes by teaching us the values and the rewards of complete commitment and professionalism in the sport," said Rocha. It is these values that will propel the cross country teams to more top finishes and championship qualifications.

## Friar Golf Drives Into the Top Five at National Club Championships

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### CLUB GOLF

A national top five finish is no small feat in any sport. It requires a consistency of excellence and allows nearly no room for error. The Providence College Club Golf Team achieved this feat at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on Nov. 15 and 16. The team put together a very balanced performance, notching a score of 383. This score was good enough to earn the team fifth place, and only put them 13 strokes back from Clemson University, the overall event winner.

As always, Captain Jamie Ferullo '15 led the charge, shooting an

individual score of 74. Ferullo came in 10th place overall at the event. Pat O'Brien '15, Joey DeChirico '17, and Mike Nowosadko '16 were the next best friar finishers. They tied for 31st place with scores of 77. Mike Hanley '15 came in 46th with a score of 78, while Dave Szewczul '17, Pat Hannon '17, and Mike Pierard '15 finished in 61st, 128th, and 155th respectively.

The top five finish is an improvement from the team's performance at last year's national club championships, where they finished just outside the top 10. DeChirico spoke of the team's improvement, "I think as a team we played better this year than last year because all eight guys put up respectable scores." The team's steady

improvement over the past few years is a great sign for the future.

This event marks the conclusion of the team's fall season, but they will be back on the course very shortly to open their spring season. As DeChirico put it, "The outlook for the Spring is great now that we know for sure that we have what it takes to win a national championship, it all comes down to how well we prepare. The team will leave this preparation up to Head Coach John Conley, who has worked tirelessly to bring the program to where it currently stands.



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# Sisson Strikes Again

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TRACK & FIELD

The PC Women's Cross Country Program has enjoyed remarkable success on the national level over the past two years. Of course, a victory at last season's national championship has been the crowning achievement for the team. But more recently, an individual PC runner showed that, when it comes to competing at a national level, Providence athletes are more than up for the challenge.

On Nov. 16, PC graduate student Emily Sisson submitted a second-place overall finish at the US 12km national championship in Alexandria, Virginia. Sisson finished the course with a time of 38:20, only 13 seconds behind the winner, Molly Huddle. Huddle, a current American record holder in the 5,000-meter, also happens to be coached by PC's own Ray Treacy.

"I felt really good throughout the race. I'm so happy to have finished second to Molly since we both have Ray as our coach," Sisson told Friars.com. "It was great to go 1-2 in the race. I really enjoyed everything about the experience."

Sisson has proven herself to be one of the best long-distance runners in the country since she transferred to PC after a one-year stint at the University of Wisconsin in 2011. Sisson started her career here at PC in a convincing fashion, placing fourth overall at the 2011 Big East Cross Country Championships and earning second team All-America honors in indoor track in the 2011-2012 season. She finished the year off by placing first in the 5,000-meter at the 2012 Big East Outdoor Track Championships, earning first team All-America honors. Sisson also competed in the 5,000-meter race at the US Track and Field Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon, placing 12th overall.

In her junior season, Sisson picked up where she left off, earning first team All-America honors in cross country and outdoor track. She was also named to the All-American second team for indoor track.

Last year, Sisson played a pivotal role in guiding the cross country team to a national championship. She submitted first place finishes in the Stony Brook Meet, the Boston College Invitational, and the Big East Championships. Highly talented both on and off the track, Sisson was also named the Big East Female Scholar Athlete of the Year in her senior season.

Recent achievements certainly point to another outstanding year for this nine-time All-American. With Sisson back for this year's upcoming indoor and outdoor track seasons, PC looks to once again compete at the national level.



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# Which College Basketball Conference is the Strongest

## Big East ACC

Remember last year when everyone was saying the Big East had lost its mojo? Well, it looks as if they have managed to get it back, as the conference is off to a hot start to 2014. In fact, with just under a month of play, the Big East is the best conference, record-wise. Much like any other major conference, many of those early games were against "lesser" opponents, but there are certainly standout performances that are beginning to prove why the Big East is the best conference in college basketball.

For one, the Big East is the most well-rounded conference from top to bottom. With the exception of DePaul, every team is a threat. There are very few, if any, conferences that can boast that. One that arguably can is the ACC, against which the Big East is notably 4-0. The ACC may individually have better teams, but the better overall conference is the Big East. Villanova, Georgetown, Creighton, Providence, Butler, and Seton Hall all have already had impressive performances. Butler, who was picked to finish seventh out of the ten Big East teams, knocked off arguably the best team in the ACC, then-fifth ranked UNC.

Some may argue that if the season ended today there would be six Big East teams in the tournament. Again, with just three weeks in that doesn't mean much. But if the Big East continues to pick up quality out of conference wins, it seems the conference will have a number of teams dancing in March, which is where we truly get to see which is the best conference.

Sometimes in our conversation on sports, we overlook the obvious in searching for the next great hot take. Well, when talking about college basketball this season, there is not a take to be made; the best conference, both on paper and on the hardwood, is the murderer's row that constitutes the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sporting two teams in the top five (Duke and Louisville, both national title contenders), three in the top 15, and an insane seven out of the top 25, the ACC is top to bottom the best conference in America, and it might not even be close.

In analyzing the greatness that is this year's ACC, it is almost a case of pick your poison: Duke and UNC can run almost any team out of the gym, Louisville will suffocate your offense with Rick Pitino's trademark full-court pressure unless you have a one-man press breaker at point guard, and while Virginia may make the game look like how it was played before the shot clock era, their defense is about as easy to score on as getting water out of a rock.

That may be the most impressive thing about the ACC this year; the conference has a quality representative of nearly every mainstream style of play, and has such a bevy of talent that, in reality, any of these teams could switch up their game plan tomorrow and still beat most any team by double digits. Add to that the sheer dominance of individual talents such as Duke's Jahlil Okafor or Louisville's Montrezl Harrell, and you have a recipe for success – or disaster, if you are a fan of any conference besides the ACC.

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# Athlete in Friar History: Billy Donovan

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COLUMN



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Billy Donovan is one of only four players to make an appearance in the NCAA Final Four and then go on to win a NCAA Championship as a coach. As a player at Providence, Donovan only averaged two points per game during his freshman year, and three as a sophomore. Under the former New York Knicks assistant Rick Pitino, Donovan flourished and saw more playing time. Pitino's strategy stressed the three point shot on offense and full-court press defense.

The fans soon dubbed Donovan "Billy the Kid," and he averaged 15.1 points per game his junior year, and 20.6 his senior year. He led the Friars to the 1987 Final Four and earned Southeast Regional Most Valuable Player honors. Donovan

was also named to the 1987 All-Big East first team his senior year and was an honorable All-American. Pitino later stated, "I've never in my life had anyone work as hard to improve as Donovan."

After playing for Providence, Donovan was drafted to the Utah Jazz but was cut before the regular season began. He then signed with the Wyoming Wildcatters. Pitino left the Friars after their Final Four run and returned to the Knicks. Donovan was reunited with Pitino in 1987 where he signed a one-year contract with the Knicks as a reserve guard.

The Knicks waived Donovan in March 1988, and he accepted a job offer from a Wall Street investment banking firm.

He did not enjoy being a stock broker and soon started making moves to get back to basketball. He reached out to Pitino for advice. Donovan became a graduate assistant at the University of Kentucky under Pitino in 1989. After only one season, Donovan was promoted to assistant coach and he served as Pitino's top assistant during Kentucky's 1993 Final Four run, and he helped recruit the members of Kentucky's 1996 national championship team.

Donovan's association with Pitino and Kentucky's success earned him an offer to become the head basketball coach at Marshall University. Upon accepting the position Donovan became the youngest head coach in Division I of the NCAA. At Marshall, Donovan installed the same fast pace game play as Pitino. Donovan's

Marshall teams compiled a 35-20 record over two seasons.

In 1996, the University of Florida's Basketball Coach Lon Kruger resigned and Donovan accepted a six-year contract. Donovan's first two seasons at Florida were his only two losing seasons of his coaching career. Until Donovan, Florida had only had fleeting success, but under Donovan the basketball program thrived.

In the 2005-06 season, Donovan's sophomore-led Gator squad accomplished 17 straight wins. The Gators placed second at the end of the season. The team came together to defeat major rivals for the school's first NCAA basketball title. The Gators defeated Ohio State the following season for back to back championships. After his success in Florida, Donovan made a move to be the head coach for the

Orlando Magic.

He soon changed his mind, and was released to return to Florida. Although they lost all five starters, the Gators surprised people with Donovan's 10th straight 20 win season. Donovan recorded his 400th career victory at the University of Florida on January 19, 2013, with the defeat of the Missouri Tigers.

Donovan remains the coach of the Florida Gators and has been chosen to be the head coach for USA Basketball on three occasions. Some commentators have suggested that he should succeed Mike Krzyzewski as the head coach of the United States men's national basketball team at the 2020 Summer Olympics.

# Friars on Fire

## Men's Hockey Caps off Three Game Win Streak with 1-0 Victory over BC



Ross Mauermann '15 scoring the lone goal in the Boston College game.

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MEN'S HOCKEY

Through what was a very tough opening month on the Friars' schedule, the Providence College Men's Hockey Team has struggled to remain .500 and has begun to tumble down the rankings. From their position at third to start the season, Providence entered a series against UNH ranked 19th in the country. They appear to have righted the ship, though, with defense key to their three straight wins, all of them shutouts. The three consecutive shutouts are a first in program history, and the Friars' combined shutout streak is at 221:24.

Their penalty kill has come back to form after some early struggles. The Friar PK has killed off 29 consecutive

opportunities, an active streak of almost a month. Without a doubt, the star on the offensive end of PC's resurgence has been Trevor Mingoia '16, with seven points in as many games, three of them game-winning goals.

At UNH, Providence had their first game postponed due to ice conditions. On Saturday, they started backup goaltender Nick Ellis '17 in net, but the Friars' defense did not miss a beat. Ellis proved himself more than capable, stopping 29 shots in the 1-0 win. The game's only goal came from Mingoia, when he put a one-timer from the slot past the Wildcats' goaltender.

Providence faced a short turnaround in their game against Army last Tuesday, but they came out firing. Jon Gillies '16 returned in net and posted another shutout

for the Friars. PC showed their depth against Army, with all four lines contributing chances and eight different players recording points. The only multi-point night went to Mingoia, who recorded the goal that would prove to be the game-winner and an assist on Providence's second goal. The other two goals were tallied by John Gilmour '16 and Brandon Tanev '16, the first of the season for both. Gilmour's goal was also a power play tally, a facet of the game in which Providence has had significant trouble producing.

On Saturday against BC, Gillies showed why he is considered one of the best goalies in the NCAA, turning aside all 43 shots he faced from a star-studded Eagles team. The lone Friar goal came late in the third period when Ross Mauermann '15 scored off a rebound. Despite being a consistent presence on the ice for Providence all

season and numerous scoring chances, Mauermann had little to show for it outside a couple. The game-winner against BC was officially his first of the season, as his only other goal came off a wraparound in an exhibition game.

PC goalies are on a two week streak for Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week honors, Ellis for his performance against New Hampshire and Gillies for his back-to-back shutouts and 43-save performance against BC. Providence has also begun to climb back up the national rankings, now at no. 16 in the latest USCHO poll. Next the Friars face a Northeastern team that appears to be on a turnaround of their own after going 3-1 in their last four, including a toppling of then-third-ranked Minnesota.

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Noel Acciari '15 laying a hit on a Boston College player.

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Kevin Rooney '16 competing for a puck during a face off.

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## Remembering an Incredible Career *A Tribute to Friar Field Hockey Star Daniella Bernasconi*

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### FIELD HOCKEY

Mental toughness, confidence, and dominance. These are some of the key words that one could use to describe Daniella Bernasconi '15 of the Providence College Women's Field Hockey Team. The senior forward from Hopewell Junction, New York, has played an important role in much of the Friars' successes during her four years at the school. In 72 games, Bernasconi has recorded 39 goals and eight assists for the Friars.

As a freshman, the talented forward became a staple in the starting lineup and led the team in scoring with five goals, with her first collegiate goal coming against Pacific in early September. In 2012, Bernasconi continued to be a major force for the offense and even stepped up for the Friars in a critical spot late in the season. In a game against Rutgers in mid-October, she delivered the game-winning goal in a 2-1 victory that clinched the team's berth in the Big East Field Hockey Championship. This game is one that especially brings back great memories for Bernasconi when she looks back on her collegiate career. "The feeling of winning that game was such an experience that no one on that team will ever forget," she said.

During her junior season, Bernasconi was the top offensive performer for PC with 32 points, 15 goals, and four game-winning goals. Her dominance also ranked her among the Big East's best players as she finished tied for second in goals and game-winning goals. The forward notched her first two collegiate hat tricks against Holy Cross and Brown. This season, she notched 15 goals and six assists in all 20 games and helped the team reach the Big East semi-finals. In this matchup, Providence opposed UConn in an exciting and tough game. The Friars jumped out to the lead in the second half, thanks to a goal by Bernasconi, but fell to the Huskies in the end by a score of 2-1. "When we got the first goal, it was the best feeling knowing that



Bernasconi (right) fighting for the ball.

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we had a chance to upset this skilled, ranked team," she commented. "Even though that was my last field hockey game that I will ever play, I can say I have no regrets because we played with heart and I gave it everything I had."

During her collegiate career, she was also recognized for her excellent play on multiple occasions. Providence presented her with the 2013 Mountain Climber Award for her efforts and growth with the team. In 2013 and 2014, Bernasconi earned All-Big East team honors and NFHCA Division I All-Northeast Region team. When she learned of her appointment to the All-Big East first team this year, Bernasconi was happy that others recognized her dedication and desire to constantly progress throughout her career. "It's definitely rewarding, knowing that I have worked so hard and put so much effort into improving my game with every practice, run, lift, or game," said Bernasconi. "The progress that I have made over the years has really proved my dedication for this program."

After her final game, Bernasconi

reflected on her long, successful career in a Providence uniform. The senior explained, "I will miss the family atmosphere. I'll never forget my years at PC not only because of field hockey but also because of the hard work, dedication, and fun that I've had working with my teammates. In the end, everything was more rewarding because it was done with my closest friends." Bernasconi has so many memories from her four years in Providence, moments from games, practices, or team road trips. "It's the moments that are so funny and crazy with the team that only we can understand, but those are some of my favorite memories."

In the near future, Bernasconi intends to stay involved with field hockey. Currently, she helps to coach a field hockey program called "Lead the Way," which provides training to younger female players from 5th to 12th grade. "Helping these girls improve their skills is very rewarding. That is why down the line I would love to stay involved with field hockey by coaching. Field hockey has been a

huge part of my life and has affected me greatly as a person."

Bernasconi is definitely thankful for all those who supported her career through guidance, words of encouragement, and other means. "It was such an incredible opportunity to be a member of this program. I can't thank my coaches enough for believing in me and knowing that I had the ability to get better and better every day. I also have to give a huge thanks to my teammates for all the moments that we have shared together." It is clear that the Providence College field hockey program can also be thankful for Daniella Bernasconi, whose dedication, determination, and contributions have helped the team be successful during her four-year career.

## Elite:

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The lockdown defensive unit of Rob Bialy '15, Brandon Adler '15, Thomas Ballenthin '15, and Jeff Kilday '15 backed Broome admirably, and pushed the Friars' shutout streak to two whole games.

The Friars' second round matchup was much less tense, as they used a huge second half to defeat Dartmouth by a score of 3-0. After a scoreless first half, the Friars broke through just three minutes into the second half. Phil Towler '15 slipped a pass to Kilday, who slid the ball across the box, where Mac Steeves '18 redirected past Big Green keeper Stefan Cleveland and into the net. Just eight minutes later, Dominik Machado redirected a Ballenthin cross into the net to double the

lead. The younger Machado was at it again in the 79th minute, when he beat Cleveland to the ball at the top of the box and calmly booted the ball into the back of the net. After his second goal of the night, Machado ran towards the corner of the turf, pointed to the Providence logo on his jersey, and helped further the frenzy at Ray Treacy Track.

As for the Elite Eight, the Friars will travel to East Lansing, Michigan, on Saturday, December 6, for a date with the third-seeded Spartans of Michigan State. While it is the biggest stage and the biggest test for the Friars in program history, Stewart and the Friars maintain that the goal remains the same: win and move on. As Stewart said after the third round victory, "The goal right now is to win a National Championship."



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