



Ringging in a New Tradition

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CAMPUS

The Providence College Class of 2015 was the last class to partake in the traditional DWC program. However, the PC Class of 2015 has kicked off a new annual tradition: Senior Ring Weekend. SRW took place Sept. 26-28. It was a memorable weekend that the members of the Class of 2015 will always treasure when reflecting back on their time at PC.

The tradition started back in 1917 when PC was still an all-male school. Men were encouraged to invite girls from other schools as dates. During the fall semester of 2012, the Class of 2015 took a vote on whether they should keep the Junior Ring Weekend tradition, or move the event to senior year because of the high number of students who choose to study abroad during their junior year. The results indicated that members of the Class of 2015 wanted to move ring weekend from the fall of junior year to the fall of senior year—hence a new tradition was born. The Class of 2015 Ring Weekend, for the very first time, was called “Senior Ring Weekend” or SRW.

Alex Rawson '15, chair of the SRW Core, said SRW Weekend was “a great way to kick off senior year.” The SRW Core sold 915 tickets. Rawson said, “The whole mission [of SRW] was to bring the class together.” She feels that this mission was accomplished, as evident from the entire class being on the dance floor both nights laughing and enjoying each other’s company.

Friday night was “Special Events” Night, also known as Club Night. Club Night in the past has been held in the Peterson Center. Rawson said that sometimes the Peterson Center can feel impersonal, so this year the Core decided to go “big and bold” and hold Club Night outside under tents on Slavin Lawn.

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Rawson said both Brooke Mangan '15 and Moira Welch '15 were the masterminds behind this idea. The new venue went along with the theme for SRW this year, "Ringing in a new tradition." The Core wanted this event to give off a New Year's vibe full of glamour. Also, since September can still be fairly warm, it was the perfect time of year to hold this event outside. One tent contained a bar for guests 21+. This tent connected to another tent that contained the dance floor with a "night club feel." There was a live DJ, and the Class of 2016 SRW Core handed out sunglasses and mason jars as souvenirs to guests during the night. Tables and chairs were also set up outside the tents for students who wanted to take a break from dancing and catch some fresh air.

Saturday night was "Formal Night." Girls wore floor length gowns and boys suited up in their James Bond tuxedos. After taking many pre-formal pictures, members of the Class of 2015 headed over to the Peterson Center where school buses took them to an undisclosed location.

The surprise location turned out to be the Rhode Island Convention Center, located in downtown Providence. Rawson said Julia DePalma '15 and Brigid Webster '15 picked this location for formal night. They envisioned the event to be elegant while also embracing the change of seasons. The color scheme included a lot of peaches and golds, lanterns as the centerpiece of the dinner tables, and apple pie served for dessert to give a "fall feel."

The night started off with a cocktail hour, where students could enjoy hors d'oeuvres and take pictures in the pavilion with the Providence city skyline in the background. When the doors opened for the ballroom, students proceeded in to

find their dinner table and enjoy a meal before hitting the dance floor. A live band played music for the night that ranged from a mix of recent hits to oldies and included classics such as "Shout."

On Sunday afternoon, members of the Class of 2015 and their families gathered in St. Dominic's Chapel for a special Mass. During previous Ring Weekends, the Mass was held on the Thursday before the festivities, but the SRW Core decided to change the event to Sunday so families could also attend. Father Brian Shanley, O.P., served as the celebrant. At the end of the Mass he blessed the box containing the class rings students ordered last year. After the Mass, students received their blessed class rings. Students and their families then gathered on Martin Lawn for food and refreshments from LaSalle Bakery.

Rawson, commenting on the standing-room only crowd at Mass, said, "We were so impressed by Sunday and the amount of people that were there. The love for

our school was so evident. The Mass was a great way to end the weekend with each other and being surrounded by our families."

Rawson thanks many people for all of their help and hard work to make Ring Weekend a success: Tim McGrail '15, SRW Core co-chair and Class of 2015 president, for all of his constant support; Sharon Hay, director of SAIL, for making the SRW Core her priority and staying many late nights to meet with them; the Class of 2015 Ring Weekend Core; and the Class of 2016 Ring Weekend Core, who attended and helped out with both Special Events Night and Formal Night.

Rawson said that she could not have asked for more beautiful weather for Ring Weekend. Rawson commented, "I was really excited we were able to come together as a class. I am happy to have found the Friar family that everyone talks about and just really excited to spend more time with our class as the year unfolds."

Brophy, Cooley Both Reign Supreme

by Marla Gagne '18
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DINING SERVICES

Providence College is a place known for many things. We have great Division I sports, perfect grass, a campus that runs on Dunkin', and Thursdays that are the beloved chicken nugget and curly fries day. One can get some great food on Thayer Street, do some shopping at Providence Place Mall, or just stay on campus for milkshakes at McPhail's. Most importantly, only here at PC will you see a friar having a cook-off with the Men's Basketball Coach when you go eat dinner.

On Thursday, September 25, Ray Dining Hall hosted PC's second Dominican Iron Chef Challenge. Students crowded into Ray around 4:30 p.m. to witness the ultimate showdown—Father Brophy versus Coach Cooley. Would Father Justin Brophy, O.P., the reigning champion, keep his title, or would he be out-cooked by the challenger Ed Cooley, who is looking for company for his Big East trophy? Last year, Fr. Brophy, assistant chaplain and a special lecturer in theology, won the cook-off against

Fr. R. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., vice president for Mission and Ministry, assistant professor of theology, and director of Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies. Students, who were allowed to taste both meals and then use their red ticket to vote for the chef who truly wowed them, made the ultimate decision.

Fr. Brophy, referred to as a "foodie," served the ultimate heart attack foods—a chicken sandwich with waffle sliders accompanied by tater tots dusted with mac and cheese. Father James Cuddy, O.P., who was hosting the event, said there would be "shuttles to Rhode Island hospital" for everyone. In contrast to Fr. Brophy's meal, Coach Cooley made carved grilled flank steak and citrus roasted chicken served with parmesan fries, the healthier option of the two.

Both competitors brought out all the stops to get the votes. Besides working hard in the kitchen, Coach Cooley brought in his wife to charm the crowd and also let students try on his big East Championship ring. Fr. Cuddy worked for Team Brophy, telling everyone in person and anyone watching the live broadcast, "When in doubt, vote for the Dominican" and to "never trust a skinny chef." To pass the time, Fr.



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Coach Cooley competes in the second annual Dominican Iron Chef Challenge.

Cuddy interviewed students and staff that were making an appearance in Ray, ranging from Ray workers to fellow Dominicans. Fr. Mark Nowel, O.P., Ph.D., told Fr. Cuddy he would "pray about the spirit filled decision" and even though Fr. Brophy does not have his physical health, he has his "spiritual health." Fr. Brophy also gained the support from one-third of PC's own boy band Eyes to the Skies.

As time passed, the competition became more intense. Both chefs were sweating as they worked hard to make hundreds of meals, while also pulling out the charm for the students. At one point, a new bet was made involving Coach Cooley's Big East trophy. If Fr.

Brophy won, he could take the trophy for a week and bring it wherever he wanted. Joe Fitzpatrick '18 said the "commentary back and forth whenever they [the competitors] were asked about their opponent" made the whole event lots of fun. The chefs seemed neck and neck with votes, as students tried to decide who to vote for.

After two hours, the ballots were counted and a winner was announced. The result shocked everyone—there was a tie between the two chefs. After two hours of cooking, both received exactly 315 votes. Fr. Brophy and Coach Cooley both now share the honor of being Dominican Iron Chef Champion.



Bursting the PC Bubble

by David Toro '16
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Search for MH370 Reveals Sea Terrain

Malaysian Airliner MH370 went missing six months ago, and efforts to find the aircraft are still ongoing. Recently, a team of scientists have been dedicated to a new approach to search for the missing airplane. This technique uses sound that bounces off the sea bed to reveal terrain. Without any sign of the aircraft yet, scientists have discovered ridges deeper than the Grand Canyon, mountains taller than Mont Blanc, and volcanoes larger than Mount St. Helen's.

Apple Avoids Tax in Cork, Ireland

Investigators have uncovered billions of dollars in tax avoidance from Apple's international headquarters based in Cork, Ireland, since 1980. Ireland offers a 12.5 percent corporate tax as opposed to the high corporate tax in the United States. Despite the low 12.5 percent, investigators have discovered that Apple is paying less than two percent on 60 percent of its profits based in Ireland. If found guilty, Apple will have to pay more than 10 years' worth of tax evasion.

ISIS Halts as It Approaches Baghdad

Iraqi ground forces and air strikes have halted the rapid advancement of ISIS into Baghdad. ISIS has been stopped close to Amariya-al-Falluja, a town only 25 miles southwest of Baghdad. The ISIS advancement continues as the US military continues to carry out air strikes against ISIS in Syria and Iraq. The threat from ISIS is said to be underestimated as they continue to carry out air strikes and ground attacks every day.

White House Intruder Reaches East Room

Omar Gonzalez, 42, broke into the White House last month carrying a knife. Authorities have reported that Gonzalez also had two rifles, four handguns, and other firearms with ammunition, as well as a map of the White House. Security in the White House is being questioned, as Gonzalez reached the East Room, gaining access to more of the White House than previously thought. President Obama and his family were not in the house at the time of the intrusion. Gonzalez has been charged with unlawfully entering a restricted building or grounds while carrying a deadly or dangerous weapon.

Congress Updates

by Meaghan Dodson '17
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Chuck Haberle spoke on behalf of the Office of Academic Affairs about the new academic calendars. This year marks the first time that there will be two 15-week academic semesters in order to comply with federal mandates for credit hours. Next year, school will begin before Labor Day on Monday, August 31, 2015. There is also a proposal for a weather cancellation makeup day to be built into the calendar. Concern was expressed about how the new calendar will affect winter break classes.

Freshman committee interviews will be held on Thursday, October 2 from 4:30-10 p.m. in Feinstein.

The entire Student Congress welcomed the Class of 2018 officers and the Class of 2017 representative Elizabeth Longo; these new members were sworn into office.

A Committee of Campus Relations was proposed, on which vice presidents would serve as officers. This is part of an ongoing effort to establish more concrete responsibilities for vice presidents.

Two new clubs were proposed: Women Empowered and Doble Seis. Women Empowered would focus on supporting minority women, while Doble Seis would increase enthusiasm for the Domino culture at Providence College.

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Slavin Soft Lounge.

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Interreligious Dialogue Hosts Its First Service

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Providence College's Interreligious Dialogue hosted a service for peace called "Peace Together" this past Monday, September 29, in the Balfour Unity Center. With words, songs, and artwork, the goal of the service was to bring mindfulness and awareness to the horrible events that have plagued the news as of late. There was particular focus on bringing light to the events of violence and mistreatment in Ferguson, Missouri and the ongoing struggles on the Mexican border. This is the Interreligious Dialogue's first of such events this year.

Interreligious Dialogue seeks inclusivity and awareness. The prayers offered at the service were not aimed at any specific group, and prayers are for every man and woman both in intention and aim. This group focuses not on what separates the human community but what aligns them most closely, the call to prayer. Student Coordinator Chennah Sharpe '17 said that there is a need "[to have] a conversation about the world around us." Sharpe went on to add that prayer is a uniting factor amongst all people and should be used as a tool to seek peace. It was also noted that similar



Students gather to converse and reflect on unity and peace as part of the dialogue series.

events are likely to happen throughout the year and that students ought to reflect upon this event and seek peace, beginning with conscientiousness of such events. Representatives from Institutional Diversity and Campus Ministry were at the event to aid Sharpe in facilitating discussion.

The close of the service was punctuated by the decoration of a puzzle piece, and as the name of the event suggests, the puzzle pieces were

brought together at the end of the service as a symbol of unity.

The puzzle piece was to be decorated with reflections on the prayers. Many of the decorations on the puzzle pieces reiterated the same message, violence is unacceptable, and discussion about violence followed the presentation of these pieces. The message each piece conveyed offered something slightly different. Some offered pithy but earnest offerings of

hope such as "Protect our children" or "Togetherness."

Others proposed a need for the human community to stand together in light of recent tragedies.

Maryssa Kozek '15 commented, "[I] found it as a great way to collect my thoughts at the end of the day and reflect." This meditation on peace was deeply personal for each individual; it provided personal meditation in addition to a meditation on global peacemaking at large.

Another participant offered a striking comment. She noted that most feelings of violence and acts of hatred come from within and therefore, one ought to seek peace and tranquility within them before peace can be sought elsewhere. This is a particularly poignant comment. It is a simple albeit brilliant step toward accord and love. This and other pieces of the completed puzzle can be found in the Unity Center.

The hour-long event provided participants with an opportunity to reflect upon tranquility, personal and otherwise, and provided an opening for a larger conversation about violence and hatred, which are two issues that have become more prevalent than ever. Prayer could open the door to a number of solutions, the most simple of which is closer than it appears.

Fall Career Expo Combines Four Events into One

by Kathleen McGinty '16
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CAREER EDUCATION CENTER

Filled with students clad in dress shirts and suit jackets on Wednesday, September 24, the Peterson Recreation Center welcomed approximately 100 employers, 39 graduate schools, and 1,100 Providence College students circulating its perimeter at the Fall Career Expo. While the Center for Career Education & Professional Development hosts a career fair each fall, this year's event combined four events in one, reflective of its tagline "One day, one event, something for everyone!"

"We really were able to expand this fair and its offerings to students," said Patti Goff, director of the Career Education Center, noting the increased student attendance at the Career Expo in comparison to the fair held last fall.

Taking into consideration feedback received from student surveys conducted after last fall's career fair, the Career Education Center sought to organize an event that addressed student concerns. According to Goff, the surveys indicated that students felt they did "not have a lot of time to spend at multiple career events" throughout the fall and expressed their interest in having more non-accounting and non-finance firms come on campus to recruit.

To accommodate students, the Career Expo offered a major/minor fair, an internship showcase, a graduate school fair, and a career fair. Goff believes that this "one-stop shopping" provides an added value to both underclassmen and upperclassmen.

For underclassmen, the combination



A student networks with one of approximately 100 employers in attendance at the Career Expo.

of the major/minor fair, typically held in October, with the career fair enables them to observe the networking environment early on in their college careers.

"It strategically will expose younger students to a career fair," Goff said. Similarly, for upperclassmen, the inclusion of the graduate school fair allows students to speak with both employers and schools to explore the different possibilities open to them following graduation.

Additionally, the Career Education Center responded to the student surveys by inviting 13 new, non-accounting or finance firms to the Career Expo, some of which include Amica Mutual Insurance, NBC Universal, Nestle USA, and Peace Corps.

Goff spoke to the "total staff effort"

involved in planning and facilitating the event.

"I couldn't be more pleased," she said of the Career Education Center's work in organizing the event, which began last spring. It was then that the Career Expo Committee settled on a date and began soliciting prospective companies to attend, a process which continued throughout the summer. The Office of Institutional Advancement also helped in securing the expo's corporate sponsors.

Additionally, from her perspective, the employers in attendance on Sept. 4 "were very happy" with the level of student engagement.

Although the Fall Career Expo has passed, Goff encourages students to email the Center for Career Education with any recommendations they have regarding prospective employers

they would like to see on campus in the future, such as during the Spring Career Expo slated for March 4, 2015.

She also suggests students activate their eFriars account and check frequently for any new postings, as the Employees Relations Team constantly solicits employers, and recommends setting up a mock interview, held every Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Slavin 108.

Career Advice from Director of the Career Education Center Patti Goff

- Activate eFriars account to access job, internship, and practice interview postings as well as reading material.
- Check eFriars frequently, as the Employee Relations Team solicits employers on a daily basis.
- Contact the Career Education Center with suggestions regarding employers students would like to see on campus.
- Schedule a mock interview with a real employer, offered every Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Start building your network by applying for the Winter Shadowing Program or attending a networking night, both to be held during the winter break.

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Theology on Tap Discusses the Gift of Women

by Sabrina Guilbeault '18
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LECTURES

Like a typical Wednesday night in McPhail's, students stood by the bar ordering their milkshakes for \$2, chatting with their friends about their busy day, and watching whatever sports game was on. Some students sat on the couches doing homework, and others were playing table tennis in the back while popular music played from the speakers.

This particular Wednesday was slightly different, however, because many students were there for a religious discussion regarding women, and Campus Ministry leaders were well represented. "This is a first for me to be in a bar," said Sister Anne Frances Klein, O.P.

On Wednesday, September 24, Campus Ministry sponsored a Theology on Tap in McPhail's, featuring a panel on women and their role in the Catholic Church.

As students sat around nearly every table and ate Big Tony's pizza, three women sat in front of them answering the question posed, "Woman, how does your concern affect me?"

The panel included Sr. Frances, Dr. Daria Spezzano, assistant professor of theology, and Lisa Gulino of the Diocese of Providence.

After Father Justin Brophy, O.P., introduced the speakers, Sr. Frances gave an introduction on what would



Sr. Frances, center, and Fr. Brophy, right, speak about women in the Catholic Church in McPhail's.

be discussed. Using a PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Gift of Women: Being Attentive to the Details of Salvation," the speakers dove right into the conversation. "The blessed virgin Mary—that's a good place to start," said Sr. Frances.

Throughout the presentation, the speakers quoted many important figures in the Catholic Church including Pope Francis, Mother Theresa, Virginia Woolf, and Dorothy Day. The Bible was often used as an example, including a description of Mary from the Book of

Revelation, who was described as "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

Sr. Frances explained that Mary stands on a cosmic level since she is described with the sun, moon, and stars. This shows just how important women are in the Church.

"The problem with the word *role* is that it's very static," said Sr. Frances. It was later explained that women hold a pivotal role in the church; however the word *role* isn't the best word to use

because roles change.

Dr. Spezzano explained that it is better to ask how to define the essence of women in the Church and where the role flow originates from instead of asking what is their role is.

The speakers explained some of the essences of women in the Church, receptivity being the first. "Women recognize and love because they are open to people for who they are," Sr. Frances said. She explained the importance of being receptive no matter how beautiful, skinny, healthy, or intelligent a person is.

"To be open to the other lights a match that will light so many other things in this world," said Sr. Francis. The idea of being receptive and open to all different walks of life was specified as being important for women in the church.

According to the speakers, the key essence of women is that they are both spiritually and naturally life-giving. "Women are so important because of their ability to give life," said Sr. Frances. "That doesn't just mean giving birth to lots of children, but bringing spiritual life to other women and men."

A majority of the free pizza was eaten, and after about an hour of speaking, the presentation was over. Both male and female students listened intently during the panel presentation and students could ask questions at the end if they wanted to. Students are encouraged to see any of the speakers with any questions regarding the discussion from Theology on Tap.

PC Faculty Speak to Students on Dating and Marriage

by Kathleen McGinty '16
News Editor

LECTURES

The Providence College Anscombe Society, an organization that promotes healthy relationships and the dating scene on campus, invited Dr. Anthony Esolen of the English department and Dr. Holly Taylor Coolman of the theology department to speak to students about dating and marriage in a lecture entitled "What Comes After Love?" on Wednesday, September 24. After sharing personal love tales, Esolen and Coolman discussed what they perceive to be an absence of a dating scene amongst the current generation of students.

Esolen expressed his belief in the need "to teach young people how to do ordinary things" again, such as dating, in which individuals "learn to delight in the company of a person of the opposite sex."

Outings such as a day trip to the nearby lake or attending a dance at the local church were commonplace dates for Esolen's parents, and many other couples, during the 1950s.

"Back then, there was the possibility you could ask girls out on a date," Esolen reflected.

While dating one another and falling in love, Esolen's parents became engaged to be married when his father deployed to Germany and Italy for two years of service in the military. According to Esolen, when his father journeyed home for a trip and contemplated fornication, "he [his



Esolen (left) and Coolman (right) share their personal love stories to the student audience.

father] says it can't be wrong, she [his mother] says it is." His mother went to confession following their discussion, the priest urging her to wait for marriage.

Ten to 11 months after being wed, the two gave birth to Esolen, who now remembers his father being grateful that she was stronger than him at that time.

"That story would not have been seen as exceptional in any way during that time," Esolen said.

Coolman concurred. "You can't overestimate how true that was in the past," she said.

Yet according to Coolman, in order to create a shift in thinking and

to perceive such a dating scene as "normal," "a little conspiracy theory" is necessary.

"It's not something you can do an individual," she said. "You need a little community."

That's why Esolen is enticed by the prospect of reintroducing dating to members of the younger generation. He proposed a theory in which a type of date manual is developed and individuals' names written on slips of paper would be placed in one of two hats. One name would be drawn from each hat to establish partners for dates, which would be aided with the help of the manual. The process would repeat so that students would have more

exposure to and experience in the dating scene.

However, Coolman believes that "the issues of love and after love are interesting and complex ones."

She recited two narratives from her dating past, both of which described her journey leading up to marrying her husband of 22 years. After meeting a young man who immediately caught her eye during her freshman orientation at college, Coolman and this man quickly developed a romantic, dating relationship that lasted throughout her college years. Yet right before graduation, talk about the future made the young man nervous, causing him to break off the relationship.

"It was novel worthy," Coolman joked, noting that her mother had to come on to campus to ensure that she ate. "I could write a million country songs."

Two years later, this young man called Coolman out of the blue, asking to meet over coffee. Making a visit to apologize to her family a requirement before meeting him for coffee, she knew within eight weeks that this man was the person for her to marry despite the less storybook and more "sober-minded" relationship.

"Sometimes I have the sense...there can be a tendency to tilt towards the second narrative," she said, in which individuals try to strictly make rational decisions in a relationship. However, Coolman urged students to discover a "middle ground between the sensible, rational approach...and a kind of delight in the other" when forging a loving relationship.

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OPINION

Censorship Limits Intellectual Experience

ALA's Banned Books Week Celebrates 30th Anniversary

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SOCIETY

This past week marked the 30th anniversary of the American Library Association's "Banned Books Week," a movement to bring together the academic community and the general public in support of the freedom to read and express unorthodox or unpopular ideas.

The ALA's list of the top books censored in libraries and classrooms within the past decade includes classics such as *Brave New World* and *One Who Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*, as well as modern titles like the *Harry Potter* series.

"Banned Books Week" serves as a lesson on the history of censorship in our society, but it also serves to highlight the fact that its threat is still very much alive today.

In education, censorship of books poses a danger to students' intellectual freedom, their own personal growth, and their ability to engage with reality, which in turn helps them become active thinkers who strive to find solutions to societal problems.

There are many reasons as to why books are banned or challenged in libraries and classrooms. Some common reasons include issues of race, depictions of violence, sexual situations, and portrayal or discussion of religion.

It is important to note that the motives behind censoring literature are not necessarily the issue. The more important problem is that authoritative figures, like the school board, have the power to decide which books are censored when it is the individual students themselves that should have this responsibility. This relates to the concept of intellectual freedom, which is defined on the ALA website as "the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction."

Intellectual freedom also "provides for free access to all expressions of ideas through which any and all sides of a question, cause, or movement may be explored." Students alone have the right to decide what kind of ideas and information they want to explore, as they are the ultimate caretakers of their own intellectual experience. Schools

should not be an environment of repression, but an open environment where diverse ideas are encouraged to flourish.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower is one book that I remember reading in school which had a profound impact on my life and my perspectives on how I came to view the world. Its characters helped teach me the lessons of accepting yourself and accepting others for their differences. It taught me that the world is not a black and white place.

However, the controversial topics this book explores—death, drug use, sexuality, and discrimination—have earned it a regular spot on ALA's top 10 most challenged books of the year since its publication in 1999. Books possess the immense power to inspire and encourage us and to help us feel like we are not alone in our struggles. Students' personal development is as equally significant as their academic one—it is what shapes their identities as individuals.

Censorship is hazardous to students' personal development as it restricts exposure to ideas and topics, thereby stifling their growth.

Recently, a school district in Colorado voted to approve a new American History textbook, which would "promote patriotic material, respect for authority, and the free-market system" while avoiding material about "civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law."

The school board has received substantial backlash from the community over the proposal and it is easy to see why. It is an attempt to rewrite American history in order to make it appear less "ugly." Yet that is a blatant disregard for the fact that the "ugliest" moments of our nation's history are the ones that have the most lessons to teach us today.

In order to connect to reality, students need to be taught a curriculum that does not try to cover up any "ugliness." Only through an open and objective curriculum can students gain the knowledge of and insight into the history of our country as well as how to solve some of its current problems.

As Ray Bradbury once said, "There is more than one way to burn a book. And the world is full of people running about with lit matches." It is time that we as a society put out the flames of censorship.

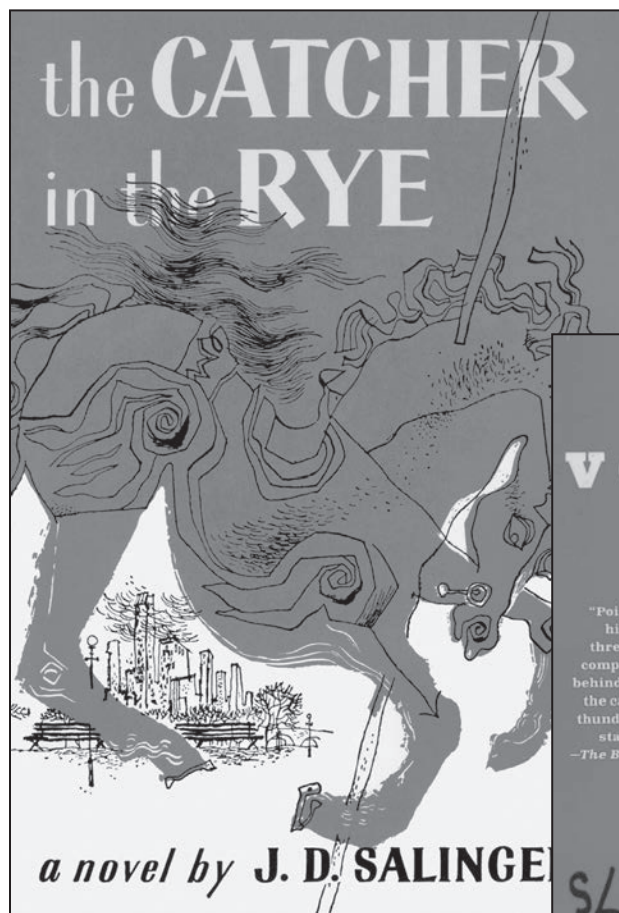


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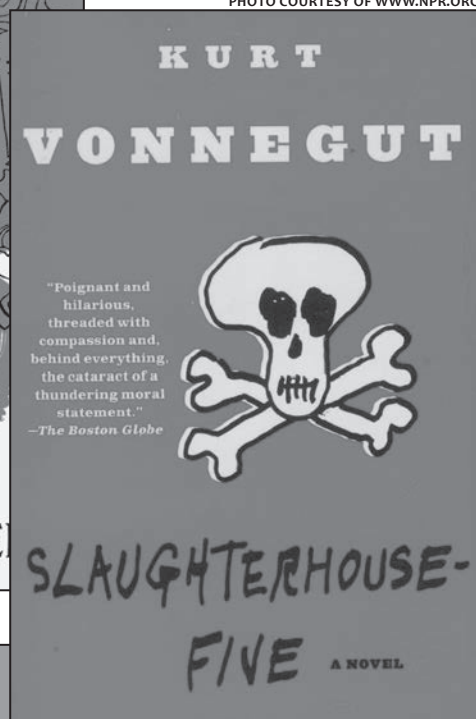
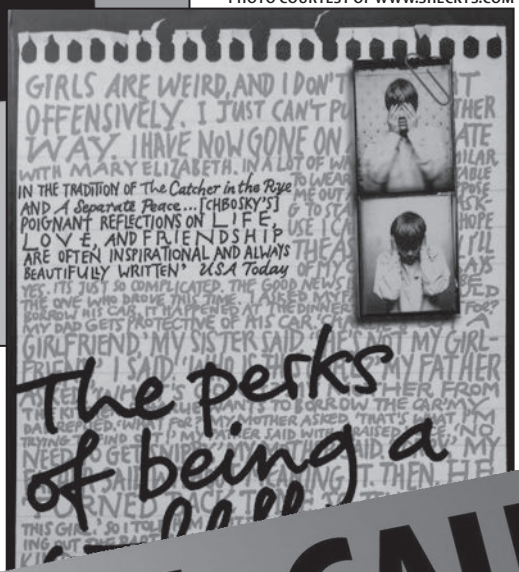


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Let the Good Times Ring

PC Ring Weekend Tradition Should Continue to Be Held During Senior Year

by **Christina Moazed '15**
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The first-ever Senior Ring Weekend is now officially history. This ritual has been termed JRW and has occurred junior year since 1917, but now, for the first time, the Class of 2015 has officially experienced SRW during senior year. The result? Pure success. Justifiably, more so than the likes of JRW.

SRW marks the first time since freshman orientation that our entire class has exclusively come together under one roof. Not only under a tent. But we also waited in a painfully long mosh pit line together in Peterson before we departed for Formal Night. And what a sight! Everyone eventually found themselves running into faces that they hadn't seen since freshman orientation, let alone fellow classmates they had never seen before.

Sorry to break it to the older folks, but the weather for SRW hits the spot, much more so than the usual rainy November weather for JRW. A student comments on this

unfortunate luck of JRW, "Last year, it rained on Friday night, Saturday night, and even briefly on Sunday morning." A fresh sprinkle of rain never hurt anybody, but in a fresh outfit, it can hurt.

On another note, the sun was shining for SRW and was accompanied by that sweet fall breeze. The tent on Slavin was "kickin'." And it was a much better setting than the common underground location of Peterson for Special Events Night.

Nobody was left out at SRW. Just like the "no child left behind" motto, students were not abroad, and everyone was together, bumping shoulders on the dance floor and sharing laughs. If you weren't on the dance floor, you were eating some chicken.

The chicken was mediocre, and there could have been a more dangerous and chocolatey dessert than a petite portion of apple pie. Matt Sandorse '15 elegantly remarked on the phenomenal hors d'oeuvres served upon entrance into the event, "The cheese was the best part though." All that cheese was fortunately burned off when the song "Shout" by the Isley Brothers came on.

A full bar that caters to 21-year-old seniors is much more appealing than a full bar that caters to juniors who are unable to request any drinks. Basically, alcoholic beverages were evenly, and fairly, distributed. 'Twas a weekend of memories.

Back in 2002, JRW participant Jessica Bonvino wrote, "Thinking about JRW is enough to drive any junior crazy, particularly the females. There is too much pressure, too much to worry about. We have to find dresses, make hair appointments, and worst of all, find dates." Sounds like this student needed to get it together. Life is not that difficult. Take a shower and brush your hair. Go to the enormous maze known as Providence Place Mall and you should be absolutely set on finding a dress. Maybe the transition from junior to senior year gives students time to mature and realize life isn't that complicated. Another reason SRW is the bomb.

If you're an underclassman reading this and questioning the

value of this article, well, I guess there's nothing left for you to do other than be grateful for the changes made to this tradition. In the meantime, figure out the basic things in your life like your career choice and a potential soulmate to be your future date.

You know, basic things.



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Providence College Is Better Off without Greek Life

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If a parent were asked this question, usually the answer would be no; however, from a student's perspective, most would say yes. This question is about Greek life and whether or not it should be a part of our college community. This has been an ongoing debate for quite some time, but recently there have been many more negative accounts and reports of hazing present on college campuses.

The most recent speculation of life-threatening hazing has been at Clemson University in South Carolina. During this past week, a pledge named Tucker Hipps was found dead. The county sheriff's department stated their belief that hazing was most likely not a factor, however, the case has remained open.

There are many suspicions that the timing of the situation is not coincidental. Tucker Hipps took a jog with the group at around 5:30 a.m., yet was not reported missing by his fraternity brothers until 1:45 p.m. It is believed that Hipps fell off a bridge and landed in the lake, sustaining a head injury consistent with a fall of about 20 feet.

Whether or not hazing was involved is all speculation at this point, but the question still remains as to if his fall was actually an intentional jump.



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Most students believe that Greek life is a way to meet new people, gain lifelong friends, and find out who you are. College is a time to explore and experiment. However, that does not mean there won't be dangerous situations presented. It also puts additional pressure on students to be accepted, hurting their self-esteem and confidence.

Many schools have a great social life without a Greek system. Providence College has found other ways to make incoming freshmen feel extremely comfortable and welcome, such as the five-day orientation program. Although some believed it was repetitive, it was informative and, more importantly, inclusive. Multiple orientation leaders said that they met

their best friend during freshman orientation week.

At Providence College, students are automatically accepted by their fellow peers. Each person has his or her own opinion on the presence of Greek life. However, one thing is for sure, you will not walk across our campus and see someone being forced to carry another's book bag.

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Increase Your Awareness of Global Issues

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EDITORIAL

It seems that sometimes I don't realize how good I have it. I have a healthy family, spending money, food, clothing, and the ability to go to college. More so, I don't know the magnitude of how difficult some others have it. As I read the *Wall Street Journal* this week, I let my eyes glaze over the newest articles about Ebola and ISIS. I suddenly wondered, why don't these articles shock me? Words like "crisis," "global threats," and "airstrikes" left



me unfazed, and after this small but significant realization, I still was able to go to class afterward; I was reading about terribly harsh matters in the same way I skim my Twitter feed.

One article began, "World leaders who gathered at the U.N. General Assembly this past week described a new era of crisis that challenges global powers and international borders." Why didn't the word "crisis" make me more alert? I've become desensitized from the horrors of the world first, because they seem to happen so frequently, and second, because they don't directly affect me.

The article quoted a CBS interview with President Barack Obama. Once I became aware of my indifferent attitude, the magnitude of President Obama's words in the interview hit me: "America leads. We are the indispensable nation. We have capacity no one else has. Our military is the best in the history of the world. And when trouble comes up anywhere in the world, they don't call Beijing. They don't call Moscow. They call us."

America is a superpower. We all know this, but I think the importance of this often gets lost on us. Despite your political stance on these issues, we must be thankful for, or at least acknowledge, the amount of security and power our nation has compared to other nations. Think about how different life would be on the other side. Imagine being a part of another country with a weak military force or with constant

civil wars that the country can't control. Suppose you were surrounded by constant horrors where your family was put in direct lines of danger and you couldn't escape it by casually going to class after you were told about it. Imagine being a part of a country where terrorists of your own nation are attacking and there is no powerful way to respond. At least after the 9/11 attack, the United States had the means to respond with military force; other countries don't have that.

Many of us have never seen another country. Some of us have studied abroad, but in other prosperous countries; most of us have never come face to face with the turmoil of countries in the midst of war, epidemic, or tragedy. So when reading about events like Ebola or the actions of ISIS, we can't fathom their effects or what lifestyles they leave for the people of these countries.

Obama continues, "When there's a typhoon in the Philippines, take a look at who's helping the Philippines deal with that situation. When there's an earthquake in Haiti, take a look at who's leading the charge making sure Haiti can rebuild. That's how we roll. And that's what makes this America."

I encourage you to be more open-minded when reading and hearing about the dangers around the globe. Try to better understand the magnitude of these problems, and be thankful to be a part of a country that is not only willing to go to great lengths to keep its citizens safe, but also has the means to do so.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Move Your Feet on Campus

Dear PC student body: PICK UP YOUR FEET AND WALK. As someone who was born in Seoul, South Korea, I am used to crowded, fast-paced walkers who have somewhere to go and something to do. After moving to the Boston area when I was six, I was delighted upon realizing that the fast-paced life and walk was also present in New England. In my three years at PC so far, I have met people from the Northeast and beyond. The "beyond" people usually have one thing in common: they walk at turtle pace, or simply stop moving at all like statues along busy avenues. Why? What possesses you to just stand there and talk in the middle of a crowded hall or RAY AFTER CIV GETS OUT?! Why is it that when I go outside, I am afraid of being stopped dead in my tracks while someone going as fast as my 98-year-old grandmother casually and slowly inches forward? Have some sense of urgency. If you are standing between me and my pizza in Ray for too long, I will tackle you. If I am going to class and you are moving slower than the average sea turtle on land, I will cut you off, or (worst case scenario) steam roll over you. As both Saint Peter and Jesus once commanded, "GET UP AND WALK."

- Edward Walrod '16

Dominican Iron Chef Is a Unique PC Experience

Though both competitors put up a tough fight—and a lot of good food—at this year's Dominican Iron Chef on Sept. 25, the real winner of the competition was Father Cuddy's commentary. Originally I assumed that Coach Cooley and his Parmesan fries were going to win my heart—with steak, how could he go wrong? He couldn't, and he didn't. Fr. Justin's dish of chicken and waffles, a first for many at Ray Dining Hall, surprised and delighted me as well. Who knew breakfast and lunch went together so well? And tater tots never disappoint. While I was gorging on two of the arguably best meals of my life, what I really noticed was Fr. Cuddy's voice echoing through Ray, describing the competition and bringing down Father Justin with a love bordering on cruelty. Or maybe it was just cruelty. Either way, the rest of us were too busy laughing to chew our food. He was a fair (kind of) mediator, and certainly provided the best entertainment of the night with his play-by-plays and personal interviews with students, staff, and even Fr. Shanley. If anyone is ever in the mood for dinner and a show, they need to make sure to get to the Dominican Iron Chef competition when it is inevitably and rightly resurrected next year.

- Brianna Abbott '17

Stop the Unnecessary Fire Drills

I don't know if it's a universal college thing or just a Providence College thing, but let's try not to set off fire alarms in the residence halls on a regular basis, okay? Between the monthly alarms that went off during my freshman year in McDermott (mostly because of people insisting on using the out-of-order elevator) to the seemingly weekly ones in Aquinas last year, and already one so far in Davis this year, one could say I'm not too pleased with the unscheduled fire drills. Sure, I and everyone involved have the experience of having to unexpectedly get out of the building, but in practice all that ever happens is we crowd the stairway and get out at a snail's pace, which makes the whole exercise worthless. So please, just stop pulling the fire alarm for no reason, and stop doing stupid things like smoking in the building. And if you must be stupid, could you at least try to do it during the afternoon when no one is around? Only you can prevent fire alarms, and together we can make the 7:45 a.m. drills a thing of the past.

- Wesley Trask '16

ABM Workers Deserve Respect and Gratitude

by Jacquelyn Kelley '17
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CAMPUS

Going off to college is often associated with growing up and becoming independent, but it is important to remember that we are not entirely self-sufficient just yet. For example, those of us who live on campus still have people who clean up the messes we make daily, just as our parents have done for most of our lives. The ABM workers here at Providence College work so hard to keep our home clean, and it is important to be respectful and grateful for all that they do for us.

Let's face it, we are not the most tidy people in the world. We are college students who rush around to get from one class to the next. We have club meetings and intramural games on top of homework and studying. We are busy, and sometimes do not have time to pick up that paper towel that did not quite make it in the trash or the hair we shed all over the bathroom floor. Sometimes we even take it a step further by pranking our friends, expecting the ABM workers to clean up our practical jokes.

Julia Rizza '17 has noticed such carelessness of students and thinks we should be more respectful of the ABM workers.

"I've seen students throw trash, especially in the bathrooms, on the floor just because a worker was in there cleaning. It really upsets me to see that kind of disrespect. The student might not have even meant it, but I think we should be more careful and more considerate of their work," said Rizza.

As Rizza points out, it is important that we are not blatantly messy in the first place. But it is also important to thank the ABM workers for keeping our homes clean regardless. Matt Mannarino '18 thinks we could make a better effort of showing thanks.

"I definitely think we could be more outward in our appreciation for them. Whenever an ABM worker cleans the halls or the elevator in McDermott, everyone always smiles and says hello to them. It's a nice thing to see, but we definitely need to be more appreciative and to tell them 'thank you' more often," said Mannarino.

"Thank you." Those two simple words are all we need to say to show how grateful we are to have the ABM workers as part of our Friar family. For anyone who doubts their Friar family status, consider my experience with an ABM worker just last week.

I rushed out of my room early in the morning and made it halfway to the gym before realizing I had forgotten my student ID in my room. Standing outside of my dorm, knowing that all of my friends were still asleep, I wondered how long I would have to wait to get back into my building and on with my day when an ABM worker not only let me back into the building, but followed me up to the third floor to swipe me into my side of Aquinas.

If that is not something someone does for a fellow Friar family member, then I do not know what is. The ABM workers not only clean up after us, but look out for us and take care of us. So, remember to be respectful and grateful of them as well as all of your other fellow Friars.

Friar 5k Brings PC Community Together

Physical Activity Shows Appreciation of God's Gifts

by Matthew Tinsley '16
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CAMPUS

Are you running in the fifth annual Friar 5K road race this Saturday? With more and more runners participating in the race each year, the 5K has grown from a school event into a beloved Friar tradition. For those who have not been to an organized race before, the excitement surrounding the event might seem odd. After all, what is the big deal about running a few miles? I wish to briefly discuss why exercise, especially when coordinated amongst a community of friends, brings joy to those involved.

To begin this discussion on the value of physical activity in our lives, let us first consider perhaps a less common take on the meaning of athletics. I recently came across a short film named *Heroic Priesthood*, in which several priests from the Mundelein Seminary of Illinois shared their experiences in joining the priesthood. As young seminarians, these men joined the Mundelein basketball team and began competing with teams from other nearby seminaries. Speaking on the value of aerobic activity, a recurring theme woven into this short film, one priest explained, "We are soul and body. And this is a gift God has given me, so I have to take care of that. He is making me a better seminarian by giving me basketball as [another] gift." One might hear this and wonder, how can playing a sport help me become a better person?

To see the goodness of physical activity,



we need to first understand ourselves as deeply unified composites of both body and soul. In Aristotelian terms, we can be described as having a hylomorphic constitution; that is, we are made up of matter and form, body and soul. Because of this profound union within us, there is an intimate link between what we do with our bodies and how that activity affects our souls.

For these priests, playing basketball is not simply good exercise, it also nourishes their relationship with God. One priest explained, "When I was younger, basketball was the good, and what I was doing in those days was centered on fulfilling that good. But now, basketball is in service of the greatest Good; it is in

service to God." A healthy attitude toward athletics involves placing the enjoyment of physical activity as secondary to our pursuit of friendship with God, or rightly ordering lower goods as tools to help us pursue the highest Good.

This Saturday, as we set off to run the Friar 5K, we will be celebrating the athletic gifts that God has given us. More important than celebrating the race winners is celebrating a beautiful community of friends gathering together for some healthy fun. I encourage everyone to get excited about this race as both an opportunity to grow closer with our Friar family, and yet another way that we can thank God for the many gifts He has bestowed upon us. Good luck!

Studies in English Provide Insights on Humanity

by George Copley '16
Opinion Staff

SOCIETY

Do you want to be a teacher, a writer, or homeless? While there is plenty of time to read and write on the curbside, I don't quite see myself devoting my future to the life of a vagabond. But if you don't want to teach, and you don't want to write, then why study English in college? I struggled answering this type of question when beginning my college career, but after a few semesters of seeping my soul in the works of T.S. Eliot, Samuel Johnson, and Wordsworth, I think I've finally come to a conclusion as to why I'm pursuing the English major.

In high school I didn't work too hard. My freshman and sophomore year GPAs probably summed up to my current one. It wasn't until the end of sophomore year, when I received an F in my English course, that I decided to get my act together. Besides the outraged reactions of my parents, the main reason I decided to start working harder was because of my English teacher at the time. Mr. Kobin came up to me after class one day and said, "I understand what you're doing, George, but if you ever want to be happy, then you need to do something you love while still doing the things you don't." I mused over my professor's advice on the bus ride home, and realized that I agreed with him. The rest is history.

I also realized that Mr. Kobin's job was about more than analyzing text

and editing essays; he was trying to inspire his students. I will forever remember Mr. Kobin as one of the most influential and sobering individuals that I have encountered, and he did rouse something within me: I also wanted to inspire people and enlighten them of their potential. This was my first step toward studying English.

Coincidentally, Mr. Kobin was also my junior year English teacher in a class called "Search for Self." Although I didn't quite find myself—I'm still searching—the course evoked a passion. We read *The Stranger*, *Siddhartha*, *Ordinary People*, and a number of other existential texts. Although characters ranged from Buddha to suicidal teens, I really found myself relating to them in one way or another. This was the second source of enlightenment that pushed me to become an English major.

Studying English requires much more than sharp writing and a love of reading. It requires a critical mind and empathy. English is the study of what it means to be a human in a given context. It is an in-depth study of the nature of man and his soul. For centuries, writing has been an outlet for humanity, as it is to this day.

"We read and write poetry because

we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for" (*Dead Poets Society*).

I am not fully ready to commit myself to a career in teaching, and I still have a lot to understand about myself and my place in the world, yet I am proud and stand by my choice of education. As a fallen hero once said, "Words and ideas can change the world." Need further evidence? Try The Bible.





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TOP LEFT: Father Justin Brophy, O.P., supported by his team, serves tater tots to students in Raymond Dining Hall as he challenges Coach Ed Cooley during Dining Services' Dominican Iron Chef competition.

TOP RIGHT: Members of Providence College's Best Buddies club meet individuals who have intellectual or developmental disabilities during their speed-dating event in '64 Hall.

MIDDLE LEFT: Students give the gift of life by donating blood for The Rhode Island Blood Center.

MIDDLE RIGHT: The College's only boy band, Eyes to the Skies, sings and dances to their homemade hits during their fall premiere performance in McPhail's.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students share their musical talents during PC After Hours Open Mic Night in McPhail's. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Members of the PC community express themselves through music and song at Open Mic Night in McPhail's, sponsored by Campus Ministry.

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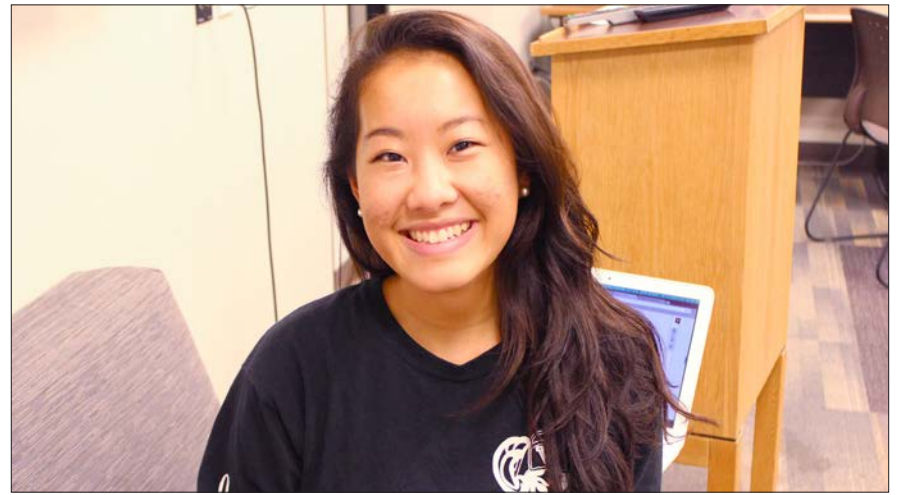


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"We want to see the Providence ghost tours!"
Pedro Aleman '17 and Andrea Rojas '17



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"Searching for the Great Pumpkin!"

-Linus

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Nintendo's 125th Anniversary

by Ryan Cox '18
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GAMING

What began in 1889 as a playing card manufacturer has developed 125 years later into one of three video gaming giants of the entertainment world. Nintendo opened its doors on September 23, 1889, and celebrates a century and a quarter of its decorated and multifaceted history, beginning with founder Fusajiro Yamauchi's family business manufacturing playing cards for the Japanese card game *Hanafuda*. After nearly a century of playing cards, and other succeeding products such as a taxi service and instant rice, Nintendo developed and released their first home console, the Magnavox Odyssey in 1974, followed by their first arcade machine *EVR Race*.

The arcade classic *Donkey Kong* was released shortly after *EVR Race*, beginning Nintendo's success in arcade gaming. In 1983, Nintendo released the Famicom home gaming console in Japan (which would be released two years later as the Nintendo Entertainment System—NES—in the United States), prompting the release of the first games in several key Nintendo franchises: *Super Mario Bros.*, *Metroid*, and *The Legend of Zelda*. Nintendo's first foray into handheld gaming was with the Game Boy in 1989. Both the NES and Game Boy have paved the way for their successors, up to today's current-generation consoles, the Wii U and the 3DS.



Despite its name loosely meaning "leave luck to heaven," luck has little to do with Nintendo's success. What makes Nintendo so successful is the corporation's consistent push for innovation. Nintendo's *Hanafuda* cards were the first to be made out of plastic, making them more durable than the competition. Fast forward to 1985, the NES, which was the best-selling console of its time, helped to revitalize the video game industry after it crashed in the mid-1980s. In 2006, the Nintendo Wii was the first to explore motion control among the "big three" gaming companies (Microsoft, Sony,

and Nintendo), setting up Microsoft's Xbox 360 and Sony's PlayStation 3 to do the same with the Xbox Kinect and the PlayStation Move, respectively.

Nintendo chooses to focus more heavily on casual gaming rather than hardcore gaming; Microsoft and Sony, by contrast, tend to do the opposite, catering to hardcore gamers with franchises such as *Call of Duty* and *Assassin's Creed*. Despite their successes in this field, Nintendo has been criticized; *CNN* wrote in 2013 that "the company is cognizant of the latest trends and shifts in gaming, but it chooses to disregard them in the name of simplicity, or family-friendly

gaming." It is likely that this is the reason why Nintendo saw a massive drop in sales of the Wii U since its launch in 2012. The gaming trend tends to lean towards Microsoft and Sony because of the desire for hardcore gaming, and as a result, third-party video game developers have favored producing games for the Xbox One and the PlayStation 4 over the Wii U. With a lackluster catalog of games at the release of the Wii U but an impressive upcoming lineup over the next several months for both the Wii U and the 3DS, the future for Nintendo stands on rocky ground.

Nintendo's future as a gaming giant is unclear. If sales for the Wii U continue to remain subpar, then Nintendo may need to look into mobile gaming or another alternative if it wants to remain in competition with Microsoft and Sony. Nintendo executives have hinted at possibly bringing the company to the mobile platform, but nothing has been confirmed. It is also possible that Nintendo may be able to wait out its losses and rebound in the next console generation. The Wii U may be the low point in a cycle that Nintendo has endured in the past when the Nintendo 64 and Nintendo GameCube contended (and lost) to Sony's PlayStation and PlayStation 2 in the late 1990s. While it might not be time for Mario to hang up his hat just yet, Nintendo executives have some deliberating to do with regard to the future of the corporation, and at a milestone such as this one, now is the perfect time to re-evaluate.

Thayer Street Art Festival Draws Crowds

by Ryan Charland '18
A&E Staff

ART

Students, families, and art enthusiasts flocked to Thayer Street this past Sunday, September 28, for the Thayer Street Art Festival. The street was closed between Angell and Bowen as vendors lined the sidewalks on both sides, selling homemade crafts of every type. Featuring live music, fresh food, a rock-climbing wall, and even a hair salon, the festival provided a unique taste of the College Hill and Providence art community. The free event ran between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Festival Fete, a company that organizes local art festivals throughout Rhode Island, promoted the Thayer Street Art Festival in hopes of showcasing the area's culture and cuisine. This year is the first that Festival Fete has brought one of its events to Providence, although the organization hopes to return next year. Prior to each festival, vendors submit examples of their work to the company's website. A jury then chooses which vendors would best fit the location's demographic.

The variety of vendors present at the festival was a perfect fit for Thayer Street's atmosphere. Artists present

included "The Oyster Emporium" (consisting entirely of oyster prints), "Winking Chicken" (paintings created by a 10 year old boy), and "Giraffes and Robots" (a dual language Spanish/English artist). Also present were custom jewelers, ceramic artisans, and photographers. In addition to art, the Thayer Street Art Festival was an ideal shopping event for handcrafted housewares, bath supplies, clothing (for both humans and their pets), and accessories. Glass blowers and woodcarvers sold vases and dishware, while stores like "Knit

Happens" sold scarves and hats. The festival was sure to cater to every taste with its wide range of options.

Artists and craftsmen were not the only businesses represented during the festival. Local restaurants like Andrea's and Kartabar served samples from their menus at small carts between vendor kiosks in front of their location. Also, vendors from various farms in the Providence area sold honey, cheeses, fruit, and other fresh products. Church and charity organizations used the event as an opportunity to spread awareness for their causes, with most positioning

themselves in front of a rock-climbing wall placed at the corner of Bowen and Thayer. A children's craft station and a community art project also drew crowds wishing to express their artistic abilities after seeing all of the creations on display. A henna artist and even a hair salon set up booths (for anyone in need of a quick tattoo and a trim).

Amidst the kiosks wandered guitarists, violinists, and bluegrass ensembles playing over the din of the crowd. Eddie Raymond Magic performed tricks for onlookers while Big Nazo (a local entertainment company that combines visual artists and puppeteers with musical performers) provided some of the strangest sights of the festival. Out of a building next to Kartabar emerged people in gigantic alien costumes, who then wandered the street and interacted with visitors.

The Thayer Street Art Festival was the perfect event to showcase what makes the Thayer Street district special. Combining handcrafted artwork, fresh food, and live entertainment, the festival was sure to please a wide range of tastes. Wakefield will be hosting the next art festival this coming weekend on Oct. 4 on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on the event, visit festivalfete.com.



Fall Concert Preview for Providence Area

by Dan Gagnon '15
A&E Staff

MUSIC

The Airborne Toxic Event—Indie Rock—Oct. 5—The Met (\$22)

The Airborne Toxic Event, recognized for its symphonic indie rock sound that features a classically-trained violinist, was founded in Los Angeles in 2006 by guitarist and novelist Mikel Jollett. The group came to prominence with their 2008 single "Sometime Around Midnight," which peaked at #4 on the Billboard Alternative Songs chart, and their success continued with the album *All At Once* (2011), which peaked at #5 on the Billboard Rock Albums chart.

The current tour is for their newest album, *Such Hot Blood* (2013), but the set list from their first show of the tour in Austin, Texas, also includes many songs from their first two albums.

Recommended for: fans of Young The Giant, Grouplove, Silversun Pickups, and Local Natives.

Jimmy Eat World—Alternative Rock—Oct. 18—Lupo's (\$25)

The Arizona-based alternative rock band kicks off their "Futures Tour" to commemorate the vinyl re-issue of the album *Futures* (2004) on Sept. 30. Jimmy Eat World is known for their guitar-heavy sound and the lyrics of lead vocalist and guitarist Jim Adkins.

The band has been playing together since 1993, but did not become widely popular until the release of the album *Bleed American* (2001), which includes hit songs such as "The Middle," "Sweetness," and "A Praise Chorus." The current national tour, although focusing on *Futures*, is sure to include

songs from many of their seven other albums as well.

Recommended for: fans of Yellowcard, The Alkaline Trio, Fall Out Boy, The Dangerous Summer, and Dashboard Confessional.

Ian Anderson: The Best of Jethro Tull—Progressive Rock—Oct. 29—PPAC (\$40)

Ian Anderson, the lead vocalist and flautist for British progressive rock band Jethro Tull, is coming to the PPAC. The show will see Anderson playing Jethro Tull's greatest hits, but will also feature his new album *Homo Erraticus* (2014).

Jethro Tull, named after an obscure English farmer who invented the horse-drawn seed drill in 1701, was formed by Anderson in 1967. The band is best known for the songs "Aqualung" and "Locomotive Breath," and for the album *Thick as a Brick* (1972)

which includes two 22 minute-long tracks. Anderson is known for his wild live performances, and it promises to be an exciting show.

Recommended for: fans of Yes, Procol Harum, Renaissance, and Kansas.

3DM Music Festival—Electronic Dance Music/Dubstep/Trap—Nov. 1—The Dunkin' Donuts Center (\$37)

Some of the biggest names in EDM are coming to The Dunk during Halloween for a festival that describes itself as "the world's first 3D music festival." Concert-goers will be given 3D glasses to take in all the special visual effects while electronic music stars such as Carnage and Datsik perform.

Carnage is the headliner for the show as part of his "Parental Advisory Tour." Datsik, the Canadian DJ, is in the midst of a tour of Australia and New Zealand but is returning for

shows in Providence, Florida, and California. He is probably best known for his album *Let It Burn* (2013) which peaked at #11 on the Billboard Top Electronic Albums chart.

Recommended for: People who like to rave. And yes, Halloween costumes are welcome.

Bob Dylan—Folk/Rock—Nov. 15—PPAC (\$53)

Legendary folk musician Bob Dylan's "Never Ending Tour" returns to Providence. The 73-year-old musician has been touring as part of the "Never Ending Tour" since 1988. His show in Providence will come two weeks after the release of *The Basement Tapes Complete: The Bootleg Series, Vol. 11*, a collection of session recordings from 1967.

Recommended for: fans of Woodie Guthrie, Joan Baez, Neil Young, and The Band.



TED Talks Appearing on College Campuses

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CULTURE

Since its conception in 1984, TED, a nonprofit organization based out of New York and Vancouver, has been creating a buzz worldwide. TED holds their conferences all over the world. Talks at the conferences range from medical advancements to the current state of the environment and climate change. TED has recently made a stop not very far from Providence College.

TED hosts many different types of conferences. They have regular TED Talks, TEDActive conventions for college students, and finally TEDx for young adults. TEDx came to Providence and held their conference in RISD's auditorium on Sept. 20. The speakers included Martin Keen, Dr. Alyson McGregor, Valeria Khislavsky, and Jeffrey Sparr, who all spoke about health care and wellness. Next, the speakers on the topic of civic engagement included Gayle A. Corrigan, Matthew Lannon, Julius Searight, and Nick Horton. Lastly, the final guests of the event were Dennis Littky, Damian Ewens, Don Miller, Adrienne Gagnon, and Justin Davis, who all spoke on the subject of education. All of these fields are pertinent to the development of many industries in our country today. The students there had remarkable things to say about their experience as a whole.

PC student Andrew Konnerth '17 was one of the inspired students in attendance. Konnerth said, "TEDx Providence was centered on human issues that Providence has struggled with. The showcase highlighted how individuals are promoting action and awareness of community issues and how they can bring members of these communities together to find solutions. The ideas shared there were presented by leaders, leaders

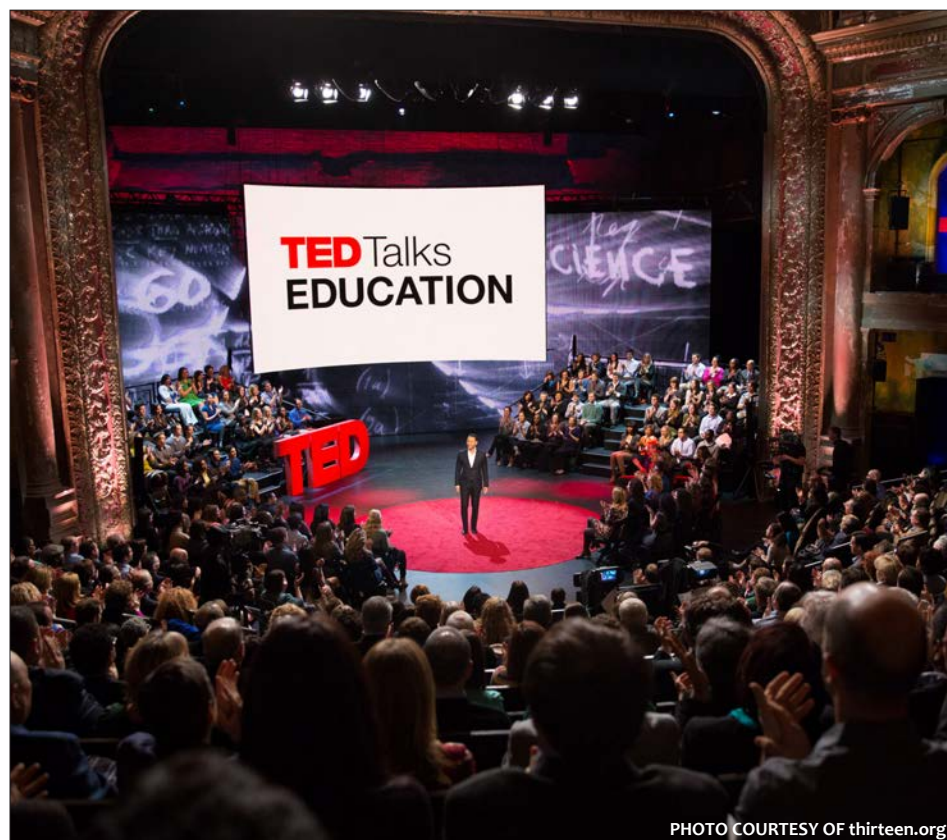
who had a vision of how life could be better by applying their talents into something impactful." With such an evident impact it appears as though PC has nothing to lose, but a lot to gain from hosting an event like this.

Similar events are taking place at universities and colleges nationwide. If PC were to hold an event of this magnitude, it would surely draw attention to the institution, but at the same time it may spark enthusiasm

on campus, effectively causing us all to think about what it is we would like to change in the world. Many of the speakers are from industries that relate directly to the major and minor programs offered on campus. It would be a very special opportunity to hear from people in the top of their fields who have motivational words for those in attendance.

Although it is still an idea, students on campus have been speaking about how they would like to see TED come to PC. Among these students is Savannah Benko '17. Benko reported that she would like to see speakers come to campus to present their views on her field of interest, medicine. Benko said, "We do not really have speakers come to campus to talk about medicine the way TED does. I think that TED has a lot to bring to the table." Students like Benko would like to push our campus to prove to the community that we are, in fact, an institution that prides itself on the insight and abilities of our students.

These conferences are some of the highest trending videos on the Internet. If one were to go to their website, he or she would find that there are a multitude of high-profile speakers. If TEDx were to come to PC, the College would most certainly advance its status as a result of holding such a high-profile event. All of this is possible with proper support and the spread of awareness school-wide.



The Latest in Celebrity News

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POP CULTURE

So swamped in your studies that you have not had any time to catch up with your favorite celebrities? No need to worry. We have all of the hottest gossip in Hollywood covered, and will surely leave you feeling in the know.

On Sept. 22, after being separated for one year, Kris Jenner, 58, and Bruce Jenner, 64, filed for divorce due to "irreconcilable differences." The divorce has gone so smoothly that neither party wishes to involve lawyers. Marrying without a prenup, Kris and Bruce have agreed to split their massive \$60 million fortune without spousal support as well. The parents do, however, ask for joint physical and legal custody of daughter Kylie, who is 17 years old. The day after the divorce was filed, she took to Instagram with a photo message captioned "emptiness we created." Her sister Kendall, 18, followed suit with a picture of her parents from years ago labeled with a red heart. It was reported that she took the separation especially hard, so one can only imagine the effect the divorce will have on her. But like any other Kardashian/Jenner drama, those dolls will surely get through it together as a family!

On Sept. 26, Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton, gave birth to her first child, daughter Charlotte, with husband Marc Mezvinsky in New York City. The



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former President and Secretary of State then gave a statement this past weekend; "Chelsea is well and glowing. Marc is bursting with pride. Charlotte's life is off to a good start." Both Chelsea and daughter Charlotte are happy and healthy as the Clinton and Mezvinsky families enter into a new chapter of their lives, becoming parents and grandparents.

On that very same day, former Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, 26, and Jionni LaValle, also 26, welcomed their second child, daughter Giovanna Marie. Not surprisingly, Snooki took to Twitter

shortly after the birth, stating, "So happy to let you know we had our beautiful daughter this morning Giovanna Marie LaValle. 6.7 lbs, full head of black hair & perfect." This mother of two will be quite busy as she continues to develop her extensive brand, a recently added line of juniors' clothing, and a fourth season of *Snooki & JWoww* scheduled to air on MTV later this year.

On Sept. 27, infamous bachelor George Clooney, 53, finally took to the altar to say "I do" to Amal Alamuddin, 36, in Venice, Italy. The ceremony took place at the Aman

Canal Grande hotel in front of just over 100 guests, including Cindy Crawford and husband Rande Gerber as well as Bill Murray, Matt Damon, Bono, and Anna Wintour. Everyone at the wedding gushed at how happy the couple looked; neither of the newlyweds could stop smiling. Clooney's rep also confirmed that the couple will end their weekend with a civil ceremony to officiate the marriage. Congratulations to the two, and stay tuned until next time to get your fill of celebrity scoop!

ABC's How To Get Away with Murder

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TELEVISION

Viola Davis, star of the new ABC show *How to Get Away with Murder*, should be familiar to Friar fans. In 2012, Davis delivered the Commencement address for Providence College's 94th Commencement Exercises. Born in South Carolina, the award-winning stage and screen actress' connections to the state of Rhode Island do not end, or even begin, with PC—after attending Central Falls High School, Davis studied theatre at Rhode Island College, before going on to study at Julliard.

The show currently focuses on Wes Gibbins, a naively optimistic young law student who arrives unprepared for the first day of class after being accepted off the wait list two days prior. Gibbins is played by Alfred Enoch, best known as Dean Thomas in the *Harry Potter* film series. In *Harry Potter*, Enoch did not have a large amount of screen time to shine, but *How to Get Away with Murder* ensemble cast allows him to do just that. The cast features a vibrant young ensemble—including relative new comers Aja Naomi King, Jack Falahee, Karla Souza, and Matt McGorry—best known as Bennett from *Orange Is the New Black*.

How to Get Away with Murder is a sexy show—with the same potential



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as all crime and legal dramas to quickly get silly. Cocktails and love affairs are the making of daytime soap operas. Nighttime audiences demand something more intellectual of a primetime soap opera and Davis delivers as the stern and mysterious Professor Annalise Keating. The first episode has just the right amount of action and character development to keep the viewer intrigued—and

coming back for more.

While most lawyers will probably be quick to tell you the show is highly dramatized, it is fast-paced and the lack of realism does not take away any of the fun. Based on Executive Producer Shonda Rhimes' resume, which includes *Grey's Anatomy*, *Private Practice*, and *Scandal*, *How to Get Away with Murder* is in good hands. *Murder* promises

to be addictive and entertaining television that gets at the heart of what the viewers want to see. The audience does not want to watch the mundaneness of daily life unfold—they want scandal! (But no worries, you can still watch *Scandal* during its new timeslot on Thursdays at 9 p.m., before *How to Get Away with Murder*).

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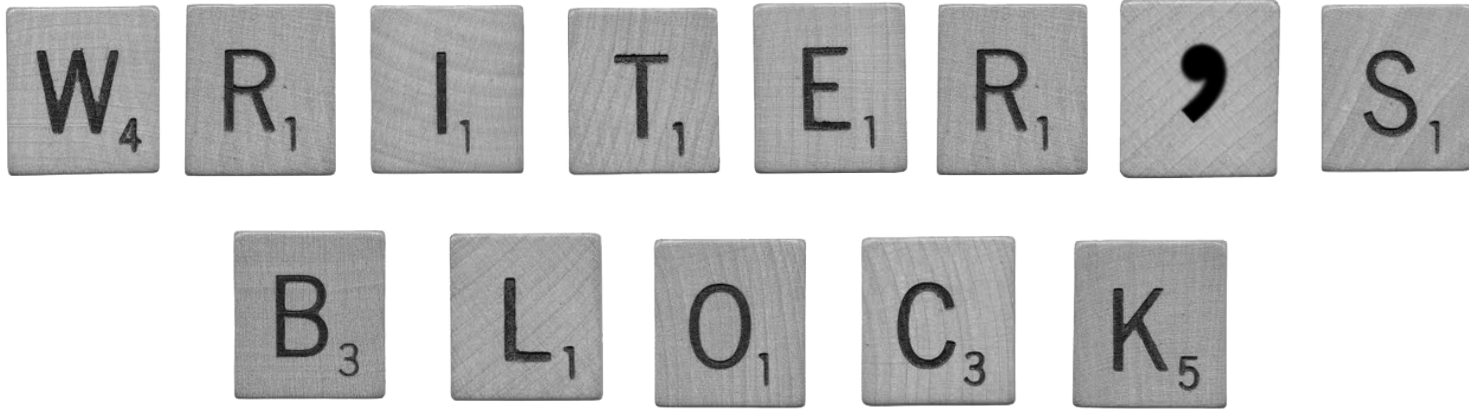
A Meditation in Evening

by Jonathan Coppe '18
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Alight the sky, O fading dawn,
With glowing gold descending!
With brushstrokes on the skyline drawn
Which shall not stay 'till morning!
A glory fills the sky above
To mirror one unending,
But fades without the light of love
To which each heart is bending.

What satisfies the longing soul
Fades not nor leaves one empty.
What satisfies the longing soul
Shines goodness round aplenty.
For too much do our frail hearts grieve
For things that cannot fill them!
As if they ran upon this eve
To chase the setting sun.



by Marisa Gonzalez '18
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FICTION

They gathered around like hungry animals. All eyes were on me, for I had the sacred weapon, the one that would decide our fate. My fellow soldier approached behind them, her braided hair falling limply across her shoulder. With her stealth, the enemy failed to see her. For a second, our eyes connected. Hers were full of determination, while mine were full of fear. A flash of a smile flickered in her sapphire eyes, and I knew what she was thinking. With a quick breath, I lifted the weapon above my head, every enemy eye following its ascent. The trap had been set. With a small smirk I quickly moved the weapon to the left then the right, the enemy eyes still glued to it. As they were

distracted, I moved left, the weapon remaining right. Suddenly the enemy pounced, each trying to grab it. They were too slow. I threw the weapon to the soldier, who caught it with ease. As fast as lighting, she was gone, heading toward our base.

Sweat poured down my face as I gave a sigh of relief at the sight of her running away. My relief was short-lived, however. The enemy general called his army back, and they looked at each other, an evil glint in each eye. I knew what they were planning, and looking at the fear-stricken faces of my comrades, I knew they did too. The soldier who had taken the weapon looked down at it, her eyes watering. She protectively clutched it to her chest. That gave a little reassurance, for now I knew she would rather die before she let the weapon get into the enemy's clutches.

Suddenly, a monstrous roar filled the stale air. It was time, time to

battle the enemy's greatest weapon. My heart started to pound against my chest as I gazed upon the grotesque beast. It smiled, baring all of its teeth. One bite and you were done. Its ebony eyes targeted the sacred weapon clutched against my soldier's chest. A glint appeared in its eyes, and the smile grew wider as drool began to fall. I began to shake but quickly reminded myself that the beast feeds off fear. I would not provide it strength.

Another roar erupted from the beast, and it went for the soldier who had possession of the weapon. Her eyes widened, and she ran quickly. With a swift move to the left, the weapon was passed to another soldier, leaving the beast stunned. Taking advantage of the beast's confusion, the soldier quickly passed a mass of enemy soldiers until getting stopped by the general's daughter. The soldier tried to pass but the general's daughter was too fast. Seeing my fellow soldier's predicament,

I attempted to escape the barrier made up of the enemy in front of me. It wasn't easy but luckily another soldier was able to create a gap and I rushed through it.

The general's daughter was too focused on the weapon to notice me. I made my way behind her and my eye quickly caught the soldier's. With a subtle nod, the soldier went left, then right, then left again. She repeated this pattern four more times before I ran in front of her and the general's daughter. The weapon was passed to me, and before the enemy knew that I had the weapon I brought it to our base and through into the portal. The battle had been won. The basketball game was over.

Two writers, one line:

"They gathered around like hungry animals..."

by Paul Francisco '15
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FICTION

They gathered around like hungry animals. Everyone was rushing to the table to get that final heavenly cheeseburger. Todd was shoving aside anyone who got close to him. Deb was tripping everyone who got close to her. Nobody was getting in his or her way to that last cheeseburger. Todd got to the table first and grabbed that burger, raising it up to the sky.

"VICTORY!!" He yelled at the top of his lungs.

"You just won because you are a D-1 athlete, Todd," Deb said, smacking him in the chest.

"I won because I wanted it more than you did, Deb. Do you want to split it?" Todd asked, ripping the burger in half and handing it Deb. She grabbed the burger and took a bite of it.

"So you are a kind D-1 athlete. That is a surprise, but OH EM GEE this is seriously the best burger I have ever had!" Deb said, smiling at Todd with a little bit of ketchup on her mouth.

"Uh, Deb." Todd said, making a mouth-wiping motion at her.

"I am so sorry. I am a mess," Deb said, starting to blush. She struggled to find a napkin to wipe her mouth with. Todd gave her his napkin, smiling back at her.

"Thanks for that," Deb said, wiping her mouth with the napkin.

"No problem! So what have you been up to in these past 10 years?" Todd asked, taking a sip of his drink.

This wasn't the first time that Deb and Todd have had this playful and flirtatious kind of encounter before. In high school, Deb was not the most popular cheerleader. Todd was the backup quarterback on the football team. They were one of those unofficial couples in high school. They hung out a lot, went on quasi-dates, were always dancing together at parties, and were just doing the other typical things high school aged kids do.

"Oh you know. Not being a washed-up cheer captain like some girls we went to school with," Deb said, giving a dirty look at Tori and Mia.

"Do you hold grudges or something?" Todd said, finishing the rest of his drink.

"No! Of course not! I would never do such a thing."

"That is way too much sarcasm for me. I think I need to leave," Todd said, starting to walk away.

"Don't do this again, Todd," Deb said, looking at him with a stern look and he turned around slowly.

"I don't know why, but for some reason I thought that you would have gotten over that by now."

"Oh, I could never forget the way you treated me that night," Deb said, looking for her drink on the table.

It was after the homecoming game during their senior year of high school. Todd had his moment of glory on the field after playing only the last five minutes of every game that season. He was finally able to play the whole second half when they were up by 35 points. Todd reminded the scouts of a young Tom Brady with the way he was leading this team to double their lead over their opponents.

After the game, he was standing by the locker rooms greeting all the fans as they were going to their cars to leave. Deb was walking by, and Todd reached his hand out to talk to her.

"Oh hey Todd. Great job tonight." Deb said brushing her hair back.

"Thanks Deb! You did a great job too! I heard you leading the crowds in those great chants for me!"

"Oh goodness. I absolutely LOVE whenever I have to ask for crowd involvement."

"Do you love that or something, Deb?"

"It is my absolute favorite thing in the world, Todd! Why do you think I became a cheerleader? It was so I could cheer you on, the love of my life."

"I can't handle this much sarcasm right now. I'm leaving," Todd said, walking toward his car. Deb was still standing by the locker rooms watching Todd walk away. Tears were starting to form in her eyes.

"What is wrong with you, Todd King?" Deb yelled across the parking lot. She started to stomp her way toward him, and Todd just had a look of confusion on his face.

"What?" Todd said, throwing his football bag in the trunk of his car.

"I say that you are the love of my life and you just walk away from me playing it off like it is nothing." Deb yelled at him slapping him in the chest.

"I thought you were kidding. We are just friends Deb. We always have been." Todd said dumbfounded at her.

"You are the worst kind of human. Goodbye, Todd."

Those Noble Hills

by Kate Jorgensen '15
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POETRY

Tell me, do the gulls still call,
Eastward, at the sea?
Do silver birches lean and fall
Yet waiting there for me?

Oh heart, betray not head
To yearn a wistful song,
For home is west and far to tread
And slow the years, and long.

So who can say, when I shall see
These hills, these walls, this green?
But even time's quick memory
Cannot deprive me of the scene:

For remember how the Liffey flowed
Far down, deep down the wending days;
And see the swans, how white they glowed
When light plays in wonder's ways.

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CONTEMPLATION

by Austin Harney '17
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POETRY

Oh dear,
It's happened again.
Dearly departed,
Where have you gone?
Has your guidance become
Mute amongst
An apathetic android
That disguises my emotion?

Every single day
Absent apologies are made
To the impersonal hope I have.
Solemn and dour,
These stripes I wear are more than a
Fashion statement.

I'll continue to refrain
From an optimism
That could mend
A developing Gap;
An expansive door
I abstain from.
An answer too easy,
A solution too sound.

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Turritopsis Dohrnii

by Joseph Ahart '18
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

June 19th, 2059

"We've been looking for hours, I don't see anything."

"It's there, we just need to wait a bit longer."

"All I see is black, nothing else. We've been cramped in this submarine for the past four days, and my patience is running out. I'm starting to question whether I even believe you anymore."

"With all due respect, doctor, if I recall correctly, you were the one who pestered me into showing you this specimen for the past three months. If I were you, I would show a little more gratitude for this 'once in a lifetime opportunity.'"

Beyond the three-inch thick glass seemed to be oblivion itself; 15,000 feet under the Mediterranean Sea, Dr. Cranach had been eagerly awaiting this expedition ever since he had finally found a marine biologist, Dr. Prester, willing to take him on this trip. Now that he was finally here, Dr. Cranach had felt more unease than excitement. The overwhelming blackness of the barren void that lay in front of them gave him a pit in his stomach. That, along with the artificial plastic smell of their cramped chamber, began to nauseate him. And being no more than five feet wide, the sub offered no room to lay down or rest. Dr. Cranach began to shift uneasily in his seat, and found himself repeatedly looking at his watch.

"You seem tense," said Dr. Prester, breaking a long silence, "You claustrophobic?"

"No, no," replied Dr. Cranach, "It's just very uncomfortable in here. Remind me what we're looking for again?" Dr. Cranach knew exactly what they were looking for, but hearing Dr. Prester speak could take his mind off of the circumstances, and his eyes off of the black.

"It's called turritopsis dohrnii," Prester began, "and it belongs to the oceaniidae family..." About midway through his vivid description, the details were cut short when Dr. Prester stopped speaking. A smile crept upon his face. "Speak of the devil, here's our little friend right now."

Dr. Cranach had to shift forward to see it, but when he finally gazed upon it, a wave of excitement and awe came over him. The small, pink colored jellyfish aimlessly floated on by, completely unaware of the impact it would have on the world.

August 31st, 2061

"All I need to know, Dr. Cranach, is if this works or not."

"Several tests have been performed on smaller animals, such as mice and even some reptiles. All resulted in the same conclusion; yes, this works."

Dr. Cranach walked over to the tank to present the jellyfish to his colleague Dr. Strassler. There it was, still aimlessly floating, still completely unaware of its value, its gift, its power. They have had three specimens in the tank for the past three years, named Apollo, Pan, and Demeter. For three years they have been observed, and for three years not one has been close to

death. It is not in their nature.

"How exactly does it work?" asked Dr. Strassler, "You're the one who's been studying them day and night for years."

"Well," began Cranach, "the turritopsis dohrnii is completely unique to the animal kingdom. While all living creatures have their cells destroyed and corrupted over time, causing aging to occur, this little guy here," he pointed to the tank, "goes through a process called transdifferentiation. Instead of giving into the tyranny of time, this organism can actually revert to a polyp stage, starting its life cycle all over again. This is, of course, if there are no outside elements to put an end to its life."

"So," stated Strassler, "what you mean to tell me is that this jellyfish here...it can't die?"

"As I've stated before," replied Cranach, "Unless an outside element such as a predator says otherwise, then no. It cannot die."

Strassler gazed at the large tank in silence, and then shifted his gaze downward, going deep into thought. After some silence, Strassler spoke again, "Show me what you've done with this... opportunity."

Cranach smiled and walked across the lab and out the sliding doors. When he returned, he held in his hand an enclosed cylinder, no bigger than a coffee thermos. The smile never left his face, and his careful and slow pace indicated that something extremely valuable was inside. When he reached a table, he carefully set down the cylinder onto the cold, chrome surface. Strassler walked over to the table,

observing from behind Cranach's shoulder.

"You don't have to be so cautious," joked Cranach, "There's no deadly zombie virus in this tube."

"I can see from here just fine, thanks."

The smile slowly faded from Dr. Cranach's face, and he returned his focus onto the sleek container. He began to slowly twist the top half of the cylinder off, keeping his other hand hovering on the side to catch whatever may fall out. When the top was finally unscrewed, another smile found its way to Dr. Cranach's face. Inside lay small vials, each with a dull yellow liquid. Carefully, Cranach pinched one out, and held it before him.

"The extracted DNA of the jellyfish," Cranach stated, "we call it Ichor."

"Ichor," Strassler repeated, "as in the mythical blood of the gods?"

"That is correct!" exclaimed Cranach. "With this, death itself will now bow to human discovery. We can cheat death. This is no longer science fiction, my friend. This right here," he said as he lightly shook the vial, "is what lies in the Fountain of Youth."

Strassler stared at the vial, feeling a swirling mixture of both amazement and fear deep inside of him. A question that had plagued humanity since Gilgamesh himself has now been answered; death can be beaten. But what could come of this? Many say that being mortal is what makes us human. This vial, such a little thing, changes everything.

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Joey Aiello, otherwise known by his Instagram name, "SelfEQweenXO," was born in a cave located in the Black Forest of Germany. Don't let his appearance fool you; during the day Joey may seem like your casual PC Caucasian, but during the night he morphs into a ravenous bear.

This selfie addict can be found taking dumps in the woods, catching dinner at the koi pond, grooming himself, and dumpster diving.

For those of you with a keen eye, you may remember Joe from the Charmin' Soft commercials. Joey has always had a soft spot for good toilet paper, literally.

His love for the camera inspired him to go to college for screenwriting. After being put on the waiting list at NYU, Joey was given the Bear Diversity Scholarship here at Providence College.

We would love to tell you more, but Joey has threatened eating us if we disclose any information further.

Tiffany & Earl

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

This week...

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

What's up with the tent on Slavin
Lawn... again?

Sincerely,
Out of the Loop Lorenzo

Dear Out of the Loser,

The metal monstrosity being built by minions on Slavin Lawn is actually a UFO landing strip being constructed by the administration to beam up all of those rowdy transport victims. Don't get transported. And if you do, make sure your hair looks good whilst doing so.

XOXO

Dear Squid,

In case you didn't get the memo, last's week's tent was for Senior Ring Weekend. I was lucky enough to have the beautiful Desperate Delilah as my date. Wonderful girl... haven't talked to her since.

But to answer your question for this week's event, a large and oddly shaped tent on Slavin Lawn can mean one thing and one thing only: total college rager. I'm talking at least 20 kegs of Natty, several handles of Burnett's, and, my personal favorite, a damn barrel of moon shine. Sources tell me that there will be stages with musical performances and to host fundraising activities. On the main stage you'll see performances by Friartown favorites Eyes to the Skies, Third Eye Blind, and, of course, the one and only Avicii. On the the secondary stage, there will be some classic fundraising activities including keg stands for change.

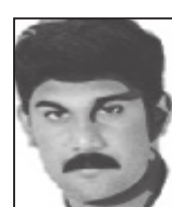
All current students and (in order to bring in the steady flow of donations) alumni are welcome to the party. And remember, bring your Eaton Street "A" game!

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Men's Rugby Turns in Dominating Performance

by Matt Dekoeyer '16
Sports Staff

MEN'S RUGBY

This past Saturday the Men's Rugby team had a decisive 73-0 victory over Merrimack College, to improve to 2-1 on the season. Playing on Glay Field for the first time, Brian Murphy '15 scored on the first possession of the game. This trend continued for the rest of the game as the Black Pack consistently scored throughout the match. Murphy added another try to the board, scoring two total on the day, as well as three conversion kicks. Taylor Motta '15 also scored on an impressive run.

Other key players for the game were Pat McGrath '16, Mark Olsen '16, Ryan Sullivan '16, and Pat Sheldon '16, each adding a try to the board respectively. The Black Pack also saw many players step up and score throughout the duration of the match including Yucca Reinecke '18, Chris Lovecchio '18, Dan Tracy '17, Dimerson Nunez '17, and Jake

Sharkey '17.

So far this season the Black Pack have been very impressive on the pitch, winning two matches in a row after losing the first game to UMass Lowell. They hope this trend to continue on Friday, October 3, at Stonehill College at 7 p.m. Behind Head Coach Mike Cox, the Black Pack have found their niche of consistent offense and hard hitting defense. Captain Brendan Dolan '14GS is very excited and up for the challenge against Stonehill: "It's a huge game for us, we're playing under the lights in a hostile environment. We're coming off two big wins and our confidence is definitely back after the loss to UMass Lowell. I think the team is really jacked up to come out hard hitting this Friday night and get another win".



The team pictured at the end of last season.

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Which Power Five School Will Be Left Out of the NCAAF Playoff?

ACC Big Ten

In college football fans must expect bedlam, upsets, and teams to fall out of the championship equation with a swiftness unlike any other sport. There are very few second chances in college football and it is the ACC that began the year with only one. Florida State, the only hope of the ACC, has looked far from perfect in the past couple weeks and with only one ranked team left on their schedule, they need to be perfect. Florida State, who made the national championship last year on the way they rolled through their conference schedule, have been unable to do the same this year.

Their last two wins have been remarkably unimpressive. Yes, one of them was without Jameis Winston, but lost in the talk of all of Winston's idiocy was the fact that Clemson was also playing their backup quarterback. And speaking of Winston, it should be noted that Florida State is relying on a quarterback that has already been suspended twice. Florida State has looked far from a title contender, and the polls are beginning to take notice. The Coaches Poll has already dropped Florida State one spot and in the AP, Oregon inches ever closer.

If Florida State loses, a prospect that looks more likely by the week, the ACC is done. This is not a problem the other conferences face. The Big 12 has Oklahoma and Baylor ranked inside the top 10 already, Kansas State and Oklahoma State who could conceivably overcome their non-conference losses, and a TCU team with a chance to make an emphatic statement in the next two weeks. The Big Ten looks much the same. Nebraska is the only undefeated left but Michigan State, Ohio State, and Wisconsin all have losses they could easily overcome.

-Veronica Lippert '15



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Countless questions have been raised by the start of this college football season. Is there a real best team in the country? Who is the front-runner for this year's Heisman? Which conference is the best in the country? Despite all of these questions, one thing remains very certain. The College Football Playoff Committee will select the four best teams in the country at the end of this season, and one of the power five conferences will be left out.

Even with the shaky play in the first few games, I think that Florida State is still adjusting to the loss of several defensive starters, as well as center Bryan Stork and receiver Kelvin Benjamin. They will find their groove, and have games against Notre Dame, Louisville, Miami, and Florida to prove their worth. They will lock up a spot in the playoff for the ACC.

The SEC West has been extremely impressive to start the season. Texas A&M, Alabama, Mississippi State, Auburn, and Ole Miss are all undefeated through the opening five weeks. It is inevitable that one of these teams will win out and lock up a bid to the playoff.

Oklahoma and Baylor both look very tough out of the Big 12, and many people think that Oklahoma is the best team in the country in the moment. I think that the winner of their Nov. 8 game will merit a selection to the playoff.

The Pac-12 still has Oregon and UCLA sitting among the undefeateds. I believe that one of these teams is much more likely to win out than Nebraska, the Big Ten's lone undefeated team. Also, even if Oregon were to lose, they won an early season game against Michigan State very convincingly. Michigan State is the best team in the Big Ten, and they will end up being the team that is snubbed at the end of the season, whether they win out or not.

-DJ Anderson '16

Men's Hockey Picked as Pre-Season Hockey East Favorite

by Joey Ciccarello '16
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MEN'S HOCKEY

With hockey season just around the corner, the Providence College Men's Hockey Team has no shortage of pre-season accolades to their name. After reaching the NCAA Elite Eight last season, the Friars have gained the attention of both the local and the national media and coaches. Last week, the Friars were picked first in the Hockey East pre-season poll. Providence compiled seven of 12 first-place votes, beating second-place Boston College by four first-place votes. Notre Dame, Northeastern, and New Hampshire rounded out the pre-season top five, while Massachusetts and Connecticut were picked to finish at the bottom of the conference. This year marks the first time since 2001 that the Friars were picked to finish first in the Hockey East preseason poll.

In the USCHO Division I pre-season poll, the Friars were picked third in the country, behind only top-ranked Minnesota and second-ranked North Dakota. Minnesota received 36 of 50

first-place votes, while North Dakota and Providence finished with two first-place votes. Defending national champion Union, ranked fifth in the poll, received nine first-place votes, and sixth-ranked Colgate received the final first-place vote.

The hype surrounding Providence is well-deserved, as the Friars return almost every major contributor from last season's NCAA Tournament team. The Friars return their top five point scorers: Ross Mauermann '15, Nick Saracino '16, Mark Jankowski '16, Noel Acciari '16, and Shane Luke '15. While the team will miss Steven Shamanski and Kevin Hart '14, returnees John Gilmour '16, Anthony Florentino '17, and Tom Parisi '16 will anchor the defense in front of goalie Jon Gillies '16. The Friars will also welcome back Niko Rufo '17, whose strong freshman year was derailed by a torn ACL after eight games.

While the returning players from last year are good enough to make the Friars contenders, the six freshmen that Leaman recruited will help take the team to a new level. The newcomers are headlined by NHL draft picks Brian Pinho and Jake



Ross Mauermann '15 handles the puck during last year's Frozen Fenway.

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Walman. Walman, a defender, was drafted in the third round by the St. Louis Blues in this year's draft, while Pinho, a forward, was drafted by the Washington Capitals in the sixth round in last season's draft.

With so much promise, the Friars must now put all of their talent

together when the games begin. The team has been on a steady incline ever since Leaman took over in 2011, and should continue that trend in the 2014 season. Providence opens on Oct. 10 at Ohio State, and their home opener comes on Halloween night against Boston University.

Soccer Kicks Into Conference Play

by Jeff Williams '17
Sports Staff

SOCCER

This past week, both the Men's and Women's Soccer Teams kicked off their conference schedules. With both teams playing very well, Providence fans should be looking forward to big seasons for both squads.

Sporting a sparkling 5-2 record, the Friar men have had an excellent start, with only a loss at Quinnipiac and a heartbreaker versus Clemson blemishing their resume. The conference opener was set to be a huge clash—a rematch of last year's Big East final in which the Marquette Golden Eagles edged the Providence Friars 3-2 in a nail-biting affair. This year Marquette is also 5-2, but is ranked the 13th best team in the country.

However, the game was postponed on Sept. 26 after a fire at a Chicago air traffic control facility canceled thousands of flights across the nation, including the one to take the Friars to Milwaukee.

No makeup game had been scheduled as of Sept. 29, and the Friar men will now play at UConn on Wednesday, October 1, before finally playing their Big East opener at the Ray Treacy Track on Saturday, October 4, against the Xavier Musketeers. Despite not getting to seek revenge against their old rivals, men's soccer looks poised to once again make a deep run in the Big East and get to the NCAA Tournament.



Thomas Ballenthin '15 crosses into the box during the Bryant game.

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After a slow start, with just one victory, three losses, and two ties in the first six games, the Friar women have picked up the pace and switched into high gear, easily outclassing Brown, Marist, and Fordham for three straight victories.

The Friar women had their league opener against the Seton Hall Pirates at the Ray Treacy Track on Thursday, September 25. In Sam Lopes' first ever Big East game as a head coach, his team came out firing on all cylinders. In the second minute, Catherine Zimmerman '16 scored her fifth goal of season, off a crisp cross from Lauren Elia '16. Just two minutes later, Zimmerman deftly

passed it to Courtney Maguire '16, who netted her first goal of the season (Zimmerman's fourth assist). Providence was able to control the tempo for the rest of the game and outshot Seton Hall 13-11. Kristyn Shea '17 came up with some big time saves to record the shutout, a 2-0 victory for the Friars in the Big East opener.

The Friar women traveled to Chicago on Sunday, September 28, to face the DePaul Blue Demons, a team not only nationally ranked but undefeated—certainly a difficult task. This time, the tables were turned, and it was Providence's turn to be victimized by a hot start. DePaul scored on a header in the second minute, and netted again

10 minutes later to lead 2-0 early. Lia Bellizzi '15 capitalized on a deflection to score her first goal and bring her team back within striking distance.

The Friars could get no closer, and lost 2-1. Since this game was no doubt a stiff test, the team did extremely well to limit a nationally ranked, undefeated rival to a one goal win in enemy territory. For her performance in the first week of league play, Zimmerman was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll. The Friar women have won four of their last five games and now stand at 5-4-2. They have proven that they can hold their own and are definitely a team on the rise.

Athlete of the Week: Shane Quinn

by Nate Svogun '16
Sports Staff

CROSS COUNTRY

Shane Quinn '15, of Waterford, Ireland, is the captain of the PC Men's Cross Country Team. He has performed well individually so far this year, leading PC to victory at the Stony Brook Invitational in September (in which he placed first). Quinn was also named Big East Athlete of the Week this past week after his victory at the Stony Brook Invitational. This marks the second time that Quinn has won Big East Athlete of the Week. In 2013, he finished 42nd overall at the NCAA Men's Cross Country championship—first overall on the team—leading the team to a 16th place finish. He also submitted impressive results in the 2013 Big East Championship, finishing 12th overall. Quinn has also competed internationally for Ireland at the 2009 European Youth Olympic Festival and the 2010 European Cross Country Championship. Quinn races next at the New England Championships in Franklin Park, Boston, Massachusetts, on Oct. 11.

Nate: After an impressive 2013 season, what are your expectations for the team as a whole for the current season?

Shane: Last season we finished a solid 16th at NCAAs, and for this coming season, we hope to make nationals again and do even better. We certainly want an improvement from last year, but being a top 10 team should be our goal.



Quinn '15 (left) competes in a race earlier this season

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N: This year, you are one of the captains of the team; what does it take to fulfill that role?

S: With cross country it's a bit different than other sports. The captain hasn't much influence over how people perform on the day of a race, so really it's about making sure people are coming to practice every day with the right mindset, but also keeping everybody relaxed and worry free.

N: What do you think has been your best personal performance of the year so far, and why?

S: 2013 has been a bit of a disruptive year for me due to some injuries, so I would say that two weeks ago at the Stony Brook invite was my favorite race, as I felt like I was coming back to some good form. The team running as well as it did

was very exciting also.

N: What are some personal goals that you have set for yourself this season?

S: Right now it's just to make sure that I'm doing my best as a low scorer for the team. Individual goals can be decided later on in the season.

N: There seems to be a lot of promising underclassmen on the team. Who has stood out to you in particular as a key for the future of the team?

S: Our whole sophomore class is very consistent and is improving every week. Our freshman class is probably the best we have had in a long time. Aaron Hanlon and Tom O'Neill are two out of the underclassmen that I would choose. They have been very impressive in their short stint as Friars so far.

N: What other sport would you like

to compete in if you had not chosen to run?

S: Probably soccer, I've always followed it.

N: Do you have a favorite band or artist to listen to while you are running?

S: Nothing in particular, maybe the Chili Peppers or U2.

N: You are originally from Ireland, are there any American customs or styles that we take for granted here that you still find to be weird or funny?

S: The one thing off the top of my head is the 'sneaning.' That's a combination of sneakers and jeans!

N: What's your favorite meal at Ray?

S: Breakfast.

N: What's the scariest movie you have ever seen?

S: *The Strangers*.

N: What's your favorite course that you have taken at PC?

S: I'm taking Freud & His Critics as a psych elective, that's my favorite so far.

N: Do you have a favorite professional sports team?

S: Arsenal FC.



SPORTS

Field Hockey Turns their Season Around Senior Class Leads Team to Consecutive Victories



The team pictured before their opening weekend.

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by Mike Humphreys '16
Sports Staff

FIELD HOCKEY

After their most recent 4-2 win against Miami (OH), on Sept. 28, the Providence College Women's Field Hockey Team continues to show that they are on the rise. Within the past four years, the team has had a dramatic shift in momentum, rebounding from a 4-14 record in the 2011 season. Both the 2012 and 2013 seasons were remarkably better with 9-9 and 8-10 finishes. Now, just over halfway through the 2014 season, the team stands with a strong 7-3 stance, with nine regular season games left before the Big East tournament.

This year's team consists of seven seniors and four juniors who have been playing since their freshman year. Daniella Bernasconi '15 and Steph Guglielmo '15, two of the team's leading scorers this year, explained how the team has grown over the past three years to produce this year's strong on-field chemistry.

Bernasconi and Guglielmo have started alongside their fellow seniors Mimi Beck, Deidra Clymer, Kaleigh FitzPatrick, Henni Tietze, and Callie Vitalo since the 2011 season. With three seasons already under their belts, Guglielmo said that she and Bernasconi "have been playing forward together for four years and the chemistry is really apparent."

Under the leadership of Head Coach Diane Madl, as well as Assistant Coach Lisa Wasser, everyone has worked hard both on and off the field to mold their team into a cohesive unit. Both Bernasconi and Guglielmo described how their team motto, "no one works harder," is at the root of the team's mentality.

Coach Madl put this motto to the test at the beginning of the 2012 pre-season when she organized a Marine-based team-building

program. The program consisted of two days of mental and physical obstacles. Guglielmo said, "This is when I realized what it took to be a Division I athlete." Bernasconi agreed that this program had a major role in kick-starting the 2012 season, which turned the program around.

She said she learned how "leadership comes in all different forms and has nothing to do with age. I tend to lead with my work ethic, while others lead by their vocal skills, and some lead by their work off the field." From the 9-9 record it is apparent that Coach Madl's tactics are working.

Bernasconi acknowledges Coach Madl's efforts when she says, "Diane forms us into who we are for the real world. Not only does she make sure we push ourselves on the field each week but she makes sure we are responsible and respectful in everything we do." Coach Madl is currently in her 13th year of coaching. With regards to such lengthy relationships Bernasconi stressed, "Since freshman year, I feel like I'm more comfortable around the team and that allows me to be myself and try new things. I love how they make me better every year." Guglielmo confirmed, "We are always together, which has made us a tight knit of girls on and off the field."

When asked what the main element that made this year's team bond so strong was, Bernasconi replied, "We have had some tough losses which have pushed us to work towards toughening our mentality late in the game." In last year's season, there were four games versus Boston University, Old Dominion, Louisville, and Miami (OH), in which the team suffered difficult losses to overtime goals. With three practices, a screening of their competition, and a game a week, the team has worked on keeping a strong drive later in the game. With only one game decided

in overtime this season against Lock Haven, which resulted in a win for the Friars, their efforts are getting positive results.

This year the Big East tournament will be held at Providence College on Nov. 7 and 9. Guglielmo said, "This year we have a really strong

core, depth on the bench, as well as the same goal and mindset to win Big East." As the girls enter the second half of their season, Bernasconi proposed, "I have never felt more confident than this year with this team...I want to go out on top as a senior on my home field."



Eleana Cardarelli '18 during practice.

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