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Huxley Way



Chapel Way



Huxley Pedestrian Gate

Transforming Campus

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Providence College released a flyover video of its Campus Transformation Project on March 25, 2015. This \$110 million endeavor will take place over the next five years. It aims to “integrate Upper and Lower Campus while enhancing function and beauty,” and thus simultaneously “honoring Providence College’s heritage and symbolizing its progress at the beginning of its second century.”

The critical feature of this project is the College’s recent acquisition of Huxley Avenue. John Sweeney, the senior vice president for finance and business/CFO, remarked how this purchase provides PC with a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to completely redesign the campus.

S/L/A/M Collaborative (SLAM), an architectural firm responsible for designing the Ruane Center for the Humanities, will be planning the campus-wide transformation. The firm has spoken to and collaborated with hundreds of students, faculty, and staff, in addition to residents of the Providence community, about the project.

SLAM and the College have gauged that people want more parking, more green space, and a better and safer way to get on campus from Eaton Street. Many people also expressed an interest in reducing interaction between pedestrians and cars; the highlighted problem areas were Huxley Avenue, Chapel Drive, and the road leading to Suites and apartments.

After taking all this into consideration, the plan was presented to and unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees. Now, the College is focused on making individual plans for buildings and other areas around campus.

In terms of buildings, Dore Hall is projected to become the new business school, and Albertus Magnus Hall will be renovated to create more collaborative spaces for the sciences. These two buildings are essential as business accounts for a quarter of the College’s majors, while biology is its single largest major. A Friar Development Center will also be added to the Slavin Center, meaning that ’64 Hall will be redone, Slavin’s outdoor walkway will be enclosed, and the Career Center will be expanded.

In addition to the academic buildings, the College intends to renovate all of the residence halls. It is halfway through this project, and it wants to commit itself to refreshing the living spaces every eight or nine years.

In terms of areas around campus, parking and vehicular traffic will be moved to the perimeters. The Davis-Dore parking

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My Game, My Rules

Director of Boston Marathon Motivates Students

by Marla Gagne '18
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LECTURE

This year, David McGillivray ran 60 miles. This may seem typical of a race director and someone who has spent their life running. But McGillivray also turned 60. Following his tradition that started at the age of 12, McGillivray coordinates how many miles he runs with his age. This accomplishment is just one of the many things McGillivray, the director of the Boston Marathon, has accomplished over his lifetime. On March 19, McGillivray visited Providence College to talk about his difficult start, his defining moments, and bringing inspiration and happiness to others.

When first meeting McGillivray, you see his love for running, life, and helping other people accomplish their own goals. You will be amazed after hearing everything he has accomplished for himself and for others, while still being humble. But McGillivray's life was not always like this. Like many students reading this, McGillivray spent his time growing up thinking about what he wanted to be or do with his life. His heart was set on being an athlete, a difficult dream for a "vertically challenged" boy. Standing at 5'4", McGillivray was always picked last or cut from sports teams. These events that seemed trivial caused McGillivray emotional pain and the stinging feeling of rejection.

Even though growing up was a tough time, McGillivray says he handled his rejection early on and it forced him to prove to himself that he was good enough. With his motto of "My Game, My Rules," McGillivray found success in running—this sport

did not require you to be tall. At the age of 17, he had his first encounter with the Boston Marathon. He did not make it through the 26-mile race and ended up falling on the hills and sent to the hospital. McGillivray learned an important lesson saying, "I had no business being in that event." He did not train and work hard to get there and therefore did not deserve a victory. The next year, despite falling again and being sick, he completed the race. McGillivray has continued this tradition every year since, even being the last person to start and finish the race while acting as race director.

The kid who was last choice and last pick was now making his own success and looking for his next mission. After seeing an advertisement for the Jimmy Fund, McGillivray decided in 1978 that he would run across the country for this charity and the kids with cancer. McGillivray felt his battle across the country would be nothing compared to the fight of the sick, dying children and that he had an "obligation to help the less fortunate." Starting on the West Coast, McGillivray ran 3,400 miles in 80 days. Referring to himself as the original Forrest Gump, he faced being chased by cattle, encountered snakes, shared the road with vehicles, ran through storms of locusts, and ran through hilly Pennsylvania. To run across the country seems like a daunting mission, but McGillivray insists that with all our dreams and goals, we "don't need to do it all in one day." He had 80 days and 80 goals, taking his mission one day at a time. With his support from back home and his charity, he completed his mission and was welcomed by a crowd of 35,000 people in Fenway Park. The underdog from Massachusetts was "finally given a chance" and would

go on to run across the country three more times.

The greatest part of McGillivray's accomplishment was not what he had done, but what he was going to do. He said, "My greatest accomplishment is always my next one." McGillivray was proud of what he did, but would not stop. He would go on to compete in the Ironman Challenge eight times in the 1980s and this year at the age of 60. He ran up the East Coast, continued to raise money for the Jimmy Fund, and even raced at Walpole Prison with the running club. Last year, he raised \$38 million for the Carroll Center for the Blind in the Boston Marathon.

McGillivray does not consider

his job work. He loves being a race director, something he used to be embarrassed to say, and says he gives people an opportunity to be great. After experiencing both rejection and success, McGillivray says the "worst injustice is to underestimate yourself." Whether it is running, school, or anything you have a passion for, giving up on yourself hurts you and is an injustice to those who cannot do what you can. So he encourages everyone to take a chance, be thankful for each day, be proud of yourself, and make life your own game.



David McGillivray, Boston Marathon Director, speaks to PC students.

100 Reasons to Stay

Office of Residence Life Releases video as a Preview to Mental Health Awareness Week

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CAMPUS

Providence College's Office of Residence Life loves you. In light of the upcoming Mental Health Awareness Week, Residence Life released a video through Providence College's YouTube channel called "100 Reasons to Stay." The video aims to speak out to those contemplating harming themselves and provides reasons not to.

The four minute and 11 second clip begins with a daunting statistic: "1 out of 10 students contemplates suicide." The video then flips the logic and calls the remaining nine individuals to action. This humanitarian rally is then taken in full stride as the short film features 100 Providence College students and faculty who individually provide a reason to stay.

The justifications ranged from the universal "Someone Loves You," to the eccentric "Frolic in a field of happy cows!" The students and faculty were instructed to write down one reason as to why someone should "stay" on



RA John Galvin participates in Mental Health Awareness video "100 Reason to Stay."

a vibrantly colored sheet of paper and then hold it up to the camera in front of an authentic smile.

Residence Life believed it was appropriate for them to address this issue because the primary role of an RA or Hall Director is to ensure the safety of everyone and to make sure everyone feels comfortable, valued, and appreciated.

John Galvin '16, a Resident Assistant in Davis Hall, was reason number 11

in "100 Reasons to Stay": "Sharing laughs with friends and family." "I believe that it is extremely important that people realize the importance of mental health," said Galvin. "This video is to highlight that."

Galvin explained that he felt compelled to contribute with "the hopes that maybe someone who is contemplating causing themselves harm would be inspired to speak up and get help."

He elaborated that the 100 messages shared in the video were inspired by the idea of relating to someone suffering from mental troubles. Consequently, this one point of connection could influence someone to seek help, knowing that empathy for them exists in the world.

"Mental illness is different than any other illness and is an issue that can be aided by the community," Galvin Said. The "100 Reasons to Stay" video is just one of the few platforms for creating a public conversation about the awareness of mental health.

Next week, April 13 to April 18, is PC's first Mental Health Awareness Week, which is a week to educate the community on mental illness and its effect on college students. The week is jointly sponsored by the Office of Residence Life and the Personal Counseling Center.

There will be a number of events held next week, including a guest speaker, a vigil, a coffeehouse, a fair, and a community walk.

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area will be converted into green space, and new tennis, soccer/lacrosse, and softball fields will be constructed. The new parking areas will not only match, but exceed, the current number of parking spaces. Accommodations have been made that reduce vehicular traffic while still allowing easy access for move-in/move-out day.

After watching the Campus Transformation video, Nicole Herendeen '17 said, "I love how Huxley is going to connect Upper and Lower Campus and how there will be more things to do on the quad. I feel like students will become better connected to the campus community!"

PC has been successful in fundraising for this project. A third of the funds was raised privately thanks to the generosity of trustees, former trustees, and alumni. Another third of the money will be taken from bonds that will be paid over the next 30 years. The final third is funded by the College's internal sources, as it puts aside \$50 million annually for depreciation expenses. No portion of the project is being funded by student tuition.

Sweeney reaffirmed the College's commitment to excellence. He stated that PC "builds quality spaces and

builds what we need." Its success is exemplified by the numerous awards won for the Ruane Center for the Humanities, the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex, and the renovation of Schneider Arena. Ruane, in particular, is Sweeney's ideal of what a PC building should be: multi-functional, inspirational, and reflective of what the students want.

Sweeney revealed that the hardest part of the project was "getting people to dream, and to believe that this really could happen." It is one thing to account for what people need, but another thing entirely to go beyond

this need and to build something they did not even know they needed.

He talked about how, over the course of four years, people build a strong connection with and gravitate towards certain spots on campus. Students might go to Ruane to study, McPhail's to hang out with friends, or the quad to make a phone call home. Sweeney envisions creating more of these kinds of places, and through these places, memories.

Overall, Sweeney, along with the rest of the College, is committed to a transformation that "matches the quality of the people on our campus."



Congress Updates

by Marla Gagne '18
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Over the last few weeks, Student Congress has been examining mental health resources on campus and preparing for next week's Mental Health Awareness Week. In a discussion with Dr. Jim Campbell, director of personal counseling, Congress went over the availability and variety of resources for students. Campbell reported that about 606 students have visited the counseling center, 16 percent of the undergraduate class. Students usually visit for "anxiety, depression, or relationship concerns." Next week there will be many events regarding mental health, including a workshop for helping close family members that have mental illnesses.

Congress also discussed Golf Party with Kristine Goodwin, vice president of student affairs. There are concerns from administration about student injuries, the reputation of the College, sexual assaults, and alcohol poisoning. Administration does not want students from other colleges coming to PC for Golf Party. Students are concerned with houses getting in trouble for breaking rules, students getting all the blame, and police brutality. A meeting has been arranged for Student Affairs to talk to police about the event. Goodwin says this is to "set expectations," including not crowding streets and causing a major disturbance. There will also be the school sponsored Golf Par-Tee on lower quad, which will have free food and drinks for all 21 and older.

Anti-Hot Cup Campaign: A Truly Hot Topic

by Sarah Gianni '18
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ON CAMPUS

As Providence College students begin to revel in the greenness of spring, they have also embraced the idea of making campus more environmentally green. Andrew Konnerth '17 has spearheaded the Hot Cup Campaign, a movement to stop Dunkin' Donuts from providing hot cups to students who wish to double up when they order cold beverages. The idea for the campaign stemmed from contacting the Office of Environmental Studies and SEAC about working on a community organizing project focused on Providence College's green issues. "Originally, my focus was going to be on the inefficient structure of the recycle system, but after talking about the problems around Styrofoam with my constituency, I decided I would lend my support and skills into the Hot Cup Campaign," said Konnerth. "All my life I have been considerate of how our actions in waste and pollution affect the Earth, and have made it a personal mission of mine to be a good steward

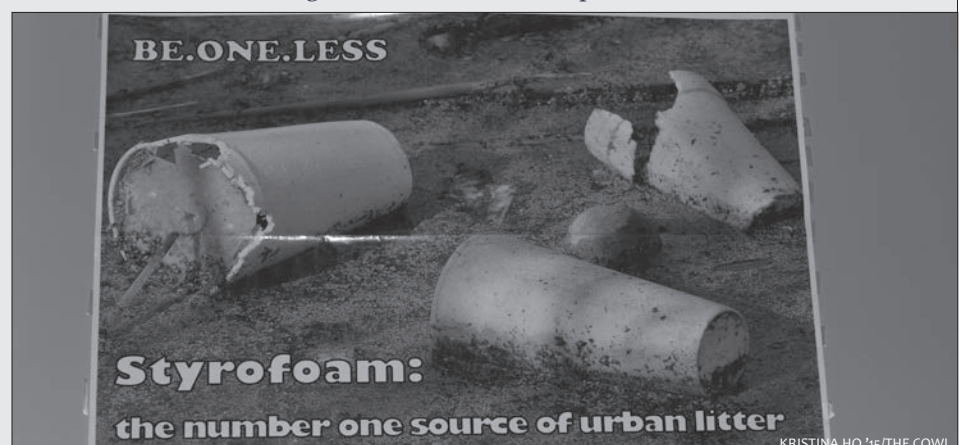
in society," he said. So far, Konnerth and fellow supporters on campus have been able to raise awareness for their cause through promotion on social media, conversation, and poster advertising in Slavin. "We have been able to hand out 250 koozies to students for Dunkin' beverages," said Konnerth. "In addition, we have been advertising the horrible effects of Styrofoam in a move to educate why using a koozie instead of a hot cup is not only more attractive, but better for the environment," he said. Overall, Konnerth attested that the student response to the Hot Cup Campaign has been positive. "Students have voiced their concern with the Dunkin' Hot Cups, prompting the Office of Environmental Health, SEAC, and myself to make an order for another thousand more koozies," said Konnerth. The Hot Cup Campaign is still in its first stage, so there is plenty of time for students to still get involved in the cause. "If anyone would like to help out, please contact myself at akonnert@friars.providence.edu," said Konnerth. Together, the Providence College community can help to make campus a greener place one cup at a time.



Updates:

Semester Delivery Total: 927 lbs.

Week Delivery Total: 213 lbs.



PC Thinks Outside the Bottle

College Celebrates World Water Week

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CAMPUS

Water is nothing short of miraculous—it makes up 60 percent of the human body and 90 percent of blood, and without it, the human body can only survive about a week. This entity is important not only to homeostasis, but also is critical to the world's ecosystems. World Water Day occurred on March 22, 2015 and kicked off an entire week of water awareness. World Water Week was created by the United Nations in order to raise awareness of the growing concerns around water, which is arguably earth's most precious resource and ought to be protected.

The United Nations has created a platform in order to discuss issues of water. It has three major components: water as a natural resource, water in terms of health, and energy initiatives involving water, among other ideas.

Water is a precious resource. Drinking resources and fresh water are dependent on a healthy ecosystem and a functioning water cycle. However, these issues are often ignored in light of economics. The United Nations seeks to change policy-making, keeping water a priority in these decisions. After all, human life is after all dependent on water.

It is essential to the health of the world population. Water is not only an essential component to the human body, but also an important ingredient for the health of the population. Hand washing can kill germs and prevent disease; appropriate hand washing tactics can prevent the spread of even some of the most dangerous diseases. Clean water is a necessity for the prevention of global health disasters. A rather large chunk of the



Students participate in celebrating World Water Week.

population is still without healthy drinking water. While numbers have improved over the past ten years, 748 million people are still without access to clean drinking water due to a lack of facilities. This is an issue that the UN projected will cost upwards of \$1 billion.

Water is naturally linked to energy. It can both be an energy resource and a part of the creation of energy. Only 16 percent of the world's energy is created through hydroelectricity, this number is, however, expected to increase in coming years. Water is also used as part of the generation process; coal-burning plants require massive amounts of water to cool them down. This is also becoming more fine-tuned and less water is wasted with the institution of more accurate cooling systems.

These are just a few of the initiatives that World Water Week serves. Water is becoming an increasingly important resource, both in distant locations that the UN notes and at home. Water and the way it is used are quickly changing in the PC community. In the past four years, water has been brought into the conversation on campus, thanks to the

club Think Outside the Bottle. The aim of this club is to decrease the usage of disposable bottled water in lieu of tap water and reusable bottles. Providence is very fortunate as it has the second best tap water in the entire nation. In light of this, hydration stations have been installed in a number of buildings so as to aid this initiative. The hope is to get the College as close to not using bottled water as possible in the future.

Think Outside the Bottle held an event during World Water Week to support its initiative and the water resources available to the Providence community. Rita Callahan '15 made a statement on behalf of the club:

"Think Outside the Bottle is a movement on campus working with PC Administration to go bottled water free. As a part of World Water Week, we wanted to draw attention to the progress the college has made in the last few years and what we can continue to do. Our Splish, Splash, and Bash event was important because we are at a vital stage in our campaign. We have made so much progress over the past three years with multiple academic departments and Student Congress clubs and organizations

committing to going bottled water free. Slavin offices are also in the process of ridding themselves of bottle water. Their support during World Water Week helped us gain momentum and commitments from more members of the PC community. Now, most importantly we would like a formal announcement from the administration that the College will be going bottled water free. We have presented a phase-out plan that the College can use as a model to slowly get rid of bottled water on our campus, however, we are still waiting for a commitment from the administration. At World Water Week, Splish, Splash, and Bash, we had students make watercolor paintings that included messages tweeted out to the College encouraging them to make this promise. Our event was an effort to show the administration that the student body not only supports us, but more importantly is ready to make this change on our campus. We are hopeful that by the end of the year, a formal announcement will be made, stating PC's plan to go bottle water free."

In light of the precious resource, efforts have been made to protect it. While going bottleless may seem like a nuisance or an incredibly small task in light of the massive issue of water, it can help. Many small steps can add up to an important outcome.

Water remains the most important natural resource. Steps, however small they may be, can be taken to protect it. One way this can happen is to cut down on waste by using the plentiful resources made available in Providence. Mindfulness is a necessity in the protection of water, it is an all-encompassing aspect of life. Protect our natural resources and consider "thinking outside the bottle."

PC Community Fights Back

Students Participate in Annual Relay For Life Event in the Peterson Center

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EVENTS

Nearly two weeks ago, you may have seen purple ribbons tied to lampposts around campus. Or you may have attended post-mass bash after either the 7:00 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. masses that featured purple themed snacks and goodies. Finally, you may have noticed PC students who changed their Facebook profile pictures to a picture of themselves holding a white board saying "I relay for..." and then a name of a loved one or friend who has battled any type of cancer.

All of these activities took place during the week leading up to Providence College's annual Relay for Life sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer. At Relay for Life events, communities come together to celebrate and honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones who have passed away, and fight back against a disease that has affected many lives. Relay for Life events can be up to 24 hours long and typically take place around a track. Each team is asked to have at least one of their members on the track at all times since cancer never sleeps. Also, before this all-night fundraiser occurs, team members help to raise

money that is donated to the American Cancer Society, which works toward finding a cure and creating a world with more birthdays.

PC's Relay for Life featured a beach/luau theme and took place on Friday, March 27 around the Peterson Center indoor track. Relay chairpersons Megan Grammatico '15, Will Cavedon '16, Alex Nunnely '16, and Ellie Loria '17 worked hard to make this event a success. Cavedon remarked, "In total, the planning took about 11 months and would not have been possible without the amazing support all the members of the Colleges Against Cancer Committee provided us."

This year's Relay, was dedicated in the memory of Fernando Morales '18. His parents were honored at opening ceremonies. In addition, opening ceremonies included a cancer survivors' lap around the track. After the survivors' lap, all participants joined in walking around the track.

Many events occurred during the night that included a beach-themed photo booth run by the Friars Club,

limbo laps run by BOP, "Minute to Win It" competitions run by the IAB, a henna table run by the art club, a "pie-in-the-face" event run by Student Congress, a hair-donating and head-shaving event, and a caricature artist came to do sketches of students. In addition, a stage was setup that featured performances by the men's a cappella group and PC's boy band "Eyes to the Skies," and the middle of the track was used for a Zumba class.

Around 10:30 p.m., the Luminaria ceremony took place. The chairs of this committee are currently Lauren Berolini '17, Gabriella Galeazzi '15, and Deanna Karam '15. All three committee members spoke during the ceremony and guided the lighting of the Luminaria bags. Johnny Valeras '15 contributed to the ceremony with his phenomenal singing and playing of "Hallelujah" as Relay participants took a silent lap around the track. Finally, a new addition to the ceremony this year was Patrick Sullivan, a Bryant University graduate, who lost his mother to cancer. Berolini remarked,

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"His speech was a great addition to the event and helped set the tone for the Luminaria ceremony as one of remembrance and hope." Berolini continued saying that the Luminaria ceremony this year was a huge success and that "the Luminaria ceremony was a powerful highlight of the event, enabling the PC community to unite in solidarity to remember all those who have suffered from cancer and hope for a cancer-free world."

850 people, including students and staff, participated in this year's Relay. Cavedon stated, "I know I speak for all of the chairs in saying how incredibly proud and excited we are to have raised so much money for the American Cancer Society. We have taken in over \$85,000, with about \$10,000 of that coming the night of Relay. Donations are continuing to come in online."

A good time was had by all of the PC students who participated this year. Cavedon described how "it is truly amazing to have a visual representation of just what a community PC is when it comes together on nights like that." Grammatico, one of the chairs of Relay, said, "As a senior, this has been one of the events I look forward to every single year, and I'm so excited for it to continue its strong tradition of being the best fundraiser on campus into the coming years."



Letters of Intent

Class of 2016

President

Kelley Garland

It has been a true honor to represent the Class of 2016 as Vice President for two years and President this past year. I believe, with your support, that I can implement great change for the future of Providence College and to throw events that our class will look back upon after graduation. Between designing the class ring and helping to organize Junior Jam, I have gained the experience necessary to make sure our senior year is memorable for all. As far as legislation, I plan on continuing to listen to each of your concerns and wishes moving forward, such as continuing to make our campus "greener." Thank you for your support the past three years, and I can only hope it will continue into next. Friars first.

Vice President

Andrew Moses

During my freshman and sophomore years I served the Class of 2016 as a Class Representative. During this time I helped organize events, host fundraisers sponsored by Student Congress' Outreach Committee, and voice the concerns of my class to both Student Congress and Providence College's administration. More recently, I have served as the class's Vice President for the 2014-2015 school year. During this year, I emphasized sponsoring charity events, which included a fundraiser for Hasbro Children's Hospital. Additionally, I helped plan and executed the junior class' first Junior Night. In the upcoming election I have chosen to rerun for the position of class Vice President. My decision to rerun is heavily based on my desire to continue serving the Class of 2016 to the extent that I feel I am capable of. I believe that my three prior years of experience on Student Congress make me an excellent candidate for the position. If reelected, I look forward to working with Student Congress to serve my fellow colleagues as well as the rest of the Providence College community. Ultimately, I am running for the position of Class Vice President in order to help the Class of 2016 have a successful, meaningful, and lasting impact on the Providence College Community.

Treasurer

Aaron Golding

I am hoping to be re-elected as Treasurer of the Providence College Class of 2016. Being Treasurer has been the highlight of my time spent at PC; I love the idea that I am able to represent my class on Student Congress, which is why I take the position very seriously. I have learned so much this year from my position and know I will be able to do an even better job next year if I get reelected. I have an unparalleled amount of Friar spirit and pride in my school, which is why representing my class, as a part of Student Congress, is so important to me. I am a dedicated and hard working student with the experience to continue holding the position of treasurer of my class. I can only hope that I will have the opportunity to once again serve my fellow friars as the Treasurer of the Class of 2016.

Secretary

Erinn Miles

I, Erinn Miles, intend to run for the Secretary of the Class of 2016 because I am certain I can help execute the changes our class wants to see. I am the candidate best suited to lead our class, as my past experience on Student Congress has given me the insight into how to be effective within the organization. Additionally, I am exceptionally organized, and I have excelled in solving problems as they arise. Driven by creativity, I have a vision to bring our class together as we enter our senior year by planning the best senior nights and other events. The amazing things we have all accomplished in the past three years deserve to be celebrated during our fourth and final year here. I am confident I can lead our class to make our last year the best one yet. As secretary, I will work diligently along with other elected members of our class and our peers to implement the needs and desires of the senior class. With your vote, I can help us do just that.

Class Representative

Jacob Nyklicek

I am running for Class Representative to ensure that the voice of our class is heard. I will make decisions in the best interest of our entire student body and attempt to keep the entire student body well-informed as well as involved. As representative, it is my job to be the voice of the people and to accomplish this I would constantly be out among them, experiencing the very same moments of success and failure that they experience. This familiarization with the student body is one of the most valuable assets a Representative can have, and I am proud to say that I have it in staggering amounts. This exceptional characteristic will allow me to make informed choices and vote in the best interest of all Providence College students. I promise unbiased decisions that reflect the opinion of the students along with ethical judgment in all matters. With this statement, I hereby announce my candidacy for Student Congress Class Representative.

Zachary Harvey

My name is Zak Harvey and I am running to be a Representative for the Class of 2016. Over the past three years I have served the Student Congress in various capacities including Class President and Committee Member. It's hard for me to think of an organization or a group of people that have made more of an impact on me than my fellow Congress members. Despite coming up short in my recent efforts to serve as the Executive President of the Student Congress, my resolve to make PC a better place has never been stronger. Being able to serve as your Class Representative is a chance for me to listen, to advocate, and to understand the issues that all of you hope to fix. Being on the Student Congress is much more than putting something on a resume or attending meetings. Serving as your Class Representative is a chance to leave our legacy at PC. Remember to vote Zak Harvey for 2016 Class Representative on April 14th and 15th to help ensure the legacy we leave will always be remembered.

JB Wendt

My Name is JB Wendt and I intend on running for Class Representative for the Class of 2016. I have not been a member of congress before but I feel that my involvement over the past few years has allowed me to gain a great knowledge about what PC is all about. I want to be able to use this knowledge and help the PC campus next year as well as years

to come. I feel that a fresh face and new voice will go a long way in regards to coming up with new ideas that will help the students as well as the campus. I am looking forward to getting involved with the Student Congress and making sure that we make the most of our senior year.

Eric Benz

As a Senior Class Representative, I would want to see our class gather more as a whole. We have been too divided this year as many of our good friends went abroad and we found our positions in new friend groups. This year the seniors have done an amazing job of having fun together. The senior nights in McPhails and 2015 nights were huge successes as the senior class was able to bond in ways like never before. I hope to have that same success next year as a Senior Class Representative. I want to see us all have a memorable final year before we head off to the real world. I believe that I can use interpersonal skills to work alongside other members of the Student Congress and groups like BOP, BMSA, and Friars Club. Together we could host events that would make our senior year the best one yet. Love you all and go friars!

Matthew Matuozzi

My name is Matthew Matuozzi and I am extremely excited to be considered as a nominee for the representative position of the Providence College Class of 2016. I am confident that my enthusiasm toward my school along with my dedication and hard work ethic will be a major asset to Student Congress. As the second member of my family to attend Providence College, I have watched it grow for six years now and am eager to be a part of the continuing prosperity of such an amazing school. As a Representative of the junior class, I know that I will fairly represent my fellow students and my school to the best of my abilities and make sure the voice of the junior class is heard.

Thank you so much for your consideration and I look forward to the commencement of my campaign. Go Friars!

Ryan Walsh

I'm Ryan Walsh and I'm running for Class Representative for the Class of 2016, I'd like to take a moment of your time to explain to any reader why they should choose me as one of their representatives in the coming year. In the past I have had extensive experience with multiple clubs on campus including two years with Student Congress, serving one year as a Class Representative and serving on the Student Life Committee another year. Along with that I have also been a member of the Investment Club and Student Alumni Relations. If elected I promise that I will work tirelessly to make sure that all of the students are fairly represented, being an approachable Class Representative who is never too busy to hear student's feedback on the school. The reason that I am running for this position is because I want to ensure that this senior class is one of the best and that the Class of 2016 really leaves their mark on PC. It would be my honor to represent my class next year and dedicate myself to making the Class of 2016's senior year a success and remembered for years to come.

Nicholas C Steffen

After having the honor of being elected to represent the class last year, I thought that I would be a great member of Congress and leader. After this year

however, I realized how much I could learn to better benefit the class. From working with other members of the class to organize and plan events like Junior Jam to working with the Outreach Committee to put on Pumpkinfest, I have learned how to feed off the ideas of my peers to solve problems and to tackle large, seemingly daunting projects. I believe this year has prepared me to serve this class even more effectively in our final year at Providence College and make it magically unforgettable. If you choose to once re-elect me to represent our class, I promise to show you that I am the dedicated, creative and cooperative student leader that the Class of 2016 deserves.

Mark Maggio

My name is Mark Maggio and I am asking for your support to be elected as a Representative for the the class of 2016 on the 66th Student Congress. Over the past three years as a member of the 63rd, 64th, and 65th I have served as part of the Student Congress Outreach Committee. While on this committee I have been able to see the positive impact that Providence College has had on the surrounding community. If elected, I plan on working to strengthen and maintain these established relationships as well as improving the PC community itself.

As Representative, it is imperative to keep in mind that it is a spot for the people. The Representative position serves as a voice for his or her respective class and Providence College as a whole. With this in mind, I will strive to listen closely to the students specific' needs and wants.

Above all, I believe that my outgoing and welcoming personality makes me fit for this position. I hope my peers are able to easily approach me and express their ideas, thoughts, and concerns. In return, I will be sure to put forward my best effort to enact these changes to make Providence College the best it can be.

Class of 2017

President

Billy Dumais

My name is Billy Dumais, and I am running for the position of Class President for the Class of 2017. Everyday, I am reminded of the power each of us holds as we pursue our passions; whether it is a cause, a hobby or a sport. While I have not served on Student Congress prior to this semester, I am no stranger to challenging leadership roles. Within these roles, such as volunteering as a Faith-Works Student Coordinator and applying for Encounter With Christ Retreat leader, I have worked in collaboration with fellow students and peers on multiple occasions. I helped enable them to become the type of person they desired to be. I am also heavily involved in campus life as a dedicated varsity student-athlete, a student worker, a radio show host and a member of Providence College's faith community. With your support, as President, I will advocate for the 1,000 plus voices that make up our class and put all my passion and dedication into the role of Class President. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: "The only person you are destined to be is the person you decide to be."

Gretchen Barrett

Hi, my name is Gretchen Barrett and I am running for the position of President for the Class of 2017. For the past two years I have been the Vice President for

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the Class of 2017, which has truly made me the best possible candidate for this position. I have been the underlying support system for the president elect the past two years allowing me the ability to share the responsibilities. I understand what needs to be done for the Class of 2017 and I truly know how to make it happen. I am excited for the endless possibilities of next year and all that I can accomplish with the rest of the Student Congress. I ask that you all put your trust in me to make our junior year the best possible. As the centennial class I expect to go above and beyond for every event we put on! We are the 100th year of excellence! Let's Go Friars!

Reim Alian

My name is Reim Alian and I am running for the position of Vice President for the Class of 2017. As a member of The Student Congress of Providence College for the past two years, I have worked along side some of the most passionate and dedicated students, gaining valuable experience that will enable me to take on the role of vice president. I anticipate working alongside my peers to foster a healthy relationship with the administration that would further advocate for student involvement.

As Vice President, I hope to work towards bridging the gap between the various clubs on campus, creating a stronger and more transparent relationship among them, which would further benefit the student body as a whole.

Promoting and developing open dialogue is essential to improving and maintaining the campus of Providence College. I hope to work with Study Congress and the student body to confront any challenges we may face as we continue our academic journey at Providence College.

Jimmy Carrillo

Hey Fellow Friars!

My name is Jimmy Carrillo and I am running for Class Treasurer of 2017. I have been on the Academics Committee of Student Congress for the past two years. This is the part where I'm expected to talk about my major, hometown, and whatever generic statement to seem appealing, but no. The only thing worth mentioning is my love for PC and the plethora of ideas I have that would potentially make it an even greater place for you, the students.

I am running for Class Treasurer because I want to establish a better relationship between the Student Congress and the rest of the student body. In order to lead there must be an attitude open to exploring different perspectives, but it needs improvement to allow us to work at our full potential. If elected Junior Class Treasurer, my first course of action would be to work with the executive treasurer, along with the other Class Treasurers and BMSA executive treasurer to create a more translucent process of the funds allocated to the clubs on campus. Everyone should be included! We are so much stronger together. Help me build a stronger unity. LET'S GO FRIARTOWN!!

Treasurer

Tyler Mitchell

I, Tyler Mitchell, of the sophomore class would like to formally announce my intentions to run for Class of 2017 Treasurer. I would like to run for Treasurer because I feel as though I can bring a great perspective to our class with my accounting background. I have been on Student Congress for one year already and would like to expand on that experience. Please vote for me as your Class Treasurer!

Secretary

Kristen Sauer

I would be honored to be elected to represent Providence College and the Class of 2017 as a member of the 66th Student Congress in the position of Secretary. I understand the role and impact the Student Congress has on the campus community and the responsibilities it entails. As the Secretary for the Class of 2017, I will continue to use my strong leadership and organizational skills to facilitate and promote activities students at PC while also helping to build the bridge of communication between the students and administration. I am willing to stay focused and committed to the Class of 2017, communicate ideas effectively, make ethical decisions, negotiate as needed for the interest of the cause, and most importantly, stay true to my steadfast values. I want to help my class, the Class of 2017, to be successful this year and in the years ahead at Providence College. With that being said, it would be a privilege for me to continue to serve the upcoming year as the Secretary for the Class of 2017.

Class Representative

Natanielle Senoble

My name is Natanielle Senoble and I am running for the position of Class Representative for the Class of 2017 and I am kindly asking for your support. I would like to become a class representative for the opportunity to work alongside members of Student Congress in helping address the needs and concerns of the student body. I believe that the best work and outcome are as a result of a combined team effort, which is marked with dedication, commitment, innovation, and mutual respect. I wish to build a better relationship between student leaders and the rest of the student body. A strong relationship that is built on trust and openness is one that can better the Providence College community.

Skyler Carlin

My name is Skyler Carlin and I hope for your support in my campaign to be re-elected as a Class Representative for this upcoming year. I am a psychology and social work double major and I feel blessed to be part of the community here at Providence College. I am honored to be a part of such an exceptional class and I would love the opportunity to continue to represent you in Student Congress. If re-elected, I would work diligently to make sure your concerns are voiced and put into action. Our class has so many great ideas regarding how to further improve this school's welcoming atmosphere and student life, and I look forward to reaching out to our class and hearing your suggestions. I hope to establish unity among our class and create a diverse environment where students can thrive. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 14 and 15 to be a Class of 2017 Class Representative!

Patrick Rogers

My name is Patrick Rogers and I want to be a Class Representative for the Class of 2017. I am a social work major and a Theatre minor. On campus, I have been a member of Student Congress since freshman year, I participated in the NOLA Immersion Trip, I am an Admissions Ambassador, sit as a member of our SRW Core, and am also involved with the productions in the theatre department. My first two years on Congress combined with my campus involvement has given me the experience that I need in order to serve as Class Representative. If elected, I want to the students to become more involved and reach out to the Class of 2017. Student Congress is the best way

for students to voice concerns about campus to administration—the more students involved, the better Providence College will be. As a representative, I would be interested in hearing student concerns and desires and voicing them to the Congress at large through legislation. We only get four years to spend at the best place on earth; let's make junior year our best year yet. Thank you for your consideration to represent our class.

Kelsie LaFerriere

Hello Friars! My name is Kelsie LaFerriere and I am running for the position of Representative for the Class of 2017. After serving on the Academic Committee on Congress for two years, I have seen the great things that this Congress can do. I think that I can take the skills I have learned from being on a committee and apply them to being a Representative. I hope to bring a new perspective to the 66th Student Congress, along with any ideas that members of 2017 might have. I would be honored to serve this position, and I look forward to working with every member of this class. I promise to dedicate my time and efforts to improving our already amazing class.

Pedro Alemán

Hello Fellow Classmates of 2017!

My name is Pedro Alemán and I am seeking the position of Class of 2017 Representative. After being Class Treasurer for the past two years and now being the elected Executive Treasurer of BMSA, I feel I have the passion and determination to keep on representing our class. A priority I have if elected representative is working for a better relationship between Congress and the rest of the student body and other organizations on campus. Working with our class exec, Congress, administration, clubs, and organizations we can move for better communication. As an elected member in Congress, I will reach out to voice your ideas and concerns that are currently facing PC, and I will work my hardest and take that extra step to accomplish those goals. I want to be able to move forward together not only as a class, but as a college. If we all come together and share our values and opinions, we will be able to make a change we want to see. It will be a great honor to be your next Class of 2017 Representative. Remember to Vote 4 Pedro Alemán on Sakai next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Class of 2018

President

Phionna-Cayola Claude

Hello Everyone! My name is Phionna-Cayola Claude, it was my pleasure to serve as your elected Class President this year. It is an opportunity and job that I take seriously and find tremendously rewarding. Therefore, with your approval I would love the opportunity to serve my peers once more in the same capacity. I would not only be grateful but committed to strengthening the Friartown community by being the leader who listens to the sophomore class and takes action. I believe that this past year

as freshman president was successful and eventful with Red, White, and Blue Night and T-Shirt Sales as examples. We as a class only have room for improvement and new experiences. I take pride and find joy through assisting others in developing or enhancing their voices, which is why I find myself equipped to assume any leadership role, especially as the Sophomore Class President. As I ask for another opportunity to be the face of the Class of 2018, I understand that our days at PC may be limited, however I strongly believe that our days are influenced by the decisions we make and diverse personalities that construct them. I anticipate and would be honored to serve my class and community once again, while keeping that in mind.

Beshoy Armanios

I am running for class office because I believe that I am the best candidate for the position that I am running for. I am very determined, responsible, enthusiastic, and hardworking, and I am an excellent leader. I am so passionate about making PC a better place for all, and I am always willing and happy to help others. I have countless ideas that will make this college more enjoyable for everybody, no matter what people's interests are. My number one goal is to make sure that all the student's voices are heard, and represent you all to the best of my ability. No matter what, I will always be willing to listen to and consider everyone's thoughts and ideas, and will be sure that the student government hears everyone's demands. Since PC has already given numerous fantastic experiences, I would like to contribute back to the school by becoming a class officer.

Vice President

Carley Pearson

My name is Carley Pearson and I am running to be Class of 2018 Vice President. While in high school, I was involved in my student government serving in the positions of Secretary and President. At PC, I have kept with that tradition and joined the Student Congress as a member of the Clubs and Organizations committee monitoring clubs and advocating for student organizations. Serving as your Vice President, I want to be a listener, to understand the issues of my peers and work to put their ideas into action. Our class will see the campus evolve from start to finish, therefore, it is our job to maintain the Providence College identity and leave a strong legacy as the Class of 2018. Together let's shape the Providence College of today and transform the PC of tomorrow. As an individual of leadership, trust and passion for PC, it would be an honor to fight for what is right and standup for the community that we call home. On April 14 and 15, please vote: Carley Pearson as the Vice President for the Class of 2018.

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Jenna Shanley

My name is Jenna Shanley and I am writing to inform you of my intentions to run for office in the Providence College Student Congress.

I will be re-running for the Vice President position to represent my sophomore class. With my experience this past school year on the Student Congress, and with my previous position as being president of my high school senior class, I feel that I am well prepared and knowledgeable to achieve what I want to achieve in this position. My main priority as Vice President of my class is to provide a safe environment for my peers. I want to ensure the continuation of the happiness, fun, and care of my class that has been provided currently by myself and the other Class of 2018 officers. If I were to be reelected, it would be an honor to serve my class again with the intentions of openness to new ideas and

a better outlook for the future.

If there are any questions or concerns as I run, please feel free to email at jshanle1@friars.providence.edu.

Sincerely yours,
Jenna Shanley

Treasurer

Olivia Lo

As the previous freshman Class Treasurer, I helped plan events, fundraisers, and worked as a team with the rest of the Class of 2018 officers. As the Treasurer, I kept count of our budget and spending for each event we threw for the class. One event that you might remember is the Freshman Night in Red, White, and Blue. I filled out the forms to hold this event as well as helped plan the budget.

Some of the organizations I led at in high school were my a cappella group, I was the yearbook editor for two years, I founded a peer mentor program for new incoming students, I was a student leader of my school's multicultural activities, I was president of the Worcester Academy Residential Life Committee for two years... and those are just a few!

You should vote for me because I have had plenty of experience leading students and creating change within school communities. I'm very friendly, approachable and open-minded to new ideas. I would be enormously grateful to continue serving as the Class of 2018 Treasurer next year. By re-electing me, I hope to throw more events and raise more money for future events.

Benjamin Harper

I would be honored to serve as the Treasurer for the Class of 2018. I served as a committee member on student congress this past year and want to continue as an officer. I truly love Providence College and want the rest of our three years here to be the time of our lives. As a class officer I can guarantee strong leadership and successful class events. As Class Treasurer I will make sure fundraisers run smoothly and that we are planning and preparing for the second half of our journey through PC. Any concerns or desires of the class will be looked into fully. We have almost been an official class for a year and through organizing activities, I hope our class continues to develop lifelong memories and friendships. I know for a fact our class will make the most of it. I also know there is nothing more I'd love to do than to lead our class through our sophomore year. Go Friars!

Secretary

Sabrina Guilbeault

Hi Class of 2018! My name is Sabrina and I'm running for reelection for class secretary. I was very involved and held many leadership roles in high school, such as being the editor in chief of my school paper, president of the drama club, and was vice president of student council. I have been very involved at PC so far, from being active in Student Congress to being a member of the comedy group 6 Gents. I am currently a double major in HPM and theatre.

After serving on Congress, I know just how much student government can help the school and it would be an honor representing such a fantastic class. I am a very approachable person and would love to hear from you if there are changes you want to see or even if you just need a friend to talk to. I want to wish everyone running for a position the very best of luck and I thank you for your consideration! Go Friars!

Class Representative

Morgan Itz

My name is Morgan Itz and I am running for the position of Sophomore Representative of the Class of 2018. As a current class representative, and committee member on Student Life, I work to fulfill the wants and needs of students to improve their overall experience here at PC. Apart from congress, I am involved in Urban Action, and Student Alumni Association. Being a space apart of these organizations allows me to work with other students and gain knowledge on how to enhance our lives on this campus. As a soon to be sophomore I look forward to meeting all of my fellow classmates that I have not yet met and to prove to you all that, if reelected I can continue to improve everyday here as a Friar.

Thank you and go Friars!

Gabi Dess

I have had the privilege of being on Student Congress this past year as a member of the academics committee, and I have really enjoyed working with other students to discuss academic concerns and implement solutions to these concerns. If I am given the opportunity, I hope to continue my involvement with the academics committee next year. However, as an unelected committee member, I do not currently have the ability to vote on the passing of bills. I am running for the position of Class Representative because in addition to the hope that my involvement with the academics committee will continue, I want my voice to be heard when bills are raised and voted on at the Tuesday meetings. I hope my fellow classmates understand my dedication to student congress and appreciate the fact that I am looking to get more involved—it would be such an honor to represent our class as a part of the 66th Student Congress, and I feel I am well suited for the position given my prior involvement throughout high school and here at Providence College.

Cassandra Caggiano

My name is Cassandra Caggiano and I'm running to become a 2018 Class Representative on the 66th Student Congress.

I have held numerous leadership positions in the past, including being a Class Representative on the 65th Student Congress. I am always looking to challenge myself with different leadership tasks and increase my team building skills.

If I am reelected, I hope to use my position to help end the stigma around mental health issues by bringing guest speakers to our campus and instrumenting a program during Freshman Orientation. My goal is to one day have a campus-wide "safe space"—where there is no stigma towards those struggling with mental health issues on our entire campus. I believe that by myself being a member of the 66th Student Congress will help us to getting closer to achieving that goal.

When you vote on Sakai on April 14 and 15, you will not only be voting for an exceptional leader and hard worker, but a great representative of our class and a loyal friend.

Thank you and, as always, go Friars!

Jackie Bechtel

It would be an honor to be chosen to serve my class as Class Representative for the 66th Student Congress. I have served as a Committee Member on Publicity for the 65th Student Congress this year, and I have truly fallen in love with the organization. Student Congress acts as the voice for the entire student body by passing legislation in order to better the Providence College community. As a Committee Member, I

have truly enjoyed speaking on behalf of my peers and providing my opinion on various decisions for Providence College. Although I have loved serving as a Committee Member, I have decided to run for Class Representative in order to assume a larger role in Congress, specifically by becoming an active member. I believe that being an active member will allow me to become more involved with not only the entire Student Congress, through voting on pieces of legislation, but also my class, through planning events and fundraisers. I believe that I would assume the role of Class Representative well, through my leadership skills and care for our college community. Student Congress was my first family at PC, and I would love to continue to be a part of it.

Michael Bartels

My name is Michael Bartels, and I am running to be your representative in the Student Congress.

If elected representative, I will use my FRIAR Five-Point Plan to better serve the Class of 2018 and the student body at large:

F—Freedom of Expression: The purpose of the Congress is to give the student body a voice. As a representative, I will work to protect freedom of expression on campus.

R—Responsible Spending: I will never vote to reduce a budget without cause and without consulting the leaders of the club or organization in question.

I—Increased Transparency: To promote transparency, I will advocate for the recording of Congressional meetings.

A—Accessibility: If elected, I intend to make myself available to everyone I represent, both in person and via email.

R—Reliability: You can rely on me to support various programs that have proven popular in the past. I can also be trusted to identify and address campus infrastructural issues, such as the lack of water-refilling stations.

All of this, however, will be impossible without your vote. I ask for your help on April the 14 and 15, and thank you for your support.

Marlena Forrester

My name is Marlena Forrester and I wish to run for Representative for the Class of 2018. Unfortunately, I was not as involved as I wish I were this past year so I feel as though Student Congress would be a great way for me to get involved in the school. In high school, I was treasurer of my class for all four years as well as an avid member of Student Council. I am eager to become part of Student Congress and be more involved here at Providence College. I promise to fulfill my obligations as Representative by voicing the opinions of my fellow peers. I would consider myself as responsible and dedicated which I believe are good qualities to hold as a Representative. I am very excited to become part of Student Congress! Thank you for the opportunity.

Conor Glendon

My name is Conor Glendon and I am a part of the Class of 2018. I'm re-running for a spot in Student Congress because I want to continue to have an active role in the Providence College Class of 2018. Class Representative is an important position because it is the link between the student government and the rest of the class. I feel that I am approachable and a good listener so people should feel comfortable coming to talk to me; this will allow me to better represent the views and opinions of the class. I'm also organized and dedicated and will take my responsibilities seriously. Being involved previously as a team captain, an Eagle Scout and a volunteer fire fighter has given me important leadership skills and also taught me the importance of communication and teamwork. I want to continue having a positive impact on the

Class of 2018 and continue to share my ideas and opinions.

Doug Cassidy

Dear Student Congress Elections Chairs and Class of 2018.

My name is Doug Cassidy and I am a member of the Class of 2018. I am a biology major from Scotch Plains, New Jersey and am running for one of the Sophomore Class Representative positions for the 2015-2016 school year. I was lucky enough to be a member of the 65th Student Congress this year and was blown away with the amount of great work we accomplished. I hope to continue my passion for Student Congress next year and I know that I can bring lots of great ideas to the table. I am really looking forward to the possibility of being on Congress again next year and helping to turn your ideas into reality!

Thank you,
Doug Cassidy



Smith Center Presents Blithe Spirit

by Ryan Charland '18
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THEATER

In a continuation of an already excellent 2014-2015 season, the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film is currently presenting *Blithe Spirit*. The production is directed by Casey Seymour Kim (a renowned artist from Pawtucket's Gamm Theatre), features set design by Sara Ossana, and will continue from April 10 to April 12.

Blithe Spirit is an adaptation of a Noël Coward play that was originally presented in 1941 in the West End of London. Since its premiere, the play has been adapted into a 1945 film (directed by David Lean, director of *Lawrence of Arabia* and a frequent collaborator with Coward), a 1964 musical under the title *High Spirits*, and numerous radio adaptations. The play's longevity is due, in large part, to Coward's clever and dark humor, which keeps the audience

laughing through what would be an otherwise sad and macabre plot.

Half pitch-black comedy and halfghost story, *Blithe Spirit* is as surprising today as it was upon its premiere in the midst of World War II. Novelist Charles Condomine (Justin Maloney '15) is seeking inspiration for his next bestseller when he invites a local self-proclaimed medium, Madame Arcati (Tanner Henry '15), to his estate for a séance. Condomine, his second wife Ruth (Jennifer Dorn '18), and their guests the Bradmans (Jonathan Coppe '18 and Mary Reagan '18) originally scoff at Arcati's theatrical antics. However, things take a turn for the strange when the ghost of Condomine's first wife Elvira (Katrina Pavao '16) becomes trapped in the Condomine home. It is also worth noting that each cast member manages to maintain a convincing English accent throughout his or her performance, which is no small feat.

While the production features excellent

performances from the entire cast, Maloney is a particular standout; his depiction of a cynical author who may be hiding a soft spot for his lost love is enthralling. To prevent the play from appearing sentimental, Coward purposely wrote each character to be unsympathetic, an affect that Maloney captures wonderfully. Condomine maintains enough cynicism and sarcastic wit to keep his plight humorous, not sad.

Henry's cross-dressed depiction of Madame Arcati is perhaps the most memorable acting of the show, and provides some of the most outright hilarious moments throughout. Never missing a beat, Henry's Arcati is eccentric, lovable, and one of the few sympathetic characters (next to Edith, maid to the Codomines, played by Courteney Olenzak '17). His performance exudes energy as he races around the stage, especially in a clever montage scene with Maloney in the second act.

One of *Blithe Spirit*'s real stars is its set.

Modeled after a 1940s English parlor, the attention to detail is remarkable (down to the aged appearance of the books lining the walls), and the entire set looks as if it were taken directly from an episode of *Downton Abbey*. Minor set changes are performed between scenes by the clever use of a butler character (Brian Kozak '17), which allows for seamless transitions and immersion in the setting. Additionally, there is a scene late in the play that pulls off surprising and incredible acts of set design, which will leave audience members wondering, "How did they do that?"

Blithe Spirit will be presented Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. Tickets are reserved seating and are priced from \$5 to \$13. Contact the Smith Center Box Office at 401-865-2218 or visit www.providence.edu/theatre to purchase tickets.

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France Writes Law Fining Models

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FASHION

Glancing at any high fashion magazine today, one will most likely find an extremely slender model gracing the cover, a far cry from when Marilyn Monroe's physique was considered most desirable in society. In 2015, it seems as though models are whittling away, and people, in turn (especially women), have developed poor body images of themselves.

Just this past weekend, France took a stand against the issue in order to curb anorexia, which about 40,000 French citizens suffer from, including non-models. The French Parliament voted and approved an amendment stating that it will be illegal to hire extremely thin or malnourished models (which will be determined by a specified Body Mass Index), as well as to encourage these particular eating disorders online. A BMI of 17 is considered severely malnourished and the average model's is 16. Failure to hire models with appropriate Body Mass Indexes will result in a fine of €75,000 and a possible six month jail sentence. A €10,000 fine and a one year jail sentence "provoking people to excessive thinness by encouraging prolonged dietary restrictions that could expose them to a danger of death or directly impair their health" will be incurred as well. Photoshopped images must also be marked indicating that the photographs were digitally altered. Edited images that are not marked will result in a fine of €37,500, or 30 percent of the cost of the advertising campaign

that features the model.

This, of course, immediately received a great deal of backlash from the fashion industry. Isabelle Saint-Felix, Secretary General of a company that represents 40 French modeling agencies, commented on the two amendments, stating, "It's very serious to conflate anorexia with the thinness of models and it ignores the fact that anorexia is a psychogenic illness." Members in the medical field also surprisingly rejected the decisions made by Parliament. French psychiatrist Xavier Pommereau stated, "The girls who go onto these sites are already sick. They are already suffering from an obsession to impress others and show off their incredible thinness," and continued, "It passes the message that showing dangerous images of suicide or other such things is wrong, but we are in a world that is completely internationalized and these sites and images are not confined to our borders." Others like Marie-Rose Moro, both a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, suggest an increase of awareness and readily available resources used to combat anorexia as much more effective than simply altering the law.

Unfortunately, it will take time to see if the two amendments actually bring about change in the modeling world. But perhaps it would be effective to attempt to adjust our culture's misconstrued image of beauty. Though difficult, there are clearly underlying issues that must be resolved in order to create a healthier society.

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Let's Rave

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This Week: Justin Bieber Roast

by Kelly Laske '16
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CELEBRITY

"Justin, you have such a huge career behind you," is just one of the harsh insults from the highly anticipated Comedy Central Roast of Justin Bieber that has been the talk of the entertainment world, greatly living up to its hype and expectation. On Monday, March 30, controversial singer/songwriter Bieber sat in the hot seat as some of the country's most popular celebrities got the opportunity to mock and humiliate him.

Hosted by ruthless comedian Kevin Hart, Bieber, who has been in the spotlight for his egotistical attitude, run-ins with the law, and beefs with other celebrities, sat down on his 21st birthday with Snoop Dogg, Shaquille O'Neal, Martha Stewart, Hannibal Buress, Pete Davidson, Natasha Leggero, Chris D'Elia, Ludacris, and Will Ferrell dressed as *Anchorman's* Ron Burgundy.

The Roast began in the perfect way. Before the ongoing sequence of insults, a video of all of Bieber's mishaps and embarrassing moments was aired on the big screen, followed by jokes of Bieber's middle school

fan base, his overly-dramatic song lyrics, and his old relationship with Selena Gomez. Hart threw a Selena jab at Bieber, saying, "Selena Gomez couldn't be here tonight. Just because she didn't want to be here. I wish I had something better to tell you, but I don't." Much of the material fired at Bieber had to be bleeped out due to explicit language and controversial comments (and most definitely could not be published in a Catholic school student newspaper).

Comedy Central could not have picked a better person to roast. The roast put arrogant Bieber back in his place, poking fun at his obnoxious tattoos and clearly trying-too-hard fashion sense. Let's face it, if we could have one person roasted and made fun of, it would be Bieber. And who wouldn't want to see some of Hollywood's funniest openly say what we are all thinking? Although Bieber makes it extremely difficult to like him, his upbeat attitude about the entire situation made him just a little bit likeable. But only a little. If you missed the roast, visit the Comedy Central website for the full stream!

Tidal to Bring “Value” Back to Music

by Kealy Robertson '16
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MUSIC

Everyone who listens to music is familiar with SoundCloud, Pandora, and Spotify—each being means in which individuals today stream music online. They have become a standard way for artists and their fans to stay connected to the world of music as it grows. Recently however, Jay-Z and 15 of the biggest names in the music industry, including Arcade Fire, Beyoncé, Calvin Harris, Coldplay, Daft Punk, Deadmau5, Jack White, Jason Aldean, J. Cole, Kanye West, Madonna, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna, and Usher, just launched a “High Fidelity Music Streaming” service named Tidal. Jay-Z claims that Tidal will change the course of the history of music. He believes that Tidal will be able to stream music in a way that the world has never experienced before.

Alicia Keys announced Tidal as “the first ever artist owned global music and entertainment platform!” Tidal is meant to treat artists with the respect they deserve.

The music industry has become a place where artists pour their hearts and souls into music for their fans, but they are unable to continue to profit off of their work. Today, there are so many ways that music is accessible to listeners that it becomes pointless for them to pay for it. Tidal wants to change this. The owners are hoping to restore the high value of music.

Tidal will provide subscribers with high quality sound and music videos. They want Tidal to revolutionize the sound of music, making it the highest quality music provider in the world. For \$20 a month, subscribers will have access to the most curated editorials in the music industry. Instead of consumers illegally downloading content of low quality, Tidal will provide listeners with the most elevated sound quality known to the human ear.

Jay-Z and the countless big names that presented Tidal to the world think that Tidal will be a way in which

the artist can truly connect to their fan. No streaming company, not even huge names such as Google and Apple, have been able to provide a way for artists and their fans to connect through online streaming. Tidal wants to do just that. In its debut, the owners of Tidal discussed how they want to try and benefit

off of the fact that every fan desires exclusive content, listeners love discovering new songs, and Tidal would be able to give its subscribers just that: new songs, before anyone else has access to them.

It is hard to compete with platforms that provide free access to music; anyone under

30 has not experienced the need to purchase a song in order to listen to it. We have places like YouTube and Spotify, where listeners can easily stream just about any song they wish to hear. In order for Tidal to thrive, it must offer something that no other platform that streams music has been able

to offer. Yes, it would be awesome to see a platform where the artist could reach their fan transparently and thrive, but Tidal needs to present something to the subscriber that makes their platform larger than life, that makes them irresistible to each and every music lover out there.



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Nintendo Ventures into Mobile Gaming

by Ryan Cox '18
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GAMING

The past month has been a whirlwind of speculation for Nintendo's future gaming endeavors. The video game giant recently announced that it would begin producing video games on the mobile platform as part of a partnership with Japanese mobile gaming publisher DeNA. This comes despite the company's long-held, staunch position not to publish games on the mobile platform. Nintendo President Satoru Iwata made it clear in an interview that the company's move into mobile gaming would not mean that classic games would be ported onto a mobile device. “If the ported game does not reproduce the same satisfactory experiences that the original game provided, information that the game is not satisfactory would just end up spreading and therefore devalue the content,” Iwata said in a press release following the announcement.

Financial concerns for Nintendo likely played a large role in the company's decision to go mobile. Nintendo has been facing subpar sales in home consoles with the release of the lackluster Wii U in 2012. Nintendo's handheld console, the 3DS and similar products (2DS, 3DS XL, etc.), has remained an important contributor to Nintendo's financial picture. Nintendo's partnership with DeNA is expected to bring in at least \$25 million, with Nintendo taking 70 percent of the income. “At DeNA, our best-selling game brought in 3 billion yen (\$25 million) a month, and we want to surpass that,” DeNA CEO Isao Moriyasu said in an interview with Reuters. DeNA expects to cater to over 100 million active players daily in the new project with Nintendo. Stock in Nintendo has risen due to the positive response to the company's move to mobile gaming, as well as the announcement of its next system, codenamed “NX”.

As usual for Nintendo, the company has its consumers and fans, both current and potential, in mind while developing its first mobile game, set to release later this year. The decision to produce unique games for smartphones as opposed to porting 3DS or other handheld games is, in part, to keep the 3DS's popularity alive, but also because of the significant difference in retail prices. While consumers have no problem spending \$40 on a new 3DS title, to sell a mobile game at the same price is unheard of in a market where games

typically sell for under five dollars. “It was very important for Nintendo to analyze and clearly recognize that smart devices and dedicated video games are two completely different things even though, at a glance, they may appear to be very close from the viewpoint that you can play games on both of them,” said Iwata. Nintendo also hopes that it can usher in a new group of gamers by venturing into the increasingly popular mobile platform.

In a world that is growing increasingly more dependent on smartphones, Nintendo's step into the mobile platform is an attempt to stay relevant. According to Cinema Blend, there are only a few developers outside of Japan making games for handheld consoles such as the 3DS and Sony's PlayStation Vita, and while it is not a bad idea to continue to produce these games, to produce mobile games as well presents a better opportunity to remain a relevant force in the entertainment industry. Nintendo expects its first mobile game to release sometime later this year.



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PROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

What are you looking forward to this spring?



"Spring dresses."
Tattiana Medina '18



"To new life."
Phionna Claude '18



"To explore the city."
Rosa Ramos '16, Peter Salhaney '17,
and Andrea Rojas '17



"Doing homework outside."
Amy Gilligan '18, Kayla Krongel '18 and
Rachel Laravie '18



"The nice weather."
Onassis Valerio '18



"To be sprung."
Patrick Reynolds '18



"A vacation."
-Jack Frost



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TOP: The Footprints Gospel Choir uplifts the audience as they host their first annual Gospelfest, featuring the melodic voices and music of Providence College's gospel choir, as well as choirs from the local community and surrounding states.

MIDDLE LEFT: Relay For Life stops by the Things for Thursday table to decorate cupcakes with purple frosting and tons of toppings as sponsored by Dining Services and Colleges Against Cancer.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Colleges Against Cancer prepares for Relay For Life by having students declare who they relay for on whiteboards.

RIGHT: Wiggling their hips, students learn the Middle Eastern art and practice of belly dancing as part of BMSA's sponsored performance and lesson.



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TOP LEFT AND RIGHT: Student Congress hosts its annual Miss Providence College Pageant to celebrate incredible young women in the PC community while also raising money and collecting clothing for the Sojourner House, which helps domestic violence victims rebuild their lives.

MIDDLE LEFT: Students custom design their very own hater blockers at Things for Thursday.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Everyone loves a Zeppole! Students decorate their own Zeppole masterpieces at the Things for Thursday table as sponsored by Student Activities and Circolo Italiano.

RIGHT: Sophomores dance the night away in Peterson on March 20 at their annual Friar Ball.



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SPORTS

On to the Frozen Four

PC Men's Hockey Makes First Frozen Four Appearance Since 1985



The team celebrating their victory over Denver in the quarterfinals.

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by Veronica Lippert '15
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MEN'S HOCKEY

Providence College Men's Hockey is back in the Frozen Four for the first time in 30 years after two wild games in the East Regional. Going into the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, the East Regional was the most likely to surprise. It had the lowest one seed in Miami (Ohio), who was also missing a top player to a suspension, perennial power Boston College as the three seed, a hot University of Denver team at two, and PC who was dangerous (and not just because they were playing in their hometown).

It did surprise with the fourseed eventually coming out on top. The Friars' two wins came in different styles as well. Saturday featured one of the best coaching matchups in the Tournament, and was a high scoring affair. That win was followed by shut down goaltending on both ends of the ice in the final against Denver.

In their first game, the Friars found themselves behind quickly, but were able to match Miami goal for goal with tallies from Trevor Mingoia '16 and Shane Luke '15. "I think getting that first period out of the way was really good for us," Head Coach Nate Leaman said after the game, "After

having not played in two weeks and it wasn't a great experience for us the last time we played." The score was all even at the end of the first, but in the second the Friars' offense kicked it up a notch, and goaltender Jon Gillies '16 found his footing after two early goals, and shut down Miami's offense. Steven McParland '16 broke the tie by shoving a rebound past Miami goalie Jay Williams. The Friars would add three more to the board and chase the Miami goaltender by the end of the period.

In the third, with Miami's backs against the wall, the coaching matchup came to the fore. Enrico Blasi, a former winner of the Spencer Penrose for Coach of the Year, made a gutsy call by pulling his goalie with 12 minutes left in the game. The gamble nearly paid off for Miami, as the Friars found themselves unable to hit the empty net. "We lost our competitive edge just a little bit there. They kept pushing and we got on our heels a little bit," Leaman said. PC was able to pull it out though, but not before Miami had come all the way back to make it 6-5 with a minute and a half to go but PC was finally able to capitalize on the empty net for a 7-5 final.

On Sunday, Providence proved they could win multiple ways. Denver came out firing on offense, getting the majority of the possession in the first period, but Gillies stood on his head for

PC and kept the game scoreless. In the second period the Friars scored first on a power play when Noel Acciari '16 slid a backhander into the net from right on the doorstep of the crease.

The third period proved that a low scoring goaltending battle did not mean the game was without the fluke bounces and drama of Saturday's game. Denver tied the game up on easily the strangest bounce of the regional weekend. Joey LaLeggia, one of the best scoring defensemen in the league and Denver's star player, fired a shot high from the point that bounced off the glass and hit Gillies in the back before rolling into the net. Providence got a chance to shift the momentum and take control when LaLeggia was assessed a major penalty and a game misconduct, giving PC a five minute power play and leaving Denver without their best player for the rest of the game.

On the ensuing power play, PC looked, for a while, like they might come away empty handed. Denver even had the best chance of that stretch when a shot off a two-on-one rush dinged off the crossbar. Shortly after that, Leaman made what was probably his best coaching decision of the weekend when he called a time out before the ensuing faceoff. "I just thought we had to relax. We were pressing a little bit. In these big moments you got to remember to relax and execute," Leaman said. It worked,

as Tom Parisi '16 netted the game winner shortly after.

The Friars are now headed to Boston and are focused on their Thursday night game against Nebraska-Omaha. The Frozen Four weekend looks just as wide open as the East Regional. Once again, "neutral ice" will be a bit of a misnomer but this time BU will be the main beneficiary of it. PC's game against Omaha will feature arguably the best goaltending matchup of the tournament and clashing styles, while two members of the Hobey Hat Trick, finalists for player of the year, face off in the other game between BU and North Dakota.

In Nebraska-Omaha, the Friars face a different sort of challenge than they did in either regional game. Omaha is built on speed and puck possession. In some areas PC has the skill to match them, and players like Ross Mauermann '15 will likely be called on for a bigger role than in the regional. But when at their best, Providence plays a tougher and slower game, relying on their hits, chip-ins, and fore-check. A clash of styles such as this is rarely won by the team playing outside their comfort zone. Providence imposing their will and slowing the game down is their best chance to come away with the win.

Friar Athlete in History: John McDonald



McDonald '96 during his time with the Boston Red Sox.

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by Jeff Williams '16
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COLUMN

At any other Big East school, John McDonald '96 would not be much of a notable name in its sports history, as far as his professional career is concerned. A journeyman who hung around the major leagues for years, he never posted anything close to eye-popping numbers. But what makes him so uniquely notable for Providence College is that he is the last Friar baseball player to suit up in Major League Baseball. The beginning of the 2015 MLB season is the perfect time to look back at his program's last stand.

Born in New London, Connecticut in

1974, John McDonald was undrafted coming out of East Lyme High School. After attending UConn-Avery Point (NJCAA Division II All-American shortstop) he transferred to Providence College for the 1995 season. In his two seasons in Friar town, McDonald earned big accolades; he was selected twice for the All-Big East Team and also being honored as a Second Team All-American twice. The shortstop made his mark on the Friar record books. In 109 career games, his .355 batting average ranks sixth of all time. His 48 stolen bases are the second best for a PC player, and he also holds school records for the most hits (85) and doubles (23) in a single season. As the baseball team was disbanded after the 1999 season due to Title IX, McDonald was amongst the last

to patrol the Friar diamond. He left school six courses short of his degree, but would return to earn it in 2010.

After being selected by the Cleveland Indians in the 12th round (363rd overall pick) of the 1996 MLB Draft, John McDonald left Providence College to pursue professional baseball, a journey that would prove to be a long odyssey. His major league debut came on July 4, 1999, two months before his 25th birthday—older than most MLB debutantes.

He appeared as a pinch hitter in the ninth inning, singled to center field in his first at bat, and later scored. Despite this excellent start, McDonald never became a regular in Cleveland, though he did remain with the team for five seasons, never playing more than 93 games. On December 2, 2004, he was traded to the Toronto Blue Jays. After playing 37 games, he was traded again, this time to the Detroit Tigers, for future considerations. At the conclusion of the 2005 season, the Tigers dealt McDonald back to the Blue Jays in exchange for cash—meaning that John McDonald was essentially traded for himself.

Nicknamed "the Prime Minister of Defense," it was in Toronto that McDonald was at his best. In 2006, he batted .223 and 2007 was his career year—123 games, a .251 batting average, and a .982 fielding percentage. He remained in Toronto until 2011, followed by two years (and his only two playoff games) with the Arizona Diamondbacks. His 2013 season defined his journeyman status.

On March 20, Arizona traded him to the Pittsburgh Pirates, who in turn sent him back to the Indians on June 10. His original team quickly ended the reunion on June 27, sending him to the Philadelphia Phillies. On August 31, John McDonald was finally traded to his hometown Boston Red Sox. He only played in six games, getting two hits and scoring one run, but earned his coveted World Series championship ring when Boston defeated the St. Louis Cardinals at Fenway Park. After playing 95 games for the Los Angeles Angels in 2014, John McDonald retired at 39, forever closing the books on Providence College baseball.

Just six Providence College baseball players made the major leagues. Ed Wineapple '29 played just one game. Al Blanche '34 managed to hang around for two seasons. Keith Reed, a member of the last PC baseball team, had a "cup of coffee" in 2005.

Lou Merloni '93 became a fan favorite in Boston. Birdie Tebbetts '34 had by far the most successful career, making four all-star games over 16 seasons. The last was John McDonald, a great defensive shortstop who hung around the majors for 14 years until he was pushing 40. He was never flashy, but since he single-handedly carried the PC banner for years after baseball had ended here, he deserves a spot in the Friar pantheon.

Softball Making Huge Strides

by Sarah Wacik '15
Sports Staff

SOFTBALL

The start of spring can only mean one thing for the Providence College Women's Softball Team: time to play ball. Over Easter break, the Friars hosted their first two home series of the 2015 season against the Butler Bulldogs and Seton Hall Pirates. Overall, the team posted a 3-2 record for the five-game home stand, with the series finale against Seton Hall rained out in the fourth inning.

During the Big East Conference series against Butler, PC swept the doubleheader on opening day at home by the scores of 2-0 and 11-3. In game one, the Friars and Bulldogs were locked in a scoreless draw until Nicole Lundstrom '17 smacked a solo shot over the outfield wall and gave her team the lead. In the sixth, Lundstrom struck again with another solo homerun to double the margin for the Friars. Taylor Huntly '17 turned in a solid performance on the mound, as she tossed the complete-game shutout and struck out two.

In game two, Lundstrom continued her offensive dominance in the lineup, as she launched a three-run homer in the first inning and drove in Shanelle Harrell '15 and Kristie Dederick '15. A clutch double by Harrell in addition to an RBI single by Lauren Paiva '15 also helped the Friars cap a seven-run first inning. PC then added another four runs in the second thanks to a two-RBI double by Paige Mulry '18 and a run-scoring single by Kiki Baldassari '16. At

the end of five innings, the Friars clinched the 11-3 victory and second Big East win of 2015. The final game of the series saw PC fall to Butler 7-2, but saw Lundstrom continue to hit for power as she smacked her fourth homer of the series.

On Monday, PC took on Seton Hall and split the doubleheader in the only two games of the series. The first game was a pitchers' duel between both starters, but the Friars managed to squeak out a 2-1 victory in eight innings. Huntly shined again on the mound for the Friars and went the distance to record her sixth win of the season. After falling behind 1-0, Julianna Rurka '18 tied the game with a clutch double to drive in Dederick. In extra innings, Dederick sent a walk-off home run over the right field fence.

In the following matchup, Butler jumped out to an early lead with a run in the first and another in the second. However, Lundstrom tied the score with her fifth home run in the last four games and drove in Dederick, who had managed to reach base in her at-bat. Unfortunately, the Friars relinquished the lead in the top of the fifth and were not able to recover. Christina Ramirez '18 suffered the loss after pitching five innings, while Huntly pitched another two innings in relief without allowing an earned run. The loss put PC's record at 8-15 overall and 3-4 in the Big East. After rainouts on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Friars return to action on April 11 at St. John's for a doubleheader.



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Lacrosse Fights Hard Against Georgetown

by Brannon Walker-Hodges '16
Sports Staff

LACROSSE

The Friar Men's Lacrosse Team is in full spring swing now, as they have played their first 10 games of the season already. On Saturday, April 4, the lacrosse team was defeated by the Georgetown Hoyas 9-6 in a well-fought match at the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex. The Friars put up a valiant battle against the 17th ranked Hoyas with "great team defense overall," as quoted by Friars Head Coach Chris Gabrielli. The loss puts the Friars at a 4-6 overall record (0-2 Big East record), while improving the Hoyas to 7-4 overall (2-1 Big East record). The Friars' standout performer was attackman Will Mazzone '16, who recorded three goals Saturday against the Hoyas. Georgetown's standout player of the match was senior Bo Stafford, who recorded five points overall with three goals and two assists.

Georgetown started out with an early 1-0 lead with 9:51 remaining in the first quarter from their senior midfielder Joe Bucci. The Friars responded with an unassisted goal from Mazzone with 1:48 left in first quarter to tie up the match, 1-1.

With 7:46 left in the second quarter, Georgetown regained the lead with man-up goal score by Stafford. It appeared to a back and forth physical match as the Friars did all they could to match the intensity of the Hoyas. Mazzone did his part once again at a crucial point in the game, scoring a goal with 5:33 remaining before halftime that was assisted by attackman Buck McClure '15. However, the Hoyas refused to let the Friars take advantage of the opportunities that they had created for themselves, as Hoyas managed to score back-to-back goals by Reilly O'Connor and Stafford, respectively, to take a 4-2 lead into halftime.

Providence came out of halftime

focused to put themselves in a position to compete, as midfielder Joshua Keller '18 scored within the first 31 seconds of the third quarter to close the deficit, 4-3. Georgetown proceeded to dominate the match as they scored five goals in the quarter. Mazzone managed to score one more goal with 6:44 left, but the damage had already been done as the Hoyas took a 9-4 lead into the final period.

Coach Gabrielli has to give credit to his team for continuing to compete and bounce back from the offensive onslaught Georgetown placed on them. The Friars managed to hold the Hoyas scoreless in the final period, while scoring two more goals late in the game. The first goal came from midfielder Greg FitzMaurice '15 with 3:02 left in the game. Immediately after, McClure put the ball in the net for the Friars. Coach Gabrielli can look at the Friars outshooting the Hoyas 44-39 in the match and winning 13-of-19 faceoff opportunities as positives signs of the aggressiveness that the Friars need to sustain in order to remain competitive in Big East conference play.

According to Friars.com, Coach Gabrielli gave kudos to his young team for never letting the deficit hinder their competitive spirit. "Our young group is beginning to learn from the intensity to compete at the Big East level." However, the Friars still have a lot of work to do on the offensive end in order to capitalize on their scoring opportunities. Friars look to use this game as a stepping stone for their next matchup on Saturday, April 11 at 12 p.m. against the 12th nationally ranked Marquette Golden Eagles at Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex.

Editor's Corner: Dear Face of Friar Basketball

by Joey Ciccarello '16
Sports Editor

COLUMN

Dear Kris Dunn '17,

How is everything going? It has been a while since you sat next to me in Writing Seminar freshman year. Anyways, I think that moment made us pretty close friends, so maybe you will listen to a couple suggestions (eight, to be exact) I have for you. Here are eight reasons why you should hang around Friartown for just one more season.

Unfinished Business— Since you arrived on campus in 2012, this program has come a long way. We have come from Big East bottom-feeders to a team that has won a Big East Tournament, and a team that has appeared in two straight NCAA tournaments. Now that the team has done this, however, it is time to take the next step. Providence has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 1997, when you were a mere three years old. Wouldn't it be great to be part of the team that breaks this drought, a team that could be the team most beloved by the Friar Faithful since the days of Rick Pitino? Yeah, I thought so. There is still business to take care of.

Player of the Year— Do not lie to me. You want to be the Big East Player of the Year again. This time, though, you will not have to share it with Ryan Arcidiacono. Yeah, Archie will be back at Villanova, but after watching you outplay him in the Big East Tournament this year, the coaches would not dream of making you guys Co-Players of the Year again. Don't lie to me—this bothers you a little bit, and next year, you can take what is rightfully yours.

Look Who Is Coming Back— It sucks to lose

LaDontae Henton '15, Carson Desrosiers '15, Tyler Harris '16, and, most importantly, Ted Bancroft '14RS. They did a great deal for this program, helping change the culture that was here during the Keno Davis Era. However, look who you still have to play with. Jalen Lindsey '18 and Ben Bentil '18 hit their strides towards the end of the season. Paschal Chukwu '18 could, and should, fit seamlessly into Carson's role as rim protector, and Kyron Cartwright '18 can only get better in his role as secondary ball handler. Barring any complications, you will finally get the opportunity to play with Rodney Bullock '17. Give Junior Lomomba '17 another year to expand his offense, which will complement his prowess on the defensive end.

Look Who Is Joining You— Yes, Alex Owens '19 may not be available right away as he recovers from a torn ACL. But if and when Owens is cleared to play, he will add depth, athleticism, and strength to an already deep cast of forwards. Ryan Fazekas '19 and Ricky Council '19 provide the three-point shooting and floor spacing that plagued this year's team. Drew Edwards '19 is instant offense, and provides scoring punch that will be desperately needed following Harris and Henton's departures.

Someone Needs To Beat Villanova— Please, please come back to beat Villanova. It has been a long two years since someone not named Villanova has won the Big East regular season title, and a long two years since Providence has been on the winning side of a game against the Wildcats. If there is one reason for you to come back, it

is to see the look on Jay Wright's face when you beat Villanova next year in front of a sold-out Dunkin' Donuts Center.

The Big East Will Be Even Better— Villanova will be just as good, if not better, than they were this year. Xavier is fresh off an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. Georgetown is bringing back their best player in De'Vauntes Smith-Rivera, and Butler will be a tough out as usual. Chris Mullin and St. John's will be a threat every night. Seton Hall has the talent to compete with anyone. Marquette has a stellar recruiting class, and has nowhere to go but up. It is hard to fathom Creighton being bad for more than one year. Next year's Big East presents a whole new challenge, but I know it is one that you are more than up for.

Your Draft Stock Can Go Nowhere But Up— Another year of experience in one of the country's best conferences will do wonders for your draft stock. After another year of Big East domination, any NBA GM would be crazy not to take you in the 2016 lottery.

Do You Know Who Shabazz Napier and Kemba Walker are?— Guards win in March. You are a guard. You can do what they did, and if you do, PC will probably rename the Chapel (or maybe the whole school) after you.

The time for you to go to the NBA will come, Kris. That time just has not come yet. Take it from the kid that sat next to you in class that one time.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Friar
Fan

JON GILLIES

Ever since Jon Gillies '16 was named Division I Rookie of the Year in his freshman season, it has been clear that PC men's hockey has a special talent on their hands in the gifted goalkeeper. And although Gillies' prowess in goal was exceptional the moment he first stepped foot on the ice in a Friars uniform, lately he has been taking his game, and the Friars, to new heights.

It should come as no surprise to loyal fans of the program that Gillies has been the most important player for the Friars in an exhilarating NCAA tournament run over the past few weeks. In a first-round match-up against the #4 Redhawks of Miami (Ohio), Gillies was the deciding factor as both teams conjured up some serious heat on the offense. Although the casual observer might look at the box score and remark that a 7-5 game must have been the result of bad goal-keeping, the opposite was in fact true. Both the Redhawks and the Friars executed brilliantly on offense, and were about even in shots attempted—36 by PC and 34 by Miami. Gillies had 29 saves, 13 of which came in the crucial final period. It may not have been pretty, but when the Friars needed it most, Gillies kept the puck out of the net.

In the next round, against Denver, Gillies' solid presence in goal was again crucial. The Friars' offense delivered their usual effort, with four different players scoring. And although the final score looked rather lopsided—the Friars won 4-1—you can thank Gillies for making it look easier than it was. In fact, Denver's offense managed 24 shots on goal—the exact amount that the Friars took. With his 23 saves, Gillies once again made stops that an average player in goal would have let by. If PC's sensation in goal can keep this up, the title is the limit for men's hockey.

-Nate Svogun '16

WHO HAS BEEN THE MVP OF PC'S FROZEN FOUR RUN

NOEL ACCIARI

Oh captain, my captain (not named Ross Mauermann '15), thank you for leading the Friars into their first Frozen Four in 30 years. Although Mauermann certainly helped, Noel Acciari '16 is the biggest reason why Providence is heading to Boston.

The 5'11," 195 lb. Rhode Island native was named to the All-East Regional Team and was named the East Regional Most Outstanding player. In the game against Miami, Acciari helped extend the Friars' lead to 5-2 after putting home a pass from Trevor Mingoia '16. Acciari had assisted on Brian Pinho's goal just 30 seconds before. Against Denver, Acciari's second period power play goal put the Friars up 1-0, to extend his point streak to three.

Acciari is not just a goal scorer, but is also one of the most physical players on an already physical team. With too much skill to be labeled as an enforcer, Acciari scares teams both in front of the net and on the boards. He is a multi-dimensional player who, in addition to scoring 14 goals, tied for the team lead, and having 16 assists, was named the Hockey East's best defensive forward. His 30 points this season have been third on the team overall and leads the team in +/- with +21. He has also been a pivotal part of both the Friars' penalty kill and power play, and has scored four power play goals this season.

Omaha will have its hands full with this hard-hitting, goal-scoring forward. This regular season success has translated into post-season for Acciari, and if he continues to play like he has been all season, he can add another accomplishment to his already impressive season: a national championship.

-Bryan Blum '17



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The Impossible Quest

by Marisa Gonzalez '18
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FICTION

This is the story of my blender blunder. I know what you're thinking: Nice use of alliteration, and really, blender? Can you get any more random than that? Actually yes, COW! See, now that's random. Anyway, this story is about my quest for blenders. You see, blenders are like the Holy Grail, super important and ridiculously hard to find. Trust me, I am not exaggerating. Just listen to this tale.

It was a Saturday afternoon. The sky was a charcoal grey and the wind was, well, windy. I let out a sigh as I walked into the dining hall. Today was going to be interesting, I just knew it. And not the good type of interesting, more like the "Holy cow, today was super interesting and now I'm exhausted." Another sigh escaped me and I made my way toward a table full of colorfully dressed people. Each member was animatedly chatting away. As I approached, everyone immediately stopped what they were doing and glared at me.

"Um," I clear my throat, "Hey. So I know I was supposed to come earlier and wear um, pink and some kind of purple, but I—I don't have those colors and the reason why I'm late is because I was looking for them. So yeah." I sadly look down at my jeans and peach top. Well, they're close to purple and pink. The girl at the head of the table, Hailey, stood up and smiled. All of her perfectly white teeth shone and a shiver ran down my spine. An evil glint appeared in her sapphire eyes for a second. I gulped.

"That's OK. Totally understandable. Like, completely." She gestured me to sit down. I did, which caused more glares. "So, like, your outfit's close enough. Anyway, you were asked here because you're good at gymnastics and stuff." This was true. I am the reigning champion of the All State Gymnastic Competition but I'm not sure what the "stuff" was. "So, we, like, wanted to see if you would want to teach us some moves. Cambridge will totally be shocked once we become like, acrobats and stuff." Again with the "stuff". Hm. The head cheerleader wanted me to help her. Cool, maybe.

"Oh, um, OK." I smiled nervously. Hailey jumped, yelled "Yay!" and hugged me. Then she let me go, brushed herself off, flipped her velvet hair and gestured for everyone else to stand. "Ladies and Steve, let's all welcome the new member of the Santaberg Cheer Squad!" A cheer erupted and Hailey pulled me up. "Wave and smile," she

whispers to me. I do so and once again an evil glint appears in Hailey's eyes. Oh boy.

"Now, now. Settle down ladies, Steve. As new member of Santaberg Cheer Squad you will have to show your loyalty." Oh no. "So, like, we always have this smoothie party and it is totally important that we have a blender. But, we don't have one so we normally have the newest member gets it and, well, that's you." Phew. A blender. I can do that. "Of course, if you don't want to help us win and like, totally ruin our dreams, you could say no." A blender. I can totally find a blender.

"No, I'll do it." Hailey squeals and hugs me. "When do I need to get it?" She lets go of me and flips her hair. "Today." OK, yeah I can do that.

"Where can I find one?"
"Oh no, we don't tell you where one is because we don't know. It's normally in here, but the chef needs it, so you need to find another option." Right. OK. Deep breaths. Where can I find a blender? "Scoot. We haven't got all day," and with that I am ushered out into the world. Time to go find me a blender!

I took one step and a rain drop fell on my head. Poop. Then more raindrops until it began to pour. Oh crud. Where can I find a blender and quick? Oh. Starbucks! I raced to Starbucks, rain spraying my face. Why didn't I bring a coat? When I finally reached the door, my hands were so wet that they kept sliding off the door. I was so focused on trying to get my hand on the door knob that I didn't notice the lights were out. Eventually I got a hold of the knob and with a triumphant "Yes" I tried to yank the door open. It of course did not. "No!" I kicked the door. OK, OK, get a hold of yourself. Where else can there be blenders? Oh, oh I know! I then run off toward the library.

The library's basement has been used for storage for years. There has to be a blender down there. I raced to the library and yanked the door open. Many people stared at me. I don't blame them. I mean, I was soaking wet and had thrown the door open. I must have looked like a lunatic. I cleared my throat and tried to look as normal as possible. I held my head high, straightened my back and stepped slowly to the stairs. I

could feel them staring but I ignored them, my eyes only fixed on the stairs. When I reached them, I took off into a sprint, which is dumb to do when you're soaking wet. I, of course, slipped and slid down the stairs. Well, at least I got down.

The basement was extremely dark and damp. I'm pretty sure no one had been down there for centuries. Spider webs lined the ceiling and dust swirled around me. I flipped my phone on for light, but I still couldn't see anything. With a huff, I went back up the stairs and to the door. When I reached the door, my eyes widened. Fudge! It was closed! Why was it closed? I tried to open it and it wouldn't budge. Ok, ok. Think. Oh! I take out my phone to dial Kelly, the RA.

"Hey, Kelly. You know since you're an RA, I was hoping that you would be able to open anything, and, well I'm stuck in the library basement."

"Wha.."
"But I have a good

explanation. I, um, was looking for a blender." Silence. Then a burst of laughter. "Hey! It is NOT funny!"

"Heh, yes it is. Boy, Hailey got you too huh? Sorry to say this but Hailey does this all the time. I'll come get ya." Well, now I'm mad. After about 10 minutes, the door opens and Kelly swoops in like an angel. She hands me a coat and I eagerly grab it. "Come on, dry up then tomorrow you can get your revenge." Yes, yes I shall. "Evil laugh." Anyway that's it. My big blunder. Boy, am I an idiot! I did get my revenge, though. I got a bunch of blenders from the dining hall and placed them in Hailey's room. Hah, sweet revenge. I hope you all learned something from my little tale. I sure did. Never go off looking for the Holy Grail when your source is a glittery, redheaded cheerleader.

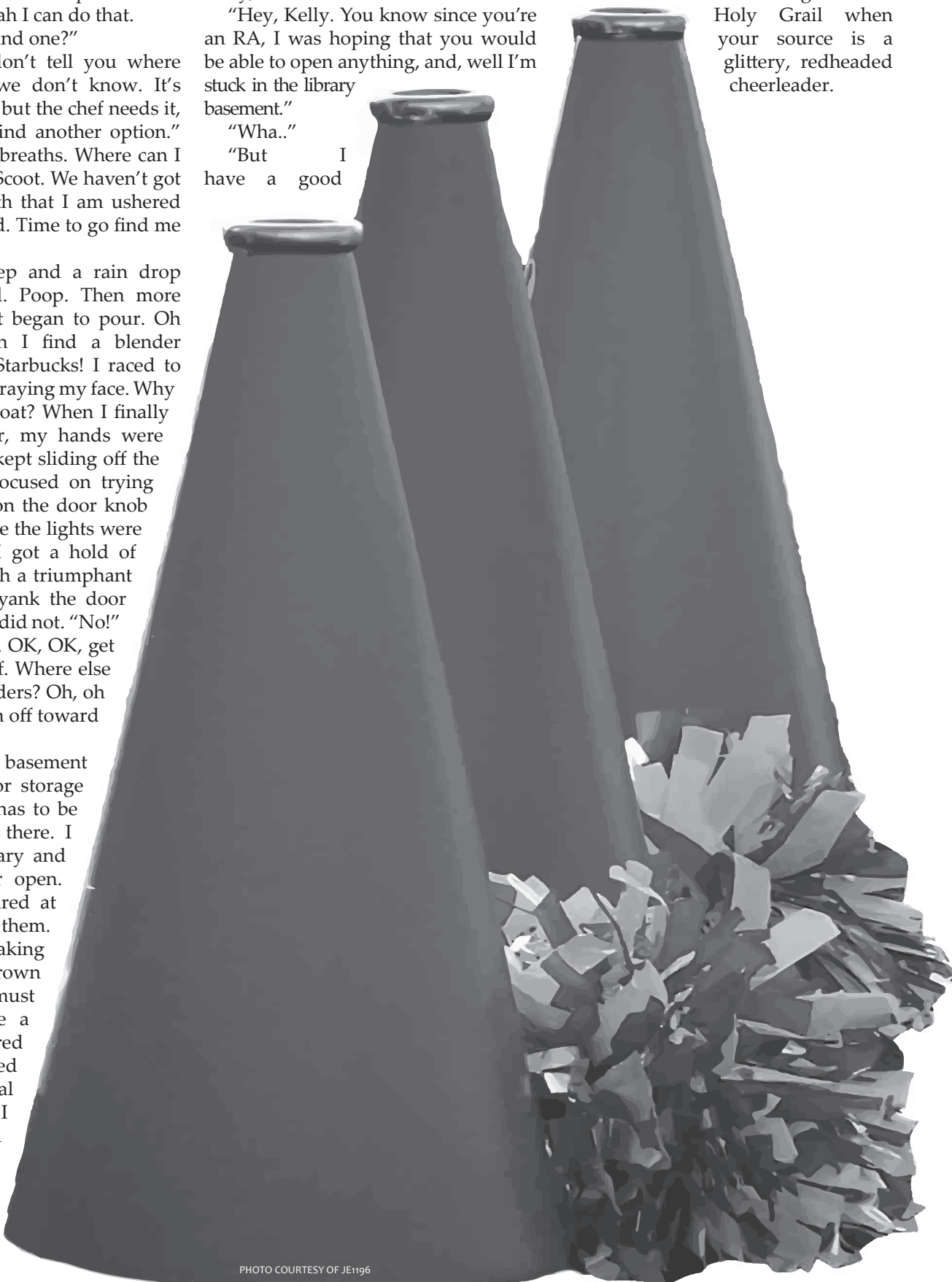


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The Greatest Enemy

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FICTION

And now the final march begins. This war has gone on for far too long. It ends now, once and for all. One final strike, and all these horrors we have endured will end.

We had no warning of their arrival, nor what the sudden onslaught they enacted would bring. Those who were there that first fateful day said that the sun itself was darkened by the appearance of the first ship, and the hundreds of bloodthirsty killers it contained. It was nothing like the so-called “peaceful contact” scientists and science-fiction writers imagined. No... it was swift, and it was brutal.

They went for Washington first. They had done their research well from afar, watching us for years from their hidden eyes all across the cosmos. They knew that to break us, they had to destroy the symbols of our unity. The entire city fell in less than a week, decimated by the high-powered lasers and dreadful bombs that leveled entire blocks with one detonation. The center of the city was saved for last. They hacked the networks and television towers so that everyone in the world

could see the White House crumble in a cloud of dust and flame. They sent no message, no terms of surrender. They simply moved on, their massive vessels inexorably floating across the skies.

The army only took a few days to rally, but by then, everyone knew that it was too late. After all, what could they do against such power? The President, who had barely escaped the now-ruined building that represented his shaken power, called for immediate retaliation against this “unprovoked, vicious assault upon American freedom.” Others proposed that negotiations be attempted, while the cynics advocated instant, unequivocal surrender.

While they debated frivolously over what to do next, the attackers moved on to their next target. New York lasted longer than Washington, if only by a few hours. The preparations that the city had made were useless. It was to be expected. Luckily, the city had been mostly evacuated by that time, its residents wisely fleeing to the smaller settlements, hoping that the ships would pass them by for bigger targets.

At first, the other nations did little to help. Their arguments were much the same: “What can we do to stop these creatures that you haven’t already tried?” That changed when London

was attacked, and then Paris, and then Cairo, along with dozens of others around the world. The conflict had been elevated—now it was global. All international quarrels were forgotten. Humanity itself was at stake, and people who had once fought bitterly against one another now united to face a foe that cared nothing for them as enemies, seeking only to destroy them as humans. It’s funny how only something from another planet could cause us to realize that we are all the same at heart...

The war lasted for decades. We were lucky that our enemies seemed to have dismissed the notion of our resistance. Perhaps their research on us had not been as comprehensive as they thought. Generals and soldiers from the world over banded together, developing new tactics to fight the creatures as they descended upon helpless cities. Scientists gathered in major conferences, pooling their resources and intelligences to develop new weapons to aid the valiant warriors in their battle for human freedom. Slowly, the tide began to turn. A ship was blown out of the sky above Tokyo, its burning hulk hurtling from the sky to crash into the ocean below. That was a turning point, it seemed.

Then the creatures spoke to us for the first time. We expected the

obvious: “Resistance is futile. You cannot win. Your might is meager compared to ours.” What we got was something very different. “You don’t belong here,” they said. “You must be eradicated.”

It took a long time to decipher that message. When we did, the results were appalling. The creatures we fought were not alien at all. They were human.

Great minds all across the world scrambled to come up with an explanation for this incredible revelation. Time travel, maybe? No, that couldn’t be—after all, if these humans were from the future, eradicating the past would destroy their own history. Perhaps they were a subspecies of human, from the planet we came from originally? No one knew...and we never would.

Incensed by the findings, world leaders ordered an immediate, final assault. The entire military force of planet Earth was mustered for what would be the final charge. Now they go forth to defeat this world’s greatest enemy. I am among them, though I do not know why, or what the future will bring. After all, how can we fight ourselves? In all our years of history, we have never mastered that...

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Subject to Change

by Ariana Pasquantonio '16
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POETRY

After the midday swell,
the air deflates and smells of
charcoal and green light.

Allow the rain to
settle into your bones, to
seep in from the leaves.

The chill sets in, white
skies followed by darkness all
night, sleeping, waiting.

When the bluebirds arrive,
they'll let us know. But then there
might only be sparrows.

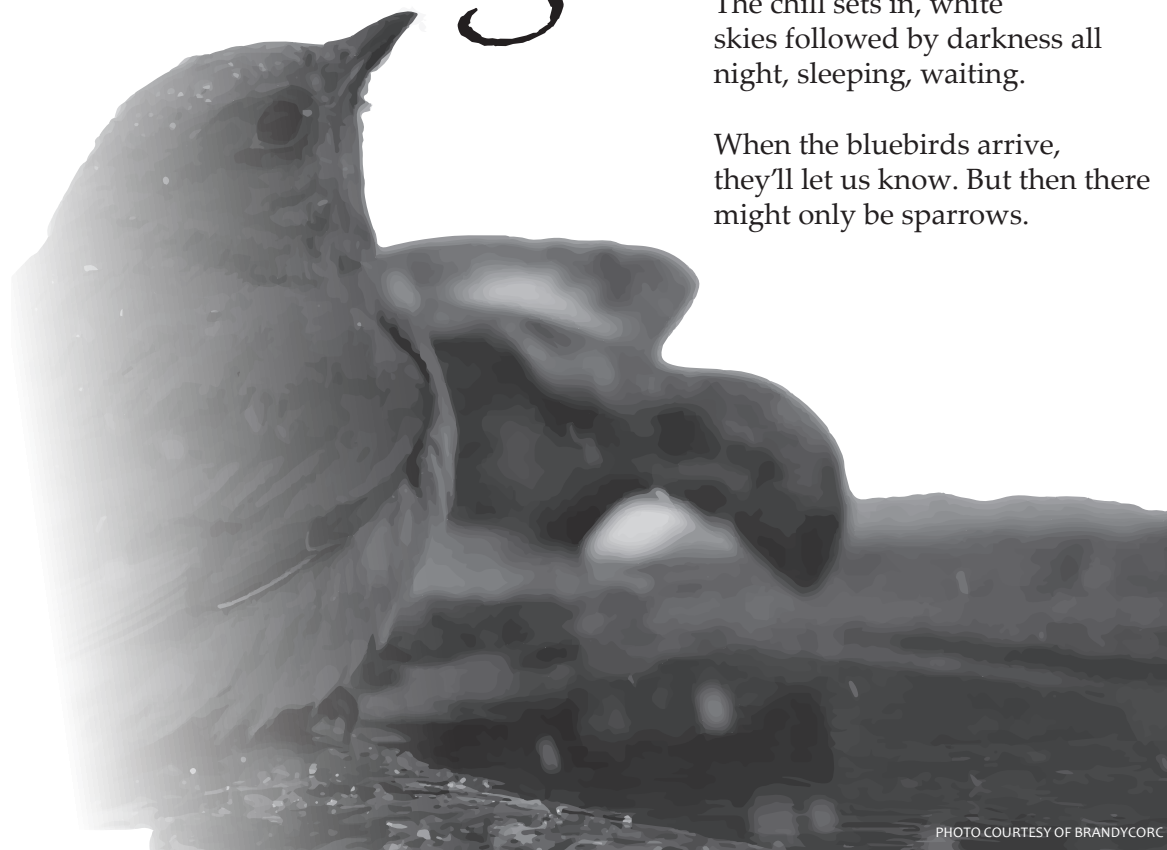


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Tiffany & Earl

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

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I have a really big secret and I need to tell someone. Will you listen to my secret?

Sincerely,
Your Mom

Dear Mommy Dearest,

Let me preface this by saying that I know you're not my mother...she's far too *Gone with the Wind* Fabulous, living the way of Chardonnay while watching endless streams of Bravo! TV to waste her time harboring pedestrian secrets, and I'm sure your so-called secret is absolutely pathetic. This is nothing but a cry for attention, and ain't nobody got time for that. Let's play devil's advocate here for a hot sec, and entertain your doleful whines for attention (I can hear you screaming "Notice me!" from Bayside High); I'll list the potential secrets that you, presumed clichéd PC student (you claim you're my mother, you're definitely hackneyed), could be hiding under that keratin treated hair:

-You conveniently "lost" your purity ring in the "ocean" over spring break with Todd.

-You totally put eight creams in your caramel swirl iced coffee this morning (OMG, you cheated on your paleo)!

-You ate too much strawberry cream cheese and were diagnosed with the diabeetus over break.

-Your boobs/nose job/weave is totally not real (we couldn't have guessed that one, you had us fooled).

-You've been wearing last season's *insert pretentious clothing label name here* because YOU SHOP AT MARSHALL'S (queue tragic music).

Yep, I know I definitely hit at least one of your secrets, and if I didn't, then it's probably even worse than I imagined. You need some Turtle Time to spice up your life, loser...and don't EVER impersonate my mother; she's way cooler than you.

Remember, money can't buy you class. Elegance is learned, my friend.



Tiffany

Dear Carol,

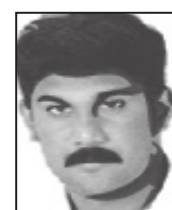
Carol, may I call you Carol? Fantastic. Carolyn, listen. I know you may have passed me like a kidney stone on that hot August morning all those years ago, but I am still invested in your emotional needs.

That being said, I'm going to say you should refrain from getting "personal" with me. I am your son, after all. What happens after you tell me this secret? We wind up having our emotional motherly-son bond reinforced? Fat chance. You're better off having me tell you my big secret on why I shuffled into the bathroom six times a day during middle and high school.

And if you tell me the secret, next thing you know, I'm helping you take out a mortgage for the new house we bought and I'm stuck in the Home Depot figuring out if beige is really the color we want our curtains to be, especially juxtaposed with that ottoman you insisted on.

I've seen it a million times. Do you want to embark on an overly clingy incestually ambiguous relationship? Better yet, I'll leave that decision away from you, Carolina.

Go bake some cookies,



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