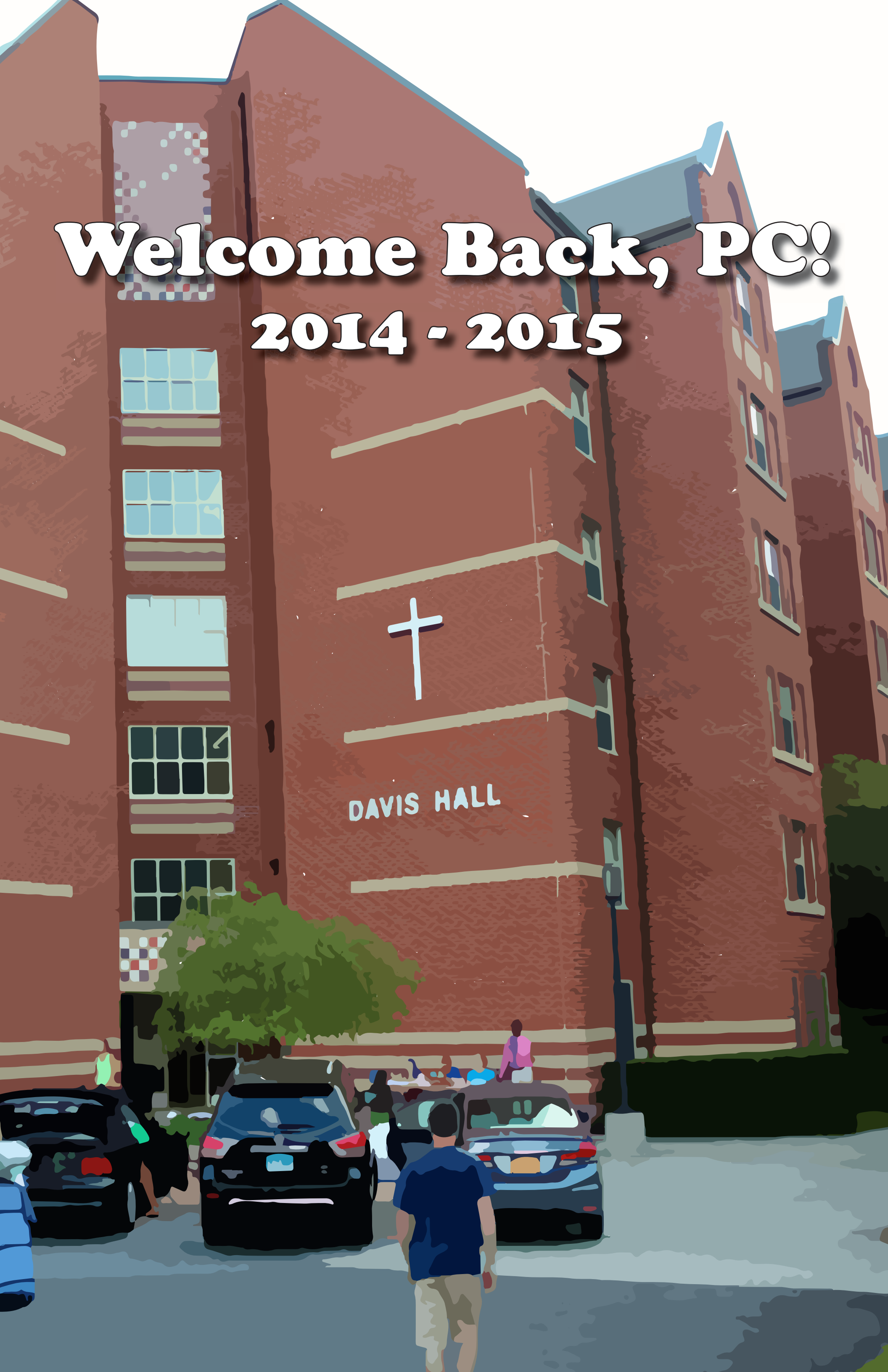


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PC Welcomes Second-Most Diverse Class

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ADMISSIONS

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014, the Providence College community officially welcomed the Class of 2018 to the campus. The Academic Convocation was held at 3 p.m. in the Peterson Recreation Center, and the entire PC community was invited to attend. The event also greeted transfer students and new members of the College's faculty.

The featured speaker at the event was Dr. Keith W. Morton, a professor of public and community service studies at the College. Morton discussed how essential the ideals of community and volunteerism are to both PC and the Providence community as a whole, citing the dedication and hard work of PC students in the Smith Hill area as one of the most prominent examples.

The Class of 2018 is comprised of 1,032 students and is celebrated as being the second-most diverse class in the history of the College, coming in only marginally behind the Class of 2017. Raúl Fonts, the dean of admission and financial aid, emphasized that this is a great achievement, especially since diversity is one of the main pillars of the College's strategic plan as PC approaches its 2017 centennial. Fonts acknowledged that diversity is key because it is "more reflective of today's world," and he stressed that the goal is



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Fr. Shanley, O.P., left, and Dr. Hugh Lena, right, welcome new students and faculty.

to eventually reach 20 percent diversity in the future freshman class profiles.

The incoming freshmen are also the second class to be offered the choice of Early Decision during the application process. The College found that, in recent years, about seven percent of students who applied Early Action would have chosen to go the binding Early Decision route if the option were available. Fonts attested that applying Early Decision is the best way to be accepted to PC, as the Office of Admissions is willing

to go further and look deeper at Early Decision applicants who evidently and absolutely love PC. Regarding the Early Decision program, Fonts exclaimed that he "wants to build on that...We want to make it one of our priorities." The College accepted 135 students of the 166 who applied Early Decision this year, and Fonts hopes that next year will bring in a pool of at least 200 applicants.

When discussing the Class of 2018 profile, Fonts also highlighted the well-roundedness of PC's newest

students. Fonts affirmed that he is "just as proud" of the students for their co-curricular activities as he is for their academic achievements, which, at a 3.38 average unweighted GPA, are certainly "extraordinary." Among other statistics, 58 members of the Class of 2018 were class or council presidents; 730 members participated in community service; 802 members participated in athletics; and 381 members were captains of their various athletic teams. Fonts stated that he is very excited to see what these promising and multi-talented individuals bring to the PC community.

Fonts undoubtedly spoke for the entire Office of Admissions when he claimed that, after assessing the diversity, academic success, and well-roundedness of the Class of 2018, he is ecstatic to see what the Class of 2018 will accomplish over their next four years.

Class of 2018 by the Numbers

- 1,032 students
- 43 percent male; 57 percent female
- Second-most diverse class
- Second class offered Early Decision
- 62 percent from New England
- 802 participated in athletics
- 381 served as athletic team captains
- 730 engaged in community service

Phase One of Huxley Field Project Completed

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Providence College forged ahead this summer in implementing its plans to construct a new soccer and lacrosse field, calling for a relocation of existing sports fields and parking lots on the main campus. Developments in the integration of Huxley Avenue, the erection of the School of Business, and renovations to the science complexes and the Phillips Memorial Library also progressed, bringing the College closer to fulfilling its strategic plan and future goals.

"Rest assured that all of the planning addresses one or more of the strategic initiatives," said Mark Rapoza, assistant vice president of capital projects and facilities management. These initiatives support various facets of the College's academic, athletic, and spiritual missions.

To fulfill the College's athletic and student life objectives, the field project aims to build a new soccer and lacrosse field on the existing women's softball field. The site to which the softball field will be relocated has yet to be determined.

The tennis courts will also be elevated, allowing for the addition of a new parking lot below. Access will be provided from this new lot, as well as from the existing parking lot south of the new field, to a concourse connecting Raymond Drive to

Schneider Arena. An elevated portion of the concourse will provide for pedestrian traffic over the roadway leading to the entrance of the lot below the tennis courts, according to Rapoza. By project completion, the College will have procured a net gain of parking spaces.

While initial plans outlined construction of the new field and relocation of existing fields during the summer of 2014, an email dated May 27, 2014, from Father Brian Shanley, O.P., explained his decision to split the project into two phases and cited the "very tight timeframe" and the avoidance of "undue hardship" on student athletes and non-athletes alike as part of the rationale.

Completion of infrastructure and utility work on the new soccer and lacrosse stadium marks completion of the first phase of the field project. Rapoza stated that the two phases of construction will allow for a lull in construction until next spring and for the parking lot to the south of the field to operate as fully functional at present.

According to Rapoza, the completion of a soccer and lacrosse field will enhance student life for both athletes and non-athletes, providing a facility that can be used for varsity sports, intramurals, or recreational play. Its artificial turf will also extend the life and usage time of the field.

The College also continued work on what Rapoza referred to as the "Campus Transformation" plan, which outlines how the College will

include the portion of Huxley Avenue purchased from the city of Providence in December 2012. Logistics concerning issues such as pedestrian and vehicular traffic are still being considered and will be further discussed at town meetings held this semester.

Additionally, Rapoza stated that the College is in a position to start tweaking floor plans for the new School of Business within the next three to four weeks.

"We are trying to determine how to right size the building," he said. Numerous studies, such as those evaluating programmatic and classroom utilization, have been

conducted to help the College renovate Dore Hall, the building that will house the School of Business, into a facility that is neither too small nor too large.

The College is also planning for renovations in the science complexes and the Phillips Memorial Library. Rapoza noted that resources and timing will largely determine the projects' time to completion.

"We don't want a student's four years at Providence College to be connected with a construction zone," he said, citing the College's efforts to finish projects in phases. "We are trying to pace ourselves."



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Completion of utility work leaves the parking lot behind Raymond Hall fully functional this year.



Bursting the PC Bubble

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American Journalist Targeted by ISIS

ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) posted a video online on Tuesday showing the beheading of American journalist Steven Sotloff, which was meant to deliver a "second message to America" to halt airstrikes in Iraq. Sotloff says (in a message most likely scripted by his captors) that he is "paying the price" for U.S. military intervention. The U.S. intelligence community is still working to confirm the authenticity of this video, but Sotloff's family believes he was killed by ISIS.

Ukraine-Russia Conflict Escalates

In Donetsk, Ukraine, the devastation of homes, businesses, and lives is very apparent from the weeks of fighting between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia rebels. Ukrainian citizens are utterly fed up against a president who they say is killing his own people. The number of people displaced in Ukraine has more than doubled in the past month.

Ferguson Police Act Following Shooting

Two St. Louis police officers decided to either resign or retire following questionable actions related to the Ferguson, Missouri protests. This brings the number of cops to three whose actions have been called into question after the fatal shooting of African American Michael Brown on August 9. The unarmed teenager was shot multiple times by a white police officer.

Remembering WWII 75 Years Later

September 1 marked the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II in 1939. On September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland. Nazi leader Adolf Hitler claimed that the massive invasion of Poland was a defensive action. France and Britain, however, were not convinced. On September 3, France and Britain declared war on Germany, initiating World War II in Europe.

A Preview of the 65th Student Congress

by Kathleen McGinty '16
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STUDENT CONGRESS

While the 64th Providence College Student Congress left no legislation pending last spring, Executive President Bobby Arruda '15 assured that the 65th session of this group representing the entire student body already has an expanding agenda for the 2014-2015 academic year.

"A lot of the work we do is for our 4,000 student body. We are nothing without student feedback," said Arruda. He further expressed his hopes for Student Congress to become more visible to the student body and for students to become more engaged and involved in its work for the College.

Congress' goals this year address concerns in areas ranging from academics to student life and even to the inner workings of the organization as a whole.

According to Arruda, he envisions fostering "a greater sense of communication and allowing each member of Congress to feel utilized."

With that, Congress plans to tackle rules governing clubs and organizations, beginning with the Exec Board training session it will host this coming Sunday, September 7. All clubs funded by Student Congress

must attend the program, which will provide leaders on campus the opportunity to discuss leadership, goal management, and successful events. Clubs not affiliated with Congress are invited to attend this training which Arruda believes will provide "great value" to campus leaders.

The club proposal process is also slated to be reviewed this year, and club allocations will be announced on Sept. 16.

"Our student activity fee is always constricting," Arruda said. "It's a constant challenge for us to allocate." As a result, Congress will be evaluating its own budget, looking to cut costs and reallocate extra funds to clubs in need.

As for academics, Arruda wishes to review the status of the Core Curriculum, evaluating students' feedback on the core implemented starting with the Class of 2016.

Off-campus concerns and issues will also be addressed, with an ad hoc committee comprised of seniors living off campus created to promote safety for members of the College community and local residents.

The committee will be working with Major John Leyden, executive director of safety and security, Dr. Steve Sears, associate vice president of student affairs and dean of students, and representatives from the city of Providence.

Arruda urges students to read emails sent by Congress, increase their awareness of administrative communications, and let

Congress know about any issues they may be facing.

"Almost everyone knows someone on Congress," he said. Approximately 77 students comprise the 65th Student Congress at present, and following freshman elections in a few weeks, Arruda expects that number to jump to about 85 people.

The first Student Congress meeting of the 2014-2015 academic year will be held next Tuesday, September 9 in the Slavin Soft Lounge. Meetings are held on a weekly basis and are open to the public.



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New Assistant Dean Tavares '01 Seeks to Give Back

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ADMINISTRATION

Ralph Tavares '01 is no stranger to Providence College. After earning a B.A. in English with a triple minor in black studies, business studies, and women's studies, Tavares described returning to PC to serve on the staff of the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies as assistant dean/director of multicultural student success as a "wonderful homecoming."

Before coming back to PC in June of this year, Tavares earned his M.B.A. in 2007 from Salve Regina. While there, he served as associate director of undergraduate admissions and multicultural education for over 12 years. In his new position at PC, Tavares will be working with undergraduate multicultural and first-generation students together with faculty and administration to help make students' success at PC a positive one.

Tavares was very involved and enjoyed every moment of his time here at PC; "I was rarely in my room," he remarked. Tavares was a resident assistant in Fennell Hall during his sophomore and junior year and the head resident assistant in McDermott Hall during his senior year. He was also director of the "Urban Beats Department" of WDOM, and served as general manager of WDOM his senior year. Tavares is also an alma mater of *The Cowl*, combining his love of writing and music. He wrote for Arts and Entertainment in a special music section that came out every week and featured hip hop and rap artists and new releases of R&B albums. He even had the opportunity to meet and



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Tavares is excited to be back on campus as assistant dean/director of multicultural student success.

interview rapper Eminem right when his very first album came out. His other extracurriculars as an undergraduate student included being a member of Special Guest, the a cappella group on campus, and a member of the literary journal staff of *The Alembic*.

Tavares said many factors brought him back to PC. One factor is his friend Karen Vargas, associate dean of admission for multicultural recruitment, who he describes as a "champion of diversity and inclusion." Back in November, she encouraged Tavares to apply for his current position when they were in Puerto Rico recruiting together with other colleges. Tavares said Vargas was the catalyst

who started the whole application process for his current position.

Tavares describes his new position at PC as "kind of a dream." Back when he was a student he was a MLK Scholar, and said this scholarship was an incredible opportunity for him and his family; if it were not for this scholarship, Tavares says he never would have been able to go to college. He was the first in his family to both graduate from college and earn a master's degree.

Tavares commented, "Part of why I took this job was a way of giving back to a school that gave me so much." Also, he took this position "to help the students who are in the same shoes as

me when I was a student." Many people believe PC has unique issues with race and segregation, which Tavares says is false. Tavares believes "[the issue of race and segregation] is prevalent all around the country and is an issue that still needs to be discussed."

Tavares talked about how he was racially profiled when he was a student at PC. He remembers being "very upset about it and [I] did not know how to channel that anger and frustration." Tavares said, "Now being an administrator on this side of the desk, I feel like I can give guidance and more insight into how to handle these issues and how to open the dialogue [by] looking at ways to prevent racial profiling from happening and looking for ways to educate. These are the only ways to make issues of race and ethnicity better." Tavares is excited to meet the students and "build the notion of success in his program and help all students at PC develop a deeper understanding of connectedness and inclusion."

Tavares knows he will be working with Multicultural Student Scholars, but he hopes his outreach and programs will extend through the whole campus. Dean Michael Walsh held this similar position prior to Tavares, however, his position only extended to the Multicultural Student Scholars, while Tavares' position extends to all multicultural students at PC and beyond. Tavares explained, "[I am] looking to build that family again of everyone who has an interest in multicultural and diversity and hoping to build upon that legacy." Tavares invites all students at PC to stop by his office at Harkins Hall 213. "My door is always open, come see me, come talk to me, I want to learn your story."

PC-Devices

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CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

After a long, hot summer at Providence College, the IT department has made a much anticipated addition to the campus network.

Before this summer, students were unable to connect their gaming consoles, smart TVs, and Apple TVs to the school's wireless network. The only solution until now was to run lengthy cables through dorm rooms, which proved to be very inconvenient. Work orders flooded the Help Desk, and to the dismay of many on-campus residents, some of their devices were left without connectivity.

For this reason, the IT department has added PC-Devices to the list of networks available for student use.

The main goal of PC-Devices, as Jim Rizzo from the IT Help Desk states, is

to allow students to use devices that are unable to connect to an enterprise-level wireless network, like personal printers and scanners. The traditional wireless connection, PC-Secure, offers a more secure network than PC-Devices. As a result, the IT department recommends that students continue to use PC-Secure for Internet for their laptops, tablets, and phones.

Thanks to PC-Devices, students will be able to game online with gaming consoles, watch movies and other videos from their Apple TV, and connect their personal printers without wires.

In order to connect devices, students must contact the Help Desk at 401-865-4357. Students will have to provide their student network username, the type of device being registered and their MAC address, which can be found with the help of step-by-step guides at www.providence.edu/ihelp.

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Students work at the Help Desk this summer on developing the new PC-Devices network.

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ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Dominates Newsfeeds *Charity Benefits From Social Media Narcissism*



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SOCIETY

Unless a lucky someone spent his or her summer hiding under a beach umbrella without technology, nearly everyone has heard about the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Though the hot summer weather has begun to cool, and videos of the ALS Challenge have started disappearing from newsfeeds, there is still debate surrounding its effects. Though narcissism and other specifics of the ALS Challenge take away from the concept of charity, the results were overwhelmingly good, succeeding in grabbing attention, donations, and possibly securing the challenge a spot as the forefather for future fundraising.

Peter Frates, a 29 year-old man living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, initiated the challenge. The rules state that once nominated, the nominee has 24 hours to either dump a bucket of ice

water on his or her head or donate to fight ALS. Donation is second on the list, a punishment for those too weak to pour fresh ice water on their heads in the middle of summer. Or those who don't want to waste water while there's a drought raging in California and people everywhere dying due to a lack of clean drinking water.

"Take a video of yourself dumping a bucket of ice water over your head. Post it to your social media pages and nominate someone else to do the same." Those are the rules according to the MDA, the Muscular Dystrophy Association. They do not mention donating to fight the disease. Instead, it focuses on social media, something that too many people focus on when it comes to this challenge. Though the challenge began with and continued to have noble intentions, many, especially celebrities, have turned this good deed into a bump for their own Internet egos. One *Time* headline reads "David Lynch Plays Trumpet in Ice Bucket Challenge, Nominates Putin." As the videos get more ridiculous,

they become less about really fighting ALS and more about being noticed. Narcissism at its finest.

Narcissism and social media, however, seem to catch people's attention nowadays. Since the Frates family first started the Ice Bucket Challenge in the beginning of the summer, the positive results have been irrefutable. Not only did the challenge spread awareness of the specifics of ALS, also notoriously known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, but it also caused a record surge in donations to The ALS Association and others like it. According to the ALS Association, "As of Wednesday, August 27, the ALS Association has received \$3 million in donations compared to \$2.7 million during the same time period last year." That's a benefit that cannot be swept aside.

Social media could usher in a whole new era of fundraising if different causes learn how to take advantage. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge was only the tip of the iceberg. Letting others know about a cause is now simple; post a link

to Facebook or another social media outlet and ask friends to donate and share. It's easier than writing or going door to door and more noticeable than sending out an email. Come up with a clever Internet craze and suddenly that new cause receives a fresh boost in funding that it desperately needs.

Several sources, including *GameBreaker* and *Christian Science Monitor*, have cited Vin Diesel attempting to start the latest trend with "Plant a Tree for Groot," Groot being the humanoid-tree creature he voices in Marvel's summer blockbuster *Guardians of the Galaxy*. It's another shot at rallying all the narcissists out there to get together, do some good, and look good doing it. Though some donors may have questionable motives, they're still donors. Maybe that's all society can ask for in the new social media generation. If good causes get the attention and money they deserve, maybe that's all society should ask for.

Parents Must Take Responsibility for Children's Actions

The Misjudgments of Parents Can Become Their Child's Burden

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SOCIETY

A 9 year-old girl accidentally killed her instructor at a shooting range in Arizona on August 25, 2014, when she lost control of an Uz during its powerful recoil. Many are questioning how it is legal for a 9 year-old to operate such a powerful weapon and are blaming the law for this tragedy, but the parents are also to blame.

It is a parent's responsibility to protect the best interest of his or her child. This young girl's best interest was certainly overlooked when her parents allowed her to operate such a dangerous weapon. As a result of

her parents' misjudgment, she now must live with the fact that she killed someone for the rest of her life.

Although Arizona law allows a 9 year-old to operate a gun at a shooting range, that does not mean that parents must exercise their child's right. For example, it is perfectly legal for a young child to walk to a friend's house by themselves, but some parents decide that this may not be safe for their child to do on his or her own. Therefore, although it is legal for a young child to operate a weapon at a shooting range in some states, parents should have the common sense to decide that this activity is not safe for their child.

Allowing a child to use a gun can result in many consequences that parents should seriously consider.

Handing their child a gun for recreation at a shooting range could glamorize the violence associated with guns. Furthermore, a young kid could form a dangerous attachment to the power they feel while simply holding the gun, never mind firing it repeatedly at a shooting range. Those are consequences this young girl's parents should have considered. But the most important and obvious consequence they should have considered is that something could go wrong.

And something did go very wrong. A young girl killed a man. Now, this poor girl has a long road ahead of her. After all, she is only 9 years old and has taken someone's life. One can only imagine the questions and accusations she may face from classmates in the fourth grade. One can only wonder

about the mental images she has from the incident that will haunt her forever. Then, one must consider the countless therapy sessions that her future entails.

What did this poor girl do to deserve a life full of emotional distress? She did what every 9 year-old child is supposed to do. She listened to her parents who told her it was acceptable to fire a dangerous weapon at her age. She listened to her parents who did not consider the consequences associated with firing a gun. Now, the consequences are all too evident as they make up the young girl's daily life. It seems that there are two victims in this tragedy. One being the man who lost his life to a gun, and the other being the young girl who fired that gun while her parents simply looked on.



The Troubles of Senior Year *A Year of Lasts*

by Nicole Corbin '15
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CAMPUS

As I walk around campus this first week back at Providence College, my ears are filled with the chattering of conversations between roommates reuniting after a summer apart, inquiring about each other's activities over break. But the conversations that perk up my ears are the ones I overhear from freshmen.

Excitedly they chatter away about their big plans at Providence College: what clubs they are going to join, the classes that interest them most, and the places downtown that they absolutely must visit.

Their college years are spread out before them, and a vast expanse of opportunity awaits.

As a senior, these conversations cause me to stop and reflect, "Did I make the most of my time at PC?"

It wasn't very long ago that I was that over-eager freshman ready to take PC by storm. As my undergraduate days begin to dwindle, I find myself wondering if I made the mark at PC that I always hoped I would. But also, did PC make a mark on me?

So instead of planning my future at PC as I once did, I'm planning my PC bucket list.

What's on my list? It is everything I planned on doing from my first days at PC, but never got around to doing, thinking, "I have time." Now, however, I'm feeling the pressure of that time of which I always thought I had enough.

It occurs to me that I've never truly taken a walk through campus, not to get anywhere, just to enjoy. I've never visited the neighboring Brown University campus, and never spent enough time in the campus chapel.

Unlike freshman year, this isn't a year of firsts, but a year of lasts. Senior year always seemed like a concept, never a reality. Even just introducing myself as a senior during the first day of classes made it seem all too real.

Final class selections, caps and gowns, and commencement plans are things I dreamed about, that I'm still excited for, but that I also find myself pushing away, saying, "It's happening too fast."

It's only just the beginning of senior year, a little too early for a swan song, but now is the time to realize just how close the end of my career is at PC before it's too late to change anything.

The last thing I want to do is leave this college regretful that I could have done more. I'm renewing that freshman flame of determination to make the most of my final year at the institution I will one day be proud to call my alma mater.



Mass Is God's Gift to the Church

It Is Important to Understand the Greatness of the Liturgy

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

CAMPUS

Do you know who the mayor of Los Angeles is? Do you care? Probably not. As it turns out, neither do the citizens of Los Angeles. In last year's mayoral election, a pathetic 23 percent of the city's registered voters bothered to cast a ballot.

But officials are not taking this civic indifference lying down. In a desperate effort to bring people to the polls, the city's Ethics Commission is considering holding a drawing for a cash prize for anyone who votes in the mayoral race. If it comes to pass, the winner would receive up to \$100,000.

Initially, I scoffed at the idea. "Ridiculous!" I cried. "An affront to the nature of democracy!" Samuel Adams said that voters are given a solemn charge for which they are accountable to both God and country; the Los Angeles City Council says that voters should also be given a raffle ticket and the hope of striking it rich.

My indignation soon gave way to wondering if I might be able to get more PC students to Mass with an incentive program. The number of Catholics in the United States who go to church every week is a paltry 24 percent. Could we get that number up if we distributed coveted parking permits to students at the door of St. Dominic Chapel? (We could call it the "Mass Pass," or something similarly clever.)

Coming to my senses, I was renewed in my conviction that the Los Angeles proposal is a terrible idea. Would more people vote? Of course. But it would be for the wrong reasons. And it would likely be done without voters bothering to learn about the candidates or study the issues facing the city. Likewise, could we get more PC students to attend Mass on Sundays if we gave away great prizes after the closing hymn? Yes. But our newest churchgoers would not be there for the right reasons either.

Do I want students to pack the pews at St. Dominic Chapel every Sunday? Of course I do. But more than that, I want students to understand why they are there and

what the Mass is all about. I want students to learn about the history of the liturgy and the theology upon which it is built. I want students to come to understand what the sacraments are all about and why it is crucial that we celebrate them faithfully and with reverence.

Simply stated, I want all members of the Providence College community to see that the Mass is God's gift to His Church. And if we can come to a fuller understanding of the awesome reality that is the liturgy, we won't need to find gimmicks and stunts to persuade people to attend. They will want to go with all eagerness, and not even a Los Angeles-sized amount of money would be enough to make them miss a single week.

I'm going to spill a lot of ink here in *The Cowl* this semester on these questions. Check back regularly and see for yourself why the Mass is so important. And in the end, if you're still unmoved, I'll see what I can do to get you a parking pass.

Daily Relaxation Is a Must

Americans Would Do Well to Live the Western European Lifestyle

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SOCIETY

There's nothing quite like rain in Paris. Especially when you have forgotten your umbrella. The narrow streets can hardly shelter you from the downpour, and there are only so many terraces to huddle under. But if you have the cash and the time, there is still a place for solace.

One of the many gems of France's capital city, and much of Western Europe, is the café culture that resides on almost every street corner. After an unplanned jog in a spontaneous downpour this summer, I sought shelter at a petit café in the heart of Paris.

Dripping from head to toe, I offered a friendly "Bonjour" to the waiter, which is a must, and ordered an espresso, a small bière, and a water. A noteworthy point: in France, Spain, Italy, and I assume most surrounding countries, free water is nonexistent. You have to specify that you want tap water or else they come out with a large bottle and you'll walk away four Euros poorer. Regardless,

I dehydrated and then rehydrated as I watched the collage of colorful tourists and subtle natives meander their way through the busy city. I sipped my black espresso from a shot glass-sized teacup, and eavesdropped on a French conversation that was taking place just a table over. I soaked in the elegant language that I wished to comprehend, and took a second to realize what was happening around me. It was early in the afternoon, and all of these people were taking a break in their days to sit down with a friend and have a drink. It was like a lunch break, but just so disconnected to any professional obligation. These people were truly relaxing. Even the waiters gave an authentic smile when they approached you. It was socializing for the sake of socializing.

On a relative note, I am 100 percent English, and I can't help but relate to the pub scene that is evident throughout her majesty's land. I'll keep this story short, but one day during Christmas break when I was visiting my extended family, my uncle and I went to the mall with his girlfriend. While his girlfriend shopped around, my uncle must have acknowledged my vacant window shopping, and asked if I

wanted to get a drink. I looked at my watch, it was around half past one in the afternoon, and I said "sure." We escaped the consumerist grip that had engulfed his girlfriend, and made our way to the nearest pub down an alleyway. Inside, the place was wall-to-wall with liberated shopping POWs. The experience held the same foreign mystery to it: I had never experienced anything like this in the U.S.

In America, it seems that bars are restricted to weekend nights and bike gangs. The closest thing that compares to the popularity of the café temperament is Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts, which just feels too forced to even compare. We are hardworking, patriotic, and influential, but we Americans do not give ourselves a break. There is great value in escaping from our daily obligations and enjoying a personal or social moment. Whether it be to reflect over the patter of the rain, have a conversation with a friend, or simply have a drink, the café and pub culture that is present in Western Europe seems to be something that we should consider adapting to if we really want to enjoy the little things in life.

Take a Step Back From Negativity of Bad News

The News We Consume has the Ability to Affect Our Moods

by Carolyn Walsh '17
Senior Staff Writer

SOCIETY

If there is one thing that college students around the country share in common, besides lack of sleep, it is our media consumption. Research has shown that college students spend 60 percent of the day interacting with technology about 14.4 hours daily. In other words, that is a lot of time spent scrolling through sites like Facebook and Twitter. We are nearly always "plugged-in" to some kind of device and are consuming a plethora of information at a rapid speed.

A lot of this information is news-related—breaking news tweets, friends on Facebook linking to stories with graphic content and inflammatory language about serious conflicts and issues occurring in the world today. This constant bombardment of news images and stories of bloodshed, terrorism, and hardship on social media ultimately leads to us having

a skewed perception of the world, and only serves to increase feelings of negativity in our daily lives.

Speaking at a recent event, President Obama made this point: "The world has always been messy. In part, we're just noticing now because of social media and our capacity to see in intimate detail the hardships that people are going through."

It is true that at times it is hard to not think that the world is falling apart when horrible things like the Israel-Gaza conflict and the events in Ferguson, Missouri, are being retweeted and shared a thousand times over. While both are obviously important incidents, it is equally important to remember that they do not create the entire picture of what is happening in the world.

What is often not trending on social media is good news. Stories about people effecting positive change in the world do not get nearly as much attention as stories concerning the opposite. However, they do exist, and they should be flooding our newsfeeds as much as bad news stories do. By

consuming good news, it can help us gain a more balanced view of the world and furthermore see examples of how certain issues in the world can be solved through positive change.

As college students, feeling stressed out is a natural thing. The constant stream of bad news on social media only helps to increase the stress we experience in our daily lives. It can leave us feeling angry, fearful, or hopeless, which are not healthy ways to feel. As individuals, we have little to no control over the vast majority of things that happen in the world. Accepting this as a fact can make it easier to let go of the negative energy that consuming bad news can create.

Often, the news that is constantly blasted on social media is one-sided; the awful things occurring in the world are given primary attention while many good things are nearly ignored. It is time we take a step back from all this negativity and regain a

positive focus. By doing so we can gain a clearer perspective on the world and lead healthier lives.



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Should There Be Limits to Freedom of Speech?

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CAMPUS

Welcome back! What a joy it is to return to the beautiful Catholic and Dominican tradition that Providence College proudly articulates and defends. Recent events at Harvard University revealed that not every institution is prepared to pursue goodness, beauty, and truth in a decisive and surefooted manner. In May, when a group of students sought permission to reenact a "Black Mass" on the Harvard campus, the school's leadership seemed unsure of how best to respond. What ensued was a spirited public debate over the appropriate range and scope of multiculturalism. This incident gave rise to a number of important questions, including, but not limited to the following: What is culture? Ought there be limits to freedom of expression?

For the uninformed, a "Black Mass" resembles an inverted Catholic Mass in which Satan is worshiped and the traditional Eucharist is mocked and desecrated. The student-led group claimed that such a "Mass" would be of educational value to students seeking to learn more about the history of Satanic culture. Implicit in this claim is that a "Black Mass" is a legitimate cultural practice, and as such, it deserves a place in academia. Furthermore, there is the implicit assertion that if there ought to be any parameters whatsoever on freedom of expression, those parameters lie somewhere beyond (and inclusive of) the re-enactment of a "Black Mass."

Dr. William Edmund Fahey, president of Thomas Moore College, helps us reflect upon what counts as having genuine cultural value, which

informs us where restraints on our freedom of expression should fall. In a letter to Dr. Drew Faust, president of Harvard University, Fahey criticizes Harvard's alleged initial support of the "Black Mass." Harvard Dean Robert Neugeboren pledged support for the Mass as "part of a student-led effort to explore different cultures." In response to this, Fahey writes, "Which culture would this be? The only 'culture' the Black 'Mass' participates in is a culture of hatred: hatred of Catholics, hatred of their liturgy, and hatred of the Christian God."

Fahey's comment helps establish a working definition for what counts as a legitimate cultural statement. That is to say, a so-called "culture" whose identity is solely defined by that which it scorns, hates, mocks, and denigrates, is of no value and not worthy of any educational pursuit. A culture devoid of all beauty, goodness, and truth is no culture at all.

With regards to the issue of freedom of expression, it is important to clarify that it was never Harvard's intention, nor the intention of any group opposed to the "Black Mass," to impose any legal restriction on the Satanic worship service. That being said, we must still consider whether or not there ought to be any limits to what we can publicly express.

From Fahey's remarks, we can see that groups who identify themselves by their hatred of others are of no cultural value to a community. It is also true that statements rooted in evil, hatred, and wickedness are not worth protecting since they seek to harm and destroy.

With a culture of moral relativism growing ever faster by the day, I encourage you always to stand up for what is good, true, and beautiful. Let our co-heir to eternal life, Jesus Christ, help us to see truth in a new light.

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Welcome Back from The Cowl

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Associate Editor-in-Chief

EDITORIAL



Welcome back, upperclassmen! Welcome to PC, freshmen! I hope that you have all had a smooth move in and a great start to classes! The turnout at the involvement fair was outstanding, despite the scorching heat. Seeing so many new PC students eager to get involved and join us in the organizations that we are all so passionate about is truly encouraging. To the freshmen, I urge you all to try out multiple clubs, stick it out for more than just the first few meetings, and try something you might have just signed up for to get some free swag.

For those of you who may not have heard of us, we are PC's student-run weekly publication. Here at *The Cowl*, we wish to serve the campus community by offering an outlet to inform each other, exchange ideas, and provide a creative escape from assigned reading. If you have a new idea or a new perspective, share it with us. We want to hear from you. Send us your

responses or guest opinion pieces to cowlcommentary@gmail.com! Better yet, join us! Applications can be found at TheCowl.com.

To the incoming freshmen here are our list of tips for a great year:

1. Use the upperclassmen as resources. We have been in your shoes and are glad to help.

2. Join as many different facets of campus as possible. The more clubs you join, the more people you know. The more people you know, the more PC starts to feel like home.

3. Respect your roommate. With the hectic days of college, the last thing students need to worry about is living arrangements.

4. Have fun. They say college is the best four years of your life—enjoy it and see if they're right.

Welcome back, everyone. Let's have a great year!

Embrace All that PC Has to Offer

Moazed '15 Offers Sentiment to Freshmen

by Christina Moazed '15
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

Hello, overwhelmed freshmen. Providence College will push you in many directions. Looking back, getting pushed around is probably the best thing that will happen to you.

You will be overwhelmed with opportunities, friends, DWC readings, the enticing froyo machine, and, well, hormones. Hopefully these things won't give you nightmares like the giant Friar mascot. On a more serious note, the brilliant thing that comes with time is your ability to narrow down what's important. To eventually take a step back and, hopefully, make priorities.

In the past few years, the campus has experienced rapid transformations with its playing fields and dormitories, its hockey arena and academic buildings, and—most importantly—its growing population of intelligent and eager young students.

United by our love for large crowds, uploading pictures, status updates, and blasting noises, we are evidently sharing animals. Almost every college

student experiences the incessant battle between sleep and the Internet. It seems our generation has developed the worst attention span in all of mankind.

Today's college students are members of Generation Y, the largest demographic group in United States history. We are more socially networked and tech-savvy than ever before, constantly enamored with the release of innovative products. Ironically, it has been scientifically proven that innovators utilize psychological manipulation to generate consumer addiction.

Nonetheless, I can assure you that along the way you will set aside time for introspection. You will soon be introduced to the radical transcendentalist literature of Thoreau, specifically during the years he lived in a cabin in the woods, as he states, "Not till we are lost, in other words, not till we have lost the world, do we begin to find ourselves, and realize where we are and the infinite extent of our relations."

After a weekend of everlasting laughter, incomprehensible text messages, overcrowded basements, social diversion, and excess cheap

alcohol, these moments of silent apathy are a virtual necessity.

Embrace everything. Read the endless emails you receive throughout the day. Put on a suit and shake hands with representatives at the career fair. Take a stab at the Friar K. I especially recommend indulging at the annual Cheesefest coming up in November. Go to Networking Night alone on school breaks and accept the awkwardness. Grab some friends and go apple picking with the Outdoor Adventure Club. Because soon you will have to narrow down your major, limit your social life, and ultimately specialize your talents to build toward the future.

Reflecting on my time here, I have established a consistent routine only after experimenting with different activities and social groups, encountering humility, and being able to consciously decide upon a coherent path. This "transformation" is contagious. Pope John Paul II once said, "God wants each person to decide for himself his activities so that he will not be the blind tool of someone else." Now put down the paper and get out there!



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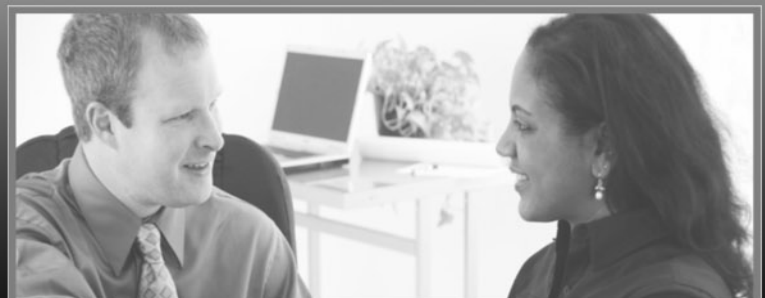
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TOP LEFT: Students Assisting Incoming New and Transfer Students, also known as SAINTS, help freshmen move in before orientation.

TOP RIGHT: Members of PC's chapter of SOAR, the Society Organized Against Racism, chat with students interested in joining the club.

ABOVE: Andrea Spencer '16, Katie Moran '15, and the PC Residence Life team gear up for the class of 2018 as they check students into McVinney.

MIDDLE RIGHT: James Kirby '15 pumps up the crowd at the Involvement Fair while promoting Friar Faithful.



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LEFT: With giant toothbrushes in hand, members of the Pre-Dental Society chat with students signing up for the academic club.

ABOVE: WDOM 91.3 FM broadcasters take a break from entertaining on the radio waves to convince new students to join and support the on-campus station.

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PROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

What did you forget to pack for back to school?



"My sailing gear actually."
T.J. Hoban '15



"Our hanging mirror and socks."
Doug Kingsley '16, Dennis DeLeon '16, and
Nicholas DeLuca '16



"A functioning microwave!"
Melanie Medero '15



"My pillow pet."
Becky Laliberte '17



"Laundry detergent!"
Jessica Kent '17 and Marissa Gratta '17



"My sanity!"
Darcy Ireland '16



"My nunchucks."
-Napoleon Dynamite

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True Detective Season Two

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A&E Editor

TELEVISION

This past week HBO announced the release of a second season for its highly viewed hit series *True Detective*, created by Nic Pizzolatto and directed by Cary Fukunaga. According to HBO's head of programming Mike Lombardo, season two of the series will start filming this September, and although no release date has been set, viewers can expect this highly anticipated season to return to the small screen in 2015.

Season one of the murder mystery series paved a bright path with the brilliant performances of stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson, who also served as executive producers for the show, and it may seem hard to follow up for season two. Sadly, McConaughey and Harrelson will not be starring in the second season, as the series moves from Louisiana in the '80s to a more modern-day, rural California. This season, the location will move about and include other towns and their respective police departments—a change from the first season, which centered itself on one small town. Despite these few changes, the show will still be centered on occult murder and satanic practices by the villain.

Pizzolatto gave only a brief description of the upcoming season to the public. This time around, the

story will feature three lead roles: two male investigators and a female investigator. Like the previous season, all the characters will struggle with the demons of their past and face their own personal issues including gambling, alcohol addiction, and sexual harassment. Potential actors for these roles include movie star Colin Farrell, Taylor Kitsch of *Friday Night Lights*, and Elisabeth Moss of *Mad Men*, although nothing has been confirmed to date. All actors have a strong background in drama, which could lead to a very promising second season for the show.

According to Lombardo, the writing for season two is exceptional and exceeds the script of season one,

which may be hard to believe for some. McConaughey's frequent monologues in season one on his philosophy and pessimistic/realist views of life were convincing, deep, and well thought out. It is clear that Pizzolatto has dedicated a lot of time to creating a script and characters that travel far into psychology and entice viewers into wanting to pick apart the brains of each individual. The series was nominated for a dozen awards at the August 25 Emmys, and even though it did not win anything, it was certainly deserving.

Despite recent accusations of plagiarism for the first season of the show—ardently denied by Pizzolatto and the network—he will continue as the writer and creative mind of the

second season while other positions change. According to Lombardo, the hands of multiple directors, minus original director Fukunaga, will guide the second season.

The way HBO has described the show so far, it seems that fans have a lot to look forward to. With any luck, this season will have as much success as its predecessor if viewers are open to the lack of continuity between directors, characters, and locations. Despite the changes, *True* fans continue to look forward to a second season that will continue to leave them on the edge of their seats.

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Explore Providence: India Point Park

by Mary McGreal '15
A&E Staff

FOOD

One of the great aspects of the city of Providence is its relatively small size, making it easy to explore by public transportation. This comes in handy when you grow tired of eating and doing the "same

old thing." The mall food options get old fast and there are only so many times you can get froyo on Thayer before it gets boring. Sure, you have an array of restaurants on Federal Hill, but let's be honest—we're working with a college budget. There are plenty of little grassy areas around Providence, but as with any city, the buildings can make the experience of relaxing

a bit claustrophobic. If you and your friends are looking for a way to take advantage of the gorgeous late summer weather, consider taking a trip to India Point Park—and while you're at it, stop at Olga's Cup + Saucer to grab a few cookies or something sweet.

According to the Friends of India Point Park website, the park is used by about 75,000 people each year and is the only large public expanse of the Narragansett Bay shoreline in Providence. If you and your friends enjoy the outdoors, bring some hats and sunscreen and make a day of it. The view of the bay is beautiful and you can choose to stroll or sit and people watch.

Part of the adventure is getting there. Sure, you could walk to Olga's from Kennedy Plaza fairly quickly, but where's the fun in that? It's best to wander along the Providence River, get lost on Wickenden Street, or hop on a bus and hope it does not turn onto the highway. Better yet, see if you can make it from India Point Park. At a leisurely pace, it should not take more than a half hour. Once there, reward yourself with a sandwich or a treat from the bakery.

To get back to campus, you can take Dyer Street, follow Dorrance Street, and then turn onto Fulton Street to get to Kennedy Plaza to take the 55 back home. There's a wealth of dining and recreational delights at your fingertips, Friars. It's up to you to go out and find them!



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Other Places to Try:

1. Coffee Exchange
207 Wickenden St.
6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

2. Café Paragon
234 Thayer St.
11 a.m. - 1 a.m.

3. Brickway on Wickenden
234 Wickenden St.
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

4. Tealuxe Incorporated
231 Thayer St.
10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

5. Pastiche Fine Desserts
92 Spruce St.
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Scorsese to Direct Ramones Film

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FILM

Earlier this week, sources confirmed that Martin Scorsese has found his newest project. *Billboard* reported that the Oscar-winning director will direct a biopic based on punk rock legends the Ramones. Though not slated for release until 2016, this film will be highly anticipated.

Scorsese is no stranger to the spotlight. Anyone familiar with the director's work is familiar with his great reputation. Previous staples in the Scorsese canon include *Raging Bull*, *Goodfellas*, and most recently *The Wolf of Wall Street*. Surprisingly enough, it was not until 2007 the director won his first Oscar. *The Departed* earned him the win for Best Achievement in Directing, though his films had garnered several nominations in the past.

Scorsese has directed band biopics in the past, though they are slightly lesser known. His work with the Rolling Stones in 2008 resulted in *Shine a Light*, which portrayed the band live in concert. Additionally, Scorsese has released projects with George Harrison of the Beatles as well as *The Last Waltz*, which chronicled "The Band."

This newest project featuring the Ramones will most likely hold a special meaning for Scorsese who, like the Ramones, is from Queens, New York. When the Ramones emerged onto the music scene in 1974 they received a large following that is still alive and apparent today.

The commercial success of the Ramones was not the catalyst of their notoriety. Instead it was their style and revolutionary music.

Songs such as "I Wanna Be Sedated," "Blitzkrieg Bop," and "My Brain Is Upside Down" are all traditional Ramones hits. The forthcoming movie will hopefully engage readers into a fuller understanding of who the Ramones were, why their name carries such clout in the punk rock world, and what kind of legacy they will continue to hold.



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The recent death of the final living Ramones original member Tommy Ramone, who died this past July, will certainly re-ignite the band's popularity to some extent—making them relevant again so-to-speak. With the movie now announced, the Ramones solidify their representation as a cultural icon.

Though the Ramones biopic is over a year away from release, fans of Martin Scorsese will have other ways to keep themselves occupied. Currently Scorsese is working with HBO in directing and producing a

prequel mini-series based on his 2010 adaptation of *Shutter Island*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

As of late, it seems as though more and more artists are leaving their comfort zones and crossing into different media. Actor James Franco has published ill-received collections of poetry and short stories. Legendary director David Lynch (*Eraserhead*, *Blue Velvet*) has been dabbling with music for years—a dabbling that most fans would consider detrimental to his reputation. It is understandable that people's interests shift, and people like David Lynch or James Franco might wish to take on other projects, as no one should be limited to one style. However, in some senses it seems like both Franco and Lynch's prior popularity is helping to sell and commercialize their new projects, which by most standards really are not very good. Martin Scorsese, however, whose interests clearly span both film and music, has found a happy medium in creating films about music, instead of making music himself. Scorsese quenches both interests in music and film in a satisfying way. He stays within his comfort zone.

The music and film worlds will eagerly anticipate Martin Scorsese's Ramones biopic as the final product is almost sure to dazzle—a project that combines some of the grittiest punk rock with one of the most fluent and visually breathtaking directors of all time.

Back to School Fashion Essentials

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A&E Staff

FASHION

Toss aside those strappy sandals and tuck away those mini chinos deep into the recesses of that closet. Fall has arrived, and it is time for a new set of wardrobe necessities. With a drop in temperature, it is critical that one is prepared. For those fashionable back-to-school girls, there is nothing like a little shopping to start the year off right. This season, trends are chic yet playful. Designers are taking risks with classic silhouettes by experimenting with colors and patterns. Wherever this season takes you, keep these top 10 essentials in mind.

The first fall essential is a leather jacket. A leather jacket brings a rocker edge to the simplest of outfits. Pair a leather jacket with jet-black leggings or dark denim jeans. For a more refined statement, pair a leather jacket with a mid-length skirt or flowy dress.

The second essential is a trench coat. A neutral-colored coat is a priceless investment piece. A trench coat is perfect for the unpredictable fall weather. Opt for a knee-length trench coat for versatility.

Third is a knit sweater. They are not only practical, but also comfortable. A knit sweater in an oversized fit is preferred. Opt for a detailed print for an eye-catching statement.

Boyfriend jeans are a fourth closet

necessity for the fall season. Boyfriend jeans are flattering on every body shape, as the oversized look is quite becoming. Couple a pair with a T-shirt, cardigan, and ankle booties.

The fifth fall essential is leggings. A pair of leggings will do wonders for that fall wardrobe. Opt for a deep blue or black pair.

Boots are our sixth fall essential. Try knee-high boots in brown or black leather. Knee-high boots with a blouse or sweater never looked so stylish.

The seventh fall essential is sneakers. This is the season for sportswear, so do not be afraid to kick back in a favorite pair of sneakers. Opt for a flashy pair of kicks in bright neon.

The eighth fall essential is military khaki. From shirts to sweaters and skirts to pants, the military look is taking over the runway. Have fun with military-inspired ensembles.

The ninth fall essential is a statement necklace. A statement necklace adds extra sparkle to any outfit. A statement necklace is an accessory must-have.

The tenth fall essential is an oversized purse. Opt for a cross-body purse in a pastel shade.

These fall trends will get you started on that back-to-school wardrobe. You will be looking fashionable and feeling stylish. Have fun mixing and matching new and old pieces and have a wonderful start to the new school year.



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Celebrating Music in 2014

by Maria Grande '16
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MUSIC

2014 is proving to be a big year in music history. Many influential albums are celebrating milestone anniversaries, ranging from 15 years to 45 years. These records have not only made an impact on the *Billboard* charts, but also as household names, impacting listeners for their experimental sounds, revival of genres, and introduction to new artists. While there are many albums that hold anniversaries in 2014, here are five that are arguably the greatest albums of all time.

Green Day, *Dookie*

Celebrating 20 years this past February, *Dookie* propelled Green Day into stardom as a punk rock band. *Dookie* is Green Day's third studio album, reaching No. 2 on the U.S. *Billboard* charts. There were five hit singles released from this album, including the well-known tracks "Longview" and "When I Come Around." *Dookie* was influenced by the relationships and antics of Green Day's members while they were living together in California. Selling over 20 million records, *Dookie* is Green Day's best-selling album, winning the band the Grammy for "Best Alternative Music Album."

Eminem, *The Real Slim Shady* LP

Debuting on February 23, 1999, this album was the first major release for Eminem, as his second record. Peaking at No. 2 on the U.S. *Billboard* charts, *The Real Slim Shady* LP went quadruple platinum, making Eminem a top contender in rap music at the time. Collaborating with Dr. Dre, Eminem wrote the album from the perspective of the rapper's alter ego Slim Shady. While the record did receive critical acclaim, Eminem was criticized for his violent and explicit lyrics, viewed as sexist by many listeners. Nonetheless, *The Real Slim Shady* won the Grammy for "Best New Rap Album," and the track "My Name Is" won for "Best Rap Song." *The Real Slim Shady* garnered Eminem his own record label.

Britney Spears, *...Baby One More Time*

15 years old this past January, this album credits Spears for reviving the teen pop genre. With going 14 times platinum, reaching record sales of over 30 million copies, and peaking at No. 1 in the US, *...Baby One More Time* is considered Spears' greatest album ever sold, as well as an album that changed the face of music in the mid-1990s. This record produced several popular singles, including "...Baby One More Time," "(You) Drive Me Crazy," and "Sometimes." While receiving many different accolades, *...Baby One More Time* gained Spears the Grammy

nominations for "Best New Artist" and "Best Female Pop Vocal Performance."

Pink Floyd, *The Wall*

Released on November 30, 1979, *The Wall* is the band's 11th studio album, a double album with one record being recorded live. Written and composed by Roger Waters, *The Wall* is considered a rock opera, with the fictional character, Pink, dealing with themes of abandonment and self-isolation. Originally, the band's record label, Columbia Records, did not approve of the album, thinking it would not appeal to listeners, but they changed their minds after the success of the record. *The Wall* produced some of Pink Floyd's most popular tracks, including "Comfortably Numb" and "Another Brick in the Wall Parts 1 and 2."

The Beatles, *Abbey Road*

Celebrating the oldest anniversary on the list, *Abbey Road* turns 45 years old on Oct. 1. The 11th album for The Beatles, *Abbey Road* is

considered arguably The Beatles' best album. This album has proved to be influential for its mix of genres, including blues, pop, and progressive rock, and for its use of diverse sounds. *Abbey Road* was created with the intention of releasing music that brought listeners back to The Beatles' earlier sounds, with tracks like "Oh My Darling," "Come Together," and "Something."

Additionally, The Beatles added an experimental component with the addition of a long medley on the second side of the record. This album was also significant for George Harrison, who released a couple of his own songs, such as "Here Comes the Sun." While initially *Abbey Road* was received with mixed reviews by critics, to this day, the record has panned to be an international success, with the album still being reissued on vinyl.



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Back-to-School Event

Katie Puzycki

Favorite Event: Living on Your Own

Her Views: Once you reach the collegiate level, there are many great aspects about going back to school. You (hopefully) no longer have to deal with the high school drama, you're granted more freedoms, and the best part? You have the opportunity to live on your own. Sure, everyone loves the comfort of living with mommy and daddy, sleeping in their own comfy bed, and having little to no actual household responsibilities, but once you get to college you may realize how great life on your own really is. Granted, you do have to pick up the slack a little, but it's rewarding to see your efforts pay off. Living on your own undoubtedly matures you, and the freedom of having your very own space is something you'll always want more of after the long summer months back at home.

Her Views on Frank: Late Night Madness can be a fun event, and there is always the anticipation of finding out what big star will be coming to PC to host the festivities. However, it can be one of those things that become a little redundant after one year. Of course if you're a freshman you should think about going, but anything after that can get to be a little boring. You can always expect the same type of fiery speech from Coach Cooley and a little showing off from the basketball team, but if you're an upperclassman there may be a better way you want to spend your night.

Frank Flanagan

Favorite Event: Late Night Madness

His Views: Since I was a freshman, Late Night Madness has come a long way. It seems like each year it becomes more and more entertaining. This year's rally is sure to be an absolute blast with Big Sean coming to Friartown alongside former Fab Five star Jalen Rose. Not to mention that Late Night Madness means the start of Friars Basketball, and really, what's better than that? I was fortunate enough to spend the entirety of the past spring watching the Friars take the Big East Tournament in an underdog-like fashion, and have since been anticipating the upcoming season. I can't wait to hear what Coach Cooley has to say this year. As one of our campus's most electric speakers, Coach Cooley always has a lot to offer.

His Views on Katie: I have to agree with Katie. Coming back to PC after a long summer has its perks, and living on your own is certainly one of them. Don't get me wrong, I love the comforts of living at home, but at a certain point you begin to desire the freedom you only know of at school. While I don't think that it's my favorite part of coming back to Providence, it certainly is refreshing. Living on your own can also have its downsides. No more grocery-stocked kitchens, sharing laundry machines, and for most of us... no air conditioning! While we do take a few hits in comfort, coming back to college life will always be exciting and I wouldn't change it for the world.

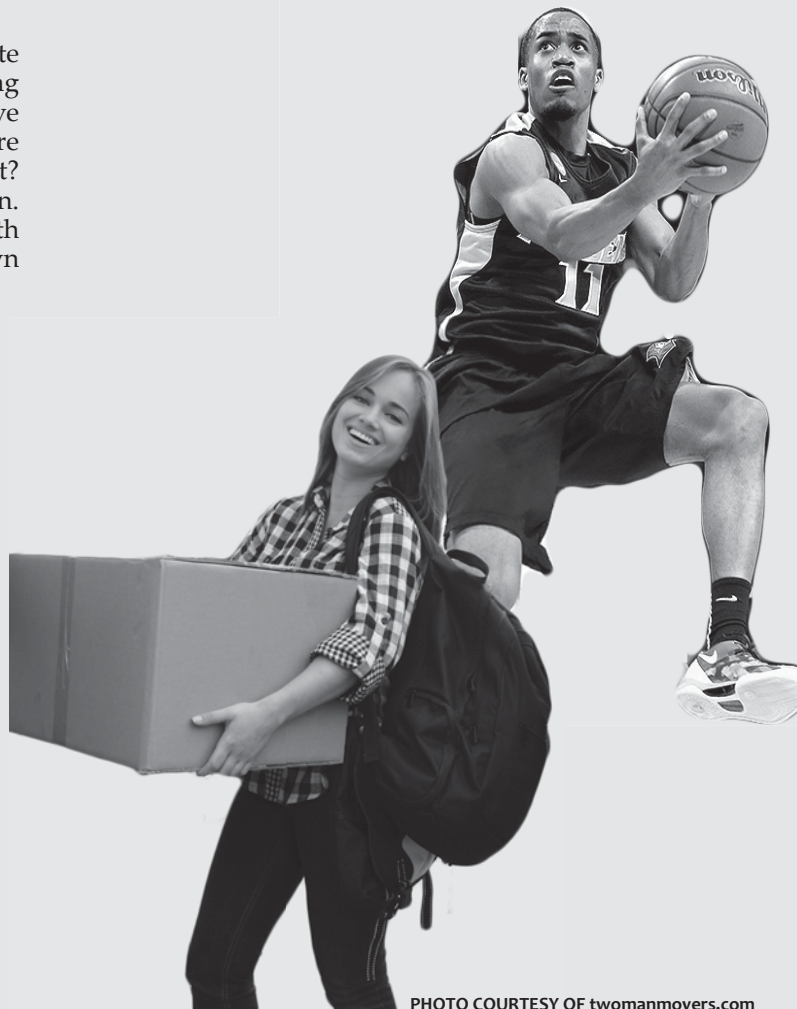


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Boxing and RAD Techniques Class

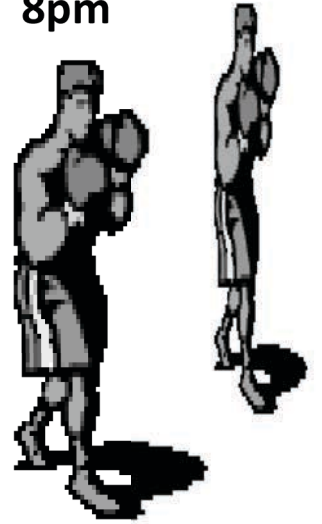
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Pleasantly Predictable

by **Branan Durbin '16**
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Trees from here to the Chesapeake
all turn their usual magical hues.
Orange, red, so ordinary,
so spectacular.
I always welcome this time of year,
breathing deeply the air it graces.
Days grow colder, drinks hotter,
fires and sweaters and cider-themed treats
I greet as my dear old friends,
coming in right on cue.

So forgive me when unpredictability strikes,
mixing up traditions that hold my heart.
Chaotic changes, bursts, are
nothing like nights spent with familiar smiles,
all crowded around a crackling bonfire
in the same backyard as every year before.
Newness, freshness can't possibly match
fresh apples baked into pies
made from generations-old recipes.

But, somehow,
while my soul is terrified
by staccatos of strangeness
and unfamiliarity,
I feel a rush of excitement
that I never saw coming.

One Twenty Six

by Paul Francisco '15
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

Chris thought about the first time he saw her. It was at orientation and she was five minutes late, sweaty, and still looked gorgeous. She took the seat next to him and Chris was mesmerized. It's not every day someone can have the "sweatpants, hair-tied, chillin' with no makeup on" look done perfectly.

Chris looked down at his phone in complete shock. There was a text message from the girl he had been talking to for the past couple weeks. "Can youz pleæ come ovr?" Chris didn't know what to do. His mind was all over the place. He fumbled with his phone, spinning it on his finger, unlocking and locking it again, and then he finally decided to type something. "Yeah sure. Be there in 5' He hit send, and he could not look back now. He looked at the clock on his wall. It was 126. There was definitely something wrong, and

Chris couldn't just ignore her. This girl was gorgeous; he looked at her, and the whole world stopped for a while. This was the girl of his dreams.

Chris sprayed some body spray and walked out the door. Her room was only two floors up from his. He ran up there and was extremely excited. He was finally going to hook up with the girl he had been pursuing since orientation. As he got to her door, he thought about how the whole interaction was going to play out. He would knock on the door; she would open the door and fall into his arms. She would invite him inside her room and they would share a drink. Then some cliché song would come on, like Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On." Chris stopped thinking of what would happen after that.

Chris raised his hand to knock on her door, but something stopped him. He thought about the first time they hung out. They were sitting on his couch watching reruns of *How I Met Your Mother*, quoting lines to each other as they were said. That

was the moment that he knew she was a special girl. He once described her to his buddy as "literally a girl out of a fairytale bro; this girl has a freakin' aura around her. I can't help but stare at her whenever we are in a room together. It's like she is glowing." Chris would never forget the moment that he said that out loud. He was never one to express his emotions to someone else. He was a very personal kind of guy.

Chris remembered the first deep conversation they had. They talked about what they wanted to do after college. Chris wanted to travel the world and she wanted to teach in a foreign country. He said he would visit her and all she did was smile, laugh, and say, "That would be lovely." He finally knocked on the door and his heart dropped. Chris heard giggles and the shuffling of blankets and he was paralyzed for a second. He ran down the hall, ripping down posters in his rage. His heart was broken. He passed guys struggling to open their doors, other people judging them as they returned from the library, and an angry security

guard with vomit on his shoulder.

"HEY STOP RUNNING PUNK." The security guard yelled as Chris slipped on some water on the floor. The girl of his dreams opened the door and just looked at Chris with a face of disbelief.

"Why were you running away?"



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UNDECLARED

by Joey Aiello '17
Portfolio Staff

DIALOGUE

Jake: I can't believe graduation is in two days.

Kyle: I can, it's been four years.

Jake: Yeah but it's only two days away, we're two days from the first day of the rest—

Kyle: Don't you dare say it.

Jake: Huh?

Kyle: The first day of the rest of our lives crap, we'll get plenty of that on Saturday.

Jake: But it's true, it's actually the first day of the rest of our lives.

Kyle: No, it's a day like any other.

Jake: What's eating you?

Kyle: I just don't see what the big deal is, we're graduating like millions of other high school seniors this time of year, and they make it seem like we've accomplished something amazing, like we'll go on to do amazing things, and all our dreams will come true, when in reality we'll end up attending college and majoring in something we're indifferent about so we can get the job our parents

want us to have and make a living while all our so-called dreams fall flat.

Jake: You done?

Kyle: I'm just pointing out the reality of the situation.

Jake: You're giving me a headache is what you're doing.

Kyle: I just feel like the rest of my life is already planned out for me, I'll go to school, major in business, get a job

in an office, meet some girl, get married, have two kids named Rebecca and John, drive a Prius, and get a dog named

Sparkles because Rebecca wanted him to be named Sparkles.

Jake: What the hell are you talking about? Haven't you always wanted to be a businessman like your dad?

Kyle: I'm 18, I don't know what I want.

Jake: Then go in undeclared!

Kyle: There's an answer for everything, isn't there?

Jake: I don't know what your problem is, you should consider yourself lucky to be going to college.

Kyle: I guess I lead a charmed life!



Morgan Pekera '15/ THE COWL

Listomania

Things You Forgot to Bring to School

- False teeth
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Toothpick holders
- Protractor
- Pocket protector
- Towel
- Your appetite for Ray
- Books
- Vineyard Vines apparel
- Golf clubs

THE RETURN

by Austin Harney '17
Asst. Portfolio Editor

POETRY

Have I forgotten?
For I continue to sit in this
Chair,
Spotlight fixed upon it,
Continuing a maddening scream
That I swear
Wasn't what I heard the first
Time I let it all out,

I've returned to this very chair,
My eyes fixed on a classroom board,
I stare across the room, bored.

I return and it all comes back,
Memories of the past,
Of naivety, and freshman
Angst.
Feelings of emotion that explode
And expand into a deaf neglect
Of responsibility.
This chair is a mere straitjacket,
That I return to every fall and remove
Every spring.

A sigh of relief and stress become
Every breath I take in the coming months,
My reluctance and perseverance are merely
The conflicting weights my ambition holds.

I am the youngest I've ever been,
Yet I feel like I'm looking back now in the future,
And it's all pretend.

Tiffany & Earl

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

This week...

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I keep hearing about my rowdy freshman classmates "getting transported" after a night out partying. I'm kind of new to this so I was just wondering, where do these people get transported?

Sincerely,
Froshie Frank

Dear Froshie Fart-Face,

For a member of this year's group of newbs who act so enlightened whilst comparing fake IDs behind the backs of OLs in Slavin during Orientation, you certainly are a naïve runt of the litter.

I could preserve your adorably youthful innocence and convince you that "getting transported" consists of being beamed up by a spotlight on Slavin lawn and carried back through a bizarre space-time continuum or portal to the era of blue eyeshadow and aerosol cans. But that would be a lie (thank God).

Being transported, my annoying little freshman, happens when you think you are invincible, as most freshmen do. When you are pre-gaming your inevitable walk down Eaton Street on a Friday night because your fake IDs don't work, and you're feeling on top of the world in your closet of a dorm room in McDermott or McVinney as you're pounding shots of Burnett's and sinking cups in pong, you are in all of your glory; thoughtless and young, you cannot fathom that in a few hours, you will be ripped away from your friends by security and medics due to your projectile vomiting all over campus, passing out in the street, or committing some other drunk rookie sin, proving that you are not, in fact, invincible to the power of the drink.

You get transported for your own good, because we care. You don't want to know where you end up, but chances are, you will find out soon.

XOXO

Dear Freshman Scrub,

All drunk students get transported. Transported...

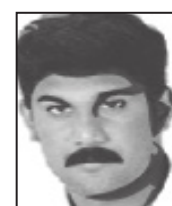
TO HELL.

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Tiffany



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Upcoming Week in Friar Sports

Men's Soccer

Friday Sept. 5 vs. Holy Cross

Sunday Sept. 7 @ Quinnipiac

Field Hockey

Friday Sept. 5 vs. Boston College

Sunday Sept. 7 @ Northeastern

Women's Soccer

Thursday Sept. 4 vs. Boston University

Sunday Sept. 7 vs. Harvard

Volleyball

Friday Sep. 5 @ Niagara, vs. Gardner Webb

Saturday Sept. 6 vs. WVU

Wednesday Sept. 10 @ Brown

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Men's Soccer Starts Out Strong Improves to 2-0 on the Season



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by **Joey Ciccarello '16**
Assistant Editor

MEN'S SOCCER

For now, the Providence College Men's Soccer Team are the kings of Rhode Island. On a cloudy and rainy night at the Ray Treacy Track, the Friars wasted no time in establishing their dominance in a 5-1 rout over in-state rival University of Rhode Island. While the team performance as a whole was something to marvel at, it was the performance of Markus Naglestad '15 that stood out the most. Naglestad poured in four of the five Friar goals, including the last four.

It was Mac Steeves '17 who started the scoring for the Friars, burying a second minute chance off of a pass from Fabio Machado '15. It was relatively quiet for the rest of the first half, however, and Providence headed into halftime up by a goal. From there, Naglestad took over, starting his scoring spree in the 65th minute by calmly dropping a penalty kick past URI keeper Nils Leifhelm. On that same play, the Rams lost a player to a red card, and the flood gates opened with URI down to 10 men. The gap between the two teams was only widened after the red card, and the next of Naglestad's goals came 10 minutes later.

The three minute span between the 76th and 78th minute was the longest three minutes for the Rams and the three most memorable minutes for Markus Naglestad. Naglestad put in three goals in three minutes, opening the Friars' lead up to 5-0 and bringing the crowd in Providence to their feet as he left the game. Rhode Island got on the board in the 89th minute on a Justin Clancy goal, but it was just a minor consolation for the Rams as they went back to Kingston searching for answers.

The win moved the Friars to 2-0 on the season, and 2-0 against opponents in the state of Rhode Island. The URI rout followed a convincing 2-0 victory over the Bryant Bulldogs, a game in which

Steeves and Manny Andrade '16 were the goal scorers. Accompanying the great offense to start the season is the Friars' stout defense, anchored by Phil Towler '15, Jeff Kilday '16, Rob Bialy '15, Brandon Adler '15, and goalie Keasel Broome '14G.

Friday brings about a new challenge as Providence hosts Holy Cross in their third game of the season. If the first two games of the season are any indication, the kings of Rhode Island could be destined to be the kings of something much bigger.

Who Will Face Off in Super Bowl 49?

AFC NFC

The 2014 season will once again be a year of New England dominance in the AFC. Since 2003 the Pats have won their division every year except 2008 thanks to the solid play of Tom Brady, who returns for his 15th season. The 31-year-old starter is one of the most experienced quarterbacks in the AFC.

Although some may argue that Brady is on the decline, the veteran quarterback continues to be a great asset to the squad. New England also hopes that tight end Rob Gronkowski can stay healthy after tearing his MCL and ACL last season.

Frequent injuries have hindered Gronkowski throughout his career, so a full season of strong play could help the Pats' offense tremendously. On the defensive side, New England continues to pride itself on a stellar defense that has allowed them to be perennial contenders in the NFL.

During the off-season the Pats bolstered their backline with some key defensive acquisitions, including veterans Darrelle Revis and Brandon Browner, who will serve a four-game suspension. Chandler Jones and Jamie Collins will also play a key role in the successes of the team. At this point, the Pats are almost a lock to win their sixth consecutive AFC East title and then advance to another Super Bowl.

-Sarah Wacik '15

Who will win the NFC? Well, many will say Seattle. And maybe those people will be right. But the Seahawks will not win the Super Bowl. And here's why: Any very good quarterback can take his team to the Promised Land once; only the greats can do it again the next year.

Russell Wilson is a very good quarterback whose future in the league is bright. But I don't consider him among the greats of Tom Brady, John Elway, or Joe Montana.

Not yet at least. So I'll choose another team: Green Bay, helmed by another very good quarterback in Aaron Rodgers. His collarbone injury kept him out of nine games last season, effectively crushing the Packers' playoff hopes.

But when he returned, it was as if he hadn't skipped a beat. In week 17, he spearheaded the victory over Chicago, throwing for 388 yards and two touchdowns on 25/9 passing. If you ask me, that's called going ham sandwich. If he continues to make it rain like that, no one will stop the Pack.

He has weapons in Jordy Nelson, Randall Cobb, and Jarrett Boykin, and on the other side is what I'd call the most consistent defense in the league. Julius Peppers, Clay Matthews, A.J. Hawk? Game over. The Packers win the NFC.

-Billy O'Brien '17

Editor's Corner: The College Football Playoff



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by **DJ Anderson '16**
Sports Editor

ATHLETICS

The excitement that the beginning of each college football season brings is incomparable to nearly every other major American sport. However, this excitement always comes with the expectation of controversy, and this year has been no different in that regard. This season will be the first time that the college football playoff is unveiled to the general public. The four best teams in the country, as selected by a committee of experts, will square off at the end of the season to decide the best program in all of major college football.

The previous selection method, known as the BCS system, will still be in play for every team outside of the top four, but the national champion game will no longer be decided by the BCS committee. The new playoff system is certainly a step in the right direction, but people can't expect the controversy that comes with each selection Sunday to simply fade away. One of the power five conferences (ACC, Big Ten, Pac-12, Big 12, and SEC) will not have a representative in the playoff each year, and this will cause a

massive problem.

The college football playoff should have been expanded to eight teams instead of four. The argument that several people made against this expansion was the risk of injury, as there would be three playoff games instead of two. I understand that this argument is legitimate, as the players are only college kids and cannot take the punishment that most NFL players take over the course of a season. The bottom line is that it would only be one more game, and college football players play an average of 12 to 13 regular season games in most of the power five conferences.

This is three to four games less than NFL players go through during a season, and college level kids could take this slate of games. College football makes for good TV, and eight teams in a playoff would create the best possible product. Imagine the champion of each of the five power conferences getting the chance to take home bragging rights for the year. You would have these teams, as well as three other outsiders looking to make a run of their own. The 2013-14 season provided a great example of what this eight team playoff could have looked like.

You would have had SEC champion Auburn, ACC Champion Florida State, Big Ten Champion Michigan State, Pac-12 Champion Stanford, and Big 12 Champion Baylor. Then the committee would have had to make decisions on teams like Alabama, Stanford, Ohio State, Mizzou, South Carolina, and Oregon for the three at-large bids. This could have set up for absolute madness, and would translate to a fantastic set of games each season.



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Women's XC

Despite all of the athletic success that Providence experienced last year, only one team could claim the title of national champion: Women's Cross Country. Although the team lost Emily Sisson '14 and Laura Nagel '14, two All-Americans from the championship squad, Coach Ray Treacy retains Sarah Mary Collins '16, who finished 39th at the NCAA championships last year.

Coach Treacy is expecting his freshman recruits to contribute quickly to the squad, and they have already shown their abilities in their season opener. Katie Lembo '18 finished second for the Friars with a time of 17:39.70 at the University of New Hampshire, and her classmate Mackenzie Barry '18 placed fourth at 17:50.

The other competing members in the opener also ran well, with Lauren Mullins '16 placing fifth, clocking in at 17:54.10.

"Given the fact that we were missing our projected top three for the season we came in with hopes that we could get three of four people around the 18-minute mark and we did just that," said Coach Treacy. "The two freshmen also impressed with their performances."

Currently the Friars are ranked 18th in the nation, but with Coach Treacy at the helm and young talent to build upon, the Women's Cross Country Team can expect another quality season.

-Bryan Blum '17



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Men's XC

Following an impressive 2013 season in which they finished 16th at the NCAA Cross Country Championship, the Providence College Men's Cross Country Team looks to pick up right where they left off. All the evidence points to another great year for Men's Cross Country here at PC.

Benjamin Connor '15 Brian Doyle '15 Liam Hillery '15 and Shane Quinn '15 will supply senior leadership for a team that is returning all but one athlete from last year's roster, and the addition of a new assistant coach in Tim Brock will provide further support and guidance for the team.

Cross country coaches across the country also seem convinced by PC's proven success and returning runnerst he Providence Men's Cross Country Team has been ranked third in the northeast region and, in a recent national coaches poll, 16th in the country.

This past Sunday's University of New Hampshire Dual Meet confirmed their high ranking, as PC won in convincing fashion. Thomas O'Neill '18 showed significant promise for the future in winning his first collegiate race, while Doyle finished second and Hillery finished third to round out an all-Providence top three.

The team competes next on Saturday, September 13 at the Stony Brook Invitational in Stony Brook, New York.

-Nate Svogun '16

Fall Sports Preview



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Field Hockey

The Women's Field Hockey Team opened their season last Friday with a commanding 5-1 win over Vermont. On Saturday the Friars cut it a lot closer, but eventually eked out a double-overtime win against Lock Haven. Expectations for this season are higher than they have been in past years, mostly due to a strong senior class and nine returning starters, including All-Big East Selections Henni Tietze '15, Daniella Bernasconi '15, and Caitlin Malone '16.

With the Big East Championships on their home turf, the Friars are looking for an appearance in the four-team tournament this season after a narrow miss last year. With two wins already, Providence has been living up to expectations so far.

The Friars' back line is anchored by Tietze, a three time All-Big East selection and a defender with some strong offensive skill as well. On offense, Providence has been paced early by Steph Guglielmo '15 who has four goals in two games, including a hat trick against Vermont. Bernasconi has also had a strong few games for the Friars with two goals so far this season.

Providence will play their home opener against Boston College Friday night, hoping to keep their record untarnished.

-Veronica Lippert '15



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Volleyball

Unlike most of the Friar sports programs, the Women's Volleyball Team is only just returning to the Big East Conference, having spent the previous four years in the America East Conference. Head Coach Margot Royer-Johnson's team finished 12-20 (4-10 America East) last season.

For the Friars to have a successful transition in their return to the Big East (previously 197- 2001), they must adjust so that they can handle the likes of Marquette, Villanova, and Georgetown. For a program that has not made the NCAA tournament since 195s success in conference play will be a must.

The team started its season on August 29 0 at the Kristin Dickman Invitational in Annapolis, Maryland, and lost to Navy, The Citadel, and Southern Utah. The Friars next play at Niagara on September 5 and the Big East schedule begins on September 24.

With the team bolstered by five seniors and only carrying three freshmen, the squad will look toward veteran leadership to carry them into the post-season. In a return to the Big East, the team hopes to dig out past glories and spike their competition as they aim to match the success of other Friar teams.

-Jeff Williams '17

