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## Athlete of the Week:

### Kris Dunn

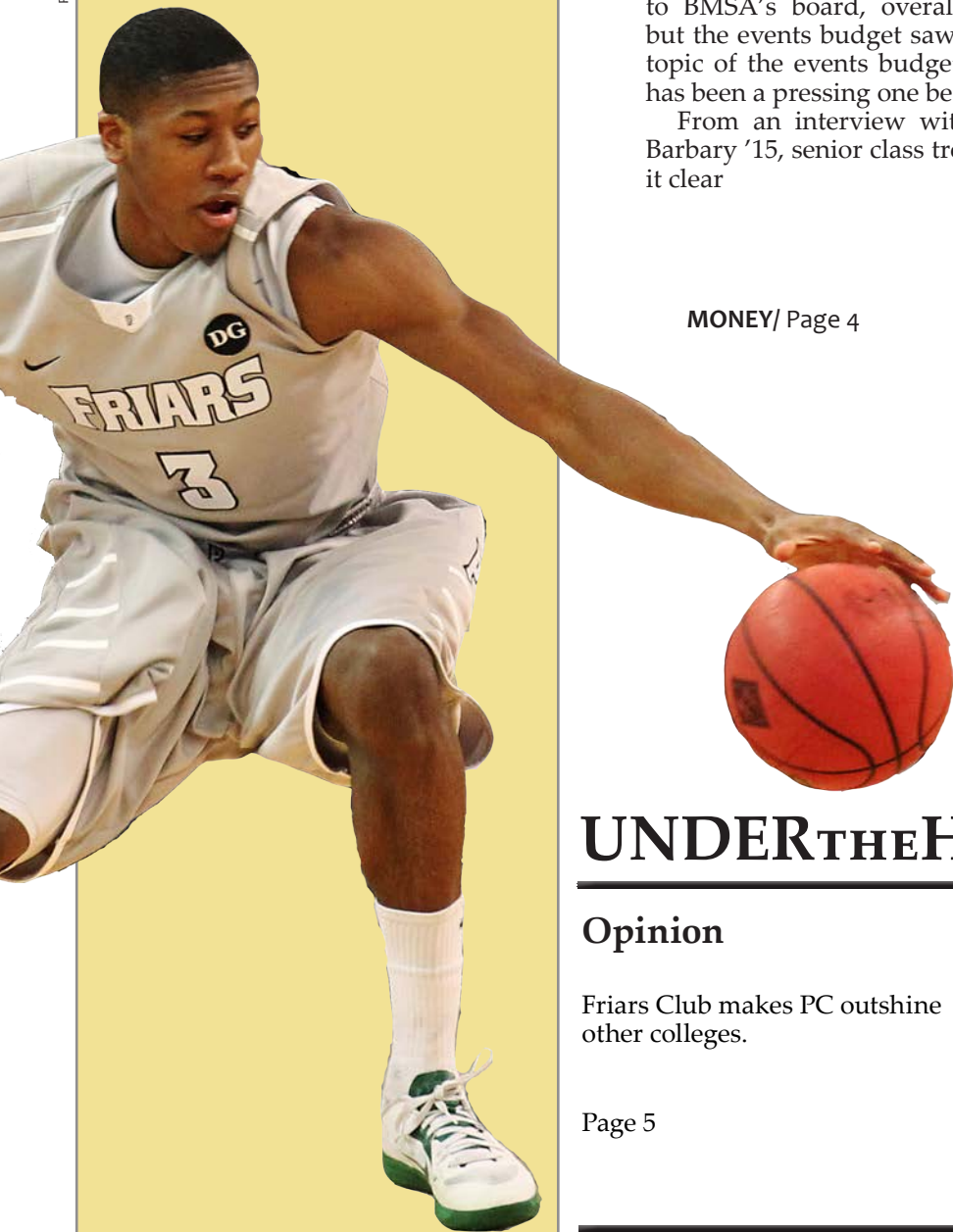
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BASKETBALL

The expectations were high when Kris Dunn '17, a five-star recruit out of high school, decided to join Ed Cooley in the Friar family. Plagued by a shoulder injury his first two seasons, Dunn saw limited action on the court, but now in his first fully healthy season, Dunn has delivered as expected for the Friars.

After the win over DePaul, Dunn is averaging 15.6 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 7.4 apg, and 2.8 spg. Second on the team in scoring, he leads the team in rebounding, assists, and steals, but more impressively is fourth in the country in assists and fifth in the country in steals. Quickly rising up NBA draft boards, Dunn has proven his worth in hopefully what is his first of many successful campaigns as a Friar.

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## The Importance of Transparency

*Student Congress Allocations Raise Questions in BMSA and BOP*

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Controversy has grown amongst the student body following re-allocations from Student Congress. Tensions between students representing Congress, BMSA, and BOP have created false rumors concerning the allocations process, BOP's push toward internalized elections, and publicly publishing budgets.

However, conversations with Congress, BMSA, and BOP have helped dispel rumors. Congress's long standing goal of becoming more transparent and public with the student body remains at the forefront of its legislation.

Any member of any club or organization on campus can agree that allocations at the start of each semester marks a stressful time. Often, the goal of obtaining the necessary funds is clouded by a seemingly intricate procedure that involves hundreds of thousands of dollars, and to some, a messy process where only a few come out happy.

Regardless of who emerges with more or less money, the allocations process is heavily regulated by the Providence College administration. The allocation of \$550,000 at the start of the 2014 fall semester was challenging, to say the least. Congress had to battle in order to give every club and organization the optimal amount necessary. Anticipating re-allocations, Alyssa Rohmann '15, executive treasurer, allocated \$500,000 during the fall semester, and held \$50,000 for re-allocations during the spring semester.

Suspicion has grown following an alleged decrease in BMSA's events budget. According to BMSA's board, overall budgets increased, but the events budget saw a cut of \$1,000. The topic of the events budget concerning BMSA has been a pressing one between both boards.

From an interview with Congress, Sean Barbary '15, senior class treasurer, has made it clear

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Friars Club makes PC outshine other colleges.

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Prepare to be amazed by Ryan Cox '18's interview with *America's Got Talent* winner, magician Mat Franco.

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## CEO Kevin Davis: The Key to Success

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LECTURES

Listen to the customer. Do not assume. Never judge. This is the simple but effective philosophy of Kevin Davis, entrepreneur and CEO of Performance Sports Group. The philosophy seems simple and mere common sense, but Davis believes following these principles will bring success.

On Feb. 23, Providence College's Entrepreneurship Society hosted Kevin Davis to speak to aspiring businessmen and women about his own journey in business. Before Davis found success with Bauer Hockey, a company that currently dominates the international hockey market, he was just trying to find out what he wanted to do with his life. Davis did not immediately attend college out of high school, opting instead to go into the workforce, but eventually enrolled at the University of Massachusetts Lowell as a nuclear engineering major. Before graduating from UMass Lowell, Davis dropped out once and, upon his return, changed his major to finance and accounting.

Davis worked for various companies in the following years, but found his true success at Bauer. However, the journey was not easy. Bauer, a hockey company that Nike turned into an inline skating business, had reached its peak and was quickly deteriorating. The company was losing money every year and had four CEOs in the six years before Davis assumed the position. So, when the world faced a global economic collapse in 2008, the future

was not looking bright for Bauer. However, Bauer not only survived the recession, but also took home a profit every year. Today, Bauer owns a large corner of the hockey market, as seven in ten pairs of skates sold are the Bauer brand. The company makes elite hockey gear, has ventured into other sports gear, and is now opening its own retail stores in North America. So how did a company on its last legs become the dominant brand in sports?

Firstly, it got back to its core. Bauer was originally a hockey company turned inline skating, a sport that peaked in the '90s. Davis and his team decided to go back to the core of the company and produce hockey gear. Bauer was not only aiming to be a hockey brand, but wanted to "make people's game better." With this new pitch, the company decided to "invest when others wouldn't." During the 2008 recession, most companies were downsizing, laying off employees, and playing the market safe while Bauer invested more money in its product. Davis said when you have a vision, you have to go for it and not be afraid to "take calculated risks."

Another key strategy of Davis' is to do the common sense things that most people overlook. In any industry based on the consumers buying a product, it is important to listen to the customer. Most people assume what others want without actually asking. In Canada, a country greatly associated with hockey, nine out of ten children at the hockey playing age do not play hockey. Bauer conducted surveys asking kids and families why they do not play Canada's favorite sport. The results showed hockey was not viewed as fun, it did not appeal to the non-traditionalist Canadian, and it



Kevin Davis shares his business ideology with PC business students.

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was a huge time commitment. To solve these problems, Bauer took over four cities and made shorter, less expensive hockey programs. The results led to 72 percent of hockey players returning for another season, an unprecedented number in Canada and America. The expansion of the game was based on listening to the potential customers and what they wanted.

While Davis has many business

savvy tips, his philosophies can help anyone working with people and trying to achieve their goals. Davis says we must never judge someone based on his or her looks—do not assume. Make sure to allow people you work with to do their job and treat them like actual people. And, most importantly, Davis encourages everyone to pursue their passion. "Life is too short—do something you love."

## Love Is in the Air at Alumni and Family Weekend

by Sabrina Guilbeault '18  
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FAMILY WEEKEND

On Valentine's Day weekend, love was definitely in the air for a vast majority of people, and that love was for Providence College. Forever a family, forever a home, and forever a Friar was the overall theme during the 2015 Alumni and Family Weekend. The weekend was centered on loving PC, as current students' families and alumni were welcomed back to the College with open arms.

Although the weekend's many events were cut short due to snow on Sunday, there were a multitude of events offered on the Friday and Saturday. A dinner with Dominicans, an alumni a cappella concert, and a bus tour of Providence were just some of the many events offered this weekend.

On the Saturday morning, Father Brian Shanley, O.P., '80, College president, kicked off the weekend with a welcome during a continental breakfast. After he spoke, keynote speaker Sheila Harrity '87, who was the 2014 National High School Principal of the Year, gave an inspiring speech.

Harrity began by telling alumni and PC family members about her initial reactions when she first toured and visited the campus. "I really know it in my heart that God had put us on

this Earth for a purpose," said Harrity. "I really felt that Providence College was going to help me define what that purpose was in my life."

She also spoke about how members of the faculty at the College were often like second parental figures. "I always felt at Providence College that so many people were your extended family," she said, which goes along well with another theme of the weekend that at PC, we are one family. She specifically mentioned Father John Peterson, O.P., as "a second father who helped support and guide me through the process of Providence College."

As the 2014 National Teacher of the Year, Harrity gave her story about how her high school turned around in just eight years, drastically decreased dropout rates, and excelled in becoming a Blue Ribbon School. Also, last year President Barack Obama gave the commencement speech at her school's graduation and also handed out the diplomas to the students.

She gave a story about when she met a senator while in Washington as a finalist; the first thing she mentioned while introducing herself was that she graduated from PC in '87 and was a Lady Friar. "Providence College is in the core of who I am," she said.

Harrity as the speaker expressed her love for PC as many other Alumni did throughout the weekend. Alumni attended the basketball game versus Seton Hall, legacy families had a



Families and Alumni share the love during Valentine's weekend.

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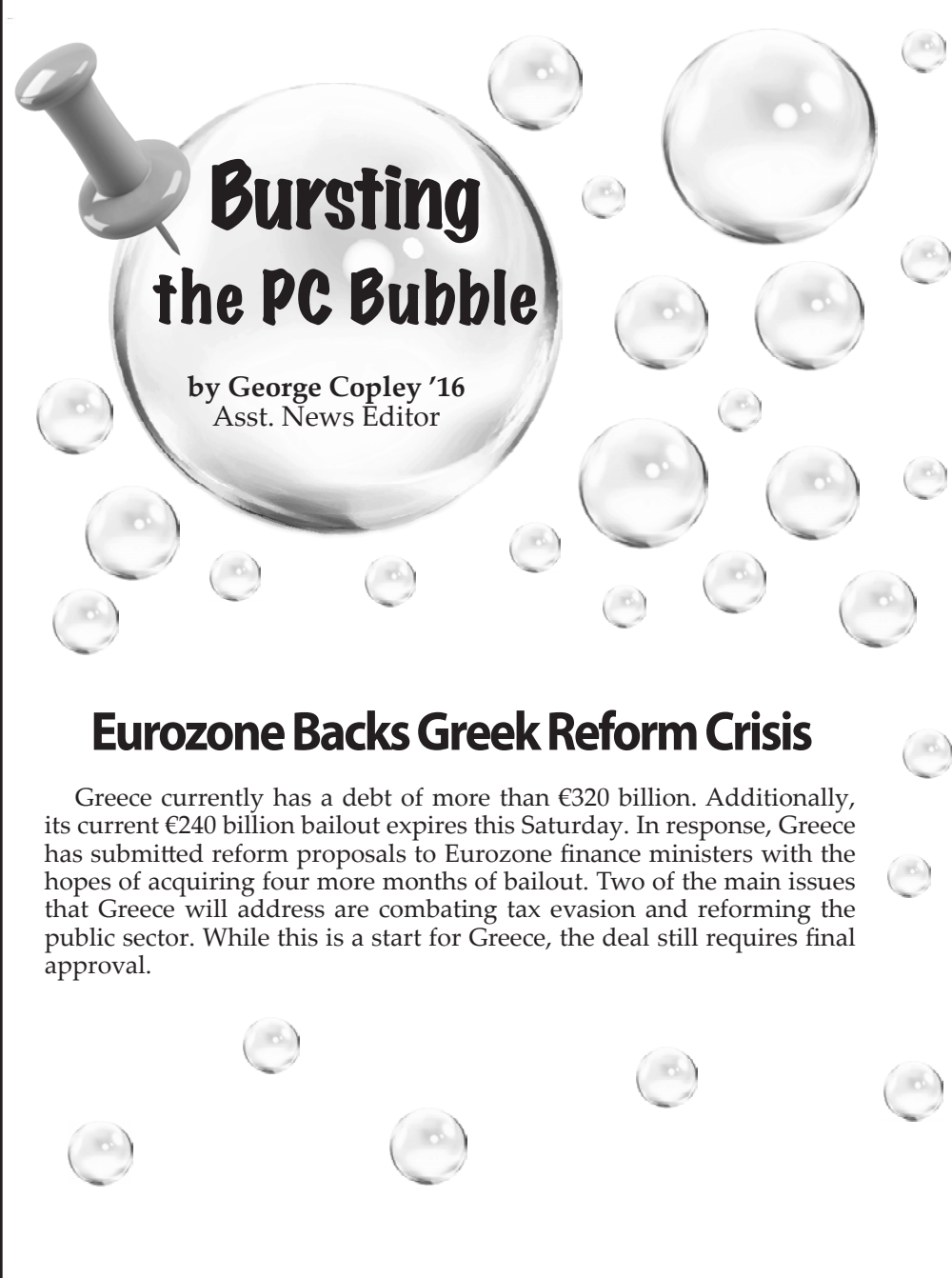
gathering in McPhail's, and the student and club reunions were a big hit. At the reunion, Alumni had the opportunity to reunite with clubs or organizations that they were once involved with on campus, while parents could see what their student was involved with.

The weekend also provided many opportunities for family members of current students to spend time together. One notable event was the magic show put on by Mat Franco, winner of *America's Got Talent*. This event featured magic, laughs, and lots

of participation with the audience.

All in all, the weekend was a success for those who attended it. Since it was on Valentine's Day, it was a fitting time to show how much current students and alumni love PC. "I'm so thankful for to have this opportunity to come back to Providence College and thank-you personally for the impact you had on my life," said Harrity, "and for helping me develop into the person that can extend the skills that you taught me here."





# Bursting the PC Bubble

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## Eurozone Backs Greek Reform Crisis

Greece currently has a debt of more than €320 billion. Additionally, its current €240 billion bailout expires this Saturday. In response, Greece has submitted reform proposals to Eurozone finance ministers with the hopes of acquiring four more months of bailout. Two of the main issues that Greece will address are combating tax evasion and reforming the public sector. While this is a start for Greece, the deal still requires final approval.

## Obama Vetoes Bill for Keystone Pipeline


President Obama has turned down a bill that would have approved construction of the Keystone oil pipeline. The Keystone pipeline project was proposed more than six years ago, but has been awaiting a permit due to its crossing of international boundaries. The pipeline is controversial, generally speaking, due to one party advocating for the creation of jobs and the other being concerned with negative environmental impacts. The 875-mile long pipeline would travel from Canada to Nebraska, connecting to pipes in Texas.

## U.K. to Train Ukranian Army

Prime Minister David Cameron has declared that British military personnel will be sent to Ukraine in upcoming weeks in order to provide advice and training. Up to 75 British soldiers will travel to non-conflict zones to provide medical, logistical, intelligence, and infantry skills. This decision portrays Western skepticism of the recent peace treaty created between Ukrainian troops and pro-Russian separatists. While the separatist rebels claims that they are withdrawing heavy military equipment from the frontline in Eastern Ukraine, the Kiev government continues to say otherwise to Western leaders.

## Study Says U.S. Sea Level Rose by Record Levels During 2009-2010

According to *Nature Communications*, an environmental academic publication, in 2009-2010, sea levels north of NYC rose by 128mm over the timespan of two years. These climate models suggest serious sea level increases rising consistently throughout this century. U.S. scientists say that coastal areas will need to prepare for short term and potentially threatening sea level events.



# Congress Updates

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STUDENT CONGRESS

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### Feb. 17

Koren Kanadanian, director of emergency management, did a question and answer session with members of Congress to answer questions about the meningitis vaccination clinic and the CDC swabbing study.

Devin Cash '15 presented a piece of service legislation for Student Congress events that requires all Student Congress members to volunteer at their events for a minimum of five hours each semester. This piece would be in effect starting next year.


Another new piece of legislation was introduced that would allow Steve Sears, dean of students, to speak during meetings without people yielding time.

### Feb. 24

Joe Carr, associate vice president of the division of marketing and communications, spoke to Student Congress members about changes to the PC website. Some of the features include a simpler, more modern design, easy access to admission functions and other strategy-based messaging in regards to academics, and a “Vantage Points” page for admissions including pictures of campus and “fast facts.” The new website will be up and running this fall.

Both pieces of legislation that were introduced last week were voted on and passed.

Caroline O’Sullivan '15 introduced a new piece of legislation regarding changes to the administration of elections for Student Congress.



## Update:

Semester Delivery Total: 541 lbs.



# Money:

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that BMSA’s events budget had not, in fact, been cut. BMSA had an amount close to \$7,000 in their account when its events committee asked for a reported \$5,995 for reallocations.

Because the events committee only needed the reported \$5,995 out of those approximate \$7,000, Congress’s finance committee reserved the right to take back money and allot it to another club. As a result, Congress took the difference of \$1,005 from BMSA and used it to satisfy needs from other clubs.

BMSA’s Executive Board states, “In regard to the allocations process, there should be more communication and greater transparency, demonstrating democratic qualities across all student-led organizations and clubs.” Additionally, BMSA’s executive board recommends having a documented, outlined public appeals process. After voicing concerns to Congress, both Congress and BMSA have remained in talks, and Congress has expressed a willingness to overhaul any controversy and work tightly with BMSA to achieve optimal working grounds in the near future and the years to come.

Another current pressing issue is Congress’s bill allowing BOP to have internalized elections. All organizations on campus have elections where anybody can run, but it is people within those organizations that have made an impact who end up with executive positions.

There are multiple benefits of BOP having internalized elections, the most significant benefit being an extended period of time to recruit solid candidates. By extending the application period for candidates, BOP will effectively and successfully identify the appropriate members that should hold executive positions instead of letting anyone run.

According to Congress, having internalized elections also means that BOP will be able to anticipate the planning process which normally occurs around June for clubs and organizations. If BOP’s planning process is extended, it will have more time to plan events for the student body for the following academic year.

In addition to more time, BOP also expects to have funds allocated during the spring semesters in order to plan events for fall semesters

during the summer. Considering the anticipative booking of venues, vendors, and performances, BOP will be able to give the student body more events the student body wants.

The question remains: If BOP internalizes elections, who controls the massive \$225,000 total budget? Sharon Hay, director of student programming, directly oversees BOP’s operations and spending. Without her supervision, no BOP event attains approval. The \$225,000 budgeted for BOP comes straight from the student activity fees paid by students, hence the close monitoring by the College.

The impact within BOP will be seen as time goes on, which calls for patience to adapt, but in theory, BOP’s internalized elections is a step forward to provide Providence College better entertainment and programming like no other.

The large amounts of money that Congress moves in a given year gets people talking. As a result, students have voiced complaints concerning the public availability of budgets. The fact that \$225,000 comes from students’ pockets begs the fair and expected question of how the money is being spent. In an interview

with Congress, Bobby Aruda ’15, executive president, acknowledged these concerns but reiterated that any student can approach Congress and ask to see any given budget. Moreover, anybody at Providence College can attend Congress meetings.

Despite alleged student concerns, Congress has not seen an active enough interest from the student body to truly publicize budgets. Nevertheless, Congress is expected to launch a social media campaign and a brainstorming event for the student body in order to raise interest and involvement soon after spring break. Students will be able to publicly voice their opinions and ideas in order to really help Congress serve the student body efficiently and appropriately.

Problems within student-run clubs and organizations have always and will always be present. The system is not a perfect one, but healthy dialogue between powerhouses at Providence College can help push problems aside and give rise to a more efficient way of benefiting every student on campus.

## PC Physical Plant: The Real MVPs

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CAMPUS

For most of us, the recent snow days meant uninterrupted hours of Netflix, food, and—most importantly—no school and no work. For the Providence College Physical Plant, however, snow days meant that it was time to get *to* work. Matt Lambert, the PC grounds manager, states that the Plant has been working “around the clock” to shovel the College out of this white winter.

Lambert revealed that each time snow is forecasted, the Plant assembles a crew and prepares to venture out into the storm. There are eight people on the snow removal team, as well as various contracted workers and even three or four PC students. There are usually around 30 people who are assigned to different areas on campus, the biggest of which are the grounds outside of Slavin and Raymond Hall.

Lambert has been at the College

for 13 years and he agreed that this February is the worst he has ever seen. In recent weeks it has been difficult to acquire ice melt not only on campus, but also in Providence and throughout the state itself.

The snow crew sleeps at the Plant during the storm—if “sleep” is even the right word for what rest they actually get! “We’ll take a break,” Lambert stated, but they rarely have time for more than a quick nap. The crew stays on campus until the storm finishes, even if that means being away from home for several days. Lambert admits that he has not seen much of his wife lately, but that she has been very understanding of his busy schedule. Needless to say he is ready for summer.

Bob Deasy, PC’s director of catering, observed how during one snowstorm, “I saw Matt—clean-shaven—on Sunday...by Wednesday, he had grown a pretty nice beard.”

Everyone at *The Cowl*, as well as the members of the entire PC community, would like to thank the Physical Plant for their dedication and hard work this winter. And trust us—we’re counting down the days until summer as well!



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## Everyone’s A Champion

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CAMPUS

Alex Rawson ’15, coordinator of Special Olympics, part of Campus Ministry, describes her club as a very “special” organization at PC. “It is our mission to spread the ideals of awareness and acceptance throughout our campus as we celebrate all abilities.”

The Special Olympics Oath states: “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt.” Rawson and her student volunteers strive to honor the Special Olympics’ mission “by creating as many opportunities as possible for both the Special Olympics Athletes and Providence College students to challenge themselves by trying something new.”

The PC Special Olympics organization uses the slogan “Everyone’s a Champion.” Rawson describes how “we make it our goal for everyone to experience this feeling of success, on and off the courts.”

Last weekend, the organization hosted two big events in the Peterson Center to bring together the Special Olympics Rhode Island (SORI) athletes and PC students. On Friday, February 20, Special Olympics worked with the Intramural Athletic Board to co-sponsor a “5v5” basketball tournament.

Participants played games of “unified basketball” meaning that the SORI athletes played alongside PC students in pick-up games and shoot arounds.

On Saturday, February 21, the PC Special Olympics held their annual basketball tournament. Rawson said that 160 Providence College students and 25 SORI basketball teams participated in this annual tradition. Rawson commented, “I truly believe that everyone experienced a winning moment during this day. Referencing our Special Olympics Oath, I believe that WE all attempted to make a difference in another’s day, WE showcased bravery in our efforts to meet new friends and cheer others on, and WE all WON by doing so.”

Looking ahead at the rest of the semester, Special Olympics’ next event will take place on March 4, where Special Olympics will work together with Best Buddies on a “Spread-the-Word-to-End-the-Word.” The annual Swim Meet will take place on March 19, and finally, Special Olympics will also be running a weekly Bocce League throughout the month of April. Rawson encourages anyone interested in learning more about Special Olympics and ways to become involved to follow them on Facebook at “Providence College Special Olympics” and attend meetings on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. located in the Campus Ministry Center.



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## Charity Is a Pillar of Our Humanity

### *Consider Those Suffering from the Cold This Winter*



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#### CHARITY

“Love is the beauty of the soul.” St. Augustine spoke these words centuries ago, and yet the truth of the phrase persists. For St. Augustine, love is the will to help others; this concept of love should not be perceived as inherently Catholic in nature, for service to others is an integral part of our humanity. Most often, people associate charity and goodwill with the holidays. Volunteers at soup kitchens and churches peak at Christmas then dwindle once the holidays are over. However, charity is a virtue that needs to be maintained year-round, not only during holidays.

The recent arctic weather and “Snowmageddon” in the northeast demonstrate the importance of looking out for our fellow neighbors. An elderly man in Rhode Island was trapped in his house for 19 days after the first blizzard because he was physically unable to shovel himself out, though he tried. The 84-year-old man, Richie, was finally shoveled out due to the kindness of volunteers. Throughout this harsh winter, there has been an influx of volunteers coming together to shovel the snow out the yards of the elderly and others who are unable to do so themselves. Now, as the temperature and wind chills dip below zero, it is alarming to think of all the homeless people— young and old—who have nowhere to take refuge against the bitter cold. My

eyes were opened up this last winter as my parents and I headed home from having breakfast on the East Side near Brown University. Driving through a less affluent part of Providence, I saw men and women sleeping outside on a frigidly cold day—homelessness is a reality for these people, which I had never witnessed before, but only thought of as a sort of abstract concept. It had never occurred to me how fortunate I was to go home every night to a house with heat. With the rising prices of oil and gas, heat is becoming a luxury that some families can’t afford, never mind those for whom a house is a luxury out of reach. At times like these, the simplest actions can go a long way, such as donating your gently worn coats, blankets, and gloves as well as donating supplies to homeless shelters. Even going to the grocery store

for your neighbors and acquaintances who find it difficult to leave their homes, not only when the weather is harsh but at any time, can help tremendously. Monetary donations are helpful to many causes, but there are so many other causes that need volunteers, not money. Nothing is as beneficial or rewarding as your actions, your service to others. Volunteering your time, knowledge, service, or skills is invaluable to many people. This might be shoveling out your neighbor, it could be reading to children in the library—we can be charitable in a multitude of ways. Mission and service to others is rooted in the Dominican tradition and in our Providence College education. Remember the importance of charity not simply as a pillar of your Catholic faith, but as a pillar of your humanity.

## Friars Club Makes PC Outshine Other Colleges

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#### CAMPUS



As a student, it is hard to deny how surreal it is to be sitting in McPhail’s, or anywhere on campus for that matter, doing homework and watching the Friars Club give tours, traveling in and out, back and forth. Every school needs a program similar to the Friars Club, dedicated to extending our community and sharing these small details that could make all the difference. Originally with eyes wide and seemingly dazed, these high school students become calm and engaged after hearing about Providence College from the members of the Friars Club. Just the other day, one tour received the VIP treatment as they were walking around the Slavin Center. It may have just been lucky timing, but a handful

of members of the basketball team walked out of Alumni Food Court and passed the tour. Whether it was their unbelievable height or just their reputation, every head turned, both around and up. A younger brother pulled on his father’s sleeve and asked if he could meet these “celebrities.” It is not just the off-white blazers that make the Friars Club memorable and unique. As my friend and Friars Club member Bradley Meyer shared with me, they start each of their meetings off with a prayer, embracing the Dominican tradition. When asked what makes the Friars Club so unique and special, Meyer said, “The Friars Club is the glue of the school. We hold it together.” I then asked him to reflect on his journey to Providence College. He thought back to his tour, and said, “One of the main reasons I came to PC was because of my Friar tour guide. He showed me how PC is actually a big school because as I now say on my tours, despite the fact that PC is a small school, it can change you in a big way.” Friars Club doesn’t simply give tours, but takes prospective PC students on a journey in a short period of time of what their life could become. As a

unified community, PC students should take interest in the impact the Friars Club has and these potential peers because one day they could become a part of our Friar family. Each and every member, whether new or old, has an impact on our PC history, writing a new chapter in Friartown each day. Reflecting on my journey to Providence College, I visited campus multiple times. Of course I was impressed by how beautiful it was, but what sealed the deal was a tour from the Friars Club. I learned the little details not listed on the school’s website or in pamphlets and information sessions. These details included getting to 10:30 mass at least 10 minutes early or there would be no seats left and that it’s okay if you missed dinner that day because of the sea of food at post-mass bash. This is what made the difference for me. The student involvement of Friars Club makes it realistic and personal because they had once been in our very shoes. Without this club, there may be many PC students who might have never become a Friar, possibly including myself. This program makes a difference and should be spread to many other colleges or universities in order to ensure the growth of their community, or family, I should say.

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# Understanding the Past Leads to a Better Future

## Oklahoma Is Mistaken in Banning AP U.S. History Courses

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EDUCATION

Teaching Advanced Placement U.S. History in Oklahoma’s public schools could very well be on the way to becoming history after the state’s legislative committee on education voted this past week to pass a controversial House Bill 1380. Under the bill, state funding for AP U.S. History courses would be eliminated, therefore effectively banning the course from being taught in public schools. In the view of the bill’s author, Republican representative Dan Fisher, the AP U.S. History curriculum primarily serves to emphasize “what is bad about America,” while failing to teach students about “American exceptionalism.” The rationale behind the Oklahoma legislature’s attack on AP U.S. History is reflective of a growing and disturbing trend of mixing political and ideological influence with public education. As this bill ignores

and attempts to repress, American history is not a black or white picture. In its apparent aim to foster patriotism among students it actually does the opposite. In order for all students to be well-informed and intelligent citizens, they must be taught to think critically about our nation’s history so that they can have the knowledge and skills to help create a more progressive future. Oklahoma’s fight against AP U.S. History is not the first of its kind and is consequential of a larger conservative outcry over the College Board’s decision to revise its curriculum in 2012. For example, last fall the Jefferson County school board in Colorado proposed to revise its AP U.S. History course along the same reasoning as that of the Oklahoma state legislature. It was in the Colorado school board’s view that the course should be implemented with materials that “present positive aspects of the United States and its heritage” and do not “encourage or condone civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law.” However, the idea that “American exceptionalism” or “what is great

about America” must be emphasized in textbooks and in public school classrooms over some of the less-than-conveniently-pleasant aspects of our nation’s history is severely misguided. Certainly, there are positive aspects of American society and the many great past achievements and initiatives of individual Americans and American organizations have benefited not only our nation but also the world. Students should, of course, be taught these things, but to gloss over the failures and injustices of American history, some of which still prevail today, would be to paint a distorted and false picture. As the Oklahoma state legislature appears to be concerned with the lack of “patriotic material” in the College Board’s curriculum, the belief that teaching “American exceptionalism” or what is positive about American history should be made priority over other material is simply wrong and in fact not “patriotic.” Education should not, in any way, be a form of indoctrination or propaganda. Furthermore, if students are to be patriotic in their own right,

they need to be taught a full and authentic version of U.S. History. The quality of education that today’s youth receives is fundamental to our nation’s future. If schools were to teach a glossed over version of U.S. history, students would be put at a serious disadvantage in their education. Being able to debate and think about issues in American history at a critical and in depth level allows for students to become intelligent, thoughtful, and well-informed citizens. If students are taught, for example, in detail about the racial injustice and the marginalization of minorities in America’s past, they can be more adept at reflecting on these same struggles that still exist in society today. It is only by understanding one’s past that one can have the knowledge to make a change for the future. It does not serve any student or our society well to gloss over American history in schools so it appears closer to being like a fairytale rather than the complex reality it actually is. As Winston Churchill once famously said, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

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# No-Meat Policy Doubts Students’ Spiritual Maturity

by Wesley Trask '16  
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CAMPUS

The Lenten season is upon us, friends, and you will be participating as usual. Yes, even you, those less-than-religious among us. Because with the beginning of Lent, Providence College resumes its practice of not making meat available on campus on Fridays (and Ash Wednesday). For something as simple as the menu options on one out of every seven days, the refusal to serve meat is a bit of a divisive issue on campus. The most religious of students on campus are probably very indifferent to the issue; why care if meat is available or not when you won’t be eating it anyway? For the less religious, however, this is just another attempt of the administration forcing Catholicism on the student body. Meanwhile, those of us in the middle are left to question the pointlessness of it all. Just to put this out there, I’ve never been one to actively avoid eating meat on a Lenten Friday. I’m probably not going to eat meat anyway (nor am I going to go out of my way to get a meaty meal), but at the same time if meat is the only desirable eating choice at a certain meal, I won’t vehemently refuse it either.

But it really is ridiculous that you can’t even get meat at the campus Dunkin’ Donuts. On the other hand, it makes perfect sense to not have meat available at Ray Dining Hall and Alumni Cafeteria, just not for theological reasons. The majority of the people on campus are, obviously, Catholic, and won’t be interested in eating meat. Rather than have even a small stock of meat available to serve (some of which will still be left uneaten), it makes much more business sense to just not bother with meat at all. Of course, at Dunkin’ Donuts there won’t be much meat served anyway, so it just isn’t worth entirely removing it from the menu on Fridays. Here is where the ridiculousness starts to come through. As mentioned, not allowing meat on campus is sound business strategy on one hand and foolish on another. Officially, the College wouldn’t mention any sort of financial influences on not allowing meat; rather, the policy is purely one born of Catholic principles, if that is to be taken at face value. Unfortunately, any kind of moral or theological argument doesn’t exactly hold water. Abstaining from eating meat

on Fridays is supposed to be a sacrifice, but if you couldn’t eat it anyway, what sacrifice are you really making? Now, I’m not saying that the school in any way is diminishing Lent by not

allowing meat to be served, but it certainly isn’t contributing to the fulfillment of Lenten practices either. Not letting someone eat meat is the kind of thing a religious parent would do to their young child who doesn’t know better. College students should be considered spiritually mature enough to make a decision on their own about whether or not to eat meat. It’s unlikely that the school will relax the meat embargo, but fear not; the world isn’t the bland, dreary, fish patty filled wasteland it appears to be. The loss of meat at Alumni has also meant the triumphant, if fleeting return of curly fries and mozzarella sticks (see? There is a God

and He has been listening). Meanwhile, if you really need to get meat and don’t want to go off campus, don’t worry; the no-meat-on-campus thing does not extend to Schneider Arena. The theological-rather-than-financial argument pretty much loses all credibility whenever the men’s hockey team has a game on a Lenten Friday night, where you can get as many chicken fingers as your heart wants (or your budget allows). After all, your immortal soul is important, except for when it cuts into the bottom line.





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Never Slack: Work Hard Now

by Kelly Sullivan '15  
Associate EIC

EDITOR'S COLUMN



This past week at a Tennessee high school girl’s basketball game, both teams played to lose. Both on their way to the state tournament, the two teams were aware that if they were to win, the next team they were to play would be the reigning state champs. In an effort to avoid that team until a later bracket, both teams attempted to lose. ...How incredibly sad. The coaches urged their team to lose and the girls went along with it. Videos online show a very poor attempt, if there was any attempt at all, to hide their effort to lose. This included bad defense, missed foul shots, and not even bringing the ball past half court in order to proudly take the 10 second calls. How did they expect to win any title if they were afraid to even face the team?

The problem with this is two-fold. The first is the lack of faith the coaches had in their players. They didn’t believe their team could win against the good team, and they were confirming their lack of faith to their team by telling them to lose. How can a coach inspire their team, when the coach doesn’t even think the team can do well? How can the team do well

when their coach doesn’t believe in them? The second problem is the girls followed this order to lose. They didn’t believe in themselves either. Where was the team captain?

According to *The Tennessean*, “The state's governing body of high school athletics banned both teams from the remainder of the post-season and fined the schools \$1,500 each.” Rightfully so. Teams are supposed to promote sportsmanship—what kind of sportsmanship is encouraging your teammates not to do their best?

Students, both in high school and college, should take on good opportunities proudly and work hard to do well, even when it may be hard. When we’re in class we should take advantage of every opportunity we get. Don’t skip studying for one exam and hope to do better on the next. Work hard and do your best on every assignment. Here’s a piece of advice that these coaches and team captains should have given their team: Work hard, and work hard now.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

RIPTA Needs to Get  
Its Act Together

I don't want to sound like a southerner, specifically the kind who thought the storm was the end of the world, causing the state of Georgia to completely shut down after receiving one-third of an inch of snow. However, recent events have caused me to seriously consider moving to the South. For those of you who don’t know, I am adamantly against everything that is south of New York: the clothes, food (except New Orleans), mannerisms, accents, views, and Paula Deen. The snow itself is not the problem; I can deal with the snow. The issue that I am having is the disruptions to life the snow has caused, the fact that the city of Providence has done nothing, and that the already confusing and sporadic Providence College shuttle services are of little to no use. I don’t know why it is so hard for RIPTA and other services to update their websites, or even just their Twitter accounts, regarding the services, delays, or changes. It would be much appreciated instead of letting three buses skip their stated interval without any remorse, leaving me sad, angry, and thirsty for revenge. There are three potential fixes here: We can join the state of Kentucky and issue an arrest warrant for Elsa. We can invoke an Aztec ritual as seen in *The Twilight Zone* (which requires a sacrifice) and wait. Or...THEY UPDATE THEIR WEBSITE/TWITTER TO REFLECT ACCURATE CHANGES.

- Edward Walrod '16

Fruit Display in  
Ray Teases Students

Apparently, the large, vibrant fruit display that sometimes decorates the vegetarian section of Ray is real. I never knew that—probably because right in the center of the luscious, delicious display is a curt, ugly sign reading “Do Not Touch.” Why would they make a display from real fruit if students aren’t allowed to take it? There’s literally an entire pineapple that sits on top of that display. One thing that Ray needs is more fresh fruit, especially at breakfast, and there’s an entire fresh pineapple in that display that we aren’t allowed to eat. That fruit is just going to sit on a shelf until it rots, and then it won’t be useful to anyone. Someone should eat it. Preferably the students, but at least give it to the workers or have Friar Food Rescue donate it or something. Just please take down the sign.

- Brianna Abbott '17

PC’s Inspiring Story  
Needs to Be Told

I was so excited to attend Providence College that I made it my mission to learn as much about it as possible before even stepping foot on campus. I figured out a few important things, but failed to learn the interesting story behind our College's founding almost 100 years ago. In my community organizing class this past week, I learned that our College was established as a place of higher learning for Catholic students who were not granted admission to Brown University. The formation of our College was an organized response to a need in the community. Catholics in the Providence area aspiring to learn and grow needed a place to do so. As someone who set out to know all about our lovely College, I was surprised to learn this history a year and a half into my experience as a Friar. I asked myself: “Why did I not know this sooner?” After all, the story is one of pure inspiration. With our 100-year anniversary a mere two years away, I hope that the College emphasizes this incredible story to show members of the Friar Family how deeply rooted organizing for positive change is in our College.

- Jacquelyn Kelley '17



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# Just Let It Go: Response to Cox '18's Idina Menzel Article



## Absurd to Think Less of Menzel as a Performer

by Caitlin Hagarty '15  
Guest Opinion

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Let's be real, everyone was skeptical when it was announced that Idina Menzel would be singing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl this year, myself included. Especially given the fact that she absolutely butchered her own rendition of "Let It Go" during *Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve*. However, I think that it is completely unjust for someone to critique someone's professional performance based on her vocal quality. Her natural singing voice reflects her speaking voice, as it should. As a professional singer, I can only assume that she sings from her diaphragm (listen to a live performance of "Defying Gravity," it would be absolutely impossible to sing that without the support from the diaphragm). The diaphragm supports the voice; it does not change the quality of it, as a singer yourself you should know that. If you are looking for the quality of the voice to change, then you need to look at the vocal chord structure and how the individual's vocal chords work. Breathing from the chest can constrict the air passageway, thus not allowing proper support. Singing with a head voice will produce a nasally sound; support has nothing to do with it...as a senior music education major myself I would know. If you ever listen to an interview with Idina Menzel, which I am sure you have not because you stated in your own article that you think "that she is a terrible and overrated vocalist," she has a nasally voice to begin with and no amount of training is going to get rid of that, I'm sorry. If you don't like it, get over it. Yes, she is paid to hit the high-pressure, hard to hit notes; however, I would love to see you sing those songs in the conditions in which she sang. It is absolutely absurd to think less of her as a performer because she did not sing perfectly in extreme cold on New Year's Eve in New York City; I believe it was close to 0 degrees with the wind chill that night. If you think you can do better, prove it! Otherwise, keep your comments to yourself.

# Witnessing the Better Angels of Our Nature

## Impressive Handling of Meningitis Vaccination Clinic Is a Result of Our Political System

by Joseph Cammarano  
Guest Opinion

CAMPUS

On Sunday, February 8, I was in the Peterson Recreation Center to observe the quickly arranged vaccinations of nearly the entire student body of Providence College. As someone who teaches public administration and community service, I was drawn by the opportunity to watch how government, nonprofits, and volunteers collaborate when needs like this arise. I could not have been more impressed with what I saw.

How did most of the Providence College student body receive vaccines so quickly? The answer lies with a law passed in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, a system that has emerged from that law, and the unique style of public-private partnerships used to implement public policy in the United States.

In the days after the 2001 attacks, thousands of people rushed to the scenes to help, but the emergency response system was overwhelmed, unable to separate those with skills from those with good intentions but no expertise. A consensus emerged that better planning for responses

to public emergencies was vital, and in 2002, Congress passed a law that established a national preparedness response system. This system includes the national, state, and local government, a national standard for registering health professionals who can respond locally when emergencies occur, and a system for activating them as emergencies occur.

Each state now has a medical response team that can be activated when needed. In the PC vaccination event, these teams were from the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team (RIDMAT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), two nonprofits that provide volunteer medical response teams (anyone over 18 may register to be a volunteer). The nearly 100 DMAT/MRC people in the blue tee shirts at this clinic processed students and administered vaccinations. The director of DMAT coordinated logistics for them, working closely with the PC Director of Emergency Management (another position created in response to the acknowledgment that colleges and universities also needed planning for

emergencies we all hope will never arise). Leaders from the Rhode Island Health Department also oversaw the collaboration and acted as a liaison to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and providers of the vaccine.

Equally impressive at the clinic were the Providence College employees who came in on a Sunday to help. Many of these people are the familiar faces you see all the time, but there were also scores of others who work in various offices around campus who volunteered their time to help. They were most of those in the yellow vests, handing out forms, shepherding you through the screening process, and making sure that you got in and out as quickly as possible.

Finally, Providence College students were pivotal in making the day a success. Many got up much earlier than usual for a Sunday morning, were cooperative and understanding of the process, and displayed the best side of their character, thanking everyone along the way for being part of the system that provided them the quick response.

What happened in the Peterson Recreation Center on Feb. 8 was not magic, but simply a reflection of much that works well in the United

States: the national government creating an infrastructure to respond to emergencies, state and local authorities planning, coordinating and implementing responses, nonprofits providing the personnel and resources to achieve the task, and the public (PC and its students in this case) cooperating as best they can to make the response effective.

It is easy for an observer of our political system to see the bad in it: gridlock, polarization, and vitriolic conversations better described as shouting matches. This event offers a counter-narrative for our time, one identified by Abraham Lincoln as he closed his first inaugural address in 1861:

*Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching... to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.*

Together, the common concern we show for each other when we need to do so, our tendency to cooperate when we can, and leadership and scaffolding work by government, all help explain how quickly and successfully we rose to this recent challenge.

# Student Elections Under Attack

by Michael Hagan '15  
Guest Opinion

STUDENT CONGRESS

On Tuesday, Student Congress is scheduled to vote on a bill that will cede complete control over election campaigning in residence halls to the Office of Residence Life, whose plan is to all but abolish the practice. Residence Life intends to set highly restrictive time limits on in-person campaigning. Even more obstructively, candidates will be required to prearrange their visits during the office's 8:30-4:30 workday. Student Congress is on the verge of handing control of one of its highest priorities to an office that, due to the numerous administrative roles it juggles, cannot possibly prioritize it the same way.

The rationale offered by the sponsors of the election reform legislation is effectively, "This is what Residence Life asked for." At Tuesday's meeting, a number of Congress members and I put forward amendments to relax the bill's restrictions on important electoral practices, but this most

dangerous part of the bill narrowly withstood. It withstood on the rationale that we must give the administration what it asks. As a student body, I plead with you to wonder why. Where does this mentality come from? Why is Student Congress' executive leadership promoting it?

I intend to fight this bill on its second reading this Tuesday, and I know that I will not be alone. We will fight because we believe that student elections are meant to be student run. We will fight because we believe that personal connection and dialogue are the most important parts of the electoral process. Please join in. Tell your class officers and representatives that you believe in student-run elections. Ask them to defend them. Above all, implore them to be what they were elected to be: a student congress. Because a student congress that undermines and hands over its own elections is no student congress at all.

*Michael Hagan is a Senior Class Representative on Student Congress.*



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**BOTH ABOVE:** Friar fans cheer on the Men's Basketball Team as they face Villanova and DePaul.

**TOP RIGHT:** Things for Thursday: "Diner's Choice," features a variety of delicious snacks including peanut butter, chocolate, and marshmallow fluff s'mores.

**RIGHT:** A representative from Inroads speaks to students about the non-profit organization that develops and places college students in internships and prepares them for post-graduation opportunities.

**BELOW LEFT:** The Relay for Life fundraising season officially begins as the College's chapter hosts a kickoff event to register team captains and share more information about the upcoming event.

**BELOW RIGHT:** The Asian American Society and BOP invite students to celebrate the Year of the Goat for their Chinese New Year party.



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## *If you won an Oscar, who would you thank?*



**"Leah Flanigan."**  
Chelsea Higgins '16



**"My parents."**  
Kate Mulvihill '15



**"The real fam and the Friar fam."**  
Samantha Keating '18 and Tara Whiting '18



**"McPhail's."**  
Nick Calabraro '16, Megan Johnson '16,  
and Eduardo Lopez '16



**"My mom."**  
Mikaila Christopher '17



**"My dad."**  
Danielle Lorizio '17



**"You get an Oscar!  
And you get an Oscar!"**

**-Oprah**

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## 'Gansett and The Dark Prince of Providence

by Dan Gagnon '15  
A&E Staff

LOCAL

Narragansett Beer has enlisted the image of early 20th century Providence-based horror writer H.P. Lovecraft, "The Dark Prince of Providence," to help celebrate their respective 125th birthdays. 'Gansett, a torch-bearer of Rhode Island culture and New England's oldest beer, released the first in a four-part series of Lovecraft-themed beers last month.

Lovecraft was a Providence native born in 1890 who published cosmic, New England-based horror stories involving the mentally insane, pseudo-mythological beings visiting earth from other worlds, and the re-animated dead. Lovecraft suffered from night terrors for most of his life, and it is believed that many of the themes and characters in his stories were inspired by these dreams. During his life, his writing did not garner mainstream success, and he struggled to support himself financially. It was only posthumously that his haunting, tenebrous tales were recognized for their artistic quality and for their ability to make the reader squirm in his chair for fear of encountering any of their characters.

'Gansett's "Lovecraft Honey Ale" is based on the "space mead" featured in several of Lovecraft's horror stories. The "space mead" afforded protection to human space travelers as they rode on the backs of the Byakhee, a race of winged interstellar creatures, through the cosmos. Lovecraft Honey Ale does not allow for any cosmic adventures, at least not after responsible consumption, and is made with five

pale malts and real honey.

For the strange bedfellows 'Gansett and Lovecraft, the next chapter will be "Innsmouth Old Ale," a brew based on the novella *The Shadow Over Innsmouth*, set to be released in April. Narragansett Beer President Mark Hellendrung told *Boston Magazine* that the brew will "explore our darker side," which is in keeping with the novella.

*The Shadow Over Innsmouth* describes a traveler visiting a decrepit and foresworn town on the north shore of Massachusetts that has been blotted off maps and is besieged by hybrid fish-men that give the locals gold jewelry in return for human sacrifices. The fish people intermarried with the first settlers of the town, so all the locals are strange-looking. The traveler encounters one of the fish people at night, and after returning home has terrible dreams and begins to transform into a fish person himself. He also comes to the realization that his cousin, who is held in a nearby insane asylum, is not actually insane, but is really just turning into a fish.

The names of the third and fourth beers in the sequence have not been released yet. The third beer will debut this July to coincide with NecronomiCon in Providence. NecronomiCon is a horror fiction convention that takes its name from *The Necronomicon*, a fictional book of evil magic mentioned in several Lovecraft stories.

The fourth and final beer will be released in October, presumably to coincide with Halloween. Possible

Lovecraft themes for the final two beers could include Arkham Sanitarium, the "witch-cursed, legend-haunted"

home of the insane, or possibly the octopus-human-dragon hybrid evil space deity 'Cthulhu.'

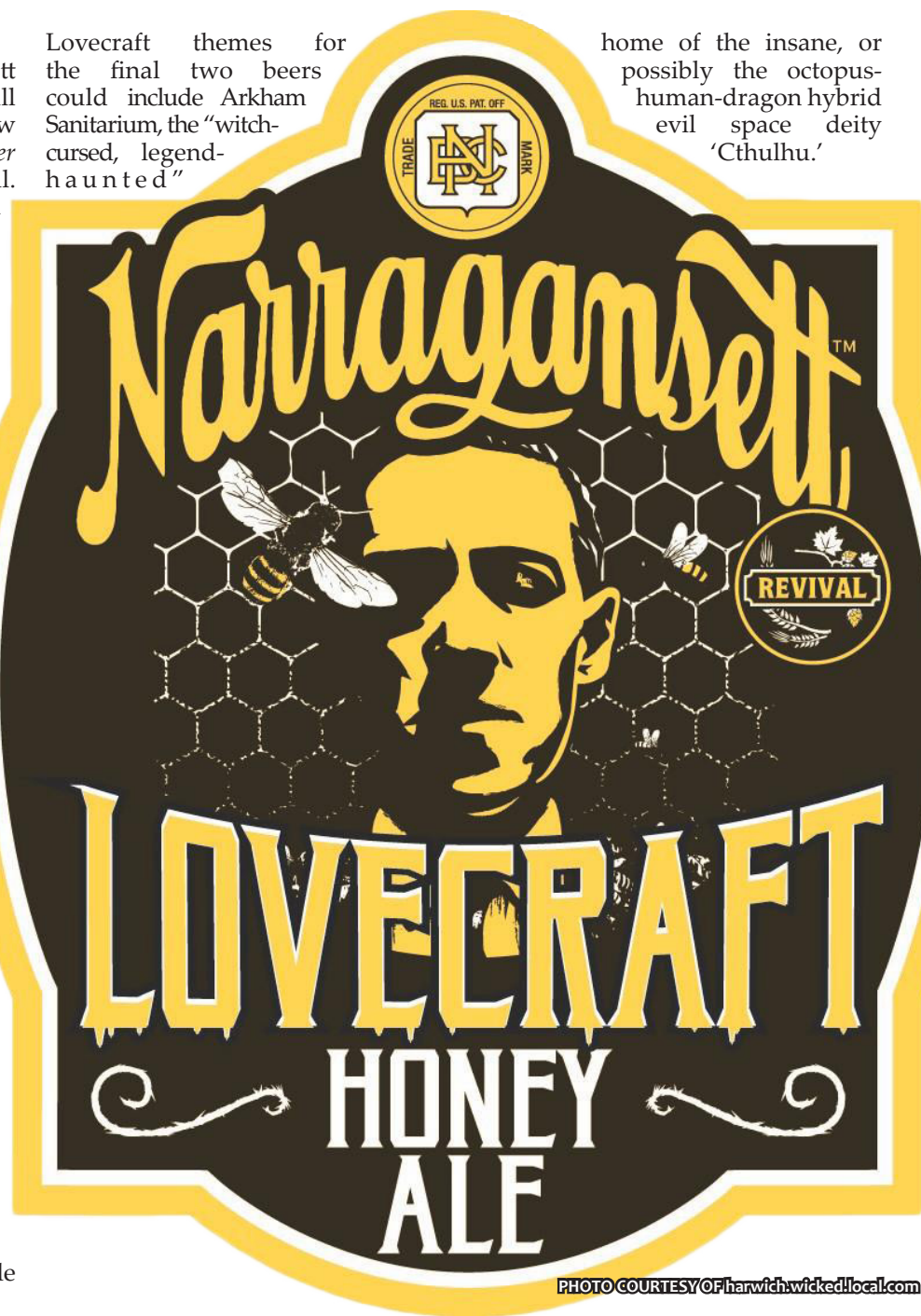


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## An Interview With America's Got Talent Winner Mat Franco

by Ryan Cox '18  
A&E Staff

CAMPUS

Friday, February 13, was the kickoff to this year's Alumni and Family Weekend, part of "I Love PC Week" and the "Forever A Friar" campaign. Thanks to the Student-Alumni Association, Providence College started off the weekend with a performance by Rhode Island native and University of Rhode Island alum Mat Franco, the first magician to win *America's Got Talent* in Season 9. Franco came home to Rhode Island for the weekend to perform, taking a break from working on a project on the West Coast. He combined close-up magic and comedy to create the kind of unique style that brought him to victory this past September. A group of alumni from the class of 1979 praised him after the show for his charisma and humor on stage. Thanks to *The Cowl*, I had the opportunity to speak with him after the show.

**Ryan Cox: What originally got you into magic?**

Mat Franco: I watched it on TV when I was four years old and stuck with it.

**RC: You've said that your grandmother has been a big influence on your life and for helping you learn magic. Who are your other influences, and how have they influenced you?**

MF: I haven't been influenced by too many big names in magic, not a lot of household names that people would recognize. Of course, I've been influenced by the greats like David Copperfield

and Penn and Teller. One magician in particular, Jeff McBride, was a big influence to me. I saw him in 1995 while I was growing up.

**RC: Turning to *America's Got Talent* for a second, what were you thinking when you heard your name called at the finale, that you had won?**

MF: It was surreal, unexpected. It still feels sometimes like it didn't happen. People come up to me and say things like "We saw you on *America's Got Talent*!", "I voted for you!" or "I love your grandma!", whether it's in Rhode Island or not. It's a bizarre, strange feeling that all these strangers come up to me. It makes the country seem small.

**RC: What would you be doing if you weren't doing magic as a job?**

MF: I'd be screwed. I had no back-up plan, this was it for me. I was a business major [at URI] to support my magic habit, not because I'm good at business.

**RC: Do you have any advice for college students, especially the ones here at PC?**

MF: This campus has a lot of resources here—definitely take advantage of them. You have everything at your fingertips in college, whether it's studying abroad or extracurricular activities. It's not just about what goes on inside the classroom, it's what happens outside too. You have a lot of opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom to take advantage of for yourself. Get as much out of it as you can. Make your time at college worth it.

Franco can be followed on social media as @MatFrancoMagic.



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# New York: Designers Reveal Top Trends for 2015

by Kealy Robertson '16  
A&E Staff

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CAMPUS

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Designers brought their A-game for this year’s New York Fashion Week, which is one of the most anticipated weeks in the fashion world. It sets the stage for what will become the next big styles of the year, and there was a range of trends that we are likely to see next fall. Plaid and checkers are making a comeback, and designers played with a range of bright colors, including tangerine, coral, and reds. Even more spring-like colors such as light blue, lavender, and peach also hit the runway. Each designer’s collection embodied a nod to fashion in the ’70s: maxi skirts, pleats, and wide leg trousers with cut holes; sheer is in, and so are bold prints and fringe.

This season’s runway embodied a free-spirited vibe. BCBG, J. Crew, Rebecca Minkoff, Tory Burch, and Zimmermann displayed a range of designs that linked back to the ’70s aesthetic, consisting of bold prints, sheer maxi dresses, and penetrating bohemian feel. Rebecca Minkoff pulled off the hippie vibe with a sheer, belted maxi dress, high boots, a statement feather necklace paired with a suede jacket to top it off. Tory Burch played with bold prints and patterns, while J. Crew took bedazzling to a whole new level with a bejeweled maxi skirt, a distressed light denim button up, and a statement clutch.

Next was the up-and-coming trend of the breezy cut-off trousers. Designers are mixing and matching with the culottes’s trend as a way to show off a great pair of shoes, while still looking fashionable. In this year’s show, there were a variety of culottes. Derek Lam made a statement with a pair of pleated trousers, while DKNY’s culottes were verging on the sporty side. Alexander Wang’s creativeness separated him from the array of culottes designs by using leather.

The fringe trend has been apparent on bags and shoes, but this fall, designers are going to be using it more often within their clothing designs. It adds an intriguing aspect to all designs—from skirts to dresses to capes. One of J. Mendel’s dresses on this year’s runway encompassed an intricate pattern, using fringe to add to the bold design. Rachel Comey’s runway displayed a cape, another huge trend for this year’s fashion week, with fringe on either side. Alice and Olivia took the fringe trend and truly made it their own, with their model rocking a full fringe maxi skirt.

Finally, Marc by Marc Jacobs brought New York Fashion Week to a close with a thrilling show. His collection was filled with excitement, as he recreated Diana Vreeland’s “garden in hell” living room, putting on a dramatic show as his models strutted down the runway in black shift dresses with high-pitched violins in the background.

All in all, Fashion Week has fashion gurus excited for the upcoming seasons. Designers brought everything they had to the table, keeping their designs unique, fresh and diverse, and they are keeping the world excited for the designs that will be hitting stores in fall 2015.



# 87th Oscar Awards: Surprises and Snubs

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CULTURE

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Once again, the Oscars have provided film fans with an abundant supply of material for debates over which films were snubbed and which were given their due respect at this year’s Academy Awards ceremony. Hosted by Neil Patrick Harris, the 87th Annual Academy Awards was particularly competitive this year, considering the number of outstanding films released in 2014. Two critical darlings in particular, Alejandro Iñárritu’s *Birdman* (or *the Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*) and Wes Anderson’s *The Grand Budapest Hotel*, snagged nine nominations each, while a number of the other Best Picture nominees also had a multitude of nominations in other categories.

This year’s big winner was undoubtedly *Birdman*, which walked away with awards in four of the nine categories for which it had been nominated. Perhaps

its most controversial win was for Best Directing for Alejandro Iñárritu, who was competing against both Richard Linklater for *Boyhood* and Wes Anderson for *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. In total, Iñárritu’s film won Best Picture, Best Directing, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Cinematography.

Two major independent films, Anderson’s *The Grand Budapest Hotel* and Damien Chazelle’s *Whiplash*, also managed to take home a handful of awards each. *The Grand Budapest Hotel* won for Best Original Score, Best Production Design, Best Makeup and Hairstyling, and Best Costume Design. *Whiplash*, starring Miles Teller and J. K. Simmons, took Best Supporting Actor for Simmons, as well as Best Film Editing and Best Sound Mixing.

The evening’s most prestigious honors for actors, the Best Actor and Best Actress awards,

went to two relatively surprising picks. Eddie Redmayne was chosen for his role as Stephen Hawking in *The Theory of Everything*, beating out both Michael Keaton in *Birdman* and Bradley Cooper in *American Sniper*. Julianne Moore, who has a history of being snubbed for the Best Actress prize, finally took the award for her role as Dr. Alice Howland in *Still Alice*. The film was critically acclaimed for Moore’s performance as a protagonist with an ever-worsening case of Alzheimer’s disease who is attempting to hold her world together as it falls apart around her.

One of the evening’s big disappointments, and something sure to cause debate in the industry, was the lack of awards for *Boyhood*. While it did secure the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for Patricia Arquette, it seemed to many to be a guaranteed Best Directing award for Linklater. This prediction seemed a lock based on the incredible foresight required by

Linklater to film with the same cast over the course of 12 years, as well as the film’s excellent direction in general. Interestingly, it also lost the bid for Best Editing, another category in which it seemed to be a forerunner.

This year’s Best Animated Feature category was the source of a few notable snubs. *The Lego Movie*, what many considered to be both an excellent animated film and comedy, did not receive a nomination. Also, the most recent release from Japan’s Studio Ghibli, the Isao Takahata-directed *The Tale of Princess Kaguya*, was rejected in favor of Disney’s *Big Hero 6*. *The Tale of Princess Kaguya*, based on the Japanese folktale “The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter,” would have been a crucial win for Studio Ghibli and its founder, Hayao Miyazaki (who was the recipient of an Academy Honorary Award this year). Miyazaki is known for *My Neighbor Totoro*, *Princess Mononoke*, and

the first foreign animated film to win Best Animated Feature, 2001’s *Spirited Away*.

Now that the Oscars are behind us, it is time to begin speculation for next year. The forthcoming year will see new releases from Terrence Malick,

David O. Russell, Richard Linklater, and many more noteworthy directors. With such a promising release schedule for the rest of 2015, the 2016 Academy Awards looks to be just as competitive as this year’s.





# The Royals: E! Network’s First Scripted Series

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TELEVISION

E! is approaching a network milestone this coming March with its first ever scripted series. On March 15, 2015, E! is airing *The Royals*, a TV drama that is loosely based on the British royal family. For those still mourning the loss of *Gossip Girl* or *One Tree Hill* (creator Mark Schwahn is the brains behind the operation) in their everyday lives, *The Royals* will surely help to fill that empty hole in your heart. With an eye-catching *Super Bowl XLIX* ad and a recommendation from David Beckham, *The Royals* is a must watch for new TV in the spring of 2015.

Schwahn, the mastermind behind the show, told *E! News*, “I just thought it would be really interesting to take a look behind the curtain. Who are these people? What do they want? What will they do to get it? I thought it was really fascinating and a great idea for the foundation of a story.” With backstabbing, catfights, designer clothes, and diamonds, the show is based on what occurs behind the closed doors of the royal family—moments the paparazzi only dream of capturing.

The show follows the life of Queen Helena, played by Elizabeth Hurley, known for her stints on The CW’s *Gossip Girl*. Hurley, a mere 49 compared to the real Her Majesty Elizabeth II’s 88, revealed on *The Today Show*, “There’s little resemblance to Her Majesty Elizabeth II, Queen of England. But you never know. The beauty of the show is that we go behind closed doors.” The show follows Hurley’s character as she tries to control her crazy family without the



public finding out how much they are actually spiraling out of control.

Although the show is centered around Hurley’s character, it also follows her uncontrollable children, mostly played by newcomers to the acting world. Australian rookie Alexandra Park plays Princess Eleanor, Hurley’s overbearing partygoer daughter. William Moseley plays the Queen’s son, the dashing Prince Liam, who only has eyes for an American girl. Merritt Patterson plays Ophelia, Prince

Liam’s American lover, who does not have the approval of the throne. The notable Joan Collins plays Queen Helena’s mother, the Grand Duchess of Oxford. King Simon, played by Vincent Regan, has trouble balancing the stress of the monarchy and his unpredictable family. As Hurley says in the trailer, “In case you’ve forgotten, we’re not a normal family.”

With new rumors swirling that the real Prince Harry is dating Emma Watson, Kate Middleton’s current

baby bump watch, and with *The Royals* airing in less than a month, the royal family is stealing much of the gossip world’s spotlight right now. In order to enjoy the show, Hurley told *The Today Show*, “You need to want to see the drama and heightened stuff and a lot of glamour. If that’s in your bag, you might get lucky.” Catch one of TV’s most controversial new shows on E! on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 10 p.m.

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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: The Album We Are Most Anticipating

Katie Puzycki

Most Anticipated Album: Kodaline, *Coming Up for Air*

**Her Views:** I am incredibly eager to hear Irish band Kodaline’s second studio album *Coming Up for Air*, when it is released on April 14. After stumbling upon their music about a year and a half ago, their album *A Perfect World* became an instant necessity for my musical library. Kodaline’s earlier albums (the other being their EP, *Love Like This*) have such an organic sound and gelaming songwriting skills. iTunes’ preview of the tracks from *Coming Up for Air* does not do the album justice. Being familiar with *A Perfect World*, I can say that Kodaline’s records truly need to be fully listened to in order, because each song fits into the next like a puzzle. Listening to their albums in any other way disrupts the flow and disservices the talents of the band. *Coming Up for Air* is going to be a big step for the group as they are becoming increasingly well known. The sound varies from that of their first two releases, but there are certainly qualities of *Coming Up for Air* that encompass the band’s original carefree, yet thoughtful attitude, with songs ranging from “Play The Game,” whose lyrics proclaim, “Feed your body, your spirit, and your mind, oh my brother, just enjoy the ride,” to “Love Will Set You Free,” in which Steve Garrigan (lead vocalist) sings, “The more I live, the more I know, I’ve got to live without, this ain’t no sad song, life has to go on.” For fans of laid-back rock/indie/alternative music, *Coming Up for Air* will be perfect for you.

Frank Flanagan

Most Anticipated Album: Kanye West, TBA

**His Views:** Last week in an interview with *The Breakfast Club*, a talk show on New York City-based Power 105.1, Kanye West released the latest details on his forthcoming album. According to West, the album is 80 percent complete, and will have a surprise release, similar to Drake’s *If You’re Reading This It’s Too Late*, or Beyoncé’s *Beyoncé*.

There is nothing more that I would like out of the music world than a new Kanye album, but he’s getting harder and harder to believe. During the fall of 2014, West had said that the album was complete and that he was simply waiting for the right time to drop it. Now we’re only back to 80 percent? I love Kanye’s confidence and his ego. His persona is just part of the art, but for a man who claims to be a musical genius, he needs to stop focusing so much on releasing sneakers, and focus more on getting this record to fans.

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# PORTFOLIO

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# THE BOOK

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POETRY

I would not see Mystery Girl again. I would be well into my late 30s, have a wife, and we would be expecting our second child before she'd reappear in my life.

Of course, I didn't know this at the time. In my imaginative, fantasy-filled 18-year-old mind I thought that we would stay close friends forever. I thought that even after we ended up moving out of the strange but lovely and friendly community to continue our education. We'd be not just friends, but also roommates, after college. If I was going to find that special someone and eventually marry her, I'd imagine that Mystery Girl would be there for it. She'd be a close friend to both my potential wife and me. She'd grow so close that our kids would come to know her as an aunt.

I learned the hard way that this was not to be. I was with Mystery Girl and we were

both enjoying the next to last official day of our spring recess. It gave us a chance to add onto our scrapbook of adventures. Every strange plant we noticed, new species of bird or lizard; anything that was of interest would be added to the book. We slurped on Italian ice, enjoying the warm weather after getting in a couple more pages of finds when the bad news was dropped.

"Imagine all the adventuring we'll be able to do when we visit each other," I said.

"What do you mean?" she asked, sounding a bit confused.

"I mean, I'm gonna be at Twin Point State, and you'll be at Jade Mountain U, remember? They're not that far, and we'll be able to visit each other every so often, which means plenty of opportunities for the book," I said.

"Right, about that..." she began.

She wasn't ready to commit to something so major, she explained. She still needed time to discover herself before she entered the burden of sleepless nights, piles of debt, and the fact that there was no guarantee that she'd get a job in whatever she majored in.

"Besides," she added, "There's nothing in particular that interests me that I'd study. I'd probably only

show up to class occasionally... and if I did show up, I'll probably fall asleep within the first 10 minutes."

The day before, she left the community for good so that she could start her own life, which was a couple of months after we graduated, shortly before I had to leave for college, I presented our book to her, and I told her I would eventually want it back, but only on one condition.

"When you have no more stories to tell, when you have no more adventures to go on, only then do I want it back. These are the kinds of stories I want to read about, the kind I want my kids to read about. Please return it to me the day when that happens, and only on that day."

So here I am again, telling my first child about Mystery Girl and her many stories. I have to rely on memory to tell these stories because that scrapbook of adventures never did reach my mailbox; I don't think I'll ever see it again.

I'm almost done telling her about the stories of Mystery Girl as a young adult, and usually when things like this occur, I'd get upset. Because her stories are quite remarkable, and when things like these are this amazing, you never want them to end. And luckily

for me, they don't have to.

You see, halfway into telling my child about Mystery Girl, something arrived for me in the mail. In the envelope was a letter, and inside the letter, a photo of Mystery Girl herself, a lot older than I last saw her, but still recognizable, nurturing and kissing a beautiful baby. Assuming she sent both items immediately after taking the photo, the infant could not be more than a month old—a couple weeks maybe. The letter was long, but it was an amazing story, a recap, of the last six months of her life, and it was worth reading. I sat at the kitchen table, happy at the fact that I would have another exciting story to tell my child about Mystery Girl, and even happier reading the letter's last line.

"I feel blessed with the prospect of having to care for a life that is not my own. Giving birth to a child hasn't hindered my adventuring a bit—if anything, I think it's opened the gates to so many different and new adventuring possibilities. When the door to one chapter of this wild adventure called life closes, another one opens, and I'm honestly excited at seeing what's behind."

*My Adventures...*







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Through

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POETRY

Do you feel you've made it through?  
Cracked castle walls  
showed the fault lines of your world.  
Our parallel wars have raged,  
wars that we've watched —  
are we casualties?  
Combatants?  
Neutral? (Never neutral.)

Have you seen the other side,  
a return to semblances of normalcy?  
Perhaps not—  
you've always been closer,  
on your own front lines  
while I've hidden in my foxholes.  
Are you navigating surging battles,  
the outcome different each time  
just as it's been with mine?

Tell me that you've made it through.  
I want to hear that you've rebuilt,  
that safe walls can be raised.  
The scars may last two lifetimes,  
but say the carnage finally ends.  
Give me some sign of hope—  
don't say you're still crouched down,  
waiting, terrorized, too.

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Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable  
place one letter at a time

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

HELP! We're trying to sort out our housing for  
next year and I'm losing all of my friends.


Sincerely,  
Friendless Frances

Dear Funky Fudgemonkey Foxy Lady Francis,

Honestly, this should not be an issue; nobody  
should want to live in a henhouse...you know what  
they say about female dogs...they breed tons and  
there would be a great deal of sour milk. Clearly  
you have not been around the block enough; friends  
are overrated, you shouldn't worry about losing  
them, just chuck them all out the window or chuck  
throwing stars at them. Who needs friends? Just buy  
some leather pants and Louboutins and then live out  
of that elegant brown box.

At least you won't have to worry about parietals.

XOXO



Tiffany

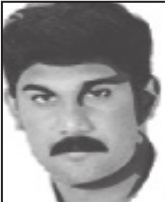
Dear Frances,

You're not the only one in the city struggling  
to find a nice, warm place to live. There are about  
4,000 people in the entire state looking for a place  
to spend this bitter winter. And you're sitting here  
complaining that you and your friends can't decide  
what building to live in next year? Talk about first  
world problems.

Was that too harsh? I'm sorry, baby, Earl's just a  
man who passionately cares for the well being of the  
weakest members of our great society. I just can't  
stand the thought of all those people freezing on  
these cold winter nights.

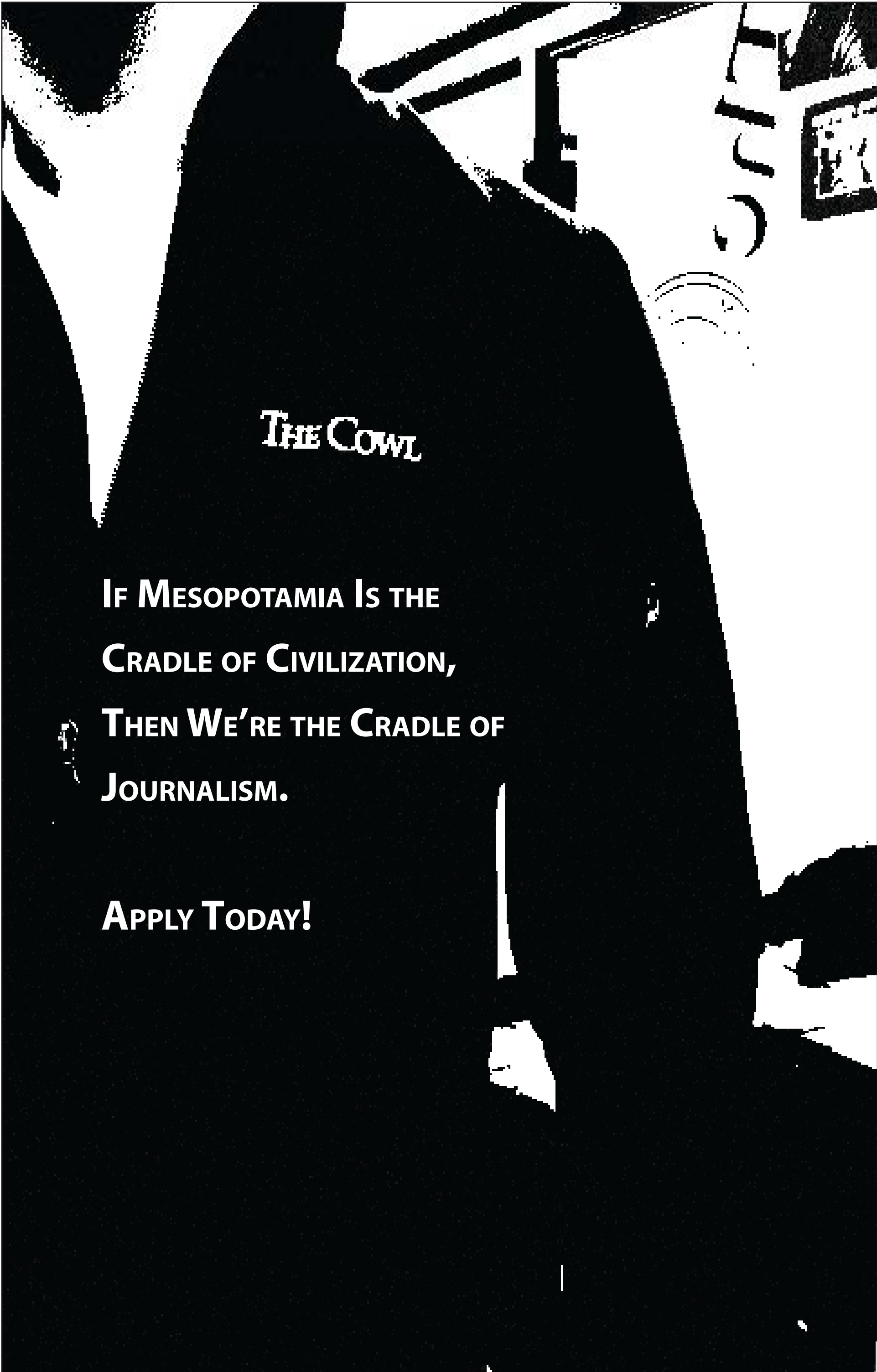
Oh, God. You know, what...I'm so sorry. I'm so  
embarrassed for snapping at you. Here, let Earl lend a  
helping hand. Why don't you spend next year under  
Earl's roof? Earl can be a wonderful friend to you  
and keep you warm on those winter nights.

That's one friend for you, and one less person  
living on the streets.



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# Editor's Corner:

## More Madness This March

by DJ Anderson '16  
Sports Editor

COLUMN

As much as people talk about the NFL and college football dominating TV ratings, there is one month of every year that is completely controlled by college basketball. As the short month of February comes to a close, all eyes will begin to tilt toward the major TV networks for the spectacle that is March Madness. It begins toward the beginning of the month of March, when the Conference Tournaments rage on and several teams battle for NCAA Tournament seeds to be announced on Selection Sunday. However, these conference tourneys are only an appetizer for avid fans of the college game, as the main course begins on the Tuesday following Selection Sunday.

This year, John Calipari's Kentucky Wildcats are completely dominating the college basketball scene. Calipari's team currently sits at 28-0, and is looking to become the first team to make it through an undefeated season since Bob Knight's 1976 Indiana Hoosiers. History is certainly an enemy of this team, as it has been nearly impossible for college teams to make it through an undefeated season after the number of games was expanded over the late 20th century. Keep in mind, the 1976 Hoosiers finished the season 32-0. In comparison, by the time that Kentucky will be gearing up for their Conference Tournament, they will have already played 31 games. Fatigue will certainly play a factor in whether or not the Wildcats can manage to pull off something that no team has done in nearly 40 years.

Behind the Wildcats, this year's field is as wide open as it has ever been. As Tuesday night's games between Maryland and Wisconsin and Syracuse and Notre Dame prove, the top tier teams in the country are very susceptible to upsets. Wisconsin came into their game as nearly 15 point favorites against

a greatly over-achieving Terrapins team. However, Dez Wells and his rag-tag bunch of Maryland teammates outplayed the Badgers for all 40 minutes of their contest and No. 14 took down No. 5. As for No. 9 Notre Dame, they had no idea what they were in for against the recently stabilized Syracuse zone. They came into the game unprepared and fell victim to Jim Boeheim's rejuvenated Orangemen.

Although these are two games of lesser importance than those that will be played in March, they are the type of contests that we have become very accustomed to seeing during the NCAA Tournament. Furthermore, the greater takeaway in the results of these two contests is that there will not be many transcendent teams in this year's NCAA Tournament bracket. Other than Kentucky, the possible one seeds at this moment are all very susceptible to upset.

Let's say the season was to end today and Selection Sunday would be lined up for the end of this week. That would make it most likely for Virginia, Gonzaga, and Duke to be the No. 1 seeds other than Kentucky, and I truly believe that all of these teams have major weaknesses. Virginia is a very tough defensive team, maybe the second best in the country besides Kentucky, but they have a bit of a scoring problem. This problem is only exacerbated by the losses of Justin Anderson and London Perrantes, two of the Cavaliers' premier players in a tough ACC.

Anderson is the biggest loss for this Virginia team. He is the unquestioned leader and best player for the Cavaliers, and is questionable to return for the first round of the NCAA tourney. As for Gonzaga, they are very unproven in the West Coast Conference, and have only played two games against ranked

opponents this season. One of those games came against Arizona, a game which cost them their only loss of the season, a three point loss in overtime. I can't imagine that there will be many people trusting the Zags as their champion when it is time to make bracket selections.

Finally there are the Duke Blue Devils, who at times look as though they could stand toe-to-toe with any team in the country, including Kentucky. However, there have been some real moments of struggle for the Dukies this season. In early January, the Blue Devils lost two straight games against ACC opponents NC State and Miami. A two-game losing streak has become unheard of in Coach Mike Krzyzewski's time with Duke, and this makes me worry about his team come tournament time. Nevertheless, Duke has rattled off 10 of 11 wins since that two-game losing streak, and looks poised to make some noise in the tourney.

Regardless of the strengths and weaknesses of these possible one seeds, a closer examination of these three teams shows exactly how crazy this year's tournament could be. When I think about the possibilities for this year's tourney, the first game that comes to mind is No. 9 taking down superpower No. 1 Kansas in the final seconds of a second round game in the 2010 NCAA Tournament.

## RUSSELL WESTBROOK

Lost in Kevin Durant's injury-riddled season is the fact that his teammate is gunning for his NBA MVP crown. Russell Westbrook, who finds a new gear seemingly every night, is helping Oklahoma City surge up the Western Conference standings, and helping himself surge to the front of the NBA MVP discussion.

As a rule, Westbrook has been criticized throughout his career for his sometimes erratic play and selfishness. However, one should look no further than Westbrook's torrid stretch throughout the month of February. Westbrook is shooting 48 percent from the field, including 39 percent from three-point range. He has two triple doubles, and has come close to a third on three or four occasions. He is doing all of this without a fully healthy Durant, and doing it to the tune of 25.8 points per game, 8.0 assists per game, and 86.5 rebounds per game. It is not just his offense that is turning heads; he is contributing a great deal on defense. Westbrook is second in the NBA with 2.05 steals per game, just decimal points away from fellow MVP candidate Stephen Curry.

As perplexing as he can be, no objective soul can reason that Westbrook is not a legitimate MVP candidate. It is hard to overlook what James Harden and Stephen Curry have done in Houston and Golden State, but it is harder to stress what Westbrook's Kobe Bryant-esque competitiveness means to an Oklahoma City team who has spent the majority of the season in crisis mode. Westbrook's latest stretch makes one thing evident; he is the engine that makes OKC hum, and he deserves an MVP to show for it.

-Joey Ciccarello '16



## STEPHEN CURRY

No other player has had a bigger impact on his team than Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors. The Warriors' point guard has been lighting up defenses in the Association this year, and he has the stats to back it up. He is averaging 23.8 points per game, along with 4.6 rebounds and 7.9 assists. Curry, along with his teammate Klay Thompson, have been the driving force leading the Warriors to currently own the best record in the NBA. The Warriors lead the league in many team categories, both offensively and defensively. This year specifically, Curry has committed himself to the defensive end of the floor, leading the league with 2.2 steals per game. What makes Curry so special is his playmaking ability that keeps defenders guessing. He has the dribbling ability to attack the paint and create opportunities for himself and his teammates.

The one quality about Curry's game that separates him from every other player in the league is his jumpshot. It has been stated by basketball analysts that Curry is one of the greatest shooters in NBA history, and he is only 26 years old. He has been compared to other shooting legends such as Larry Bird and Reggie Miller. He is averaging over 40 percent from the three-point line, along with shooting over 90 percent from the free-throw line. The most fascinating aspect is that Stephen Curry still has room to improve his game. This year, the Warriors are in a prime position to make it to the NBA Finals and win their first championship. It is evident that the Warriors will go as far as Curry will take them. As long as he is healthy, the Warriors will be a force to be reckoned with come playoff time.

-Brannon Walker-Hodges '16



# Friars Ranked for the First Time in a Decade

## Swarmed in Tough Road Game at Villanova Following Ranking

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

In a matchup of two AP-ranked teams, fans might have expected to watch a well-contested game between the Providence College Men's Basketball Team and the Villanova Wildcats. Unfortunately, the 25th-ranked Friars did not live up to the hype, and fell to the sixth-ranked Wildcats 89-61. The Friars, cracking the top 25 in the AP Poll for the first time since March 15, 2004, faced a tough task even before the game's tipoff. The team entered the night with a 4-5 road record against Villanova, who held a perfect 15-0 home record and hosted their senior night. In addition, PC had already lost to the Wildcats 74-68 in an early February game.

The night began in an unfavorable fashion for the Friars, as the Wildcats started the scoring with a 9-0 run. Turnovers and fouls once again troubled the team, and Villanova managed to capitalize on their chances. Within the first four minutes alone, the Friars turned over the ball five times, and over the course of the game they committed a total of 15 turnovers.

From the foul line, the Wildcats shot 26-of-31, while the Friars only made 6-of-12. Villanova also scored a chunk of their 89 points from three-point range as they went 13-of-25. Down by nine at halftime, PC cut the deficit down to six at the start of the second half. However, Villanova responded with a 25-4 run to seal their 22nd consecutive victory at the Pavilion.

Throughout the game, the Wildcats



Kris Dunn being swarmed by a number of Villanova defenders.

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found a way to shut down the reigning Big East Player of the Week LaDontae Henton '15 and Kris Dunn '17, PC's top two scorers. Henton, averaging around 20 points per game, managed only two shot attempts in the first 20 minutes of the game and scored 12 points. Dunn, averaging over 15 points per game, had four points, seven assists, and six turnovers.

While their top scorers were kept at bay, the Friars instead relied on Tyler Harris '16 to provide most

of their scoring for the evening, as he sunk 8-of-11 field goals on his way to 18 points. Kyron Cartwright '18 and Ben Bentil '18 also recorded 12 and seven points, respectively. One noticeable absence from the Friar lineup was Carson Desrosiers '15, who did not play due to a knee injury suffered in the prior game against DePaul. Paschal Chukwu '18 replaced Desrosiers in the lineup.

The Friars are now 19-9 on the season and sit in fourth place behind Villanova, Georgetown, and Butler, with three

games to go in the regular season. After a troubling evening, Friar fans tried to find a connection between this loss and a loss late last season. Near the end of the 2013-2014 regular season, the team lost horribly at Creighton on their senior night, but managed to defeat them in the Big East Tournament Championship game. PC will try to get back on track in its next game on Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Dunkin' Donuts Center against Marquette.

# Lacrosse Gets First Win of the Season Against Vermont

by Gretta Schultz '17  
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LACROSSE

This past Saturday, the Friars gained their first win of the season against rival Vermont. They were able to defeat Vermont on Saturday, but fell to Fairfield on Wednesday. Their win against Vermont marked the Friars' first win of the season with a record of 1-1. Vermont started off strong with a 1-0 lead with 12 minutes left in the first. The Friars responded with a goal from Will Mazzone '16 and an assist by Robert Sheehan '15.

Vermont did not wait long to come back with a goal less than a minute later. The end of the first quarter score was Providence 5 and Vermont 2. The Friars continued to expand their lead with a goal from Buck McClure '15 and another goal from Nolan Fillet '16. Vermont was able to score one more goal in the first half. The first half ended with a four point Friar lead, 7-3. Keenan Assaraf '17, Greg FitzMaurice '15, and Jake Cook '18 each scored a goal in the first quarter.

Vermont was able to close the gap slightly at the beginning of the third quarter with one goal. Their

advance did not last long, with two more goals by the Friars. McClure and Cook scored back to back goals to get the five-point lead. McClure was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll this week. Before the end of the third, Vermont was able to score three goals that lead to a 9-7 score at the end of the third quarter.

Vermont scored early in the fourth quarter closing the Friars' lead to just one point. The Friars were able to score three more goals by the end of the fourth and the final score was 12-9. Goalie Peter Badgley '15 had 17 saves and played all 60 minutes of the game.

The Friars were to play BU on Tuesday but due to inclement weather the game was moved to Wednesday. The Friars will enter this game coming off their first victory. Last year, the Friars were able to defeat BU 10-7.

On Wednesday, the Friars made up their contest against BU, winning 7-4 and improving their record to 2-1 on the season. The team will take on national power Duke in Durham, North Carolina this Sunday at 5 p.m.

# Sisson Wins USTFCCCA Female Athlete of the Week

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WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Chalk this one up to yet another monumental achievement for Providence College track runner Emily Sisson '14GS. After submitting a remarkable performance in the 3,000-meter run at Feb. 14's Millrose Games in the Bronx, New York, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association named Sisson their National Female Athlete of the Week.

Sisson's performance at the Millrose Games, an internationally respected indoor track and field event held annually in New York, marked the second fastest 3,000-meter run in PC history. Finishing in 8:52.60, Sisson's time was also good enough for the fifth fastest in NCAA history.

Within the race itself, Sisson finished fourth overall, the top collegiate runner in the pack, as well as the first American runner to cross the finish line. She was only 11 seconds behind 2012 Olympian silver medalist, Sally Kipyego (8:41.72), who won the race representing Kenya. Iona College's Kate Avery (8:53.12) was the only other collegiate runner to even break the top 10, finishing sixth.

Anyone who was surprised by Sisson's excellence on Feb. 14 obviously has not been following her illustrious career here at PC very closely. Since she started

competing in PC's cross-country and outdoor track programs back in 2011, Sisson has cemented her status as one of the most dominant athletes in the college's history.

In her first year at Providence, Sisson placed fourth in the Big East Championships for cross-country, and earned Second Team All-America honors for indoor track. In her first outdoor track season at PC that spring, she raised the bar for herself again, finishing first in the 5,000 meters at the Big East Championship, earning First Team All-America honors.

The next time around, as a junior, Sisson achieved even more. She was named Big East Athlete of the Week twice over the course of the 2012-2013 season, earning two more First Team All-America nods in cross-country and outdoor track, as well as another Second Team All-America honor in indoor track.

In the 2013-2014 season, as a senior, Sisson further cemented her legacy with First Team All-American status in cross country and indoor track. Sisson could have been content to slow down and take a victory lap this year—she has achieved as much as any PC track runner ever has in the past three years. But she appears poised to keep on moving forward—faster than everyone else around her, as always.





# SPORTS

## Men's Hockey In a Weekend Full of Thrillers

### *Splits Two Overtime Games Against UMass*



Ross Mauermann taking the puck up ice.

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#### MEN'S HOCKEY

With two weeks left to play in the regular season, Providence College Hockey was one of the teams fighting in the ultra-condensed middle of the Hockey East standings. Boston University pulled away and is still the likely regular season champions; the bottom of the conference was pretty much set, but only five points separated second and seventh place at the start of

last Friday. After a weekend of ties, series splits, upsets, and Beanpot make-up games, nobody has moved anywhere, and second and seventh are separated by those same five points. There is drama in the Hockey East standings, as there always is this time of year, but there was plenty of drama on the ice for the Friars this weekend as well. In two games, the Friars saw two overtime games, a veritable buzzer-beater, and five goal reviews with major implications. On Friday, Providence was behind for most of the game,

because of two first period goals by UMass. Brandon Tanev '16 scored to keep the game close. Jon Gillies '16 had a shaky first period that saw two goals slip past him on nine shots, but after a few rebound saves he settled down for the rest of the game and looked like the defending Hockey East Goalie of the Year. The score would remain 2-1 through most of the game. Halfway through the third period Providence appeared to tie the game, but Brooks Behling '16's goal was waived off for goaltender interference.

The Friars were able to tie it up a goal in the final seconds of regulation. UMass goaltender Steve Mastalerz had trouble with his rebound control and late in the third it finally paid off when Ross Mauermann '15 jammed the puck into the net with eight seconds left on the clock, and the goal stood up to the review. Providence had the better of the chances in the third period, and that continued into overtime. Noel Acciari '16 was the hero of overtime when he put another rebound past Mastalerz. Saturday was another overtime game, although this time it did not work out in the Friars' favor. UMass led for much of the game again before Acciari tied it up with less than five minutes left in the third period. The Friars appeared to score about halfway through overtime when Mark Jankowski '16 crashed the net and stuffed the puck past Mastalerz. After a lengthy review, however, the goal was overturned due to goalie interference. Less than a minute later a similar play in front of the Providence net led to the actual game winning goal slipping past Gillies. With one week left, the Friars could easily overtake Boston College for second place, who they have a game in hand on. However, a bad showing could tumble them as far as eighth and cost them the first round bye. There is still plenty of work for PC and plenty to be decided in their two home games against Maine.



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## Dunn

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**Bryan:** How would you say the season has been so far compared to your expectations for yourself and the team? What are your expectations for the rest of the season?

**Kris:** I am proud of what we have accomplished as a team, but we have a lot more work to do.

**B:** You are a very well rounded player, but you seem to thrive as a distributor as you're fourth in the country in assists. What do you attribute that to?

**K:** My teammates put themselves in good positions to score, and it makes my job easy. Coach Cooley's systems put us in a good position to score.

**B:** You and LaDontae Henton seem to be the leaders on the floor for us this season. How would you describe your role and how would you say it differs from LaDontae's?

**K:** As a point guard, I have the ball a lot and that puts me in a position to lead the team on the court. LaDontae is our veteran leader who has achieved so much success in his four years. He leads on and off the court.

**B:** After two seasons of limited action you seem to be 100 percent

healthy. What was it like to be sidelined with a shoulder injury? How does it feel to be back? Does your shoulder still give you any problems?

**K:** It was tough to sit and watch for all those games, but I wanted to support my teammates and help as much as I could. I think I grew a lot as a player watching all those games. My shoulder feels great and I am excited to play every game.

**B:** Coming out of high school you were a very sought-after five star recruit. What ultimately made you decide to come to Providence College?

**K:** I wanted to go to a school close to home and also I developed a great relationship with the coaches.

**B:** What would you consider your greatest strengths as a player?

**K:** My ability to involve my teammates and that I play hard every game are my strengths.

**B:** What do you like to do in your spare time when you're not playing basketball?

**K:** Reading and hanging out with my teammates.

**B:** If you were not a basketball player, what would you have been interested in doing for a career?

**K:** Owning my own business.