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Kim Jong Un, Glorious Leader, holding his new favorite reading material.

PC Seeks Veritas in North Korea

by Dennis Rodman '17
Global Diplomacy Staff

WORLD NEWS

Providence College officially announced on March 22 its newest Maymester opportunity for 2015: North Korea and the West. Led by Professor Seth Franco, students will have the opportunity to travel to North Korea, explore the vibrant culture and landscape, learn the history, and study Korean in this one-month immersion program.

The program will spend its first two weeks on campus, objectively studying North Korean history from its foundation to present day, as well as basics of the Korean language. Students will also be required to watch the film *The Interview* in order to better understand the clashes of North Korean and American cultures.

The class will then fly to China and tunnel their way into North Korea, where students will stay in an abandoned building discovered by Professor Franco during his reconnaissance as a POW in 2010.

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The Only Real Thing in This Issue

by Mason Sciotti '15
Editor-in-Chief

WELCOME TO THE SCOWL

Hello everyone, and welcome to this year's edition of *The Scowl*, everybody's favorite April Fool's Day newspaper! Yes, we're well aware that it's still March, but we will not be having an issue next week due to Easter break. So, we figured the best thing to do was jump the gun and give you all something to laugh at for two weeks.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our fantastic tradition, *The Scowl* is the yearly edition of the paper where we tell you what's actually happening behind closed doors on campus get to flex our creative muscles and have some fun at the expense of everyone, including ourselves. Therefore, we kindly ask you to remember that, like Tiffany & Earl on any given week (but much, much funnier), *The Scowl* is a piece of satire. We like to go as far as to call it humorous satire, but your mileage may vary. We love our campus and our college, and we thank our readership thousands of times over for letting us keep you informed of what's happening on campus and in the world outside of our small Providence College bubble, and we similarly thank you for enjoying our frivolities as much as we do.

We sincerely hope you enjoy this issue of *The Scowl*; we know that if there's one thing that's universal, it's that everyone enjoys a good laugh. If you enjoy *The Scowl*, please let us know by sending in letters to the editor; if you loathe it with every fiber of your being, please let us know by sending in letters to the editor! Please send in letters to the editor. I'm lonely. Enjoy!

Artifacts Found Around Campus Possibly Shed Light on College Winter Activities

by Esperanza Snow '16
Real Life Archaeologist

CAMPUS EVENTS

Archaeologists have appeared on the Providence College campus recently as the snow has begun to melt. Sources have reported to them that the icy tundra of PC has uncovered strange and unusual artifacts of interest in the study of college cultures.

"They started popping up, shining as they peeked out of the melting snow mound," a student recounted. "I couldn't tell what it was, but the snow

seemed to have preserved it, so I made sure to report the case to someone who might be able to help us understand these strange things."

The artifacts are various metallic cylinders, ranging in color, often blue and silver, but some exhibiting shades of red. There have been somewhere between 30 to 50 collected, and scientists speculate that even more will be discovered as spring proceeds and the snow

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INFO?

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE PARTNERS WITH BuzzFeed

by Editor in Swag '15
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BUZZFEED

Did you think BuzzFeed's only purpose was to help students waste time? Think again! BuzzFeed told the public last week that Providence College has been using the site to choose well-rounded students. Scientifically created quizzes such as "Which Famous Internet Dog are You?" gives PC vital information that is actually really, really important.

Buzzfeed helps PC recruit a variety of personality types. Father Manley explains, "If we accept a student who got 'Regina' as a result for 'Are You More Regina George Or Cady Heron From Mean Girls?' we'll be sure to also accept a 'Cady.' You really can't get this type of inside information from the Common App."

"Colleges are on the lookout for different personalities," said BuzzFeed's Head Web Editor Buzz Lightyear. "We've hired all types of scientists and psychologists to construct perfectly disguised quizzes. While students casually waste time wondering what their eye color says about them, PC is pouncing on that kind of crucial insight."

The success of this process has been unbelievable. PC alumni Bryce Cotton and Kadeem Batts took "How Many Pizza Slices Can You Eat?" before enrolling at PC. Both got 4, 4+4=8, 8 is a whole pizza, ergo—both were accepted, perfect teammates, two halves of a whole.

Here are quizzes PC has used to assess

students:

How good is a student's memory? "Do You Remember The Lyrics To Jesse McCartney's 'Beautiful Soul?'"

Is this student a bully? "What Do People Find Most Intimidating About You?"

Will we make money off this student buying a meal plan? "How Hungry Are You Right Now?"

How adventurous is this student? "Which Disneyland Ride Should You Have Sex On?"

Is this student indifferent? "Are You Indifferent?"

Does this student pay attention to detail? "Can You Identify The Candy Bar By The Corner Of The Wrapper?"

Will this student fit in at PC: Party College? "How Awkward Are You At Parties?"

Random quirks? "Which Of One Direction's Bones Are You?"

Results from "Do You Always Run Out Of Chips To Dip, Or Out Of Dip To Chip?" and "Can You Read These Incredibly Blurry License Plates?" are the results most sought after by recruiters of the honors program.

"Think about it, grades don't mean anything anymore. Universities needed a new creative way to pick their students. You can look at a student's score on the science section of the ACT or you can see their results from "Actual Science Or 'Big Bang Theory' Episode?" says Lightyear.

So, students looking into PC should take these quizzes more seriously. "Celebrity Tweet Or 'Maur' Episode?" may seem like a way to put off your homework, but it could also mean the difference between acceptance to PC or RIC.

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@OVERHEARDATPC:

FROM THE DUNKIN' DONUTS LINE

by Glazed Donut '16
Scowl Staff

RANDOM

- Did you eat your bowl of cereal with a ladle this morning?
- Today my alarm went off and I tried to swipe right to unlock it. Ended up swiping my deodorant.
- I see white and gold now.
- My brother said purple and green, so there's that.
- I can't decide what to get, I've already eaten half my calories today.
- New major, French. Will she ever graduate? To be determined.
- My Instagram has a bad like-to-minute ratio.
- I need my mom.
- My Junior Jam dress is pretty much a one-piece bathing suit but YOLO.
- Did you hear Zayn left One Direction?!
- We just need a mud pit and Bulls jerseys.
- None of my exes are texting me back.
- I'm not hot enough to use the first treadmill.
- Putting Providence as winning the whole thing in my bracket. My dad went here.
- Jessica wouldn't unfollow you. She just wouldn't.
- Sometimes I sit at the lacrosse team's table in Ray when I need an adrenaline rush.
- The guy who used to work at Dunkin' asked me if I'd push him into a volcano full of hot lava if I had the chance. Is that a trick question?
- Heard Nickelback is our spring concert.
- If this is what life is like after Providence, I'm joining the Marines or moving to Canada

and opening an art gallery.

- James had me up until 6 a.m. singing Frank Sinatra.
- We have to go out, I already showered.
- I wish Coach Cooley had an Instagram.
- I just need to be held.
- She was looking up the chef's Zodiac sign on Wikipedia at the restaurant.
- Who is PC Golf Party?
- The guy at La Salle asked if my grades were up...So I'm at Dunkin'.
- Please tell me someone got Mark's Snapchat of him singing to the pug.
- I wish Dunkin' delivered.
- Like she's going to wake up one day and realize she doesn't want to wear Dockers and American Eagle button downs everyday.
- Every time I see Father Manley it's like there's a cloud beneath his feet.
- What's your sister looking like these days?
- It smells like horses in the girls' Alumni bathroom.
- I want the first batch of nuggets.
- You'll find me in McPhail's incoherently rambling about World War I around midnight.
- Wiped out my bank account last night, I hope my dad is doing well.
- Imagine if Hillary Clinton was on Broadway.
- Why was that girl in the oven last night?
- My mom told me I should start dancing like Miley.
- Last night a girl asked me when was the last time I showered.
- Today was the longest day of my life and I didn't even go to two of my classes.

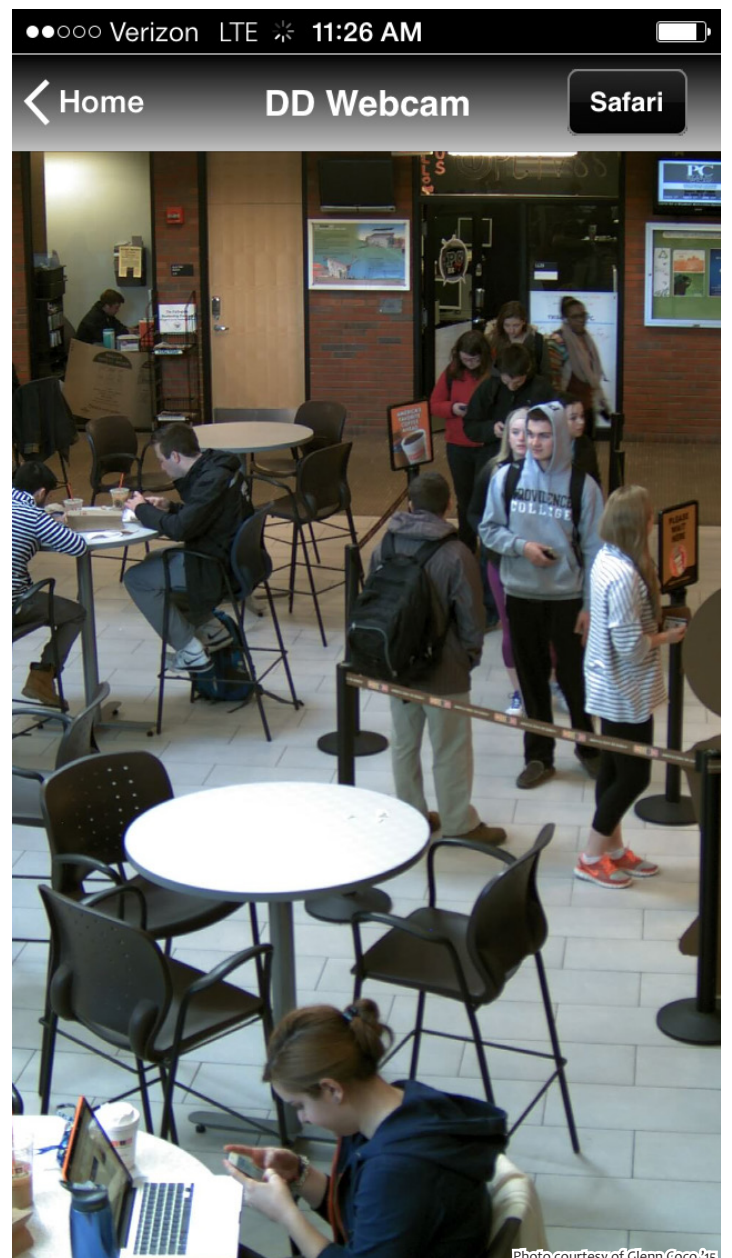


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PC BUBBLES



by Peter Parker '16
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RANDOM

Vlad and his New Pet

Vladimir Putin, controversial president of Russia, has recently been seen taking his mind off the political realm by walking his new pet bear or should I say, marching. Shirtless and screaming with masculinity, Putin's ratings as a leader have skyrocketed since the recent press release; tweets and Facebook statuses like, "This is what the world needs... a true man in a position of power," and "why can't our president be such a badass?" have plagued social media since the press release.

Hollywood in the White House

Recent presidential candidate Ted Cruz has inspired a number of other politicians to declare their bids to run in the 2016 presidential race. Notorious rapper and producer (and prophet) Kanye West has now metaphorically stepped up to the stage in hope of obtaining the presidential spotlight. Justin Bieber aggressively drove his way into the running when he announced his campaign through a breathalyzer. Lucius Malfoy, sorry, I mean Kim Kardashian, plans to compete for the 2016 presidency by doing all of her rallies naked and with free champagne.

Developing Terrestrial Countries

The International Space Station has officially become a democratic nation. Originally crew members, now "Spacians," have been aggressively diplomatic with the United Nations over the past few weeks in hope of having their orbiting continent recognized as an official country of Earth. In the upcoming months, the International Space Station will be forming its own government and integrating itself into the global economy; space food is expected to be its most popular export.

Chill Out!

In response to speculation about FEMA's potential denying of funding to states without global warming plans, 97 percent of the scientific community has announced that it was all a big joke. Contrary to all scientific journal publications, glaciers are not melting, sea levels are not rising, and temperatures are cooler than ever. A representative of the press joked with the media, "Chill out! We gotcha!"

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Congress Updates

by Negative Nancy '15
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STUDENT CONGRESS

You wouldn't have read this anyway...



Providence College
Student Congress meets
every Feb. 29.

NEW CLUB: PC Squirrel Watch Society

by Jorges Wong '16
Scowl Staff

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Ever wonder how the squirrel culture at Providence College is preserved? How each winter there are enough shelters for the chatty rodents to huddle into and how each spring there is enough trash to stuff their plump cheeks with? We can thank the PC Squirrel Watch Society for this!

Composed of dozens of *Sciurus carolinensis* zealots, SWS meets every week by the largest tree on campus behind McDermott sitting in a large circle with arms interlocked amidst the calm cool zephyr swirling through campus, the members, covered in peanut butter, close their eyes and gently chatter their teeth. This ceremony is a tribute to all of the squirrels present on campus, particularly the elders.

"We want the squirrels to realize that they are a part of this community," says one SWS member, "that they belong."

In addition to rituals and observances, SWS also makes a point to contribute extra trash—half-eaten sandwiches, cores of apples, and even partially filled bags of potato chips—to the PC grounds. This is to make sure that no squirrel is left hungry.

Last year, when a squirrel was seen near the library hanged from a tree, the SWS worked alongside the PC squirrel community in hopes of finding the culprit. It turned out that a gang of local squirrels outside of the PC borders were waging genocide upon our furry little friends. Consequently, the extremist Eaton squirrels were brought to justice.

If you want to help preserve PC's squirrel ecosystem, then join Providence College's Squirrel Watch Society.



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Professor Shows Up for Class During Spring Break, Surprised to Find No One There

by Paulie "Cy" Major '17
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EDUCATION & STUFF



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Professor Montgomery "Monty" Montgomery of the philosophy department was so excited for his lecture on Monday, March 9 that he broke his routine in order to get to class earlier. After putting on his 19th century outfit, eating a breakfast of green eggs and barely edible ham, and doing his hair into the scariest fashion possible for the benefit of that one kid in the front row who always mocks his hairdo, Dr. Montgomery showed up in the parking lot at 9:27 a.m., precisely three minutes before he normally does. He hustled into Harkins Hall Room 330 at exactly 9:30 a.m., also early, since he prefers to be there 10 minutes late ("fashionably late," he said, with a wink that was frankly downright weird).

Our dear professor was understandably excited. He was about to deliver the lecture of a lifetime to his Philosophy 101 class of idiots who are only taking it because they have to and don't give a darn about his class. He was going to explain, in a completely monotone voice, to his group of numbskulls, rapscallions,

and dunderheads, how the theories of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle connect to their lives today, even though none of these three knew about that awesome iPhone or hip Vineyard Vines clothing. He was going to then force these poor devils (who by this time, were probably fast asleep) to write a 1,000 word essay on how these philosophers compare to the theories of Locke, Hume, and Voltaire, thus engendering for all 25 of these miserable beasts that infamous all-nighter that always consists of 80 percent Facebook, 10 percent contemplating if it's all worth it, 5 percent crying, and 5 percent actually studying.

When Dr. Montgomery Montgomery opened the door, he expected to see 25 students sitting respectfully in their

seats in preparation for what was to come first: death, or enduring 50 minutes. Instead, it was empty. "I was stunned! My students have always patiently waited for me, and this is the best part yet!" He decided to wait it out, thinking that clearly, the students would just appear any minute, because logic. So he sat there, and the clock ticked. By 12:00 p.m., nothing had happened. The door hadn't budged, nor had a soul made a sound in the building. Reluctantly, this professor bravely dragged himself out of the classroom, shaking his head sadly at his students' truancy.

Approached in the parking lot by a *Cowl* reporter minutes later, Professor Montgomery was despondent over his ruined day. "These students are

deplorable! Who do they think they are, skipping their hard-working professor's enlightening class? I'll tell you, young man, back in my day, if I showed such disrespect, I would have been whipped until I bled! This is what I oughta do, teach these little fools to respect their elders!"

After continuing on his diatribe for several minutes, Dr. Montgomery stormed off in a huff. Our reporter had a suspicion for the culprit of this dastardly scheme. To confirm, he contacted one of the Philosophy 101 students. Pretty N. Pink '17 confirmed that she and everybody else was on the beach, because "Obviously! We need as good a tan as possible during spring break. How else are we gonna show off our amazing bods this time of year?"

Buddy Cianci Sole Determiner of Where Everyone's Going Tonight

by Ferris Bueller '15
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TURN DOWN FOR WHAT?

"So where's everyone going tonight?" a newly minted 21-year-old Providence College junior asks a senior friend, while waiting in line for chicken nuggets in Ray. On any given night, PC students of legal drinking age (duh) could be taking over several local establishments: Whiskey Republic, Point Street Dueling Pianos, something called "DV8," the Hotel Fennell, or Phillips Memorial Library (BYOB). But who determines exactly which location is the destination for PC students? The answer may surprise you.

As it turns out, local politician Buddy Cianci, known for his pure motives and unflinching integrity, encourages the support of local businesses and is in no way bribed by these establishments to lure PC students in for \$7 shots of Fireball. Cianci reaches out to these organizations via self-destructive Snapchats to inform them that he is willing to help them drum up business...for a price. Whoever is the most...persuasive...becomes the target location for PC students.

Cianci then spins around in his swivel chair and presses a giant red button that sends encoded emails out to his moles, students involved in high-profile organizations like Student Congress, Board of Programmers, and the Science Fiction Club. These students have been promised accounting jobs and an additional \$150 in Friar Bucks (Cianci used Sodexo to cater his campaign events) from Cianci in exchange for spreading the word. The students then use social media, word of mouth, and notes tied to the tails of PC squirrels to inform their classmates of where

"everyone's going."

Students then flock to the predetermined destination, and if they look closely, they may spot a man in the corner wearing sunglasses and a fedora, drinking something pink and fruity for which he has not paid. It's on the house as a thank you gift. Just don't say "Buddy Cianci" as the guest list name at the door of Whiskey Republic, or else the mafia may make sure you don't take the Buzz Bus home. Because they will shoot you.

What happens if students decide not to attend the bar that Cianci has chosen? Cianci is a very influential man, so that happens less often than one would think. One night in February, however, students arrived at Whiskey Republic and deemed it "lame," so they walked to Piano Bar. Cianci dealt with this by tampering with the meningitis vaccines, thus ensuring that no PC student would be able to lift his or her arm to fist pump for a week. Though many students wondered why they were in so much pain, Cianci's moles got the message. Ever since, there have been no diversions from Cianci's master plan.

It is easy to assume that well-connected students decide which watering hole will belong to Providence College on a given Thursday evening. However, there is a much more powerful puppet master behind this operation. Although Buddy Cianci does not hold political office, he wields the most unstoppable force of all: college students trying to procure alcohol.

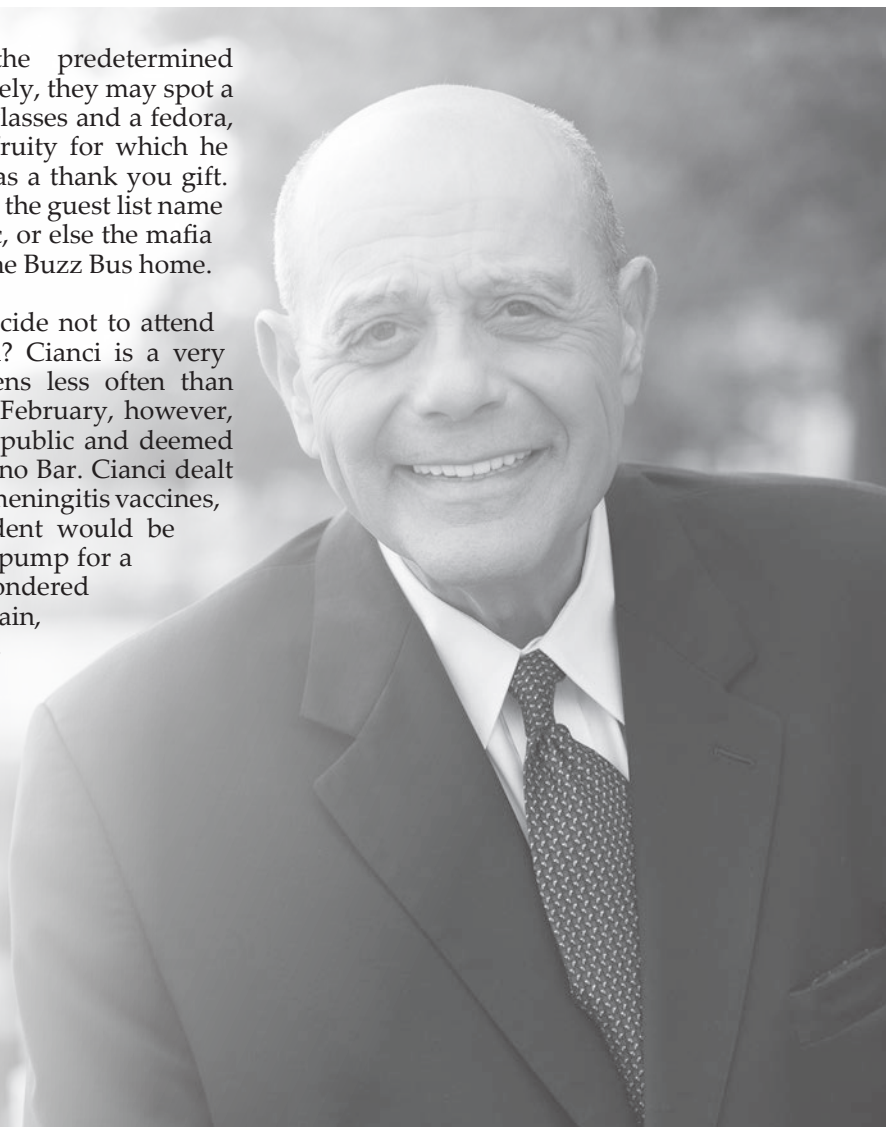


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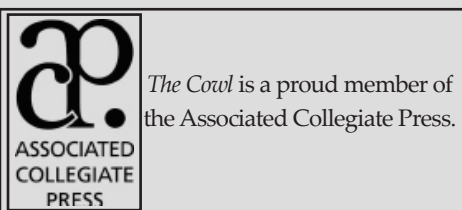
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PC Introduces New Course on How to Act Preppy

by Queen of Mean '15
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ON WEDNESDAYS WE WEAR PINK

Do you want to look like you belong at Providence College? Are you struggling to perfectly roll the cuffs of your starched white Oxford shirt? Don't have anything to wear to Golf Party? If the answer to these questions is a firm yes, then PC has the solution for you; beginning this upcoming fall semester, PC will offer a much-demanded course entitled "How to Prep."

This course is designed for both girls and guys, and covers all the basics for helping you unleash your inner prepster. Selected topics include, but are not limited to: how to order your whipped mocha frappuccino with caramel drizzle at Starbucks, why you need to own pastel shorts, how many Vineyard Vines Shep shirts are too many (the limit does not exist), and how to properly incorporate "bruh" into your vocabulary.

The prerequisite for the course for both genders is to own at least one pair of boat shoes and a pair of RayBan sunglasses, as these will become your "everyday staples," the course description boasts.

"Ever since I arrived at PC in the fall, I always felt that I just wasn't like the other girls on my floor. I didn't even know who Jack Rogers was. Once

I saw 'How to Prep' on CyberFriar, I knew I had to enroll," said Vera Bea '18.

When asked about this addition to the PC course list, Dean of Students Dr. Reeve Bears responded, "I think this course is a terrific way to strengthen the student body's solidarity. It's important that our students share a sense of belonging on the outside."

Reportedly, there are talks in the administration about introducing "How to Prep" into the core curriculum, making the course mandatory for all students beginning with the Class of 2020.

According to Dr. Bears, there should be no rebuttal to making the course mandatory as it is in line with the College's commitment of interdisciplinary studies since the course teaches vocabulary, style, and culinary tastes, and traces the celebrated history of PC's preppy tradition.

"This class is like the best thing that's ever happened to PC. I mean, like when you go to college you're supposed to learn stuff that you'll actually use in life," said Pat Patagonia '16 in response to the course's practical applications.

With an overwhelming number of enrollments, the class is sure to enhance the PC experience as well as ensure each student with the proper tools for being just like everybody else.



KOREA: CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

"There wasn't even a war going on," he explained after the obvious question was asked; "I was backpacking through Asia for research. I found a high, metal fence, so I climbed it to see what was on the other side. Next thing I knew I was in prison and a man was yelling at me in an unknown language that I wanted to learn."

For the remainder of the class, students will camouflage themselves and explore the country, absorbing the culture and comparing it to life in the west. The class consequently also teaches vital survival skills and the always important art of disguise.

Some parents and administrators were originally against the idea of traveling to such a controversial nation. The College, however, ultimately decided that the diversification that the students will experience is worth the risk.

"PC has made a serious attempt to become more diverse in the past several years," explained President Father Ryan Marley. "And we believe that this Maymester is a step in that direction, a direction towards understanding and acceptance. In North Korea we can learn a newfound tolerance."

The class will have room for 25 students; ROTC members will receive special consideration. The class does not fill the diversity proficiency.



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Putin the Fear in Russia

by Mad Gab '16
Scowl Staff

SOCIALIST SURPRISES

Last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin mysteriously disappeared. As his cronies frantically searched through nuclear bomb farms and Russian vodka ponds, he was nowhere to be found.

Rumors of a possible heart attack and American abduction swallowed the terrified nation. While the Russian government ravaged the Tzar Tower to pick one of Putin's clones, all panic came to a screeching halt.

News suddenly broke from Switzerland, where the former KGB assassin was spotted with his lovechild. Exactly half of the Russian President's age, Alina Kabaeva, Putin's 31-year-old girlfriend, is not his first baby-mama. Reporters announce that the precious, fair-skinned, blue-eyed daughter looked all around the hospital room and cooed, "I keel you." Putin abruptly left his daughter and flew back to Russia on his yeti for "sooper secret reason," he states. Interesting how the president has been getting busy in more areas than he admits.

After the horrific homicide of opponent Boris Nemstov, Putin conducted his own private investigation of the murder. Around the same time that information surfaced that Putin had killed Nemstov himself, government investigation edifices associated with the search were blown up. All information was allegedly destroyed. Putin promptly declared that he was unfortunately not taken with the detective profession, so he decided to change his focus.

Intelligence broke that the Russian ruler plans to surprise his Motherland next week. Reporters have been told to remain in Russia, and borders have been closed in front of the Kremlin. No matter what changes, the supreme ruler will make time to continue his role on *House of Cards*. When hinting in an interview with himself, President Putin told himself, "Vat be more eggzyting den announce second USSR?"



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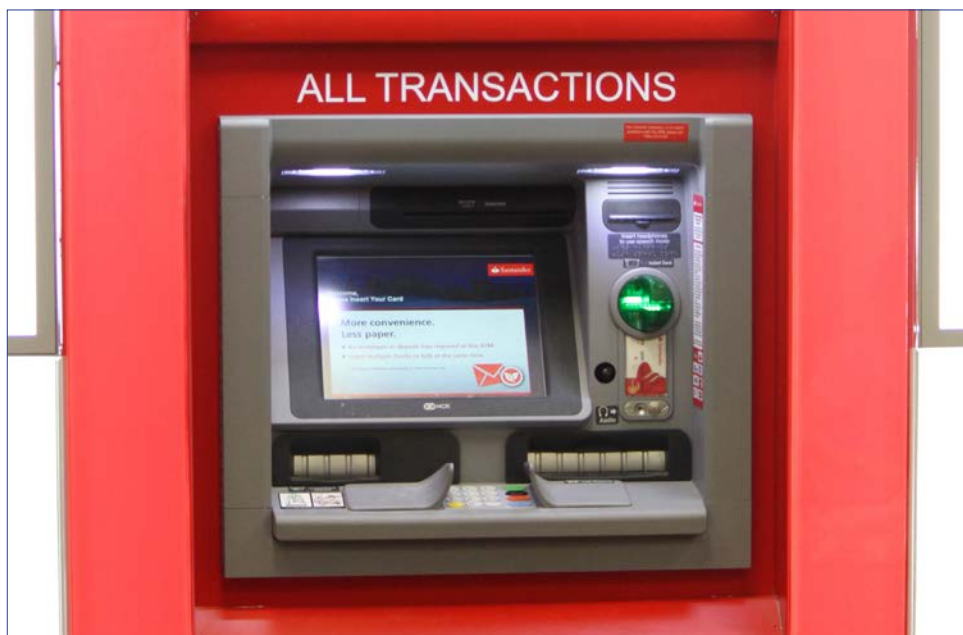
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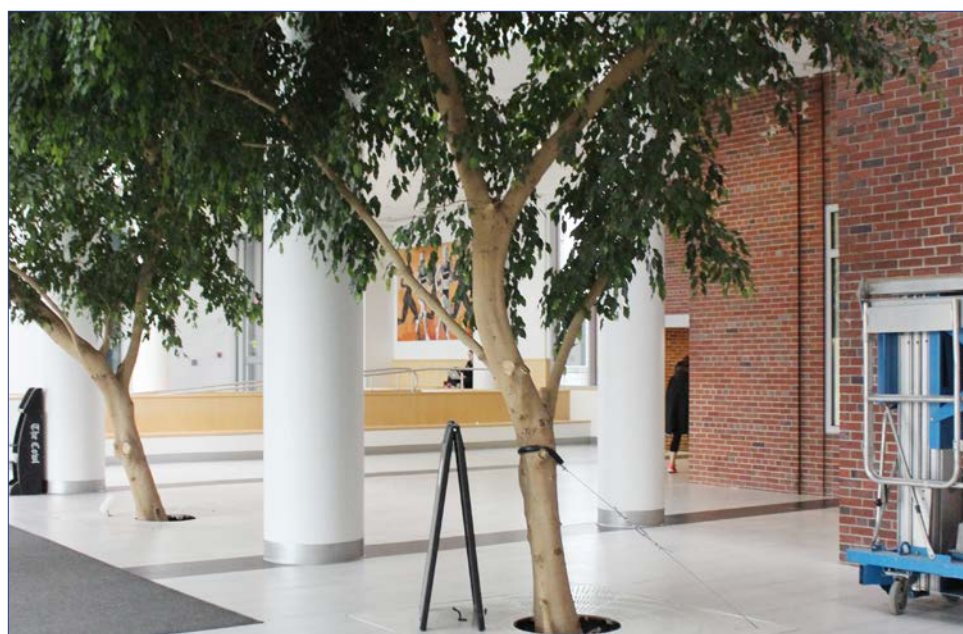
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FRIAR DOM SPEAKS OUT: DANGERS OF PLASTIC SURGERY

by Snowie Jody '15
Staff

#MASCOTPROBS

Waking up every morning, he always avoids mirrors. Hiding his dark reality with the façade of overzealous cheers and smooth dance moves, he is the life of the party. Everybody applauds him at games, getting “Friared” up by his chants, but behind his energetic surface there is a dark story that has never been told.

“I’m finally ready to talk about this,” said our own mascot Friar Dom in a sad, softly spoken voice. In a private interview last week, our favorite Friar finally brought to light the tragedy of his story and the devastating loss he encountered after his cosmetic surgery gone horribly wrong.

“I love to smile. Smiling and making people happy, that’s what I’m here for. I thought getting a little work done to help maintain my cheerful moneymaker would be the best choice for myself and my career,” said Friar Dom. After a long silence, he whispered, “I couldn’t have been more wrong.”

Before the start of his career at Providence College, Friar Dom visited a plastic surgeon for a procedure consisting of some presumably minor work. “He seemed so nice, friendly, and reassuring,” said Dom of the surgeon. “I should have noticed the maroon and gold eagle on his tie...if only I had noticed.”

The surgeon whom Dom believed was performing his minor facelift was not only a Boston College graduate himself, but was also bribed by BC’s own eagle mascot (a.k.a Baldwin) to botch the surgery.

“After I woke up from the surgery, I knew something was wrong. I literally could not move my mouth...or feel my lips. It’s been that way ever since.”

When asked why he waited so long to share his story with the rest of the PC community, Dom answered, “For a while, I didn’t think it was very noticeable. But once I saw girls and young children begin to run away from me at games, giving me confused and creeped out looks...I knew something had to be said.”

After a long and deeply emotional conversation, (with intermittent bursts of interpretative dancing and cheers), Dom concluded his heartfelt confession explaining, “I just want people to know I would never choose to look this creepy on my own... nobody would ever want to look this creepy. I just want students to accept and love me for the mascot that I am...botched, creepy, unmovable face and all.”



Spring Fashion: How to Dress like a PC Girl

by Glen Coco '15
Staff

FASHION

Ladies, spring is in the air in Friartown! It is time to put away your Bean Boots, Patagonia fleeces, and Burberry quilted winter jackets, and pull out your springtime flair! Have you always admired the way that Providence College girls dress, and want to be more like them? Do you want to fit in with the status quo of how all PC students, according to *Princeton Review*, are "carbon copies of one another?" Do you want your outfit to rock at the "Back 9" golf party later this spring? Have no fear, your expert fashionista is here! I am going to cover the essentials that every PC girl needs in her closet this spring.

Invest in a J. Crew "Downtown Field Jacket." Available in either navy or mossy brown. This fashionable jacket is described on the J. Crew website as "the quintessential cool-girl jacket (aka every girl needs one)," and as you probably noticed walking around PC last spring semester, every girl does, in fact, have one. This essential wardrobe piece is very versatile; wear it in the daytime to class with a pair of ballet flats, or dress it up when going out by adding on a pair of wedge boots. Finally, the best part of the jacket is that it is waterproof, so you can wear it on a rainy day around campus with your Hunter boots (preferably in gray). As an avid shopper of J. Crew (okay, J. Crew outlets, I mean after all, I am a poor college student), I am a huge fan of this jacket, and it was definitely worth the investment.

Buy a Vineyard Vines pullover. Okay, I mean really, if you go to PC and do not own a piece of clothing from Vineyard Vines, then you are clearly doing it wrong! Vineyard Vines is preppy, and preppy is cool at PC. I recently received a pullover for Christmas, and I absolutely love it! Although pricey, they come in many fun colors and prints. And ladies, just picture yourself laying on the Aquinas Quad (or lower campus quad) this spring in your coral and baby blue Vineyard Vines pullovers paired with color block shorts, Sperry boat shoes, all while wearing Ray-Bans a.k.a the epitome of "PC chic."

My final piece of fashion advice is: Lilly, Lilly, Lilly. Basically you can never have too much Lilly Pulitzer in your closet! Available in so many fun, girly prints. A Lilly Pulitzer dress or skirt is appropriate for all occasions: weddings, graduations, and golf party! All PC girls have a Lilly Pulitzer! Again, if a Lilly dress is not in your budget, I recommend going to the back of the store and looking in the clearance section (there are always many cute dresses in all sizes)! There is no such thing as an ugly Lilly Pulitzer dress, so invest in one today!

I hope my fashion tips are helpful to girls who want to dress like the typical PC student. If you feel that brand names are outside of your price range, but still desire to dress like a PC girl, then go with the athletic look. With a quarter zip shirt, a pair of cropped yoga pants, and colorful Nike running shoes, I guarantee that you will still be able to pull off the "springtime PC girl" look.



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Tension, Tears, and Travesty

by Gladys Potter '16
Staff

NUGGETS

This past Thursday, Raymond Dining Hall was filled with yelling, tears, and mass hysteria. Students were shocked, upset, and all around disgruntled. A once happy, door-holding community became an angry and upset crowd, looking for somebody to blame. So what caused the chaos? What has overtaken the Providence College campus?

Nuggets. Chicken nuggets. It was a normal Thursday

afternoon when students stopped by Ray for lunch. They said hello to Dot, swiped their cards, and were ready for the meal that they had been waiting all week for—chicken nuggets and curly fries. But the crowd of students was shocked to find breakfast food at the classics stand; no chicken in sight. Amanda Green '16 said she was in utter shock: "I had no idea what was going on, and to be completely honest, I was rattled. Really rattled."

Green was not the only PC student to become rattled. The dining hall erupted into confusion and chaos. Students began sitting on Ray's steps, demanding answers for the disappearance of the nuggets and fries.

Ray staff tried to calm down the crowd, listing the other options available for lunch, but students would hear none of it. Michael Higgins '17 says that he is a fan of Ray food, but cannot eat until all order is restored. "I just cannot be happy on a Thursday without my nuggets. I just can't right now." While workers and administrators tried to diffuse the situation, a group of students entered the Ray circle with signs saying "Free the Nugget," "Stop Taking Away Our Happiness," and "Do You Even Chicken?" If anybody thought things could not get worse, they were wrong. A rumor started going around that chicken nugget Thursday could be a thing of the past and Taco Tuesdays were PC's future. The student body immediately erupted into chants, yelling, "PC for nuggets."

The administration and Ray staff have yet to release a statement concerning the whereabouts of the nuggets and fries. However, services such as personal counseling, are available for any students experiencing extreme distress from the nugget disappearance. Campus Security was called to tame protesters and prevent any rioting, and local news stations are flocking to PC to cover this major news. Lindsey Cohen '18, one of the student organizers of the protests, said, "I know I am only a freshman, but these chicken nugget Thursdays have meant the world to me. They bring us happiness and joy. And we, the PC students, are proud to follow in the footsteps of great leaders like MLK and Gandhi. We will sacrifice going to class. We will sacrifice laundry time. We will even be here early tomorrow at like 11 a.m. with only one cup of coffee if necessary. We will continue to fight for our chicken rights and for the food rights of all Americans." PC students are passionate about their nuggets and, until answers are found, the protesting and chaos will continue.



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POOTFOLIO

Kanye Jealous of Kanye's Success

by Benjamin Flunkin '18
Scowl Staff

EARTH-SHATTERING NEWS

In a recent press conference, rapper/hip-hop-artist/center-of-the-universe Kanye West announced that he would no longer be performing with his longtime partner Kanye West. According to sources present at the conference following the Granny's, Kanye seemed on the verge of tears over the state of his working relationship with Kanye. The breakup is being attributed to "the overwhelming success of Kanye, which is detrimental to the career of Kanye." Sources were unable

to determine why the artist was referring to himself in the third-person.

This news is unsurprising to those who have been following the alarming number of disagreements between the two artists in the past few months. In January, Kanye was arrested in DV7, a Providence nightclub, after getting into an altercation with his reflection in a bathroom mirror. Kanye stated in his police report, "What was I supposed to do? He had it coming, he kept staring at me like a lunatic."

Following that incident, Kanye and Kanye gave a joint interview to *Switchfork*, where the two offered some insight into the

source of their dispute. "Kanye's gotten too big," said Kanye, "and I can't be working in his shadow." In his rebuttal, Kanye replied, "He's just jealous of my relationship with Kim Kardashian, and that I'm the greatest artist to have ever lived." When asked his opinion on the breakup, Grammy-winner Beck replied, "YESSSSSSSS!!!" There has been no word from Kardashian on the situation.

Experts in the music industry are unsure of the effects that the split will have on Kanye's career. The title of the upcoming album *So Help Me God* has already been changed to *So Help Me God, and Don't Help That Other Kanye Guy*

(critics are giving mixed reviews of the new title). Kanye has ordered to have all mirrors removed from touring venues, as well as no pictures of the artist to be present on any concert posters.

Perhaps in the future Kanye will reconcile his differences with Kanye and resume collaboration. However, Kanye is on record saying, "Until he [Kanye] learns some respect for his fellow artists, he'll be touring solo."

In related news, infant North West has requested a change of name to North East. When asked why she was no longer a West, East replied, "Would you be if you could help it?"



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Geese Flock to PC Campus

Express Interest in Staying Long-Term

by Byrd Fowler '18
Scowl Staff

FOWL LANGUAGE AHEAD

Students traversing the sidewalks between buildings on campus may have noticed the dramatic increase in the number of geese present in recent weeks. While it is not uncommon to see these feathered creatures wandering the skies around campus, their increased presence has raised a number of questions, especially considering the long, snowy winter we have had.

Fortunately, it was this reporter's luck to secure and hold interviews with a number of members of the increased goose population, in order to better ascertain their purpose in "flocking" so prolifically on campus. My first interview was conducted with the self-proclaimed

leader of the geese populous, who wishes to be referred to simply as "Feathers."

"The PC campus has gotten really interesting over the past few weeks," Feathers commented, when asked why he and his brethren were appearing in such numbers. "We geese tend to stay in the same places for a while, but until now, we've only visited PC sporadically."

When asked what specifically about the campus has drawn such interest, Feathers replied, "Well, there are a number of reasons, actually. It varies from goose to goose. Some of us like the scenery, so we'll spend a lot of time flying real low to check out what's going on. There are some who like to interact with the students...although I don't think they know all that much about how to approach humans. In

my experience, squawking loudly and flapping one's wings doesn't tend to make humans very happy, even though that's how we geese usually communicate."

Feathers also insisted that, like college students, the geese display very unique social classes.

"Well, we have some party geese in our group," he said. "They tend to hang around the dorms a lot. They're a little unruly...they like to chase people and make rather inappropriate jokes about them. Then there are the smart geese. They usually keep to themselves. Of course, like every group, we have a few weirdos, but they mostly hang out on top of—what's the building called?—Al Mag, that's it. For some reason, they like to inhale the fumes that come from those vent-thingies. We don't really talk about them, though..."

Feathers also indicated that the geese are very much enjoying their stay at PC, and are, in fact, considering residing on campus long-term. "We've been very impressed by the programs at the College," he said. "In fact, a number of geese are considering registration as students."

Yes, you heard that right, folks, so don't cry "fowl." Some of these geese want to be students. So, if ever you walk into one of your classrooms in Harkins or Feinstein, keep an eye out—there might just be a new, feathered member of your seminar. Just be careful not to invite them to a game of "Duck, Duck, Goose"...Feathers made it very clear that geese consider it offensive.

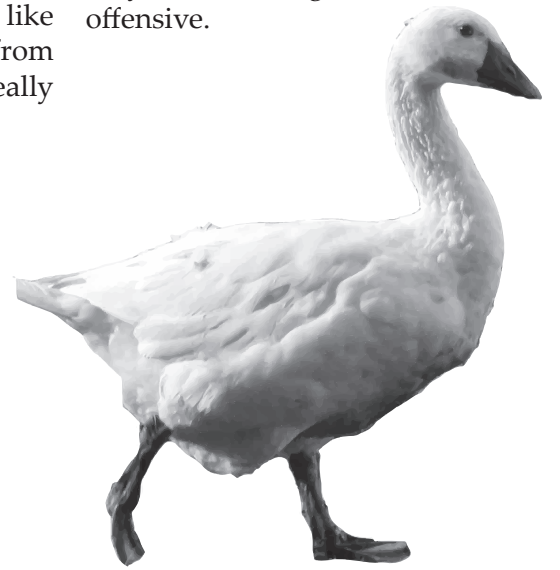


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Artifacts:

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continues to melt after months of presence on the lawns that make up campus. The archaeologists have been collecting the cylindrical pieces of PC history and carefully organizing them, taking them to laboratories off campus for further study.

Dr. Gary Setter spoke about some of the details of his work, sharing the information he hopes to glean from the objects. "This particular cylinder was uncovered only last week, as it was buried a foot deep in the icy remains of the various snowstorms of the past winter. Its placement lends to its appearing to be an artifact circa January 2015, making it fairly valuable in contemporary college cultural studies."

What no one can seem to figure out, however, is the source of the artifacts. They have often appeared outside student dorms, but when students have been questioned as to any information about the objects'

origins, they are just as perplexed as the archaeologists who have come to study them.

"Yeah, uh, I don't know what the heck those things are that they found in the snow. It seemed old though, and real frozen and stuff," a senior said in passing to us. He asked not to be named.

Students and scientists alike can only guess what information archaeologists may bring back to share after further inspection of the artifacts. After the new Ice Age that was the winter of 2015, anything could have been preserved in the icebox of Providence College. All hopes point to more clearly understanding what student life may have produced in high quantities, and some even imagine a connection being made to the red cone-type plastic objects also often found around campus, although the winter storm has not preserved as many of those more numerous artifacts.

Dr. Gary Setter digs up peculiar cylinders beneath layers of melting snow and ice on the PC campus.

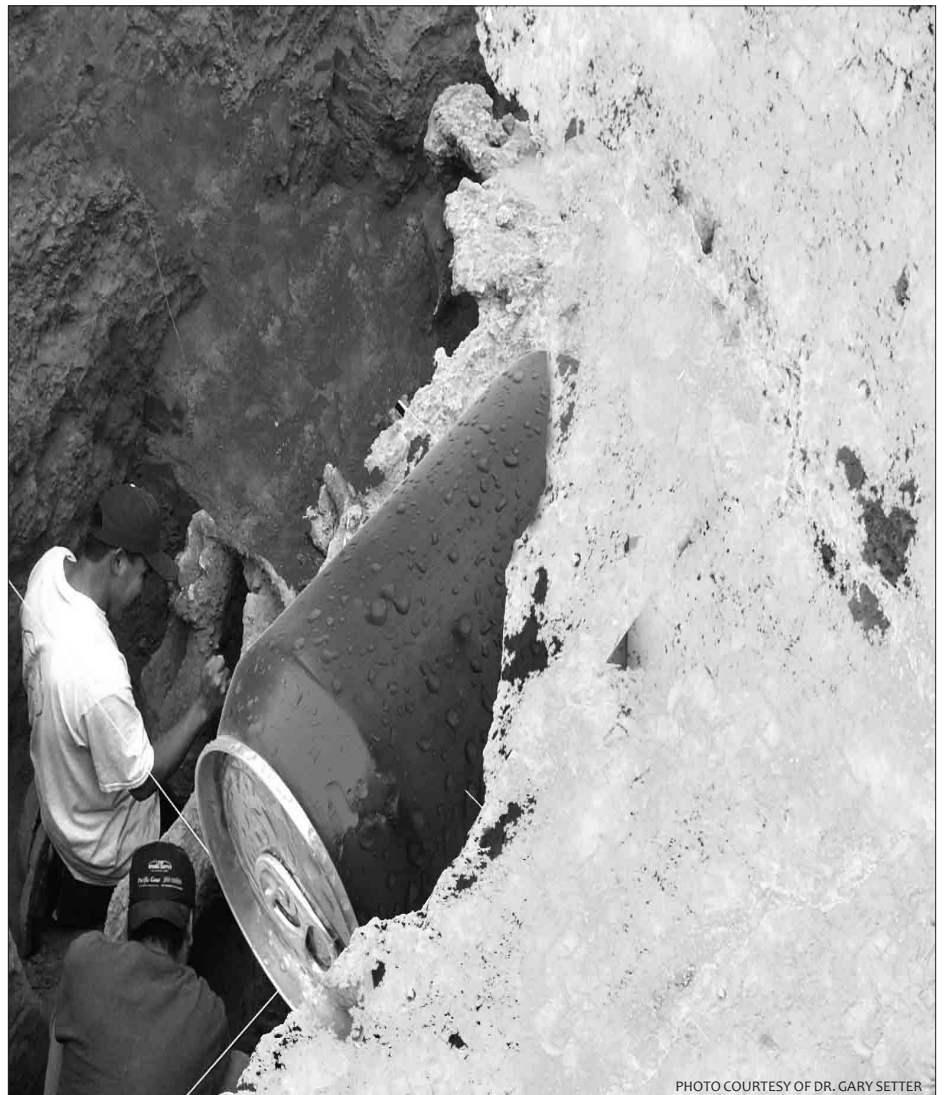


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PC Student Visits University of Chicago

Loses Wallet, Kidney

by C. Remy P. Nutbutter '15
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FOWL LANGUAGE AHEAD

Buhler Buhler '15 didn't intend for her visit to the University of Chicago to end how it did. She thought she would visit a possible grad school option for the upcoming fall, but she left with a pit in her stomach—literally. Buhler had to be rushed to the emergency room at 4:20 p.m. last Friday afternoon after having both her wallet and her kidney stolen just outside of the gates of the University of Chicago.

"I was planning to get my master's in animation and cartooning next year," Buhler said between heaving sobs, "Now, I just want to get out of the hospital and go home."

According to Buhler, the attacker was male, average height, with a large head, giant, rotund ears, and white gloves. He came up to her begging for money to buy what Buhler recalls as "a giant wheel of cheese."

"I thought it was street language for drugs. I even looked it up on Urban Dictionary!" Buhler said. "I

didn't have any money to give him, and when I refused, he pushed me down and stole my wallet!"

According to Buhler, the figure was angry about the lack of "cheddar" in her wallet, and claimed that it would not be enough. He then allegedly took out a pencil and drew a circle on her lower stomach. The circle morphed into a hole, through which he stole Buhler's kidney.

"It was surreal," Buhler recalled, shell-shocked. "It didn't even hurt...and he gave me this weird hat afterwards."

Buhler's doctors are just as perplexed as she is. "We're just as perplexed as she is," said Dr. Donald D. "By all accounts, she should have bled out there on the street. Luckily but unexplainably, the hole stitched itself back together in this odd tri-circle pattern. We're keeping her here for further testing to make sure that her vitals remain stable, and also to investigate this incredible self-healing wound."

Buhler's incident is the latest in a long string of assaults and robberies in the Chicago area this month. Just last week, Chicago police officers

apprehended a man dressed up in a dog costume attempting to rob a pet store after smashing in the windows. In spite of the use of questionable interrogation tactics—some of which even Guantanamo Bay deem as "Not cool, bro"—all the perpetrator had to say was "Garwsh."

Officers found the same tri-circle pattern that was stitched into Buhler spray-painted on the interior of the pet store. Authorities believe that the symbol is the mark of a new gang attempting to make a name for itself. "We don't know who they are," commented FBI investigator Agent Walt, "But we vow to bring these clowns to justice."



Fun Lists

Previous Mayors of Providence

Samuel Bridgham

John Collins

Dennis Roberts

Walter Reynolds

Joseph Doorley

Buddy Cianci

Joseph Paolino

Buddy Cianci

John J. Lombardi

David Cicilline

Angel Taveras

Jorge Elorza

Towns in Ohio

Defiance, Ohio

Whipple, Ohio

New Boston, Ohio

Willard, Ohio

Peebles, Ohio

McDermott, Ohio

Loveland, Ohio

Xenia, Ohio

Mason, Ohio

Sugarcreek, Ohio

Clyde, Ohio

Miamiville, Ohio

Professors in the English Department

Dr. Bruce Graver

Dr. Anthony Esolen

Dr. Eric Bennett

Dr. Russell Hillier

Dr. J.T. Scanlan

Dr. Raphael Shargel

Dr. Margaret Reid

Dr. Robert Stretter

Dr. Stephen Lynch

Dr. Alexander Moffett

Dr. Elizabeth Bridgham

Dr. William Hogan

Things You Can Get on Take 3

Garden Salad

Caesar Salad

Hamburger/Cheeseburger

Chicken Patty

Cheese/Vegetable Quesadilla

Grilled Cheese

One Slice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza

French Fries

Small Cup of Soup

Cookie

French Fries

Any Size Fountain Beverage



Bouts of Athleticism

FATHER MANLEY: PRESIDENT OF SECRET NINJA SCHOOL

Campus Legend Denies Several Attempts at Dominic House Break-Ins

by Dragon '15
Scowl Staff

MARTIAL ARTS

During the warmer months, many students have seen Fr. Manley doing his daily martial arts routine in his backyard. This is not a surprise, as he is a sports enthusiast and his official President's Office webpage states that he practices the Xing Yi Quan form of ancient Chinese martial arts. However, few know that "Xing Yi Quan" translates to "Form Mind Fist" and that Fr. Manley's house is in fact a secret ninja training academy.

Dominic House, where Fr. Manley lives, is far older than the college itself and was built under mysterious circumstances by a wealthy Chinese businessman several centuries ago. The name "Dominic House" is not a reference to St. Dominic, as one would assume, but rather comes from the Chinese "Dohm Mij Nyeik." This roughly translates into English as: "Academy Warrior Fist Punch Diversity Vaccines."

To prevent detection from rival ninja academies – particularly from the renowned Leningrad dojo that is led by Vladimir Putin, the shirtless post-Soviet badass and Russia's President-For-Life—Fr. Manley's Academy is often referred to as the "PC School of Continuing Education," a vague name that makes no sense because education never stops.

There have been several attempts by rival ninjas to gain access to Dominic House, most notably last November when the rival ninjas disguised themselves as take-out delivery drivers. One of the enemy ninjas was transported to the hospital with a

"gunshot wound" after Fr. Manley's ninjas disguised themselves as neighborhood toughs and struck him in the arm with a throwing star.

In a move disguised as an action to protect student safety, Fr. Manley banned all parking on Huxley Avenue. Many gullible students and faculty believed that banning those treacherous and threatening parked vehicles from the street would prevent future shootings—a crime that is often caused by a high concentration of parked cars. But of course this was a move to protect the dojo at the expense of the students who now have to walk farther across a ninja warzone to get their take-out.

Fr. Manley's ninja army has been called out several times in the past year to protect the school and its environs. Most recently, the ninjas were deployed to clear the supernatural amount of snow that has fallen on campus after Fr. Manley angered the Jade Emperor (may his reign be eternal!), the ancient Chinese deity and martial arts master. Fortunately, the warmer weather as of late leads this reporter to believe that the issues between Fr. Manley and the Jade Emperor have finally been resolved.

Some of Fr. Manley's renowned former pupils include the Navy Seals that eliminated Osama Bin Laden, the choreographers for the PC boy band Eyes 2 The Skies, and several West Berliners who allegedly tore down the Berlin Wall with nothing but their fists.

Less successful pupils include former President George W. Bush who flunked out of the Academy and later joined the Air National Guard, and "American Sniper" Chris Kyle who dropped out once he learned that ninjas don't use guns.



Most Eligible Off-Campus BACHELORS

by D.W. Reed '15
Scowl Staff

MATING

Tired of the very vanilla, "fried up" fish floundering in the cookie cutter Polo-wearing, Abercrombie Fierce-reeking, Natty Lite piss pond of Providence College? Are you seeking more in a soul mate, beyond a tiny pink whale and nice hair? Well, we just made it easy for you, comprising a list of the most appealing bachelors in the huge, syringe and poop-polluted ocean that we call the greater world. Cast that line, ladies and gents, and reel in, because even you are capable of catching a supreme marlin.

Robert Durst

Everybody loves a bad boy; age that boy like a fine wine, and the allure is only amplified. Bobby Durst, as his close friends at various law enforcement agencies like to call him, has it all: money, charm, and a rap sheet that could put your transcript to shame. With one definite homicide under his belt (yes, he killed Morris Black and even chopped him into little

pieces; no, the head has not been found) and potentially two more to go with a pending arraignment for the murder of his best friend and the disappearance of his wife, Bobby is a man who knows how to take control of the situation and really treat a lady right. Furthermore, he flaunts his money well, and knows how to get out of sticky situations, openly admitting to committing crimes on the stand, and even running from the law for months at a time without having to face the consequences. Bobby is fond of stalking his foes, buying silence, shoplifting subs, and dressing in drag. He is hairless, his eyes are dark holes into an abyss of penetrating sociopathic madness, and you can hear him fart and drop deuces in the season finale of HBO's documentary *The Jinx*. If that won't win your heart, he'll Igor you.

Cat Barber

A man with a voice that refuses to be silenced by society is one of the sexiest things ever. Add in the athletic angle, and you nearly have a perfect man in Cat Barber. Rising to fame for his bold statement in the locker

room in which he questioned, "What is wrong with Barack Obama?" after busting the president's bracket with his NC State basketball performance, it is evident that Barber is not only eloquently spoken, but also the voice of his generation. Quite frankly, Barber had the (basket)balls to pose a question that Fox News, along with more than half of the nation, have been wondering for the past four plus years. Though perhaps not the most well thought out execution of such political ponderings (totally removed from context; Barber was just pissed that Obama didn't support his underdog team), this outburst reflects an enticing heat of passion that only enhances Barber's already eligible college athlete status. Some sort of (March) Madness.

Shia LaBeouf

He is not famous anymore. He is not famous anymore. HE IS NOT FAMOUS ANYMORE. (But he has a ratchet French braided rattail.) He's a bad boy; take him, make him dig five feet.

Kanye

This is a Catholic College. Presumably we could all use a little more Yeezus in our lives. Swag.

Safari Ranger

Sorry, I'm swooning...he's just so dreamy. When I think about his awesome face, my eyes automatically go to the sky. Those sideburns, those glasses, that choreography...I'm melting. The ultimate musician, he's a safari ranger whom I would most definitely allow to explore my jungle. A clear romantic, his lyrics seduce every and all women (and children), begging them to plant trees with him and build haciendas; what a stud. The only truly worthy PC bachelor, Ranger will cherish you and perhaps even write a trippy song about you and how you make the greatest food. You could be the girl with the awesome face. Infamy beyond bounds is attainable if you seek out a Safari.

EDITOR'S CORNER:

The Rises and Falls of Some of Backyard Baseball's Biggest Stars

by Vinny The Gooch '16
Scowl Staff

COLUMN

"Buy low and sell high," former Mighty Melonheads star Jorge Garcia once said. A former aspiring millionaire, one may stop and wonder what billion-dollar hedge fund or multi-billion dollar company Garcia now oversees. If only things were that simple for Garcia. With the recent news that former *Backyard Baseball* star is headed to the slammer for insider trading charges, now is a perfect time to catch up on our favorite Humungous Entertainment stars. This week in "Where Are They Now?" features an eye-opening exposé on our no longer innocent childhood idols.

Pete Wheeler: Wheeler, known for his raw athleticism and lack of baseball IQ, dabbled in track and field, even making it as far as the US Olympic Trials. However, following a torn Achilles at the Trials, Wheeler slipped into a deep depression and moved back home with his brother Silas in Tennessee. He now claims part ownership to Silas' world-renowned moonshine business, and is in contract negotiations to appear on the Discovery Channel hit *Moonshiners*.

Tony Delvecchio: Unfortunately, Garcia is not the only former Backyarder behind bars. Delvecchio schlepped his way through a mediocre high school football career, eventually quitting after spending the first half of his senior season as the backup quarterback. After a 1.7 GPA forced him out of college, Delvecchio turned towards the local mafia, where his father, Tony Sr., was head honcho. Delvecchio spent years doing the dirty work for his father before eventually landing in prison for his involvement with a triple-homicide.

Sidney and Ashley Webber: The Webber

sisters' new reality show is set to debut on VH1 in the fall. The show will center on the twins hitting it big in the fashion industry, which is surprising when one thinks about how they literally wore the exact same outfit everywhere. Rumor also has it that Ashley has become romantically involved with washed up NBA star Michael Beasley, leaving America wondering if Ashley will one day become the Khloe Kardashian to Michael's Lamar Odom.

Dante Robinson: His metabolism slowed down, and Robinson's unhealthy and reckless eating habits caught up to him. After being featured on TLC's *My 600-Pound Life*, Dante was inspired to lose weight, and parlayed his newfound obesity into a spot onto *The Biggest Loser*. Unfortunately, after heavy verbal abuse from trainer Jillian Michaels, Robinson left the Biggest Loser ranch and has not been heard from since.

Amir and Achmed Khan: One of the few uber-successful Backyard sibling pairs, the Khan Brothers have hit it big in the heavy metal industry. After being the headlining act at Oz-Fest 2014, the two hit the road for their debut tour, but sadly disappeared after a particularly rowdy concert in the heavy-metal hotbed of Albuquerque, leaving one to suspect whether Heisenberg was at all involved.

Dimitri Petrovich: Petrovich conquered his ugly habit of eating paste, finished school at Yale in two years, and ascended to be one of the top scientists in the world. He declared himself "too smart" for Stephen Hawking during the pair's first ever meeting, and was last seen working to invent a way to, you guessed it, make paste

more edible.

Vicki Kawaguchi: Kawaguchi quit the Backyard circuit prematurely to join a local figure skating team. She parlayed her stardom into a gold medal at Sochi in 2014, followed by a large announcing deal to cover the 2018 Olympics with Jonny Weir.

Pablo Sanchez: Pablo never really grew into his body, and was declared a legal dwarf at age 10. Sadly, he became the second Backyard athlete featured on TLC, appearing in season two of *Little People, Big World*.

Billy Jean (nee Blackwood) and Marky Dubois: The happiest ending of any character belongs to these two lifelong lovebirds. After pretending that it wasn't obvious that they were in love, Dubois and Blackwood began dating in high school, eventually getting married and eloping in San Antonio. Billy Jean began to pursue her longtime dream of becoming a scented candle entrepreneur, while Marky began his promising rodeo career in 2011. They still live happily together in San Antonio, where they have become the principal spokespeople for Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign.

Sunny Day: Sunny assumed principal reporter for Fox Sports from Joe Buck, helping the network upgrade in both likeability and knowledge of sports. Despite her unsuccessful attempts to get Chuck Downfield on the color commentary, Day is clearly thriving in her first role without the former Backyard star.

Despite the tragedy that has befallen some of our dearest childhood starlets, one thing remains clear; all of them still remain thankful for the fact that they are, nor ever will be, Sally Dobbs.

YES

Okay, give me a second here; like the masses of cotton balls that have piled throughout the various rooms in my house, I am still COLLECTING my thoughts after the travesty that was Providence College vs. Dayton University. First of all, HOW IN GOD'S NAME does an 11 seed deserve to play their second round tournament game in an arena less than an hour away from their campus?????? You can not tell me that the selection committee, which analyzes every single aspect of the regions and match-ups that they create, failed to notice that Dayton, an 11 seed with a huge chance of advancing in their play-in game, would be slated for a legitimate home game against A SIX SEED.

I have one message for each and every person that had a role in selecting the region in which Dayton would play its first round game, YOU HAD ONE JOB!!! Did you not think to yourself that maybe, just maybe, the referees could be affected by the sheer discrepancy of Providence fans compared to those from Dayton? Or, did you not think of the advantage that Dayton players could be granted when Providence has to drain two time-outs in each half purely because their players can't hear each other over the crowd noise?

Maybe you didn't think of those things, and maybe you couldn't have understood the advantage that you gave Dayton in the game. However, there is one fact that I know deep down in my heart, and that fact is that I will NEVER trust the selection committee ever again.

Sincerely,
A Disgruntled 1976 Providence College Graduate

ARE THERE SUCH THINGS AS HOME GAMES IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT?

NO

I'm not really sure what the issue is here. The fact that Nationwide Arena is in the backyard of Dayton's campus, allowing thousands of fans easy a two minute commute to the game, did not create some type of "homey" environment for the hometown Dayton Flyers. It was a mere coincidence that our Flyers team got to the free throw line 30 times compared to the Friars seven trips, and there was ABSOLUTELY no bias on the calls for Ed Cooley's mysterious technical foul and Kris Dunn '17's early flagrant foul for an accidental elbow.

Those refs were not in any way affected by the thousands and thousands of crazy Ohioans yelling in their ears to make calls on the side of the Flyers, and the selection committee did not make any mistake by putting Dayton in a region slated to play its games in Columbus, Ohio. For one thing, the Friars aren't that much farther than Dayton to Nationwide Arena. I mean, give or take a few thousand miles, and it's practically a home game for the Friars as well. It's not our fault that our fans do such a great job or traveling with the team, or that the referees of the game and their wives go to dinner with our head coach and his wife every weekend.

When looking at the result of the Dayton-Providence tournament game, it is pretty clear that our Flyers had no unfair advantage in the game. There have been plenty of games where coaches have been given technical for trying to pump up their teams. Besides Ed Cooley, there was...uhhhh...never mind, that's beside the point.

Sincerely,
The Director of Dayton Athletics