

Dick Hoyt Comes to Campus

Brings Message of Optimism, Spirit, Faith

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Receiving a standing ovation before even speaking a word to the freshmen and families gathered in Peterson Recreation Center last Saturday, November 2, Dick Hoyt took the stage as this year's Freshman Family Weekend keynote speaker, sharing Team Hoyt's story and message of "Yes You Can!" Hoyt, a retired Lieutenant Colonel who served in the military for 35 years, has competed in more than 1,100 athletic events and

30 Boston Marathons with his disabled son Rick, the story of whom is now affecting people throughout the world.

According to Dr. Hugh Lena, provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, the story of Dick and Rick Hoyt "embodies optimism, spirit, and faith," which is just what Providence College endeavors to instill in its students.

The athletic accomplishments of this father and son duo, or "Team Hoyt" as they refer to themselves, attest to Lena's remarks. Having competed in marathons, triathlons, Ironman triathlons, and a 3,770-mile, 45-day run and bike across the US, Dick and Rick exhibit the physical strength necessary to achieve their personal records of a 13:43:37 Ironman Triathlon, a 2:40:47 marathon, and a 1:21:12 half marathon.

"We thought we would get stronger as we went across the country, and we did," said Hoyt, speaking of their 3,770-mile trek. Yet the journey of Team Hoyt taps into another story penetrating much deeper than just Dick and Rick's athletic feats.

Born on January 10, 1962 with his umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, Rick suffered from a lack of oxygen to his brain, resulting in his diagnosis as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Eight months later,

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A Look at Insider Training

Economics Department Hosts Speaker

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Students piled into the Fishbowl on Tuesday afternoon to listen to Dr. Alex Padilla speak on the topic of insider trading. He is an associate professor of economics at the Metropolitan State University of Denver, and the title of his lecture was "Insider Trading: What is Seen and What is Not Seen."

This talk was funded through a grant from the Charles G. Koch Foundation and was organized by Dr. Angela Dills, an associate professor of economics. She explained, "When choosing speakers, I try to think of researchers whose work overlaps with student interests. Given that many PC students are business majors or interested in finance, I hoped that Dr. Padilla's talk on insider trading would be of broad interest while touching on many key economic ideas."

To start, Dr. Padilla commented on the crowd in the room, saying, "I feel like an animal at the zoo, please don't throw any peanuts at me!" After drawing a few laughs from the students, he began his lecture by noting an article he had seen that very day about people pleading guilty to claims of insider trading. When people hear the phrase, he explained, they automatically think it is a very bad thing. "I am going to raise the question though, is it such a bad thing?"

He presented another question to the audience. People engaged in insider trading are often portrayed as villains and evildoers, but "could they be heroes of capitalism? And under what circumstances could that be so?"

He explained a number of arguments against insider trading, including agency problems, noisy signals, the fact that it is difficult to measure compensations, and the fact that it discourages investment. To explain this concept, he used the example of buying a car.

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PC Athletics Bring Victory to Friartown

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CAMPUS EVENTS

It was a banner weekend all around for the Providence Friars, as almost every team in action saw success. The headline of the weekend came from the Women's Cross Country Team, who captured their sixth Big East Cross Country crown on Sunday in Somers, Wis. This was the first Big East Championship for the Friars since 2006, when, like this year, they were able to place four finishers in the top 10.

Led by Big East individual champion Emily Sisson '14, the Friars had four of the top seven finishers, as well as five of the top 15. Sisson finished first in the 6K race with a time of 19:49, seven seconds ahead of Villanova's Emily Lipari. The Friars then had the next two top finishers, with Sarah Mary Collins '16 and Laura Nagel '14 finishing third and fourth respectively. The next Friar finisher was Catarina Rocha '17 who finished seventh, and the Friars last runner to score was Grace Thek '14.



Head Coach Ray Treacy, longtime coach of the squad, was more than pleased with the result. "It's another great start to the championship part of the season," Treacy explained, noting the fact that the Friars were able to beat third-ranked Georgetown and seventh-ranked Butler in order to capture the Big East crown. He added that the Friars "are looking forward to the next three

weeks," which include the NCAA Northeast Championship and the NCAA National Championship. The Northeast Championship comes on the 15th of November in the Bronx, New York, and, should they earn a berth in the National Championship, the Friars will head to Terre Haute, Ind. eight days after the Northeast meet.

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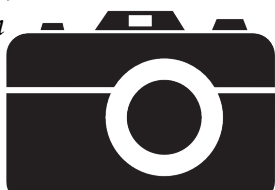
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PC Community Learns Lessons in Self-Defense

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CAMPUS EVENTS

On Wednesday, October 30, 2013 a self-defense class was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Peterson Field House. Both men and women were invited to work with professional boxers and Providence College's very own security guards to learn valuable life-saving skills. The event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Office of Residence Life and Project SAVE (Sexual Assault Violence Education).

The physical segment of the session began with a lesson about the importance of proper footing and stance. The instructor explained that the fighting stance is the "foundation" of any attack since the entire body is needed to give and receive powerful blows. The participants were also taught how to shuffle across the gym floor while consistently maintaining a solid footing and guarding one's face.

Footwork was then coupled with powerful punches as participants donned boxing gloves to learn the "jab cross" and to receive helpful pointers from the coaches. Those who were not working one-on-one with the instructors had the opportunity to

sharpen their reflexes and hone their newfound skills by practicing their punches on the provided wrestling equipment. The participants also dedicated some time toward sparring with the instructors in order to review the techniques and fluidly combine everything that they had learned during the night.

In the verbal segment of the session, PC Security Guard Sergeant David Marshall offered tips on how to react in an assortment of situations. He gave a concise tutorial in which he demonstrated what to do if someone felt threatened by either a stranger or a "friend," and he showed the best way to protect oneself in various scenarios such as walking on the street or going on a first date. He revealed how these tips can be applicable to even non-threatening situations when he shared that, after learning the proper way to fall in this class, he was able to avoid a potential concussion when he tripped while walking through the PC campus late one night.

After participating in the class, Bailey Finocchio '17 said, "The class taught me new techniques that will help to protect myself from other people. I definitely feel a lot safer now that I know how to properly defend myself!"

The various people and organizations involved in setting up this event intend to continue working together to bring more projects to PC in the immediate future. A second self-defense class will be held in January, and the "Bring Back the Date" will focus on promoting healthy dating in an effort to establish meaningful relationships and to combat the "hookup culture" that is prevalent on many college campuses.

Marian Salama, complex director

and coordinator of student programs and activities in the Office of Residence Life, exhibited her wholehearted and passionate commitment to both self-defense and Project SAVE when she attested, "The one consistent message that is taught is that self-defense is not about going on the street and fighting and it is not about how much you lift; rather, it is about strategy, confidence, and technique."



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Participants learn basic self defense techniques including footwork and punches.

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Senior Giving: Class of 2014 Leaving a Legacy at PC

by Jackie McCarthy '14
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FUNDRAISING

In recent weeks, signs and posters have been appearing on campus about Senior Giving. Senior Giving involves the collection of monetary donations by individuals in the senior class. These voluntary donations are, essentially, the senior class gift. While not mandatory by any means, the donations made are necessary and useful for Providence College to provide its students with the ability to have a complete experience during their four years here.

The Senior Giving Committee is run through Institutional Advancement and is moderated by Renee Seitz '09, the current development associate of Annual Giving. The committee is made up of people in the senior class who hold a sincere belief that Providence College has made a positive impact on the lives of its student population. The committee is made up of 14 seniors, including its three co-chairs, Billy Ricci, involved in marketing, Dana Shepard, in charge of fundraising, and Kelly Harrop, event coordinator. Ricci expressed this by saying, "I have worked in Institutional Advancement for three and a half years now, and when I was a sophomore, I shadowed a meeting of the Senior Giving committee Class of 2012. I really believed in what they were trying to do for the school, and I thought it was really admirable for a group of seniors to try and make our experiences here better after they graduate."

Senior Giving does not involve a physical gift back to the school by the

senior class. Instead, the gift will go to PC in the form of a monetary donation to one of two funds of the seniors' choosing. These two funds are the PC Fund and the Angel Fund.

The PC Fund can be compared to the school's checking account. The money in this fund goes toward things like replacing light bulbs, funding clubs, and paying tutors in the Office of Academic Services. When donating to the PC Fund, seniors have the ability to specify what they want their cash to benefit. The Angel Fund can be compared to PC's savings account, which pays for emergency financial aid and the like. While there is no physical gift given to the school, it is possible to make a donation and have it recognized with the name of the donor engraved on a brick that will be put in the walkway leading toward the library. The physical recognition on the brick is a "thank you" from Providence College for the donation.

The fall 2013 semester has been dedicated to educating and raising awareness of the concept of donating to the school. The Senior Giving Committee will be working closely with other senior specific groups (i.e. Commencement Core and the class officers) to accomplish their goals. The intention of first semester is to have a strong internet presence with updates on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. The goal is also to have a presence at 214 Nights on Nov. 22 and to hold a "12 Days of Giving" toward the end of the semester, nearing the holidays to raise awareness for the cause. Second semester, especially at Cap and Gown Day, there will be a greater push for donations to be made.

"The hardest part is to get away from



Kelly Harrop '14, Billy Ricci '14, and Dana Shepard '14 are the chairs of the Senior Giving Committee.

the notion that PC just wants more money," said Shepard. "We want to thank the school for changing our lives, and a very effective way to do that, and a way that helps other people have the

same good experience that we did, is through financial contributions." Look out for information on when and how to donate in the near future.

Congress Updates

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
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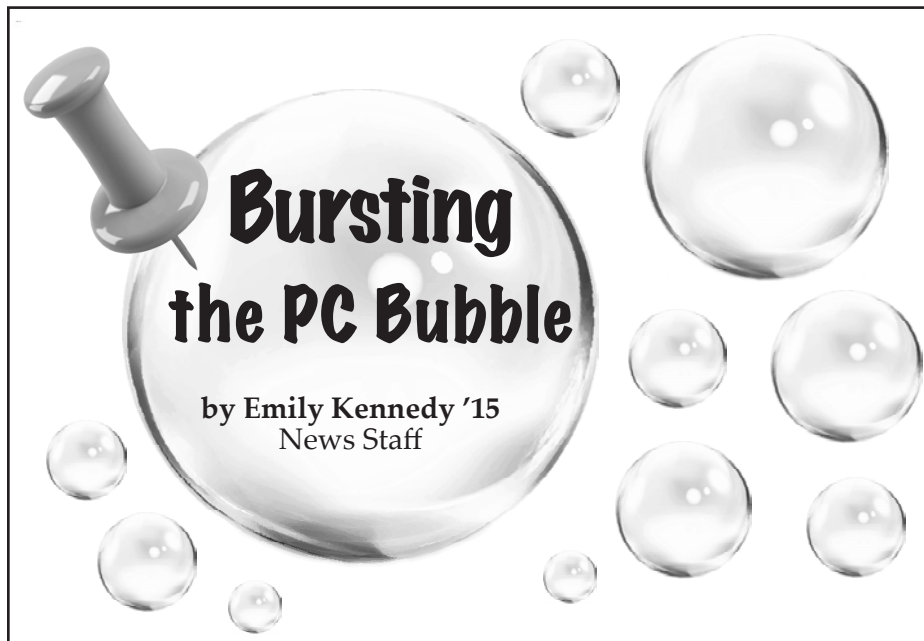
STUDENT CONGRESS

The Class of 2014 and the Outreach Committee are working on Safe Space training legislation, and the Class of 2015 is looking into putting more power strips under desks in order to charge electronic devices.

Student Life is working with Santander to install an ATM on lower campus in the Davis Lounge, and sometime next year the PCID should be able to be used as a debit card. Mary Alice Sallah '14 met with Chief Financial Officer John Sweeney to address the concerns with the changes to the academic calendar.

New business included a piece of legislation that would provide additional lighting and expand the Blue Light System on campus. Students believe additional lighting will improve safety, and the Office of Safety and Security expressed their support in helping to implement the changes once the legislation passes.

New business also included legislation about the extension of McPhail's bar hours. Nick Canessa '14 explained that this legislation is coming from administration as a way to help keep more students on campus and help McPhail's financially. They are currently working on how student workers can be bartenders as well.



General on Trial for Genocide in Guatemala

Guatemala's former military ruler Gen. Efraín Ríos Montt was convicted in May 2013 of genocide against a Mayan tribe from 1982-83 in which he was sentenced to 80 years in jail. Current President Gen. Otto Pérez Molina denies genocide occurred during the 36 year civil war that occurred between 1960-96. The war left 200,000 dead, the majority of them indigenous Mayans. On May 20, Guatemala's highest court overturned the conviction and voided his sentence. A constitutional court has now overturned the conviction and ordered that the trial resume in January 2015.

Greenhouse Gas Levels Increase

The World Meteorological Organization said on Nov. 6 that atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and methane reached record levels worldwide in 2012. The carbon dioxide concentration increased to 393.1 parts per million (ppm) from 2.2ppm in 2011. The average concentration levels of carbon dioxide worldwide have increased 41 percent since 1750. According to the International Energy Agency, if emissions keep rising at the same pace, the world could see a nine degrees F increase since pre-industrial years.

Saudi Arabia Restricts Foreign Workforce

Saudi Arabia is moving to deport thousands of migrants whose work permits have expired after an amnesty period, for labor rules have expired. Earlier in 2013, Saudi Arabia approved strict new labor laws that require its nearly nine million foreign workers to find an official sponsor in order to legally stay in the country. The sponsors must authorize any employment changes or out-of-country travel by migrant workers. Like other Gulf countries with high unemployment among native residents, Saudi Arabia is looking to cut its foreign workforce to appease those who are angry over economic struggles. On Nov. 5, 2013, 4,000 people were arrested across Saudi Arabia and sent back to their home countries.

Rebels in Bangladesh Convicted of Mutiny

A judge in Bangladesh sentenced 152 former paramilitary border guards to death for their role in a 2009 rebellion that left dozens dead. The group, known as the Bangladesh Rifles, was accused of a brutal mutiny beginning in Feb. 2009. Thousands of troops took their commanders—Bangladeshi Army officers—hostage and made many demands, including better pay. After 33 hours, the rebellion collapsed as the army closed in. A mass grave was found containing the bodies of 57 officers who had been taken hostage during the mutiny, including the group's former chief. 74 people died in the 2009 uprising. Prosecutors brought charges against 850 men who had been involved. Around 160 were sentenced to life in prison, and more than 270 were acquitted.

New Political Parties Form in South Africa

New political parties have emerged in light of the 2014 election in South Africa, challenging the ruling African National Congress. Police arrested four people and fired rubber bullets to disperse a march near government buildings in Pretoria, the capital on Nov. 5, 2013. The march was in support of people being evicted from a squatters' camp. The march was illegal, according to police, because it had not been approved in advance. The group known as the EFF is a rival party to the ANC party. The EFF advocates raising living standards for poor black people by seizing white-owned land for redistribution and by nationalizing mines and banks. The ANC is expected to win in the 2014 election even though its popularity has waned because of widespread poverty and corruption.

Hoyt

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after taking Rick to see a specialist, Dick and his wife Judy faced grim test results as doctors recommended putting Rick in an institution, expecting him to be a vegetable for the rest of his life. However, the specialists and doctors were proven wrong.

"Rick is 51 years-old, and we still don't know what kind of vegetable he is," Hoyt remarked. "We knew Rick was very bright."

Thus, after being equipped with the Tufts Interactive Communicator (TIC), a special computer that allows Rick to write by moving his head to select letters to form the words he wants to communicate, Rick found the means to entice his father to start running, ultimately launching Team Hoyt.

Wanting to participate in a five-mile run in 1977 to benefit a lacrosse player paralyzed in an accident, Rick convinced his father, formerly not a runner, to begin training three times a week in preparation for the race. While Dick and Rick successfully crossed the finish line, they came in next to last; but that was of no concern to Rick.

"Rick said, 'Dad, when I'm running, it feels like my disability disappears,'" Hoyt shared, noting that Rick refers to himself as a "free bird" when the two run together. Despite Rick's feeling of freedom, Dick admitted that this posed a new problem for him.

"I was disabled!" he said laughingly, adding that he was hardly able to walk for two weeks following Team Hoyt's first five-mile race.

With a special running chair

constructed for Rick in road races, a boat for him to sit in that hooks up to a vest worn by Dick during the swim segment of triathlons, and a strict training regimen, Team Hoyt now lives by their motto of "Yes You Can!" Although Dick is 73 and Rick is 51, neither has any intention of retiring soon. In fact, the two anticipate competing in approximately 25 events every year, with the 2014 Boston Marathon on next year's agenda.

"Our story now is affecting people throughout the world," noted Hoyt. In sharing their journey together, Dick and Rick have inspired and set precedent for other disabled persons.

The two were featured in a documentary in Japan, where disabled people were formerly closeted, in 1994 and 1995, opening the avenue for disabled persons living in Japan to go out in public. Similarly, a disabled division has now been incorporated into Ironman triathlons, of which Rick was the first disabled person in the world to compete.

Dick and Rick were recently honored with the erection of a bronze statue of Team Hoyt in Hopkinton, Mass., the town in which the Boston Marathon starts, unveiled the week before last year's Boston Marathon. *Men's Health* magazine also recognized the two on its list of 100 Fittest Men, with Dick coming in 24th and Rick 25th.

While Rick was unable to attend the keynote address on Saturday, Dick's recount of Team Hoyt's journey suggested that there is no such word as "can't."

As Lena noted in his closing remarks, "We are all better for knowing your [Dick and Rick's] story."

Padilla

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"Would you buy a car from someone who you think knows something you don't know? No," he exclaimed. Concealing information from consumers can result in a negative externality.

However, he asked, "Is it possible that to some extent, insider trading can help?" Leaving out morals, ethics, and using only economic arguments, insider trading can help allocate capital to the most valued lines of production. Another important factor to take into account is that although governments defend insider trading laws as they promote fairness in the market, the regulation is actually ineffective.

Pushing that further, surveys have shown that if offered the opportunity, most people would trade on insider information even though they know it is a bad thing. Dr. Padilla likened it to cheating, addressing the audience saying, "students say cheating in class is bad, but how many of you would do it if you knew you wouldn't get caught?" Only one brave student dared to raise his hand in front of his professors in response.

The arguments for allowing insider trading included support for the use of knowledge in society, as the price system allocates resources to their most valued use. Local knowledge (insider information) is crystallized in prices, so the actions of insiders can be good indicators for others in the market, and regulations that do not work are a waste of resources. Dr. Padilla emphasized the importance



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Dr. Padilla speaks about insider trading.

of looking at the costs and benefits in evaluating regulations.

He summarized his talk in a few points. The data shows a correlation between stock market development and growth, and prohibition of insider trading. However stock market growth is not necessarily correlated with efficiency or healthy capital markets. Evidence of that is displayed in market bubbles and corporate scandals.

He said, "Insider trading could serve as a whistleblower mechanism for inefficiency management." For example, he noted BlackBerry as a corporation that is going to go bankrupt. He said, "Maybe, if you allowed people to sell their stocks before they knew it was going to go bankrupt, it could have been saved."

On the goals of the lectures, Dr. Dills said, "My general hope is that students hear arguments that may be new to them and that encourage them to think more deeply about their own views." Dr. Padilla presented a view of insider trading that challenged many common beliefs about the practice.

Simply Healthy Caring for Mind, Body, and Soul

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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Providence College Simply Healthy Club, headed by Meghan McInnis '14, is the only college group run by the Student Health Center and is an organization focused on the promotion of a healthy and balanced college lifestyle. It is a known fact that maintaining a well-balanced regimen in college can be a grueling task. Classes, research papers, late deadlines, meetings with professors, jobs, and the occasional weekend release can all cause extreme stress for students.

There is hope for all those who need a timeout every now and then, and that can be found with the Simply Healthy Club. Members of this club want PC students to know that their group can help. Vice president of the organization Genevieve Noonan '15 affirmed, "We are all really interested in promoting physical, spiritual, and mental well-being on campus."

The organization prides itself on assisting students through demanding and strenuous times. One particular week that every college student around the globe dreads is finals week. The Simply Healthy Club participants take time from their studies to give others a sense of comfort and relief. The Relaxation Café is one of many events hosted by the Simply Healthy Club during this hair-pulling period. At this affair, students are treated like kings and queens with free massages, manicures, and trail mix. One other event hosted by this club is the

study-break table located in "Club Phil," formally referred to as Phillips Memorial Library. Here, students can enjoy a warm cup of tea or even grab some much needed shut-eye.

The fun does not stop there, though. The executive board of the club serves delicious and nutritious snacks at their meetings, as well as full-fledged homemade meals. This coming Monday at 8:30 p.m., the Simply Healthy Club will be treating its members to a delectable spread of home-cooked goodies. Events like this provide partakers with the opportunity to take their minds off of the stressful college environment and relax with friends.

The Simply Healthy Club is a fervent force in the battle for healthier food options on the college campus. This year, students may have noticed Raymond Dining Hall's focus on providing healthier meal options. This would not have been possible without the fierce advocacy of Katherine Douglas '15 and other members of the organization who pled with the Providence College administration and representatives of Sodexo to give students better and healthful dining choices.

Some past events sponsored by this club include the "Eat This, Not That" talk, and the "Truth about Tanning" forum. Tanning has been noted to be a sensitive topic of discussion on many college campuses, however, the Simply Healthy Club felt the need to take this issue head on, and show girls, and even guys, the facts and effects of tanning. Spin-a-thons are also popular activities, which the Simply Healthy Club emphasize as fun and beneficial

for the body. It is all too common for a PC student to become so overwhelmed by schoolwork that there is no time for an extended workout at Peterson Recreation Center, much less any workout at all. The Simply Healthy Club stresses the need for some physical training to relieve the stress and irritation caused by work and study. In recent years, the club has teamed up with Friar Fitness to afford students the opportunity to learn about the Peterson Recreation Center

exercise equipment, as well as new training programs and routines.

For more information about the Simply Healthy Club, or to talk simply with its members, one can "like" the Simply Healthy Club on Facebook at "Simply Healthy," or go to meetings on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the Slavin Unity Center. The group welcomes everyone, and is working to encourage more guys to join them for the rest of the school year.



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The Simply Healthy Club advocates for a healthy and balanced lifestyle for college students.

Class of 2017 Freshman Family Weekend

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COLLEGE EVENTS

On Friday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 3, Providence College held its annual Freshman Family Weekend for the 1,030 members of the Class of 2017 and their families. A sign welcoming the families of the centennial Class of 2017 was positioned at the Huxley Gate entrance adorned with black and white balloons. Lots of hugs were exchanged as some of the freshmen were reunited with their parents for the first time since move-in day. Elaine Carey '17 remarked, "[I am] excited for them [my parents] to experience a day in the life of a student here."

The weekend started off with parents being given the opportunity to experience a day in the life of a PC student by actually attending one of their son's or daughter's classes. Parents could sit in on a DWC lecture in the new Ruane Center. Friday also included a welcome reception held in '64 Hall, which recognized another successful year of the Freshman Common Reading Program. The freshmen were all required to read award-winning author Mark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*. Parents were able to hear the winners of the FCRP essay contest share their essays.

On Friday night, families had the option to watch the Women's Ice Hockey Team take on Boston College,

or watch the Women's Volleyball Team defeat UMass-Lowell. Also, families could catch the theatre department's performance of *The Good Doctor* at the Smith Center for the Arts either Friday night or Saturday night.

Saturday morning started off with registration and a continental breakfast held in the Peterson Center. At 10 a.m., President Rev. Brian J. Shanley, O.P. '80 offered his personal greetings to the Class of 2017 and their families. Shanley talked about how the "common thread for every student in this room is DWC." He encouraged parents to talk to their sons and daughters this weekend about what they are thinking and reading about in DWC as well as their other classes. Shanley ended his greeting saying, "[I am] grateful you have entrusted your children to us. May God bless you and your weekend here at PC."

After Shanley's opening remarks, the keynote speaker was introduced. Dick Hoyt, part of Team Hoyt, a father-son runner-wheelchair duo, shared Team Hoyt's inspirational message—"Yes You Can!" Hoyt, a retired colonel, and his son Rick, who has cerebral palsy and unfortunately could not be present to speak at Freshman Family Weekend, have together completed approximately 30 marathons and 252 triathlons. They speak to the public about people with disabilities. Hoyt's inspirational speech was a popular part of the weekend and both students and families were touched by Team Hoyt's message.

After the official opening and registration, students and families had the option to decide how they wanted to spend their day—whether it was taking a trip to check out Thayer St., Federal Hill, Providence Place, or attending one of the other scheduled events for the day. Parents could also attend scheduled lectures such as "Parenting 201—Mid-semester and Beyond" or "Don't Wait...Prepare for Tomorrow, Today" offered by the Career Services Center. Additionally, families could get a tour of the brand new Ruane Center for the Humanities or attend a mock-DWC lecture. Other freshmen gave their families personal tours of the campus with different places in mind—Alex Brady '17 was excited to show both the Ruane Center and St. Dominic Chapel to her family.

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Student Alumni Association's legacy committee held an invite-only freshmen legacy lunch in '64 Hall; the lunch was planned by committee co-chairs Mary Goggins '14 and Erin Frates '14. Also, a variety of exciting athletic events occurred on Saturday—the Men's Basketball team defeated RIC in an exhibition game at the

Dunkin Donuts Center, and the No. 3 Men's Ice Hockey team defeated No. 1 Boston University at the renovated Schneider Arena. Approximately 2,200 parents and students attended the two Masses offered for freshmen and their families during the weekend. After the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, John Hindley '17, president of the Class of 2017 remarked how Freshman Family Weekend was a great event and "Already in a short time we [The Class of 2017] have grown as students and people overall which we are able to share with our parents."

On Sunday the events of Freshman Family Weekend wrapped up with a jazz brunch held in the Peterson Center. Alexandra Harbour '17 and her mother Donna, showing their plates stacked high with waffles and all the toppings, both agreed that this brunch was one of their favorite parts of the weekend. As evident from all the smiles and laughs, Freshman Family Weekend was a huge success. Fr. Shanley commented at the jazz brunch, "[The] weather cooperated and everyone I talked to has been very happy."

Corrections: October 31st, 2013

There were misspellings in the article, "Common Application Adversely Impacts Admissions at PC." The correct spelling is: Raul Fonts, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

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Providence College Needs to Return to the Gridiron *Football Would Foster More Community at PC*

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Providence College has not had a gridiron gang since 1989 and it's about time that changes. Football is at the heart of American society; both professional and college football dominate our culture, and its presence needs to be known once again on the PC campus.

From 1921 until the United States' entry into World War II in 1941, PC was proudly represented on the turf by its football team. The sport was returned to campus in 1967 as a club sport until it was discontinued in 1989.

A 2011 poll conducted by Harris Interactive surveyed American adults for their favorite sport and found that 36 percent of those surveyed chose pro football as their favorite sport whereas 13 percent chose college football (tying with pro baseball for second most popular sport after football). Comparing these numbers with those of men's college basketball and hockey, each garnering five percent of the poll, it is clear that football is the sport of choice.

According to this same poll, both pro and college football are on the rise, increasing in popularity by 10 percent (pro) and four percent (college) since 1998. On the other hand, hockey and men's college basketball have declined in popularity by two and one respectively.



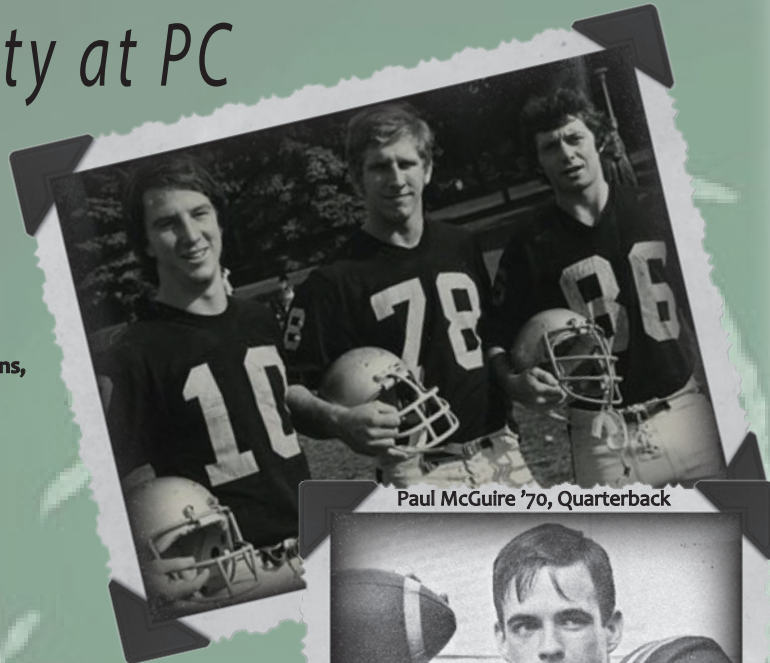
Sports are synonymous with Providence College, and while we rally behind Friar Basketball and Friar Hockey, a return to football would strengthen the sense of camaraderie on campus. Currently, PC does not have a dominant fall sport and a football team to root for would instill greater Friar pride from the start of school in September.

There is no experience as unique and enthralling as watching a football game unfold on a chilly autumn night while bonding with a stadium full of fellow fans who are traveling on the same emotional rollercoaster, sharing laughs and cheers (or possibly tears depending on the outcome of the game).

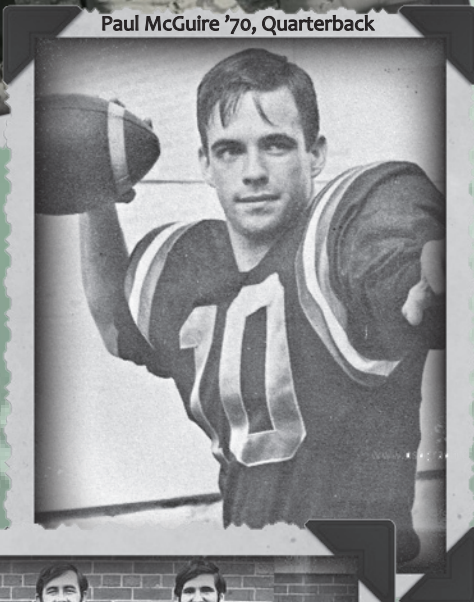
It takes time, energy, and determination to build a great team of any sport, and though the challenge of creating a football team out of nothing may seem like an insurmountable challenge, it should not be a deterrent. Though it will take years, the key is to start small. By reinstating club football first, the team can gradually grow and build momentum so that it is then able to upgrade to the NCAA level.

A strong football program would raise the reputation and popularity of PC as a desired school for prospective students thus attracting a wider range of students who may not have considered PC otherwise, whether

Right: 1975 Captains, Archie Palumbo, John "Maddog" Tytla, and John McGrath.



Paul McGuire '70, Quarterback



they be players or avid football fans. This boosts admissions applications and renders PC more exclusive.

Re-establishing football at PC not only further fosters the spirit of community present on campus, but it also boasts more practical benefits as well. For its students, its alumni, and its fans, Providence College needs to return to the gridiron.



Senior Friars from the 1971-72 Team.

Front row: McAvey, Butch Murray (Co-Captain), Gerry Marzilli. Bottom row: Gerry Mee, Kevin Dorgan (Co-Captain), Bill "Magman" Magnotta.



Hendricken Field's tight southwest corner.

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Santos '14 Reflects on the Lasts of Senior Year

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In my final year at Providence College, I am starting to encounter the first of many "lasts" to come. There was the last hot summer move-in day, the last Late Night Madness, the last Halloween as a college student (finally retiring the banana suit, I think, after four years, cheers to economic, enduring costume choices). Many of those occurrences came and went with some minor reflection, and, thinking back, will certainly all be missed in one way or another. One of the newly upcoming "lasts," though, arrives rather bittersweetly. Going into my final registration period at PC, I am faced with the good, the bad, the ugly,

and the truly exciting in the final time I scramble for my laptop, blurry-eyed, at seven in the morning.

There's the very obviously paralleled good and bad: a mixed grab bag of emotion, my final foray into the murky unknown of registration presents the last time I have to endure its difficulties. And yet, it marks the beginning of my last semester at PC. The good and the bad walk hand in hand on this last journey of ALT PINs, CRNs, and a whole lot of alternate scenarios. It points to something further beyond my undergraduate career, while reminding me of all the times and classes that came before. It establishes my last schedule, my last formulation of the undergrad day-to-day, while offering a chance to reflect upon those which came before. It can be sad to see it all go.

There's the ugly. Sometimes it is ugly combatting the full-fledged, Buzzfeed-

searching, Facebook-scrolling, time-wasting Senioritis that plagues even the most diligent of college seniors. Entering this last period of registration, the temptation to take the "easy route" looms as a final symptom of this malady. One has to resist the urge to chalk up the last semester as being an excuse to take classes that are not challenging. There's an ugly fight to try and finish on a meaningful high-note.

There's the truly exciting. Say, toss out the Senioritis and win the fight against it. I find myself within striking distance of finishing two majors and our Core. Two slots left. Maybe it's high time to return back to the Piano after a long hiatus away from lessons. Maybe Dostoevsky sounds like a lot of daunting fun. That Health Policy class makes a whole lot of sense for where I'm heading. Regardless, I hope that I can finish on a strong note, on a track

reflective of three and a half years of hard work. I'm most concerned with ending with a bang rather than a whimper, if you will (thanks, Civ).

As with many things this year, a final day of registration at Providence College offers a new "last" in my final year. However, this particular one seems unique from a last Halloween or a last September venture on the links. It presents another chance to do something new at PC, another opportunity to try something new. My hope is that this opportunity, though unique so far, will not be unique for my spring or for your springs. Let each such instance come as something new, as a chance to reflect upon the past while striving toward new ways to improve in the future. It's a good way to head towards growth. Starting to think that's what it's all about.

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Start Shaping Who You Want to Be Now

Every Decision Matters



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EDITORIAL

Whip out the violins, Friartown, because we're about to share a sob story. Here goes: It is the last class registration for seniors. We know, the EIC and AEIC dread this inevitability each year, and everyone probably thinks we should get over it and address more important matters. But we think our experience speaks to a larger truth: every decision matters. There are classes we never took that we wish we had, minors we dropped that we

probably should not have, and easier A's that our GPAs would have loved (emphasis here on LOVED). Our decisions shaped where we are today, and we know now that it is never too early to start planning. Your first job is just around the corner, phrases like 401K and benefits will affect you very soon, and 30 is probably a bit late to start thinking about a life partner. Start shaping who you want to be now, because before you know it, you will be registering for your last semester of classes.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Don't Be Afraid to Talk

Last weekend I attended the Millennium Campus Conference at Northeastern University in Boston. My friend Kiley and I were excited to hear the latest thinking and insights about global development, and hoped to pick up some advice on possible careers relating to global service. Instead, co-founder and executive director of the Millennium Campus Network Sam Vaghar offered us a simpler piece of advice. Sam met President Obama, traveled to many different countries, and experienced a lifetime of experiences at his young age of 27; however, the advice he had to offer us was something a homeless man once told him: "Don't be afraid to talk to anyone." This one simple piece of advice encourages confidence but also humility, openness to the world around you, and an eagerness to learn about it. Whether networking as a senior, making friends as a freshman, or simply passing by other groggy Friars on the way to that 8:30 class, don't be afraid to talk to anyone.

—Jenn Giffels '14

Resist the Dessert Table

You see it as soon as you walk into the building. It's the love you tell yourself not to seek out, but your treacherous eyes are immediately drawn to it: the dessert table at Ray. A dessert table located directly in the center of a dining hall borders on cruelty. No matter what you eat or what station you go to, the dessert table commands your attention, reminding you that those cupcakes you practically inhaled last week are back with vengeance. The placement of the dessert bar is a nuisance. It literally blocks traffic flow from station to station. It sits in the corner of your eye as you choose your meal and dares you to ignore it. You go for the deli station, but your eyes and heart long for pie. Sure, sometimes you can resist its chocolaty charms, but other times you go back for thirds. Those figures don't exactly even out when it comes to your figure. Even if you manage to ignore it throughout dinner, it still calls out to you as you're leaving. It's so easy to just grab a quick bite, rendering the position of the dessert table so deadly.

—Brianna Abbott '17

Family Weekend Was Much Needed

As a freshman at Providence College, Family Weekend proved to be one of the more relaxing and refreshing weekends I have had since starting school in September. Normally, "relaxing" would not be one of the first words I would use to describe spending time with my family, but being with them this past weekend truly felt like a well-deserved break from the daily grind of college life. As this first semester has been full of classes, tests, papers, friends, and new experiences, I also feel that it has been one of the most exciting and draining times of my life. It is important to slow things down once in a while to take a break from all the stress, and for me, Family Weekend allowed for just that. It was nice to be able to show my family around campus and not worry about all the Civ reading I still had for the week. Being able to have face-to-face conversations with my siblings and parents while also sharing my life at PC with them helped me feel more connected to them than the usual FaceTime or Skype call. Of course, the endless amount of food my mom bought me will help with getting through the rest of this hectic semester. Needless to say, as finals approach, I will soon be counting down the days until break.

—Carolyn Walsh '17



New Selfie App Encourages Self-Expression Without Filters

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It seems that everywhere one turns, someone is holding up a smartphone to his or her face to take a "selfie" that will be posted to some form of social media. Now there is an even more appropriate venue for such a photo—the new app, Selfie. Many people dislike selfies and deem them embarrassing, but taking a selfie is just another means of expressing oneself, and there should be no shame in self-expression. Luckily, Selfie is a positive and judgment-free environment where such self-expression is encouraged.

By sharing a selfie, people are able to communicate how they are feeling. If it has been a rough day, people can reach out to their followers for support. On the other hand, maybe it was a great

day, and they want to exhibit their happiness and confidence. In any case, when posting a selfie, people are able to gauge a reaction from followers. Sometimes the danger is what kind of reaction that may be.

Some of the disapproval for selfies comes from the drama that they can cause. For instance, many teenagers post selfies on their social media accounts to gain approval from their peers, and are instead bombarded with negative comments that actually lower their self-esteem. This dilemma is solved by the Selfie app. The app does not allow you to comment on other users' selfies, thereby creating a judgment-free zone where users are able to post images without the fear of being bullied by peers.

Another great feature of the app is that the images are not posted permanently. Users must decide to post their selfies for either four hours,

three days, or two weeks, after which time they are automatically removed from the app's feed. The images aren't everlasting, which makes them more candid.

Founder of the Selfie app Joshua Nguyen explains the advantage of this feature further, "When it's permanent, people feel like their selfie needs to be really good, which makes you less likely to share it. By keeping it temporary, it's less about what you look like and more about sharing what you're actually doing."

Selfie captures what people actually look like because, unlike Instagram, there are no filters. This means there are no touch-ups whatsoever, so what you're seeing is a real, human face, not one glamorized by fancy lighting. This feature of the app makes it even more appealing, and exposes the flaws of other apps like Instagram.

Instagram can be considered a form

of self-expression, but it's filtered (literally). All it does is express that the majority of its users are not confident enough to post a photo without special effects. Anyone can post a touched-up photo and claim to be something they are not. On the contrary, Selfie is all about real, raw self-expression and being proud of who you really are and what you really look like.

Some argue that excessive selfies are annoying and narcissistic, but the fact of the matter is that they are a huge trend right now, and with the introduction of the Selfie app, they don't seem to be going anywhere anytime soon. With that being said, it might be time for those skeptics to embrace selfies and download this app. It is devoid of fake lighting and the opportunities for judgment, so it might make you appreciate selfies a little bit more.

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Time to Look at the Chicken in the Crosswalk

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

CAMPUS

The Cowl is filled with hard-hitting news every week. Our crack team of devoted reporters works hard non-stop to bring you all the news you need. But I'm the only one with the guts to report about giant yellow chickens fighting crime in the suburbs of Los Angeles.

Our affiliate in Lake Elsinore, Calif. is reporting that cops in the city have taken to using a rather unconventional method to nab reckless drivers. A police officer (who is undoubtedly questioning a lot of his life choices) gets dressed up in a 6-foot, bright yellow chicken suit and...wait for it...crosses the road. Targeting school crosswalks that many motorists have been speeding through, police recently gave tickets to 31 drivers who failed to yield properly.

Lake Elsinore Police Sgt. Peter Giannakakos (great name, right?) commented: "Even though the decoy was wearing a bright yellow costume, most drivers stated they did not see him crossing the road." And the logic is that if drivers didn't notice Big Bird in the middle of the street, then they definitely wouldn't see a pint-sized grade school student.

I wonder what would happen if our own Safety and Security officers did the same thing on Huxley Avenue. Would anyone notice? Would I? As much as I hate to admit it, the answer is "probably not." I have a tendency to be oblivious to the things around me. And before you go laughing at me, most of you do too.

How many of us walk across campus with our heads buried in our iPhones? God forbid we miss a text message. We move around in our own little universes and have essentially cut ourselves off from everything and everyone around us.

In addition to the shackles of modern technology and the absurd

expectation that we be instantly available to everyone, we're battling against our own fallen nature. We have a tendency to be self-absorbed and think that the world revolves around us. And while we'd never admit it, we can turn the other people in our lives into supporting cast members whose primary purpose is to be useful to us.

It's time to wake up and look at the giant chicken in the crosswalk.

God's gifts are all around us, if we only had the eyes to see them! Most of those blessings are in the form of other people. These are men and women to be revered, respected, loved, and served. They are our friends, classmates, and colleagues. Like us, they are complex and imperfect. But they are often unrecognized for the blessings that they are.

On the other end of the spectrum, how many people in our community are struggling and suffering? And yet often their needs go unrecognized, and so go unmet. They are near to us—maybe even in the same room—and somehow we do not see them.

Want to transform society? Look around. Notice the blessings and give thanks. Discern the needs and roll up your sleeves. Change does not happen in the abstract. It comes about when the individual members of a community decide that they are going to live differently.

It happens when we renounce our egocentric ways and resolve to love and serve God and our neighbor before taking care of ourselves. Transformation begins when we open our eyes to see the world as it really is and acting accordingly.

Imagine what our campus would look like if we did those things? The world would notice. There'd be no mistaking it. It would be harder to miss than a giant yellow chicken in a crosswalk.

Allow Yourself to Be Transformed

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CAMPUS

We can try to define the right way to be a college student with words or expressions, but the truth is, what each individual perceives as the "right" way is constantly evolving. An environment that fosters one's ability to fully express oneself while experiencing road bumps along the way is synonymous with self-growth and self-discovery. It is the necessary combination of student freedoms and campus-wide disputes that encourages each student to reflect upon and embrace the diverse roles that we all play.

Seemingly, this "transformative" process that we undergo during our four years at Providence College makes the campus and its mission a symbol for self-awareness and transcendence of inner motive.

The small class sizes reflect a comfortable atmosphere that triggers open dialogue, no matter how irrelevant the comment. This week, the Project Stereotype event, co-sponsored by SOAR, allowed students to wear a sign for one day displaying a stereotype that he or she might face. The Students with Disabilities Panel, sponsored by the Council for Exceptional Children, recently featured students with disabilities who shared their educational experiences. While the unique values of this school and the ongoing campus events are intended to educate, they also ignite disagreements and eventually encourage the development of diverse perspectives.

Freedom of speech is also about silence. We can learn much more if we take the time to recognize the perceptions that we love and hate. The challenge is to become more tolerant and open. Listening to the opposing sides of an argument that really grinds your gears can inspire you to question your own beliefs.

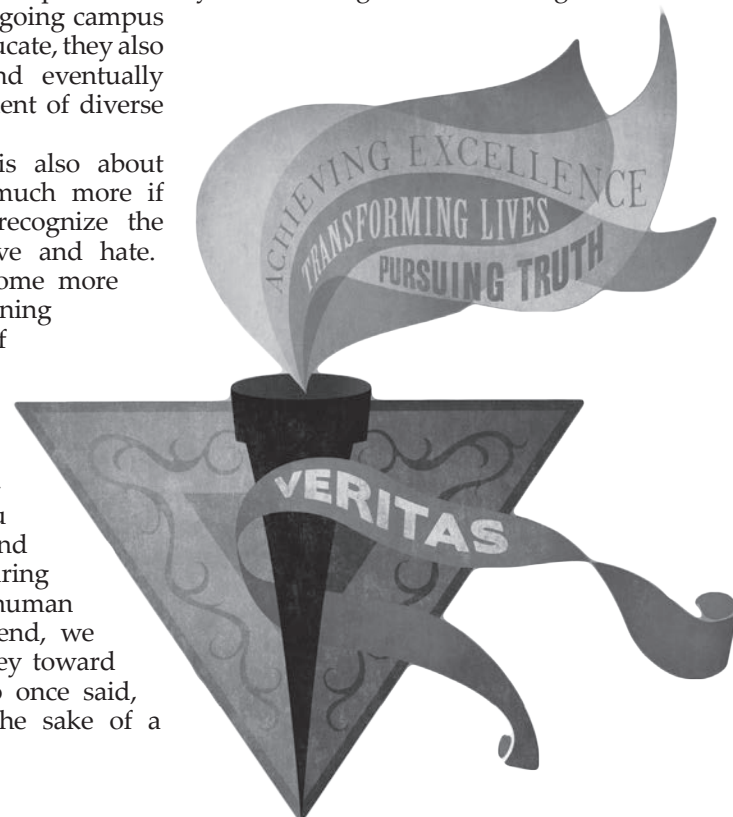
Does being counter-cultured make you cultured? Or does the trend to venture outside during after-hours make human nature corrupt? In the end, we are all part of this journey toward self-enlightenment. Plato once said, "It was therefore, for the sake of a

pattern, that we were seeking both for what justice by itself is like, and for the perfectly just man."

Reflecting on my time here, I have established a consistent routine only after experimenting with different activities and social groups, encountering humility, and being able to consciously decide upon a coherent path. This "transformation" is contagious. Last week Fr. Cuddy provided an excerpt from Pope John Paul II, "God wants each person to decide for himself his activities so that he will not be the blind tool of someone else."

Sure, I wake up every day with a clear list of goals that are ordered in terms of importance. I value the beauty of nature to appreciate all forms of life, and make a concerted effort to surround myself with wisdom. Some might perceive my inner voice as conforming and eccentric, but most of these practices have become deeply ingrained in the way my brain functions. Regardless, I am forever thankful for meeting fellow students whose lifestyles are different from mine, thereby opening my eyes and teaching me in the process.

Sometimes when you stumble upon something with which you may not agree and hesitate to articulate your thoughts, you wind up unleashing a striking idea you never knew you possessed. Leave room in your life for different perspectives and you will find yourself loving more and hating less.



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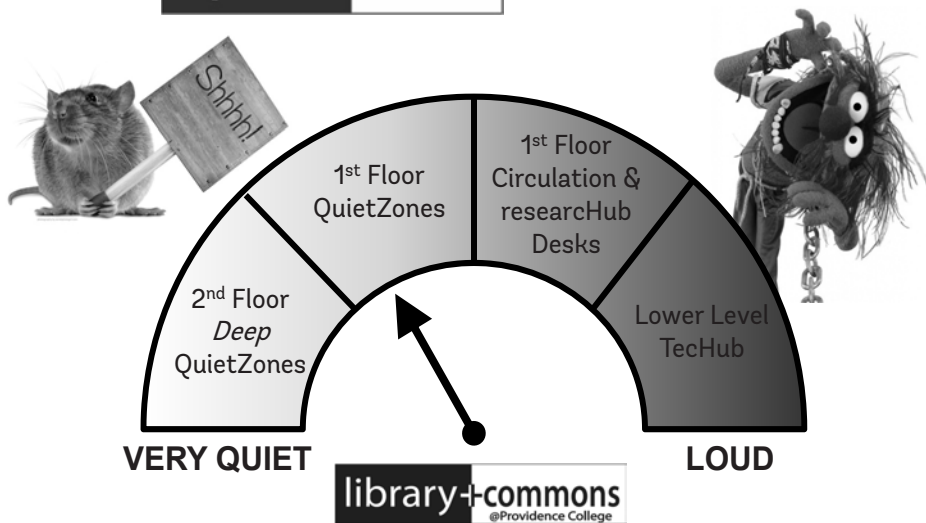
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ABOVE LEFT: BOP sponsors "A Day in India," featuring Indian cuisine from Kabob and Curry, belly dancers, henna artists, and horse-drawn carriage rides across upper campus.

ABOVE RIGHT: Sponsored by the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, Fr. Augustine Reisenauer, O.P., presents the monthly Noontime Luncheon Presentation lecture entitled "Blessed Henry Suso, O.P.: Agonizing Chivalry and Subliming Cultural Ideals."

LEFT: The Council for Exceptional Children holds a "Students with Disabilities Panel" where students with disabilities share their experiences at PC and answer questions from the audience.



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ABOVE: Dick Hoyt presents a lecture entitled "Together You Can Do Anything" to an audience of over a thousand during Freshman Family Weekend, speaking about how he and his son Rick, who has cerebral palsy, began competing in marathons as a father-son duo called "Team Hoyt." Together they have completed over 1,000 marathons and triathlons across the country.

Compiled by Saadia Ahmad '14, Photo Editor



GABRIELLE MENDES '17/ THE COWL

ABOVE: The Career Education Center, the School of Business, and SAA sponsor "BRAND ME! What Is My Personal Brand?," an event featuring workshops, lectures, and Q&A sessions about LinkedIn, social media, resumes, cover letters, networking, interviewing, and eFriars.



ANNA WIECIORKOWSKA '14/ THE COWL

ABOVE: The Office of Residence Life is holding several Information Sessions for students interested in becoming a Resident Assistant. The last session will take place on Monday, November 11 at 6:00 P.M. in '64 Hall.



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RIGHT: PC After Hours holds its traditional Duck Hunt event, where students win prizes such as gift cards and Friar gear upon finding a rubber ducky hidden across Upper Campus while also enjoying coffee and pastries from LaSalle Bakery.



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ABOVE: BOP holds a "Maki Your Own Sushi" event, providing students with instructions and ingredients to make their own sushi.



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ABOVE: Theology professor Dr. Dana Dillon prepares to teach T.S. Eliot's poetry to her DWC sophomore seminar class on Halloween day.

LEFT: ESPN analyst Stephen A. Smith visits to present a lecture to a full audience in '64 Hall discussing his experiences as a seasoned sports journalist and ESPN veteran, including his coverage of a wide spectrum of ethical issues both on and off the field.

BELOW: Members of ROTC participate in the annual Halloween Run, featuring Fr. James Cuddy dressed as Where's Waldo, Coach Ed Cooley dressed as Fr. Mark Nowel, Fr. Mark Nowel dressed as Coach Cooley, and LTC Kevin Kugel dressed as a gorilla.



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A Beginner's Guide to PPAC

by George Killian '15
A&E Staff

THEATER

If you are itching to get out of the dorm room, put on some fancy clothes, and enjoy some wonderful live entertainment, chances are you have considered going to the Providence Performing Arts Center in downtown Providence. Located on 220 Weybosset Street, and just a few blocks over from Kennedy Plaza, the Providence Performing Arts Center is the main location for touring companies of Broadway musicals to enlighten the audiences of Providence, R.I.

PPAC has had a great season so far, with some wonderful musicals, and it is only going to get better. *The Phantom of the Opera* is currently on tour with a newly imagined scenic design, and will come to PPAC at the end of November through the beginning of December. The 10 year-old musical sensation *Wicked* returns to PPAC in late December and will run through mid-January. Other musicals coming to PPAC include *Man of La Mancha*,

Peter and the Starcatcher, and nine-time Tony award winner *The Book of Mormon*.

While going to PPAC is always a great time with friends, family, and an amazing show, it comes with a price, and usually an expensive one. Here are some tips to getting tickets to the shows you want to see for the price you are willing to pay.

First of all, always call in advance and see if there is a "student rush" going on for the show you want to see. Just like major theaters do on Broadway, to encourage people to come to the matinee shows, a "student rush" deal is when a set number of tickets are made available at the box office before the show and are sold at a major discount to students with a current student ID. While you are not guaranteed a ticket until the day of the show, it is nice to be able to pay \$20 to 30 for a ticket as opposed to the \$120 retail price of the tickets. There is a catch of course, many theaters, PPAC included, will usually accept cash only for student rush tickets, so come with your wallet ready.

When shows are really popular,

tickets will not be given out first come-first served, but will instead be put to a lottery system, and it sounds just as luck-based as the name implies. For a lottery, patrons should come when the box office opens, submit their names and number of tickets desired, and cross their fingers. The winners are announced a half an hour before curtain call, and winners must pay for their tickets in cash.

If you do not want to leave the tickets to luck, you can always buy your tickets in bulk, with discounts for groups over 20 people. Or to get discounts on tickets when purchasing online, be sure to pay attention to any emails that come in through your Friars email account, there are frequently exclusive online offers for Providence College students.

So if you and your group of friends are itching to get out for a night of wonderful entertainment, or if you are a guy hoping to take out a girl without spending too much money, keep these tips in mind and you can see some great actors breaking legs, without breaking the bank.

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Texting Makes Its Mark on Language

by Katie Puzyccki '17
A&E Staff

CULTURE

As we all may know already, the meanings of words are continually changing with the generations. Words constantly take on new meanings, or their usage may be altogether obliterated. Today's technologically advanced society has largely played a role in the change of language, with social networking and texting especially contributing to a new English language in and of itself.

This newly spurred vernacular consists of acronyms and absolutely no correct mechanics of English grammar—anything to make sending a message to someone as quickly and easily as possible. People disregard their grammar school lessons at the expense of correct speech, so much so that it has entirely changed English as we know it. Not only have we, as a society, created new words, given alternative meanings to some words, and demolished grammar structures, but we have also created our own unique form of grammar with these words.

Author and professor John McWhorter describes this sensation best in his book *What Language Is (and What It Isn't and What It Could Be)*. His best example comes from a term we are all familiar with: "LOL." As McWhorter explains, the term has become so overused

that it has taken on an entirely new meaning. It is no longer used with humorous connotation, but rather as a means of pacifying a situation to create a commonality between two people communicating through media. For many people, the use of LOL is now second nature in a text, nearly as familiar as ending a sentence with a period. Because of over usage, this texting euphemism has lost its meaning altogether; it is instead a means of doing—also known as grammar. Yes, LOL is now grammar. McWhorter clarifies

this by comparing it to the past tense. He writes, "it [LOL] 'does something'-conveying an attitude—just as the ending '-ed' doesn't 'mean' anything, but conveys past tense."

And of course there are many more beside LOL, such as "know what I mean," "right," "cool," "seriously," and the list goes on. The purpose? To create an understanding and familiarity between the conversing. The birth of this new speech is carried out far beyond the texting world, however. We are even guilty of this usage in our own speech, and at the worst, in more

formal writing. Of course, there is nothing wrong with using this with friends or in laid-back conversation. It is just the way of today's society, just as every different era has had its own ideas of how language should act in a conversation.

As noted in an article on USNews.com, the problem generates when adolescents carry this speech into their academic writings, neglecting the usage of apostrophes in contractions, forgetting to capitalize words when necessary, incorrect spelling, and simply applying less impressive vocabulary in general. As professor Chad Dion Lassiter states in the article, this usage is "a dumbing down of culture." Some supporters argue that is not a degradation of the language as we know it, but rather the budding of a new one.

Though we may not realize it, linguistics is becoming a lost art in our world with the increased use of our novel semantics. For the purpose of our youth especially, we should make a conscientious effort to not further mar our speech and to continue carefully carrying out English grammar lessons in the classroom. Though change in language is inevitable, it does not call for a ruination of it. Nonetheless, texting lingo has definitely left its mark.



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There's More Than One Way to Wear Boots

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FASHION

With cold weather fast approaching, boot season has officially arrived, and being that fall is halfway over, ladies are pulling out their favorite boots. The perfect boot is not only chic, but also functional and versatile. The added warmth is just another

advantage of this must-have fall trend. From ankle to mid-calf to knee-high styles, each boot has its own unique look. Therefore, styling boots can be tricky. In the early hours of the morning, there is no time to overthink a look, especially for those busy college girls. With the following guidelines, you will be stylizing your boots and running out the door.

Boots can be a powerful statement, and is therefore important to understand the basics when purchasing a pair. Boots are investment pieces, so do not be afraid to splurge on a high-quality brand. A durable pair of boots

can last many years if properly cared for. Instead of opting for vibrant colored kicks, aim for a neutral colored pair such as black or brown. Zippers, buckles, studs, or fringe are other added details to consider. When stylizing boots, remember simplicity is key. Avoid matching shoe and outfit combinations, as this trend is outdated. In addition, never pair boots with shapeless or overly baggy sweatpants or dresses. Stick to tighter fabrics, especially below the waist. Body-conscious bottoms will elongate legs and give those boots the attention they deserve.

Now that the basics are covered, let us look at more specific outfit combinations, starting with the ankle bootie. Ankle booties come in many shapes, from the basic flat to a high-heeled bootie. A flat bootie is more comfortable and versatile, while a high-heeled bootie gives more of a statement. Keep in mind that this style of boot cuts off at the ankle. Therefore,

to elongate the length of one's legs, wear tailored and slim-fitted bottoms, such as denim skinnies or form-fitting leggings. On top, opt for loose-fitting blouses and lightweight knits to complement the look. Finish the outfit with a simple button-up sweater. Fall-inspired skirts and dresses look great with ankle booties as well. Just throw on a cute pair of tights and a look is created in minutes.

Mid-calf style boots, on the other

hand, go with any outfit combination. Stick to boots that are flat, as high-heeled boots are not as practical. Make sure the boots do not hug too tight around the calf, as there should be enough space to tuck in pants. As with booties, denim skinnies and fitted leggings are the best pant options. Since these boots are casual, wear elegant tops for added appeal. Stripes and plaids are always trending in fall. Experiment with colors, such as cobalt blue, olive green, ruby red, and winter white. Zip up a vest or button up a field jacket and the outfit is complete.

Knee-high boots are a striking boot choice and a more eye-catching statement. Do not be afraid to opt for a slight heel. A slight heel can add instant height and complement any figure. Let these boots shine and pick an outfit that is simple and modest. Tuck denim-washed slacks or leather chinos into boots. Match pants with basic knits and tees. Embroidered tops, cotton long sleeves, or vintage sweatshirts are great options. Grab a sleek blazer or timeless trench coat and out the door you go.

Looking great does not need to take all morning. Pick out the boots you love, follow the guidelines provided, and master this fall trend in no time. As quoted by French fashion designer Christian Dior, "You can never take too much care over the choices of your shoes. Too many women think that they are unimportant, but the real proof of an elegant woman is what is on her feet."



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NBC Greenlights New Tina Fey Comedy

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TELEVISION

Nobody does comedy like NBC. Between classics like *Saturday Night Live* throughout the years, or newer comedies like *Parks and Recreation*, no other channel compares. A large part of that is thanks to Tina Fey. Fey is a personal hero of mine and I am proud to announce that she is working on a new comedy series.

The new series will star Ellie Kemper, who had a shining role as Erin on *The Office* and as Becca in *Bridesmaids*. Her most famous line, "You are more beautiful than Cinderella! You smell like pine needles, and have a face like

sunshine!" is often quoted. Jennifer Salke, President of NBC Entertainment said, "Ellie Kemper puts the whole package together" because we have watched her grow from supporting character to leading lady. It is indeed true that Kemper has come a long way in acting ability and star power.

The new sitcom will be written and produced by *30 Rock*'s Tina Fey and Robert Carlock. Carlock is most known for his producing work on *SNL* and *30 Rock*. According to Time.com, the sitcom will focus on a woman who "escapes from a doomsday cult and starts life over in New York City." It sounds a little far-fetched, but it is likely there will be a great amount of room for the writers to make endless jokes. Judging by her past roles, Kemper seems to play the

ditz but sweet kind of characters. That kind of role seems fitting for a character that is moving to New York City, the center of eccentricity. The fact that Kemper comes from a doomsday cult will just emphasize the struggle of her transition. Flashbacks to her doomsday cult will likely be hilarious and satirical, if they occur.

Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment says, "Tina and Robert, who cemented their partnership on *30 Rock*, have created a new signature comedy for us that is audacious, emotional, and clever." In addition, he said it will "push the comedy envelope." Fey truly does create original characters and storylines, which add to her comedic genius. While *30 Rock* is hilarious and witty, the characters do

have a "real" feel to them. Even the more wacky characters like Jenna Maroney or Tracy Jordan are still relatable in some ways, and fuel the fire for the more "normal" characters, like Liz Lemon. Liz Lemon has been a role model for women in their 20s and older because of her desire to stand up for women's rights and her aloof attitude toward society's obsession with perfection. Kemper's character in this new sitcom, which has no title yet, will hopefully be a positive role model as well.

You can look forward to seeing the 13-episode season in Fall of 2014. It is a long time to wait, but it sounds worth it.

Entourage Returns to the Big Screen

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FILM

On October 29, 2013, the creator and writer of a highly successful television show tweeted a simple six words that started up a crazy celebration on Twitter. The six word tweet by *Entourage* creator Doug Ellin said, "It's a go. Love you all." Fans immediately knew that Ellin was referring to the *Entourage* movie in the works. After months and months of rumors, negotiations, and chatter about the movie, it is officially a work in progress.

For those who are not familiar with the show, *Entourage* was an HBO production that was on the air from 2004 to 2011 with eight successful seasons. With its re-runs still popular, the *Entourage* obsession has not calmed down since the series finale. *Entourage* follows the life of a film star, Vincent Chase (Adrian Grenier), and his group of friends from Queens, N.Y., as they tackle the fast, unfamiliar ways of Los Angeles, Calif. His entourage consists of his best friend and manager Eric Murphy (Kevin Connolly), his agent, Ari Gold (Jeremy Piven), his chef and bodyguard brother, Johnny "Drama" Chase (Kevin Dillon), and his childhood friend and confidant, Turtle (Jerry Ferrara).

Since 2004, the show has been extremely popular. Airing on Sunday nights, the show had dedicated fans and averaged about 3.1 million viewers. The show was nominated for 25 Primetime Emmy Awards, 14 Golden Globes, and six Screen Actors

Guild Awards, having individual actors winning numerous awards. After a solid eight seasons, the show ended, and the moment it did, fans were already begging for a movie.

While fans are jumping for joy at the announcement of the movie, it has not been an easy journey for the producers and Warner Bros. Productions. There has been some controversy and drama regarding the actors' contracts and paychecks. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, Jeremy Piven, who plays Ari, was originally offered a higher paycheck than his other four castmates. What is most confusing to the producers is that Piven has been paid more than his castmates since the show's premiere in 2004. Throughout the controversy, Connolly had been saying it was going to happen no matter what, and he was right. While there is currently no information regarding the plot or storyline, Warner Bros. released that production will begin in January with a \$30 million budget.

Fans are not the only people excited about the upcoming movie. While it did take months for the actors to agree to a contract, Ferrara, who plays Turtle, told TMZ paparazzi, "I'd do it for free." A few days later on Twitter, Ferrara tweeted, "I am proud to announce the *Entourage* movie is officially a GO! On behalf of the 4 guys I wanna also thank the *Entourage* fans for the patience. The BOYS are BACK." Now that all actors are on board and excited to start production, all fans can do is wait. Although the show has only been off the air for two years, fans have been wanting it back since the day it left.



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Quality in a Potential Mate

Tim Morris

Favorite Quality: Childbearing Hips

His Views: Each year, as Thanksgiving approaches, we start to reflect on all of the things that we take for granted. We express gratitude for our education, for our homes, and for the right of the people to peaceably assemble. Still, we often look past one of our most important rights—that is, the right to bear (bare?) hips, childbearing hips. Shakira said it best: "I'm on tonight. You know my hips don't lie." If the eyes are the windows to the soul, then hips are the gateways to fertility. Charles Darwin would argue, "The wider, the better." Friarside Chats might react differently, arguing that a focus on hips limits the essence of womanhood, but I think that both men and women can appreciate hips for what they really represent: the promise that, for humanity, there is a tomorrow.

His Views on Serena: Love is infinite, but money is not. I fear that you are limiting yourself too much in your search for a potential mate. Your man may possess all of the other qualities that women look for, but, if he lacks the stacks, it's on to the next one. Think about that. Steve Buscemi has millions of dollars, and society tells us that wealth counts for something. In a post-apocalyptic world, however, Steve Buscemi would be one of the first to go. His crazy eyes and scrawny physique make him a less-than-desirable candidate for the preservation of your genes. Still, if you wanted to curl up next to him, I couldn't blame you. His performance in *Boardwalk Empire* has been consistently superb, and he's an avid listener of Vampire Weekend.



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Serena Ambroselli

Favorite Quality: Money

Her Views: If there is one thing I've learned in life thus far, it's that my B.A. in Liberal Arts will almost certainly make my post-college prospects dim. Now, being fully aware of this and refusing to let it hinder my future happiness, I have taken it upon myself to only pursue mates who are making some serious bank. They say that money can't buy happiness, but clearly whoever came up with this mantra did not know where to shop. Money, whether or not the self-righteous care to admit it, is essential in life, especially in relationships. Why deal with the burden of struggling to pay bills or buy groceries when an advantageous marriage can be arranged? I don't care if he's nice, funny, and attractive—if he doesn't have a loaded trust fund or a Swiss bank account, he doesn't have my time of day.

Her Views on Tim: Since the beginning of time, women have borne children regardless of whether or not they had the right hips for it. Sure, some women may have died as a result of complications that a lack of childbearing hips could have created, but these are mere trifles. What I'm getting at here is this: childbearing hips are nonessential, and I am a firm believer in seeking mates that are strictly essential to personal gain. Statistics have suggested that men are subconsciously more attracted to women with childbearing hips; since this is a clear disadvantage to those who didn't luck out in the gene pool, I am simply advocating for justice here.

Netflix Instant Queue: Gerard Butler

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FILM

On Nov. 13, the actor Gerard Butler will celebrate his 44th birthday. Butler has been acting since the late '90s, but he did not garner a huge amount of public recognition until his performance as King Leonidas in the movie *300*—you know, the “This is Sparta!” guy. Since then, he has starred in movies like *P.S. I Love You* and *How to Train Your Dragon*. In celebration of his birthday, here are some of his most fun action films available on Netflix Instant Queue to entertain you and your friends on these cold November nights.

Timeline (2003)

This film is based on a novel by Michael Crichton, the writer of *Jurassic Park*, and stars Paul Walker and David Thewlis in addition to Gerard Butler. The plot revolves around a group of archaeology students who are excavating the ruins of a medieval village in France when their professor suddenly disappears. They soon find a 600-year-old note written by him hidden in the site. The company that has been sponsoring the dig whisks the students away to their headquarters in New Mexico where they explain that they have been experimenting with time travel. They send the students back in time to rescue their professor, while warning them to cause as little disruption to history as possible. As can be expected, things go wrong almost immediately as the students land right in the middle of a medieval war between the English

and French, and their chances of getting home disappear with every hour.

While this film does not do the best justice to the book on which it was based, it is still entertaining. The production team tried hard to replicate the brutal living conditions of France in the Middle Ages, which makes it very interesting for history lovers.

Coriolanus (2011)

This film is for all of the English majors on campus. Directed by and starring Ralph Fiennes (Voldemort) as the title character, this is a modern-day adaptation of one of Shakespeare's lesser-known tragedies. Fiennes plays Caius Martius Coriolanus, a Roman general, and Butler plays his mortal rival Tullus Aufidius, the commander of the Volscian army, with a supporting cast that includes Jessica Chastain and Vanessa Redgrave. Coriolanus is a brilliant general, but he holds the common people of Rome in contempt, which his enemies in the senate use to turn public opinion against him. He is cast out of the city after being unfairly branded a traitor, and he has nowhere to turn for help, other than to his greatest enemy.

Contrary to the stigma that may accompany other Shakespeare films, this one is accessible for viewers of all interests. The actors are all brilliantly cast, and despite the graphic violence of the battle scenes, the cinematography of the film is stunning.

Olympus Has Fallen (2013)

This is the most recent film on the list, as it was just released this past March. It stars Gerard Butler as a disgraced

former Secret Service agent and Aaron Eckhart as the President, in addition to supporting roles filled by Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, and Dylan McDermott. Strangely enough, this film was one of two released this year that focused on a terrorist attack on the White House. The plot is simple enough: North Korean terrorists descend upon the White House, trapping the President, his son, and many of his cabinet members inside. It is up to Mike Banning, a former member of the Secret Service that now works for the Treasury Department after failing to save the President's wife in a car crash, to single-handedly save the commander-in-chief.

This film is a pure adrenaline rush. It is violent, and the dialogue seems to consist of an f-bomb once every two words, but strangely enough, these do not detract from the focus on the characters. The film has such a connection to modern fears that it will definitely leave you thinking.

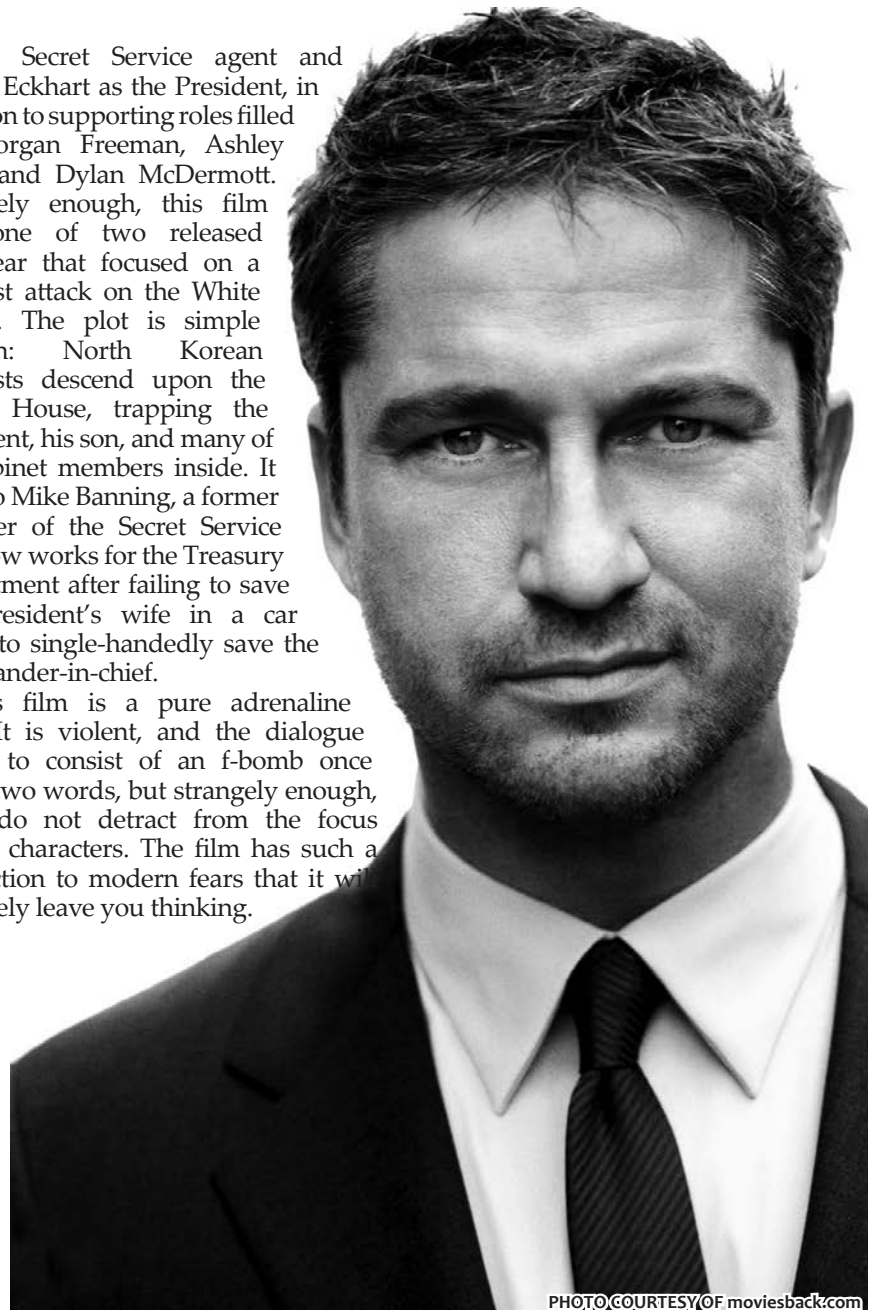


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Five Songs to Reflect the Season

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MUSIC

Daylight Saving Time has ended, Halloween candy is at least 50 percent off, it is dark by 4:30 in the evening, and the mornings are cold enough to warrant a puffy coat—it is officially November. Coming down from the sugar high of October, November stretches out like the frigid expanse of nothingness that it is. The promise of Thanksgiving break offers only a temporary respite before finals, making it easy to spiral into self-pity as you think about all the work you have to do in the next month. It is even easier to think about how unfair it is that the campus squirrels get to take a four-month long rest period and how much you would enjoy hibernating. So sometimes it is acceptable to take an hour, or maybe even a day, and be a bit gloomy. And any well-prepared pessimist needs a soundtrack. Below are five songs that are essential to an angsty November day. However, do not mope for too long. Winter is coming and it is not going to go anywhere for a while. Bundle up, trust that your parka will be enough to warm your ice-cold soul, stop moping, and do something semi-productive. If the squirrels can get stuff done, so can you.

The 1975, “Me”

Released in early 2013 and found on the EP *IV*, “Me” is hauntingly beautiful. A quiet but powerful song, the listener is left trying to figure out

exactly what is going on. It features just the right amount of mystery to add nicely to a moody day. Level of gloom: It is Monday, you have an 8:30, and it is raining.

Hurts, “Somebody to Die For”

Why not turn to the ghostly sounds of an English synthpop duo to assist in your misery making? Hurts is known for songs such as “Stay” and “Wonderful Life,” which are charmingly bleak, but perhaps a little *too* upbeat for a list such as this. “Somebody to Die For” can be found on Hurts' second studio album, *Exile*, released in July 2013. Level of gloom: Someone took your favorite seat in the library and the printer won't work.

Enrique Iglesias, “Hero”

If this song does not make you sad, it

will at least make you nostalgic for the early 2000s when you realize Iglesias released this song 12 years ago. “Hero” was a single on the Spanish artist's album *Escape*. For maximum effect, watch the music video. Level of gloom: That person you admire from afar was not at Ray this morning. You made yourself look presentable for nothing.

The Goo Goo Dolls, “Iris”

Bask in all those late 1990s emotions with one of the Goo Goo Dolls' most famous songs, which reached the number one position on multiple US and international charts. If you have not had some sort of existential crisis while listening to the lyrics “And I don't want the world to see me / 'Cause I don't think that they'd understand / When everything's made to be broken / I just want you to know who I am,” you

are probably lying to yourself. Level of gloom: The one time you did not do the reading and there is a pop quiz.

Johnny Cash, “Hurt”

This is the song, which was featured on Cash's fourth and final album before his death in 2003, to turn to when you really want to appreciate the bleakness of life. Cash's cover of the Nine Inch Nails' song turns the originally loud and dramatic industrial rock number into a quiet, introspective look at a life that is reaching its conclusion. Level of Gloom: You just saw the hawk swoop down and capture an adorable, innocent squirrel. The squirrel is dead and you are sad.



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Things for Thursday

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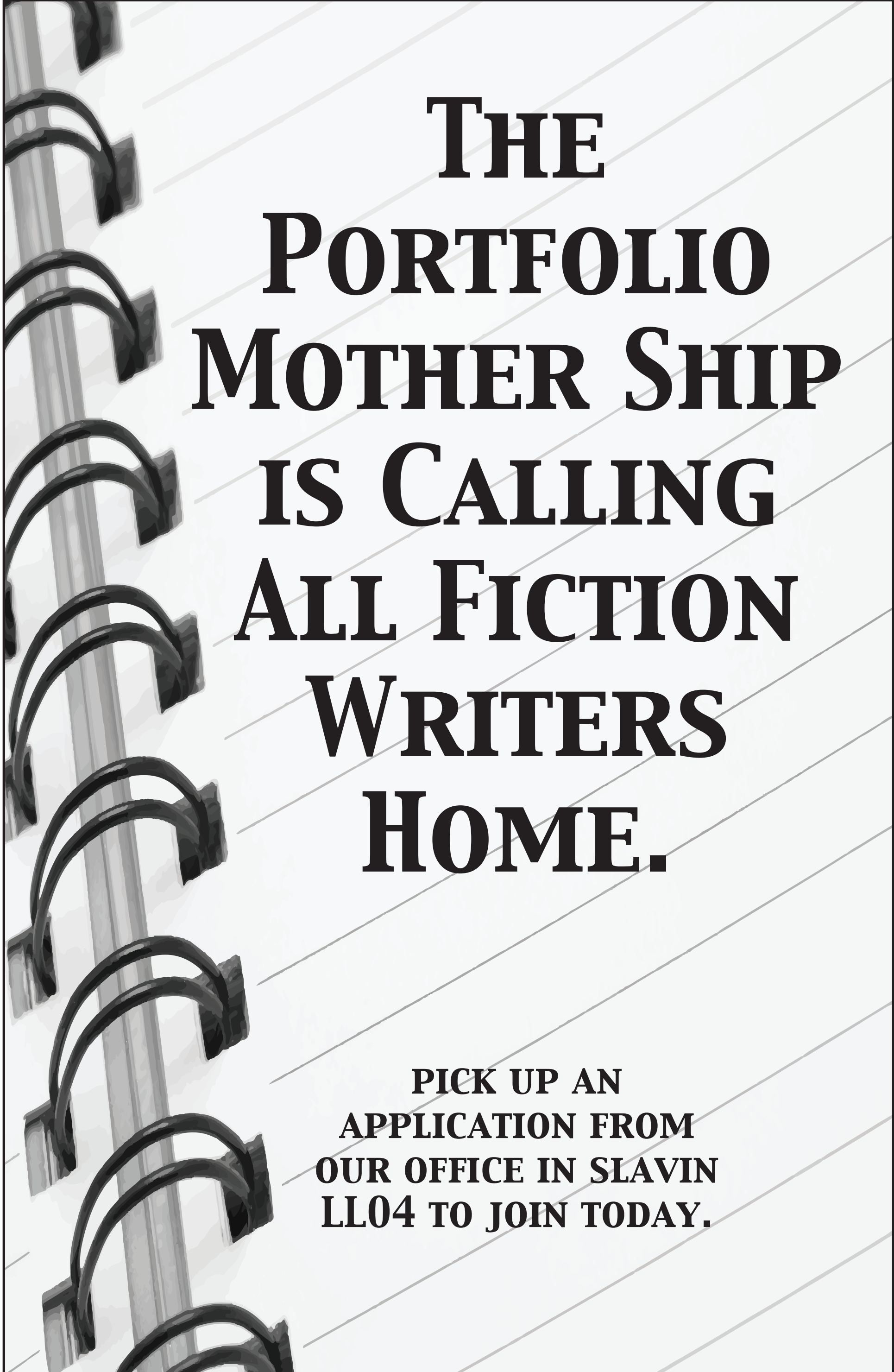
saturday 11/9

CLASSIC TRAX!

9pm

Jersey Mike's Subs! Full bar 21+



A black and white photograph of a spiral-bound notebook. The notebook is open, showing several pages with horizontal ruling. The spiral binding is on the left side, and the pages are slightly curved. The text is printed in a bold, serif font, centered on the pages.

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Artificial Hearts

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FICTION

Humans were always simplifying or romanticizing his thought processes. It wasn't a source of real frustration; however, he would call it an annoyance (annoyance: negative reaction to unpleasant situations/individuals/actions that cause minor inconvenience). RAY-1045 did not appreciate being annoyed. It kept him from feeling other kinds of emotional input, more productive kinds of emotional input.

RAY knew he was unique. He was the most human in appearance of any robot in current existence, and had the most advanced AI. He had spent months with his creators learning about human social behavior before he was revealed to the general public and was allowed to work. He could even pass as human in some circumstances. But he had never harbored any thoughts of being human or desiring humanity. He was RAY-1045, a robot, and there was nothing wrong with that in his mind. He couldn't imagine being anything else. Could the humans imagine being something other than themselves? While he had no real data to back up his answer, he felt that he could safely assume the answer was "no." Why, then, did so many of them presume that he wanted to be something else?

It was vanity, he suspected. They thought themselves the absolute pinnacle of creation, and thus assumed that every other being would want to be like them. He considered voicing this thought to one of the scientists involved in his creation, but thought that it would be impolite. It wasn't until a particularly unpleasant experience involving a drunk man and a broken bottle that the matter was brought up.

"The man attacked you with a broken bottle?"

"Yes, sir. He was very intoxicated, and very adamant about my not being allowed in the restaurant with Doctor Jones."

Doctor Carlos Young sighed. A signal of frustration. "I don't understand why they keep letting you out like this." He began to examine the damage done to RAY's face. The synthetic skin had been shredded by the glass; it would have to be removed and replaced. It wasn't painful for RAY (pain: signals sent to indicate serious damage done to model), but it was rather uncomfortable having a large section of hindered tactile sensors. It was like his jaw and left cheek had ceased to exist. "Someone's going to damage you permanently one day."

"I'd like to think I'm a bit more durable than that, sir," said RAY politely.

"Durable doesn't mean indestructible."

It was a fair point. "May I ask you something, sir?"

"Sure, just let me get this off."

RAY patiently waited for the synth skin to be removed before speaking again. "Why do I bother so many people?"

"Because people assume you're heartless. That because you're a robot you have no morals and think logically. That scares people. It's not..."

"Human." RAY finished

the sentence. "And that frightens people."

"That's right."

"They seem very obsessed with the idea of my not being human. They either stigmatize me for it or..."

"Here."

Again, RAY waited patiently as the new skin was put in place. "...or they assume that I want to be one," he finished.

"I don't."

"Is that right?"

"No, I am perfectly content with being myself. If I were no longer a robot, I wouldn't be me anymore, just as you would not be yourself if you became like me."

For a second RAY thought he saw Doctor Young smile. "No Pinocchio here," he muttered as he checked the seal of the new skin.

"I'm afraid I don't know what you're talking about, sir."

"It's a story about a wooden puppet who wants to be human. Maybe things would have gone better for him if he'd been more like you."

"Why? Does he fail in his quest to be human?"

"No, but he almost gets turned into a donkey, and a whale eats him. Not worth the trouble if you ask me." Doctor Young straightened back up. "You're all set. Try not to poke it until the seal sets, and for God's sake, stay away from bars. I won't be here to patch you up forever."

"I know." RAY stood and shook Doctor Young's hand. "Thank you, sir."

"You're welcome."

The conversation had gone better than expected. And while RAY knew he didn't want to be human, this he did like. Not being treated as something he wasn't. Being treated as what he was, but also as an equal.

Perhaps one day the other humans would do the same.

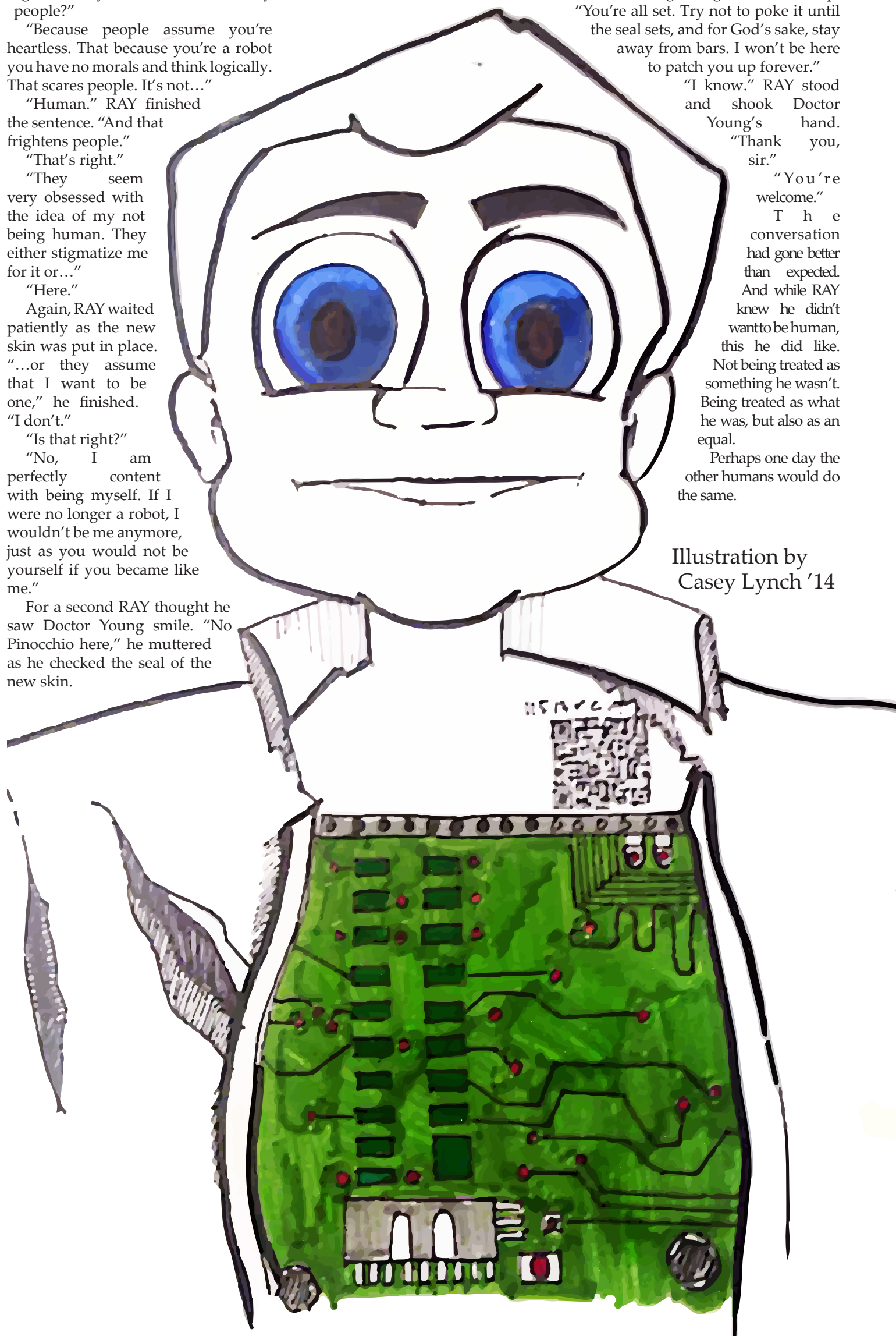


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POETRY

Tinfoil ceilings stretch across
The roof above our heads;
Tinfoil walls wrap around
The places we call home.
Tinfoil homes to keep in the heat
Of warm summer days,
And keep out the bitterness
Of cold winter chills.
Tinfoil memories captured
As fleeting moments.
Tinfoil standards raised
To mark our territory.
False-silver houses creased
Across the edges and wrinkled
By the trembling earth.
The foundation crumbles.
False-silver houses torn
End over end and turned in
By the tempestuous winds.
The walls cave in.
False-silver memories burn
All around the edges
In the flames of passion.
False-silver standards drown
Slowly to the depths of the sea
In the squalls of revolution.

Two writers, one line: "Tinfoil ceilings"

by Emily Goodnow '14
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POETRY

Tinfoil ceilings
Hover above the
Platoons of leftovers.
The tablecloth wrinkles
Like a mountain range.
I invade.
Napkins crease
Into canopies.
My fingers curl inside.
Toothpicks point
Like compasses
Yet I have no map.
Your wine glass
Is the circumference
Of the dining room,
Imprinted with the lips
That wandered
Into the frontier.
The pitcher of water
Bored
Me like the sea
As we searched for land.

We dined without the candle
That flickers like a lighthouse
But leads to shore.



THE RIGHTS OF MORTAL MEN

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FICTION

"Just what the hell are we building, anyway?" I turned to the worker next to me, as if I expected him to have the answer, as if I expected him to answer at all. He shrugged in response, keeping perfect time with the motions that he went through all day. All of his life, really. Place, tighten, hammer, shrug, tighten, hammer, next. The sole human element in the machinery of his movements, but done carefully as not to miss a beat in the percussive rhythm of the day's work. Place, tighten, hammer, cough, tighten, hammer, next. Always the same place, always the same rhythm. At first it's soothing, rather mindless, and gave me a tempo to follow. I'd always been someone without a tempo, I suppose that's why I ended up here in the first place. Had I had a tempo, had I marched to the steady bass beat of the world's drummer rather than smashing the cymbals and hi-hats that belonged to

me. Well, maybe, but it's too late now. Now I get the World's Drummer hammering away at my side for eight hours a day, five days a week. Place, tighten, hammer, drum, tighten, hammer, next.

I hadn't been watching the clock. It seems pointless, I know, to continue consulting the clock throughout the day, as if by some miracle it would change due to my observing of it. Schrodinger's clock, there's an idea. It's both 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the same time. The start at the end. Alpha and Omega. Hell and Heaven. Place, tighten, hammer, relativity, tighten, hammer, next. Cerberus was fast approaching, walking down the lines of workmen to keep the rhythm going. "Even one violin out of tune," it would tell us, "Ruins the entire orchestra." As if Hades' pet had a cultural bone in his body. Mozart could be heard playing from his office all day, but it wasn't his doing; it got piped in from Lucifer himself. Place, tighten, hammer, overture, tighten, hammer, next. I put my tools down for a moment. Big mistake. He saw it out of

the corner of his eye, gave a canine grin, and dashed back to his master as if his leash had been yanked by Atlas himself. I should have picked my tools back up, continued the melody, tried to save face, but I was beyond that now. I took my respite as I would take my punishment; if pleasure truly is the absence of pain, this was Valhalla compared to what I thought was coming.

For a man his size, and I use the word "man" in a very loose sense, he was frighteningly quiet. Too quiet, really, for human movement. He appeared where he wanted, a trail of smoke that wound its way through the world and materialized at its destination, choosing, for some reason, a portly form of concealment. "Well then, how are we today?" He didn't even use my name. He included me in the "we" of the World's Drummer. Place, tighten, hammer, conform, tighten, hammer, next.

"Fine, sir." Neutrality was key here. It was like a mongoose dancing with a cobra, both deadly, but one has to put in far more effort to stay alive.

"Good, good. You've put your tools down, is there something the matter?

Something we can do for you? What would you like?" he said, smiling. It took everything in me not to strike him with my hammer. Yes, the Good Samaritan come to smile on the menial worker drone. Kindness of the most venomous brand, a cobra who would rather kill with smiles than teeth. But you can't really have one without the other now, can you?

"To be honest, sir," I said, looking him in the eye. That seemed to shock him. Perhaps it was the mixture of being addressed in such a direct manner by a man like me, or perhaps he was thinking I was actually going to make a request. "To be honest, sir," I repeated, parroted, chanted. "To be honest, sir, I'd like to die."

Silence for a moment, and then guttural laughter. It was my turn now to be shocked. "Oh, my boy," he clapped me on the shoulder like an affectionate father about to impart life wisdom on his son. "My dear boy," he smiled, "Death is a privilege, not a right," and walked away.

Listomania

The Best of the Worst

1. Is it raining, or did a bird just poop on my head?
2. Is that sauce on your face, or is that a birthmark?
3. Do you mean you don't want to be with me now, or you don't want to be with me ever?
4. Is there something wrong with my internet browser, or did Facebook change its layout again?
5. Did the toilet overflow, or did someone pee on the floor?
6. Did you order Golden Crust, or Li Li Wok?
7. Is she a hipster, or is she homeless?
8. Does Kim really love Kanye, or is she a gold digger?
9. Do I have a rash, or is this an STD?
10. Am I having a dream, or did I just wake up in an elevator?
11. Are we out of food, or are we just out of cookies?
12. Did you step in dog poop, or do your feet just smell?

The Post-Modern Sonnet

by Amanda Brown '14
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Oh Sonneteers, they think they are so wise,
With talk of love and sleep and souls and beauty,
Of gods in heavens high above demise,
But I, I know their secret masked by duty
To capture generalities to give
Homage to Shakespeare and Petrarch alike.
Why focus on what always is illusive,
When what is real is bowling your first strike?
Is making out with Bobby with no clothes,
Is listening to Beatles drinking Pabst,
Is washing extra good between your toes
Is getting lost in Spain without a map.
Ah! But now I too somehow do say
A sonnet that is rhyming and cliché.

Tiffany & Earl

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

This week...

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

Last weekend I found myself lost in the Providence Place Mall going on the biggest shopping spree that my poor college student budget allowed. My favorite purchase, by far, was a long black trench coat. I know it's more of a winter fashion fad, but I just can't wait to bust out my new coat. It just doesn't look right sitting in my closet. So I was wondering, is it acceptable for me to wear trench coats in the fall, or is it too soon?

Sincerely,

Cold and Confused

Dear Definitely Confused,

One of your friends totally needs to take your credit card away, or you need to be locked away in some serious retail therapy, because, by no interpretation of fashion is a trench coat considered cute or acceptable to wear. Come on! Unless you drive a white van shuttling around little children under the rouse of free candy or puppies to pet, or you sell busted knock-off Rolexes, under no circumstances is it okay for you to even consider wearing a trench coat. All I can say is I hope you got it on clearance...maybe get into the holiday spirit a little early and mosey on down to Kennedy Plaza or Savers and give it to someone who really needs some warmth because I NEVER want to see anybody caught dead on this campus wearing something as heinous, revolting, or perverted as a friggin' trench coat. Blech.

No kisses for you. I'm too grossed out.

Dear Materialistic and Cold,

I have your solution. It is time for you to buck up. Become a stronger version of what you are; stop being so weak. It is not even cold out. Nomads and Eskimos call this summer. So, stop your whining.

Next, if you are really cold, it is time for you to warm up like our forefathers did. Next time you are cold, your teeth are chattering, and you are crying for your mother, take out a bottle of Jack Daniels and pour yourself a nice, tall shot (assuming you are as old as Earl, of course).

Whiskey not only warms you with the drink. It also equips you for future winters. You see, whiskey possesses the power to line anybody with ample hair. How do you think Earl grew this sweet mustache? It is from countless shots. I have so much hair, I have been confused with a bear. You think I need a stupid jacket for warmth? Just a shot, and this collection of fur could keep me warm through Dante's depths of Hell.

I would suggest you sell that unnecessary and foolish purchase. You could pawn it off on some PC kid for an expensive price. And with that money you will be able to buy more bourbon, which is the only warmth one needs in this New England.

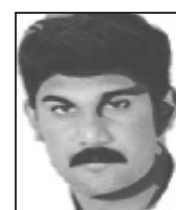
Now enough of these stupid letters, it is time for Earl to stumble to another Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Disclaimer

The Tiffany & Earl feature is a satirized account of Providence College. Both the question and answers are purely works of fiction. Tiffany & Earl are anti-heroes whose comments ultimately satirize the stereotypes they each represent.



Tiffany



EARL

Should the Redskins Change Their Name?

No

Yes

The debate over the Washington Redskins' name is catching more attention than ever this year, and will be revisited by the D.C. Council for the first time since 2001. Although the D.C. Council is urging the Redskins' owner Daniel Snyder to consider changing the team's name, ultimately they have no control over the problem because the Redskins play in Landover, Md., practice in Ashburn, Va., and train in Richmond.

The history of how the Redskins acquired their name brings us to Boston in 1933. After playing one season as the Boston Braves, franchise owner George Preston Marshall changed the team name to the Redskins, supposedly in honor of the coach William Henry "Lone Star" Dietz, who claimed to be a member of the Sioux Nation.

Apart from the D.C. Council, the Oneida Indian Nation has led the push to change the NFL franchise's name. By conducting a poll that included 500 people in the Washington D.C. area, they have received feedback that generally agree with the name change but even with this evidence the ultimate decision lies with Snyder.

In a letter to his fans he stated, "That tradition—the song, the cheer—it mattered so much to me as a child, and I know it mattered so much to me as a child, and I know it matters to every other Redskins fan in the D.C. area and across the nation."

It seems like he has already made up his mind.

-Michael Humphreys '15

The political correctness of the name "Washington Redskins" has plagued the team since its inception 81 years ago. In past years, there have been several failed attempts by the Native American population to change this team's offensive name. Earlier this March, a bill was introduced to the House of Representatives and requested the team officially amend its logo and name. Ultimately, the Washington Redskins Club should agree to change their name and finally end their ignorance.

The heart of this issue surrounds itself around the word "redskin," which is used by some to offensively refer to a Native American. It is absolutely appalling that this word, which is a clear insult to a portion of the U.S. population, still remains a fixture in the NFL. In a country that values civil rights, it is truly confusing how Washington's name has not already been altered. Additionally, the NFL has worked hard in recent years to promote an anti-discrimination policy, which includes punishment for any racial slurs or offensive language by players or teams. This policy demonstrates that the league respects players and employees of all backgrounds. A name change for Washington would only seem fitting if the team chooses to follow this anti-discrimination policy.

The issue at hand is more than a group of disgruntled individuals who dislike a football team's name. Instead, it reflects a movement in the U.S. towards increased civil liberties and respect for people of all races. A simple name change for Washington's football team can finally end decades of controversy and promote respect for players, fans, and employees of all backgrounds.

-Sarah Wacik '15



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In the Spotlight

Men's Ice Hockey: The Friars moved into last weekend's series with Boston University at No. 3 in the overall USCHO Division I Hockey Poll. They went on the road in their first game, losing 4-3 in a game full of ups and downs. The team went up 3-0 in the first period but couldn't hold the lead throughout, and allowed four unanswered Terrier goals. They bounced back in the next matchup, winning 3-1 in front of the Friar Faithful. Ross Mauermann '15 led the attack with two goals and one assist while Jon Gillies '16 had a stellar game in net, recording 28 saves.

Men's Soccer: The Men's Soccer Team clinched a berth in the Big East Tournament with a 3-2 victory over Butler at home on Nov. 2. After going down 1-0 in the first half, the team rallied around each other to score three goals in the second half. Fabio Machado '15, Mac Steeves '17, and Nick Sailor '17 all had goals in the victory, with Sailor's going in as the game winner. The team will try to go into the Big East Tournament with a win in their final regular season against Creighton on Nov. 8.

Women's Ice Hockey: The Women's Ice Hockey Team has a 4-6 record to start the season. In their most recent game, they fell 2-1 in overtime to a strong Boston University, who came into the game ranked No. 6. Molly Illikainen '15 scored the lone goal of the game for the team, coming on assists from Maggie Pendleton '14 and Brittney Thunstrom '16. The team will look to bounce back in road games against the University of New Hampshire and the University of Connecticut.

Field Hockey: The Women's Field Hockey Team closed out their season with two straight overtime losses at Louisville and the University of Miami (OH). The team barely missed the Big East Conference Tournament, finishing fifth in the conference with an 8-10 record.

In the News

Best in the Big East: A member of the Women's Cross Country Team, Emily Sisson '14, continued her remarkable season on Nov. 2. She placed first in the entire Big East Conference at the Big East Championships in Kenosha, Wis. Sisson was able to take the title with a five second victory over the reigning champion, Villanova's Emily Lipari '14. This was not the only highlight of the race for Friar women's cross country. In addition to Sisson, three other Friar runners placed within the top seven of the 80 person field and the team finished first in the race. Sisson, Sarah Mary Collins '16, and Laura Nagel '14 all beat the previous course record of 20:26. These runners took up three of the top four spots in the race, and were only joined by Lipari in the two spot.

Friar Hockey Recognized: Another member of the Men's Hockey Team took home the Hockey East player of the week award this week. Ross Mauermann '15 was the co-winner of the award for the week, sharing it with Boston University's Danny O'Regan '16. The Friar forward was recognized by the Hockey East after his huge performances in both games in the two-game series against Boston University. He had five total points within the two games, scoring three goals and tallying two assists. This week has been a continuation on Mauermann's fast start to the season, as he is tied in third place in Division I hockey with seven goals.

Suspended: Men's Basketball had a set back early this week, as Brandon Austin '17 and Rodney Bullock '17 were suspended from the team indefinitely for "not upholding their responsibility as student-athletes."

Black Pack Season Ends in Disappointment

Black Pack Drop Final Contest to Holy Cross

by Patrick Shea '14
Sports Staff

RUGBY

The Providence College Black Pack ended their season 4-4 in the Rugby Northeast Conference after a tough final match against Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. The team was already discounted from the playoffs

this year. "We lost some matches we shouldn't have early in the season," said Head Coach Michael Cox, "and that came back to bite us. We also have had some of our starters out with injuries and this caused some of our newer athletes to step up and fill roles which they have done exceedingly well. I'm proud of these guys and the younger guys on B-side already have gone 7-1 so

I'm expecting a big year next season. The seniors have done a great job teaching these younger guys the game and I couldn't ask to coach a better group of athletes."

Coach Cox started coaching this program four years ago. He has been at the College just as long as his team and feels particularly close to these graduating students. Captain Mat Benedetto '14 is actually in second

place for top scorer of the conference with seven tries, 11 conversions, and one penalty kick for a total of 60 points on the season. With their fall season behind them, the Pack looks forward to a successful spring season and will begin training soon.

A New Rule for Big East

Tori Rule '15 on All Big East Pre-season Squad

by Veronica Lippert '15
Sports Staff

BASKETBALL

The Providence College Women's Basketball Team begins their season still in transition between coaches and styles. The team and their second-year Head Coach Susan Robinson-Fruchtl will lean on Tori Rule '15 throughout the season. Last year Rule had a breakout sophomore season, averaging 14.7 points per game, second only to Symone Roberts '13. She also averaged nearly 30 percent shooting from the three point range, also good for second on the team, and best among those consistently taking three point shots.

Providence opened the season on Oct. 26 with an exhibition game against Assumption College. The Friars started cold from the court, but had shaken off their rust by halftime. A strong second half propelled them to a 73-49 win. Tori Rule played more limited minutes than she is likely to see through the rest of the season, but finished with 10 points, two assists, and two steals on the day.

Rule is the Friars' top returning scorer and was named to the Pre-season All Big East team. Last year, she started the season under the radar, but this year she will be a major focus of the game plan for opposing teams. "Being Pre-Season All-Big East, she is a marked woman in terms of who other teams try to shut down," Coach Robinson-Fruchtl said.

Robinson-Fruchtl describes Rule as a high energy player and a natural scorer, also noting that Rule is a student of the game. As last year's breakout player, she has a changing role this season, and the coaching staff is looking for her "to step up and be more vocal." She was named a team

captain for the 2013-14 season, and Robinson-Fruchtl expects Rule to excel in this leadership role. "She is someone who really cares about her teammates and that is really important," Robinson-Fruhl said.

When asked about areas of improvement in Rule's game Robinson-Fruchtl pointed to conditioning and defense. Rule has more endurance and is consistently in the right position defensively, both of which are key, as she

will likely be seeing a majority of the minutes in each game.

In the Friars' second year under a new head coach, the entire team is expected to take a step forward, but as a team captain and Pre-season All Big East selection, Rule will face increased scrutiny. The coaching staff is confident that she will rise to that challenge as she has settled in to the new system and matured greatly as a player from last season.



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Friartown:

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The Men's Cross Country Team also saw success this weekend, placing second in the Big East Meet. The men, ranked 19th in the country, finished a close second to champion Villanova, and were led by Brian Doyle '15, who was able to place third in the 8K race with a time of 24:15. The team was also able to place four of the top 12 finishers, with Benjamin Connor '15 placing fifth, Julian Saad '14 placing 10th, and Shane Quinn '15 placing 12th.

Back on campus, the Men's Soccer Team completed their stunning turnaround from last season by locking up a berth in the Big East Soccer Tournament. The clinching game came on Saturday afternoon in a 3-2 comeback victory over Butler. The Friars threatened to get on the board during the entire first half, putting 13 shots on net, but still went into the half trailing 1-0 after Butler was able to score in the 15th minute of action. The first half was especially frustrating due to the fact that the Friars hit the post three times but were unable to put anything past Butler goalie Jon Dawson.

Persistence paid off though and Providence knotted the game in the second half on a fantastic two-man run. Julian Gressel '17 and Fabio Machado '15 dissected the Butler defense, and it ended in Machado blasting one past Dawson to tie the game.

Later on, the Friars broke through again, this time via a free kick by Mac Steeves '17, who bent it perfectly around Butler's defense to give Providence a 2-1 lead. Just 14 minutes later, Manny Andrade '16 found a wide open Nick Sailor '17 who was able to take his time and place one into the back of the net for a 3-1 lead. Butler was able to cut the lead to one with three minutes left, but the Friar defense stood tall and Providence won their first game on the new turf field. The regular season concludes on Friday at home against Creighton, followed by a Big East tournament date to be determined based on Friday's result. The team is definitely in prime position to return to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2011, and for the first time in Coach Craig Stewart's career.

That Saturday night, the Friars Men's Hockey Team looked to bounce back from a heartbreaking loss at Boston University on Friday and earn a split with the Terriers. Despite falling behind 1-0 in the second period, Providence was able to bounce back and score the game's next three goals en route to a 3-1 victory, their first Hockey East win of the season. Ross Mauermann '15 paced the Friars with three points (two goals and an assist), including the eventual game winner 3:28 into the third period. The Friars' first goal came late in the second period, as Mauermann and Anthony Florentino '17 fed Derek Army '14, who was able to bury the puck to tie the game. Mauermann later scored on a fast break to give the Friars the lead, followed by an empty net goal to put the game away with 47 seconds left.

Finally, in their only tune-up prior to Friday's showdown with Boston College, the Friars' Men's Basketball Team rolled Rhode Island College 97-65, behind 19 points from Tyler Harris '16 in his Providence debut. Another newcomer, Carson Desrosiers '15, helped pace the Friars with 10 points and six rebounds, and All-Big East performer Bryce Cotton '14 scored 17 points. Friday's game will be at 6 p.m. at the Dunk with a large "white out" crowd expected for the season opener.

All in all, it was an incredibly successful weekend for the entire athletic program, and the Friars' most successful fall and winter sports seasons in recent memory are sure to continue to succeed in the coming weeks and months. For the first time in years, it seems that multiple NCAA tournament berths seem within reach for Providence, and every team looks ready to make noise continue on throughout the rest of their respective seasons.

How to Be a Good Fan

by James Kirby '15
Sports Staff

EDITORIAL

I am a Yankee fan, and as such, I know a lot about bandwagon fans. There is no fan base that can compare to the fair-weathered one of the Yankees. However, the Yankees have bandwagoners for a reason: they win. Upon seeing the Red Sox clinch their eighth title last week, it has been an eye-opening experience for me to see firsthand how annoying bandwagon fans are.

First off, I will be the first to say the Sox fully deserved their title. They were clearly the best team in the MLB this year. Secondly, I am not saying every Sox fan is a champion chaser. After witnessing a few fans who suddenly realized they were Red Sox fans in the past two weeks, the main point I am trying to get across is that bandwagon fans diminish the value of enjoyment true fans get when their team wins. This point was even further magnified last Saturday when the Men's Basketball Team took down Rhode Island College in front of an embarrassing student section.

I completely understand it was an exhibition game against a Division III school, which for the great majority of the student body is pointless and does not serve much entertainment value. But I struggle to see what else

students are doing at 5:30 p.m. on a Saturday that they cannot even make it downtown for two hours to support their school.

We compete in the Big East, which is a highly respected basketball conference, as I am sure most students are aware of, and honestly, the student turnout on Saturday was completely pathetic.

Not to mention the game was included as one that student season ticket holders must attend to receive their refund. It is a poor reflection of our school, as well as our students, that for the first game of our season we could not manage a remotely respectable student section.

When Ed Cooley became coach of Providence College, he stated, "If you're late, don't come in." The student body is included. The season just started; don't just hop on the bandwagon during conference play when PC is fighting for an NCAA tournament berth.

Hopefully against a more competitive and nationally recognized Boston College team the student body will have a lot more presence when they play Friday. The Dunk's atmosphere, as any court in college basketball, can be the difference in a game.

Last year's most attended game at the Dunk was against a top 25-ranked Notre Dame squad in which

PC won by 30. Maybe the program has not been elite in the past few years, but Cooley has the team ready for an exciting season and the student body needs to show up to support in a conference where any team can win any game. Give the team a chance.

There are no excuses for such a poor turnout as there was against RIC. However, I cannot be too negative when there has been an overall amazing student attendance at the Men's Hockey games at Schneider, where the team has yet to lose. Coincidence?



SPORTS

Men's Hoops Open the 2013-2014 Season

PC Men's Basketball Beats Rhode Island College 97-65 in Exhibition

by DJ Anderson '16
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BASKETBALL

The Providence College Men's Basketball Team played their first open scrimmage on Saturday, November 2 at the Dunkin' Donuts Center against Rhode Island College. Although it was a scrimmage, many of the premier Friars were out on the court as the team did not take their in-state opponent for granted. First-year player Tyler Harris '16, a transfer from NC State, showed the skills that earned him the praise of so many teammates in his short stay in Friartown. He scored 19 points in only 25 minutes of gametime, going 7-10 from the field and 4-4 from the free throw line.

Another new face on the team, Brandon Austin '17 gave the Friar Faithful in attendance a small sample of the talent that made rivals.com place him at No. 45 in their rankings of the 2013 recruiting class. He got over early-game jitters and finished with 13 points and five rebounds. He showed intensity and aggressiveness throughout the game, crashing the offensive glass and capitalizing on half of his scoring chances. The only aspect of his game that he struggled with was his free throw shooting, going 5-8 from the line in the game.

There were a few huge highlights for Coach Cooley's team. Kadeem Batts '14 only played in 14 minutes of the game, but made a statement defensive play

in that time. Toward the middle of the second half, a RIC shooter attempted to put up a jumper and was denied by the reigning Big East Most Improved Player, who put his shot into the stands. Later in the second half, seven-footer Carson Desrosiers '15 slammed down a breakaway dunk, skying above the rim to ignite the crowd.

The team showed some signs of rust throughout the game, and there is definitely plenty of room to grow. They committed 17 turnovers in the game, a number that will have to be reduced in order to compete with many of the tough opponents on their schedule. However, this was the team's first game in the Dunkin' Donuts Center, and they showed many more positives than negatives. These positives included shooting over 50 percent from the field and out-rebounding their opponent 45:19.

Unfortunately for the Friars, there was a scary moment for one of the most important players on the team. Kris Dunn '16, who is set to replace Vincent Council '13 as the team's starting point guard, landed awkwardly on his shoulder in the first half. He was taken to the locker room after the fall, but returned to the sideline as an onlooker after halftime. This injury hits home for fans of the Friars, who watched Council go down with a knee injury in the first game of last season against NJIT.

The team will open their season on Friday, November 8 when they host Boston College at 6 p.m. in the Dunkin' Donuts Center.



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Editor's Corner: Boston Strong

by Sean Bailey '14
Sports Editor

MLB

Sports serve many purposes. Besides the obvious entertainment factor, they can bring many different types of people together, for events such as the Olympics. This event brings together a multitude of nations and athletes, and for two weeks the world celebrates the magnificence of these games. Sports can also serve as a way to alleviate stress. They can help you ignore whatever tragedies or heartaches you are suffering from. Whenever I was stressed or upset, my basketball hoop outside was solace for hours.

This aspect of sports was particularly gratifying in the aftermath of the tragic Boston Marathon bombings. As a Bostonian, I clung to sports as a release from the fear, anger, and grief that swept over my heart. And the Boston Red Sox became the symbol of all the good of sports in Boston.

Right from the start, the Red Sox took up the cause of helping Bostonians. Before the bombings, the Red Sox won their annual Patriot's Day game with a walk off double by Mike Napoli. Before the bombings, I blasted Boston's anthem "Dirty Water" and donned my Sox jersey. Less than two hours later I spent the day looking horrified at a television set, tears streaming down my face.

The Red Sox took off after the game, and did not hear about the events until

they had landed safely in Cleveland. These men, most of whom are not from Boston, watched in horror. They had a team dinner that night, and vowed to help the city.

The next game, the Sox made their Boston Strong 617 jerseys. These jerseys followed them in the dugout all year. In their first home game since the bombings that Saturday, they had a long pre-game ceremony for the victims, which ended with David Ortiz's famous speech in which he said, "This is our f***** city, and nobody will dictate our freedom. Stay strong!" The picture of him pumping his fist with the Green Monster draped in an American flag gives me chills.

These men embodied the blue-collar spirit of the city I call home. They grew out their beards and celebrated the hard-working New England mentality. They played the game right, grinding out victories through gritty and determined play. But most of all, they never quit. No matter what, they fought for victory. They played and worked as a team. Nobody was above the rest of the group.

The Sox then carried momentum through the playoffs and won the World Series. With the victory, the first World Series-clinching win at Fenway since 1918, I could not help but think of the victims of that day. I know that the Sox did it for them. For all of those hurt, who have suffered tremendous hardship and multiple surgeries since that horrific day.

This past Saturday, the Red Sox held their parade around the city. And when

they reached Boylston Street, the location of the Marathon finish line, they gave their last, and perhaps most powerful tribute to the city. There the bombs were planted back in April. There the city became closer, and unified under the moniker "Boston Strong." There the Red Sox made the ultimate statement. They draped the World Series trophy in the Boston Strong jerseys, right in the finish line. Then they sang "God Bless America" with the trophy standing proudly on the yellow line.

This showed Boston's strength, and it showed the unity. And it was all brought together by the Red Sox. So from this Bostonian, I want to thank the Red Sox. You helped ease the tragedies of April 15. You showed me what grit and determination can bring you. But, most of all, you showed the world what it means to be Boston Strong. Thank you.

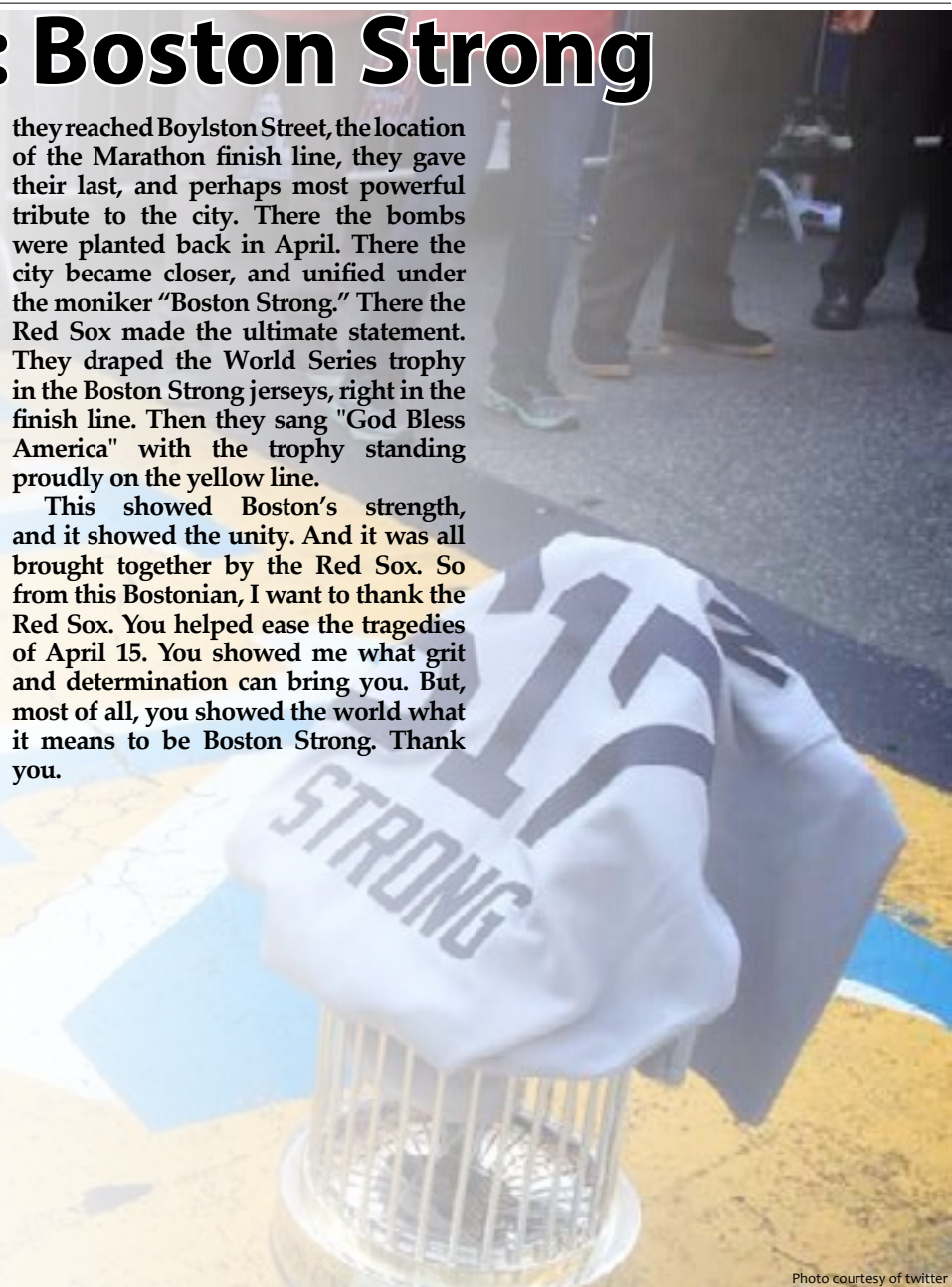


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