



WHY RELAY



by Jackie McCarthy '14
News Staff

CAMPUS EVENTS

The Relay for Life is a series of events sponsored by The American Cancer Society that takes place in 20 countries throughout the year to raise money for cancer research. On Friday, April 4, students gathered in the Peterson Recreation Center for Providence College's Relay for Life to celebrate life, remember those who have been lost to cancer, and fight back for a cure.

Jacquelyn Desrosiers '14 is the head co-chair of the Relay for Life Committee on the executive board for Colleges Against Cancer. She joined Colleges Against Cancer as a freshman because she, like many others, has been affected by cancer. Though she was not heavily involved in the club during her freshman and sophomore years, she took the opportunity to

assume a leadership position when it arose. When the club sent out an email to its members last year looking for someone to step up and be a co-chair on the Relay for Life Committee, Desrosiers happily volunteered and underwent a shadowing process to learn the ropes of putting together the Relay for Life event. This year, she and her two co-chairs William Cavedon '16 and Alex Nunnally '16 put on a successful event of their own.

The committee started meeting in September in order to plan the event. "It's very time consuming," Desrosiers said, "Especially in the last month, you dedicate a lot of your spare time to putting it together." She talks about the activities and entertainment that take place during Relay for Life and the sub-committees that deal specifically with each. She says, "We rely a lot on [the sub-committees]. We would not be able to accomplish anything if it wasn't for them."

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Pat Bowler '14 Wins Stony Brook Meet Second Year in a Row

by Bryan Blum '17
Sports Staff

TRACK AND FIELD

Although Providence College is usually known for its cross country and long distance runners, the Track Team has found success in other aspects of the sport by way of Patrick Bowler '14. The senior from Westwood, Mass. does shot put and javelin for the Friars, and has proved to be a valuable member of the team during his four years here.

As a freshman, Bowler proved to be a contributing member to the team, placing 10th and seventh for shot put in the Brown Alden Invitational and Fordham Invitational during the indoor track season. That same year, during the outdoor track season, he earned first place at javelin in the

Bryant Tri Meet with a winning throw of 55.46 meters. Bowler also competed in the Big East Championship and finished 12th in the javelin throw, recording a distance of 53.28 meters.

His success continued into his sophomore year, when after another successful season of indoor track shot put, he won the javelin throw at the Stony Brook Invitational with a toss of 55.79 meters. Bowler once again competed in the Big East Championship as a sophomore and improved one spot, taking 11th place with a javelin throw of 53.13 meters.

Junior year saw even more success for Bowler, who won two events during the outdoor track season. Bowler won the Brown Invitational

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Colombia Lecture Teaches Importance of Peace

by Jenn Giffels '14
Opinion Senior Staff Writer

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

Dr. Virginia Bouvier of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) came to Providence College on Tuesday, April 8 to talk about the process of peace-building in Colombia.

Why should you care? Violent armed conflict has been occurring in Colombia for half a decade. Attempts at peace talks have failed. After 10 years since the last attempt, a new and hopeful attempt at peace talks is taking place, and Dr. Bouvier is one of the members of the international community overseeing those peace talks.

On Tuesday, Dr. Bouvier shared an overview of her job at the USIP

with us. She frequently travels to Colombia and has the opportunity to meet with all different kinds of people involved in trying to shape the future of Colombia, from students to ex-combatants to diplomats.

Why should the U.S. be intervening in Colombia's affairs, you ask?

Dr. Bouvier addressed this question, explaining that Colombia itself very much has control of the peace talks. The international community provides support and structure when necessary. Additionally, Dr. Bouvier explained that the USIP specifically has a very good reputation in Colombia. Groups will oftentimes not want to take money from USAID, but will accept support from USIP because of their positive, nonpartisan reputation.

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Celtics President Gotham '86 Speaks

by Emily Marzo '16
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GUEST LECTURES

On Monday, April 7, Rich Gotham '86, president of the Boston Celtics, came to share his story with current students in the Ruane Center. The event was sponsored by BOP and SAA. Gotham shared his memories of Providence College and told the story of how he became president of his favorite team.

Gotham started his presentation by mourning the loss of the Providence Basketball team to North Carolina in the NCAA tournament, but said that while it may have been sad, the worst tragedy was the loss of Louie's Tavern. As a student at PC, he started as a psychology major because he enjoyed figuring out how people think, but soon realized that he did not like the science side of this major and switched to a business administration and marketing major. For him, marketing was the business version of figuring out how people thought and acted. Although he was a business major, he felt as if he was a western civ and liberal arts major. He said he did not realize it at the time, but a liberal arts education has led to a fuller life with a broader world view than if he had studied purely one vertical major.

After his graduation from Providence, Gotham was lucky enough to get a job with NCR Corporation as a salesman for high tech software. He

then became VP of FTP Software. After a job there, he worked at Lycos, which was an internet search engine before Google was a verb during the internet boom. Following great success, he took a year off to become reacquainted with himself and his family. After that year, he began to look for jobs again, and out of the blue, a venture capitalist who just took over the Boston Celtics called him up and asked him to check out operations at the Celtics. Without much hesitation, Gotham accepted the job and worked his way toward becoming president of his favorite team.

Gotham said that he never dreamed up this dream job; he hit his basketball career high winning the B league intramural championship here at PC and did not think much of a sports career after that. Gotham realized that over the course of his career, life was more important than a specific career. A firm believer that he would not have made it to where he was without people giving him a break, Gotham reminisced on the summer jobs he had to take in order to financially get through college, and says that you earn what you get. Sometimes you have to work on things that you do not want to do to get to where you want to be. Gotham believes that the paths in our lives are based on our relationship with others, and aspiring to be the kind of person we want to be. The best advice Gotham has for students regarding jobs is to try and leave whatever job you are working on better off than when you first started; this leaves an impression on your work and the people involved.

Gotham would not have gotten to where he is today without the help of others. No matter what business you are in, it is important to understand the dynamics of each situation and to measure yourself as a champion. Although the Celtics are not leading the league right now, Gotham believes that it is their championship attitude and conduct that will get them to champion status again. Winning and losing do not characterize you as a champion, but how you deal with each does.

When it comes to having a successful

career, Gotham said it is important to be the kind of person who gives it his or her all in everything that you do. It is important to pay attention to detail and go the extra mile. In interviews, his advice is to be interesting, and to be able to tell your story whatever it may be. One of the greatest lessons he has learned in business is that whatever job you are doing, it is about the people and the culture more than the actual business itself.



ALLIE HURLEY '15 / THE COWL

Celtics President Rich Gotham encourages students to put their hearts into everything they do.

Extended Library Hours: A Possibility

by Meaghan Dodson '17
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CAMPUS NEWS

The Phillips Memorial Library has been credited with significantly expanding its hours in recent years, but Providence College students are now pushing for longer ones. Dr. Russell Bailey, the library's director, is scheduled to meet with PC's Student Congress on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 to discuss this and other issues about how to further improve the library and accommodate its students.

When asked how he feels about this suggestion, Bailey joked, "How dare the students want to study more!" He emphasized that this is a "nice problem" to solve, and that he fully intends to listen to the students, work hand-in-hand with them, and positively respond to their concerns as a unified team.

Library usage has doubled within the last decade, and the staff has worked diligently to make improvements such as enhanced technology resources, additional quiet and group study spaces, and more extensive online research. Encouraged by students, the library has already established 24/7 access during finals week in order to somewhat alleviate the stress of exams.

Many students may not realize that "library-like" study places are already more accessible than they think. Although the library closes at 2 a.m. on weekdays, at 5:55 a.m., the Ruane Center for the Humanities officially opens. If the library extends its hours, it would need to hire a third shift of library staff members that would add approximately \$100,000 more to the library budget.

The PC library hours are currently more extensive than all of the other 116 academic libraries in the state of Rhode Island. Other impressive

statistics include that 90 percent of the PC research reference collection is available online, and also that over 7,000,000 books from other libraries can be delivered to the College within three days via the HELIN library system.

Sean Aherne '14, Executive President of Student Congress, remarked that "if we never try to extend library hours, then we will never know how well it works." He added that other competitive institutions, such as the College of the Holy Cross and Boston College, already have 24/7 access; thus,

extending PC's library hours can help ensure that the College maintains its competitive status. Aherne asserted that any change will certainly take time and publicity, and that Student Congress is excited to help the students help themselves.

Right now, the main focus is on conducting a pilot experiment in which the library will stay open until 3 a.m. during the week. The library will use evidence such as headcounts of students and the number of books checked out in order to determine whether this change should become more permanent. There is also talk of having more hours during what Bailey calls the "peak paper-writing periods," or the weeks before midterms and finals. Finally, the Library Space Planning Task Force is considering reconfiguring the front area of the library, which will enable students to access the InterHub in the Ruane Connector at all hours of the night via card-swipe.

Bailey addressed the entire student body when he concluded, "your success is our success." He intends to make every effort to maintain ongoing conversations with the students for the betterment of the College as a whole.



KATHLEEN MCGINTY '16 / THE COWL

The library remains open 24/7 during finals week, but doing so year-round would cost \$100,000.

Relay:

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This year, there were about 750 registrants online, and ultimately more than 800 attendees showed up throughout the night. The final dollar amount raised was \$85,445.05, surpassing the committee's \$80,000 goal. Of that final total, \$10,000 was raised at the event itself. And of that amount raised at the event, \$3,000 was raised by Patricia Roth '15. Roth vowed that if she reached her \$3,000 goal, she would shave her head in honor of cancer victims. "[The head shaving] is probably our biggest fundraiser," Desrosiers said, "People came in masses with money. It's awesome to see."



SAADIA AHMAD '14 / THE COWL

Students remember those lost to cancer.

was provided for the attendees by a number of singing and dancing acts by PC clubs and organizations donating their time, which kept the mood fun and lively. The Luminaria Ceremony, a ceremony that takes place at every Relay for Life event, was also performed. This emotional ceremony allows attendees to stand as one, lining the track in silence for those who have passed and in support for those who are fighting.

Relay for Life is a chance for people to come together as a community for something that is real and affects us all, no matter who we are, or what our situation. Desrosiers reflected on the evening by saying, "I think it's really great how many college kids are willing to give up a Friday night for something that, realistically, everyone is touched by, but no one wants to think or talk about. It's nice to see, especially at a small school, that we're able to raise the amount of money that we do. Even just showing up for any amount of time is greatly appreciated." Now that this year's Relay for Life has come to a close, the committee will begin to plan for next year's, because there is no time to waste when planning to make a difference.

In addition to the head shaving, donations came from \$5 massages and henna tattoos, a photo booth by donation, and the sale of food and baked goods donated by local restaurants. Donations also came in the form of hair that girls cut and donated to be made into wigs for cancer victims. Entertainment

Congress Updates

by Kathleen McGinty '16
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STUDENT CONGRESS

Class elections will be held next Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16 on Sakai.

"Done with Civ" shirts will be on sale until April 16 at the Slavin Info Desk.

Academics announced that the class Ethnicity in American Literacy now fulfills the oral proficiency requirement.

Four pieces of old business regarding the status of formerly proposed clubs were passed. Under these pieces of legislation, the Chess Club, Sociology Club, Providence College Lifestyle and Fashion, and Motherland Dance Club were granted official recognition as clubs and organizations on campus.

A new piece of business regarding the extension of library hours was discussed. Mark Caprio '14 stated that meetings and discussions with library staff have been conducted to devise its possible extended hours of operation. He also added that if library hours were to be expanded, at least two staffers and a security officer would be present.



Updates:

Semester Delivery Total: 2,020 lbs.

Week Delivery Total: 108 lbs.

Catholic Teachings on Homosexuality Explained

by Elizabeth Nako '15
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GUEST LECTURES

On Tuesday, April 8, the Providence College Departments of Theology and Philosophy sponsored a talk by Father Paul Check titled "The Catholic Church and Homosexuality: Charity and Clarity." The talk took place in '64 Hall.

Fr. Check is currently a priest with the Diocese of Bridgeport in Connecticut. He obtained a B.A. in history from Rice University, and he also holds an S.T.B. from the Gregorian University, Rome and an S.T.L. from the University of the Holy Cross, Rome. Fr. Check is also the director of Courage International, which is a spiritual support group to lay men and lay women who have same-sex attraction and vow to live a life of chastity.

Fr. Check spoke to students and faculty about the Catholic Church's teachings on homosexuality. He started off his talk by showing a short 10 minute media project clip of members of his apostolate speaking about their experiences being both homosexual and Catholic. After the media clip, Fr. Check said, "[The] Church does not say no to individual persons, there is always a yes." He then talked about how Jesus announced the Good News of the Gospel in two ways. First, there is the Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus proclaimed some truth about Himself. Jesus also announced the Good News through individual encounters in which people with courage and humility are able to share some of their encounters with Jesus. Fr.



ALI HURLEY '15 / THE COWL

Fr. Check discusses how the Catholic Church responds to the question of homosexuality.

Check then discussed how the main goal of his presentation "is to share something from the heart, [which is] much more compelling than what the Church teaches."

Fr. Check proceeded to discuss how the question of homosexuality in the Church, like all questions, ultimately has a face, and is something we never want to forget in civil discussion. He believed that the audience members of the room would be touched by the question in some personal way.

Fr. Check spoke about how he holds great reverence for St. Thomas Aquinas, and believes Aquinas to "[be] a man of uncommon wisdom" which few have, and that Aquinas "always seeks out the truth." He believes Aquinas' spirit is what one should bring to the conversation when discussing the question of homosexuality. Fr. Check talked about how with this kind of mentality "we can learn a great deal

from people and how they understand themselves."

Fr. Check acknowledged that he knows people seem to be content in their views on homosexuality and do not necessarily agree with the Church's stance, but he wants "[to] provide some foundation for how the Church comes to a teaching that is often set aside and ridiculed." He says he does this from a stand point of the human person.

Fr. Check believes that when understanding the human person, one should first ask a question about identity. The project of incarnation restored our lost identity, and it is Christ who finally tells us who we are. Christ lived a perfect life in every way and the self-giving of Jesus and contentment is His doing the will of God. Fr. Check said, "[We should] take a step outside of ourselves to find that contentment."

He then talked about how the

summary of the Gospel in one word is "joy." Fr. Check explained how there is a connection between joy and keeping the commandments. "[We should] bide in his love [and] keep those commandments so your joy may be complete." The Gospel is *virtutis* through which our humanity is expressed and perfected. Fr. Check believes speech is important to exchange ideas one believes to be true and to form some bond or relationship. He thinks the Gospel is a way to know something about our human nature.

Finally, Fr. Check talked about how the Church is a promoter of human joy and freedom. He believes that "the person is always good and nothing can change that." The inclination or the desire for erotic contentment, according to Fr. Check, is not a moral condemnation, but is objectively distorted and is "out of sync with the way we have been created for love and truth."

Fr. Check ended his talk saying how more should be said about the understanding about how the Church answers the question of homosexuality. There was then a question and answer session with members of the audience. Ryan Healy '16 described Fr. Check as being "very charitable." Healy commented, "Fr. Check was very open to questions and he was very much open to dialogue even with those who struggle or who do not agree."

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Student Congress: Letters of Intent

Class of 2017 President:

Joe Bettinelli

My name is Joe Bettinelli and I would be honored to be the President of the Class of 2017. I can honestly say that I have never made a better decision in my entire life than choosing to be a part of the Providence College community, and I have loved every single minute of my experience thus far. Yet I am even more excited for what the future holds, and what lies at the core of this excitement is the desire to serve as the leader of the Class of 2017. Over the past two semesters, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of my fellow freshmen, as well as upperclassmen, and look forward to continue to becoming acquainted with all those whom I have yet to meet. By the end of our four years, I would love to be able to know each and every one of my fellow classmates by name, and as your President I promise to remain a man of the people. I'm a team player, always open to new ideas, but most importantly, I want to make sure that the Class of 2017 leaves a positive and influential impact upon the legacy of Providence College.

Taylor Gibson

My name is Taylor Gibson, and I am running for President of the Class of 2017! Ever since my first day of Urban Action, I have wanted to envelop myself in all the involvement opportunities Providence has to offer. In Campus Ministry I am a Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, and a Catechist at St. Patrick's Parish. As for recreational sports, I'm a nine time intramural participant, and six time official, with two T-shirts! In addition to being a ref, I also work in the political science department as the public administrator. Finally, I am on Student Congress; I serve the Legislative Affairs Committee. However, my resume will never accurately reflect how much I fall in love with our school every day. If given the opportunity, I would have the ability to foster a closer relationship with each of you to institute changes we desire. One of my intentions as president would be to do a weekly report via the class Facebook page with each of the elected members of our class to update all of you on the week's events in Congress. Hopefully, this would facilitate the expression of opinions.

John Hindley

I want to start off by saying thank you to the Class of 2017 for electing me as President and allowing me to serve you. Today I ask again for your vote in order to re-elect me for another term as President. This past year, I continuously worked hard for the needs of the freshmen class every day during my presidency. Under my leadership, we raised \$1,800 for the class, had a successful apparel sale, co-sponsored a "Things for Thursday" event by giving out free Auntie Anne's pretzels, had a "Find Your Match" Valentine's Day event, and we are planning an exciting freshman event on April 24 in McPhail's! Also, I serve on the Strategic Committee with the administration and on the Centennial Celebration Committee.

When I first campaigned for my position, I made the promise to unify the class because we are going to be the Centennial Class of 2017. During my time as president, we have made great strides to accomplish this. But the job is not done yet! There is so much more to be done! If you re-elect me as President, I will continue to bring this class together as one Class of 2017.

Brendan Barbato

College is when a person truly discovers who they are, where they are heading in life, and how they are getting to that desired destination. As a person who enjoys helping others, I want to help guide you throughout your college experience and give you the resources needed to succeed during and after college. I may not be able to help everyone, but everyone can help someone. I want to be seen as a person that people can rely and depend on to be there for them, in a time of need, for advice, or simply to talk to. The Class of 2017 will forever be a part of Providence College, being the 99th class, graduating on the 100th anniversary of the College's existence. I encourage everyone to work, to his or her full ability, because opportunity is a lot like hard work. Hard work creates opportunities and opportunities require hard work for success; that way you can prove yourself. I want to make Providence College a better community as a whole, and the Class of 2017 to be one of the best and memorable classes to ever pass through Providence College.

Jake Sharkey

My name is Jake Sharkey. I am a double major in economics and political science, and I am running for Class President. I want to establish Providence College as a leading college in the nation this upcoming year. The top of the list is to make our class a family; we come from all over the world with different views and backgrounds, and it's up to us to create an atmosphere where we feel safe. At graduation I want to feel like the person sitting next to me is there for me through thick and thin.

This year I will be running a campaign where I listen to what my fellow students want out of Student Congress, and establishing relationships with every student of my class. My two most important measures are to create an environment that is safe for everyone and that respects the view of every person. The second is to establish a green environment that reflects the city around us, setting an example as a leading college. Making Providence College the number one school in the nation is important to me, is it important to you?

Anthony Ravosa

I, Anthony William Ravosa III, intend to run for the position of Class of 2017 President. I recently made the decision to double major in political science and business management and believe that becoming more involved with the Student Congress offers me an opportunity to grow in both of those fields. What's more, I've always loved to lead and be looked up to, and I think this position would be a good chance for me to show what I can really do. I have a great deal of respect for our incumbent, however I believe that there is much more that can be done at his current position than has been. I am fully confident that I have good ideas that I can contribute and share with the Providence College community as well as with the Student Congress itself and would be overjoyed to be given a chance to voice them. With any luck, I will have enough support to come out as the victor and become a member of the Student Congress as well as serve as a representative and leader for the Class of 2017. Thank you.

Treasurer:

Pedro Alemán

My name is Pedro Alemán and I would like to seek re-election for Class Treasurer. I come from San Diego, Calif. and I'm a political science and

sociology double major with a public administration certificate and a core focus in Arabic. It would be an honor to continue representing you as Class Treasurer because I'm deeply passionate about helping the PC community and our class. I have had plenty of experience that will allow me to continue with the position. I'm currently our Class Treasurer, Friar Food Rescue Treasurer, and involved in many other activities on campus. This year, along with your 2017 elected officers, events created were the Valentine's matchmaker, end of the year celebration, pretzel bar, and selling apparel for our class. We fundraised a staggering almost \$2,000 this year and hope to continue this next year.

If re-elected Class Treasurer, I will sit as a member of the Committee on Finance and help allocate funds for the many extraordinary clubs we have on campus. Furthermore, as an elected officer, I will represent you by voicing your ideas and concerns regarding PC life and academics. I hope I can count on your vote when election day arrives, I won't disappoint you! Remember, VOTE FOR PEDRO!!!!!!!

Zachary Acunzo

Hello, my name is Zachary Acunzo, Providence College Class of 2017, and I intend to run for the position of sophomore Class Treasurer. As Class Representative this year, I have been very committed to the well being of our class. My experiences on Congress this year have allowed me to see the advances I can make in years to come as Treasurer. As Class Treasurer I will strive to ensure that our time at Providence College continues to be the best possible experience! I plan to do this by making sure your voices are heard through me. With that said I believe I have the commitment, responsibility, and enthusiasm that best reflect you, the freshman class. Thank you.

Emily Higgins

I, Emily Higgins, am running for the position as the 2014-2015 sophomore Class Treasurer. I am passionate, hard working, and dedicated to make this upcoming year a success. With a strong background in mathematics and an interest in finance, I believe that this would be something I would love to participate in. I feel strongly that I can provide support, organization, and new ideas to our class. If given the chance to represent our grade, I would take the role as treasurer seriously and would give as much time as needed to get the job done. I hope you will consider this information when you are making your choice for Class Treasurer. Lastly, thank you for taking the time to review why I would be honored to represent the Class of 2017.

Steven Sepe

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present this letter of intent to be a candidate for the treasurer of the Class of 2017.

Considering my experience and leadership that was demonstrated in my elected positions of the Carmel High School Student Government in all four years of high school, coupled with my major in accountancy and expertise in math, there is no better candidate to fill the position.

As a member of the student government, I helped to organize walks and other charity events that provided over \$25,000 to the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association for the awareness of cancer and heart disease and their prevention.

Here at Providence College, I would like to continue my involvement in Student Congress because it is a great way to help both the school and the community. There is no better feeling than

making beneficial changes for others.

Thank you for this opportunity. Go Friars!

Secretary:

Kristen Sauer

I would be honored to be re-elected to represent Providence College and the Class of 2017 as a member of the 65th Student Congress in the position of Secretary. I understand the role and impact the Student Congress has on the campus community and the responsibilities it entails. As the Secretary for the Class of 2017, I will continue to use my strong leadership and organizational skills to facilitate and promote activities that will have a positive impact on the students at PC while also helping to build the bridge of communication between the students and administration. I am willing to stay focused and committed to the Class of 2017, communicate ideas effectively, make ethical decisions, negotiate as needed for the interest of the cause, and most importantly, stay true to my steadfast values. I want to help my class, the Class of 2017, to be successful this year and in the years ahead at Providence College. With that being said, it would be a privilege for me to continue to serve the upcoming year as the Secretary for the Class of 2017.

Emilia Smith

I intend to add to Providence College student capital. I will be an asset to the Congress society. I intend to involve myself with students, and to be the voice of my fellow peers. I will bring even more "oomph" to the Class of 2017 as Secretary. As Secretary, I will be on top of all my responsibilities, communicating, and trying to implement the needs of my peers.

I am fit to Student Congress' needs because I am a happy, understanding, and outgoing person, who also has the skills for what it takes to be the face of Providence College's Student Congress. What sets me apart is that I'm a great listener. I have the motivation to put ideas into action. I hope to not only run as a Secretary for next year, but also to climb rank for junior year, and be on the exec board by senior year. Although my initial intent is to run for the Class of 2017's Secretary, I intend to make a bigger impact and contribute more on Student Congress than just day-to-day responsibilities Secretary may have. My voice and actions will not just be my own, but also that of my lovely peers.

Representative:

Jack Barnes

"Our home is where we are. Our place of origin is not relevant." – Anonymous.

In the fall I wrote about how our home constitutes where we are in the present, not the past. With freshman year quickly coming to a close, I feel like Providence College has become my home and each and every person in the PC community is my family.

Hi, my name is Jack Barnes and I am running for re-election of Representative of the great Class of 2017. In the fall I stressed how much diversity is important to our school. I still stand by this statement; diversity can only enrich our lives by becoming immersed into a completely new culture that we are not used to.

In working alongside fellow freshmen, I have grown close to some of the greatest people I have ever met. Through Student Congress, we are able to improve the lives of not only the freshman class, but of the entire school. If I am re-elected class representative, I promise to continue

to work hard and dedicate my time to helping the greatest class at Providence College, the Class of 2017.

Mike Welch

Student Congress appeals to me because as a freshman I hear opinions from my peers regarding improvements we can make to our dorms and campus. Congress provides me with the opportunity to not only hear their suggestions, but act on them. To have a vote and a say regarding what happens on campus is important to me because I want the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of my peers. Some suggestions given to me by my peers include getting water fountains in our residence halls and extending the hours of the library. Congress provides the best opportunity to accomplish these feats and to take initiative and lead these movements is something I look forward to. If I am awarded the position, I hope my peers will come to me with even more suggestions regarding changes to the school, because they will know I have the ability to make these changes. Student Congress is an organization I find attractive because of its ability to make big changes for my peers.

Andrew Konnerth

My name is Andrew Konnerth and I'm running for Representative of the Class of 2017. During my time here at Providence College, I dedicated an immense amount of time to the student body, as well as the community through service and leadership roles. I was a member of the Outreach Committee, in which I took part in several events to improve the surrounding community. Student Congress also awarded me Freshman of the Year for my commitment to campus life. I spent my time this semester with Friar Food Rescue, recovering food from Ray and Alumni, and distributing it to soup kitchens and food pantries in the area. Recently, I represented PC along with two others at the Food and Hunger Summit in Chicago for the awareness of food waste and hunger in America. Feinstein offered me the position of Community Liaison for Mary House Soup Kitchen, where I have led a group of students participating in social justice and addressing issues of poverty in Providence. I was chosen by Res Life as an RA for the next school year. If elected, I will continue to work with the student body to improve conditions on campus and relationships among students.

Jimmy Carrillo

My name is Jimmy Carrillo and I am running for one of the five positions of Class Representative. I am a sociology major on a pre-dental track. My current position on Congress is a member on the Academics Committee.

For some time I've aspired to run for Class Rep because I want to take a more active role in being a voice for our class. If given the honor of being elected Class Rep, I would have the best of both worlds because I would continue to work within my committee as well as take all of your ideas and share them with the fellow officers during class meetings. Working in my committee allows me to have a good idea of what kinds of changes the students want. Being an elected representative would give me the opportunity to do everything I can to make these ideas into reality, such as introducing new and innovating classes.

Many of you know who I am so please don't hesitate to ask me any questions, and for those who don't, I would love to meet and talk to you! Vote the Congress Nugget for Class Rep!!

Matt Griffin

He's ambitious, he's titanium, and he's ferocious. He bench presses boulders, heals the sick, and squashes the weak. He's smooth, honey-tongued, and above all else a gentleman. He hits the lights and is in bed before the room

gets dark. You might be asking yourself, why are these qualities important for a Class Representative to possess? Now you might be asking yourself, why do I care about a Class Representative? I'm just going to click on the first five names anyways. First, please don't do that. Second, I promise that if you vote for me for Class Representative I will do everything in my power to listen to student complaints and remedy them. I was secretary for my class for four years in high school and understand how to work well with administrators and other school faculty. I hope I can use my experience to continue to improve PC and make these the best four years of our lives. Vote Matt Griffin for Class Representative!

Rosa Ramos

I am your classmate, Rosa Ramos. I am a global studies major with a double minor in sociology and Spanish. I live in Providence, R.I. and I am running for Class Representative for the upcoming school year. I would be honored to represent such an outstanding class in Student Congress. I would love to hear about your ideas on how to improve the campus climate, and actually take action to help transform the Providence College campus atmosphere.

If elected, I will make sure to voice the ideas and opinions of the Class of 2017. I will represent you by reaching out to you, seeking your ideas and concerns on how improve both our campus and academic life. I am very passionate about creating a safe environment in which we can all come together as a family and help support each other through our academic years at PC, regardless of the different interests and perspectives. I am planning to do this by reaching out to all of you and engaging you in the decision-making of Student Congress.

Please remember to VOTE for me next Tuesday and Wednesday for Class Representative of the Class of 2017!

Skyler Carlin

My name is Skyler Carlin and I hope for your support in my campaign to be elected as a Class Representative for this upcoming year. I recently declared a psychology and social work double major and I am from Ewa Beach, Hawaii. I feel blessed to be part of the community here at Providence College and have come to feel at home here, although getting through my first winter was a bit of a struggle! I am honored to be a part of such an exceptional class and I would love the opportunity to represent you in Student Congress.

If elected, I would work diligently to make sure your concerns are voiced and put into action. Our class has so many great ideas regarding how to further improve this school's welcoming atmosphere and student life, and I look forward to reaching out to our class and hearing your suggestions. I hope to establish unity among our class and create a diverse environment where students can thrive.

I respectfully ask for your vote on April 15-16 to be a Class of 2017 Class Representative!

TJ Gianci

Providence College is an extraordinary place, but there is always room for improvement and change. After participating for a year on Student Congress, I feel I have gained a good understanding of the way in which Student Congress operates. If re-elected, I believe this experience would allow me to make more of an impact next year. Having the opportunity to continue my role as Class Representative would not only allow me to help better the school, but also work with passionate individuals who demonstrate critical thinking. I believe passing legislation that can help transform the school in a positive way would be a fulfilling experience. I want to continue to be a part of that transformation.

Katie Fayen

My name is Katie Fayen and I am choosing to run for re-election as a Representative of the Class of 2017. I have been actively involved in student government this past year in addition to my four years of high school and it has become one of my greatest passions. This past year on Congress, I have learned many skills and gained the experience I need to be a great leader for our class. I have always been a very dedicated and hard working individual and I am willing to devote one hundred percent of my time and effort in to representing you and making the Providence College community thrive. I am very approachable and accepting of other people's ideas and I am willing to try my best to see them happen here at PC. This past year, I have taken initiative on Student Congress and have helped organize our class' events, including our upcoming freshmen social. As your representative, I would like to take this opportunity to make Providence and these next three years the best they can be. Thank you for your time and support and I look forward to next year! Go Friars!

Michael Kennedy

My name is Michael Kennedy, and I am running for Class Representative for the Class of 2017. As a Class Representative, I will be able to fully commit to the responsibilities that come with being a part of Student Congress and will vote responsibly on all pieces of legislation. I am interested in joining Student Congress because I enjoy paying attention to real world politics, and it is something that I am interested in getting involved with later in life. I am thankful for the opportunity to represent our class, and hopefully I will be able to join Student Congress in the fall as a Representative for the Class of 2017.

Class of 2016 Vice President:

Andrew Moses

For the past two years I have served as a Class Representative for the Class of 2016. I have decided to run for Vice President this year, as I think that I am ready to increase my responsibilities as a member of the executive board of the Class of 2016. I run fully aware of the responsibility and time required by this position. If elected, I look forward to working with the other members of the Class of 2016 to brainstorm ideas and host events that will better serve our class. Ultimately my time thus far on Congress has been a largely rewarding experience; between my service to the local Providence community through Outreach and my service to the Providence student body through the Class of 2016. If elected as Vice President I look forward to continuing my service on a larger scale.

Tyler Stein

I am running for VP because I want to be able to do more. I want to go beyond the role of Class Representative so that I can better serve the Class of 2016. We only have two years left as a class, and I want to make it the best two years that they can be. I have heard a lot of complaints about a multitude of topics and I believe that as VP I can best speak up for my class and do everything that I can in order to alleviate some of those concerns. More than that, I want to do something that has a lasting impact on this school not just for the Class of 2016 but for every other class that will come through this college. Leaders are moved to action and as a leader I promise action. I promise to serve with my heart and soul. Just as I never accept defeat and always place the mission first as a future soldier, I will

always place the Class of 2016 first and I will not stop fighting on their behalf.

Representative:

Vanessa Equitani

My name is Vanessa Equitani and I am running for re-election for the position of Class Representative for the Class of 2016. I would love to be a class rep for the Class of 2016 again because of my love for the PC community. I am an active member in many organizations on campus and am proud to call Providence College my home. I would be honored to have the position for Class Representative because in my high school I was very involved with student council and organizing events. I would put everything into my position and have vast dedication and commitment. As a representative for the Class of 2016 I would help people's voices be heard, and do my best to make sure things on campus are always improving. A few ideas and things that I would try and improve upon would consist of campus activities and meal times on weekends. I could only hope to make the impact that Providence College has made on me!

Cisco Oller

Dear Class of 2016, I, Francisco Oller, intend to run for the position of Representative. I want to run for the position of Representative because Providence College is my home and I want to make it the best it can be with your help. As a person who was born with a physical disability, I have learned very important lessons in life. The two most important lessons that I have learned, which are fundamental to who I am, are that we must work together to make our community into a better place and that we must do our best every day. I have the firm belief that by moving steadily ahead and believing that if we work together nothing is impossible, we can reach any goal. As your representative, I promise to do my best and listen to your voice because the possibilities and the heights we can reach together are endless.

Nick Steffen

My name is Nick Steffen and I am running for Class Representative. PC was always the place I wanted to come to. I pictured myself on the campus tour spending all my time in Slavin—I do. I want to make a positive impact on the PC community, since it has become a second home to me. It is my goal to get students more involved—going to more sports games, going to events in McPhail's, or playing a pickup game of Frisbee with friends. It is important to enjoy every second of college, especially because we are almost halfway through our time here. With your support, I believe this can happen. PC is home, so now is the time more than ever to seize each day and every opportunity. Help me to attain this one. Thank you.

Eric Benz

I feel like being a Representative for the Class of 2016 would really allow me to give back to all of the great friends I have made at Providence College. The current group of class reps did a great job this year with events such as the Friar Ball. If I am elected to Student Congress I hope to continue their great run. As the middle child of seven children, I view myself as a natural born peacemaker and mediator. I hope to use these life skills to get Student Congress and other organizations on campus to work together and make this coming year even more fun than the last.

James Hilton

I believe that I am an exceptional candidate for this upcoming election due to my past experience with high school Student Congress. I have many ideas that can greatly improve our student body and the campus that we live in. I am also a very accountable person because I rarely miss a meeting or class for any reason. I

believe that Providence College is a truly amazing place, and I would like nothing more than to be able to represent my class in Student Congress. I believe that I can make the school a better place not only for the students that are currently enrolled, but also for students in years to come.

Charles "Chuck" Rainville

My intent in running for Class Representative is to serve the 65th Student Congress in a larger capacity than I have for the previous two years. I believe that I would be an effective asset in the class discussions, as I believe that the current executive cabinet for the Class of 2016 has not exercised its authority in an effective way. I look forward to serving the 65th as a representative in an open and helpful way if I am elected.

Chibi Nguyen

Serving Providence College's student body for two years as a Student Congress committee member, I would like to take a stronger move in my leadership practice. Running for the Class Representative position of 65th Congress, I wish to bring my vision of a harmonious, diverse, and globalized environment to build the community. Being an international student is a disadvantage as I might not be familiar with my peers' concerns and interests. However, I consider it a motivation to learn more about other people and also contribute to the community my different angle of view. I don't limit myself to the group of international students but rather listen to all voices and support the development of every on-campus club as well as off-campus neighbors, for example, dancing with Motherland Dance in Cheesefest, doing FUSION community service to help build the neighborhood, and speaking up for academic freedom. Learning to adapt does not mean assimilating, integration does not mean saturation, I have spoken up, now I would like to help my classmates to raise their voices. As a Class Representative, I care about individuals and respect their authenticity and make sure that regardless of where you are from, we all come to PC, where your view of the world will be expanded.

Class of 2015 Representative:

Colleen Cassidy

My name is Colleen Cassidy and I am a member of the Class of 2015. I am a biology major from Scotch Plains, N.J. I am running for one of the senior Class Representative positions for the 2014-2015 school year. I've really loved being a Representative of our class for the past two years and working to better the College as a whole, in addition to planning events for our class. I hope to continue to improve student life on campus next year, as well as work with other class officers to plan all of the exciting events that come with senior year! I've really enjoyed being able to listen to the concerns of my classmates over the past two years and working on their ideas to change PC for the better. If re-elected, I promise to continue listening to the ideas of my classmates and supporting the changes that they wish to see here at PC! I want to make our senior year one to remember, and with your vote, I can do that!

Lauren McNulty

My name is Lauren McNulty and I have chosen to run as a Representative for the Class of 2015. Throughout the past two years, I have dedicated myself and my ideas to not only the 63rd and 64th Student Congresses, but to the student body as a whole. As the designer of the "Keep Calm and Friar On" poster and the selected designer of our "Done with Civ" T-shirt, I believe that I have the creativity and proactive attitude that it takes to get

our class involved and interested in what is going on at Providence College during our senior year. As a rep, I believe it will be important to communicate with the students in our class to make sure events, such as Done With College, run how they want them to. We're going to be graduating. We have one year left. I want our last year of college to be the best and most memorable year of all of our lives.

Andres Taborda

My name is Andres Taborda and I'm asking for your vote to elect me as a Representative for the Class of 2015.

As we come to the end of our junior year, I can't help but think of how important next year is for all of us. Our last year of our undergraduate careers will keep us all busy, but it is the duty of our elected officials to make sure that it's truly one for the books.

My involvement throughout the last three years around campus has allowed me to meet so many of you. We've had conversations about how we can make this institution better. Those conversations have brought me to this election.

The Class of 2015 will leave an impressive legacy at Providence College. I vow to put your interests first. I will work with my colleagues on Student Congress to introduce and pass legislation that makes sense, is inclusive of all, and makes us a more competitive school.

Fellow classmates, there is a lot at stake next year and I'm respectfully asking you to place your trust in me and give me your vote next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Together as Friars, we can make a difference.

Michael Hagan

With one last year as Providence undergrads ahead of us, it is time for the Class of 2015 to decide: what will be our legacy? How will we leave PC a stronger institution than we found it? In two years as Class Representative, I have worked alongside other class leaders to pass Think Outside the Bottle and LGBT non-discrimination legislation over vocal senior opposition. As rising seniors, there is much more work to do. I will introduce, and together we will fight for legislation to empower student researchers, support community initiatives like Common Grounds Café, make in-room recycling a reality, eliminate styrofoam waste, critically review the early decision admissions program, establish a direct subsidy option for RA compensation, repeal restrictive SAIL regulations that suffocate student merchandise sales, and establish a non-exclusion policy to protect Friars abroad from losing position interview opportunities for the coming year. I promise bold, constructive policy leadership fully committed to the best interests and mission of our class and our school. The Class of 2015 loves Providence College so much as to call our community to proactive development and reform. Join me, and let that love be our legacy.

Casey Sullivan

Being a part of Student Congress and representing my class as a Class Representative has been one of the best decisions I have ever made at PC. Being a part of Student Congress has been a blessing and I could not have asked for a better experience. I take my job as Class Representative seriously, and I would love, more than anything, to be a part of it again next year. I am choosing to run for Congress to continue to make PC a great place and to continue being involved in a school that I care so much about. There is no place I love more than Providence College, and I want to continue to help bring about positive changes for our class and continue to make PC the best it can be. I am hard working and I take pride in my work and my involvement on Student Congress. My dedication, work ethic, and desire to make PC the best it can be is why I think I would make a great Representative again for the Class of 2015. PC is and will forever be my second home, and I want to leave here next year

knowing that I gave back to the people in our class and our school through my efforts as a class representative.

Deirdre Joyce

Hello PC! My name is Deirdre Joyce and I am running to be a Representative for the Class of 2015. As a current Class Representative, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving you this year. This year I have made it my priority to hear your concerns and make the changes you wish to see made. I believe in my ability to be an all-encompassing voice on campus and, with your help, I can continue to do just that. It is my goal to work with you to make Providence College the best it can be!

TJ Hoban

My name is TJ Hoban, I am a junior marketing major and I would like to nominate myself for the position of senior student Representative of the 65th Student Congress of Providence College. I believe that I can solely represent the Providence College Community by uniting and strengthening our bonds as a class and transforming our entire student body into one big family. As a representative for my senior class, I solely want to make changes, stand up for others and their beliefs, and raise concerns and awareness regarding my fellow classmates. I am a very active member on campus and believe that my leadership skills will qualify me for this position. From being a Member at Large/Social Chair for the PC Sailing Team, a radio DJ "TJ yo' DJ" for WDOM, serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, Special Olympics volunteer, and being a member of the Concert Chorale, PCTV, SAA, AMA, FFE, and the Friar Faithful, I believe that my involvement solely represents me and my PC experience. I was also a recent participant in Habitat for Humanity in Kittanning, Penn. I am very accountable, diligent, people-oriented, a good listener, and all about Friartown!

Ellen Anderson

My name is Ellen Anderson, and I am currently a junior at Providence College. I plan on running for the position of Class Representative for the Academic Year of 2014-2015. I was a member of Student Congress for the Academic Year of 2013-2014 and would like a more active role as a member of Student Congress. I am confident that I would be a strong representative of the Class of 2015 and would put forth my best efforts to make the changes to our school that students feel are necessary. I intend to represent my classmates to the best of my ability and dedicate the time needed to important issues that presently impact our campus. Thank you for your time.

James Cromie

This year I am running for Class Representative for the Class of 2015. This past year I had the opportunity to serve as a representative, and it has been an amazing experience working with the rest of Student Congress. While we have accomplished so much this year, there is still much to do. I want to continue to work with the people of Student Congress and the student body to continue making a difference at PC. If given another opportunity, I will do my best to continue to improve things around campus and improve the lives of students. Congress is a very important aspect of PC and being able to represent the students of my class has been a great honor. Student Congress has been a fantastic experience and I look forward to, if re-elected, continuing to make PC an even better place.

Katie Dul

Providence College has been a place I have come to call my home. Even now as I sit here abroad in Hungary, a country I love, it does not compare to home. When I am asked what my favorite part about PC is I never hesitate to say, the people. Without exaggeration I can say that some

of the best people I've met have been at PC. It's not just the students or the teachers, but the workers, the security guards and many others. Everyone deserves to have a voice on campus and I believe that there are many amazing people that fail to get the recognition they deserve. I want to bring about change to PC and be able to share what my peers in the Class of 2015 have to say. This is our year to make ourselves heard. This is the year I have both dreaded and anticipated. From freshman year to today, I have seen the differences that have been made on campus and I believe there is always room for more. I am running for Class of 2015 Representative so I can get involved with the betterment of our school for the people of our home.

The Cowl did not publish letters for the following candidates as they are running unopposed:

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OPINION

Relay For Life Ceremony Illuminates Fear and Hope *The Greater Struggles in Life Remind Us to Be Thankful*

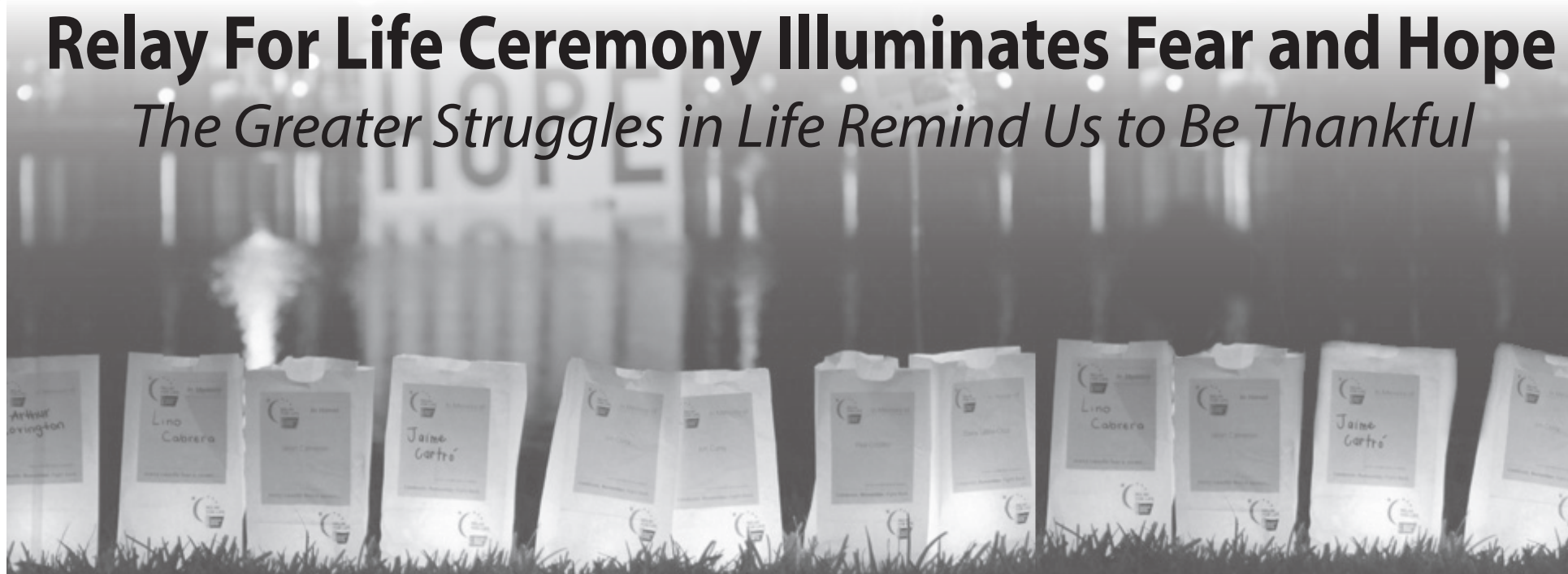


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by Jacquelyn Kelley '17
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

Peterson was full of students on Friday, April 4 for Relay for Life, yet at 10 p.m., the lights were dimmed and the room silenced as participants gathered for the most poignant part of the night, the luminaria ceremony. Participants can purchase luminaria and decorate them with the names of family members and friends who have lost their battles to cancer, are still fighting, or have survived their fight. The track is then lined with the luminaria which are illuminated during an emotional ceremony that reminded me of cancer's devastating effects.

The ceremony opened with touching speeches by Jackie Stimola '14, Mary Goggins '14, and Gabriella Galeazzi '15. The speeches were followed by a performance of the song "Hallelujah"

by Amanda Haluga '14, a performance that brought tears to my eyes as I imagined how difficult it must be to fight such a taxing disease like cancer. Then two luminaria were lit for two important members of the Providence College community. One was lit for Katherine Grant '14 and another for Dr. Nazma Latif-Zaman, an associate professor of economics, both of whom recently lost their battles with cancer and were the first to be honored in the luminaria ceremony.

The ceremony then continued as luminaria in memory of grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, and friends were all illuminated. After each loved one was listed, someone else would lean over to light up a luminaria, and I became aware of yet another life affected by cancer. And then another. And another, until the entire track was glowing and I could see the whole room united by cancer.

After each luminaria was lit, we

walked a silent lap around the track. Not one person spoke, as we were all overcome with emotion reading each individual luminaria. I cannot even begin to describe how difficult it was to walk that lap. As I passed luminaria after luminaria, I became overwhelmed and my eyes filled with tears. "How could there be this many people affected by cancer?" I thought to myself. Unfortunately, those luminaria only represented a small portion of those affected.

Then, I passed two familiar names. The names of my aunt and my friend's mom glowed in the dark. I was thankful that they both were lucky enough to win their battles, but I could not help but recall their fear, exhaustion, and tears as they went through treatment. I began to imagine the fear, exhaustion, and tears of the other people represented in each luminaria.

As the lap ended, my friends and I consoled each other in a group hug

because not a single one of us had dry eyes. The ceremony had reminded us all how powerful and devastating cancer is. The reminder was unwanted, but in a way, it was necessary. As I preoccupy myself with the worries of petty responsibilities in my day-to-day life, there are people out there fighting for their lives. I realized in that moment how lucky I am.

If there are people out there like my aunt and my friend's mom who can suffer through cancer with a smile on their faces, I can cease complaining about the essay I have to write. If there are people who manage to perform their responsibilities after losing someone to cancer, I can get over not getting into the class I wanted. The next time I am about to voice a complaint about anything, I hope a glowing luminaria appears in my mind so I am reminded of the greater struggles that exist in this world.

Decline in Humanities Majors Perpetuates the Crisis

Despite Negative Stigma, Humanities Studies are Applicable in a Range of Careers

by Nicole Corbin '15
Opinion Editor

SOCIETY

The world needs more Tom Hiddlestons. Why? Well, he is incredibly well versed in Shakespeare, is able to hold a conversation in French and Spanish and also speaks rudimentary Italian and Russian, is an ambassador to UNICEF, and though he plays a villain onscreen, he looks like a Norse god in real life. (So maybe that last bit isn't exactly relevant to my point, but that doesn't make it any less true, right?)

Nevertheless, the world needs more people like Tom Hiddleston because these qualities that he possesses attune him to the cultures and societies around him; they enable him to connect and communicate with people, such as his work with UNICEF. In other words, he is a true "student" of the humanities.

Ask almost anyone in academia about the humanities and they will refer to it as being in "crisis," citing the significant decline of students enrolling in majors such as English and history in recent years. But these declarations aren't simply cries from frustrated, overworked humanities professors; they're backed by statistics.

According to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, roughly 10 percent of bachelor's degrees awarded in 2010 belonged to the humanities. Compare this to the approximately 31 percent of science degrees and 22 percent of business degrees that were awarded the same year, this demonstrates that the humanities are falling to the wayside of its more competitive counterparts, giving merit to those cries of crisis.

Naturally, the first reaction to these figures is to credit the difference in degrees to the unsavory stigma attached to the humanities: there are no jobs. As an English major, I deny this fact constantly not because I fear its truth, but because I firmly disagree that there is any truth to it at all.

It is a commonly held belief that the humanities limit career prospects; on the contrary, they are the key to opening innumerable possibilities. The humanities expose our minds to places, times, and people so unlike ourselves, enabling us to question, to think and analyze critically, and to connect to other individuals despite a broad spectrum of differences that may lie between us. Thus, studying the humanities equips us with invaluable skills, learned through dedicated practice, necessary in a wide range of

career fields.

A survey included in "The Heart of the Matter," a report by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, finds that 74 percent of employees surveyed recommend the concept of a liberal education to young people. These employers were given the definition that a liberal education consists of developing social responsibility, communication and analytical skills, and an ability to apply these skills in real-world settings.

Employers are recognizing the importance of the humanities, so why aren't students? The cause of the drop of enrollment in humanities majors as well as the general decline of the humanities into crisis can be attributed to its lack of funding. This same report cites that nearly 75 percent of academic research and development funding of mathematical and physical sciences is given by the federal government whereas the humanities receives only 20 percent of its funding by the federal government.

With the proper resources for funding academic programs and research, the humanities can begin to repair its reputation and hopefully eliminate the nasty, satirical notion that a humanities degree leads to unemployment.

What does this crisis mean for Providence College, an educational institution grounded in the principles of the humanities? The trend continues here at PC as the most popular majors include management, biology, and finance; however, the core of our educational philosophy remains rooted in the belief that the humanities are imperative to creating educated, well-rounded individuals.

Still, it is alarming to be attending a liberal arts college where accounting internships are in high supply, but finding a humanities internship is as rare as finding the Tesseract. (If you don't understand that reference, please refer to the previously mentioned Tom Hiddleston and immediately log into Netflix to watch the cinematic genius that is *The Avengers*.)

Students of the humanities are not only capable employees, but also better members of society having developed effective communication skills and awareness of the connections that bind us as humans. Whether or not this crisis can be resolved or how it can be resolved are important questions that need to be addressed, but we must never lose sight of the reasons why we study the humanities.

Degrees of Passion

Let Your Interests Decide Your Vocation

by **Olivia Beesley '15**
Opinion Staff

SOCIETY

"So, you're studying medicine. What are you going to do after college?"

A stupid question? Well, not as ridiculous as you might think. Statistics show that almost one in 10 students studying medicine or dentistry do not pursue a career in their area of study after graduating.

The most recent annual report compiled by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), which tracks students six months after graduation, shows that 7.8 percent of medical and dental students had not continued down their apparent vocational track. So, why is this?

Perhaps the answer lies simply in the deceiving nature of "vocational" courses.

Everybody loves to hate his or her major at one time or another, but for most people, this is light-hearted. However, with medical and dental students, perhaps there are more deep-seated feelings. *MedSchool Hell* is an online blog which shows these feelings in a humorous light. Complete with the reassuring tag line of "We hate medical school just as much as you," the website features bloggers such as "Angry Medic" and "Dr. Rant" who sarcastically comment on their day-to-day lives during their journey through medical school.

However, it is not the case that the 7.8 percent of all medical and dental students dislike their course. In fact, many comment that they are studying medicine for enjoyment, pleasure, or personal achievement. In the eyes of the 7.8 percent, perhaps the course they choose to embark upon,

rather than being restrictive, actually opens up limitless opportunities after graduation.

It is this freedom of choice that is particularly striking and thought provoking. Even in non-vocational courses such as theology and religion, many graduates enter professions such as education after their degrees. Therefore, in this knowledge, the department caters to this possibility, actually encouraging more theologians to consider a career in education. On a more amusing point, as a theology student I have been asked on many occasions if I intend to enter the convent as a nun after my studies at college. While this would be a great and noble pursuit, I find it funny that people cannot see a career for me beyond the church due to my major.

At risk of sounding naïve, I would suggest that in a life with limitless options, why should we conform to society's expectations by entering a career in our discipline if, ultimately, we don't want to? While college presents the opportunity to study a subject that captures your interest, this study also takes at least four years to complete—who knows what else could be firing your passion in four years' time?

While this idea could potentially upset "vocational" departments, I would encourage all college students to not limit their potential adventures of the future by fitting into a hole that society has created for them. After all, a "vocation" is defined as "a strong impulse to follow a particular occupation." It is this strong impulse which I believe must be emphasized to students. As students with inquiring minds, great ambitions, and the ability to change the world, why not get a great degree and then see where your passion takes you?

We Are All United in God's Shared Love

by **Matthew Tinsley '16**
Opinion Staff

SOCIETY

This past Saturday, I had the privilege of attending the 14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference in Worcester, Mass. Hundreds of men gathered in the DCU Center to hear five speakers deliver their own unique Christian message. As the day went on, something struck me about this large crowd of people; although these men were united under one Catholic faith, there was still a great diversity amongst the crowd. I met people of all races, all backgrounds—some dressed in fancy suits, and others dressed more modestly. Some men were outgoing and lively, while others were quiet and more reserved. As varied as the people were, one thing became clear to me: God loves each and every one of us.

I would like to share some lessons I learned from this conference to encourage students not to lose faith in God. Although we often make mistakes, we must never forget that we are deeply loved and adored by our Creator. Of the five speakers that appeared at this conference, I will introduce you to two: Gus Lloyd and Kevin Reilly. Let us now explore their messages.

Gus Lloyd, a popular Christian evangelist, recalled a life of pain and redemption. Lloyd grew up in the 1960s and '70s. Like many teenagers at that time, he was involved in the culture of drugs and sexual freedom. One afternoon, without realizing it, Lloyd lost track of his two-year-old daughter while doing drugs with his friends. He found her struggling in the swimming pool, clearly in grave danger. At this moment in the conference, you could hear a pin drop in the room.

Lloyd cried out to God for help, and

was then successful in reviving his daughter using CPR. He decided to abandon his sinful, destructive lifestyle and instead focus on befriending God. Since then, Lloyd has lived a happy and successful life. He urged us to remember this important prayer whenever we are in trouble: "God, come to my assistance. Lord make haste to help me."

Now, meet Kevin Reilly, a former NFL linebacker for the Philadelphia Eagles. As Reilly explained to the crowd, he was drafted in 1973 and saw his career end shortly thereafter. He was diagnosed with a rare cancer, and as a result, his arm was amputated. Needless to say, Reilly's lifelong dream of being an NFL player was sadly short-lived. In these dark moments, Reilly turned to God for support. Since then, while keeping the Lord as his closest friend, Reilly has enjoyed a successful career in sports broadcasting.

God did not ignore Lloyd's cry for help, despite his acute sinfulness. God also helped Reilly, who turned to Him in his lowest moments. Lloyd and Reilly are two very different people with unique backgrounds. As much as they are different, the two share one characteristic: they are loved by God.

When we experience difficulties and setbacks in our lives, we must not lose sight of God's love for us. In order to experience and share in this supreme adoration, we have to keep our hearts open to Him. After all, we are made in His image and likeness. From Lloyd and Reilly's stories, you will hopefully see that our lives often undergo changes, but God's eternal love for us does not.



Knowing and Loving God is the Greatest Thing We Can Do

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

CAMPUS

The Dominican Friars in the Province of St. Joseph have seen a sharp increase in the number of vocations over the past decade. This past weekend, I spent some time with the brothers studying for the priesthood down in Washington, D.C. I had the honor of speaking to them as a group and had the further privilege of speaking with many of them individually.

What struck me most about this extraordinary group of young friars is their joy. Their daily routine of prayer, study, ministry, and community activities keeps them incredibly busy, but theirs is a happy and contented life. They are bright, zealous, and resolutely determined to become the best Dominicans they can be in order to

serve the Church well after their initial years of formation come to a close.

As I made my way to the airport to return to Providence, I reminisced about my own time at the House of Studies. Those years were among the happiest of my life, and being with the student brothers had helped me to remember that. But then my mind moved to something I've come to realize, and that the brothers will have to wait to experience for themselves: the life gets even better after ordination. The priest's commission to teach, to sanctify, and to shepherd the flock brings with it an unspeakable joy.

Once I arrived at the airport and was forced to suffer the indignity of shuffling through security in a government-mandated state of partial undress, a question popped into my head: with the life being as great as it is, why do so few guys respond to the Lord's invitation to follow him as priests? God is surely calling, so why are all of our seminaries not full?

From the discomfort of my window seat, I broadened the scope of inquiry: why are our churches not overflowing at every Mass? Coming to know and love God is the greatest thing that we could ever do, so why do we so often put other things before Him? I continued musing on these questions until I realized I had the answer right in the palm of my hand. Literally.

The flight attendant had passed through the cabin, bestowing on us weary travelers the tiny bags of pretzels that one can only get on an airplane. Sure, they're incapable of satisfying even the smallest of appetites, but we've grown accustomed to them and don't expect anything more. We settle for that paltry portion, and don't even question it. That's just the way it is.

The human person is made for greatness, and nothing short of that will satisfy us. In response to that deep existential hunger, the world can only offer us little bags of peanuts. But Christ came to give life in abundance.

He offers us more than we could ever dream of asking, and only asks that we defy conventional wisdom and follow him.

Many have accepted that invitation already and know the elation of being fully alive in Christ. That's why the brothers are so happy down in Washington. That's why the priests are so happy in Lord's vineyard. That's why people who wrestle to be good Catholics are so happy in the midst of the Church. So what's stopping you from doing the same?

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Looking Forward to the Future

by Mason Sciotti '15
Editor-in-Chief

EDITORIAL



I won't lie; writing my first editorial is a daunting thought. What are we supposed to write about? Apparently it's entirely up to us; well, here goes nothing then!

If you asked me freshman year if I thought I'd see myself in the EIC role, I wouldn't have known how to respond. It seemed like such a far-fetched idea that I wouldn't have been able to fathom it. However, now it's here, and Kelly and I find ourselves in brand new positions with far different responsibilities. We're up to the challenge, and we're ready to continue the tradition that *The Cowl* has boasted since 1935.

In truth, it's not just us. We're a very, very small part of the huge organism that is *The Cowl*. The credit lies in our writers, our editors, our copy editors, our distributors, our advertisers and business staff, and our web staff. Kelly and I may be the ones sitting at the big table, but we wouldn't be here without all of them.

This past year of *The Cowl* has been fantastic. The hard work of everyone made it that way, and it's heartbreaking to see our seniors prepare to walk out the door, especially when it means that the sacred tamagotchi is now left in our hands. However, both Kelly and I are excited for the future, and we know that next year is going to be even better than this one.

Colombia:

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She also adds that it is important for Colombia to allow the international community time to plan, if Colombia does ask for their help and support when a peace agreement is hopefully reached. If financial investments are needed, for example, other countries and international organizations need time to plan this into their budgets.

What does this have to do with you as a college student?

Because you are connected in solidarity to college students in Colombia like Juan Pablo, who at 20 years old is doing meaningful work to help shape his country's peaceful future.

Juan Pablo lives in Antioquia, the department of Colombia with the most victims from the conflict, the highest number of kidnappings, and the most underground mines.

For a year now, Juan Pablo has been working in a program that is a collaboration between the government, his university, and the UNDP. His role as a student is to study different aspects of society in order to determine the best public policies that will address the conflict with real solutions.

I asked Juan Pablo to tell me what the role of U.S. college students was in regards to the peace process in Colombia. He emphasizes the importance of the support of the international community, particularly the academic community that we as Providence College represent.

"The establishment of peace in



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Dr. Virginia Bouvier of USIP speaks with PC students about peace-building efforts in Colombia.

each country varies according to the specific situation, and the process of constructing peace in Colombia requires input from the academic community, yet there are not many people working on this. Receiving input from outsiders helps us to analyze questions in a way that perhaps here we hadn't thought of."

Another responsibility of the international community is to "offer a more objective view of the Colombian conflict since we, whether willingly or unwillingly, let ourselves be influenced by our passions."

"The process of peace-building is extremely delicate," Juan Pablo concludes. "Without the necessary support from the international community, the process could fail like

it did in Guatemala, where the violence continues."

It is clear that we have a responsibility as the next generation of leaders to educate ourselves on what is happening in the international community. Dr. Bouvier provided Providence College with this opportunity to learn more about such a pivotal time in Colombia's history, and hopefully opened the door for greater interest in peace and justice in communities beyond our own.

This article is written with great appreciation to Dr. Bouvier for sharing her story, and also in honor of Colombia's National Victims Day on April 9.

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What's your favorite Quad activity?



"Dodging the balls that are flying at my head."
Chelsea Higgins '16 and Emily DiRenzo '16



"People watching."
Mark Caprio '14, Justin Kanka '14,
and Matt Busch '14



"Watching people living the college life."
Rosa Ramos '17 and Peter Salhaney '16



"Wiffle ball, hands down."
Ali Simone '16



"Frisbee!"
Mary Murphy '17, Julia Carlock '17, Courtney Keating '17, and Caitlin Purcell '17



"Sit in the sun and people watch."
Thalia Rivera '17 and Neena Soupharath '17



"DJing for PC Beach."
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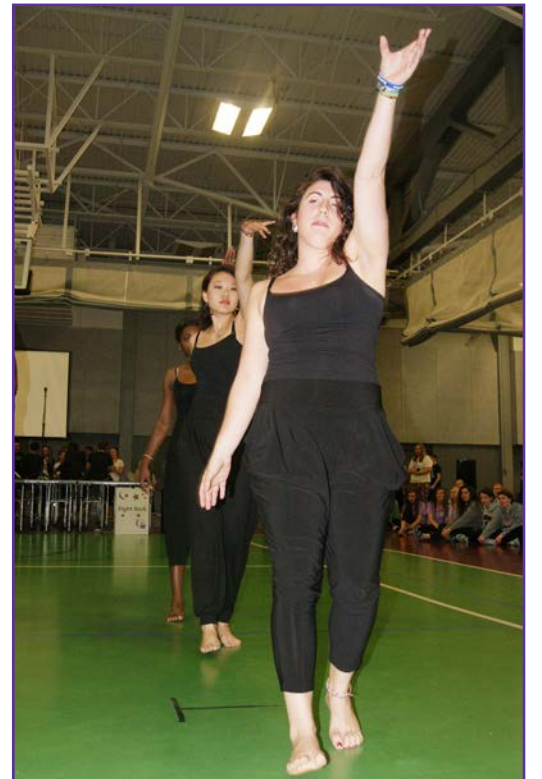
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From the evening of Friday, April 4 to the early hours of Saturday, April 5, over 800 students participated in this year's Relay for Life event, sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer. Throughout the night, students relayed on the track, purchased raffle tickets for a host of donated prizes, purchased baked goods and food from local restaurants, and enjoyed entertainment performances from the Dance Company, Dance Team, Irish Dance Club, Motherland Dance Group, Andrew Butler, and a capella groups Special Guest, Anaclastic, and Strictly Speaking. Students raised over \$85,000 for the American Cancer Society, making for another successful Relay at Providence College.





Where Does Woody Allen Stand in 2014?

by Frank Flanagan '15
A&E Staff

FILM

How can we appraise Woody Allen's worth as a filmmaker in April of 2014? Now 78, Allen has been a prominent figure in American cinema, having directed, written, and starred in numerous touchstone films such as *Hannah and Her Sisters*, *Manhattan*, and *Annie Hall*. As of late, Allen has established himself a new reputation, as allegations of sexual abuse cloud his image. Is it possible to separate Woody Allen the person (and possible pervert) from Woody Allen the revolutionary and iconic filmmaking New Yorker? It is hard to say.

In films like *Annie Hall* and *Manhattan*, the juxtaposition of Allen's nerdy socialite personality and his proximity to the high culture of New York City is just as suspect as the recent tragedy of his actions. Allen, who undeniably acted inappropriately and perhaps even illegally, tarnished an image that was paramount to many American and foreign film lovers. While it is clear that the true victim of Allen's alleged actions is his daughter Dylan Farrow, it has not been a fun couple of months for his advocates either.

For triple-threat actor/director/writers like Woody Allen, it is almost impossible to remove his face from his style and his movies. Allen's personality both on and off the camera is so quirky and genuinely distinctive that watching his movies without thinking back to his scandals is a difficult task. Compared to other celebrated directors like Roman Polanski who faced similar allegations of sexual misconduct and child molestation, Allen is at a disadvantage. Polanski



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has had an easier time bouncing back from scandal due to his distance from his work. Woody Allen is a central character in his many of his films, whereas Polanski was less connected on screen and more easily hidden.

The recent controversy surrounding Allen is not his first bout in dealing with his public image. In the '90s, Allen faced criticism over a relationship with Mia Farrow's adopted daughter Soon Yi-Previn. Allen, who was with Farrow at the time, appeared to be dating his own stepdaughter, but since Farrow and Allen never actually got married, Previn was technically not his stepdaughter. The whole situation reeked of drama and questionable standards, and certainly tarnished Allen's reputation at the time. Allen continued to make movies through

the '90s and early 2000s, but with obviously less success and different style.

In 2008, Allen released *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, which put him back on the millennial map. Following *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* was success in feature films *Midnight in Paris* and *Blue Jasmine*. Allen has released smaller projects in the 2000s, but none with as much acclaim as the previously mentioned three films. Allen has not acted in any of these three movies for reasons unknown; perhaps age, or will, or inability to fit character descriptions, potentially even trying to distance his off-camera image from his work.

The dialogue that is so integral to all of Allen's early films comes through in his more recent films, but far less organically due to his absence. Without the main component of dialogue in his newer films, the films almost become less Allen-esque.

Midnight in Paris and *Blue Jasmine* are both complete with high-quality production and direction but lack a true Allen-like character. Owen Wilson's character in *Midnight in Paris* may have been an attempt to replace Allen's idiosyncrasies and mannerisms, but an ill attempt at that. Without his character, Allen has to reinvent the wheel. His writing is still filled with creativity, emotion, and anxiety but warrants a clear void. Where are *Manhattan's* Isaac Davis, and *Hannah and Her Sisters'* Mickey Sachs?

Allen's image is marred, his actions more-than-likely unforgivable, his films once considered timeless. The sheer direction of Allen's films will probably transcend generations for critical purposes, but whether or not his work will ever garner the same commercial love and following as they once did is unclear.

Summer Concerts in the Northeast

by Kelly Laske '16
A&E Staff

MUSIC

During the long summer months away from PC, summer concerts throughout the Northeast give us something to look forward to, whether it is tailgating at a country fest or attending a venue containing the best DJs in the world. Some of the best performers of the decade are making their stops in the Northeast during the upcoming summer months, giving you and your friends the opportunity to attend the best concerts of the summer at places ranging from Fenway Park, to Mohegan Sun, to the Barclays Center.

This is the summer of country. If you are a country fan, Zac Brown Band, Rascal Flatts, and Jason Aldean are all making their way up north. Due to popular demand, Zac Brown Band will be spending two nights performing at Fenway Park on June 27 and June 28. Not only is Zac Brown performing at the home of the most recent World Series Champions, but rock legend Billy Joel is also performing there just one day earlier on June 26. Two other big-time country concerts going on this summer are Jason Aldean with opener Florida Georgia Line (August 2) and Rascal Flatts with Sheryl Crow and Gloriana (May 30-31) in Hartford, Conn. at the Xfinity Theatre. Both groups can also be seen at the

Xfinity Center in Mansfield, Mass.

For those into multi-day festivals and EDM music, the Electric Daisy Carnival at MetLife Stadium is taking over East Rutherford, N.J. this Memorial Day Weekend. Although the ticket is on the pricier side, starting at \$199, each day has over 20 world famous DJs alone, such as Hardwell, Afrojack, Calvin Harris, R3hab, Bassnectar, and Krewella, the group set to come to PC for the Spring Concert on April 28. A little more than a month later on June 28, the most famous DJ in the world and former 2012 Spring Concert headliner at PC, Avicii, will be putting on a show at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. on June 28.

Two other major festivals coming to a city near you this summer are the Governor's Ball on Randall's Island in NYC, and the Vans Warped Tour, making stops in both Hartford, Conn. and Mansfield, Mass. The Governor's Ball is getting attention for one of its main guests, Outkast, who have not performed together since 2006. Other guests include Phoenix, Skrillex, Chance the Rapper, J. Cole, The Strokes, Disclosure, Tyler, the Creator, Damien Marley, and many more. The Warped Tour coming to these venues on the 10 and 13 of July consists of Of Mice and Men, Breathe Carolina, Yellowcard, Bowling for Soup, and We the Kings.

Grammy Award winner and multiplatinum recording artist Justin

Timberlake will be making summer appearances at the Mohegan Sun Arena on July 18 and Boston's TD Garden on July 19. After just going on tour last summer with Jay Z, Justin is coming back to the Northeast for the second summer in a row. Finally, due to popular demand from the younger generation, One Direction will be holding two shows at MetLife Stadium on August 4 and 5 and will be at Gillette Stadium on August 7-9.

Summer 2014 is packed with the latest must-see concerts on the year. From Billy Joel to Avicii to One Direction, the Northeast is hosting groups that will satisfy various music tastes. Get your tickets now before it is too late.



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How Young is Too Young for Franco?

by Kealy Robertson '16
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POP CULTURE

James Franco is a widely known actor, director, screenwriter, producer, teacher, author, poet, and of course, heartthrob for many women, both young and old, across the world. This past week, James Franco has been the talk of the town in the media world, and not in a good way. After his performance in the Broadway show *Of Mice and Men* in New York City, Franco met a 17-year-old tourist from Scotland, Lucy Clode. Clode, a star-struck teenager, snapped a video of Franco and posted it to the popular social media app Instagram. In the fan frenzy, Franco proceeded to ask Clode to tag him in the Instagram video, which she did, as any James Franco fan would.

According to tabloids, 17-year-old Clode and Franco began to converse over Instagram, where he asked her age, where she was staying in New York City, and for her phone number. The age difference between Franco, who is 35, and Clode is alarming. The conversation shows that he wanted to meet up with Lucy even though she admitted that she was only 17 years old. The most preposterous exchange on Franco's part was the text he proceeded to send asking if he should book a hotel room for himself and the 17-year-old, even though he was aware of her age.

Though his actions were obscene, Franco did handle the incident well, or as well as any celebrity in this position could have. During his interview on

Live with Kelly and Michael, Franco owned up to the occurrence, claiming he is "embarrassed." Franco admitted that he used bad judgment in the situation, and stated that he is "a model of how social media is tricky."

Today, many individuals connect over social media outlets rather than in person and therefore do not know whom they are really conversing with on the other end of their device. In this day and age, connecting with others over the internet is considered normal. However, people must come to realize that it is not always a safe or honest way to meet others. Franco, through his embarrassing stunt, exemplifies that conversation on the Internet is not a wholly private exchange. Once something is posted to the Internet, whether it is a picture, video, or conversation, it is there forever and can always be accessed and used against you.

Though the scandal is seen as a publicity stunt for Franco's new movie, *Palo Alto*, ultimately this is a story of how social media influences individuals today, both positively and negatively. Many people do not realize that when they post something on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook, what they think is their private world is actually being tracked through the internet. Though Franco's comments to Clode may be considered inappropriate, his rebuttal exemplifies the problem with social media sites today. Nothing an individual says is safe. Everything a person posts on social media sites can be used against them. Once something is said on the internet, it is there forever.



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Captain America Rakes in \$300 Million

by Alanna Smith '14
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FILM

Superhero films are one of the defining features of modern popular culture. The success of Sam Raimi's *Spider-Man* trilogy paved the way for the rise of comic-book adaptations over the last decade. The critical and financial domination of the *Dark Knight* trilogy and the films of the Marvel Cinematic Universe show that the enjoyment of the superhero genre is no longer a niche interest. Since the release of *Spider-Man* in 2002, for example, movie adaptations of comics from Marvel and DC—the two biggest comic companies—have grossed well over \$16 billion worldwide.

The opening weekend gross of the most recent Marvel film, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, was a respectable \$300 million. It seems worldwide interest in this genre will not slow down for a while—especially since critics and fans alike are calling this one of the best films in the Marvel Cinematic Universe yet.

Winter Soldier follows Steve Rogers, also known as Captain America or "Cap," in his third film since *Captain America: The First Avenger*. Rogers is living in Washington, D.C. after the traumatic events of *The Avengers* and is starting to finally adjust to the modern age after waking up in a new millennium due to an icy 70-year nap. He befriends veteran Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie) while continuing to maintain relationships with Natasha Romanoff/Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) and



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Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson). The plot is difficult to explain without revealing spoilers; suffice to say that a violent series of events sends Cap after a mysterious assassin—the eponymous Winter Soldier—who may have a connection to his past.

The cast also features Cobie Smulders, Frank Grillo, and Robert Redford, and includes several fun cameos, including a special one for fans of the television show *Community*. This is appropriate, as the directors were Anthony and Joe Russo, who worked on *Arrested Development* and the aforementioned series.

With such a large cast of heroes and villains, one might think that the script would spread itself too thin. Luckily, this was not the case. The writers made the most

of the almost two-and-a-half hour runtime. The movie may have been called *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, but rather than focusing only on those two, it had more of an ensemble cast feel. It was filled with non-extraneous scenes that focused on developing character, rather than an overwhelming montage of exposition and action scenes.

Speaking of action sequences, it is worth noting that the filmmakers stated that they wanted as many physical, not computer-generated, special effects as possible. Because of this, the video-game like aura that has tainted most Marvel films was partially wiped away, leading to some truly harrowing and nerve-racking fights—and some very creative uses for Cap's iconic shield.

What made the movie most successful was that it showed the audience the weaknesses of its heroes as well as their strengths. Cap may be "super," but he is human—something that shines through when he visits his own museum exhibit at the Smithsonian incognito, and when he observes a group of real-life heroes at a veterans' support group. He knows that, despite his serum-enhanced physique, he really is one of them. Rogers is a team player, not a solo hero, and he never lords his physical superiority or fame over others—like his friend Tony Stark/Iron Man always does.

The movie managed to tap into relevant social concerns like right to privacy and the price of freedom. While the real-world connection worked, it also led to the film sometimes feeling more like a political thriller than a superhero flick. It also could have spent a little more time developing some smaller characters who will be making appearances in later films.

Overall, *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* was a great example of how to make an action film have deep emotional resonance. Acting was strong, even by those actors with bit parts. Elements of the film are already affecting the characters in the shared-universe TV series *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and two after-credits bonus scenes hint at things to come in next summer's *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. There were a lot of expectations weighing on this movie, and luckily, America's "Living Legend" Steve Rogers was strong enough to carry them.

10 Fashion Blogs to Diversify Your Wardrobe

by Christina D'Adamo '16
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FASHION

The iconic Coco Chanel once said: "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the streets, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening."

Fashion is all around us. Therefore, fashion inspiration is not difficult to find. Traditional methods of inspiration have come from magazines, books, and movies. However, social media sites have revolutionized the fashion industry. Fashion blogs, in particular, have become quite popular. There are many fashion blogs, yet each blogger has a unique and personal style. For reliable fashion advice, the bloggers have become go-to fashion experts. The blogs are instant sources of fashion inspiration. Every girl needs a fashion icon, and these fashion bloggers have taken that modern role. Don't know where to start? Check out the 10 most influential fashion bloggers listed below and be inspired.

Olivia Palermo: *Olivia Palermo's Style Blog and Website.* Palermo started her claim to fame in 2009, when she appeared on the reality show *The City*. Since then, Palermo has become an American socialite. Palermo has worked with noteworthy designers and prominent fashion magazines. Palermo's blog features high-end fashion trends and accessories. Her blog also offers beauty and lifestyle tips.

Aimee Song: *Song of Style.* Song is a Los Angeles native known for her interior design work, though her effortlessly chic style is hard to

miss. Song's blog showcases her everyday ensembles as she travels the world in a fashionable frenzy.

Julia Engel: *Gal Meets Glam.* Engel is a San Francisco native. Engle's blog features high-end and low-end labels. Therefore, her looks are budget-friendly. Engel's blog also offers beauty tips, as well as home and travel tips.

Emily Schuman: *Cupcakes and Cashmere.* Schuman published her first blog post in 2008. Since then, Schuman's blog has taken off. Schuman's style is constantly evolving. Nonetheless, her look stays comfortable and classic. Schuman's blog captures fashion trends for all seasons. Schuman is not only a fashion guru, but also a food enthusiast so her blog features her favorite food and drink recipes.

Natalie Suarez: *Natalie Off Duty.* Suarez is a Los Angeles native. After pursuing a modeling career, Suarez moved to New York City. Her love for fashion has since progressed. Suarez's style is eclectic and edgy. Her "off duty" way of dressing embodies adventurous designs and elaborate prints. Suarez's blog highlights her everyday looks as she takes New York by storm.

Leandra Medine: *The Man Repeller.* Medine is an American author, and fashion blogger. Medine's blog explores high-end trends, while taking a humorous approach to fashion. Medine's favorites include harem pants, boyfriend jeans, overalls, shoulder pads, and full-length jumpsuits. These favorites, as Medine jokes, are "man repeller" worthy. Furthermore, Medine's blog provides shopping tips and beauty tricks.

Blair Eadie: *Atlantic-Pacific.* Born

and raised in Washington, D.C., Eadie moved to San Francisco to pursue her dreams. Eadie is a fashion fanatic. Her style is sophisticated with a touch of glam. Eadie showcases her favorite looks while providing shopping information.

Nicole Warne: *Gary Pepper.* Warne is a model turned fashion stylist. Warne has become a fashion expert in vintage womenswear and accessories. Warne started her blog in 2009. Her blog has become the ultimate fashion getaway. Warne's blog features all things fashion, from outfit combinations to shopping destinations. While traveling the globe, Warne discovers the looks of the region.

Kim Pesch: *eat.sleep.wear.* Pesch is a graphic designer whose creative eye attracted her to the fashion industry. Pesch's style is minimalist. Nevertheless, her playful combinations are eye-catching. Pesch's blog embodies both fashion and art. Her passion for life is visible through her elegantly crafted blog.

Sandra Hagelstam: *5 inch and Up.* Hagelstam is a London-based fashion blogger. Hagelstam's love for heels inspired her fashion blog. From stilettos to platforms, the girl is always sky high. Hagelstam's hippie-chic look is one to check out. Hagelstam's blog has become a European hit.

These fashion bloggers are undoubtedly inspirational. Can't get enough of their blogs? Check them out on Instagram. For constant fashion and lifestyle updates, they are the girls to follow.



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This Week: Favorite Thing about Easter

Serena Ambroselli

Favorite Thing: Hunting for Easter Eggs

Her Views: The simple joy of scouring my backyard for colorful plastic eggs filled with treats ranging from candy to money to insects is one that I may never give up. Easter egg hunting has actually become an even more aggressive competition as my family members have gotten older. It was one thing to be a group of young kids stumbling over our own feet in search of the eggs, but it is quite the scene to watch a group of young adults shoving each other into the dirt once an egg has been spotted. The hiding spots have gotten more intense, and stealing from someone else's basket has become the norm. The innocent fun has died, but the spirit of winning lives on.

Her Views on Katie: The tale of the Easter Bunny is an unsettling one; its origin lies in its purpose to act as a judge to determine the goodness of children. If this doesn't sound creepy to you yet, just think of this seemingly adorable bunny as the Easter equivalent of The Elf on the Shelf. Now, feel free to begin cowering in the safety of your home at the thought of a bunny lurking in the shadows and watching your every move, carefully scribbling down notes on your behavior and deliberating your worthiness, or lack thereof, for receiving gifts on Easter Sunday. Perhaps you had a childhood that glorified bunnies as cute and harmless creatures, but the Easter Bunny is far from this falsified ideal.



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Katie Puzycki

Favorite Thing: The Easter Bunny

Her Views: Without question, my favorite thing about the Easter holiday is a visit from the Easter Bunny. There is nothing like waking up early on Easter Sunday and getting in touch with your inner child, and unwrapping a basket full of goodies from a generous little bunny. A basket full of Peeps, Reese's Eggs, and Cadbury chocolates, along with a plush bunny of your own gives the happiest start to the day. Not to mention, if you're extra generous to the Bunny the night before, treating him to fresh carrots and celery sticks, he might just surprise you by adding a couple of money-filled eggs into your basket as well. Plus, if the Easter Bunny didn't bring us a basket, where would we be later in the day when the annual Easter egg hunt starts? Whatever the case, make sure to thank the Bunny because no basket means no room for getting more sweets.

Her Views on Serena: Okay, I will admit that Easter egg hunts are super fun. I mean, what's not to like about getting free candy? But depending on the situation, it sounds like these hunts can become a bit risky. If your family consists mostly of older children, like mine, then chances are, the oldest of the grandchildren will be caught beating up the youngest for that last peanut butter cup. When it comes to treat hunting, prepare for all human civility to be lost. Think about it. Is free candy really worth a family fighting during what is supposed to be a day of joy and peace?

PC Goes Swing Dancing in '64 Hall



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by Haley McHugh '17
A&E Staff

DANCE

On Saturday, April 5, members of the Providence College Community ventured over to '64 Hall in Slavin for the swing dance concert, with music performed by the Providence College Jazz Band. The band was led by Dr. Christopher Kelton, who not only conducted the students, but also performed on the baritone saxophone and clarinet. Besides having the wonderful opportunity to listen to the swing music, the audience members were even invited to the dance floor to join in on the dancing. With such talent emerging from the performers on stage, it was difficult to resist the urge to jump up onto the dance floor, despite the risk of humiliation while attempting dances that are decades old. I was one of the many enthusiastic spectators who grabbed a partner and had a wonderfully fun time trying to dance along to the music.

The Providence College Jazz Band played a large selection of songs that revolved mainly around the genre of New Orleans Swing, with some of Duke Ellington's works. The first dance that the audience was invited to dance to was a Viennese Waltz. This dance was slightly more difficult than a typical swing dance in my personal opinion, because being on beat with the music while doing a "one, two, three" step sequence is challenging. However, it was a great time and I was fairly surprised with the amount of people who voluntarily got up to dance. Swing dancing at the concert was

such a fun time because even though there were not many couples who managed to perfect it, it was something different than what we are used to. In other words, our dances today require little to absolutely no skill on the dance floor. You simply grab someone and rock back and forth with maybe an occasional turn thrown in if you are feeling ambitious. Back in the early 1900s, knowing the box step, the Viennese Waltz, or the swing steps was basically a social requirement. Not only was dancing a fun activity to engage in like it is now, but knowing how to dance the "right" way was an expectation. It is interesting to see how learning a basic box step Saturday night was a challenge, when that type of dancing was considered to be the norm in the era of swing and jazz.

All who took the time on Saturday night to attend the Swing Dance seemed to really enjoy themselves. The dance could even be considered an educational experience, which may seem hard to believe because of how enjoyable it was. The audience got the chance to hear music from a different decade and dance the way people did in those decades. It was a great time and the PC Jazz Band did a wonderful job showcasing the swing style of music that they performed.

There are many different events that you can still attend if you have an interest in being thoroughly entertained and impressed by PC's music department. Do not miss a chance to come support fellow Providence College students and keep an open eye for the many concerts and performances that are coming up throughout the remainder of the semester on campus!

Impressions from Lysistrata: A Musical Protest

by Mary McGreal '15
A&E Staff

THEATER

Let's break the fourth wall for just a moment. *Lysistrata*, a musical protest, is currently playing at the Smith Center for the Arts and you really need to go see it. It's a feminist, pro-sex comedy with a bunch of jokes about a certain male appendage. Is there a better way to spend your Saturday evening? Probably not.

The women of Providence College take center stage in *Lysistrata*, a bawdy, fun comedy presented by the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film/Angell Blackfriars Theatre. Adapted by Ellen McLaughlin and directed by Professor Mary G. Farrell, the musical is based on the comedy by Greek playwright Aristophanes. Local artist Keith Munslow created original music and lyrics for the production.

The story might be familiar to some Providence College students, as several Civ teams use the play. Without giving away too much, *Lysistrata* has grown fed up with constant warfare and decides to lead the women of Greece in a protest against their husbands. Until the men lay down their weapons, the women will refuse to have sex with their husbands. Several male actors who play the women's husbands round out the largely female cast. Listen closely and you will hear some really on point remarks about the women and their lives—at one point the pregnant chorus leader says something along the lines of, "Daycare, it's like a robbery."

Unfortunately, listening closely is something you will have to do if you want to catch all the witty remarks.



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While dialogue is clear when only one or two actors are speaking, once several others join in, it becomes muffled. By the time the 283-seat theatre began to fill Saturday, there was a dull murmur that made it difficult to hear. This has been a problem at past productions, suggesting that it is a technical problem, not the fault of the cast. It is frustrating when you cannot hear what is being said, but when a glance around the theatre shows nothing but smiles and laughter, it is difficult to stay frustrated for long. The play is not long enough to get bored with, either. Advertised as running for 80 minutes with no intermission, it only ran for about an hour and 15 minutes.

Lysistrata marks the last chance to see the class of 2014 take the stage of the Blackfriars Theatre. The cast consists of Providence College Theatre Department mainstays, with a few new faces mixed in. This includes several underclassmen to

keep an eye on, including Katrina Pavao '16 as Lysistrata, Katy Stephan '16 as Lysistrata's neighbor, and Joey Macari '17 as a Spartan woman and an old woman of Athens. The cast complemented one another nicely and really captured the hectic humor of the play.

Visually, the stage was minimally adorned, with lots of unfinished-looking wood and two large puppets. The hodgepodge of design extends to the costumes as well. The costumes were gaudy in the best possible way—as if your seventh grade self's closet exploded, but you still managed to end up with a pretty awesome outfit. A few strategically placed balloons represent choice appendages, while hats and scarves are plentiful.

Lysistrata is advertised as a musical protest, but a bit more music would have been welcome. The singing that did take place was extremely entertaining.

It was a bit disappointing that the whole production was not lyrical. The score was not groundbreaking, but it was contemporary and catchy. "The Libido (Is The Last Thing to Go)" was practically majestic. A band tucked into a back corner accompanied the cast with live music.

The play is not something that you would expect to see take the stage of Providence College. That being said, (almost) everyone should be able to enjoy it. Given that the College has a history of being, shall we say, a bit conservative, it feels almost deviant to attend a play so decadent on College grounds. You really have to see it to believe it. Upcoming performances are April 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and April 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from the Smith Center Box office, online, or by calling 401-865-2218. Tickets are \$13, \$9 for senior citizens, and \$5 for students.

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Growing Up

by Kiernan Dunlop '14
Senior Portfolio Staff

FICTION

The house seemed so big to me then. I guess most things did at the time. The lake out front could've been an ocean for all I knew. The fact that it was right outside my front door made it seem like it was just for me, and anyone else who even wanted to look at it needed my permission.

I spent most of my time over at the neighbor's house, an old woman who treated my sisters and me like family. Tessie would give us a nickel each to chase away the Canadian geese that would flock to her front yard with old brooms. When we got bored of chasing the geese, we would start playing witches and chase each other around. When darkness began to set in, Tessie would call us in and make us a big spaghetti dinner, and we'd eat in the living room on TV trays watching *Murder, She Wrote*.

When the trees started to bloom and nature began waking up, the turtles would come. Momma turtles would crawl from the lake up to our yard and dig holes to bury their eggs. It's a funny thing to see a turtle digging a hole using her hind legs. My sisters and I would watch the holes to make sure neighborhood dogs or raccoons wouldn't get to them. I never understood why the mommas just abandoned their babies like that, but I guess that's just how nature works sometimes. Two months later, the eggs would hatch and the little babies tried their best to make it to the water. If we saw one that was having a hard time, we would help it out and bring it down to the water's edge. Our parents let us keep a few one year, but they didn't live very long, so we didn't keep any more after that.

During the summer, we used the lake to cool off. There was a rope swing hanging from a tree branch next to the playground. The older kids used to jump off of it and do tricks. Our mom banned us from ever using it, but that doesn't mean we didn't. We made an obstacle course. The first to swing 10 times on the swings, go down the slide, go across the monkey bars backwards, spin around three times, and jump off the rope swing into the water won. My older sister always won until she started caring more about boys than playing with her little sisters.

On days when you could see your breath and the lake was frozen over, my father would pull out his ice skates and our old sled to drag us around on the ice. It made me feel like I was in another world when he took us out there. Snow would glimmer and shine on the trees, and if he took us out far enough, I couldn't see our house anymore. We were all instantly transported into a magical frozen wonderland as my dad tugged us along to the outer banks.

These days, the magic is all gone. My family and I moved because my dad needed to find a new job and no one was hiring around us. Soon after, Tessie moved down to Florida, and a few years later she passed away. We only learned about her death over a year after it happened.

I didn't know then that we lived in a dangerous neighborhood, or that

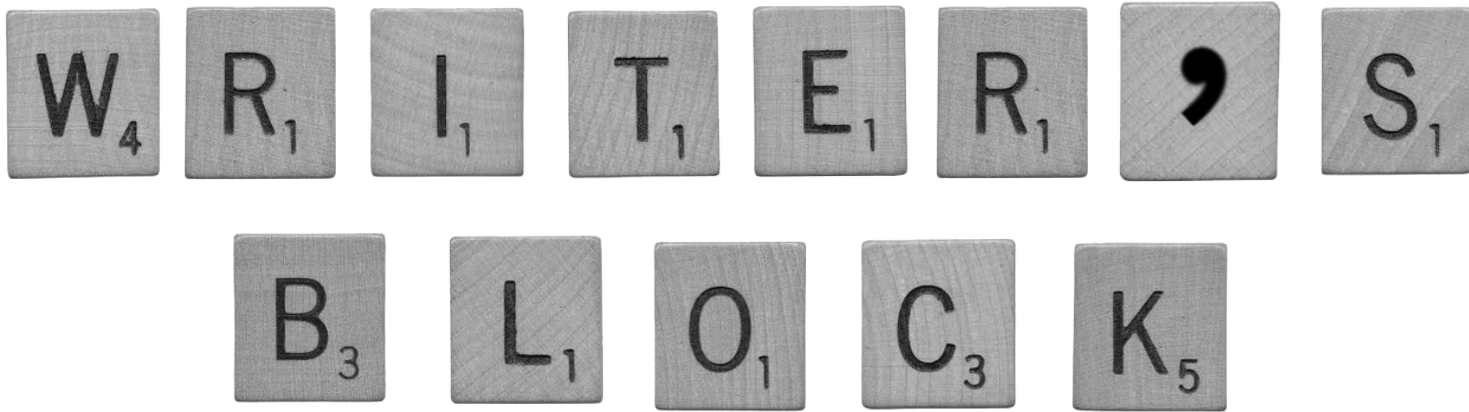
someone was murdered in a house a few down from ours. I didn't know that my mom lay awake at night, afraid that something was going to happen to one of us. I never thought of our new house as safer or more kid-friendly. I just thought of it as boring because all we had across the street was another house.

Going back, nothing is the same.

The house is small, the lake is small, and the playground down the street has rusted away. Shingles patch the roof of my old house, the door hangs on by one hinge, and it looks like it could be condemned. New families play by the lake, and new couples are starting their lives. Memory is the only place in which my house on the lake now lives.



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by Ariana Pasquantonio '16
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POETRY

Scene: an empty park,
Line: So this is it,
the final excavation site,
and the results are inconclusive.
The children appear to have been gone
for some time now, but
we can't quite say why.

Line: What are your findings?

Line: Nothing important.
Artifacts include
the counter of a Skip It
(frozen, just shy of 70 skips),
the messy knots
of a friendship bracelet
(two favorite colors in discord),
a handful of forgotten Jacks by the swings
(strewn like fruitless seeds in the bare soil),
handwritten notes like hieroglyphics:
"here for good—" the rest, unclear.

Line: Dust it off. They're extinct,
and time's just another game they could not beat.

by Justin Fernandez '15
Portfolio Editor

POETRY

Scene: and empty park,
Line: So this is it,
this is all that's left
of the place we used to run and hide.
The swings are gone, even the slides,
are broken, buried beneath the ground.
All dust, and dirt, and ash remain
where dreams kissed reality
To form the sweetest memories.

Line: What happened here?
Where has it all gone?

Line: The torch burned too hard
with light too bright to contain.
And in the darkest hour
we held it too close.
Then all we knew was up in flames,
and dust, and dirt, and ash remained.
And all we knew was gone,
and all we knew became nothing.
So hand-in-hand we ran back home,
to wash our toes
and dust our clothes.

*Two writers,
one line:
"Scene: an empty park,
Line: So this is it,"*



THE JOURNEY TO PERFECTION

by Paul Francisco '15
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

A car drove down the empty roads in the small suburb. It was six in the morning and James was ready for the day ahead of him. He pulled up to a house and took out his phone, sending a text, "Let's Go." He turned on his iPod and waited. Becca walked out of the house toward the car. The sight of her mesmerized him. Becca looked almost exactly the same as she did three years ago when James first saw her in the gym for club signups. She was wearing sweatpants and a hoodie that looked a size too big for her. Her hair was pushed back with her signature multicolored Nike headband securely on her head.

"You're late!" she said, snapping at James. Becca opened his car door and got in the front seat. She threw her bags in the backseat and plugged her iPod into the radio.

"Do you honestly have to do that every single time you come in the car? What is wrong with my music?" he

asked, continuing down the street. Becca just looked at him with a smile on her face. She was not your typical girl. For starters, she was extremely tall for a girl and was the captain of the mixed ultimate frisbee team at Mount Saint Luke. She and James were the power couple of Mount Saint Luke Academy. James was 6'5", 225 pounds, the captain of the basketball team, and the number one recruit in the nation. Being the number one recruit in the nation doesn't come easy. Everyone was saying that James was one of the most talented kids to play the game of basketball ever. All the top recruiting websites were calling him "The Asian LeBron James."

The pressure on both of them was enormous. It was the first day of school, and they were both already on their morning workout schedules. It was their senior year, and expectations were big for the school's basketball and frisbee teams. James was coming into the year on fire. He was getting praise from every basketball analyst in the country and was on track to win a third

state championship. Becca just came off a world championship run with the Under-21 USA team this past summer, which is a feat to be proud of. She came up short with Team USA, but gained the respect of everyone in the ultimate frisbee community.

"This year is going to be our year, right?" Becca said, putting her hand on top of James's.

Becca and James had been dating since the spring of their freshmen year. They had had their ups and downs as a couple, but something that they always excelled at was playing ultimate together. They saw success together and they suffered failure together.

"Of course it is, babe. No one is going to get in our way. No one can stop us. Hey, we are the best two athletes this school has seen in years!" James said confidently pulling into his usual parking spot.

"Ready for our first workout of our season?" James said, looking into Becca's eyes. She was scared. It wasn't something that she could easily describe, but his stare was getting her through it. She wasn't sure if it was going to sustain her worries, but it was enough for now.

"I trust you," Becca said as she opened her door, and grabbed her stuff out of the backseat. They got out of the car and walked toward the gym. Coach Benny met them at the front door, coffee in hand.

"Becca is here and ready to work I see." Coach said.

"You really gotta stop trying to sound like a kid again, Benny. You are like 25." James said, jokingly giving him a bro hug. Benny was a former graduate of Mount Saint Luke Academy and in a similar situation to Becca and James. He too was a top athlete being recruited for prestigious schools, but tore his ACL in the first game of his senior season. He didn't recover from his surgery and wasn't able to play in college. He went to school for everything sports related and coached wherever he could including his old high school.

"Whatever ya punk. I can still beat you in a one-on-one." Benny said, opening the doors to the gym. They all walked in and the lights turned on.

"Let's get to work. The journey to perfection starts here."

The Beatific Vision

by Austin Harney '17
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

A swirling tunnel in the abyss of my mind is
Staring and glaring right in front of me.
I gaze and lose consciousness of reality and
Follow the rabbit in.
I lose his guidance and continue to venture.

An unknown realm of what is and what should never be.
I come across thought and hold its hand.

We walk together.

For a while, it seemed like we knew where we were going
But now I feel that neither of us know the way.

There is a light (however, dim)
That we both see peeking through an onyx Mist.

We continue on.

We peek through the mist and look upon a chasm.
On one side that dim light lies,
On the other lies Thought and I,
And the creeping darkness.
We can see in the dark now and
We are not scared of what lies beneath our bed or
What could possibly be in the closet.

Now we are prepared, but now face the obstacle of jumping.
To Jump across an impossible chasm of disbelief and doubt,
Is it even possible to make it
To the other side? What if thought doesn't make it across and I do
—or— what if I don't make it across
And thought does?

And I continue to jump.

LONG-AWAITED

by Branan Durbin '16
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Reeds can survive almost anything.
No air, no problem—
they handle it.
Everything is under control.
They sway in the blowing wind
so gracefully, too...
so gracefully.
Even God vows to protect them,
“A bruised reed He will not break,”
If He won't break them,
what will?

Reeds, though, need calm—
there's a reason they're always seen
in peaceful waters
caressed by a light breeze
that seems to be theirs alone.
Any swift waters come,
away they go...
Snap. Snap. Snap snap snap!

I refuse to break,
but I can feel the waters surging.
Please tell me I'm only bruised,
that waves won't hit my weaknesses.
My own wind has finally found its way
to twirl and serenade me—
but it brings along turbulence.
Lord, don't break me now—
allow the wind to lift me up
to long awaited beauty.

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LITTLE THINGS

by Melanie Souchet '14
Senior Portfolio Staff

FICTION

Allie did not expect to be defending herself with the pink mister she normally used to discipline the cat. Especially not from her boyfriend, who was supposed to be an adult. Supposed to be.

“Don't.” She brandished the mister warningly. “Don't you even think about taking another step.”

“All I did was ask if you were ticklish.” He had his hands in his pockets, but the smile on his face was too mischievous for her liking. “It's an innocent question.”

“Not coming from you, it's not.”

“What, you don't trust me?”

“Not really.” She narrowed her eyes. “Not with this.”

He didn't take another step forward. She didn't lower the mister. “I was just wondering,” he said, finally taking his hands out of his pockets and holding them up defensively. “Idle curiosity. We've been dating for over a year...”

“One year, four months.”

“Five months,” he corrected her

with a cheeky smile. “And I realized I didn't know if you were ticklish. It's never come up.”

“There's probably a reason for that, Charles.”

“Is the reason that you are ticklish?”

The smug look on his face, she decided, was justification enough for spraying him with the mister. “Ack! Hey! What did I do?!”

She rolled her eyes. “You're dumb,” she said in a tone of voice that indicated she knew how weak of a comeback it was, but couldn't think of anything better.

Charles only shrugged and wiped the water off his face. “Maybe I am, but you love me,” he pointed out.

It was true. She did. God help her, she really did.

Allie turned back to the bookshelves she'd been dusting. She sensed, rather than heard Charles come up behind her. He wasn't terribly tall or heavy, and moved with an almost eerie quietness most of the time. “Don't...” she said warningly.

“Wasn't planning on it.” And he didn't. His hands rested gently on her hips, but he made no move to tickle her. Yet. Allie kept an eye on the

pink mister, just in case. “One year, five months, I didn't know you were ticklish. I'm appalled at myself.”

“One, I never said I was ticklish.” Allie turned her head slightly to give him a reprimanding look. “Two, why? It's not an important detail. Our relationship would not collapse if you never found out I'm not ticklish.”

“It's the principle of the thing, Al. I should know these things.”

Allie rolled her eyes again and turned around so she was facing him. “Okay, so you don't know if I'm ticklish,” she said. “But you remember important stuff. Like the nut allergy. And that I need to read labels. That's a pretty important thing to remember. I've had people I've known for years forget that.”

Charles considered this for a second. “True,” he said finally.

“You also remember our anniversary. And before you say ‘but I'm supposed to know that’, if I had a nickel for every complaint I've heard from my girlfriends about their boyfriends forgetting the anniversary...”

“You'd be able to quit your job for good?”

“Basically.”

Charles shrugged. “In defense of those other boys, it's easy for me to remember. It's on my birthday. I can hardly forget that date.”

“True, but still.” Allie leaned forward just enough to kiss the bridge of his nose. “It's nice that you care enough to make it as important as your birthday.”

“Of course I care.” He wrinkled his nose a bit at the gesture, but smiled. “I am, after all, deeply and sincerely in love with you.”

Allie smiled. “Yes, I can tell by the way you threaten me with tickles.”

“I wasn't threatening you!”

“Sure you weren't.” And there was that mischievous look on Charles's face again. “Don't...”

“I wasn't.”

“Charles, don't you dare even think about it.”

“I was just contemplating...”

“Do not contemplate.”

“...I love you.”

“And I love you, too, but if you try to tickle me, I will spray you in the face again, I swear to God.”

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Paul Francisco, better known as DJ P.J., was born in North Korea to Dennis Rodman during one of his ambassador trips. Trying to further his basketball career and preserve his reputation, Mr. Dennis put him up for adoption.

A nice family from Tanzania adopted Paul and raised him to be the cobra commander of the Serengeti Safari Rangers. Paul became dedicated to hunting poachers, recording rock ballads in his spare time. (DJ P.J.'s music is a combination of classic rock ballads and animal noises.)

During his time keeping Africa safe, Paul took a trip to the bustling metropolis of Cairo, Egypt. While visiting the museum of ancient Egyptian history, Paul was framed for stealing \$9.2 billion worth of artifacts. The bastard. Paul is currently still in custody, awaiting trial without parole.

We have no idea how he wound up at Providence College; we assume it's a body double. If you'd like to hear the fine works of DJ P.J. please visit www.safarirangersmusic.com.

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time

This week...

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I'm a freshman getting ready to register for my classes next fall, and I'm looking to fill as many core requirements as possible. But the problem is, I always get bumped out of the classes I want to take! How can I make sure I get into my classes before they fill up?

Sincerely,
It's 7:30 and I'm blocked out!

Dear Cute Conformist,

Boy, do you have some learning to do. You're a measly little freshman, the odds will not be with you during registration, therefore it would be a waste of your precious beauty sleep to wake up at 7 a.m. and haul it to Dunks, then Accinno all in the name of registration. You are setting yourself up for nothing but failure.

Rising seniors will reap all of your dream cores, and you will be locked out before you even start; get used to rejection, dearest, for you will be stuck with no options but Twiddling Your Thumbs 101.

My suggestion? Raise your perfectly polished middle finger to the obviously flawed system, and do not conform to registration norms; sleep in so you can look hotter than your stressed out peers who are stuck worrying about being trapped in the worst possible philosophy course with an ignorant SOB. Be above it all, you foxy frosh.

XOXO

Dear Weakling,

Aw, I remember my first class registration. I was on my first freshman year, 22 years ago (I failed f***** Civ six times, making me repeat freshman year six times). Of course, by the time I hit my eighth registration, I had mastered the ways of weaseling into classes.

First step: wake up on time. I know it is freshman year, which means more all nighters with Burnett's than all nighters with the Bible. So, put down the underage bottle, and pick up the reins of maturity: your class registration book.

Second step: Pick your classes. Find your prospective professors on the gold mine known as ratemyprofessors.com. If they aren't above a 4.5 easiness, then you drop that class quicker than Snoop Dogg drops hot things.

Third step: Accept your failure as a human being. As a weak freshmen you stand no shot against the mighty seniors. They will take all of your classes, leaving you nothing. Picture the class as a Pride Lands, and seniors as Mufasa and Simba: they get everything the light touches. You, you are like a hyena. You get the shadows.

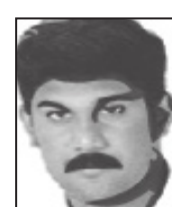
So maybe you should pick back up that bottle, freshman. It is the only way to cope with your shortcomings as a human being and species.

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Gillies Returning For Junior Season

by DJ Anderson '16
Sports Editor

MEN'S HOCKEY

In 2012, Jon Gillies '16 was selected 75th overall in the NHL draft by the Calgary Flames. After one of the most impressive freshman seasons in Providence College history, including winning the Hockey Commissioners' Association National Rookie of the Year, and being named a second team All-American, it was assumed that Gillies would turn pro after one more year in school. However, after tasting tournament success with a first round NCAA tournament win, the Friars goaltender has decided to return for his third season at Providence.

In an interview with the *Calgary Herald*, Gillies said that this season left him with "a feeling of unfinished business. I want to come back so I can see it through and make sure I didn't leave any stone unturned or give it one final chance, one last go." This season was a real breakthrough for Providence College Men's Hockey. For the first time since 1991, the Friars were able to secure a win in the NCAA tournament. Gillies was a huge factor in the game, saving over 30 Quinipiac shots in a 4-0 victory over the 2012-13 national runner-up.

The members of the 2016 graduating class have made a huge impact on the recent success of the team. They were one of the largest recruiting classes in the country when they were brought in, and with the help of Head Coach Nate Leaman, they have been able to make an immediate impact on nearly every aspect of their games. Gillies cited his classmates as a reason for his return in the previously mentioned *Calgary Herald* interview. "Most of all, it'll just be a fun ride with my 11 other classmates, we came here together to reinstall a winning culture in Providence. With one more year, I think we can really do it."

Some of the 11 classmates that Gillies mentioned, including Mark Jankowski '16, John Gilmour '16, Brandon Tanev '16, Nick Saracino '16,

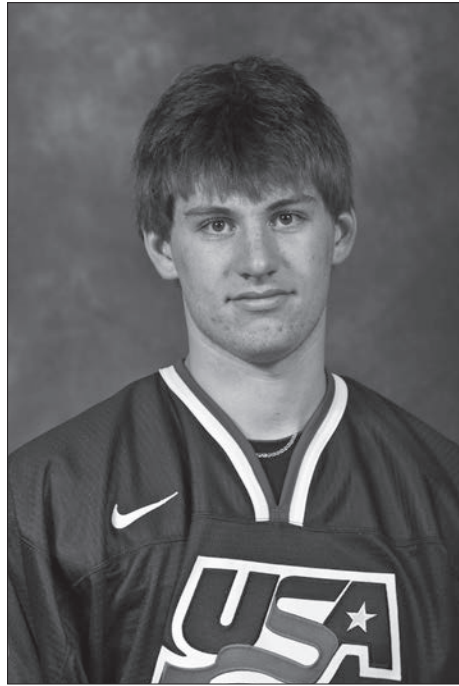


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and Steven McParland '16 will all be returning as well. All of these players, as well as first year standouts Anthony Florentino '17, Conor MacPhee '17, and Kyle McKenzie '17, will do their best to weather the losses of captains Steven Shamanski '14 and Derek Army '14.

The success of this year's team was driven by the leadership of these captains. However, strong play in goal is a serious anchor for any great team. Gillies has emerged as the anchor for this Friars team and will keep striving to make improvements with each passing season. He mentioned this to the *Calgary Herald*: "From a technical standpoint, (another season) will give me a chance to keep growing and keep developing. From an experience standpoint, it'll allow me to be—for the first time in my career—one of the older guys on my team."

Next season may give Gillies and his classmates their first real leadership opportunities at Providence. Ross Mauermann '15 is the only returning player that wore either an "A" or a "C" on his jersey last season, and it will be interesting to see if any members of the 2016 graduating class will have the same honor in their junior seasons.

Who Will Win the 2014 Masters Tournament? Lee Westwood Keegan Bradley

This weekend at Augusta National, the path to the green jacket will be as wide open as it has ever been. Indeed, none of the big names of the past two decades seem poised for victory.

Tiger Woods, a four-time Master's champion, will miss this year's tournament, sidelined for the near future with a serious back injury. Phil Mickelson, a three-time winner who has also struggled with injuries in recent weeks, hasn't won a PGA tournament since July 2013. Even Rory McIlroy, the prodigious eight-stroke winner of the 2012 PGA Championship, has fizzled as of late, causing some to blame his poor performance on new clubs.

Despite recent disappointments, McIlroy remains the favorite for the 2014 Master's. PGA veteran Sergio Garcia, rising newcomer Jordan Spieth, and a red-hot, rejuvenated Matt Kuchar are all possible contenders as well.

But one player who has been surprisingly under the radar is England's Lee Westwood. In his 21 years on the tour, Westwood has acquired a reputation for consistency. He has finished in the top-three of a major tournament an astonishing eight times without a victory. In the past four Masters, he has placed eighth, third, 11th, and second. Westwood even held the number one position in the world for a span of 22 weeks, starting in October 2010.

These are just a few reasons why I'm picking Lee Westwood to win the Master's this year. His current world ranking (second) speaks volumes about Westwood's legitimate talent. Westwood quietly produces consistent results while the experts continue to fawn over the "household names."

So don't be surprised if Lee Westwood seizes the opportunity of an open field and finally wins that elusive first major—especially now that players who kept him from success in the past have faltered.

-Nate Svogun '16

This week, we're making Master's predictions. A few weeks ago, when we made March Madness predictions, everyone except Bryan chose a statistically probable champion. And we were all wrong. So if there's one thing I've learned, it's this: don't trust sports analysts. Both Adam Scott and Rory McIlroy are looking at 10/1 odds. But then again, Duke's odds were good, too. So I'll make a less likely prediction: Keegan Bradley will win the Masters.

He's a fellow Vermonter, so I can't not choose him. And yet, I think I'm justified in doing so. He is, quite simply, a great golfer. He has one of the better drives in the game. His putting is extremely accurate. More importantly, he has the intangibles. He knows the game. I'd venture to say he could teach Barkley how to golf. He's not afraid to take risks. Name one golf movie where a huge risk isn't taken during a climatic scene. Finally, he's clutch. When you're biting your nails, hoping that your favorite player will sink a putt, you're in good hands with Keegan Bradley.

For a young guy, he's well-decorated. In 2011, he won the HP Byron Nelson Championship and the PGA Championship. In 2012, he won the WGC-Bridgestone Tournament. If you ask me, the best is yet to come him. I think it's about time he added a Green Jacket to that trophy case.

-Billy O'Brien '17



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Javelin:

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and the Stony Brook Quad Meet with javelin throws of 53.96 and 55.36 meters respectively. At the Big East Championship, he threw the javelin 56.50 meters, good enough for eighth place.

This season, Bowler picked up right where he left off, earning the only victory at the Stony Brook University Spring Opener on March 30. With a throw of 52.42 meters, Bowler captured first place

for the Friars in the opening of the outdoor season.

Although Bowler was the only victor in the event, many other Friars gave strong performances. In the 3000-meter run, Providence captured four of the top six spots. Hugh Armstrong '17 led the Friar runners with a third place finish with a time of 8:59.03. The Friars then took fourth, fifth, and sixth places with quality runs by Trevor Crawley '17 (9:01.50), Jake Feinstein '17 (9:02.04) and Christian Costello '16 (9:02.42).

The Track Team also grabbed

two second-place finishes in the opener. Phillip Reid '15 received second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.03, and Joseph Vercollone '16 placed second in the 1500-meter run with a time of 4:06.89. Austin King '16 also finished fourth in the 300-meter dash, with a time of 35.72 seconds.

The Friars followed up this performance with strong showings in the Sam Howell and Stanford Invitationals on April 4 and 5. Julian Oakley '16, Harvey Dixon '16, and Julian Saad '14 all posted IC4A Championship times at

Sam Howell. The following day at Stanford, three more Friars, Benjamin Connor '15, Brian Doyle '15, and Liam Hillery '15 also posted IC4A Championship qualifying times. With these performances, these six runners will likely compete in the NCAA Division I Regionals later in the year.

The Track Team hopes to continue its success at home on April 12 at the Friar Invitational.

NCAA Tournament in Review

by Joey Ciccarello '16
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Jim Calhoun, UConn's legendary former basketball coach, told DeAndre Daniels, his former player, that nobody was talking about him leading up to Final Four weekend. Daniels responded, "Don't worry about it. They'll all be talking about me after Saturday." Not only was the country buzzing about Daniels and the Huskies after Saturday's upset of top-seeded Florida, but they are most definitely talking about them today after the Huskies' fourth national Championship in the last 15 years.

UConn, led by Daniels and Final Four Most Outstanding Player Shabazz Napier, defeated top-seeded Florida and pre-season number one Kentucky last weekend en route to an improbable national title run. The Huskies remained undefeated in National Championship games at 4-0 after a 60-54 victory over Kentucky.

In Saturday's first game, Florida raced out to a 16-4 lead on UConn, led by senior leader Patric Young. After that, however, Napier and UConn took over, going on a 21-6 run to end the half, and eventually pulling away late in the second half en route to a 63-53 upset victory.

Daniels pitched in a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds, and



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made up for a surprisingly low 12 points from Napier. Young and teammate Casey Prather scored in the double digits for Florida, but an uncharacteristically bad performance from point guard Scottie Wilbekin was the nail in the coffin for Florida.

The late game featured its fair share of fireworks, as Kentucky outlasted Wisconsin in an epic 75-74 victory. Wildcats guard Aaron Harrison added to his resume of big shots this post-season, drilling a go-ahead three-pointer with five seconds left. Harrison also hit the go-ahead three against Michigan to send Kentucky to the Final Four. Ben Brust and Sam Dekker paced Wisconsin

with 15 points each, but star center Frank Kaminsky was neutralized and held to just eight points.

The title game swung decisively in UConn's favor early, as Napier's offense and the team's suffocating defense helped the Huskies race out to a 30-15 lead. However, in a game full of runs, Kentucky's 16-5 run at the end of the half closed the deficit to four heading into the second half.

When it looked like the Huskies were going to run away with the game again, Kentucky, the first team to start five freshmen in the Final Four since Michigan, put together a barrage of threes, as well as a thunderous dunk by James Young, to close the deficit again.

In the end, however, Napier and the Huskies closed out the game at the free throw line, and brought Coach Kevin Ollie his first national championship game in his first NCAA Tournament.

UConn, a team turned away by major conferences and banned from the NCAA Tournament last season, completed a stunning turnaround, and rewarded Napier, Daniels, and the rest of the team who stuck through probation en route to the title. "This is what happens when you ban us!" Napier exclaimed following the victory, whose patience cemented his legacy as one of the Huskies' all-time greats.

Men's Soccer Downs Bryant

by Jeffrey Williams '17
Sports Staff

MEN'S SOCCER

The 2013-14 academic year will go down as one of the most memorable ever for Providence College athletics. The Women's Cross Country Team won the school's second national championship, the first being in 1994. The Men's Hockey Team made its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2001, and won its initial game against Quinnipiac before losing to Union in the regional final.

The Men's Basketball Team won the Big East championship and qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2004, losing to North Carolina in a heart-wrenching battle. Lost in all of this athletic success is the men's soccer team, which went 12-6-4, and lost to Maryland in the second round of the NCAA tournament, its seventh appearance ever and sixth since 2005. On Thursday, April 3, the Friars faced off against the Bryant Bulldogs in a spring game at Ray Treacy Track.

Easily holding possession and unleashing a barrage of shots on goal, the Friars controlled the pace of the game in a 3-0 win over their inter-state rivals. For much of the first half, PC possessed the ball in Bryant's area, taking shot after shot that either went wide of the goal or was stuffed by the Bulldog goalie. Whenever the opponents tried to make a run, the Friar defense kept the

ball away from the net, with Keasel Broome '15 making an especially impressive save.

When the teams came back out for the second half, a light seemingly switched on and a blitz of goals ensued, three in 12 minutes. Julian Gressel '17 put the Friars on the board first, making a nice move around the goalkeeper and deftly depositing the ball into the net, putting Providence up 1-0 to the vocal disappointment of Bryant fans in attendance. About 10 minutes later, Fabio Machado '15 made an interception and slipped a pass to Markus Naglestad '15, who curled it into the goal from the left side of the box to put the Friars up two scores.

Only about 90 seconds later, as the crowd was still digesting that impressive finish, PC scored another goal. Dribbling down the right side, Gressel made a neat cross into the box, finding the head of striker Mac Steeves '17. The keeper stopped the first shot, but Steeves was easily able to head the rebound into the goal for the last time of the evening. The final score was Providence 3, Bryant 0.

Only losing four seniors, the Friars should be well prepared for another run in the fall. For Coach Craig Stewart and his men, the successful 2013 season should be a precursor to an extremely productive 2014 season.

Black Pack on a Roll

by Pat Shea '14
Sports Staff

MEN'S CLUB RUGBY

The Black Pack is back at it, and in the past two weekends has crushed the competition. The team played its first and last home game of the spring season against the nationally ranked Red Ruggers of Fairfield University. The game was supposed to be a close match up of two top rugby competitors, but ultimately the Black Pack came out on top when the final whistle blew and the score was 17-59. Scores were made by Dave Calianese '14, Cameron Hughes '17, Lucas Gowland '14, Peter Alley '14, Patrick Gray '15, and Tadas Jalinskas '17. Gowland was able to hit plenty of kicks to bring the team to their victory. The Pack had a rough season this past fall, plagued with injuries from their veterans, so a lot of newer players had to step up. These newer players have come through and helped the Black Pack dominate this game both defensively and offensively.

The spring season for rugby is usually for tournament play, and so far the Pack has won two competitions. The first was this past Saturday at the University of Rhode Island where they bested Boston University, Bryant University, and even the host university URI in order to win the Rhody Cup for their second consecutive year. During the Boston University match, the team went on a scoring spree offensively and held BU to only two scores. John Junior '16, Ryan Sullivan '16, Gray, Dimerson Nunez '17 and Gowland scored twice while kicking the extra points for the team to crush BU 34-12.

There was no rest for the team however, because the following morning some of the team traveled to Stonehill for the Rugby Northeast 7s Conference tournament where they lost their first match against Stonehill by only three but were able to blow by Merrimack College, Bentley University, and UMass Lowell to play Stonehill a



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second time for the championship. The Black Pack defeated them by a score of 47-7 in order to win this tournament for their second consecutive year. Head Coach Michael Cox said, "We have become one of the strongest programs in New England and we have been able to prove it time and time again. I have been with this senior class for four years and I'm proud of how these guys have grown as athletes and individuals. I want to make up for a tough fall season by winning out our entire tournament schedule this spring, but the Beast is going to be our toughest obstacle."

The team now prepares for their yearly tournament "The Beast of the East," where teams will come right here to Portsmouth, R.I. from rugby programs all over the eastern United States to compete over two days for the title of Beast of the East. The Black Pack could use all the support they can get, and if you would like to watch the Pack take on the competition, feel free to travel to 715 East Main Road in Portsmouth, RI this Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13.

Upcoming Spring Schedule

April 10	vs. Holy Cross	7:00 p.m.
April 15	@ Boston College	5:30 p.m.
April 26	vs. PC Alumni	4:00 p.m.



SPORTS

The King of Friartown Cotton Finishes Superb Career at Providence



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by James Kirby '15
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bryce Cotton '14, wearing the net he just cut down from MSG around his neck while carrying his Big East Tournament MVP trophy, was swarmed by reporters. It was his night. Cotton just outdueled Creighton University's Naismith Player of the Year Award winner Doug McDermott to give Providence the Big East Championship, the school's first in 20 years.

The 6 foot 1 inch point guard was not always in the limelight receiving nation-wide attention. In fact, he was in the exact opposite position four years ago when he graduated high school and was left without a single scholarship to play at the collegiate level. The second leading scorer and assist leader in the Big East, Honorable Mention All-American, First Team All-Big East, NBC Sports.com Second Team All-American, three-time Big East Player of the Week who averaged over 20 points and five assists a game while averaging 40.2 minutes per game in conference play during his senior year of college did not have a single scholarship after high school. "[My confidence] never wavered. It was just a frustrating situation because I played against a lot of guys who were going to some big name schools, and I did well against them so I knew I had the talent. I just didn't understand what else I needed to do to showcase my ability," said Cotton regarding the situation. In mid-August, Cotton received an offer from his one and only school: Providence College. Two days before freshman orientation, and over 2,600 miles away from his home in Tucson,

Ariz., Bryce Cotton was a Friar.

His development from freshman year to senior year was nothing short of amazing, both on and off the court. "I've become a lot more vocal on the court. The last few years I really stepped out of my shell as I've gotten more comfortable with the team and my role. As far as growing up as a person, just being so far away from home at such a young age...it allowed me to grow up really quick. No one in my family is the slightest bit close to me, so you have to handle the responsibility on your own," said Cotton. On the court, Cotton can do it all, whether it be knocking down a contested three, or hitting a running floater down the lane. His skill on the court is apparent, but what may not be is his demeanor when he is not playing. An extremely humble player, Cotton's character is shaped by his journey. "That's just how I am. I never forget where I come from. I know how hard I had to work to get here and just by the way I did it, I know it had God written all over it, so I can't even take the credit for it so there is no need to be cocky."

The team Cotton led his senior year will always be remembered for their improbable championship run that secured them a spot in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2004. "I know earlier in the year a lot of people started to doubt us after a loss to UMass and a bad loss to Seton Hall, people kind of thought it was going to be a quote unquote 'typical PC season.' We used that as motivation to keep fighting despite people not believing in us and the fact we were able to pull off a championship is something the school won't forget and we definitely won't either," said Cotton, putting the season and championship into

perspective. As special as the win was, Cotton's favorite win at PC was Senior Night against Marquette. "Technically, we weren't supposed to win that game. We came up with a couple big time plays and just the way it went down... that was the most memorable."

When asked about future plans, Cotton replied, "As far as I know, there is still going to be a lot of basketball." He continued, "I'm proud to be graduating as well. That is something I pride right next to my basketball future." As of right now, Cotton is projected in many big boards to be a late second round pick. Regardless of Cotton's outcome in the draft, Cotton is very grateful to the people and fans that have enabled him to live his dream. "The fans have definitely made it a run for me to remember. I always kept that

in mind and I wanted to make sure I didn't let anybody who ever supported me down. I'm thankful for the school and fans for the opportunity and of course my family for never letting me get down on myself."

Two years ago, you could peek into Alumni Gym and see Cotton practicing free throws by himself long after practice ended. To this day, you can still see him in there practicing after his workout, preparing for whatever life brings him next. As Cotton has found, hard work pays off. "Everything that I have gotten in life, I have had to work extremely hard for. I know nothing is going to come easy to me and I have a peace of mind knowing if I am giving it everything I got there is nothing left in my control."

Fun Facts about Cotton

Favorite Pizzeria: Pizza Hut

Favorite TV Show: *Walking Dead* (needs to find a new one)

Sport He'd Be Playing if not Basketball: Baseball

Favorite MLB Team: Arizona Diamondbacks

Favorite Ray Meal: I do not eat at Ray.

Most Embarrassing Moment: My first Big East shot got smacked into the third row at Syracuse. Very first shot.

Favorite Class at PC: Ironically, Civ.

Funniest Teammate: Kris Dunn or Ladontae Henton, it's a toss up.

Favorite Artist: Anything Drake.

Favorite Award Won: NBC Sports Second Team All-American