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## How About Them Apples?

by Bridget Stack '13  
Sports Editor

Basketball

Every member of the Providence College Men's and Women's Basketball Teams received a MacBook Pro—free of charge. The athletics department has created the Student Computer Lending Program, which provides each student-athlete on the men and women's basketball teams with a brand new MacBook. With this program, the athletics department is hoping to enhance the academic success of its athletes—or rather, just certain selected student-athletes. This program was created for just the men and women's basketball teams, and there are no current plans to expand it to any other sport, at least for the next five years. Twenty-one players, 21 MacBooks. The standard price of a MacBook is \$1,200. Multiply that by the 21 computers purchased for this program, and the total cost is approximately \$25,200.

Providence College is not funding the purchase, and no tuition money is being utilized. The funding for this program is coming from the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF). This fund was created by the NCAA and is designed to help alleviate the financial burdens that are placed on student-athletes. "How the program works is the NCAA provides each conference office a set amount of money," explains Jill LaPoint, the executive associate athletics director for PC. "For us, the NCAA would distribute this money to the Big East conference office, then the conference office disseminates this to all of the member schools in the Big East." SAOF can be used in multiple ways. It can be used to pay the travel expenses for an athlete in an emergency situation; it allows the College to cover what a parent's insurance doesn't for a surgery; and it allows the College to spend \$25,200 on computers. There are over 350 athletes at Providence College. The men and women's basketball programs make up less than five percent of that total. "This is a program that is high profile," LaPoint says. "We need them to be successful, we want them to be successful, and we want them to be successful in the classroom." Why not buy a cheaper computer so more student-athletes will be able to receive them? "A lot of our coaches are using Macs now, and it just felt like that's where things are going," LaPoint explains. "Most of our coaches are on iPads, and MacBooks, and that sort of thing, MAC/Page 27

## Goodbye JRW, Hello SRW?

by Christine Rousselle '13  
News Editor  
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The 46-year tradition known as "Junior Ring Weekend" (JRW) may soon be experiencing some dramatic changes for the Classes of 2015, 2016, and beyond. At the Student Congress meeting on Sept. 26, plans were unveiled that would drastically alter the junior year of Providence College students: JRW will most likely be moved to senior year. JRW consists of a Mass to bless the rings, a "Club Night" held on campus in the Peterson

Field House, and a "Formal Night," held off campus. The Junior Ring Weekend planned for the Class of 2014 this November will remain as scheduled. The dates for JRW for the Class of 2015 are up in the air, and the Class of 2016 is probably having the first Senior Ring Weekend. The changes were explained to be the result of uneven ratios of study abroad students. At Providence College, approximately 80% of students who study abroad do so in the spring, compared to an average of about 60% at other schools. According to Dean of International Studies Adrian Beaulieu, it was inferred that one of the big reasons students were choosing to study abroad in the spring

was JRW. Approximately 30% of Providence College Students study abroad at some point in their college careers. The College has been working to expand its study abroad programs and has been assuring incoming and prospective students RINGS/Page 6



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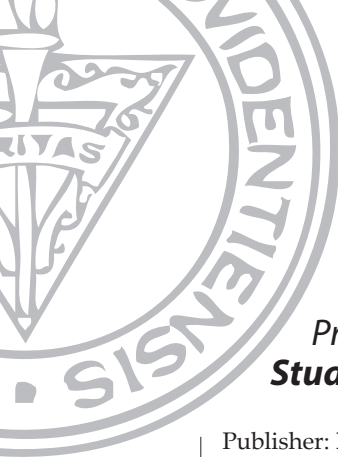


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Editor'sDesk

The Early Bird Gets the Worm...

It's getting to be that time of year again. The breeze is a bit chillier, Dunkin' Donuts is serving pumpkin-flavored drinks, and the school work has started to build up. You already have two research papers looming over your head when you are assigned an exam for next Tuesday in a class you have yet to buy the textbook for.

The end of September can be a very daunting time for many students, especially freshmen. Still savoring the last moments of summer through our fading tans and refusal to put away the sandals, we are reluctant to accept that fall is almost here. For many, the beginning of the school year is a time to reconnect with friends... and that's all. Sure, we all go to classes five days a week (some much less), but at the end of the day, we are not as concerned with math homework and Civ essays as with the waning summer weather.

Although it's fun to throw a Frisbee on the quad or have a barbeque on your porch, it's important to not let the school work pile up. We're all guilty of letting some reading fall by the wayside, but it's a slippery slope from sparknoting *Gilgamesh* to starting an eight-page paper the night before it's due.








We know what you're all thinking; *didn't I leave my parents in [Insert New England State Here] for a reason? Stop lecturing me!* But take some advice from seasoned old-timers: leaving your work until the last minute is not a good idea. Not only will the quality of the paper or final grade of the exam suffer, but you will be left staying up until the early morning hours with no one but *The Cowl* editors in Slavin LL04 to keep you company. We can tell you from experience that the watered-down coffee in Ray is not going to be enough to shock you into A-plus student material.

While sleep is one good way to ensure your GPA doesn't evaporate into thin air, trying to remain organized is another. We all start the year with high hopes of writing everything down in an agenda. *This is going to be the year I plan out my entire week in small colorful boxes!* we all say. Alas, our agendas remain untouched and our week is a chaotic mess of homework, club activities, and spending time with friends.

It's getting to be that time of year again, PC. And instead of falling behind, let's all make a conscious effort to keep up with the work, stay healthy, and most importantly, have fun.

Arman & Dara

CampusCalendar

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## Student Congress Discusses JRW Changes

by **Andres Taborda '15**  
Asst. News Editor

STUDENT CONGRESS

The 63rd Student Congress met this past Tuesday in a meeting that welcomed the Dean of International Studies, Adrian Beaulieu. Justin Gomes '13, executive president of Student Congress, reported that he had met with the Feinstein Institute for Service and is looking to put together a strategic plan. Gomes informed the congress that the body would be having focus groups in the next few weeks.

Dan Hogan '13, executive treasurer, announced that the Finance Committee is working on ways to get more money for Student Congress.

In class announcements, the Class of 2013 announced a Senior Night event on Oct. 19 and will collect money for breast cancer research.

The Class of 2014 announces that JRW ring sales will resume in front of McPhail's from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sales have surpassed 300 and the class officers are aiming towards 50% participation. Ring sales end this week. It was also reported by the class that Junior Nights are in the planning stage.

The Class of 2015 reported that they are looking into Providence College's Internet, PC-Secure, and its reliability. They are also checking into the situation regarding a loss of Internet in the Chapel basement. The class will also hold an informational class forum next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Moore Hall III regarding Junior Ring Weekend.

In committee announcements, Clubs and Organizations reported that clubs will begin to face consequences if they do not turn in their financial reports.

Outreach reported that they are continuing to work on Late Night Madness and Pumpkinfest.

Student Life is looking into getting an athletic trainer for non-athletes.

Publicity reported that they have started letting people know about nominations, and participation has been good so far. They will publicize a "Meet the Candidates" night to happen soon. As usual, the committee asked for all to follow PC Student Congress on both Facebook and Twitter.

The Academic Committee will be making a survey to get feedback about the freshman common reading program. They are also looking at more competitive schools to expand course offerings here at the College.

Legislative Affairs reported that nominations began on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. They will be having iPads at the

Raymond Hall tables for voting.

Board of Programmers (BOP) gave an update on their events. They will be hosting a golfing outing at Button Hole for \$2 and the Silent Disco tour will be coming to campus on Saturday night at 9:30 p.m. on the Slavin lawn.

Mark Caprio '14, president of the junior class, motioned to suspend the rules and welcome the Dean of International Studies to discuss a clashing issue between study abroad and Junior Ring Weekend. The floor was opened to general debate where members of congress were able to ask the Dean questions about study abroad and its interference with Junior Ring Weekend. The problem relates to

the majority of students going abroad in the spring semester and the College having trouble with housing students in the fall semester. Any changes to the JRW tradition will affect the Class of 2015 and future classes.

It was reported that the College has hired a new study abroad advisor beginning next Wednesday.

In old business, SCA-63-01, a piece of legislation regarding the consequences for not submitting financial reports was brought up for a vote. The legislation passed.

With no new business to take up, Student Congress adjourned and will meet again on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Soft Lounge.

### This Week In Congress

#### Old Business:

**-SCA-63-01, regarding the consequences of not submitting financial reports, passed.**

#### New Business:

**-Potential change in JRW date for the Classes of 2015 and beyond discussed with the Dean of International Studies.**

## Oliver Teaches Dance at PC for Over 25 Years

by **Amanda Garganese '13**  
News Staff

FEATURED TEACHER

Unless a student is a theatre, dance, music, or film major, or just trying to fill that fine arts requirement, one probably does not travel to the far and forgotten Smith Center for the Arts. Even though most of us have not ventured to the Angell Blackfriar's Theatre since orientation freshman year, the performing arts are still booming with the help of Dr. Wendolyn Oliver, professor of theatre, dance and film, and department chair of theatre and dance. Oliver has been teaching and choreographing at Providence College for over 25 years.

Oliver grew up in the Los Angeles area for the first half of her childhood before her family moved to Princeton, N.J. She discovered her passion for dance as a child, and her passion for music came later on in high school.

She went to college in the Midwest where she graduated with a bachelor's in English. She had tried to get back into dance during college, but it was not until after college that she became very serious about pursuing dance. After college she moved to Minneapolis, Minn. with a friend to study dance full time. She soon joined a dance company. She became very interested in modern dance because it was different from what she learned when she studied dance as a child.

"I love to choreograph my own dances," said Oliver; "I liked working with others, making original work, and collaborating with live musicians."

During her time in Minneapolis, she attended dance classes every

day and was in a conservatory-like program.

Oliver developed an interest in college teaching and taught dance at a Minnesota college for two years, which helped her decide that she wanted to teach dance full-time. In order to be eligible for long-term teaching positions, she attended Temple University in Philadelphia and got her M.F.A. degree. After applying all over the country for permanent teaching positions, Oliver ended up taking a position at Providence College.

"This is a wonderful job," said Oliver of her career at the College. "I really like that I have been able to develop professionally while I have been here." Oliver went back to school at Columbia University over a long period of time to accrue a doctorate, even though it was not needed for her position.

This semester, Oliver is teaching Modern Dance as well as Dance Composition at the College. Modern Dance is a beginning level class in which students learn the vocabulary and history distinctive to modern dance. Students also attend live performances and are required to do a creative project in which they choreograph a dance. Dance Composition is a more interactive course that has a focus in choreography. Oliver provides students with guidance on how to create their own works, and students learn the preparatory process for making a dance. One activity students partake in involves the use of props. Each student is asked to bring a prop or random object from his or her dorm room and incorporate it into a dance.

Aside from her passion for modern dance, Oliver also enjoys

jazz, ballet, and tap. Oliver's most recent undertaking is the Providence College Dance Company. Professional choreographers from western Massachusetts, Boston, and Rhode Island come to the College

weekly to work with the dancers for their upcoming performance. The performances are scheduled for Nov. 16 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 17 at 2 p.m. All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.



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Dr. Oliver received degrees from Temple University and Columbia University.



# Who Was Fr. Raymond Meagher, O.P.?

The Cowl’s series on Providence College’s history continues this week with a look at the life of Fr. Raymond Meagher, O.P., the namesake of Meagher and Raymond Halls.

by Micaela Cameron ’13  
News Staff

PC HISTORY

Dropping off at Meager. Dropping off at Mahar. Dropping off at Mar. No residence hall on upper campus is the cause of more botched pronunciations than Meagher Hall. No matter how you pronounce it, Meagher Hall is definitely not a meager hall. Home to five floors of underclassmen girls, Meagher Hall sits in a prime location overlooking the upper quad. It is in close proximity to the gym, the library, and the dining hall. The name Raymond may sound familiar as well. Raymond Hall, home to the College’s dining hall and freshman housing, is also named after Meagher.

Meagher was born in Boston and took his vows into the Dominican Order when he was only 16 years old. He was ordained in Louvain, Belgium in 1895. According to Fr. Kevin Robb, O.P., associate vice president of the Office of Mission and Ministry, Meagher became the Prior Provincial of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph’s and held the position from 1914 until 1930. Harkins invited the Dominican Fathers in the Province of St. Joseph’s to found the school that would become Providence College.

In the 1900s, Bishop Matthew Harkins saw the need for a Catholic college in Rhode Island. According to Dr. Donna McCaffrey, a professor in the Department of History, the state’s other secular university, Brown University, did not admit Catholic men unless they played for the



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Both Raymond Hall (pictured below) and Meagher Hall are all-female dormitories.

university’s football team. Together with Bishop Harkins, Meagher helped make Providence College a reality.

For Harkins, opening a college was the capstone of the Catholic education program he had began in the diocese. Harkins looked for support and funding from the Jesuits before getting into contact with the Dominicans. Harkins met a Dominican preaching in the state named Fr. John Dominic Maria van den Wildenberg, O.P. Harkins and Wildenberg began to plan for a college for the Catholic boys of Rhode Island. However, Harkins did not yet have permission from the Master General to continue. For two years, the plans for the College were halted until Meagher came to Harkins in 1915.

Meagher and Harkins continued to plan and send letters to the Master General. Permission to build the college was granted in 1916, and

in 1917 The Act of Incorporation of Providence College was instated. Meagher and Harkins had eighteen acres of land and \$10,000. According

to McCaffrey, further funds were raised through the sale of Irish soda bread and Italian pastries to local parishes, as well as donations from supportive Catholics.

The need for an initial building was fulfilled in Harkins Hall. Initially, it was discussed that the College should be named Harkins College. Harkins thought it was more appropriate if the College were named Providence College, in reference to the divine providence of God. The second building to be built was Aquinas Hall, and then later, Meagher Hall and McDermott Hall, named after Fr. Stephen McDermott, the next provincial of St. Joseph’s Province. Today, the College is the only Dominican Catholic college in the Western hemisphere.

“Father Meagher was a great speaker, a competent and capable man with no fear of undertaking major tasks,” said McCaffrey.



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## Pre-Law Hosts Attorney General

by Kathleen Sullivan ’14  
Senior News Writer

CAMPUS EVENTS

Peter Kilmartin, Attorney General of Rhode Island, met with students from the Pre-Law Society this past Thursday in ’64 Hall. After arriving a few minutes late, and commenting on the obscene amount of traffic for a three mile drive, the Attorney General posed this question to the students: “How many of you know what you want to do?” He listened to the students’ answers, and then explained that when he was entering college, he was planning to study education and become a teacher. Soon after he realized he had an interest in psychology; on a whim he applied to the police academy and went on to work for the Pawtucket Police Department for 24 years. He ended up getting his undergraduate degree in criminal justice, and his law degree from Roger Williams University.

One of the first pieces of advice he shared with the students had to do with taking the LSATs. He explained that he did not take any prep courses or study too much at all, but he stressed that the best way to prepare for the test was to simply not go out drinking the night before. Through the giggles from the students, Kilmartin continued on to advise them not to stress themselves out about the test and “just look at it like another test because at the end of the day, that’s what it is.” He also shared another interesting fact that someone told him when he was applying to law school: unless you are planning to work in the Supreme Court one day, he explained, it really does not matter which law school your degree is from.

In the real world, employers care much more about “ability over parchment.”

The conversation continued as he opened up the floor for questions. Students asked him a number of questions about intriguing cases he has worked on, the different jobs and responsibilities that come with working in the Attorney General’s office, and what kind of jurisdiction his office has over different cases. Since he has been in office, Kilmartin has worked to develop a child abuse/molestation unit, and he has come across cases ranging from environmental issues and healthcare advocacy to human trafficking and hate crimes.

One of the most challenging things about being Attorney General for Kilmartin is that he never knows what is going to come into the office next. So many of the cases the Office of the Attorney General deals with are very tough to handle, and Kilmartin explained how lucky he feels to be able to work with really great people who are passionate, able to build up trust, and solve tough cases, especially those dealing with children. Although, according to Kilmartin, that challenge and not knowing what is going to come next is also one of the best parts of the job.

He ended his talk by earnestly encouraging the students to find their passion, follow their hearts, and as his mother said to him, “At the end of the day, be able to look in the mirror without any guilt.” Before leaving to make it to the business law class he teaches for the School of Continuing Education, he jokingly added that the next time any of the students go to the Elmhurst Pub, they should tell the owner they know Peter Kilmartin because the two happen to be old friends.

## Cowl Puzzler

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# Phi Sigma Tau Hosts Speaker

by Jackie McCarthy '14  
News Staff

CAMPUS NEWS

Phi Sigma Tau is an honor society that was established at Providence College in 1963 for philosophy majors and those with a general interest in the subject. According to the society's website, its purpose is "to encourage interest and activity amongst students and to promote ties between philosophy departments in accredited institutions."

In order to reach the goals of the society, PC's chapter of Phi Sigma Tau attempts to increase interest by holding lectures throughout the year, which all are welcome to attend. The society is also making an effort to be involved and connected with the Phi Sigma Tau societies at Rhode Island College and Salve Regina University, as they are new chapters in Rhode Island. To be a member of Phi Sigma Tau, one must have taken at least three philosophy classes and have a B+ average in these classes or in his or her philosophy major. Those who wish to be a member must also have completed their freshman year and should be at the top 35% of their class. The College's faculty moderator of Rhode Island's Alpha chapter is Dr. Christopher Arroyo.

On Thursday, September 20, Phi Sigma Tau met in the Smith Center for their inaugural lecture, organized by

Dr. Raymond Hayes of the philosophy department. Dr. Sean Walsh of the University of Minnesota Duluth, was invited to speak on the topic of "The Human Life and Its Good." Dr. Walsh's primary research interests are in ethics and metaphysical philosophy, especially that of Aristotle and Confucius. The main points of his presentation were on basic human values, communitarian notions, and social role ethics. He notes that each of the philosophers that he discussed has a different view of what the ultimate good of human life is.

According to Dr. Walsh, "The foundation of an ethical life is in social relations and communities." He shares the belief with Confucius that the community's good should be foremost in our thoughts. At the same time, he shares Aristotle's belief that you are your activities.

Based on these two notions, he presents the theory that your shared activities in a person's relationships are what is important in one's ethical life. As human beings, people strive to attain completeness in their lives, and according to Dr. Walsh, they cannot have complete lives without having meaningful and active relationships with family and/or friends, characterized by truthfulness and love. Humans are urged to extend our relationships as far as we can so that we might be able to share in the activity of our life with others and reach the ultimate good.

# NEWS

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by Andres Taborda '15  
Asst. News Editor

CAMPUS NEWS

## Ruane Center Moving Along Nicely

Construction on the Ruane Center for Humanities reached a new phase this week with the erection of structural steel beams. The delivery was announced to students via email on Sept. 24, and construction began the next day. Students should be aware that the area around the library and Albertus Magnus will be very loud between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily for the next four to six weeks.

## PC Democrats Host R.I. Democrat Chairman

In case you live under a rock, there is a presidential election in just about six weeks and students on campus are gearing up for a race that some polls have in a dead heat. The Providence College Democrats welcomed the chairman of the Rhode Island Democratic Party this past Wednesday at their weekly meeting. Chairman Edwin Pacheco offered members ways in which they can get involved on campaigns around the state.

## Not To Be Outdone...

The College Republicans have also hit the ground running as they too had political activity this week. The CRs hosted a phone bank for the Brendan Doherty for US Congress campaign in Rhode Island. Twelve students made phone calls at the CRs weekly meeting this past Wednesday. They, like the Democrats, will gear up for the next six weeks of hardcore campaigning.

## Don't Feel Like Dying This Winter? Get a Flu Shot!

The Student Health Center will be offering two flu shot clinics in the next week. Students can sign up via the Internet for an appointment. Insurance policies that are accepted were sent to students in an email. Those who are not covered can pay a simple copay of \$20 for an enjoyable season without the demon known as the flu.



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# Ask PC: Sports

*“What are your thoughts on the replacement NFL refs?”*

*“I think they suck. Experience is key.”*  
-Matt Sandorse '15  
Michelle Spera '15

*“They are absolutely terrible. It seems like they don't know the rules. They are not even respected on the field.”*  
-Mike Cardello '16

*“I think that they are awful. The real refs need to realize that an entire country is mad. Withouth them, the NFL is going downhill.”*  
-Maeve Robertson '16

*“They are horrible. They need to get their ish together.”*  
-Bomi Docanto '14

*“They are awful. ‘Touchdown Celtics...’ that’s how bad they are. ‘After further review, the quarterback is out at second.’”*  
-Chris Cesario '14

*“I have never screamed so loud at a TV like I did this weekend.”*  
-Briana Branch '15

*“Do they even know what they’re doing?”*  
-Victoria Cuartas '15

*“It’s an abomination and a disgrace that the refs are this bad. The NFL needs to step up their game. Unions monopoloze everything, even football.”*  
-Bridget Murphy '15  
Rosie Weyrich '15

# RINGS: Forum to be held on Tuesday

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they will have the opportunity to study abroad if they so choose. There have been fears that, due to the increased number of students choosing to study abroad, there would have to be cap on the number of students who would be permitted to go abroad in the spring semester.

According to Matt Kelly '13, who spent his junior year at National University of Ireland Galway, “I wouldn’t have traded my time abroad for JRW.” This being said, Kelly says he is supportive of the idea to move JRW to senior year, saying that he feels as though the celebration “definitely play[s] a role” when students choose to study abroad.

Conversely, Steph Roy '13, who spent the fall 2011 semester studying at the Florence University of the Arts through the Fairfield University program, claimed that the weather and Oktoberfest in Munich were two of the big reasons why she chose to study in Italy during the fall semester rather than the spring. Roy also said that she prefers the springtime weather on campus rather than the fall. As for JRW, Roy said that she was “sad about missing it,” especially after she saw pictures of the event, but those feelings faded after her friends assured her that it was not the ultimate high point of their experience at PC.

“I didn’t care that much about missing [JRW] especially because of senior commencement week, which is basically the same thing, but way better,” concluded Roy.

Joseph Graziano '14, who is

currently studying in Rome, said that he did “not care very much about JRW,” and that his primary reason for going abroad in the fall was so that he could enjoy the spring semester with his friends who would be graduating in May. Although Graziano said he would miss the enjoyment of spending JRW with his friends, the event did not personally seem too appealing to him.

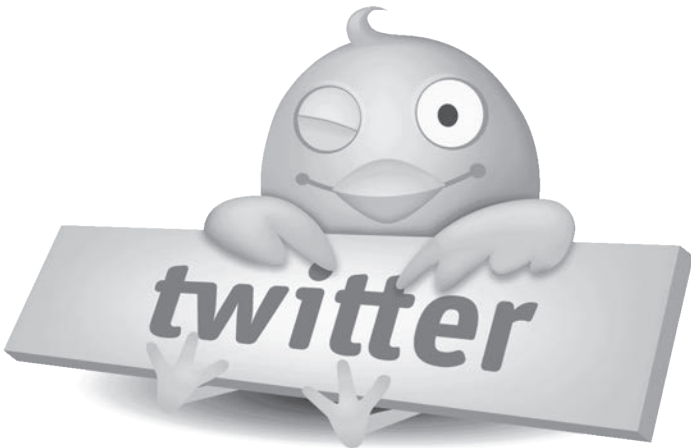
Although legitimate concerns regarding student housing exist, especially with the planned transition of Dore Hall from a residence hall to the School of Business, there are also behind-the-scenes concerns among those involved in Student Congress. Mark Caprio '14 is the president of the Class of 2014 and co-chair of the JRW Core Committee.

“[The senior class president plans] semi-formals, senior nights and commencement. Then to add JRW to that...I can’t even imagine,” remarked Caprio. “It’s way too much for a class president.”

Caprio understands that the administration is in a tough situation, but stresses that he personally does not support the move from junior to senior year. “As juniors, we’re finally invested in the College. JRW kicks (that) off with something awesome,” explained Caprio.

According to Student Congress Executive President Justin Gomes '13, the Class of 2015 will be having a forum to discuss the date of their ring weekend—whether it will be held during junior year or senior year. This forum is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, at 8:30 p.m. in Moore Hall III.

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# Letters of Intent for Freshmen Student Congress

Elections will be held on Sakai on Oct. 2 and 3.

## President

### Austin King

My name is Austin King, and if I am lucky enough to be elected president of the Class of 2016, I will do my best to be an exemplary model of a Providence College student. I will try my hardest to instill the school’s core value, VERITAS, in the Class of 2016, and transform us into a class that can be the leaders of our future world. I am a member of the track team here at Providence, and I want to carry the leadership I learned in athletics over to Student Congress. I was captain of both the varsity hockey and track teams in high school as well as an elected official my senior year. Being a political science major will aid me in reforming the school policies and creating a stronger class. I hope to assist in the creation of an organized, successful, and exciting team that will hold events and policies to help the Class of 2016 to come together and of course to enjoy their college experience. I plan to do this job to my fullest ability with undivided devotion to the Class of 2016.

### Zachary J. Harvey

I am writing in regards to declare my candidacy for president of the Providence College Class of 2016. This is a time at Providence College where leadership is a necessity. The college is growing and so are its ideals. Moving forward is not only good, but crucial for an institution like Providence College. As president I would be sure that equality, above all else, is held in the highest regard. It does not matter where you are from, your religion, or what you look like. It is imperative that one’s voice is heard just as loud as the one standing next to them. As president, I would be sure to stand with the class and the morals that I ran on. I would not lead ahead of them nor behind them, I will lead with them. With that, I am pleased and humbled to submit this letter of intent to Providence College’s Student Congress. Thank you for your consideration of my letter.

## Vice President

### Aidan Preston

I am running for the office of vice president in the Class of 2016 election. My primary goal is to listen to my class and change the things that they want to see changed. I will be easily approachable and will take every concern of my fellow classmates seriously. As the vice president, I will take what I hear to the other elected officers and make sure the voice of the people is heard loud and clear. I will work ardently to ensure that each student has an equal chance to express his or her views. I want to make sure that the students of Providence College enjoy their college experience and have the ability to be themselves at the same time. Without the glory of being the class president, I am happy to do the behind-the-scenes work that makes a college like PC a great institution. Vote for Aidan Preston; it is a vote to be heard.

### Kelley Garland

My name is Kelley Garland and I am running for vice president of the Class of 2016. I could not be happier to have ended up here at Providence College! I hope to bring about the changes we all wish to see, and to represent each student as best as I can. In high school, I’ve held various positions for clubs such as treasurer of French Club and International Outreach, as well as president of Model Congress for two

years. I know how to handle pressure, deadlines, and responsibility, and I would make it my duty to make sure everything would be organized for the benefit of our student body. I understand we all come from different states, or even countries, as well as different family backgrounds. We may not always agree on the same viewpoints and we may have different opinions, but there is one thing I hope to emphasize if elected: we are all Friars. I will help with the rest of the elected council to unify our school more so than it already is. College is about learning, but also the fun and the friendships we gain from it. Have a happy and successful year! Best of luck!

## Treasurer

### Aaron Golding

I am running for treasurer of the Providence College Class of 2016, not only to become more involved in the PC community, but also to make a difference for my class and classes to come. I was involved in a number of clubs in high school on top of playing varsity hockey and golf. I have an unparalleled amount of Friar spirit and pride in my school, which is why representing my class as a part of student government is so important to me. I am a dedicated and hard working student with the social and professional skills to do a superb job as treasurer of my class. I can only hope that I will have the opportunity to work with my class as treasurer as well as the rest of the student government body.

### Peter Emerson

My name is Peter Emerson, I am a management major, and I am running for treasurer. I first joined student government in my sophomore year of high school. After I joined, I took an active role as a member of the budget committee. In those years, I helped to cut costs for our major fundraiser, the semi-formal dance. I decided to run and finance the concession stand myself. I also asked the class during assemblies to bring some extra money to spend at the stand, thereby increasing revenue. In my junior year, I helped my treasurer find extra funds in the budget, so we could fund two organizations which came to us for money. After that, I decided to set up a rainy-day fund to avoid any further problems. I created a new fundraiser, opening the school store longer after school, with the profits going to finance my new fund. I ran this fundraiser during my already busy senior year. I understand how to spend money in student governments, and have the experience to prove it. Thank you and I hope you will vote for me in the elections, Oct. 2 and 3!

## Secretary

### Julie Bash

I am running to be the secretary of the Class of 2016 because I am positive I can make the changes that the students of Providence College wish to see. Student government has always been a passion of mine, and throughout high school I was the secretary of my class for four years. I understand what the job of a secretary entails and am excited to take on the challenges of student government on a much broader scale. I know I have the experience and drive to go above and beyond the demands of our class. I will work diligently along with the other officers to help communicate the needs of our class to the rest of the Student Congress.

Providence College has always been a dream school to me, and I want to make sure the rest of the Class of 2016 feel the same way. If elected, I will lead our class with excitement and confidence in the right direction!

## Class Reps

### Bryan Wenke

As a class representative, I will speak for our class, and propose ideas to our Student Congress that will improve certain aspects of our school. One aspect that I would like to improve is club/intramural sports. The athletes of these sports need the proper equipment and necessary tools to remain healthy. As class representative, I will propose a new ice machine for the club sports. I believe that we are at a school that gives us an opportunity to find ways to fix problems that students are facing. I want to talk to my classmates to understand their dilemmas that they are dealing with and try to improve their situation by using our congress as a tool to fix it.

### Andrew Moses

Throughout my four years of high school, I served as a faithful class representative for Student Council. It is this experience that allows me to promise that I have both the skills and knowledge to successfully fulfill the position of class representative. I understand entirely that as a representative my specific jobs will vary based on the discretion of the other class officers. I also understand that the class officers carry a large burden and will often need assistance, assistance which I will be more than willing to provide. If elected class representative, I can promise my greatest efforts to both attend and assist in all of the events and meetings that Student Congress will put on this year. Student Congress is the only group at Providence College that represents the entire community. As a freshman representative I understand the difficulty in representing a relatively new class of students. However, I feel that by running, I have the opportunity to reach out and represent not only my dorm, but each of the freshman dorms on campus. This will assist Student Congress in better representing Providence College’s newest students.

### Ryan Walsh

My name is Ryan Walsh and I want to be our Class of 2016 class representative. Although we only just arrived on campus just a short three weeks ago, problems or suggestions about how we as a class can better the school are already arising. But I know where we should start. I want to organize, create, and expand our student life as a school so that everyone can find a niche that suits their liking. If you find anything that is not to your liking, or perhaps that you want to change for the better, bring me your idea. My wish, quite simply, is to be a connection between the student body and the change that will benefit all of us. It is because of this desire that I wish to represent all of these changes and ideas as your class representative of the Class of 2016. This is our first year on campus and it has been said that greatness comes from small beginnings, well, I dare our class to have a big beginning and to ensure that the Class of 2016 leaves their mark on Providence College and is never forgotten.

### Andrew Fitman

My name is Andrew Fitman and I am running for class representative.

If elected into office I intend to be the spokesperson between students and faculty. I truly love Providence College; my experience so far has been fantastic. I only wish to share my experience and what I learned with the rest of the class. I want to be involved in the community and guide our class towards a fantastic year.

### Jacob Nyklicek

I am running for class representative to ensure that the voice of our class is heard. I will make decisions in the best interest of our entire student body and attempt to keep the entire student body well informed as well as involved. As representative, it is my job to be the voice of the people and to accomplish this I would constantly be out among them, experiencing the very same moments of success and failure that they experience. This familiarization with the student body is one of the most valuable assets a representative can have, and I am proud to say that I have it in staggering amounts. This exceptional characteristic will allow me to make informed choices and vote in the best interest of all Providence College students. I promise unbiased decisions that reflect the opinion of the students along with ethical judgment in all matters. With this statement, I hereby announce my candidacy for Student Congress class representative.

### Shane Fitzgerald

My name is Shane Fitzgerald and I am running for the position as a Class of 2016 representative. One of the main reasons I am running is because my brother, Thomas Fitzgerald ’11, was a class rep during his time at PC, and he told me it was the greatest decision he made here. He was on the committee of those who helped to make Civ meet only three times a week, rather than five (for that, he says “you’re welcome”). I want to have the same opportunities to make changes for the betterment of the Providence College community in all aspects. I feel that being a member of Student Congress would allow me to become more involved in our community and therefore, I would become more aware of how to make it a better place. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election and promise to do the best I can to improve our community.

### Christopher Mackin

My name is Christopher Mackin, and I am running for the position of student representative for the Class of 2016. I am from Litchfield, New Hampshire and attended Bishop Guertin High School, a private Catholic school. In high school, I was involved in the Cornerstone Club where I did community service activities. My senior year I organized a service activity where the students in my school, along with myself, helped out the elderly residents who live in the community surrounding my school. I was a student ambassador where I was responsible for giving tours of my school and informing prospective freshmen of what my school had to offer. I also played varsity hockey and lacrosse. As a representative, I want to make the Providence College community a better place. I will bring the ideas and concerns of my fellow classmates to the attention of the student government. In doing so, I will make suggestions on how to address these concerns or incorporate our new ideas into the school community.





## Woman Marries Her Own Father *Six Years after His Death, Truth Revealed*

by Naomi Eide '13  
Senior World Writer

UNITED STATES

Valerie Spruill did not learn that she inadvertently married her father, Percy Spruill, until six years after his death when an uncle told her the dark family secret. CNN reported that Spruill, 60, recently went public with her story “with the hopes that it would help others facing what seem like insurmountable problems.” Spruill was unsure whether to believe her uncle and had a DNA test conducted, which did indeed confirm that her late husband was also her father.

Spruill met her husband/father in Akron, Ohio and settled in the working class suburb of Doylestown. Initially raised by her grandparents, Spruill was under the impression that her grandfather was her father. Spruill’s mother, Christine, had become pregnant as a teenager while dating Spruill’s then 15-year-old father and future husband, Percy. CNN stated that Spruill had known her mother worked as a prostitute, and in the 1980s was involved in a high-profile scandal involving a local probate judge convicted of “intimidating investigators and gross sexual imposition for attacking a courthouse clerk in his chambers.”

Percy Spruill was Valerie Spruill’s second husband and the loving step-father/grandfather of her three children. On whether Percy knew he was Spruill’s father, Valerie said, “I don’t know if he ever knew or not. That conversation didn’t come up. I think if he did know, there is no way he could have told me.” People have tried to offer advice on the situation, and Spruill explained that “they’ve said things like ‘some secrets should stay secrets.’ I can’t do anything about what they think. I just know what I think. God is always mighty, and he teaches you to tell the truth no matter what.” A therapist advised Spruill that she should tell her kids, and shortly thereafter, she informed her grandkids. Spruill said, “I told them about two years ago. They are remarkable. They are handling it better than I am.” As far as the grandchildren, Spruill said, “They have been so supportive. They are telling me they love me, telling me they will do whatever I need.”

Some may ask why the father-daughter duo did not question the biological similarities that may have been apparent to them. Finnish scholar Edvard Westermarck’s 1891 book *The History of Human Marriage* proposed that children who lived in close proximity to others in the formative years of their life, namely



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up to age six, would become sexually desensitized to those individuals in the future. However, if the child is separated from their biological family at an early age, the so-called “Westermarck effect” could not take hold. Without the Westermarck effect, there is a theory that proposes that there can easily be genetic sexual attraction, as shared genetic material ensure that pairs may have something in common. When a pair of genetically related individuals meet for the first time, it is very likely that they may be attracted to one another. Though it may seem curious that a father-daughter sexual relationship could occur, both apparently had no prior knowledge that they were related and their relationship progressed as that of husband and wife.

In this situation the children were not the products of the father-daughter relationship. They were born by Spruill’s previous husband and were involved with the situation because of the knowledge that their stepfather was actually their grandfather. The aftermath for Spruill was devastating, especially emotionally, causing her to suffer two strokes, and she was also diagnosed with diabetes. Spruill shared her story because “pain and stress will kill, and I had to release my stress. I’m just telling the story to release my pain.”

### Related Stories: German Incest Couple

According to the BBC, one couple in Germany, the Stuebings, composed of a brother and sister who first met in adulthood, lost a European Court case. The Court argued that it is permissible for Germany to ban incest, although the pair wanted the right to raise a family. The Stuebings have four children, two of which are disabled. As a result of the case, the male of the couple was sentenced to three years in prison; the woman escaped conviction because the Court ruled she had a personality disorder and was not responsible for her actions.

### Austrian Dungeon Imprisonment

According to BBC, a man in Austria built a dungeon for his daughter in 1984 and began raping her, forcing her to bear him seven children. Josef Fritzl kept her in the dungeon for almost 25 years. He claimed to be addicted to having sex with her and originally locked her up to protect her from the outside world. Fritzl had a wife and children, from whom he hid his dungeon and its occupant. When interviewed, Fritzl suggested to newspapers that his upbringing during the Nazi regime might be the source of his love for discipline.



# Mexican Prisoners Escape Jail Near Border

## Over One Hundred Prisoners Walk Out Front Door

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World Staff

MEXICO

In what some are calling the “escape of the century,” 129 inmates managed to escape from a prison in Piedras Negras, located in northern Mexico. Initial reports claimed that 132 prisoners escaped through a tunnel in the carpentry workshop that was 23 feet long and four feet wide. However, this was not the whole story. In fact, the 129 prisoners that made the escape did so by simply walking out of the front door. The original figure claiming 132 inmates escaped was in fact correct, but three inmates were found still hiding in the prison once authorities were alerted to the breach. In what is best described as a “jailwalk,” prisoners were allegedly aided by prison personnel, including the prison director. Of the 129 inmates that made it off the premises, 86 of them were serving sentences for federal crimes, including drug trafficking.

United States Customs and Border Patrol have set up blockades on the road leading from Mexico into the United States, and thus far, no inmates have been caught trying to cross the border into Texas.

This most recent prison break highlights an increasingly dangerous problem in the Mexican prison system. Mexican President Felipe

Calderon responded to news of the escape by pointing out, “In the past six years, more than 1,000 inmates have escaped from state prisons. From federal prisons, not one.” Prior to the Piedras Negras escape, another large scale breach occurred in December 2010, when 151 inmates escaped a prison in Nuevo Laredo, another Mexican border city. So far, 16 prison officials have been arrested in connection with the Piedras Negras escape, and a massive manhunt has been undertaken to discover the whereabouts of the escaped inmates.

Jorge Luis Moran, public security secretary of Coahuila, the state where Piedras Negras is located, has said, “The statements from those [three inmates] we’ve captured confirm that [the other inmates] left through the door.” He continued by emphasizing, “There was total complicity, collusion and betrayal from the officers charged with preventing them from escaping.” Given the corruption of the guards and the drug offenses of the escaped inmates, Luis Moran posits that the infamous Zetas drug cartel had a hand in the mass escape.

This jailbreak has served as a reminder of the issues that will face the new president-elect, Enrique Pena Nieto, when he takes office in December. Pena Nieto has pledged to reform prisons and reduce crime, given an increase in gang-related violence over the past six years of current president Calderon’s term.



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The Mexican prisoners waltzed out of the prison unopposed. As violence by drug cartel members has been one of the most important domestic issues in both Mexico and the United States, the apparently weak security of Mexican state jails is a worrying trend in the Mexican war on drugs.

Northern Mexico has been especially afflicted with violence originating from brutal drug cartel turf wars. Calderon’s administration was largely overshadowed by these skirmishes, even though he used the military to crack down on gangs and managed to capture or kill many of the top drug lords. With Calderon on

his way out, Pena Nieto will soon join the ongoing war and attempt to turn around a prison system plagued by corruption.

# Japan, China Lay Claim to Island Chain

## Conflict Threatens Business Ties, Prompts National Reflection

by Katie Davenport '14  
World Staff

ASIA

China and Japan both feel that they have territorial claims to the uninhabited islands known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China. Chinese patrol boats have intensified their challenge against Japan’s control of the contested islands; Japan has responded with an increase in the amount of Coast Guard cutters to combat China. According to *The New York Times*, these actions are a sign of a potential “smoldering conflict.” However, in Ishigaki, at the southern edge of Japan nearest to the islands in dispute, many Japanese feel that the conflict may frighten away desired Chinese tourists who significantly contribute to the town’s resort-based economy. Moreover, studies have revealed the possibility of oil beneath the waters surrounding the islands, so the underlying issue is also about the availability of resources and wealth.

The territorial claims reinforce the troubled history between the nations since Japan’s invasion of China. In spite of their rocky past, businesses have maneuvered through political unease, establishing trade and investment connections that have become vital to both economies’ welfare. Japan’s Finance Ministry states that Japan’s greatest trading partner last year was China. Although China’s biggest trading partner was the

United States, Japan came in second. *The New York Times* thus explains that the economic ties between the two nations may be partially responsible for the Japanese government’s reservation as demonstrators in China vandalized Japanese-owned business last week. Similarly, the ties may be the motivation behind China’s action towards terminating the protests and punishing rioters that China initially suppressed.

Furthermore, the industries of Japan and China balance one another. *The New York Times* reports that Japan’s superior technology helps to provide a significant amount of production machinery for Chinese factories. Japan also supplies numerous essential components in Chinese-manufactured products that have assisted in China’s growth. In turn, Japanese consumers often rely on cheap Chinese goods to sustain their needs. Automakers, electronics companies, supermarkets, and stores are heavily investing in China. For instance, Japan’s struggling electronics companies depend on China’s lower-cost manufacturers, which use Japanese parts, including memory chips, to build their high-tech products. The iPhone, for example, is put together in China, but Japanese companies like Toshiba supply many important components. During the recent anti-Japan protests, according to Japanese news reports, many Chinese wanted to boycott the iPhone because Japanese content is extremely high.

Politics has complicated the issue



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This map indicates the location of the disputed islands along with their names for the principal claimants: Japan, China, and the Republic of Korea. Trade interests conflict with nationalism in this battle over uninhabited land in the Pacific.

as well. China is nearing a shift in leadership, while Japan formerly endured a line of weak governments that, as many analysts would say, have permitted a small, assertive group of nationalists to push for control of the islands. Public opinion, which has gradually shifted against China, has further limited Japanese leaders.

Japan is feeling increasingly threatened as China becomes more aggressive, but the nation feels a sense of defeat too, because China has surpassed Japan in becoming the world’s second-largest economy.

Although both Japan and China are mutually dependent on one another, many analysts would warn that Japan is overly dependent on China, which could prove to be detrimental in the long run.

“China and Japan need each other, but honestly speaking, Japan needs China more,” states Kazuo Yukawa, a professor at Asia University in Tokyo. “So the Japanese feel torn. They want to defend their territory, but few would say to do so at the expense of business.”



# BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

## Friar Forecast: Lethargic

by Meaghan Lambert '15  
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ECONOMY

Although the US economy is showing signs of improvement, lackluster data points to US growth as much needed and fairly behind schedule. Overly optimistic members of the Federal Reserve continue to promise an economy on the “up and up”, suggesting slight downturns in gas prices and improvements in the housing market will help to stabilize the economy. These advances are expected to continue into the fall, but are projected to be extremely slow.

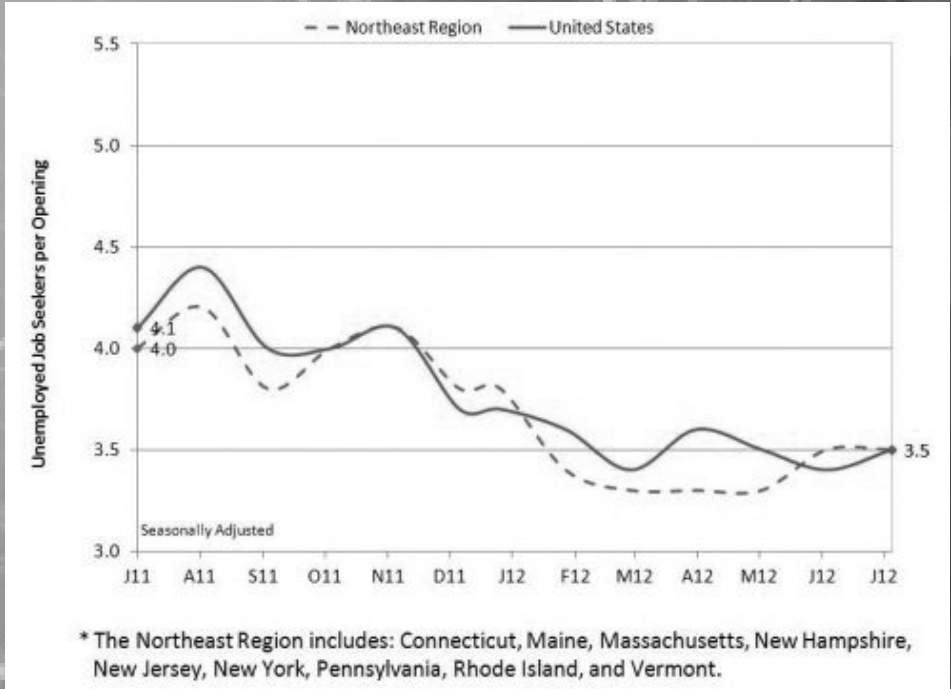
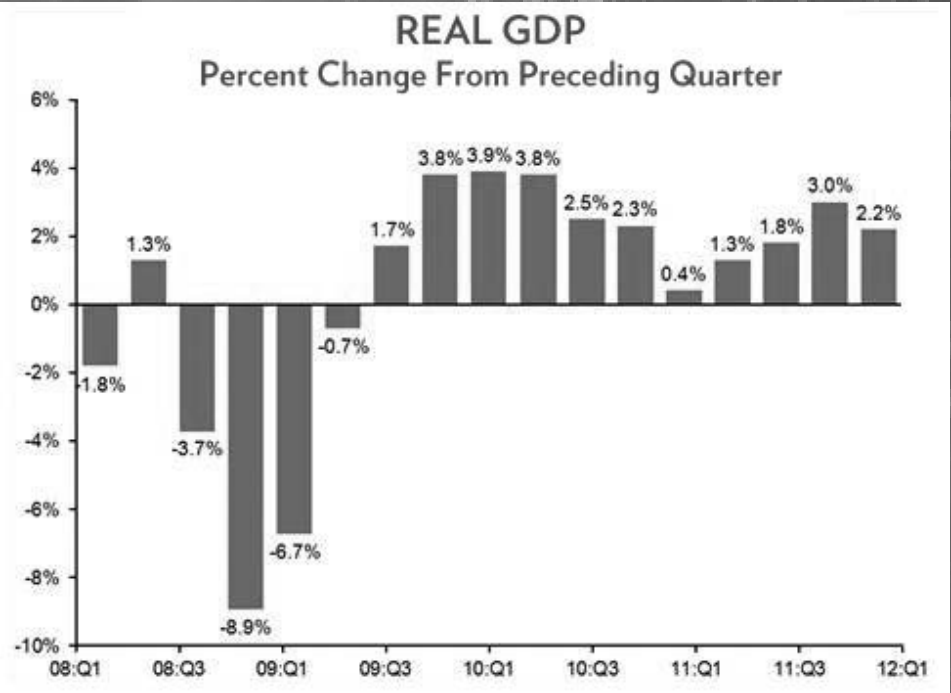
The second quarter of 2012 provided analysts with some positive data, pointing to a Real Gross Domestic Product growth of 1.7%. Real GDP measures the overall output of goods and services produced in the United States, and was only slightly behind a 2.0% growth in 2012's first quarter. Growth in GDP is expected to stem from increases in personal consumption, exports, and fixed investments, negatively affected by increases in local and state government spending, an increase in imports, and private inventory investment decreases. In addition, real personal consumption expenditures increased by 1.7% in the second quarter, with the sale of nondurable goods and services contributing greatly to the slight upturn.

Current dollar GDP, or the market value of United States output of goods and services, increased by a whopping 3.3%, or by \$127.8 billion. Likewise, Gross National Product, or the goods and services produced with American labor and property, increased by 2.2%, compared with a mere .6% in the first quarter. Overall, US productivity rose by .1% in the manufacturing industry and by 2.2% in the non-farming sector.

The Labor Department continues to report record low unemployment

benefit claims, with the unemployment rate dropping to 8.1%, or 12.5 million people, in August 2012. Within the month, employment in the food service industry has increased by 28,000 jobs, in professional or technical services by 27,000, in the health care sector by 17,000, and decreased in the manufacturing industry by 15,000. Rhode Island currently holds the highest unemployment rate in the 50 states, at a rate of 10.7%, decreasing slightly from a 10.8% rate in July 2012 and far better than a surging 11.4% in August 2011.

For an economy attempting to pull itself out of the most severe recession in 70 years, these results are dim. Chairman of the Macroeconomic Advisors John Prakken reported to *The New York Times*, “The pace of the economy is picking up, but not to a rate that is very robust. It certainly is no great shakes.” This sluggish pace is partly the result of the euro-crisis resurrection in Europe, the slowing of major players Brazil and China's economies, and the remaining debt obligations of the US government. Although gas prices have been steadily decreasing, Prakken reports their results will “...take a few months to show up” and should ensue as long as tensions continue to fizzle between the US and Iran. Overall, this lethargic recovery is expected to continue through the end of the year, with recovering companies wary to invest, hire, or expand until November's election determines the United States' reigning fiscal policy.



Sources: US government Bureau of Economic Analysis and NY state Department of Labor.



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***If you could travel to the past,  
where would you go?***



**"The 1920s."**

Julia Shaw '16 and Shannon Dirrane '16



**"Revolutionary USA."**

Danny Tosiano '16



**"The future."**

Lynda Violante '15 and Alanna Fursich '15



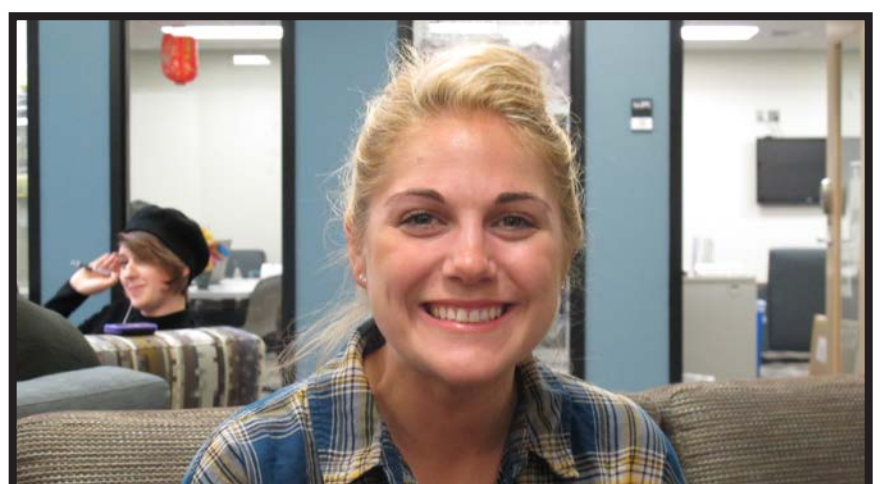
**"The crustacean period to safely  
see a dinosaur."**

Ryan Millen '14



**"To see Jesus Christ."**

Anthony Cherry '14



**"Bob Marley Concert - he's a bro."**

Madi Pastore '14



**"August 1969,  
Woodstock, baby!  
Revolution is upon us!"**

Justin Gomes '13



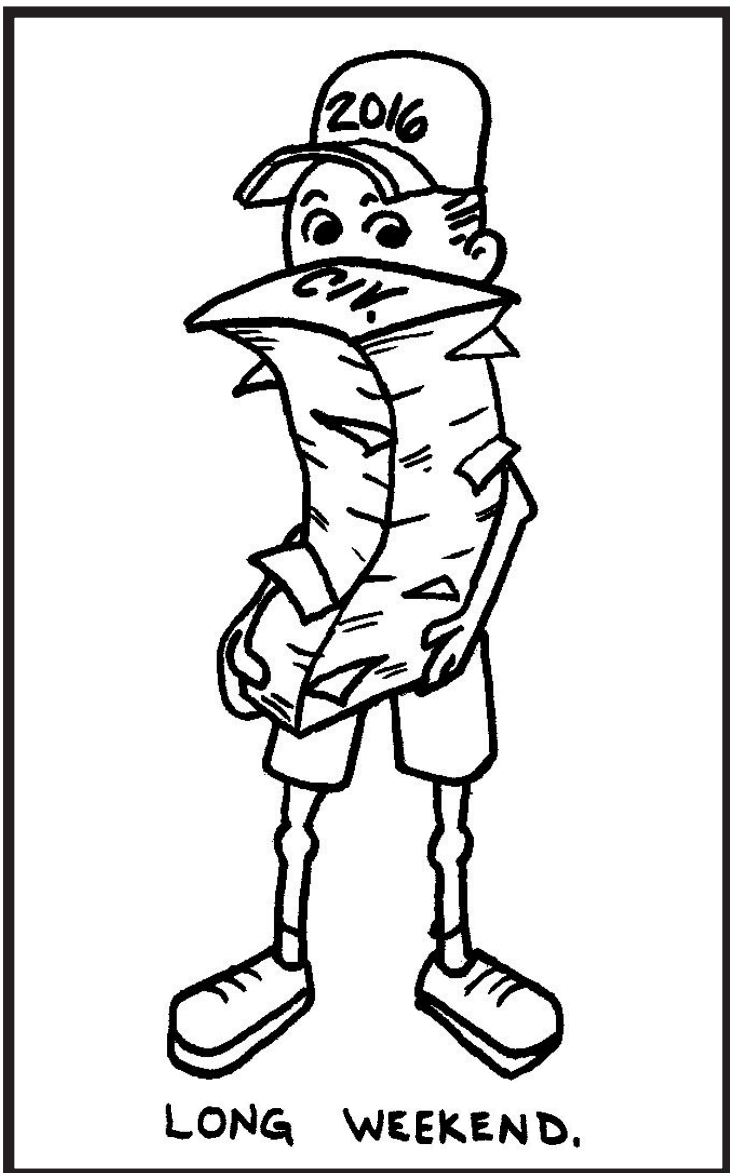


# PHOTOGRAPHY

The Cowl 14

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by Michael Rose '13



SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL



JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

**TOP RIGHT:**

Construction workers and project managers of the Ruane Center for Humanities broke new ground this past week with the installation of steel beams and supports.

**RIGHT:**

This past week, members of the Class of 2014 had their final chance to order class rings from Herff Jones in time for Junior Ring Weekend.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:**

The Asian American Society, PC After Hours, and BOP collaborated in sponsoring two sessions of Maki Your Own Sushi on Thursday, September 20, in which a professional chef demonstrated the creation process and offered a variety of sample sushi.



JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL



**ABOVE:**

JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL

For the third year, BOMA sponsored its annual Horizons diversity retreat for freshmen. They spent this past weekend at Camp Aldersgate, participating in bonding activities and partaking in discussions of racism, support systems, and diversity on campus.





## THE EMMYS HAVE ARRIVED

by Marisa Urgo '14  
A&E Staff

REVIEW

Sunday marked the 64th annual Emmy Awards, where the stars were honored for their work in television over the past year. The Emmys are just as exciting for their red carpet extravaganzas as they are for the competition over who wins the prestigious awards. This year did not fail to bring tears of joy to some and cries of frustration to others.

Modern Family was selected as the winner of Outstanding Comedy Series, the most coveted award. Although Modern Family was hysterical in the past, this season was just not their best. That is not to say that Modern Family is not funny while heartwarming at the same time. The cast is hysterical and fairly talented, but compared to the other two competing shows, Modern Family did not deserve to win. The Big Bang Theory gained a lot of popularity over the past year, and I thought it would snag the Emmy. I also am a dedicated fan of 30 Rock and thought they might be the

underdog victor this time. Perhaps its final season, premiering on Oct. 4, will earn them an Emmy.

The amount of female talent running for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Comedy Series made it a difficult choice, but Julia Louis-Dreyfus came out victorious. She won for her leading role on Veep, but most of us know her as Elaine from Seinfeld (Fun fact: Elaine's boss, Mr. Peterman, is PC grad John O'Hurley, who has come to several theatrical productions in recent years!). Given the writing, I find Louis-Dreyfus funny, proving her talent as an actress. This is her second Emmy award, after winning for Seinfeld in 1996.

Lead Actor in a Comedy Series was awarded to Jon Cryer in Two and a Half Men. Does anybody even watch that show anymore? It's interesting to note that Ashton Kutcher, who replaced Charlie Sheen on the same show, was not even nominated. Cryer won for his role as the uptight chiropractor previously in 2009. Despite the show's decreasing popularity, much of the plot revolved around Cryer's character after the death of his brother (Sheen), so it makes sense that he would receive an Emmy nod.

This year, I was happy to see Julie Bowen receive the award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her role of Claire Dunphy in Modern Family. While she is hysterical and a talented actress (as well as an excellent tweeter), I was hoping Kristen Wiig would win for Saturday Night Live. It was Wiig's last season, and although she was nominated several times, she never won.

Claire Danes won Best Actress in a Drama Series for her role of Carrie Mathison in the drama Homeland, which also won Best Drama Series. Danes really expresses her acting skills by playing a bipolar CIA agent in a drama about a war on American soil. President Obama is a fan of the show, although Danes remarked that

there was "no pressure" upon finding that out.

Thus, the Emmys concluded another night of success at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. It is amazing to have all the celebrities we love and love to hate come together under one roof to celebrate each other's achievements.

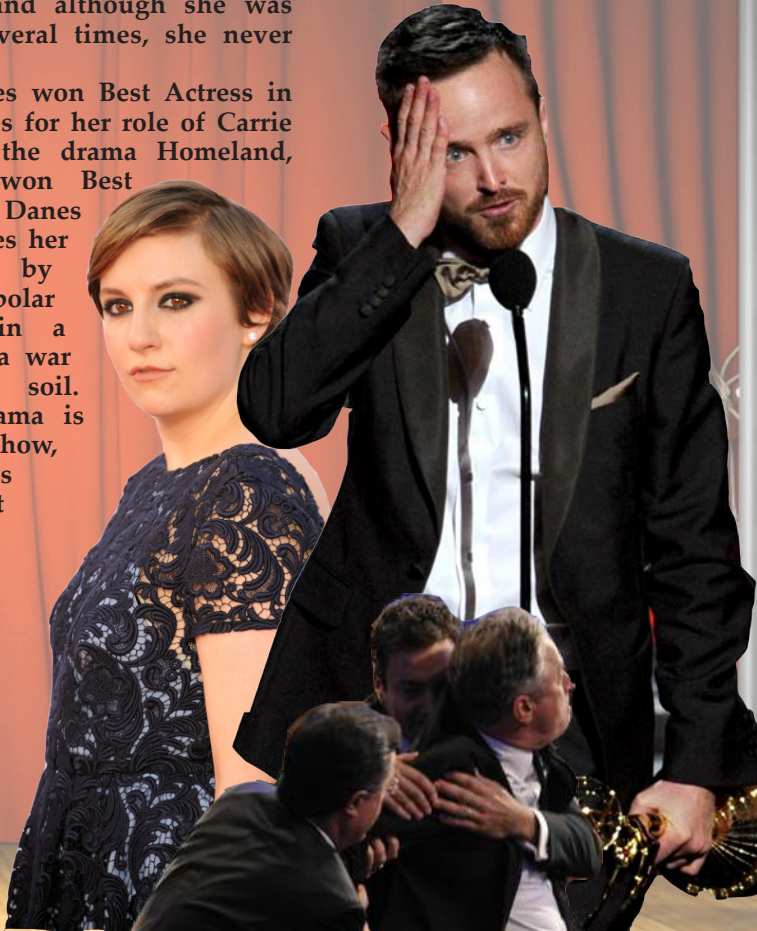


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## THE HOBBITS ARE COMING

by Alanna Smith '14  
A&E Staff

MOVIE

This past Saturday, millions of people around the world kicked off their shoes and cheerfully consumed first, and then *second* breakfast. Of course, these were not curly-haired, toddler-sized, furry-footed halflings. They were merely fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece of children's literature, *The Hobbit*.

The book was released on September 21, 1937, 75 years ago last Friday. Sept. 22 is also a significant date for Tolkien-enthusiasts as well; it is the birthday of both Bilbo Baggins and his nephew Frodo (the heroes of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*, respectively). Due to this important anniversary, and the approaching release of Peter Jackson's adaptive film, last week was full of Shire-related celebration. Last Wednesday, New Line Cinema, as a gift to the fans, released the second teaser trailer for *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. This is the first trailer to have been released since December of 2011, which was a cruel glimpse into a movie set to be in theaters a full year later. Now, filmgoers have only to wait two months and change until

Friday, December 14, when Bilbo Baggins will set off on his famous adventure.

The making of a live-action adaptation of *The Hobbit* did not become a sure thing until 2010. Amidst problems between New Line Cinema and Tolkien's estate, for a while it seemed as if Peter Jackson (director of *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy) would not be returning, but turning over the directorial reins to Guillermo del Toro (director of *Hellboy* and *Pan's Labyrinth*). Del Toro left the project due to studio delays, however, and Jackson happily stepped back up to the plate. Filming started in early 2011, which meant that rumors of the confirmed cast began to leak onto the Internet. Jackson also decided in July of 2012 that the plan for two films would actually be divided into three. This will allow for details from Tolkien's lesser-read appendices to be depicted on the big screen.

The trilogy will star both familiar and new faces. Ian McKellen will return as the wizard Gandalf. Elijah Wood and Ian Holm make cameos as Frodo Baggins and an elderly Bilbo. Andy Serkis, who voiced and provided motion-capture for the treacherous Gollum in *The Lord of the Rings*, will once again

play the same character. Martin Freeman, who is currently most famous, for his role as Dr. Watson, in BBC's *Sherlock*, portrays the films eponymous hobbit. His *Sherlock* co-star Benedict Cumberbatch will voice the evil dragon Smaug in the latter parts of the trilogy. In addition to all these characters, a large part of the cast is composed of 13 dwarves, led by Thorin Oakenshield (played by Richard Armitage).

From the trailers that have been released, the first film looks and sounds quite beautiful. Much external footage was done once again in majestic New Zealand, and Howard Shore, composer for *Lord of the Rings*, will score this new trilogy. Hopefully, fans of

Jackson's films, and more importantly, fans of Tolkien's novels, will not be disappointed.



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by Katherine Bacino '14  
A&E Staff

FEATURE

On dreary Providence mornings, it is easy to begrudgingly hide in your room and curse the sun for deciding not to show up. Curled up in your bed, you feel your energy evaporating and becoming a part of the amassing clouds billowing outside your window. This morning was one of those mornings. I felt my energy draining slowly as my mindset started to appear just as dismal as the forecast. Just as I thought there was no hope for today's productivity, my sunny roommate had a great idea...Hope Street! Yet another hidden gem in our local neighborhood, Hope Street is located just about four miles from campus. It boasts a number of delicious eateries and fun sources for afternoon adventure. This particular morning, we ventured to one of my new favorite bakeries, Wildflour Vegan Bakery and Café. The café is as fresh, green, and earthy as its title, but don't let the vegan title scare you...I could have sworn the chocolate chip cookie I nibbled on this morning was laden with creamy milk chocolate. Seated at a simple square table in the window, I gazed at the wildflowers planted in the pots outside as I ate my

blueberry lemon scone and sipped my Rainforest smoothie. Although it appeared a rather vibrant green shade, it tasted like a bit of paradise with coconut milk, banana, mango, orange juice and an undetectable amount of nutrient rich spinach. In addition to the chocolate chip cookie I still don't believe is vegan, I tasted a ginger scone that was equally delicious. The café boasts a large variety of fresh baked items that range from the aforementioned scones to lemon lavender cupcakes to chocolate peanut butter brownies to kale chips and "raw-reo's." The smoothies, teas, and coffees are equally as varied, but you can be sure that in each one you are imbibing in organic products and unrefined sweeteners. And to top the experience off, Wildflour has a commitment to support local sources for ingredients, and almost all of their packaging is biocompostable and recycled. Needless to say, I left the bakery feeling refreshed and ready to face the day, regardless of the gloom. For more information visit [www.wildflourveganbakerycafe.com](http://www.wildflourveganbakerycafe.com)

Hope Street is home to other tasty restaurants, cafes, shops, and boutiques and for a few more weeks, the Providence Farmers Market. Based at Lippitt Park (1059 Hope St.), the park transforms into an exchange of local and fresh produce, cheese, seafood, breads coffees, meats, and even cupcakes



# Retro Corner

by Haley Webster '14  
A&E Staff

FEATURE

You can pretty much stop reading this if you have a Blackberry or Droid. The other day, my Dad sent me a text and what used to be a green bubble had turned blue. I was not into it (he thinks emojis are a virus), but immediately called to find out that he had decided it was time for the iPhone. Welcome to the world, bud. But here is the clincher, he got the iPhone 4. Not the 4s, not the 5...the 4. How can the iPhone 4, already be considered retro, you may ask? The fact that I can remember the first iPhone, currently own an iPhone 4, and already loathe the iPhone 5 is baffling. Apple can just cool it down. Nothing is more overeager than the yearly updates. Do we really care about processing systems, the glass they use (I will just shatter it anyway), or the photo capacity it has? No. And I get it, they make more money since we all want the newest iPhone, but

when is it going to stop? There is not really a solid ring to "the iPhone 9." Apparently the iPhone 5 can run word processing applications and do my history readings, but I am not buying it. Retro means classic, and classic means timeless, and timeless means winner so the iPhone 4 is the ultimate in this iPhone battle.

The first person in your group of friends to get the iPhone 5 will most likely be an outcast since no one actually wants to keep playing Apple's games (except for the three versions of Temple Run that I still have on my phone). Steve Jobs, may he rest in peace, is still getting the best of us. Sure, the kids who get the iPhone 5 will think they are relevant for a week or two, but the older the phone you have then the more nostalgia behind it. Again, retro = winner.

Each year, a new crop of skinny, innocent freshmen scramble onto campus. We secretly want to take them down, but envy the opportunities they have. This is how I feel about it. That was a really deep analogy for a really superficial product, but basically, the iPhone 4 is that senior who screams at you from his porch on Eaton, a true classic, while the iPhone 5 is the freshman who he is yelling at, a novelty that is no longer obtainable to many of us as we reach our old age, iPhone 4s in hand.

and ice cream. Shopping at a farmers market is a unique experience in that your choice in products rotates week-to-week and seasonally. Some contributors include the Providence Granola Project, Pharmacy Herbs, Olga's Cup and Saucer and Pat's Pastured, which is run by a PC graduate. Because we are still in the summer season, the products, particularly produce, vary greatly ranging from arugula to zucchini! One of the most interesting parts of farmers market shopping is that you can connect directly with the supplier of your groceries. You may find yourself in a conversation about the strawberry season this year or trying the latest granola recipe. Spending a few hours outside, engaging in interesting conversations and

tasting delicious food...a Saturday morning (or Wednesday afternoon) can't get much better. The market takes place every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. According to Farm Fresh Rhode Island's web page, the market will run at the Hope Street location until Oct. 27.



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# FirstWorks Festival Is in the Works

by Sarah O’Brien ‘15  
Asst. A&E Editor

CITY

You are thinking: what is FirstWorks? I was wondering the same, when I first heard about the festival last week. After doing some intensive research (thank you, Google), I learned that it is essentially a one-day explosion of the arts in downtown Providence. This year’s festival is taking over Kennedy Plaza on Saturday, September 29, and you should probably (read: definitely) be there.

With events involving theatre, dance, music, and visual arts, FirstWorks provides a vast variety of outdoor entertainment. Attracting local, national, and international artists, FirstWorks promises to be a culturally and visually stunning gathering of talent. The performances and activities will run from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and almost all are free of charge (the price is right for any broke college student).

With over 200 artists showcasing their skills, where do you begin? How about 30 stories off the ground? Bondaloop, from Oakland, Calif., will perform “Bound(less)” excerpts, flying through the air at One Financial Plaza (Fulton & Exchange streets). These “dance pioneers” use innovative choreography (under director Amelia Rudolph) to climb and dance vertically, to the

amazement of audiences. Catch them (figuratively, of course) at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Other performances to look out for are Nan Jombang, artists all the way from Padang, Indonesia, displaying a mix of martial arts, folk theater, and body percussion, and Red Baraat, a bhangra funk, dhol’n’brass band from Brooklyn, N.Y. (originally from India). Nan Jombang will grace the Plaza Stage at 4:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. and Red Baraat will take the stage at 5:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Other exciting forms of entertainment in store are public art installations by RISD artists, performances by The Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Shakespearean performances by Brown/Trinity Rep MFA students. WaterFire will also display their famous installation on the river, providing an all-around soothing and inspiring atmosphere.

For the first time ever, Providence College students are volunteering at the festival, helping with set-up and cleanup, as well as running informational booths and providing assistance to the artists. Volunteer shifts are broken out into four-hour blocks (12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.) and anyone interested is encouraged to reach out to Andy Russ, the production coordinator (production@first-works.org).

Established in 2004, FirstWorks has grown from a community-building endeavor to an artistic revolution. Lynne McCormack of the director, Department of Art, Culture

and Tourism, cites this year’s festival as “an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen our commitment to the arts as an engine for growth and to recognize the arts in Providence and the city’s growing role as a creative place and a creative community.”

PC students should not miss this occasion to take advantage of living in such a vibrant, energetic city. For the full lineup of Saturday’s festival and for more information, visit first-works.org.

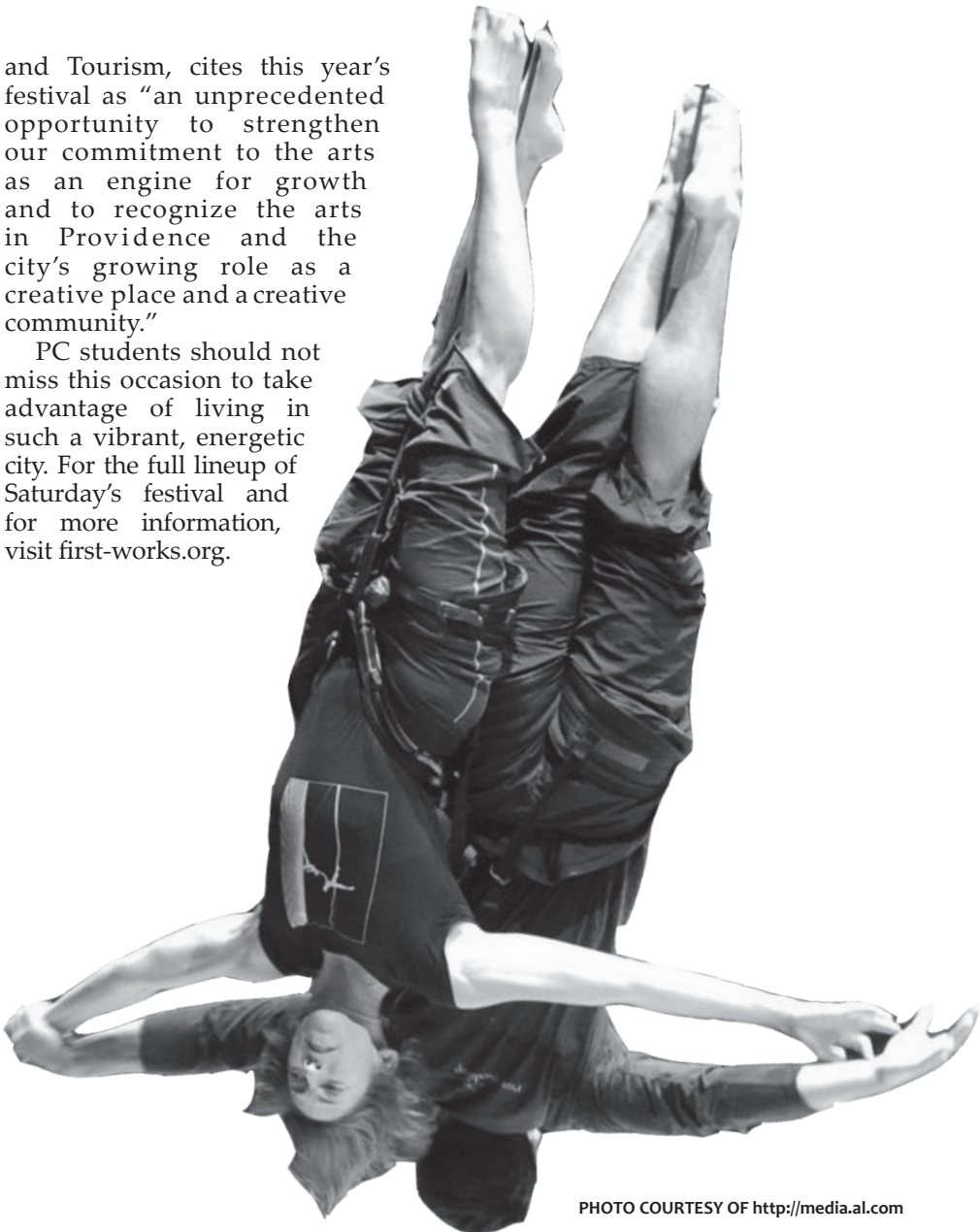


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## EDITOR vs. EDITOR

### This Week: Favorite Guilty-Pleasure TV Show

#### Sarah O’Brien

**Favorite Guilty-Pleasure TV Show:** *Phineas and Ferb*

**Her Views:** Did I go there? Yes, yes I did. Guilty-pleasure TV means something you would not necessarily bring up in conversation...so I am going to publish mine in the paper instead. This summer, I shared a room with my younger sister, Meghan. We bonded over this show, which actually has solid jokes and entertaining musical numbers (the music has earned the series four Emmy nominations overall). Not to mention that it is the only show on television that stars a platypus spy. Co-creators Dan Povenmire (who has worked on shows such as *Hey Arnold!* and *Family Guy*) and Jeff “Swampy” Marsh (*The Simpsons*, *Rocko’s Modern Life*) aimed to establish a show with humor that would appeal to adults and children alike. Filled with pop culture references and (a personal favorite) puns, *Phineas and Ferb* is not one I would roll my eyes at (Candace-style) while babysitting or hanging with Meg. The one downfall of the show is being left to wonder, WHY CAN’T I EVER HAVE SUCH EPIC SUMMER VACATIONS?

**Her Views on Dombroski:** This show still exists? Women still want to be Bandana Boy’s boyfriend? If Bret Michaels still has that much game at 49 years old, I have to give him some respect. However, shows like these—*Flavor of Love*, *The Bachelorette*, etc.—just don’t do anything for me. LIKE, OMG, TRUE LOVE IS FOUND. That is, if you define “true love” as “20 minutes after the cameras stop rolling.” The only time I sat through an entire episode of one of these shows (they’re all the same to me) was while watching *The Bachelor* with my grandmother. What made me wait it out for that all-important moment when the flowers are given away? My Grandma Dee’s reactions, of course. “No! Not *her*! She’s not good for him!” (Let it be known that this is the same grandmother who calls in to vote during *American Idol*.) So, while Dombroski’s hopeless-romantic heart is pining away for a rocker with long, blonde locks and asking, “Why not ME, Brett, baby? WHY NOT ME?” I have one question—where’s Perry?

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#### Sarah Dombroski

**Favorite Guilty-Pleasure TV Show:** *Rock of Love with Bret Michaels*

**Her Views:** *Rock of Love with Bret Michaels* defines America: a rocker with one good song parades around on a tour bus looking for love. How is that not great television? I, for one, appreciate Mr. Michaels’ knowledge that all of the magic should happen on the road (it’s a metaphor), and understand his desire to find a partner who shares his love of rock music and bandanas. Bret’s aim for this show was truly one of class-class-class. All of his ladies are dripping in cubic zirconium, and his pimped-out tour bus and villa also help up the prestige and elegance of *Rock of Love*. Every rose may have its thorn, but this cowgirl will be watching episodes of *Rock of Love* on Netflix. NO SAD SONGS HERE.

**Her Views on O’Brien:** I am so weird about this argument. I have never seen *Phineas and Ferb* and I do not want to see it. Honestly, my thoughts on the caliber of Disney Channel cartoons post-*PB&J Otter* are nonexistent, because I don’t think about them. The contrast in the argument Sarah and I are having right now is akin to the middle of this page acting as the Mason-Dixon line. I really don’t have much more to say because I’m uncomfortable.







## Inversion: Students' Opinions about *The Cowl*

by Tommy Cody '13  
Senior Commentary Writer

### CAMPUS

*The Cowl* has a little bit of everything; the good, the bad, and the down right ugly. As a staff writer for *The Cowl* for the past three years, I have become, not by my own design, the chief of the complaints department for my friends. Whenever an article is published that they think was poorly written or rubs them the wrong way, I hear about it. People will complain about or praise a specific article or writer, but rarely do I hear opinions about the paper in general. So I began to wonder, what does the student body think of *The Cowl*? I figured the only way to find out was to ask. This past weekend, I set out to hear the student body's honest to God opinion of *The Cowl*.

**How often do you read *The Cowl*?** In a day and age when newspapers around the country have struggled to keep weekly readers, *The Cowl* has stayed surprisingly strong. Emilie '13, looks forward to sitting down and reading *The Cowl* every week. "I read it every Sunday at breakfast." Andrea '13, like Emilie '13, reads *The Cowl* weekly for the campus news and opinion pieces. "I don't look to *The Cowl* for international news," Andrea explained. "The Commentary Section is probably the most interesting part because I get to know some of the vibes of the students' opinions on campus." Andrea not only appreciates the writers' sharing their opinions, but also values the conversation that it creates. Maria '13 welcomes the opinion articles, even when she doesn't agree with them. "I really like the fact that some articles, whether I agree with the opinions stated or not, spark conversation."

While some students appreciate the

dialogue that *The Cowl* creates, others take issue with the heavy-handed opinions of the writers. "I find it annoying that people come across as more authoritative than they really are. We are all still undergraduates," said Caroline '14. And she is not the only one who believes this. Lauren '14 does not appreciate *The Cowl's* tendency to generalize, moralize, and judge students. "Obviously you guys do a lot of opinion stuff, but when some of the staffers write about something they don't agree with, they can be pretty nasty about it."

**Does *The Cowl* have a bias?** Some students, like Kelly '14 think *The Cowl* does a great job of presenting a range of opinions. "I like that they allow student opinions from both sides. I like that there is not really an agenda." While she may think *The Cowl* is well balanced, others do not. Alex '15 thinks the opinion pieces tend to be too conservative. "I disagree frequently with the extreme socially conservative articles that are presented, like in the 'Corr Values' column. I feel like there should be a better balance of more socially liberal beliefs." Oddly enough, just moments before speaking with Alex '15, a different student voiced her concern about the paper's attitude towards the Catholic tradition of the College. "I think that a lot of the writers might not have a great respect for Providence College," said Mary '13. "In particular, the Catholic tradition of the school."

For many students, like Matthew '13, the problem with the paper is the consistency of its reporters' writing. "It is very inconsistent. I find it is either very well researched and well written and everyone is raving about it, or the

article is very poorly researched and seems like it was written on a whim."

**So what is the student body's opinion of *The Cowl*?** I think Matthew '13 summed it up perfectly. We are inconsistent. While some find the consistency or perceived bias frustrating, they, at the very least, find it



GRAPHIC BY MARILYN RIDEOUT

interesting and read it. The purpose of *The Cowl* is to generate genuine dialogue on campus, and it seems as though we are doing just that. This is not to deny our faults but only to say that I believe we are on the right track. We will continue to raise our publishing standards and improve the consistency of our articles. I take my writing very seriously, so I thank you, everyone I interviewed and all of those who read, for your continued support and constructive criticism. The only

way for us to improve is for us to know what we are doing wrong.

Although my sample size, some 40 or so students, is a very small percentage, I think they pretty accurately represent the school's sentiments. In the article, I only used the first name and class year of the students who I interviewed for their own privacy and in an attempt to garner honest responses.

## 2012 Election: Wasting Time and Money on Ineffective Campaigns

by Kelly Sullivan '15  
Asst. Commentary Editor

### SOCIETY

Does anyone else see something wrong with the presidential campaign? The entire campaign process is unnecessarily long, too expensive, and always becomes a negative. This doesn't shock most people because it has become natural to the political world.

In a nation trying to recover a receding economy, why are the presidential candidates spending so much money on their campaign? The *New York Times* says that in this election the entire Democratic Party had spent \$615.5 million and the Republican Party had spent \$530.7 million as of August 31. This amount of money is an outrageous amount to be spending on a campaign. How do we know if we have the best potential candidates if money is such an important factor? I find it odd that each party can quickly come up with so much money for their campaign while our country—which these officials eventually represent—can't seem to stop raising the debt ceiling.

The costs are dragged out due to the unreasonable length of each election. It

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Party committee	■ D.N.C	\$215.5m	31%	\$232.3m	\$7.1m	■ R.N.C	\$275.3m	44%	\$207.0m	\$76.6m	
Primary super PAC	■ Priorities USA	\$35.4m	5%	\$30.8m	\$4.8m	■ Restore Our Future	\$96.7m	15%	\$90.3m	\$6.3m	

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The figures above indicate the total expenditures between the 2012 major party presidential candidates from their campaign announcements as of August 31.

could be compared to people getting mad that Christmas decorations are available too early. People start getting tired of the holiday before December even comes. In the same way, candidates start campaigning way before November and by the time the debates start, they almost seem like overkill. Do the candidates really need that much time to continuously repeat their ideas to us?

Most of the things the candidates tell us aren't even about themselves. As in past campaigns, both Obama and Romney have taken the mudslinging approach. From Obama ads I learned that Romney doesn't support coverage for contraception. Romney's ads said

that during Obama's presidency there has been the greatest job crisis since the Great Depression. What can any of us actually learn about the candidates from their ads? Close to nothing. The candidates seem to know more about what the other is or isn't doing than they know about their own ideas. The candidates are spending incredible amounts of money just to bash their opponent. Honestly, I don't think this approach is very effective.

This makes me worry for the state of our country. Why do the candidates need over a year to campaign just to tell us what the other has or hasn't done? If the president is worried about his reelection for over a year, on over

a million dollar campaign, can he be fully committed to the problems of our nation? While these candidates are traveling the country for so long to shake hands, who's watching the country? They aren't even telling us anything new or useful during this time, they're just telling us about the other candidate.

I think it has become natural for people to see candidates spending so much time and money on elections. This happens with every election, and it has just become a normal part of the process. So I ask you, is our country really in that great of a state that there is no other problem we could be spending this much time and money on? If so, that's news to me.



# TEXT ALL ABOUT IT

## iPhone 5’s New Design Has Consumers Questioning Its Practicality



The new smaller “lightning” port that would certainly render all iPhone/iPod accessories useless is also on the new device, as pictured above. The black iPod, as shown in the lower left of the picture, is compatible with Apple’s standard USB plug-in.

by Matt Santos ’14  
Commentary Staff

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SOCIETY

The technology world has been abuzz lately with the release of the new iPhone 5. From businessmen to thirteen-year-old kids who really want a smartphone to play games on, many are excited for the new generation of the phone that has grown increasingly popular in the United States and on our campus. I’m sure I’m not alone when I say that I already have friends that have ordered their own brand new iPhone 5. While the new design is sleeker and smaller (but with a bigger screen!), there is one feature that makes me a little wary of what Apple says they intend to do, and what they have actually done. That is the change to a new charger port.

In watching the promotional video for the new iPhone 5 on the Apple website, I was struck by how much effort was put into making the phone smaller while still having a bigger screen. Jony Ive and Bob Mansfield, senior vice presidents of the company, boast of the “18% thinner and 20% lighter” version of iPhone in comparison to the previous one. One of the casualties to this size-crunch was the old port for the iPhone, the one which has survived since the iPods of old. That’s all for the sake of size? I’m not buying it.

I have no doubt that if the technical whizzes at Apple truly wanted to, they could have made the old port fit into this smaller model of the iPhone. Surely the slight difference in port size was not the deciding factor between perfection and a pile of trash no customer would venture to buy. However, this miracle space saving

new port offers Apple an opportunity to have its customers purchase all new appliances to match their brand new iPhone. Something tells me they knew that ahead of time.

In fact, they must have, because Apple has even provided their customers with a way by which they may keep their old iPhone accoutrement and have it work with the iPhone 5 should they choose to. A backup plan, an adapter! But, rather than including this adapter in the price for the new iPhone 5 (maybe just for return customers only so they don’t have a purchase a whole new one) the adapters start at \$29 themselves.

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“There is one feature that makes me a little wary of what Apple says they intend to do...That is the change to a new charger port. ”

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Now, while the extra 30 dollars may be seen as a minute inconvenience given the price of the iPhone 5 itself, starting at \$199 on verizonwireless.com, it would be nice if Apple didn’t pretend not to know what it is doing. In your promotional video, perhaps it might seem wiser to simply mention the change in port rather than pretend that you did it solely for the space-saving properties. We all know you did it to provide a whole new line of speakers, docks, and chargers. We all know it’s to charge 30 dollars for the individual who would like to keep the old appliance with which he or she has grown so accustomed. It’s like the old saying goes: “Please, sir, do not urinate upon my cranium and assert that it is precipitating.” I think that was Shakespeare.

# Letter to the Editor

## Demoe Critcizes Amnesty International’s Allocated Funds, PC’s Refusal to Stage Vagina Monologues

This letter concerns last week’s *Cowl*. Kudos to Providence College for a production of *The Yellow Dress* to be staged in the Smith Center on Oct. 1. In fairness to Eve Ensler’s *Vagina Monologues*, I firmly believe that the tuition-paying, considerate, young, and delightful ladies of Providence College be given the same opportunities as those in *The Yellow Dress*. I remember President Fr. Philip Smith, O.P., in his 1994 inaugural address when he said, “Providence College’s future would rely on fairness and morality.” The good Father allowed the nice gals at this time, during his tenure, to stage a production of the *Vagina Monologues*, note should be made to the PC trustees, especially Mr. Michael Ruane, a generous PC benefactor; the new building being constructed is the Ruane Center for the Humanities in his honor. A response from trustee Ruane would be appreciated in a future issue of *The Cowl*.

Incidentally, Amnesty International has been allocated \$1,654 for the 2012-2013 academic year. I am weary of complaining about AI’s presence on the campus, as they contradict Catholic Church teaching about abortion. I hope it isn’t for torture. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin has said, “Scientific studies have shown that abortion is torture because it causes pain and suffering.” This monetary award goes back to students in a small part from their paid tuition. What do you think?

Most sincerely,  
Russell P. Demoe ’73 & ’82G

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# TANGENTS & TIRADES

## No One Ever “Borrows” Paper

According to dictionary.com, the verb “to borrow” means “to take or obtain with the promise to return the same or an equivalent.” My biggest pet peeve in life is when I’m sitting in class and people ask if they can borrow paper from me. Why? These individuals have no intention of returning a clean piece of paper to me. The same goes for tissues and gum. Listen, I get that we have all told little white lies to our parents and friends, but do you honestly expect me believe that you are going to go to your place of dwelling, gently select a tissue from the Kleenex box, and hand deliver it me? Don’t think so. I have no qualms about just giving these items away. People should just be open about their needs. No one likes being lied to.

—Genevieve Ilg ’14

## Power of the Roommate Bond

In other countries, it’s considered weird to have a roommate in college. In England, students look at having their own room as a privilege and rite of passage into adulthood. But the Yanks rave about their roommates to such a point that many of us still hear our parents reflecting on their college days of yore when they roomed with so-and-so, who was at their wedding and remains a close friend. So either Americans delight in pain—desperate to cramp themselves in a probably already tight room with at least one other student—or they believe that there’s something greater at stake. As the conventional wisdom has it, we appreciate more what we lack at the moment, and so I discovered the reality and strength of the roommate bond this past weekend when my roommate was away. We share so much more than a room, and we will for long after we leave the world of dorms and RAs.

—Beatriz Forster ’14

## Time to Instagram

We’ve all had our fair share of social media over the past few years. This isn’t going to be one of those articles encouraging us to get off of Facebook and Twitter and live life, because let’s be honest, I’m just as addicted to my iPhone as anyone. But I haven’t been able to notice lately the major shift towards Instagram lately. I think we all got a little sick of posting our monotonous, selfie, skinny arm, red cup pics on the Internet lately and decided to jazz it up a little bit. And jazzed it up we have! We now have the ability to crop, border, and color in black and white, or change the radiance to early bird! Then we post to Facebook and Twitter for all of our friends to see! It may be just another way that technology has manipulated us for now, but I can’t get enough of it. There’s no classier way to share our Slavin lawn sunset pictures than on Instagram.

—Kaylee Miller ’13

## Read Before You Disagree

We’re all guilty. Now, I’ve either enticed you to read the rest of this paragraph or caused you to flip the page in annoyance at another piece telling you what’s wrong with society. It’s the latter group, those who will disagree with what I’m saying, who will derive the most benefit from reading it, however. If you agree with me you’ll usually be familiar with the arguments I’m using. If you disagree with me, knowing where I come from and proceeding to think about how to refute my points of argumentation will further strengthen your own case. You’ll be able to argue your side more effectively by knowing how to answer the opposition’s attacks. So next time you see a headline that makes you roll your eyes and mutter “that pinhead doesn’t know what s/he’s talking about,” stop and read the article. Prove me wrong that we’re all guilty of looking the other way.

—Jenn Giffels ’14





# CORR *Values*

## *Still Talking about Sex...*

by Emily Corr '13  
Commentary Staff

SOCIETY

I'll be honest—I was absolutely ecstatic when my editors told me that someone had written in with a counter-argument against my latest “Corr Values” article. Let’s just say I’m not one to cause controversy. And when I read Stelliana Chalkadakis’ Guest Commentary in last week’s *Cowl*, I felt appreciative of her approach—very clean, fact-driven, and respectful. But there are still a few things I would like to address, in hope that you can decide which of us provides the better argument for how to approach sex.

To start, can I just say that sex is awesome? I never claimed it wasn’t, but let’s just make it clear that it is perhaps the greatest good on this earth. My argument for chastity does not negate or deny this, but actually glorifies it. You know the saying, “Good things come to those who wait”? The same applies to sex. It is awesome and great and good for you—all arguments made by Ms. Chalkadakis—but only in the right context. Because it is so great, it should mean something. You don’t share your most prized possessions with just anyone, right? Why do the same with your body? That’s why marriage is the right place for it—there is certainty, there is commitment, there is mutual love, and there is a respect for one another that cannot be found anywhere else.

Chalkadakis is strong when she provides statistics to gain her readers’ “trust.” But I found some stats myself that will probably negate what you read last week. Turns out that “safe

sex” isn’t so safe. In 2000, The American Medical Association reported, “Birth control pill use was linked to an 11-fold increase in breast cancer risk.” In 2006, Medical News Today published their results of the pill, concluding, “In some women oral contraceptives have ironically been associated with women’s sexual health problems and testosterone hormonal problems.”

Even Planned Parenthood admits the risks of birth control pills on their webpage. They note it “may be linked to a higher risk for blood clots than other birth control methods. It can also raise potassium levels in your blood. This could cause heart and health problems.” They go on to say, “These problems include heart attack, stroke, having a blood clot in the legs, lungs, heart, or brain, or developing high blood pressure, liver tumors, gallstones, or yellowing of the skin or eyes.”

Trust me now?

Toward the end of her argument, Chalkadakis also claims that my last “Corr Values” piece gave me a “bolstered sense of morality.” Well, that is a very confident claim to make. We all have different crosses to bear. I may not be having sex, but that doesn’t mean I’m as pure and sin-free as the Virgin Mary. I have my own problems, my own things I need to work on, and I never claimed otherwise. Don’t judge others, because you never know what storm they’ve been forced to walk through. People who chose to be sexually active are not immoral in any way, but that doesn’t mean that I am going to let them tread in those dangerous waters while I fully know there is another incredible option just waiting for them.



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

## *A Relationship with God Isn’t a Personal Affair*

I had the good fortune of baptizing the firstborn child of two of my good friends this weekend, and it was a memorable affair. For starters, you have to understand that this baby, beautiful as he is, is a world-class crier. He wails like an ambulance, and once you get him going, there’s no stopping him. And he was screaming in the moments leading up to the ceremony. To my surprise, though, he went silent as we all made the Sign of the Cross and stayed that way for the entire ritual. He even gently drifted off to sleep during my sermon. (And you thought you were the only ones who slept while I preach.) The baptismal silence stood in sharp contrast to his usual piercing cries, as if he were saying, “Something important is going on here and I know it.” It was pretty awesome.

But reflecting on the baptism later, the thing that stood out even more was the crowd that assembled to witness the sacrament. There were over a hundred friends and family members in attendance. They were parents and grandparents, children and neighbors. Some were super devout, while others were less so, but they were all there for a common purpose: to stand in support of this miraculous newborn and his parents. (My friend would tell you that they were all just freeloaders looking to have a nice meal at the reception, but he’s got a lot of anger in his life.)

Baptism incorporates us into the Church, which means that we

all become members of the Body of Christ. This beautiful sacrament not only brings the recipient into a new relationship with God, but into a new relationship with other Christians. St. Paul describes this baptismal fraternity best when he says, “We are all members of each other.” And that’s what was going on at that baptism. That extended family gathered around the baptismal font to welcome a new member and to pledge its support, encouragement, and solidarity to its newest member.

We’re all in the same boat. As members of the same body we have certain responsibilities to each other when it comes to the faith. Our relationship with God simply cannot be a personal affair. Jesus calls his disciples “the light of the world” and that light can never be held in private. It is to be shared, especially with those followers whose own light has dimmed. We are on the path to help one another grow closer to the Lord. It takes a whole community of believers—the pious and the impious alike—working together under the impulse of God’s grace to make the Church what it’s supposed to be.

How is this done? I would suggest that the easiest way is to invite your friends and roommates to go to Church with you. Make a point to meet together at St. Dominic Chapel and make it part of your Sunday routine. Share you light with the larger community, for the good of the entire body.

# A Lesson in Making Effective Choices

by John Bugnacki '15

GUEST COMMENTARY

How responsible are we for our choices? This article explores the idea of choices and how people deal with the consequences of those choices. I am merely trying to elevate the public discourse at Providence College by providing these questions and positions to the readers of *The Cowl*, thereby challenging them to reflect upon what they might not have considered before.

If I pick up a bagel and eat it, I am engaging in a contract that goes far beyond the simple outcomes that I assume it entails. At that moment, I think that the bagel is a better choice that not eating anything at all, eating something else, or doing something else; this is probably because I am hungry and that hunger drives me to eat the bagel. However, like the flapping of a butterfly’s wings that can cause a tornado on the other side of the globe, eating that bagel will have far-reaching, powerful, and unforeseen consequences.

If, in 20 years, I find myself as the head of a powerful corporation or an unsuccessful wage slave in a sterile office building, what effect did that

bagel have? Surely the choice to eat the bagel was part of a near infinite series of conscious choices that I had made that lead me to that moment. Who is to say that if I had not decided to do something else, like eating a muffin, it would not have led me to another, possibly drastically different, result?

The important thing about all this theoretical speculation is that we cannot reasonably know all the possible effects of any individual choice, no matter how long we ponder it. There will always be unforeseen events and forces beyond our control that work against us or in our favor, regardless of our choices.

In *No Country for Old Men* by Cormac McCarthy, the psychopathic killer, Anton Chigurh, arrives at a gas station and asks its attendant to call a flipped coin as heads or tails. When the attendant asks Chigurh what he stands to win if he guesses correctly, Chigurh tells him that he stands to win everything. Every event, circumstance, and choice in the attendant’s life has led him to this juncture in which, presumably, Chigurh will kill him if he calls the flipped coin wrongly. Chigurh forces the attendant to take responsibility for everything that has happened in his life to lead him to that point and guess whether the coin is heads or tails, another event out of



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Providence College students need to better reflect on the consequences of their life choices.

his control. Chigurh assumes that, by the man’s continued existence in the world, the attendant has given tacit approval to everything that has happened to him and everything that he has chosen to do, both controllable and uncontrollable.

Now the attendant must complete the mechanistic cycle of which he is a part, and he guesses that the coin is heads. Uncovering the hand over the coin, Chigurh congratulates the attendant on having guessed correctly and hands him the coin as a keepsake. Chigurh admires the attendant for

having taken responsibility for events over which he had no control by accepting the wager. So if we give approval to the universe by continuing to exist within it, does that make everything that happens to us a choice for which we must be responsible? Is accepting responsibility the only thing we can do in the face of our eventual fates, no matter how terrible or wonderful they may be? I cannot say, but it is an interesting thought when sitting down to eat a bagel at Dunkin’ Donuts, conveniently located in the Slavin Center.





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## Clarence

by Keely Mohin '14  
Portfolio Editor

### FICTION

Clarence's father took a belt to his back the first day of November.

We sat outside trading Halloween candy. Reese's Pieces for bubble gum, Milky Ways for Sweet Tarts, Kit Kats for Snickers Bars. Mr. Manni, a behemoth of a man with angry boils dotting his face, came roaring through the front door, raced down the steps, and pulled off Clarence's coat and red and white striped shirt.

"Dad? Dad, what are you doing? I didn't do anything!" Clarence cried, dropping his Hershey's Bar in the browning grass as Mr. Manni pulled his belt from his pants' loop.

Whip. Whip. Whip. One after the other in swift, fluid motions. Mr. Manni rested his left booted foot on his son's face for extra leverage when Clarence tried to crawl away, his hands pulling at dying grass and decaying tree branches.

"Christ," I said as I pulled a cherry lollipop from my mouth, even then trying to sound older than my eleven years. I watched from Clarence's tire swing and debated whether I should remain silent, say something, or run away home.

Mr. Manni's face contorted with rage and he gained increasing momentum every time his belt made contact with Clarence's freckled, infant-like skin. Each of Clarence's cries and whimpers fed Manni's anger as he struck again and again. Slim, rectangular welts sprung up on every inch of Clarence's back, and blood bubbles seeped from the wounds and trickled down to stain the pebbled sidewalk.

I wouldn't say anything.

"Dad! No, Dad! Ouch! Ouch! Mom! MOMMY!"

I had never heard Clarence cry.

I was sure Mrs. Manni would burst through the door and come to Clarence's swift rescue. My eyes wandered from the porch, to Clarence, and back again. But Mrs. Manni never came. The street was deserted, not a car, a mailman, a pedestrian in sight.

Clarence stopped moving. His mouth fell slack and a lingering tear trickled down his muddied cheek. Mr. Manni dropped his belt and wiped the sweat from his upper lip with the back of his hand. He raised Clarence by the scruff of his neck like a dog and threw him over his shoulders.

I didn't make a sound when Mr. Manni turned casually with a supercilious glance in my direction.

"It's time for you to go home, Billy. Almost dinner time, no?" His eyes, dark and demanding, burned into mine until I nodded in agreement, as if enchanted.

I don't remember my walk home. I don't remember how the shedding trees looked or if I passed anyone or if anyone had sleepily begun sorting through their scarecrows and faux graveyard decorations to pack them away for next year. I don't remember unlatching the white picket fence my father built or instinctively wiping my feet on the welcome mat my mother bought at the department store before pushing the front door open.

The foyer was warm and inviting, with the smell of warm apple pie sifting in from the kitchen amidst indistinct chatter.

"Billy, there you are! It's almost time to eat. What kept you?" My mother said, glancing up from a cup of coffee. Beside her at the kitchen table sat a woman, her hair pulled back in a loose bun. She turned. It was Mrs. Manni.

"You and Clarence finally call it a day? He better have that book report done."

"You have a book report due? When?"

"Friday." I cleared my throat.

Around Mrs. Manni's right eye was a purplish, black bruise.

"I think Billy's entranced by my eye, Donna," said Mrs. Manni. "Not to worry. I'm just a klutz. Walked right into a telephone pole."

"What book is the report on? Did you even read it?" I didn't answer. I kept looking at the black circle. Why didn't my mother say anything about that black circle?

"Billy!"

"Yes, I read the book. I'll get it done."

"I'd watch that tone, mister. Get upstairs and wash your hands."

Mrs. Manni took a long sip from her coffee mug before gathering a tattered tote bag.

"I'd better be off. Have to make dinner for my two boys."

"Alright, sweetie. Be more careful, no?" My mother said as she followed Mrs. Manni into the foyer. I walked to the kitchen sink and washed my hands three times.

"You just wait until your father gets home. This is the last time you let homework go until the last minute."

I nodded and sat down at the table.

"I don't know what you think you're going to do when high school rolls around. You're in for a rude awakening." Mom continued, glancing at me as she pulled a casserole from the oven. "Billy, what's wrong?"

"Nothing."

Clarence wasn't in school the next day, or the day after, or the day after that.

I couldn't say a word.



# Fast Fiction

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## One of Those Times When You Really Need a Boat

by Mason Sciotti '15  
Asst. Portfolio Editor

I see a young boy across the river. He is holding a succulent peach. Alas, my dreams will never be realized, for I cannot swim.

## Daybreak Revelations

by Justin Fernandez '15  
Portfolio Staff

Like ears popping under the pressure of climbing the mountainside, the glass shattered from the boy's window revealing the light of day.

## Wasted Wishes

by Amanda Brown '14  
Portfolio Staff

Bald dandelion amidst car parts and shattered glass—bet you would've wished for something different if you had known.

## PTSD

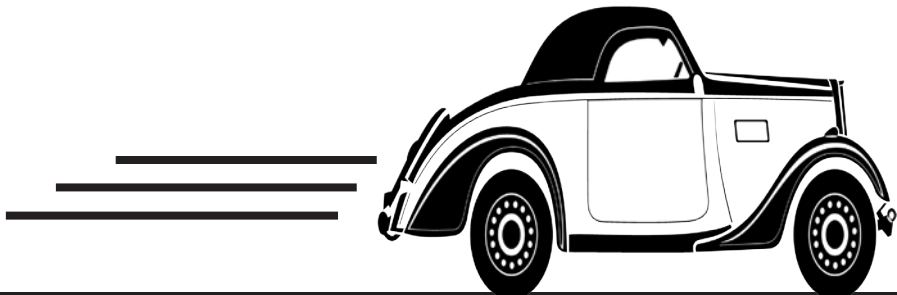
by Keely Mohin '14  
Portfolio Editor

Charlie lingers in the bushes. Napalm all around me. Sweat, fear, anxiety, heart beating too fast. I wake up clutching the blankets.

## Don't You Want a Baby?

by Ben Remillard '13  
Guest Portfolio

I won't. Don't you love me? Yes. Is it the responsibility? No. Is it the cost? No. Then why not? I don't believe in you.



## A Satyr Against Normality and Conformity

by Mason Sciotti '15  
Asst. Portfolio Editor

Were I but one of those sad creatures, they  
Who call themselves the average of our day,  
I'd deign to drown myself in stronger drink  
Then be one who themselves the norm they think.  
I do admit, I've never been of same  
Such mettle as your standard chap or dame.  
For sooth, I see the world as but a ball  
And I the maker who does hold its all,  
But never would I dare to make a mess  
(For see, in truth, I'm quite magnanimous)  
Of all the lives of those who claim to be  
Children of Adam—Earth's Normality.

However, I hail not from lands afar,  
In fact, I'm rather close to where You are,  
I was not left at San Francisco's door  
And neither have I witnessed Jersey's Shore.  
A southern gentleman I'd hardly be  
Nor does Seattle's rain have hold o'er me.  
A backwoods heathen you would see fast I'm not  
However, I'm no ordinary clot.

My home stretches from sea to shining sea  
The sprawling world of Objectivity.  
A place, I do confess, that holds my heart  
Its acreage no ending has, nor start.  
To some, its blunted customs may seem tart,  
But every man hails one rule: Be thou smart.

My wit, you'll find, is sharper than a blade  
His steely shimmer loves not Twilight's shade.  
Nor Liars, be they pretty if they may,  
Will e'er His stalwart bastion assay.  
For His, a metal of much tougher stuff,  
Outshines the Stars and Diamonds in the rough.  
Anathema! on those who claim distinction,  
His priests will offer nothing by malediction.  
And may it come to those, the samesuch Fiend,  
Who crown cultural trendiness their Queen.

He cares not for that vain Idolatry  
That holds itself greater than You and He  
That brackish word, the great Conformity.

## Anomie

by Justin Fernandez '15  
Portfolio Staff

Ruined castles lay hidden,  
Vandalized by time's just hand  
As roads running toward the river  
Are overgrown with reed and shrub.  
Scenes of life and love litter the landscape  
Like rocks and fallen trees,  
And the old man stumbles through the leaves  
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To the dried up stream.







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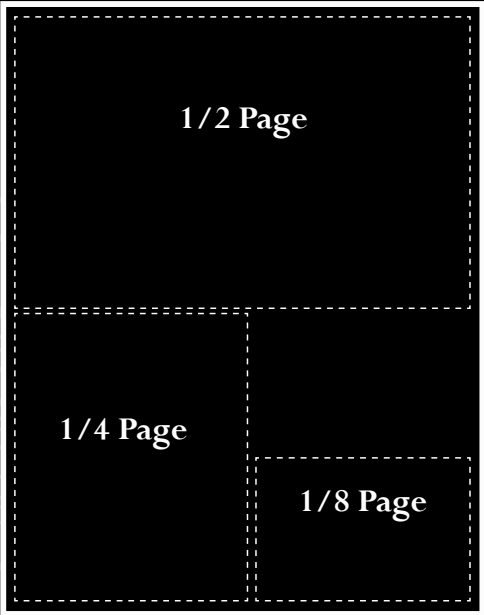
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# Will Soccer Ever Become America’s Favorite Sport?

There is a misconception that Americans do not like soccer. We see the potential of “what can be” every World Cup when a great deal of Americans not only embrace the sport, but dare I say it, enjoy watching it. The real problem is not in the popular excuses that soccer is boring or easy, but in American society’s view that it is “inferior” to other sports. However, it is clear from the support of both the men and women’s national teams that America is ready to welcome soccer with open arms, and it will only be a matter of time before soccer reaches the level of football in this country.

Call me crazy, but look at the facts. The women’s world cup final game against Japan had an 8.2 television rating, compared to the NHL Finals average of 2.2, the MLB’s World Series average of 10 (mainly due to the pull of game 7’s 14.2 rating), and the NBA Finals average of 10.2. The MLS is slowly creeping up to attendance ratings of the NHL and the NBA. Not to mention the most played sport in America’s youth is, you guessed it, soccer. It is only a matter of time before the US becomes a global soccer powerhouse. Fun fact: the only team to beat both the teams that reached the Euro Cup’s final in recent years (Spain and Italy) is the US.

Soccer is a beautiful game and is the world’s only global game. As with every sport, the fans will come when we start winning big on a global level, which is not far away.

-James Kirby ’15

When is the last time you were really excited for the halftime show of the MLS Cup? Or, more importantly, when is the last time you actually watched the MLS Cup?

The answer to both those questions, most likely, is never—actually, I would assume that there is not even a halftime show at the MLS Cup because soccer is usually against ideas that might give it some publicity.

The fact is, very few people get excited about soccer in America compared to the four major sports that garner most of the national attention (that would be football, basketball, baseball, and hockey, by the way).

Unlike soccer, which became an organized sport in Britain long after the United States gained its independence, the four major sports are rooted deeply in American tradition. Baseball is the national pastime, with sacred records and iconic figures such as Ruth and Mays. Basketball and football (American style) are American creations and have fanbases that go back generations. And hockey is hockey.

So soccer can advertise and commercialize all it wants. It can start teams in every city in America, and have 10 cities with two of them. But one thing it can never do is go back in time and weave itself into the fabric of American sports.

Because, in the end, soccer truly is the Kourtney Kardashian of professional sports: less heralded than its more famous siblings, dissatisfied with its place in the family, and not associated with anyone legitimately famous.

-Brenton Bauerle ’16

# In the Spotlight

**Men’s Soccer:** Men’s soccer opened Big East play last week at 22nd ranked South Florida, dropping the contest 1-0 in overtime. Four of the five meetings between these two rivals have been decided in overtime. Keasel Brome ’14 stopped four shots for the Friars. The team takes on Marquette in their Big East home opener, on Oct. 29 at 1 p.m.on Glay Field.

**Women’s Soccer:** The women’s soccer team had a tough week, as they watched their six-game winning streak evaporate. The week started with a 2-0 loss at Villanova. The team had to rebound two days later at Georgetown, which they lost 1-0, in a hard fought match. The Friars look to get back on track with a lengthy home stand starting Friday versus Notre Dame. This should bode well for the squad because they are 5-0 at home thus far this season. Also, the Friars will host DePaul on Sunday at 1 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** Women’s field hockey entered the week on a high note, ripping off five straight victories. However, this streak came to an end, as they slipped up against Boston College, the 22nd ranked team in the country. The girls will look to rebound against UConn Friday night in Storrs, Conn.

**Volleyball:** Volleyball’s tough stretch continued last week with a loss at UNH. The match was the first conference game for the Friars, who will look to bounce back next week when facing Binghamton on Friday, UMBC on Sunday, and Bryant on Tuesday.

# In the News

**Packers Not the Only Ones to Lose:** The replacement referees have caused enough pain for fans and players. They are also responsible for gamblers losing more than \$200 million this weekend. The highest lost ever? It could possibly be; and who is to blame? The replacement refs. It is not only the players, coaches, and fans hoping that the referee conflict is resolved: it has now extended to the gamblers.

**Amazing Athlete Meets a Legend:** If any ordinary person met Michael Phelps, they would be speechless and overwhelmed. For once, it was Phelps who was tongue-tied, for there was a greater athlete at the Ryder Cup: Michael Jordan. For a man that seemingly achieved all his dreams, one more was crossed off the list at meeting Jordan.

# Repeat after Me: Bring ‘Em Back

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Repeat after me: Bring ‘em back. Just check the Twitter-sphere to figure out what I am talking about. The NFL refs need to come back, as simple as that. This past weekend of games is proof enough of that.

As fans of all teams are still outraged and as ESPN replays the Green Bay—Seattle final seconds repeatedly, the NFL is finally taking notice. The replacement referees are just not cutting it.

The normal referees are on strike, and have been for three months, demanding a pay increase. These referees have yet to receive that pay increase, and have yet to step on the field for this NFL season so far.

The story of the replacement refs is nothing like the movie *The Replacements*; no one is being celebrated, no careers have been made. In fact, the opposite has occurred. Controversial calls have

made up the replacement referees’ foray into the professional sphere, leaving only criticism in their wake.

To accurately express how both fans and NFL players alike felt, T.J. Lang, who plays for the Green Bay Packers, tweeted, “F--- it, NFL. Fine me and use the money to pay the regular refs.”

Referees are not normally celebrated; in fact, they are the ones who take the blame for losses, because of that one call that ruined the game. After these beginning weeks of competition, it is safe to say that none of the regular referees—when they return—are to be yelled at for a long while.

Some of the referees were not able to make it in the Lingerie Football League, and yet the NFL was looking to them to cover the biggest games, under the biggest spotlight.

The NFL is currently meeting with the “regular referees,” the first meeting in three months. The franchise is promising to have the normal men in the pinstripes before this weekend. Let’s hope this is true. Nothing is worse than an angry mob of football fans.

# Black Pack Brings Home a Win

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MEN’S RUGBY

This past Saturday, September 22, the Providence College Men’s Rugby Club had a match against the Purple Knights of St. Michael’s College. The game was completely dominated by the Black Pack from the first kick off. The defense of the Black Pack had an outstanding game; they were able to stonewall the Purple Knights’ offense and did not allow a single score for the full 80 minutes.

In the first half, the Friars began their scoring with scrumhalf Stephen Hodgetts ’13 who took the ball off of a ruck and broke a tackle to run it in for a try. Wing Tim Bruns ’13 was the next to score in the first half, followed by prop John O’Donnell ’13 and to top off the half, captain Tucker Drake ’13 brought in a try as well. Spencer Heitmann ’16 had another impressive showing in the first half, not missing a single conversion and adding eight points to the total, making the score for the first half 28-0.

The second half was very similar to the first. Bruns scored two more tries, while John Derry ’14, Patrick Gray ’16, and John Roche ’13 each had a try as well. Heitmann was taken out after he scored the first two conversions. Derry was able to score one more conversion before the close of the game, making the final score was 59-0. Head Coach Mike Cox said, “Everyone did their jobs today.” When asked about the game he said, “This is Providence College rugby. This could be one of the strongest teams PC has had. I’m proud of the work these athletes have put in for this season and I know we’ll do well.”

Be sure to come see the men of the Black Pack take on Merrimack College this coming weekend, Saturday, September 29. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. The Pack continues their fall 2012 season undefeated. Merrimack was iced for the start of the season, with their first week of league play as a bye and this past weekend they suffered a loss from Holy Cross. Merrimack is ready to rally and turn their season around, starting with Providence College. The game will take place this Saturday at Hendricken Field.



# White Lightning Is a Legacy

## Bancroft '14 Follows His Family to Providence

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PLAYER PROFILE

While his teammates are working to start, establish, and ascertain their legacies at Providence College, he is looking to continue one that has been around since he was a kid. “When I grew up, my mom and her whole family all came to PC,” said Ted Bancroft ‘14. “So since I was born I knew it was either Providence or nothing really for me.” Bancroft set the bar high from an early age, and living next to one of the greatest basketball minds in the last half century, in Dave Gavitt, made it all the more promising. “We used to go over his house for dinner and everything, send Christmas cards.” Those who met and knew Gavitt knew his passion for the game and one can only imagine how much basketball acumen Bancroft got from his neighbor.

Growing up an avid golfer, Bancroft did not realize his true basketball potential until his junior year in high school, when he grew seven inches from the previous year. “I had gotten Division I looks for golf, but then I grew so much,” said Bancroft. “I was like, you know what, I think I could actually play basketball.” Bancroft played for the Cape Cod Crossovers AAU Team and still found time to hit the links. He took home the Massachusetts Sectional Championship in golf and finished third in the state. “When people think about basketball players they don’t really think, oh that kid goes golfing and wears salmon shorts.”

Despite growing seven inches going into his junior year in high school, Bancroft continued to grind it out in the weight room and work on his athleticism. “If you are not as athletic as these kids, you really have to work on it because the speed of the game picks up so much.” Forget about the games for now, Bancroft is holding his own in

practice against arguably some of the most talented guards in the country. “I probably see myself as more of a three, although I did get more athletic, these guys are so quick.” Who can blame him for not wanting to go up against Ricardo Ledo ‘16 and Vincent Council ‘13 on a daily basis? “I can shoot the three and I can get to the hoop, I also got a little length on me.”

Length is also what Head Coach Ed Cooley has in mind when talking about Bancroft’s minutes this year. “I think I’m hopefully going to get more minutes than last year because the first half of the year, I was injured, and then I started to play better and get more minutes,” Bancroft went on to say. “This year I talked to Coach and he expects me to hopefully help the team more.” Bancroft is especially needed when the Friars come out in man-to-man defense. “In a zone you work as a team, which is good and I like that, but man-to-man you know you are looking at the guy and you are thinking, I’m not going to let this guy beat me.” This was a challenge

Bancroft faced early in his time at Providence, when as a freshman he was assigned with trying to slow down Marshon Brooks ‘11. “Every day I would learn something from

him, the way he moved so smoothly with the ball,” something all Friar fans saw with Brooks. “I found myself pump faking all the time, and before I knew it I was like, wow, I’m trying to be Marshon.” When asked what other college players Bancroft grew up trying to be like, it didn’t surprise me when he talked about another Friar great. “Donnie McGrath. I used to come to all the games and I’d see him when he played with Ryan [Gomes], and he always wore that head band.” Who could forget that? “One game I was here I think he had eight or nine threes in the first half and I was like, wow that’s what I want to do and that’s when I started to shoot.”

Work hard, play hard. It is more than just a popular song nowadays or a slogan hanging from gyms and locker rooms throughout the country. It is the way in which most college students act. The Friars have a few players who like to joke around, but the biggest jokester is someone you might not expect. “Kris Dunn. Honestly, there are so many jokesters though. Everyone likes to, we all just like to have fun. I love it; it is great for the team.”

While everyone likes to have a good time, one thing remains the same for an Ed Cooley coached team: winning. “I used to play with a few kids that could have gone to UConn, a kid that went to UNH and Loyola [Maryland], and the team we have just absolutely blows everyone out of the water.”

Bancroft has seen a lot of Friar basketball over the years, and he knows what the players on this team and the coaching staffs are capable of. He only needed five words to reiterate that.

“It is a bright future.”

Photo Courtesy of Twitter

# MAC: Funding Academics One Computer at a Time

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so it’s really just about consistency of what folks are using.” Though MacBooks are thought to be of the highest quality, it still begs the question: if Providence College wants the players to be successful and believes that one way to assist them in achieving this academic success is by giving each player a MacBook, then what about every other student-athlete? Every student-athlete has to wake up at 5 a.m. for practice; every athlete has to travel to games mid-week and on weekends. Their schedule does not span two semesters like the basketball programs’, but they also don’t get to stay in hotel rooms the night before games, whether it is a home or an away game.

“Typical,” says a member of the Providence College Track and Field Team when he found out about the program. “That’s the way it goes—they get all the money.” Most athletes who were asked to comment on the program had no previous knowledge that the men and women’s basketball teams have received computers. “I didn’t know about [the computer lending program], but I feel it should be used for all the teams across the board,” says a source close to the situation.

“Every one of our student-athletes have tremendous time demands placed on them and travel demands are tough, but it really is something different for the basketball teams,”

LaPoint says. “These are two of the highest profile sports on campus. So would we love to give every student-athlete a laptop? Sure we would, but we just see the greatest need with the basketball programs.”

It was originally thought that only the men’s team received the computers; speculation began with Vincent Council’s ‘13 Instagram photo, which shows the 13 unopened computers given to the squad. The caption, which read “Big East Love!!!,” sparked conversation under the photo, where Council claimed that the “guy team only got them.” When questioned, LaPoint said, “That’s not true. We had 21 altogether. That accounted for both programs, everybody that was currently on each roster.” A women’s basketball player could not be reached for confirmation.

Every student-athlete has access to study halls and tutors, but now only the basketball players can say they have their very own laptops available for use 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“When we looked at it, we did everything we could to give our student-athletes, and our basketball players, what they need to be successful on the court,” LaPoint says. “It really came as a result of looking where we saw the greatest need in terms of trying to enhance the academics.”

When the computers were distributed, each player was mandated to sign a Student Computer Lending Agreement, which sets forth the guidelines for the treatment of the computer. Each player receives

one computer; if that computer is damaged, lost, or stolen, no replacement will be given.

“It was really clear how [the computer] could be used, when they could be used, so there is no misunderstanding with the student-athletes about how and when, and the accountability they have for the use of them,” says LaPoint. “I see how it could be out there, ‘we just handed them some MacBooks,’ but I can assure you there are a lot of parameters in place.”

The computers belong to the athletes for the tenure of their time at PC. The College owns the computers, though the MacBooks are in the players’ possession while they are enrolled in courses. The athletes also maintain possession of them during breaks, and keep the computer upon completion of their degrees.

The computers are not to be recycled, and yet what happens if a player does not complete school? With the layout of the contract now—which does not touch upon this conflict—the player will be able to keep the computer. Ricardo Ledo ‘16, who many believe will be a one-and-done,

would be able to retain the computer in this program. Nothing goes with a multi-million dollar contract quite as well as a free MacBook.

“It is not like every year, every student will be handed a new MacBook; you get it when you come in, use it over the four years, and then it is their property,” LaPoint says. “It isn’t right now, but it will be.”



This photograph, taken from Vincent Council’s ‘13 Instagram, shows the 13 computers that the team recieved





# SPORTS

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## America’s Pastime Is Past Its Time

### *How Baseball Is Starting To Be Overshadowed*

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OPINION

Looking outside at my house this weekend I noticed a brisk wind blowing through my yard, stirring the dormant leaves from their solitude on the ground. The colorful leaves twisted chaotically in the air, leaving my eyes overwhelmed by the color and violence of their motion.

This scene could neatly summarize the way most sports fans feel right now. There are a lot of sports continuing at the same time, all with their own charm and color, and it can be confusing trying to be up to date on all the sports. This chaotic scene unfolds daily, and sports pages are cluttered with activity, heart-warming tales, terrible news stories about star athletes caught cheating, or former athletes having difficulty dealing with life outside the spotlight.

Lost in all the activity is the exhilarating finish to the baseball season. The new playoff format, which has added an extra wild card team, has spiced up the end of season playoff race. Teams like the Baltimore Orioles, Oakland Athletics, Washington Nationals, and Cincinnati Reds are frontrunners to taste October baseball. These teams have moderate payrolls, with the A’s controlling the second lowest payroll in the MLB. Gone are the days of dominance by bloated payrolls. The Dodgers ate up huge contracts like a PC student eats

chicken on chicken nugget day, and they are struggling to obtain a playoff spot. The Phillies, Red Sox, Angels, and Tigers—second, third, fourth, and fifth highest payrolls—are close to securing spots on their couch for the playoffs. Young players, teams without star power, and overpaid veterans are dominating the league now, which should be refreshing to those who are fans of the game.

The Nationals, who possess the second best record in the MLB, are resting their ace, Stephen Strasburg, in what has been a highly controversial decision. It inhibits the Nationals from a World Series chase, which is the first time D.C. has seen playoff baseball since 1933, when President Roosevelt was in his second term and still struggling to lead America out of the Great Depression. Miguel Cabrera of the Tigers is in position to win the first Triple Crown in baseball since Carl Yastrzemski earned the crown for the Red Sox in the Impossible Dream 1967 season. The Orioles—\$81 million payroll—are going toe to toe with the Yankees—\$197 million payroll—for the AL East title. This is the first fall baseball season where both teams have been competitive since 1997, which is also the last time the Red Sox had a losing season, until this season.

These are just a small sample of MLB stories circling around colorfully. So try not to get too caught up in football; you will miss one of the more colorful leaves flying around.

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## A Home Down the Road

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PLAYER PROFILE

Meeting international athletes has become more and more commonplace with the growing competitiveness in the college sports environment. We tend to see a lot of hockey players from Canada and runners from Ireland. What has become stranger to come across is an athlete from the small state of Rhode Island, a local to Providence College. One of these notable athletes is Wilder Arboleda ’13 on the Men’s Soccer Team. Arboleda was born and raised in Pawtucket, R.I., just minutes away from PC’s campus. Staying close to home was an influential factor in his college decision, and after visiting PC, he knew that Friartown was the place he wanted to spend the next four years.

Arboleda was introduced to soccer when he was just five years old by his parents and relatives who had always had a love for the game. He adopted his family’s passion quickly, and began working tirelessly to develop himself as a

player. Arboleda attended Tolman High School and impressed competitors very early in his career by starting as a freshman. His talent continued to grow during his years at Tolman, and he was named All-Division First Team for three consecutive seasons. While Arboleda was getting recruitment offers from institutions across the country, he was set on becoming a Friar and accepted the offer to play at PC.

Wilder is not the only Arboleda that has strong ties to home. Both of his siblings also attend Rhode Island colleges. His brother attends Rhode Island College, while his sister currently attends Community College of Rhode Island but will be transferring to PC next semester. Since his parents and siblings are all in close proximity, they are able to attend many of Arboleda’s games to show their support. While he agrees that his entire family is very supportive of his soccer career, he admits that his dad has always been his biggest fan. “My dad is usually the loudest at every game, which we always laugh about,” said Arboleda. “He is at every home game and will travel to close away games to watch

me play.”

Although the men’s soccer season has started off a bit slow with some tough losses, Arboleda will be eligible to play one more season as a graduate assistant.

Arboleda has made an impact at Providence. During the 2011 season, he scored three goals, all of which were game winners. He started in 12 out of the 18 games he played in last year. More impressively, he has scored 19 points in the two seasons that he played for the Friars. Arboleda brings skill, leadership, and experience to the Friars this year, and will continue to do so next season.

He has been vital to the Friars’ success thus far and will continue to be one of the team’s key players. The Friars host their Big East opener this Saturday on Glay Field against the Marquette Golden Eagles. They will be looking to secure their first Big East win.

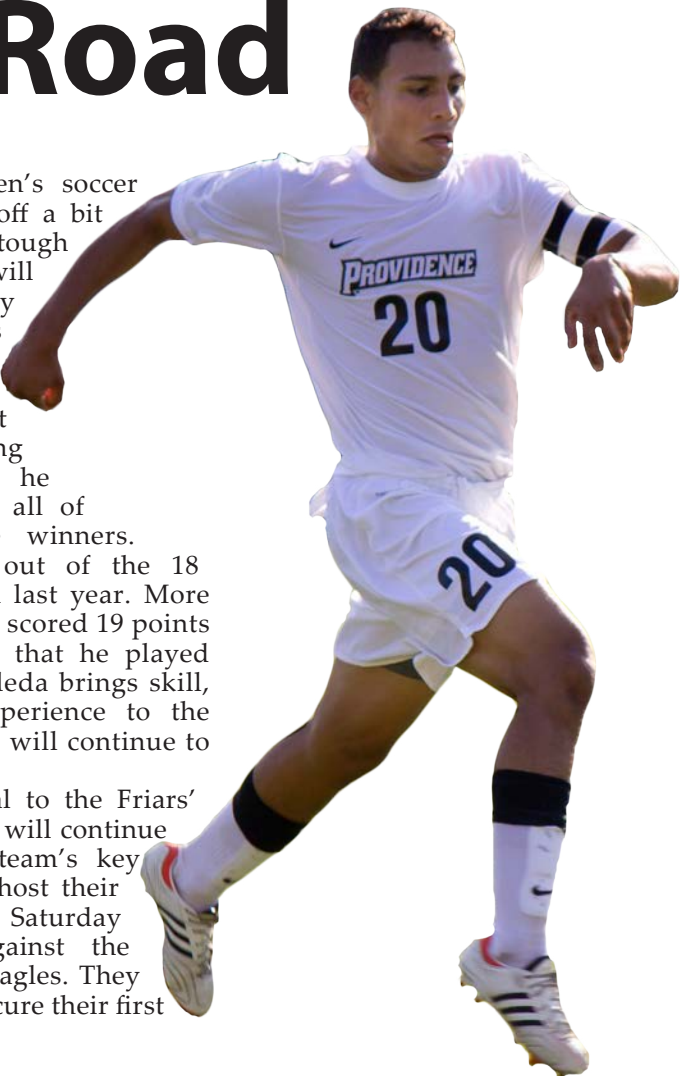


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