



Habitat for Humanity

by Kathleen McGinty '16
News Staff

CAMPUS MINISTRY

While some students may have opted for a spring break of basking in the sun's rays and taking in the salty sea air, 210 Providence College students in particular chose to spend their week out in the open. Yet instead of traveling to the beach, these 210 students made their way to 16 different locations throughout the country to perform service work for Habitat for Humanity, comprising a group of participants that has nearly doubled since last year and that has made PC the institution with the most participants out of any other college in the United States.

"I think the trips in general are great experiences in service," said Joe Slattery '13, president of Habitat for

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Study Buddy Pills: Safe, Healthy, & Effective*

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HEALTH

Becoming an empowered consumer may sound like a gig for your parents, but with different "study aid" supplements on the market, it's imperative to know the effects of the contents in the products marketed to improve "mental clarity." Specifically, the Study Buddy Supplement, sold in Providence College's bookstore, could get you \$4 closer to compromised health, and its use should be avoided.

There is an appeal to using stimulants (such as caffeine, Adderall, 5-Hour Energy shots, supplements, etc.) for concerned or overachieving students. Athletes have steroids, and those who wish to do it all, and do it fast, have Adderall and other stimulants. Study Buddy Supplements are another example of "academic steroids," which are the chemical aids that are prevalent on campuses nationwide to help students maintain an additional edge to succeed.

Caffeine serves as a gateway drug to



alternative methods of compensating for sleep deprivation and foginess, including those not regulated by the FDA and the illegal consumption of Adderall, which is typically prescribed to individuals with ADD. Study Buddy is analogous to a legal version of Adderall.

Study Buddy's formula contains 100 mg of caffeine per two capsules, which is comparable to the amount in 5-Hour Energy. Study Buddy claims to enhance memory and cognitive abilities, improve circulation to the brain, balance the effects of oxidative free radicals in the brain, and normalize the neurotransmitters acetylcholine and dopamine, which are responsible

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"It Started from the Bottom" Lax Team Hits 5-Win Streak

by Julia Claudy '13
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LACROSSE

The Friars have tallied more wins in three weeks than they have in the past three years.

The recent string of victories that the Providence College Men's Lacrosse Team has been experiencing is particularly meaningful for the veterans of the team experienced their share of losing seasons. The Friars secured their fifth consecutive victory against Quinnipiac this past Tuesday, preserving their undefeated record for another week while handing the Quinnipiac Bobcats their first loss of the season with a final score of 13-12.

Mike Noyse '13G and JT Weber '13 experienced a particularly tough season with the Friars during the

2009-2010 season when the team first joined the Big East conference. During that season, the Friars suffered through a winless season, including a 12-2 loss against the team they most recently beat, Quinnipiac.

The drastic turn-around can be attributed to the team's new coaches, improved methodology, and a hunger to prove value in the program. "We've been through a lot in the past four years," commented Weber. "How the season has been going so far has been very rewarding and I couldn't be happier seeing results after all the work we've put in."

Defenseman Noyse expressed similar sentiments about the team's success so far this season, commenting that it has been great to see results in the win column. As one of the oldest members on the team, Noyse also expressed the

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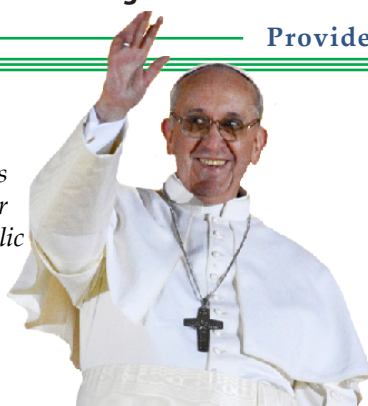
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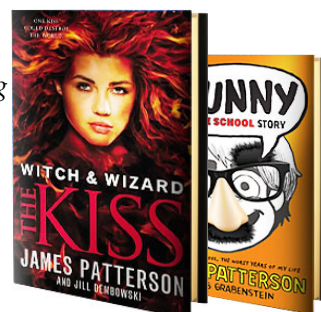
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Humanity at the College.

According to Slattery, who traveled to Goldsboro, N.C. last week for his third trip with Habitat for Humanity, students engage in all types of work to promote Habitat's mission, whether it be by building a house, putting up drywall, painting the interior of a home, or even working in Habitat's warehouse.

"[Habitat's] mission is to eliminate sub-standard housing, and in that capacity they work building houses basically from the ground up," he said. "The way they can do what they do is they use our labor, from volunteers, in order to give the homeowner a no-interest mortgage." By selling the house at cost, Habitat is able to sell homes for a lot less than they would be worth at market value.

Although lounging at the beach may sound more tempting than

engaging in the arduous toil required to build a home, Slattery noted that the Habitat club at the College has always had a good turnout for spring break events.

"Habitat is a tradition here at PC," said Rich Lumley, the advisor for the Habitat for Humanity program at the College.

Lumley noted that in the past, approximately 110 students have participated in the spring break trips. This year, according to Gabriella Carbone '13, vice president for the Habitat for Humanity club in Campus Ministry, the goal was to recruit 150 students. Yet turnout far surpassed that, with 210 students engaging in service trips with Habitat last week.

Carbone, Lumley, and Slattery each attributed the increase in participation to the strong efforts of the Habitat executive board and trip leaders to promote and publicize the trips. Moreover,

they each believed that the testimonies of students who have been on Habitat spring break trips in the past, which Slattery described as "glowing reports and endorsements," have incited many students to perform service work with Habitat for Humanity. Lumley expressed his hopes for those who do.

"I hope that PC students make a positive impact on the communities they serve," said Lumley. "I hope they become more aware of affordable housing issues, and I hope they build relationships with their peers."

Both Carbone and Slattery can attest to Lumley's wishes.

"Being a senior it was really fun leading students that were all younger than me...to see how much they got out of it and seeing them get closer," said Carbone, who traveled to Monroe, N.C. for Habitat last week.

Slattery concurred.

"I think that service trips are often very rewarding in the values you learn, the people you meet, the cultures you interact with, and also the friendships that you make with the people that you go with," he said. "You often meet people that you wouldn't have met on campus doing something that you both want to do and realizing that you have the same values through these trips."

Furthermore, Slattery noted that relationships are not only kindled amongst peers but also with locals and with Habitat for Humanity.

Yet whether working with the Habitat for Humanity organization or with his peers, Slattery drew one sole conclusion.

"You really build lasting relationships," he said, "all while doing something worthwhile."



All photos contributed.

Remillard and Ryan Lead Improv Club

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
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CLUB PRESIDENTIAL SPOTLIGHT

Rejects on the Rise is the only and self-proclaimed “premiere” improv group at Providence College. Nellie Ryan '13 and Ben Remillard '13 are co-presidents of the club, but for this article’s purpose, Ryan endearingly labeled Remillard as her “first lady.” Simply put by Ryan, this group is essentially PC’s version of the show, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*. This witty duo explained that the main aim of Rejects on the Rise is to make people laugh, but Remillard mentioned that it is more than just performing. “It is about developing ourselves as actors, developing scenes, characters, and working on chemistry between the members.”

This year, Rejects on the Rise is comprised of nine students from every grade. The club holds auditions every year in the fall, the auditions are open to everyone, and there is no experience required. In fact, workshops on improvisation acting are held prior to auditions so people with no experience are encouraged to learn more and try out. Remillard and Ryan agreed that it is really fun to get to play the games with all types of different people, and explained that the number of people who are accepted into the club can differ by year depending on how many people try out.

The group puts on one show a month, and at least one charity show a year. Ryan explained that they really enjoy working with other clubs and organizations on campus, and they are always enthusiastic about performing at different events, like Relay For Life. Concerning Relay for Life, Ryan stated,



Ben Remillard '13 refers to Nellie Ryan '13 as his “first man,” and Ryan refers to Remillard as her “first lady.”

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“It’s nice that we have a way to bring laughter to those type of events.” This also happens to be their next show, and it is one of their favorites because there is always a great crowd. Remillard explained, “The bigger and better the audience, the better the performance can be.”

Nellie Ryan, co-president and Remillard’s “first man,” is an elementary and special education major from New Jersey. She had a fair amount of experience with theater in high school, as she performed in musicals, worked with an acting coach, and attended theater camp over a few summers. She first got involved in Rejects on the Rise after seeing a flyer advertising it in her Civ class. “I saw it and said, I’m going to try and

do improv comedy!” She admitted she did not even think she was going to make it that year, but as it turns out she did, and it has been a truly great experience for her.

Ben Remillard is an English and History double major from Grafton, Mass. He is planning on attending graduate school to study history after graduation, and like Ryan, he wants to become a teacher. As far as his background with improv goes, he was involved in theater and was a member of the improv club at his high school. He tried out for Rejects on the Rise but “was beat out by Nellie” his freshmen year, so he joined his sophomore year and has been involved in it ever since.

“I really love the dynamic of co-presidents,” Ryan exclaimed. She went

on to explain that she is “so grateful that Ben is there to support my weaknesses” while she provides strength where Remillard has weaknesses. Remillard added, “Nellie is more hands on in dealing with the intricacies of improv,” and Ryan raved, “Ben is so organized!”

Though the slogan for the club is “If we try hard enough to be good, we might suck enough to be funny,” there really is a lot to gain from improv acting. Ryan and Remillard both agree that they have become more confident people through practicing improv, and Ryan explained, “different games you play can make you a better improv-er, but it can also help you so much in any facet of life and make you more confident in yourself in every aspect of life.”

Dr. William Hogan Loves Music, English

by Micaela Cameron '13
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FEATURED PROFESSOR

Dr. William Hogan of the Department of English is a scholar of 20th century British and Irish literature, a father of two sons, a lover of music, and a traveler, having spent time living on both the East and West Coasts of the United States.

Hogan grew up in Sudbury, Mass. where he lived until he left for undergraduate school at Stanford University. He entered the university as a music major, before switching his concentration to English. His decision was influenced by his many great English professors. In college, Hogan described himself as an attentive student who studied hard but still enjoyed himself.

When he was not studying, Hogan played in a band called Far Away Moses. Hogan and his band played in clubs around San Francisco.

“My college years were around the ‘90s. We played new-wave alternative, like R.E.M, but we were not nearly as good,” said Hogan.

“When we would play, there would be about seven people in the audience, four of them just regulars at the bar. It was fun to play in public and be part of that world and feeling like you’re working your way up in the music world.”

Hogan comes from a musical family as well. His younger brother is the ballpark organist for the San Francisco Giants.

Today, Hogan continues to love

and play music. He writes songs and listens to classical musicians such as Jeremy Denk.

After graduating from college, Hogan worked for two years in Seattle at the University of Washington. At the university he worked in the fundraising office, working with the alumni association.

Hogan then went on to receive his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and came to teach at Providence College in 2002.

Hogan wrote his dissertation on the Irish poet William Butler Yeats.

“I think I was drawn to Yeats because he was crazy,” said Hogan.

“He believed in magic and talking with dead spirits. I’m interested in him because his view of the world is so different than my own. I think he’s one of the most beautiful poets out there, in the sense of his writing and rhythm.”

Through his research, Hogan had the opportunity to travel to Ireland and work on research at the National Library of Ireland.

At the College, Hogan was the director of Development of Western Civilization for three years and is currently teaching honors DWC. He enjoys the interdisciplinary aspect of the course.

Hogan also teaches the 20th Century British Novel course, and although his concentration is in poetry, he enjoys modern novelists as well.

“I like the weird stuff. The modern writers tend to be strange. Virginia Woolf, D.H. Lawrence—students tend to find them kind of strange, which makes them think differently and puts them out of their comfort zone,” said Hogan.



SAADIA AHMAD '14 / THE COWL

Dr. Hogan is a graduate of Stanford University and played in a band called Far Away Moses.

Hogan likes living on the East Coast again and being able to once again read about the Red Sox in the local paper. In Providence, he loves Broadway Bistro, a small neighborhood restaurant on Federal Hill. At the College, he likes meeting colleagues from other departments where he has made many friends. He also enjoys the liberal arts nature of the College and the commonality of the liberal arts majors.

Hogan wishes that students

graduating with English degrees see the many opportunities they have in the job field. He stated that both reading and writing are valuable skills that prepare students for many careers. Hogan has been impressed by his students’ eagerness to improve.

“My students really want to do well. They want to get better. If I tell them to do something, or suggest something, they do it to become better writers and students,” said Hogan.

NEWS

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by Carolyn Bothwell '15
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CAMPUS NEWS

Spring Concert Announced

On March 11, the Board of Programmers announced that this year's annual spring concert is going to feature Third Eye Blind and Hoodie Allen. The concert will take place on Friday, April 19. Tickets will be sold after Easter break. Reaction to the concert was mixed, and students expressed their displeasure/excitement on Twitter.

PC Is Still Harlem Shaking

The Harlem Shake YouTube sensation did not die down over break. From biology classes to the Phillips Memorial Library staff to St. Joseph's Hall to Habitat for Humanity trips over break, students and faculty have been participating in the movement. Most recently, the Providence College Men's Basketball Team created a rendition of their own, featuring Coach Cooley and the Friars. The team's video received nearly 20,000 views on YouTube in one week.

St. Patrick's Day Makes Triumphant Return to Campus

This Sunday, March 17, PC students have the chance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on campus for the first time in three years. McPhail's is hosting an Irishfest on Friday, March 15 to begin the festivities. The first Junior Night will be held the following night.

Calling All Wannabe Boppers

Are you interested in joining the Board of Programmers? Applications are due this Friday, March 15 in the BOP office in Lower Slavin.

Mid-March Hockey Is Returning to Schneider!

The Men's Ice Hockey Team finished the season with a tie for third place in the Hockey East conference, the Friars' best standing since 2001. With their new footing, the hockey team has clinched home ice for the quarterfinal series for the first time in a decade. Following the team's success, the last beam of steel for the addition on Schneider Arena has been set in place and capacity is expected to return to normal.

Seniors Set to Invade Foxboro

The location of the Class of 2013's formal night event for Commencement Week was announced on Monday, March 11. The event will be held at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., the home of the New England Patriots. The event has been held at various Boston-area hotels in recent years.

Student Congress Updates

by Elizabeth Nako '15
News Staff

STUDENT CONGRESS

- Student Congress will be helping to cosponsor the first "Friar Forum" in which they will hear from various clubs including the Office of Diversity, BMSA, and Campus Ministry. This will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, March 18 in the Mural Lounge.
- Student Congress was contacted by the Men's Hockey Team to participate in a rally in honor of the first playoff game that will take place on Friday, March 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. in McPhail's. Refreshments and food will be served.
- The Class of 2013 announced that all Commencement information has come out, including formal night's location at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. Also, 113 Nights will be held on March 23.
- The Class of 2014 reported that they had a great turnout at the Junior Job Jumpstart held this past week.
- The Class of 2015 plans to have the "Done with Civ" festivities during the last week of classes.
- The Class of 2016 said that its coffeehouse was a success, and they look forward to helping plan other end of the year events.
- The Student Congress Body plans to team up with the Class of 2014 to administer a housing survey with critiques about the dorms, and an off-campus good neighboring policy survey. They also want to get a type of car magnet on what to do in case of sexual assault.
- Academics wants to have a degree audit form on CyberFriar, and to team up with Publicity to make a video on how to go about the website. Also, they want to help make both music ensemble and orchestra part of the fine arts core, and want to start to work on any new courses anyone would like to see in the future.
- Paul Calle '12 came and spoke to Student Congress about his work with the Student Alumni Association. SAA works with the Office of Institutional Advancement to help create alumni involvement in the PC community such as organizing the Friar 5K, Spirit Week and Alumni and Family Weekend. SAA has come out with a brand new structure for their program such as the new Marketing Programming branch to provide students a way to engage with alumni and other legacy students. He encouraged students to apply to SAA. Information sessions will be held both next Monday and Tuesday.
- Also, SAA encourages seniors to apply to serve as a liaison between the school and the Class of 2013. This is a nice way to still have a foot in the door with PC and also reach out to the members of the Class. Applications to be a class agent will be due by April 2.
- SRC-63-10 was introduced. This piece of legislation will make an athletic trainer still available to those who are not varsity athletes.
- SRC-63-11, regarding an anonymous evaluation form that would be handed out to students during second semester of senior year that would assess the academic experience of their major(s), was also introduced.
- A representative from the Motherland Dance Club came to talk to the Student Congress about how they wish to be officially recognized as a club on campus. They help to bring diversity to campus and they are active in the PC community, performing at Late Night Madness this past year. They accept any student of any ethnicity to join the club with no previous dance experience required.

Get to Know Your Newsies

Christine Rousselle '13

Major:

Political science

Hometown:

Scarborough, Maine

Fun Fact:

I was in a circus group in elementary school and can juggle and unicycle.

Most Commonly Found:

The Cowl office or Schneider Arena

Biggest Role Model:

My assistant, Andres!

Annoys Her Most:

The fact that *Joan of Arcadia* was canceled after two seasons.

Most Passionate About:

Ice hockey and the US Constitution.



Puzzle Answers

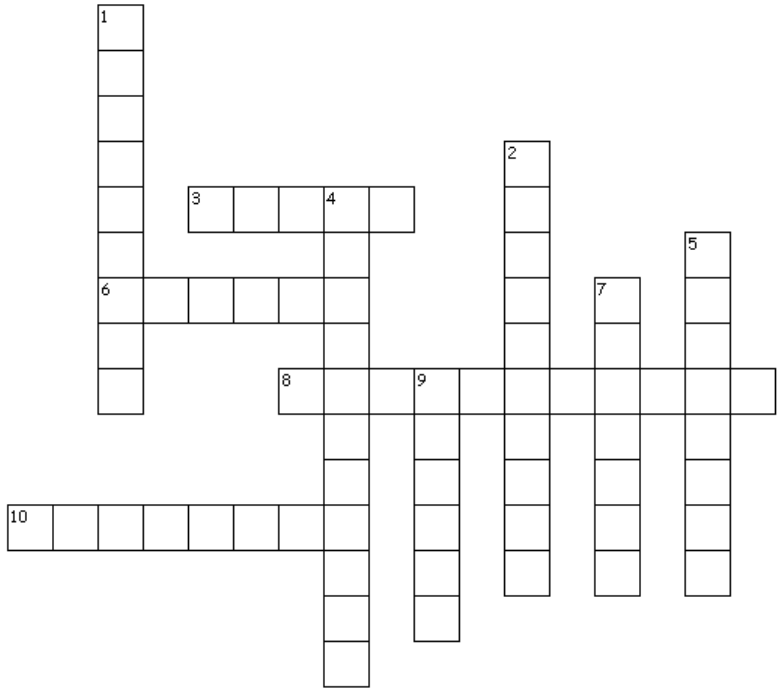
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 7. Collins 8. Chamberlain 9. Muskie 10. Kendrick
Jumble:
 Cumberland, Franklin, Piscataquis, Kennebec, Oxford, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Lincoln, Knox, Hancock, Waldo, Washington, York, Aroostook, Penobscot

The Procrastination Station

Featuring Maine! Maine's statehood anniversary is March 15, 1820.

by Christine Rousselle '13
News Editor

Notable Mainers



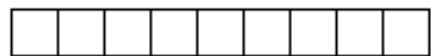
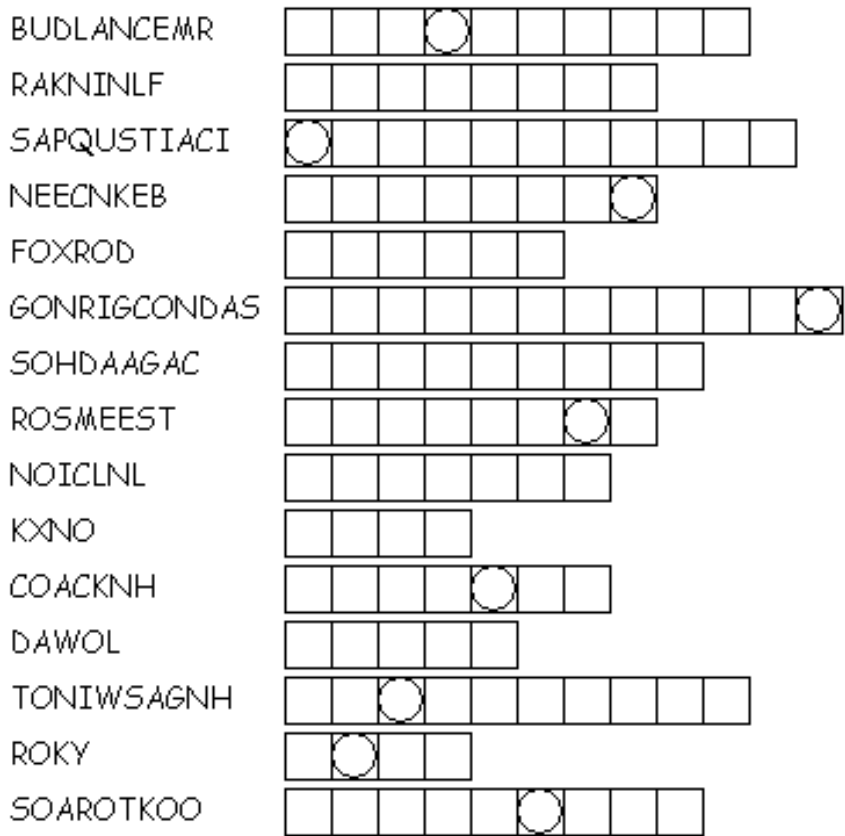
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- 3. First woman to serve in both houses of the United States Congress, Margaret _____ Smith.
- 6. The current governor of the state.
- 8. Medal of Honor winner due to his actions during the battle of Gettysburg.
- 10. Actress in the *Twilight* saga and *Pitch Perfect*.

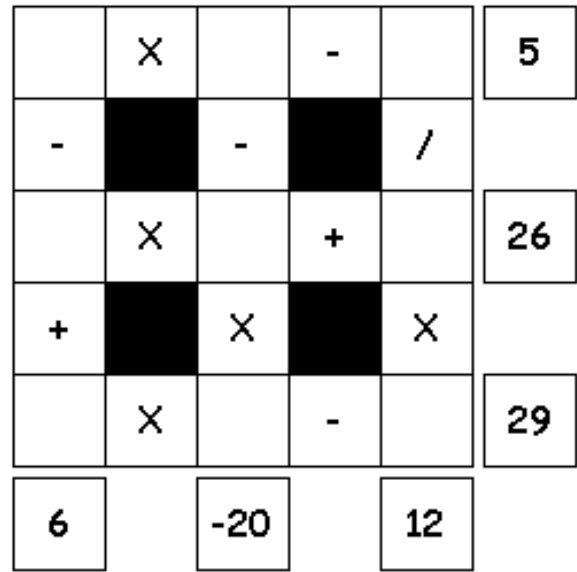
Down

- 1. The news editor of *The Cowl*.
- 2. Wrote "Paul Revere's Ride."
- 4. Author of *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *It*.
- 5. Singer of "Collide."
- 7. Maine's senior senator.
- 9. Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter.

Maine Counties



Math Square



Directions: Using the numbers 1 through 9, fill in the grid. Each number is only used once. Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation. Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

PC Picture of the Week



Please leave the stunting to the cheerleaders, Dr. Sears.

PC Tweet of the Week



Got a suggestion for the PC Picture of the Week or PC Tweet of the Week? Tweet us @TheCowl!

Student Congress

President

Maria Pantazelos

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, my name is Maria (Pantz) Pantazelos, and I am running for the position of Student Congress Exec President. As an honorary Dirigo member and the Emerging Leader for 2012, I have proven my leadership through my contributions to the Providence College community. If elected for this position I wish to embrace our alumni network through engagement with the Office of Institutional Advancement. I would like to develop a better relationship with our outside community by implementing a position within Outreach that can update students on the pressing issues within the community. As well I wish to take an initiative to redefine diversity at PC as well as an opportunity to educate students. Finally, I wish to create a more welcoming atmosphere for Congress as a whole both internally and externally. My motivation and determination as well as my leadership skills are a testament to my nature and my ability to lead the student body. The changes I wish to forego and the opportunity I would have to be a resource and a leader for my peers is what I would find truly rewarding from this position. I would appreciate your support! Thank you

Sean Aherne

As Friars, we are a family with a common identity rooted in our home, Providence College. This college is more than the buildings on its campus. It is the body of students, professors, and administrators who occupy them. Providence College is both its people and the tools by which we grow in mind, spirit and friendship. As a student leader on campus and candidate for Student Congress Executive President, my driving objective is the building up of the whole college- its people, its resources, and its capacity to share its gifts with the greater community. Currently, I am the vice president of the junior class. In this capacity, I have been able to impact everything from the food that students eat to the way clubs are able to advertise on campus. However, I hold other leadership positions. I am a Resident Assistant in Guzman Hall, the treasurer of two clubs, co-founder of the PC Running Club, and a recent inductee into Providence College's leadership honor society. It is my firm belief that my vision and experience will allow me to transform the college in many ways including our approach to club funding, diversity, and the future of our college.

Bobby Arruda

My name is Bobby Arruda, and I am asking for your vote to be Executive President of the 64th Student Congress. I have been dedicated to the Student Congress for the past two years serving as a member and the current chairperson of the Committee on Legislative Affairs. I have worked closely with all classes and committees to develop and implement changes in various aspects of student life. I believe the Student Congress

exists to determine what the student body would like to see accomplished and pursue solutions through communicating with administration, faculty, and students. I would like the opportunity to play a greater role in this process, and I know I have the experience, values, and leadership skills necessary to make progress and get things done on campus. I am honored to be a member of the PC community, and my priority is ensuring that all students enjoy their experience here and come to love Providence College as much as I do. I promise that I will be Putting Friars First in leading the Student Congress, so please vote Bobby Arruda for Executive President on March 19 and 20.

Melissa Scott

My name is Melissa Scott, and I am running for Executive President of Student Congress. I have always had a passion for politics and as Executive President, I would like to share my passion with others for the betterment of the Providence College community. For the past three years I have worked as a class representative, addressing the concerns of students and making positive changes on campus. If elected, I will strive to be a voice for the student body, make changes, and stand up for students' rights. As a class representative, I have planned class events including Junior Job Jumpstart and Zumba Madness. I am also working with my class on increasing security on and off campus. As a member of the academics committee, I have worked as a liaison between faculty and students. I have worked with my committee members to formulate new classes and further improve academics on campus. Currently, I am working on including music ensembles as a fine arts requirement and expanding course offerings. If elected, I will work to improve academics and the on-campus living environment, as well as campus security. If elected for president, I promise to work hard for all students.

Vice President

Nick Wallace

My name is Nick Wallace, and I am running for Executive Vice President of Student Congress. Currently as a member of 2014, I hold the position of class representative, and I am a double major in history and political science. I am a member of the Student Life Committee, which is responsible for adding quesadillas to "Take 3" and is working closely with administrators to provide an athletic trainer for non-varsity athletes. More, as a 2014 Class Rep, I headed the "Zumba Madness" fundraiser that raised around \$400 for PC Cares, a foundation started by fellow Student Congress members. My work on Student Congress thus far has allowed me to form relationships with fellow Congress members, students of other clubs, and administrators, which ultimately makes me a qualified candidate for Executive VP. If elected, I will work closely with all members of the PC Community to make this campus a better place. I will promote

cooperation amongst all clubs and organizations on campus to work together. I will act as a liaison between PC students and members of the faculty, staff, and administration. Most importantly, I will serve you, the constituents.

Treasurer

Mary Alice Sallah

I hope to become your next Student Congress Executive Treasurer. As a Class of 2014 representative and a member of the Clubs and Organizations Committee, I feel prepared to carry out the duties of this position. I hope to work closely with the executive boards of Providence College clubs in order to help these organizations benefit student life and create exciting activities and opportunities on campus. I look forward to the possibility of serving the community in a new way as Executive Treasurer, ensuring a fair, organized, and clear system of funding and communication for clubs. Don't forget to vote on Sakai!

Secretary

Mary Goggins

My name is Mary Goggins, and I am running for executive secretary of Student Congress. I love Providence College more than I ever thought I could. Part of this has come from being involved the last three years and meeting so many amazing people. As secretary, I want to reach out to as many people as I can and share with them not only my love of Providence College, but also my love of Student Congress. As secretary I want to keep all class levels informed of everything that happens during Student Congress meetings. I would love to send out an email to all of the classes at least once a month describing what Congress is doing for them, and how they can get involved in Congress in so many different ways. I know I can do a great job serving the student body as secretary and I promise to do everything I can to meet as many students as possible and listen to every suggestion and comment I hear.

Katie O'Donnell

As a dedicated student of Providence College, I, Katie O'Donnell am running for Executive Secretary for Student Congress 2013-2014. I have loved being a member of the Outreach Committee on Congress for the past year, but in the upcoming future I would like the chance to contribute more to the entire student body. From my experience on Congress I have learned the importance of each student voice being heard and the role that the executive board plays in this success. As secretary of your Student Congress I promise to become a strong leader and make sure that all decisions represent your best interests. I would be honored to represent the students of FRIARTOWN and look forward to working with all of you in order to further improve our experiences here together. Help me, help you, to leave our mark on PC and vote Katie O'Donnell for Executive Secretary!

BMSA

President

Giana Quintero

Hey fellow Friars! My name is Giana Quintero, and I am running for BMSA President. This past year, I was elected BMSA treasurer, which has become the biggest role for me during my time on campus. Becoming treasurer has been instrumental in building and gaining the experience I needed to become president my senior year. I have learned what it takes to be a successful BMSA board member, to work with the administration, and most of all, to represent the student body. As BMSA President, I will continue to work to increase our presence on campus and to increase internal club morale, an important task given our size of over 100 members. Additionally, I want to work more closely with members of Congress, BOP and other clubs on campus to build more collaborative relationships among student leaders on campus. In order for us to be successful as student activities planners, we need to represent the student body and build relationships among clubs. We are an organization that gives everyone a place on campus to be a part of a bigger picture, and that serves as a channel of resources, support and leadership. As President, I plan to continue to welcome new clubs to BMSA and enhance our multicultural membership. I will draw on my experience as a current board member and as a student leader in other capacities to guide me in my capacity as the new BMSA president.

Gary Khammahavong

Where to start? There are lots of memories that I can talk about. Some good, some bad, and some not fit for publishing. Many of my fondest memories come from those late nights in the BMSA office. On those nights, 4 a.m. would roll around and in an effort to stay awake, some of us would clean the office. As anyone will tell you, cleaning that office is no small task. As we worked, we would talk about what BMSA meant to each of us. It was through these late-night talks that I saw what the club meant to me: the unity, the friendships, and the memories of diverse experiences that our BMSA family has cherished together. The whole of this experience is certainly greater than the sum of its parts. My intention to lead BMSA as president comes from this understanding. It's the memories, the friendships, and the love that make BMSA more than a club. I would be honored to lead BMSA and direct its growth in unity and experience through our events and with the help of our wonderful affiliates. As president, Providence has my promise that BMSA will continue to be the vibrant and loving community that I was welcomed into, that serves the campus, and that others will enjoy as well.



Venezuelans, World Leaders Mourn the Death of Hugo Chavez

by Naomi Eide '13
Senior World Writer

INTERNATIONAL

Last Friday a large funeral was held for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez following his lengthy battle with cancer. Leaders from around the world traveled to Caracas for the state funeral, including Cuban President Raúl Castro, Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, actor Sean Penn, and leaders from every Latin American Country. The United States sent Congressman Gregory Meeks and former Rep. William Delahunt to serve as a low level delegation, though Chavez portrayed the United States as a great global evil.

In his eulogy, Reverend Jesse Jackson applauded Chavez's leadership, proclaiming, "How do we measure a great leader? By how he treats the least of these. Hugo fed the hungry. He lifted the poor. He raised their hopes. He helped them realize their dreams."

Chavez's funeral was rich in pageantry, which started with a six-mile funeral procession through mobbed streets in downtown Caracas, after which his body was placed in the military academy where it will remain in state for one week. At the funeral, Chavez lay in a glass-covered coffin wearing the olive-green military uniform and the red beret of his paratrooper days, looking gaunt and pale with his lips pressed together. Chavez's body is set to be embalmed and placed on permanent display in a "crystal urn" at the Museum of the Revolution near the Miraflores presidential palace.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro,

Venezuela's acting head of state and Chavez's handpicked successor, made the announcement about the revolutionary's perpetual display. Maduro said, "We have decided to prepare the body of our 'Comandante President,' to embalm it so that it remains open for all time for the people. Just like Ho Chi Minh. Just like Lenin. Just like Mao Zedong."

The custom to display leftist leaders came after the famous display of Soviet founder Lenin in Moscow's Red Square in 1924. Following their deaths, other socialist and communist leaders were given similar displays, such as North Korea's father-and-son leaders Kim il-Sung and Kim Jong-il, and Russian dictator Joseph Stalin, though his body was later removed.

Some did not share the adoring sentiment for Chavez. "Seriously? It's not a joke?" asked street food vendor Juan Ferreira, 51, on hearing that the late president's body would be put on permanent display. "Well, they can do what they like with Chavez's body. What is important is that they leave us in peace and give us the tranquility to work, that they stop making all us Venezuelans fight."

Venezuela, exhausted from around-the-clock mourning, began to look toward the future under the leadership of Maduro, who many assume will be officially made president. Some are worried that Maduro will be unable to lead as Chavez did, though most people are just looking to move on. Forty-year-old Caracas resident Laura Guerra, a Chavez supporter, said, "I don't think [Maduro] will be the same. I don't think he has the same strength that the 'Comandante' had," but added, "People are beginning to get back to



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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran mourns the loss of Hugo Chavez. Many world leaders attended his funeral service. Though he is a controversial figure in the international sphere, Chavez was mourned deeply by the Venezuelan people. The period of mourning for the former president was to last for seven days and was extended for an additional seven days.

their lives. One must keep working."

Elected president of Venezuela in 1998, Chavez altered the structure of the government and created a new constitution which increased the rights of previously marginalized groups. Chavez ruled Venezuela under the United Socialist Party of Venezuela with a unique brand of politics called "Chavismo." The core

of "Chavismo" was described by columnist Thor Halvorssen Mendoza as a "far-reaching foreign policy that aims to establish a loosely aligned federation of revolutionary republics as a resistance bloc in the Americas."

Mississippi Newborn Allegedly Cured of HIV Virus

by Kayla Fernandes '14
Assistant World Editor

UNITED STATES

At the annual HIV Conference in Atlanta on March 4, researchers presented the case of Mississippi toddler "cured" of the HIV virus. Attendees of the conference understandably reacted with extreme skepticism, given the extraordinary claims made by the researchers.

The case in question centers around a baby girl, born to an HIV-positive mother in the fall of 2010. The mother, from rural Mississippi, was not aware at the time of arrival at the hospital that she had been infected with HIV because she had not seen a doctor at any point through the duration of her pregnancy.

At birth, the newborn was found with traces of HIV in her blood and was promptly transferred to the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Within approximately 30 hours after delivery, the child began a set of three different HIV, or antiretroviral, medications.

Most often, newborns infected with HIV are given one or two drugs as part of a prophylactic, or preventive, regimen. In the case of the Mississippi newborn, the doctors aimed the medical regimen not at prophylaxis, but at treatment of the disease, thus adding a third drug to the mix.

Under the care of Dr. Hannah B. Gay, the newborn received the drugs for 18 months.

Dr. Gay and her team observed decreased virus levels over time to the point where they were essentially undetectable after the first month. To begin with, the infant presented very low levels at the time of birth, suggesting that the baby had contracted the disease in utero. The theory behind Dr. Gay's treatment was to combat these low levels before they were able to negatively impact the child.

The baby remained under hospital supervision for 18 months, after which the mother and child disappeared for a period of five months. During that time, the child received no drugs from the regimen.

After this five month period, the mother returned to the hospital with the child, and when tested, the researchers were again surprised when the results were negative for HIV. Dr. Gay explained that because she suspected a laboratory error, she ordered many different tests, all of which returned with the same outcome.

The newborn was then put through a series of tests sponsored by researchers from the Foundation for AIDS Research. These tests concluded that there were no remnants of the virus. The lead researchers, Dr. Katherine Luzuriaga and Dr. Deborah Persaud, also tested for dormant areas of the virus in the reservoirs of the child's body. Oftentimes, HIV "cures" have been sidetracked by these reservoirs, where the virus can lie in waiting and fails to be completely eradicated.

One possible explanation for the extraordinary circumstances surrounding

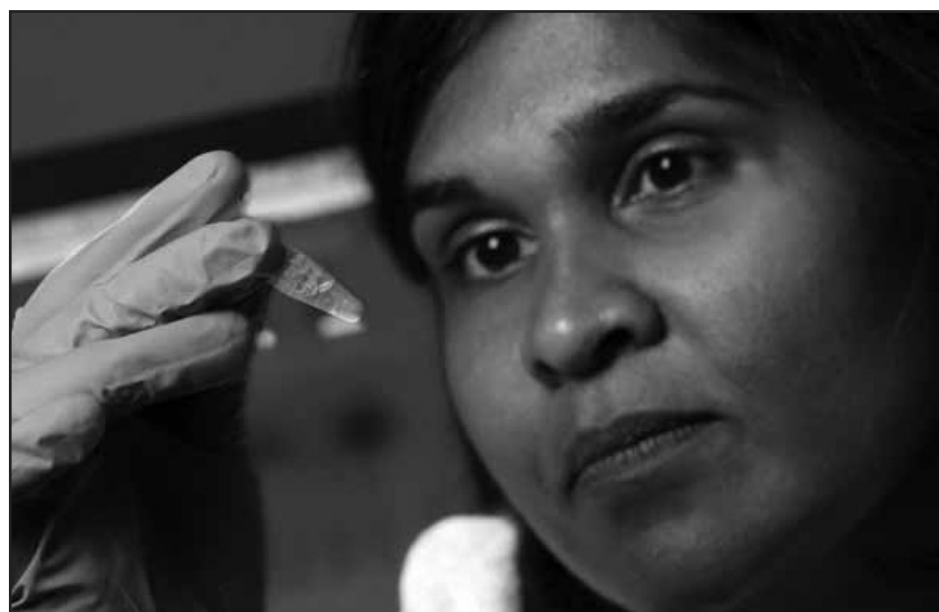


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Dr. Deborah Persaud was one of the key researchers involved in "curing" a Mississippi newborn infected with the HIV virus.

this case, is that the newborn was treated so quickly that the virus was not able to establish a reservoir in the body. Had the virus formed one of these reservoirs, it would have lain dormant during the drug therapy and then resurfaced when the child stopped medical treatment.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said, concerning the test results and subsequent hypotheses, "That goes along with the concept that, if you treat before the virus has had an

opportunity to establish a large reservoir and before it can destroy the immune system, there's a chance you can withdraw therapy and have no virus."

Now the goal of researchers is to examine whether early and aggressive treatment can in fact work for other babies. Because the treatment given to the Mississippi newborn was very non-invasive, it has the potential of becoming a standard of care if it is proven to be effective in most cases.

North Korea Threatens Nuclear Action

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

THE KOREAS

Following the third set of nuclear tests by North Korea, the UN Security Council approved new sanctions against the communist nation. The sanctions impose freezes and travel bans on three individuals and two firms linked to the North Korean military who might have access to acquiring nuclear materials. This is the fourth set of sanctions by the Security Council against North Korea in response to nuclear and long range missile tests.

These tests were the next in a series of aggressive measures taken by North Korea against South Korea and the West. At a UN conference on disarmament last month, North Korea threatened its southern neighbor with "final destruction." Officials at Pyongyang have justified the recent tests by claiming self-defense. The foreign ministry said, before the sanctions were released, "As long as the United States is willing to spark nuclear war, our forces will exercise their right to a pre-emptive nuclear strike."

The rhetoric from Pyongyang has become increasingly hostile in recent weeks. Speaking to North Korean soldiers on March 8, Kim Jong-un told his troops to "get ready to annihilate the enemy." To show their enthusiasm and admiration towards their leader, the soldiers waded out into freezing water. The next day, Jong-un told North Korea's news agency, KCNA, that the nation was "fully ready to fight a Korea-style all-out war."

These announcements were followed up with the news that North Korea tore up the non-aggression pact it had with South Korea that ended the Korean War in 1953. The Rodong Sinmun newspaper reported that the North Korean Supreme Command can now make a "strike of justice at any target anytime, not bound to the armistice agreement, and achieve national reunification, the cherished desire of the Korean nation."

Continuing the pattern of hostile actions, North Korea cut the emergency hotline between North and South. The line, which is tested every day, is the main means of communication between Seoul and Pyongyang, as the two capitals do not have diplomatic relations with one another, according to Reuters.

North Korea has also threatened the US with a preemptive nuclear strike. Experts believe, however, that the most likely target for North Korea to strike would be the much closer South Korea, most specifically along a strip of disputed sea line between North and South. The strip was disputed in 2010 when North Korea fired artillery shells at South Korea's Yeonpyeong Island. War between the two Koreas would leave the 28,500 American troops in South Korea at risk. *The Irish Examiner* reports that some experts argue that North Korea would be "delusional" to launch an attack on its neighbors.

Shin In-kyun, head of the Korea Defense Network, said, "A conventional military is very costly, and overwhelmingly so for North Korea. It quickly becomes a money fight and North Korea cannot win that." This is especially true given that North Korea has suffered from famine and a shortage of resources that has left many people, the army included, without adequate amounts of food or resources.

South Korea's newly elected

president, Park Geun-hye, has said that should the North attack, the aggressors would "evaporate from the face of the earth." *The Irish Examiner* observes that while the North may have more artillery and men, South Korea has more modern tanks and jets and the resources to operate them more effectively.

Despite the increased threats, on March 11 the US and South Korea began their annual military drills. The BBC reports that the drills, known as "Key Resolve," will last for two weeks and involve more than 13,000 troops. *The Guardian* reports that Pyongyang has launched a propaganda campaign condemning the drills, using them as fuel to further justify North Korea's continued aggressive stance.

Most recently, South Korea politicians have called for their nation to develop its own nuclear program. *Business Insider* reports that such a program would counter the arrangement between the US and Seoul that guaranteed US protection so long as South Korea did not develop its own nuclear weapons.



Kim Jong-un, the dictatorial leader of North Korea, relies on the support of the military to maintain power. His father, Kim Jong-il, and his grandfather, Kim il-Sung, both used the military to threaten action against their international enemies.

Bombings in Afghanistan Stir Conflict

by Conor McGinley '16
World Staff

AFGHANISTAN

In a recent statement, Afghan President Hamid Karzai stated that both the US and the Taliban are attempting to spread fear among Afghanistan citizens.

As US troops are scheduled to leave Afghanistan in 2014, Karzai suggests that the latest Taliban suicide attacks, which left 19 people dead, were aimed at supporting the presence of international troops through the intimidation of the Afghan nation.

Karzai says, "Yesterday's bombings in the name of the Taliban were aimed at serving the foreigners and supporting the presence of the foreigners in Afghanistan and keeping them in Afghanistan by intimidating us."

In response to this assertion, US and NATO commander General Joseph Dunford stated, "We have fought too

hard over the past 12 years, we have shed too much blood over the last 12 years, to ever think that violence or instability would be to our advantage."

Hamid Karzai and the Afghan government have stated that US forces are responsible for the arresting of a number of university students, an accusation that is largely to blame for the currently strained relationship between Karzai and the United States.

In addition, Mr. Karzai points to the fact that the US has neglected to relocate Afghan prisoners held in US custody at Bagram prison.

The Taliban has denied having any contact with the US, and the United States refutes President Karzai's claims by pointing to the fact that the Taliban publicly suspended talks with the US in March 2012.

Even as 2014 approaches, the US and Afghan governments are still attempting to predict what the United States' military involvement will be in the future.

In regard to an international

presence in Afghanistan, Karzai said that if there is a military presence in the country, they "must respect the national sovereignty of our country and must respect all our customs."

The United States hopes that the number of troops will decrease even more as the year goes on.

Although President Karzai believes that the presence of international soldiers is having detrimental effects on the nation, the US is reluctant to pull out all troops too rapidly. The US believes the troops are a force of protection for the Afghan people, which serves to limit the number and damage of Taliban attacks.

At the moment there are approximately 66,000 US troops in Afghanistan. However, in 2014 that number is expected to drop to around 34,000. This decrease will undoubtedly affect the nation of Afghanistan in ways that only time will tell.

Introducing Pope Francis

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

Bells were ringing at Providence College when white smoke billowed out of the Vatican on Wednesday. The news signified that the newest Pope, Francis, had been elected. Here are some quick facts about the newest Pontiff:

- Born on December 17, 1936, the 76-year-old is the 266th pope.

- Francis is the first Jesuit to become pope. He is also the first pope to be elected from the Americas.

- The Holy Father is the first non-European pope in 1,200 years.

- Out of the 1.2 billion Catholics Francis is now the spiritual leader of, 40% are from Latin America.

- In 2005, Bergoglio came in second for voting at the conclave that eventually put Benedict XVI in power.

- Francis was not a frontrunner for the papacy. Many news agencies were shocked at his appointment, as they were not familiar with him.

- While still a Cardinal, Bergoglio reportedly earned his reputation for being humble by taking public transportation instead of his chauffeured limousine, cooking his own meals, and giving up his palatial residence to live in a small apartment.

- Francis named himself after St. Francis of Assisi. This 13th-century saint is best known for renouncing his wealth and devoting himself to the poor. Vatican spokesman Thomas Rosica says that the new Pope has "a special place in his heart and his ministry for the poor, for the disenfranchised, for those living on the fringes and facing injustice."

- The choice in name is believed to signify a new beginning for the Church, one that is "precedent shattering" in its originality and meaning, according to CNN Vatican expert John Allen. The name signifies "poverty, humility, simplicity, and rebuilding the Catholic Church."

- Francis is seen mainly as a moderate. At times he appears to be a conservative, preaching against liberation theology early in his career and promoting doctrinal conservatism in reaction to gay marriage. At other times he promotes social justice and criticizes free markets for their negative effects on the poor.



BUSINESS IN THE WORLD

by Iryna Bocharova '15
World Staff

BUSINESS

The Fed performed its annual examination of banks' financial health. To pass the stress test, a participating bank had to have a minimum Tier 1 common capital ratio of five percent. Out of the 18 examined banks, only Ally Financial failed with a ratio of 1.5 percent. The Fed officials attribute the overall good results to better underwriting procedures for new loans and write-downs of bad assets.

The stress test scenario included a jump in unemployment to 12.1 percent, a steep decline in equity prices down to 50 percent, a 20 percent drop in housing prices. The results came with a surprise. Citigroup's shares are more than 70 percent down since the financial crisis struck. Yet it came first in the race of the top banks with a ratio of 8.3 percent, leaving behind Wells Fargo, Bank of America, and JP Morgan Chase. Meanwhile, Morgan Stanley at 5.7 percent and Goldman Sachs at 5.8 percent ranked last on the list.

The results match Moody's and S&P's evaluation and may have identified what the market was missing. According to the Fed, Goldman could lose \$25 billion in trading in response to another financial shock. The bank may attempt to debate the test since it ran its own, predicting better results. The test's results affect regulators' decision on whether the banks can pay the dividends back to their shareholders or purchase back their shares.

Joe Kennedy, CEO of the Internet radio service Pandora Media, Inc., announced that he would resign. Kennedy became Pandora's CEO in 2004. He led the company through its major developments—launch of the online radio product in 2005 and the app for the iPhone in 2008, and the initial public offering in 2011.

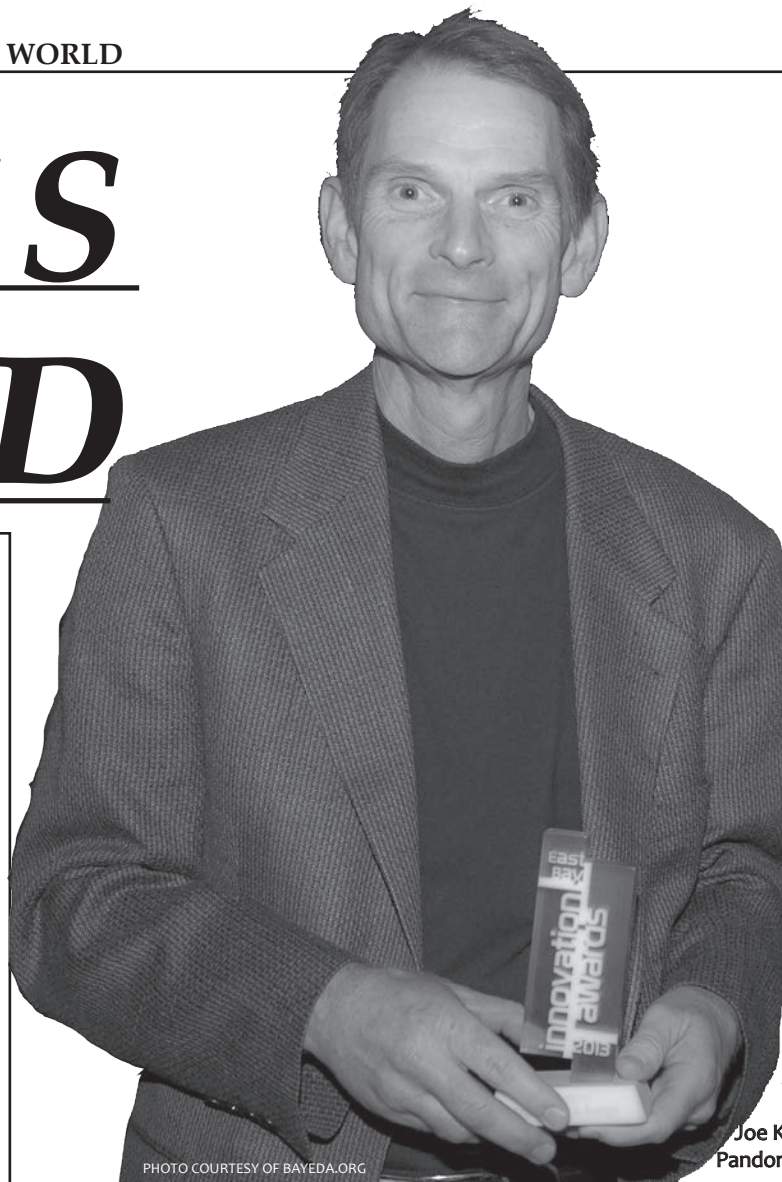
Kennedy's announcement coincided with the release of the quarterly earnings that made Pandora's stock climb up by 18 percent on March 8. \$125.1 million of reported revenue exceeded Bloomberg's estimates of \$122.8 million. The company has been operating at a loss, however, because its revenues, mainly from advertisement, fail to cover the high royalties.

According to Kennedy, the new CEO should take control of the company before January 2014, when the music royalty rates will be reconsidered. Kennedy plans to hold his post for as long as needed to get his replacement ready to take over the business.

The US Verizon Communications, Inc. and the UK Vodafone Group Plc. are reviewing their relationship. The two companies are considering options from a complete merger to a sale of Vodafone's stake in Verizon Wireless subsidiary. The mobile phone operators started to co-work back in 1999, when Bell Atlantic Corp., which later became Verizon, merged its mobile service unit with Vodafone's.

The discussion of a potential merger reportedly went on for at least a few years but without much development because of disagreements. The companies could not resolve the location of its headquarters. Vodafone's CEO was not eager to let Verizon's CEO Lowell McAdam lead the united company. In addition, Verizon did not share interest in operations in certain locations like India.

On the other hand, if Vodafone sold its stake in Verizon, it could use the generated cash to finance acquisitions in Europe. Verizon, in turn, could benefit from the re-acquisition of its unit and use its solid revenues to pay shareholders' dividends.



Joe Kennedy, CEO of Pandora Media, Inc.

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Mike's Market Corner

by Mike Lynch '14
World Staff

The Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) set a new all-time high on Tuesday, March 5, eclipsing its previous high of 14,198.10, which it hit on October 11, 2007. The Dow has shown no signs of pulling back either, as it printed a new all-time high of 14,448.06 on Monday. The S&P 500 continued its climb as well. It closed at 1556.22 on Monday, just 20 points away from its own all-time high.

The February jobs report released on Friday, March 8 brought more good news for investors. The US economy added 239,000 new jobs in the month of February. The unemployment rate also dipped to 7.7 percent, the lowest it has been since December 2008. Construction employment added 48,000 jobs, one of the many signs of a strong recovery in the housing market.

Three of the stocks in the spotlight this week are Dick's Sporting Goods (DKS), Costco (COST), and General Electric (GE). Dick's Sporting Goods reported 2012 fourth-quarter earnings that were in line with analyst estimates. However, the forward guidance on earnings issued by DKS was below analyst estimates, and the stock price declined over 10 percent on Monday to close at \$45.11. Costco, one of the largest wholesalers, is another stock to watch as they reported earnings on Tuesday. Two of Costco's fiercest competitors Wal-Mart (WMT) and Target (TGT) fared well in their own respective earnings reports, so look for Costco to do the same. Finally, General Electric made headlines Monday when the company announced that it had added former SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro to the company's board. CEO Jeff Immelt also announced a program to return \$18 billion to shareholders through stock buybacks and dividends. He cited dividend growth as a "top priority" of the company.

The WORLD in BRIEF

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

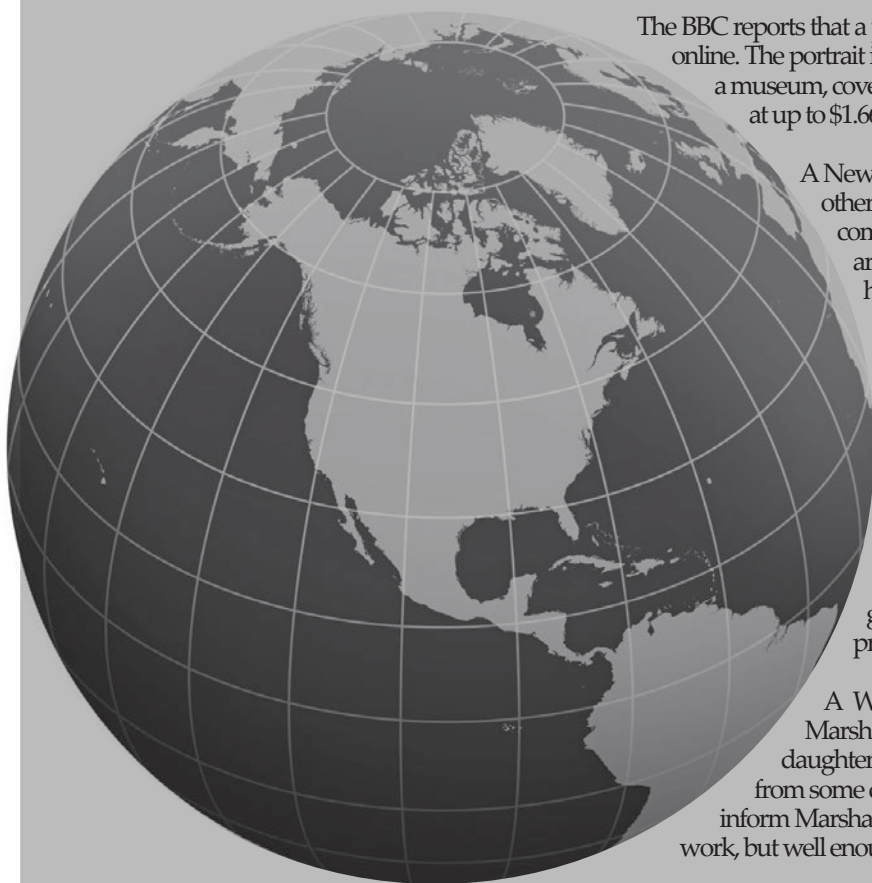
The BBC reports that a previously unknown painting by the 17th-century painter Van Dyck has been identified after being spotted online. The portrait is of Olivia Porter, a lady-in-waiting to King Charles I's wife, Henrietta Maria. The painting was in storage at a museum, covered in dirt and varnish, where the museum thought it was only a copy. Appraisers have valued the painting at up to \$1.66 million, much more than the \$8,000 value it had been appraised at when it was thought to only be a copy.

A New York City police officer has been convicted for plotting to murder his wife, as well as rape, cook, and eat two other women. Gilberto Valle was turned in by his wife, who found thousands of his emails detailing his plans to commit the acts. While Valle's defense lawyers argued that he had merely engaged in a fetish, the prosecution argued that he had "left the world of fantasy and entered the world of reality" when he contacted the women he planned on killing.

Last week, South Dakota enacted a law allowing schools to arm teachers and other staff members. The measure comes amid continued division in America as it struggles to reach a consensus between gun ownership and regulation. The law will not force school districts or individual teachers to arm themselves, ultimately leaving the decision up to the individuals and districts involved. The law will take effect starting in July.

An Arizona alligator by the name of "Mr. Stubbs" has received the world's first prosthetic tail for an alligator. Mr. Stubbs was originally confiscated by police from an individual that illegally possessed the reptile. The prosthetic was modeled after an alligator with a similar size to Mr. Stubbs, creating a tail that mimics a real gator tail's mass and center of gravity. In 2004, Fuji, a Japanese dolphin, was the first animal to ever receive a prosthetic tail.

A Welsh man has lost his job after saving children from being attacked by a shark. The 62-year-old Paul Marshallsea, a Boys and Girls Club worker who was taking an extended sick leave for stress with his wife and daughter in Australia, spotted a fin in the water and rushed in to keep the six-foot-long dusky whaler shark away from some children. When his bosses saw video of the event, which quickly spread across news networks, they wrote to inform Marshallsea that he was fired for breaking his employers' trust. They were upset that he claimed to be too unwell to work, but well enough to drag a shark out to deeper waters away from children.



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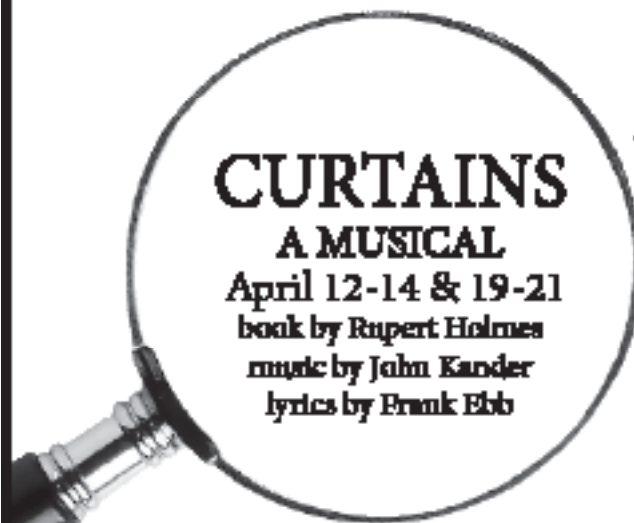


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LEFT:

On Monday, March 11, the Career Education Center and the Class of 2014 sponsored a "Junior Job Jumpstart" event in which Patti Goff led a discussion about applying to internships, jobs, and graduate school.



MORGAN PEKERA '15/ THE COWL

RIGHT:

Campus Ministry sponsored a Rock Against Hunger event on Wednesday, March 13, to raise money for STOP Hunger.



BECCA BROPHY '13/ THE COWL



ABOVE:

Participants of the Friar Boot Camp just completed a month-long program of plyometrics, running, calisthenics, and resistance training. Registration for a second session will begin in the coming weeks.

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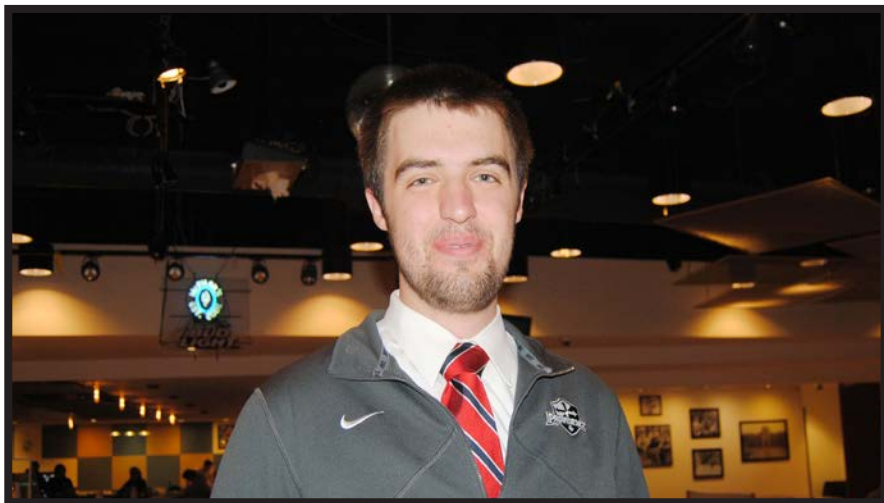
If you were pope, what would your name be?



"Pope John Awesome."
Hannah Kittle '13, Monica Broughton '13



"Alexander, because he was a great poet."
Greg Smith '13, Mary Vercollone '13,
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"Lawrence or Patrick."
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"Herbert!"
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"Pope Innocent, for the irony!"
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"Peter, after Peter Sarian."
Dan Hogan '13



"Francis!"



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READING JAMES PATTERSON

by Marisa Urgo '14
A&E Staff

BOOKS

James Patterson is a best-selling author topping *New York Times* charts and spilling out an average of 10 books a year. Ten books a year is no easy feat, especially in the crime-writing world, where every book demands detail and attention.

I have read about 30 James Patterson novels over the past few years. Patterson writes a mix of series and independent novels. After reading so many of his books, I have come to find that I like series better because they highlight what Patterson does right, and his independent books do not seem to be representative of his best work.

My favorite series is the *Women's Murder Club* series, which I would recommend to anyone who likes a quick crime read. The speed of his novels is the definitive characteristic about James Patterson's books. The chapters are short, and it is entirely possible to read the entire book (usually around 400 pages or so) in one day. I also enjoy how the crimes are somewhat detailed without going into the gory aspect of it.

The *Women's Murder Club* series follows a detective, a journalist, a medical pathologist and a lawyer who attempt to solve crimes together. It was even a TV show on ABC in 2007 starring Angie Harmon (*Baywatch*, *Rizzoli & Isles*). There are 11 books in the series currently, and it is possible to see engaging character development and plotlines. The crimes almost come second to the way the characters interact, and I find this true

to all of his series. At his best, Patterson creates interesting and unique crimes. The books are definitely page-turners.

After reading so many, however, I have noticed a few cracks in Patterson's writing style. Ten books a year does not sound like each one gets much thought to it. Patterson often collaborates with co-writers, who will write the first draft that Patterson edits. This gives lesser-known authors a chance to be more accessible to the public. However, if someone wants to read a James Patterson novel, they might not actually be reading his work.

In many of his novels, such as *Beach Road* and *NYPD Red*, the plot and characters are not intricately developed. To be honest, I could not even think of the name of *NYPD Red* and still cannot remember any of the characters names offhand having only read it last week. Oddly enough, I *did* like the book. It was fast-paced and the story was unique, about an actor who writes scripts about the crimes before he commits them. Yet the characters were not impressionable, and I find this to be true with many of Patterson's books. The stories are written so quickly that there is no time to even describe the physical appearance of each

character. Their relationships are often open-ended and unclear. Unfortunately, I think that is the fault of lack of attention and trying to be published quickly, rather than intended mystery.

The bottom line is that any James Patterson novel will be perfect if you want a quick read about a crime. If you want to have a book to change your life, Patterson is not the author for you.

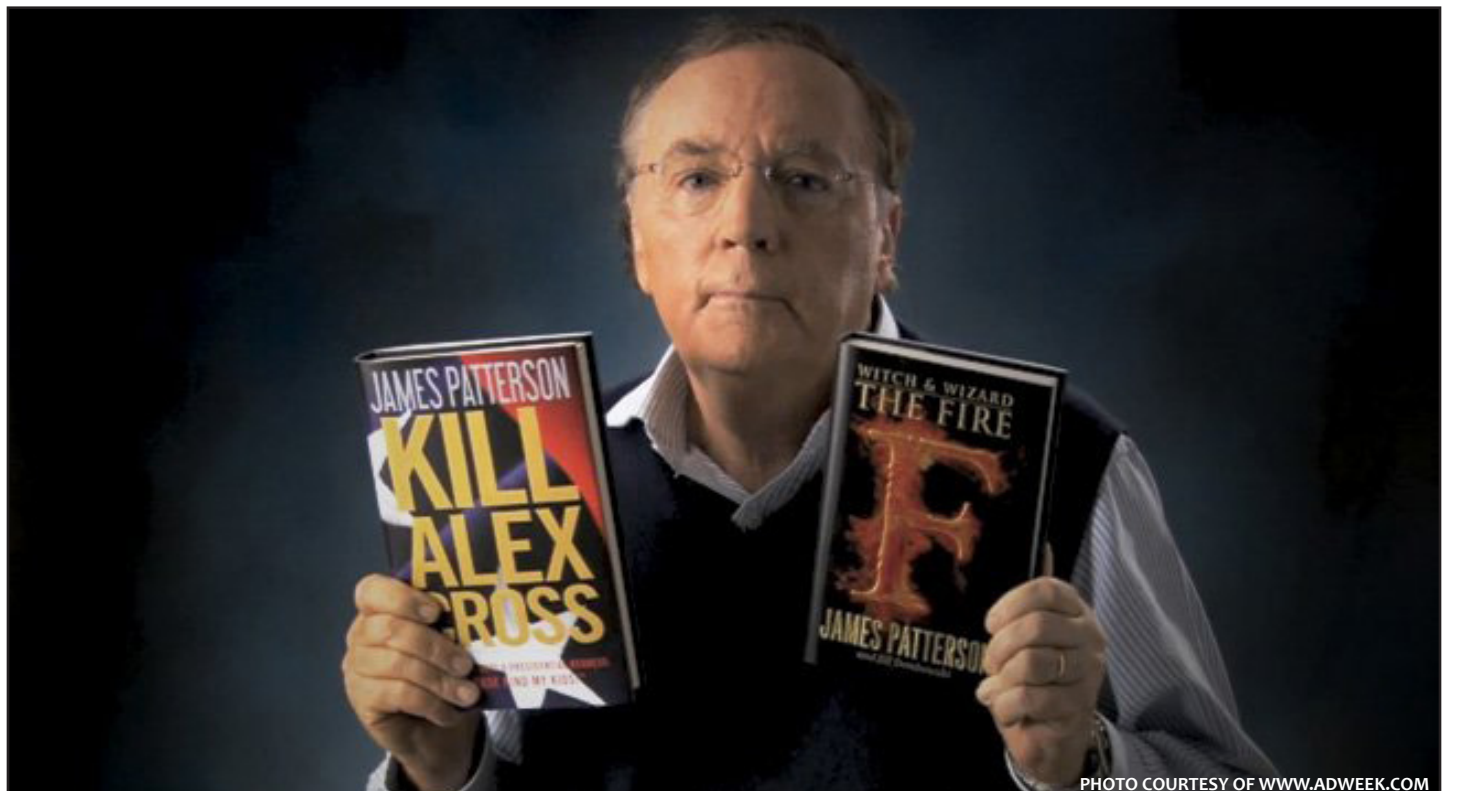


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by Sarah O'Brien '15
Asst. A&E Editor

FEATURE

PPAC. No, it is not an underground rapper who is *really* this year's spring concert nor is it a nickname for the new pope. It is the Providence Performing Arts Center, and, yes, there is an app for that. PPAC is home to Broadway performances, major concerts, and other fancy events. The app is FREE, so there is no excuse not to download it right this second, even if you are in class. Just tell your professors to pause in their lectures, this is live (as in live shows, get it?!) or death.

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Why should you be an audience to the PPAC app? This app offers a schedule of upcoming events so you can work around your St. Patty's plans, a seating chart so you know whether to pack your binoculars or not, directions so your friends do not have to send out a Waldo-worthy search party, news so you can impress your peers with theatre insider info, and photos and videos so you can act like you are doing important things on your phone while dining alone in Ray (hey, we have all been there).

Already convinced? Well, this is only intermission...the PPAC app *performs* even more functions, and *acts* as a source for special offers should you choose to opt in to the notifications. You can also be the first to know about ticket sales, check in to events for merchandise discounts, and, of course, you get bragging rights. Who needs an intramural championship tee when you've got the PPAC app? All in all, this app deserves a standing ovation.



PP OF THE WEEK: PPAC



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WHY I AM STILL WATCHING: THE CLOSER

by Mary McGreal '15
A&E Staff

TELEVISION

When I grow up, I want to be Brenda Leigh Johnson. Okay, maybe not *be* her exactly, but I want her wardrobe. A bit materialistic on my part, but who can blame me? She is a fashionable crime-stopper who rocks bright sundresses, floral prints, structured jackets, awesome heels, statement piece raincoats and cardigans, all while commanding a squad of detectives who do not always appreciate her way of doing things.

But enough about fashion. Who is this Brenda Leigh Johnson, anyway? She is the main character on the award-winning TNT police drama *The Closer*. Starring Kyra Sedgwick as the deputy chief with a sweet tooth and a sharp style sense, the show revolves around the fictional Major Crimes division of the LAPD.

A transplant from the Atlanta Police Department, Brenda arrives on the West Coast and immediately ruffles some feathers with her no-nonsense methods. What is so great about her character is that she is presented as an independent woman who does what she wants, even when those around her pressure her to do otherwise.

It is not just Sedgwick that makes the show enjoyable. I dislike television shows where the characters are presented as flawless caricatures, but this is not the case with *The Closer*. The cast as a whole is extremely strong and well-rounded because they are

written as actual human beings. The characters are not static. They have flaws and families, make mistakes and drive each other crazy. It might be the actors or maybe the way the show is written, but *The Closer* has one of the best ensemble casts of any television show I have seen.

The show follows the basic template used by most crime dramas. The majority of episodes begin with the discovery of a victim or crime scene. If you are squeamish, then perhaps you might have a difficult time stomaching the first ten minutes or so of each episode, when the victim, who has usually been murdered, is shown, sometimes in great, gory detail.

This is followed by the investigative work needed to find the perpetrator, usually finished by Johnson getting a confession and closing the case.

There are also storylines that span the course of individual seasons, but are usually wrapped up by the season finale. Sure, the cases are sometimes predictable. There are only so many ways to add variety to the standby murder plot of "the spouse did it," but the writers do their best to keep each episode fresh.

Like Deputy Chief Johnson, I am not always the most patient person, so I enjoy watching television shows after they have finished airing. It allows me to watch the series on my own terms

without having to wait for a new episode. Since *The Closer* finished its seventh and final season in August 2012, last winter and spring breaks were prime opportunities for me to watch as many episodes as I possibly could, which turned out to be the whole series.

I am sad that I can no longer watch new episodes of what quickly became my favorite show, but lucky for me there is a spinoff series! *Major Crimes* reunites the majority of the cast of *The Closer* sans Sedgwick and a few other recurring characters, under the same premise as its predecessor. I cannot wait until my next break to begin watching!



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EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Mass PC Email

Sarah O'Brien

Her Choice: Warnings of Sketchy E-mails

Her Views: The first sign of sketchiness is using the word "sketchy." So this is always a wise choice to use in email subject lines. Then, it's like, links are evil; don't ever click them. This is followed by 57 links, just sitting there, tempting me. SKETCHY. Now I can't sleep at night, due to nightmares of e-mails out to steal my soul. The part that *was* super helpful, however, was that tidbit on not sharing any passwords and other personal information in online messages. Guess I should take my social security number out of my Twitter bio, huh? Let me tell ya, I am *sincerely* grateful for this notification on how to deal with any sketchiness I may encounter, or my handle isn't @fluent_SARAcasm.

Her Views on Dombroski: Hey, sometimes a girl's gotta nap. Especially with all that sleep deprivation over those sketchy e-mails... Lecture on the importance of blah blah blah during the yahta yahta time period to prevent what's-his-name from invading that place with you-know-who, which led to the betterment of whatever and the improvement of thingamajigs? I'm so there. Lecture for math majors? No *problem*: me + math = ZzZzzZzZZzzZzz. What a fun function! Thanks for the napping location alert, PC! My productivity has multiplied! (Now subtract me from your mailing list. Or else, well... you do the math.)



Sarah Dombroski

Her Choice: Major-specific lectures

Her Views: Although I am an academically curious individual, I find no need to receive 12+ emails a day informing me that there will be history, English, psychology, sociology, etc. lecture if there will be no free food there. If there was free food there, I would appreciate these updates, because my roommates and I could then update our Twitter and Instagram accounts of @pCpHaTkIdZ (plug #1) and inform the student body of these fine dining opportunities. As I am DUN WIT CIV, I am no longer trying to dabble in other disciplines as I am all biznis all da time. HOWEVER (U-Turn), as a Marketing major, and I do group these in the same category, I quite enjoy receiving emails advertising lucrative opportunities around and within Providence, ex. "Earn \$675 without standing up." Those are nice, and encouraging, and also save this category.

Her Views on O'Brien: "It WAS ONE TIME!" (Name that movie.) We can't claim "classic" on a one-hit wonder, S O'B. The sketchy emails email reminded students not to click on suspicious links. I myself was questioning whether to click on a sketchy link sent by a stranger, and thankfully, I read IT's auspicious reminder, and I did not click it. CLOSE CALL. However, IT also said that the sketchy links could be found in emails from friends and loved ones, and because I have decided not to click on any links to be on the safe side, I may never see the 4th of July pictures on my Grandma's Flickr account. THE DOWN SIDE OF BEING CAUTIOUS. As a result, I deem IT's email misleading and albeit a gem, it appears to be a diamond in the rough, and not frequent enough to be a fan fav.

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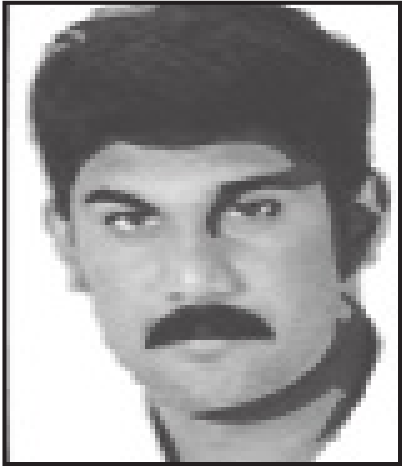
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Adios America, Hello Argentina!

On Foreign Politics

by Jenn Giffels '14
Commentary Staff

ABROAD

I used to hate politics. I don't think I truly understood the difference between a Democrat and a Republican until I was nearing the end of my high school career. Politics as a general term translated in my head as nonsensical arguing and personal attacks on campaign commercials. I was wrong. Politics affects every individual, every family, every career, every news story. If I had to pinpoint a time in my life that I realized this, I would probably point to the beginning of my days at Providence College and the eye-opening global studies classes I've taken ever since.

I claim my world view changed, and I was alerted to the wider implications of politics as soon as I took an introductory course in global studies, but after a mere two weeks in Argentina, I can tell that these next few months are going to challenge my perception of the world and force me to take into account things I've never thought of. A powerful torrent in Argentine society is the people's level of awareness and passion. Not only are the people here aware of the political situation of their country and of the world, but they all have opinions about it.

One day last week, for example, we had a four-hour history "class" that took place throughout the city. We were in the Plaza de Mayo, and the history professor was talking to us about the Dictatorship of 1976-1983 and the Disappeared People. People walking by in the plaza would stop to listen to what he was telling us and even try to interject their own story or version of what happened during those years.

Museums, plazas, and parks, beautiful buildings, murals, restaurants and cafes, and other physical aspects of Buenos Aires give the city a lively and exciting backdrop. But the people truly take center stage and make this city what it is. Walking down the streets you can feel their energy and also their openness to talk to you and share their stories and opinions.

I was always taught that in polite company, one might want to avoid "political" discussions for fear of offending anyone. My host family is definitely familiar with this American social norm. One family dinner they were in a heated discussion about the president and turned to me to apologize for having the discussion in front of me.

Thinking about this made me realize even more the importance of discussing politics, the situation of your country and the situation of the world, both with those who hold similar opinions as you do and with those who disagree. I'm not a very confrontational person myself, and I dislike situations where people simply want to prove each other wrong, but I am learning to keep this respectful and open-minded attitude and discuss politics at the same time. Politics is a general term, but it relates to everything in your life. Amidst many challenges being abroad has thrown at me so far, this one of being informed and able to debate and discuss issues has emphasized the importance of being an active citizen, and taking time to care about pertinent issues (besides the amount of notifications you have waiting for you on Facebook). You may critique a certain political structure, but to hate politics only reflects ignorance and apathy in an age that needs our passion to create change.

PILLS: Unsafe Means to Improve Mental Clarity

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for cognition, learning, and memory. However, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) neither regulates nor approves it.

When asked about Study Buddy, Dr. Timothy Marshall, the neuropharmacologist who helped design the supplement, told *The Cowl*, "I believe it would be an excellent natural alternative to amphetamine-like ADD medications such as Ritalin or Adderall, which can produce adverse, unwanted side effects. So, yes, it does have amphetamine-like properties, but is more nourishing to your system since it has a number of beneficial nutrients and herbs."

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Without considering the fact that students mix different kinds of enhancements throughout a given time period, Dr. Pargellis said, "There is nothing obviously harmful about [Study Buddy] but one must question the ingestion of so much supplement over what the FDA recommends. I would advise students to simply eat a balanced meal and perhaps consider

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The reasons why students feel pressured to be competitive, or, more importantly, pressured to abuse unregulated supplements or prescription medication, are problems. If we continue to accept and propagate the seemingly American trend of working too much and too hard via the use of these

substances, we could work ourselves into addiction, chronic heart disease, dehydration, nervousness, and sleeplessness, according to the National Institutes of Health.

At the very least, having Study Buddy on the stands inadvertently suggests that PC supports the use of supplements to enhance academic performance.

The Loss of Humility in Politics

by Matt Santos '14
Commentary Staff

SOCIETY

When the presidential election first concluded, we at *The Cowl* Commentary section offered up our initial reactions to the result: our personal political opinions along with aspirations for what was to come. I remember writing that article with tempered hope, hope that the rhetoric of the election would match efforts from those in power. Given the events of the past few months, though, I have been fairly disappointed.

After the election, I found myself optimistic, as I am often apt to feel. I thought that perhaps such a close and heated election would give Democrats and Republicans the opportunity to seize a critical period for the United States, subjugate personal egotistical motives, and do what is best for the nation rather than what fits the party lines. So far, though, with several debates that have arisen since the election, the previous gridlock has paralyzed the country once again.

Honest debate is healthy. When two

groups are at odds with one another, the sort of creative and thought-provoking discussions that can occur through argumentation may be fruitful enough to offer solutions. However, this sort of forum requires mutual respect and engagement. It requires open ears, wise tongues, and a sense of service.

I loathe writing about politics because I feel that the above description has little place in political discussions today. There is a legitimate distaste for those of the opposite side. As if it is personal. As if political bickering between individuals and specific parties resembles a Facebook feud between teenagers. As if Capitol Hill debates were anything less than individuals representing an entire nation delegating and discussing legislation which affects a nation as a whole, not just voting districts which allow for the persistence of one's seat in office.

While certainly bothersome and, truth be told, directly proportional with the amount of holiday wine consumed, dinner table discussions in which Grandma calls Uncle a fascist and Uncle says Grandma is a communist are understandable and sometimes funny, they shouldn't have national implications. But I was discouraged to

read an article from CNN's Gregory Wallace recently. The article stated that Paul Ryan and President Obama met last week to discuss the new budget, and this meeting was the first time he had "ever had a conversation with the president that lasted more than two minutes" or that had not taken place on television. Why conversation seems so revolting to these politicians I simply cannot understand.

I suppose, in conclusion, I lament a loss of humility in the politicians who serve our nation. The current political climate seems to be cemented with a pigheaded bastion of extroverts thumping their chests and vying for their own parties: lots of speaking but perhaps not enough listening. The optimism I felt after the election seems to dwindle with each passing opportunity for parties to work together. Perhaps my naivety is showing in this article calling for a utopian sense of working together (another reason I don't like writing about politics). But, maybe a little youthful, naïve optimism could go a long way for the suits who cannot have a conversation like adults and cannot rise above party lines and do something noble.

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Spring into Entertainment

by Arman Organisan '13 &
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EDITORIAL



We know what the focus of every college student's conversation was this spring break. (And no, it wasn't whether you could cram a week's worth of homework into the Sunday night before class.) The topic of gossip through the Providence College grapevine was unquestionably, who would be chosen for the spring concert.

The spring concert seems to be a tradition in every college across the country. Whether public, private, Catholic, or non-affiliated, it is a time for students to drop whatever midterm, paper, or project they have due in order to enjoy a night of nothing but good music with great friends.

Especially for us seniors, the spring concert may be one of the last nights we have to "rock and roll all night."

This past week, Providence College's spring concert was announced. In a few

week's time, Peterson Center will be home to '90s sensation Third Eye Blind and up-and-coming rapper Hoodie Allen. Whether or not you choose to partake in the festivities, you cannot deny that opting for Third Eye Blind as the main attraction elicits a certain nostalgia for times long gone. It seems fitting for the graduating class, who was born in the early '90s and grew up on *Boy Meets World* and Milky Pens, that Third Eye Blind should be the concert to officially usher us from this "semi-charmed kinda life" into the adult world.

If '90s punk rock bands aren't your thing, rapper Hoodie Allen will also be in attendance. Kudos to BOP for choosing an artist from a different genre. Now we can only hope that tickets are nowhere near the extravagant \$30 that was charged for Avicii last year.

So when the spring concert finally arrives, put down those textbooks, sign out of your Outlook accounts, and don't worry about who was chosen to be pope. It's time to let go and have fun. And if this is your last year, by the time the night is over you won't be listening when we say goodbye.

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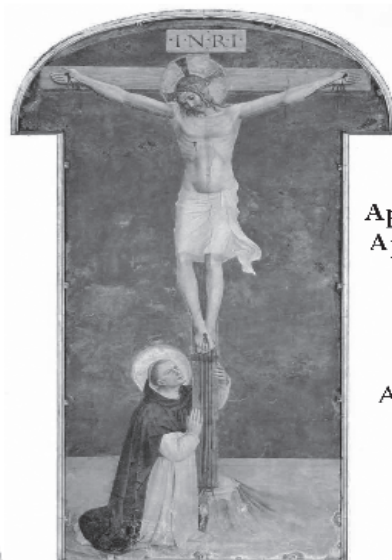
In reference to last week's editor's note regarding smaller clubs' grievances with Student Congress' allocation process, *The Cowl* stated that several clubs received all or part of their initial funds back after repeated contact with SAIL, the Dean of Students, and Student Congress. In actuality, the Class of 2013 generously donated \$600 from their commencement budget to assist certain clubs in need. Neither SAIL, the Dean of Students, nor Student Congress reallocated any funds in response to grievances made by any clubs.

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Faith Matters:

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

CAMPUS

The other day I was in the gym for a little exercise. I had just finished a run on the treadmill with an unusual burst of speed. I took no little amount of delight in the fact that I had run like a boss.

Feeling like I had just won the Boston Marathon, I looked around to make sure that all in the area were paying attention to me and marveling at my speed and grace. Yet to my surprise and disappointment, no one seemed to care. I cleared my throat in an exaggerated fashion in the hope of drawing some glances, but sadly received none.

Morose and unloved, I began to wipe down the machine when all of a sudden it happened: the girl on the treadmill next to me started to stare at me with an expression of wonder. I was puffed up with pride all over again. But that pride was short lived. After about 30 seconds of basking in what I thought was her admiration, I realized why she was looking at me: I was cleaning off the wrong machine.

I had run on the treadmill that was off to the left of the one that I was so dutifully and thoroughly disinfecting. She shook her head in a way that communicated what was rally on her mind: "You idiot."

There is not one among us who isn't prone to making stupid mistakes from time to time. The effect of these errors on one's life can range from moderately embarrassing to thoroughly devastating. But whether those mistakes are large or small, frequent or infrequent, it's important to ask yourself an important question: what are you going to do about it?

Christ left his Church the tremendous gift of the sacrament of confession, and it's

probably the most underrated thing that we Catholics have going. When we sin and turn away from God, it's natural to want to bury our heads in the sand and pretend the whole nasty thing never happened. Look at Adam and Eve! What's the first thing they did when they sinned? They tried to hide from God!

But trying to hide is the worst thing we can do. Imagine you've got the flu with all of its horrid symptoms. Pretending you're not sick doesn't make you well; it makes you even more miserable. And the same is true with our sins. It's foolish to walk around with them weighing us down at every step. Go to confession and have those sins forgiven.

This coming Tuesday, March 19, we're having our "Confessions Made Easy" at St. Dominic Chapel from 3 p.m. to midnight. Dominicans will be there all night to hear your confessions and give you the inestimable gifts of God's mercy and peace. Don't worry if it has been a long time since your last confession, if you don't know the prayers, or are embarrassed by your sins. Don't let anything keep you from God's forgiveness. Reconciliation with the Lord is the smartest thing you can do in response to the foolishness of sin.

Run, don't walk, to the chapel this Tuesday. But when you do, just make sure you wipe down the right machine afterwards.



Service in Peru Inspires Hope for Future

by Lynnzie Marinaccio '13
Commentary Staff

INTERNATIONAL

First and foremost, I want to say that I am not a sappy person. I never imagined that my first Commentary article would be something heartfelt and positive. But after spending my spring break in Lima, Peru, I feel compelled to write about the fact that I have a newfound sense of hope for the future.

As a global studies major, I have spent a lot of time learning about the social problems and suffering that exist in all corners of the globe. I was actually quite skeptical about the idea of going on a "service" trip, questioning how much impact we could really have in only a week. And truthfully, while our experience was amazing, we ourselves did not enact change or make a big difference in the grand scheme of global problems. But we did get to be a part of something bigger for a week and see how certain individuals are truly changing their society. The "life-changing" part of this journey was not that we were changing lives, but that we got to see how lives are being changed.

We met a lot of incredible, inspirational people in Peru, but one of them stands out to me in particular. His name is Sergio, and he is 11 years old. We found out

later that he had been abandoned by his family. We met Sergio at an after-school program in one of the many shanty towns of Lima—places where "poverty" does not begin to describe the living conditions. This program, called Vichama, uses art and theater as a way to keep kids out of gangs and to help them create social change in their neighborhoods. The kids make videos, plays, and other types of art highlighting community problems. For one of their projects, they focused on the garbage in the streets and how it was unhealthy. After the video was seen by town authorities, more trashcans were put in the streets.

Sergio was an obvious leader in the group, immediately jumping up to introduce us to his friends. He, like all the children in this program, spoke so articulately and with such confidence about issues such as violence, and how they, as kids, are working to change their community. Through this program, they have become leaders, and they have been taught that they can make a difference.

My point, besides just rambling about an adorable little boy, is that we need to empower young people. We need to give them ownership of their communities and teach them from the start that they can change society. We need more confident leaders like Sergio, who can inspire other children, who will then someday grow up to be the decision makers in our world.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Spring Break Should Be a Break from Class

Spring break is a chance for college students to unwind and refresh so that after that too-short week we return to school ready to tackle the home stretch and finish off the semester strong. Laying on a beach in the Bahamas. Visiting the castles in Ireland. Shopping around on the Champs-Élysées. All of those sound like valid options for a memorable spring break for anyone with a traveler's heart. After all, isn't that what college students are supposed to do on break? However, I am sure that many of my peers at Providence College spent their spring break as I have spent mine (hint: I didn't come back with a tan or postcards). Rather, I have been dacking away on my keyboard writing papers while watching *Boy Meets World* reruns and analyzing chapter after chapter of literature. That just seems unfair to me. Piling assignments onto students to be completed during spring break deprives us of that opportunity of having a real break from school.

—Nicole Corbin '15

Genetic Testing on College Campuses?

I was grateful to stumble upon an article concerning the rising popularity of college genetics courses, in which students participate in personal genetic testing. While there are various genetic testing procedures, the company 23andMe provides immeasurable information to educate participants about their current and potential strengths and weaknesses for \$99 per person. As students are declaring their majors, it would be fascinating to compare their psychological strengths with their academic potential. Beyond the ability to understand certain types of traits and health risks that they may experience, users are also able to track their global origins, ancestry and discover living relatives. Evolving amidst a social networking culture, I imagine students would be fascinated to understand more about themselves as scientific research advances.

—Christina Moazed '15

To Deny History Is to Deny Your Identity

One of the highlights of my spring break was a visit I made to Sharpsburg, Md. What's there? Antietam: the site of the bloodiest battle in American history, so basically a history lover's dream. It's funny because even though we think that we live in an era of so many exciting changes, the present has never interested me as much as the past. After all, we can hardly make sense of today, and much less tomorrow, without the recollection of yesterday. Standing by the cornfields, where the most lives were lost during Antietam, the sobriety of that day hung in the air and the drama and tragedy of it all was so real to me 150 years later. That scene reminded me of why I could never feign apathy; such a momentous event still stirs my heart and drives home again the point that "any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells toll; it tolls for thee." To disregard history, then, is disingenuous because you inevitably end up denying your own identity.

—Beatriz Forster '14

Friars Gelled This Season

After their 82-79 overtime loss to UConn on Jan. 31, the Friars Men's Basketball Team has posted a 7-3 record. In the last six weeks of the Big East regular season, the Friars have proven that they are no longer the Friars of the past three years. Led by Vincent Council's '13 record breaking 140 assists and Bryce Cotton's '14 league leading 18.3 points per game, this team gelled in a way that was contrary to all expectations. Coach Ed Cooley has done a tremendous job building this program. This season was expected to be somewhat of a throwaway, a warm up for when the big recruits could suit up next year. Needless to say, the show has already begun, and it's time to welcome glory back to Providence.

—Nathan McGuire '15

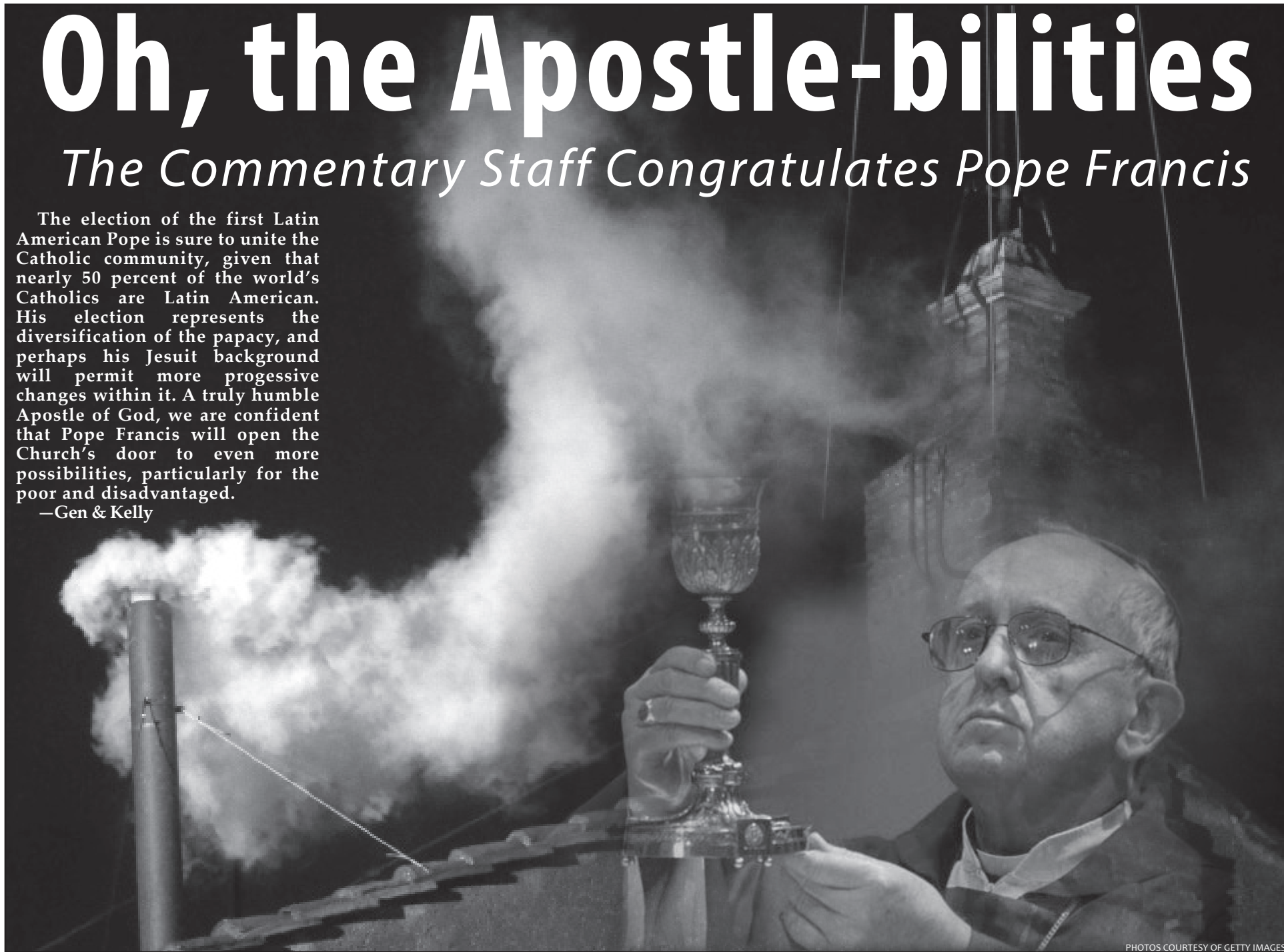
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Oh, the Apostle-bilities

The Commentary Staff Congratulates Pope Francis

The election of the first Latin American Pope is sure to unite the Catholic community, given that nearly 50 percent of the world's Catholics are Latin American. His election represents the diversification of the papacy, and perhaps his Jesuit background will permit more progressive changes within it. A truly humble Apostle of God, we are confident that Pope Francis will open the Church's door to even more possibilities, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged.

—Gen & Kelly



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Staff Failed to Pick the Right Cardinal



Jenn Giffels

31 minutes ago near Buenos Aires, Distrito Federal

what are the chances?! an Argentine pope elected while i'm living in Buenos Aires!

JENN GIFFELS '14/THE COWL

by Genevieve Ilg '14
Commentary Editor

PAPACY

This week, I instructed my staff writers to pick which cardinal they thought would be the best leader of the papacy. No one on my staff chose Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio; however, Jenn Giffels '14 was the only one who thought a Latin American should be pope. She wrote, "Choosing a pope from Latin America would speak volumes to the Church's acknowledgement of our globalized world and of the need for representation from varying regions. Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga's passion for social justice and advocacy for the poor are encouraging for a strong and productive reign if elected Pope."

The other staff picks were:

Fr. Cuddy and Kelly Sullivan '15:

Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Emily Corr '13:

Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Lynnzie Marinaccio '13:

Abstention

Tommy Cody '13:

PC's Fr. Ertle

Beatriz Forster '14:

Abstention

Genevieve Ilg '14:

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Matt Santos '14:

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle

Christina Moazed '15:

Cardinal Angelo Scola

Nathan McGuire '15:

Cardinal Odilo Scherer

Nicole Corbin '15:

Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi

HABEMUS PAPAM: Bio Highlights

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Ordinary for Eastern-rite faithful in Argentina who lack an Ordinary of their own rite, was born on December 17, 1936 in Buenos Aires. He was ordained for the Jesuits on December 13, 1969 during his theological studies at the Theological Faculty of San Miguel. On May 20, 1992, he was appointed titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires, receiving episcopal consecration on June 27. On June 3, 1997, he was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Buenos Aires and succeeded Cardinal Antonio Quarracino on February 28, 1998. Member of Congregations: for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments; for the Clergy; for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; Pontifical Council for the Family; Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

The Importance of Being Francis

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

PAPACY

What's in a name? Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio's election on Wednesday was certainly a surprise, but perhaps a bigger surprise was his decision to take the name Pope Francis.

A word of explanation about a pope's name is in order here. It's an ancient custom that a pope takes a new name as he begins his reign as the Bishop of Rome. And the name he chooses is that of a saint or pope (and sometimes both) whose virtues they hope to emulate. So the selection of the new pope's name gives a hint as to who the man is and how he intends to exercise the Petrine ministry.

And so when Cardinal Bergoglio's name was announced, my first big question was "Why Francis?" To whom was the new pope paying homage? A number of possibilities immediately came to mind. The first, of course, was St. Francis of Assisi. This Francis is one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church. He renounced his ancestral wealth and lived a life of poverty and simplicity. And it was precisely through living in solidarity with the poor that he reflected the image of Christ who chose to be born into poverty in a manger in Bethlehem. In so doing, St. Francis was able to help rebuild the Church in the 13th century.

Or perhaps our new pope intended to imitate St. Francis Xavier. This Francis was a great

Jesuit missionary in Japan and China in the 16th century. He had an unrivaled zeal for souls and the proclamation of the gospel, and that great love led him to the ends of the earth. He was so focused on sharing the love of Christ with the world that no difficulties or trials could ever slow him down. He eventually died of exhaustion, having baptized over 30,000 converts in his life.

Or maybe Bergoglio chose his name in honor of St. Francis de Sales. This Francis is widely regarded as a master of the spiritual life. Of the many points one might draw from his teachings, a big one is that a person's practice of devotion should correspond to his or her state in life. That means that the call to holiness is not reserved for priests and nuns, but that a vocation to live in the world as a layman or laywoman should bring the individual closer and closer to God. This teaching was taken up in a major way in the Second Vatican Council and is a message that today's world desperately needs to hear.

So which of these saints should the new pope imitate? The answer is all of them. The Church needs to look to the Pope and see one whose own life mirrors that of Christ. The world needs a Holy Father who will call the world to conversion and proclaim the beauty and joy of the Christian life. Each of us needs to be inspired to pursue holiness in our daily lives.

God, give grace and strength to our new Holy Father, that he might become the next St. Francis.



Superhero Academic Honesty Code: Mind Reading

by Melanié Souchet '14
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

"Special" is one way to put it. "Gifted" is what they call us in the papers, though that makes us sound like we're super-geniuses or something. Honestly, I'm no smarter than any other kid at this college. I don't look any different either, or act all that differently. The only difference between the rest of my graduating class and me is that I can read minds.

Trust me, that's not as cool as it sounds. It can get really annoying, especially if you don't know how to control it. I spent most of my middle school and high school years learning that, just so I could function as a normal human being in large groups of people. And just because I happen to possess a similar skill set to Professor X doesn't mean that I can act completely normal. I have to have my own set of rules. With Great Power and all that.

There's really only one big rule when it came to school itself: Thou shall not read thy teacher's mind at any point in time. Especially not during a quiz. Same thing goes for your classmates. Cheating is cheating, even if they can't prove that you did it. Having the rule was a bit of a moot point, because I didn't want to cheat. And it wasn't like I was powerless to stop the flow of thoughts coming from my classmates and my teacher during the midterms and finals. Like I said, I'd spent years practicing for this very scenario.

And yet, at first, I kept falling for it every single time.

It's a bit like looking someone in the eyes and telling them not to think about polar bears. Inevitably, they're going to think about polar bears, no matter how hard they try. On a normal day, I didn't consider what might happen if my control slipped

and I started mind-reading in the middle of a quiz. Then, on a quiz day, just as the professor would start handing out the quizzes, I'd consider it. And then it was all I could think about. Don't read the professor's mind. Don't read anyone else's mind. Don't listen to them. Don't. Not even a little. It's cheating. It's wrong. It's...

My control would slip. I would accidentally overhear the one kid in class who constantly gets As triumphantly think of the correct answer to the first question. Then I knew I was in trouble.

For the first semester, I used to just put the exact opposite answer if I accidentally overheard something. Even if I knew it was the right answer, I didn't write it down because I didn't want to feel like a cheater. It didn't happen all that often, and my sabotage didn't majorly affect my grades, but it happened enough that it made me feel like a terrible person. Quizzes became 10 times more stressful. It was a miracle that I survived finals.

I thought that winter break would be enough to calm my nerves, but I was wrong. I started worrying about quizzes the minute I got back. The first quiz of my second semester, I cracked. Oh, I cracked something spectacular. I'd overheard two answers within the first 10 questions, both of which were likely correct, and had to go through the agony of throwing both questions. The third question was what sent me over the edge. I swore out loud in the middle of the class.

My professor, needless to say, was not pleased. "What was that, young man?"

"...I'm sorry. I can't do this." That was the last thing I said before I put the quiz on her desk and walked out of the room.

We had to have a talk after class.

She let me re-take the quiz. In the end, I emailed all my professors and explained the situation. I take my quizzes alone now, in a room without my classmates or my professors hovering around me. The risk of accidental mind-reading is diminished, and I can take my quizzes in peace.

Sometimes my friends ask me why I didn't just do that in the first place. I think the answer is because I'm an idiot.

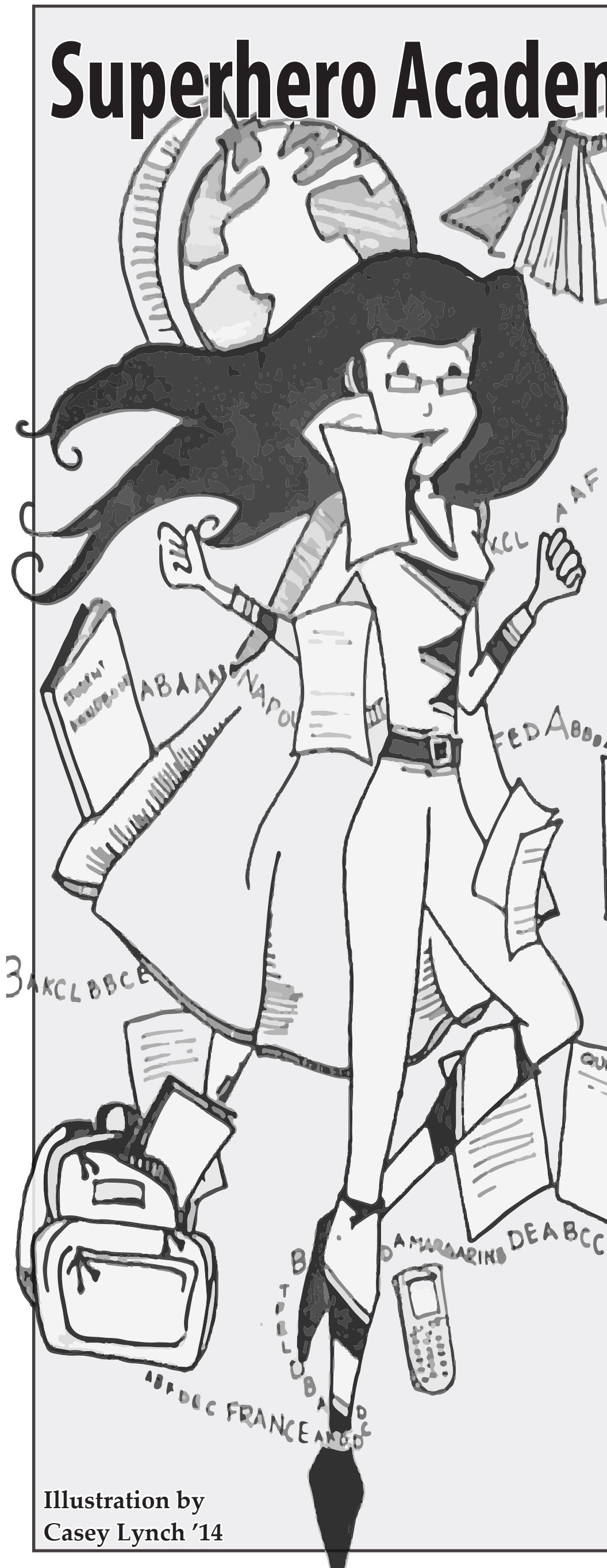


Illustration by
Casey Lynch '14

Name that Character!

Claims to Fame

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Chosen Craft

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Hunk or Flunk?

Well, Dido thought he was a hunk, a hunk of burning love. But we should also note that Dido burned herself on a pyre and her opinion is therefore suspect.

Personality

A little bit self-righteous in my opinion. He just couldn't stay in Carthage. He simply had to be the hero.

Conflicts

To alter the face of Western Civilization or to not alter the face of Western Civilization?

**Check Back Next Week
for the Answer!**

Illustration by
Casey Lynch '14

Last Week's Answer: Lord Voldemort

"We bow to each other, Harry... bow to death, Harry."

Lord Voldemort, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Irishman's Luck

by Emily Goodnow '14
Portfolio Staff

He was not thinking about a letter
On his way home from work.
But it arrived in his mailbox
In unforeseeable quirk.

He was strolling down the path
On a late Tuesday afternoon,
He was patient in approaching,
Did not peek too soon.

It was waiting for him,
All wrapped up in red.
It could have enclosed diamonds
But it was a simple note instead.

It was only one page.
Succinct yet sweet.
And those salvaging words
Swept him off his feet.

He was a tired, working man
Who did not expect the better.
But he was granted a blessing
With just one letter.

J'aime Paris

by Mason Sciotti '15
Asst. Portfolio Editor

From Chartes to the Champs-Élysées,
I could wander sweet Paris all day.
Every sight that we seek
C'est tres magnifique!
But alas, je ne parle pas français.

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On the Horizon

by Elizabeth O'Neill '16
Portfolio Staff

Five o'clock thursday
In a small Irish town somewhere quiet
Somewhere unknown
Where the same stores close
Same off-license
Same general store
Same grocer.
The storefronts darken as the pubs illuminate
Same bartenders every night same stools occupied by
The same people
Drowning in pints of Harp and their sorrows.
Nine o'clock
Same people still in the same pubs
The drunks, the fishermen, the lonely
Same Irish Gaelic thrown across the bar
Over someone's fourth Guinness
And an empty Bulmer's glass.
Same stories,
Carpenter's been sober for years
As he washes down cod with a Carlsburg and a swoon,
That fishing skiff's been decommissioned
Since the European Union stepped in,

The O'Driscoll family lost another boy at sea
Like father like son.
Eleven o'clock
The town quiets and darkens
Even the drunks set down their pints
To listen to the
Same silence of the seaside
And to watch the
Same glimmer of the light-lined sarina
In the same dark stillness
The quiet cape
Folds into the looming cliffs
And the rising tide,
Same as it does each night
While the same men talk and the same men
Listen.
And the same child sits on the edge of the dock
Watching this world
Waiting for the same tomorrow
On the horizon.

Tiffany & Earl

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



Dear Bugging,
THIS IS PERFECT!

You have just won the jacket, the mega millions, the world supply of Sephora lip gloss. You WANT his mom to hate you. Let me explain. Eventually, the two of you will have a major fight and your man will face an ultimatum. Girlfriend or mother? Victoria's Secret gear or homemade dinners? If you keep your body in shape, always wear inappropriate clothing, and say yes to whatever he wants, you are most certainly in the clear. He will pick you over the woman who birthed him, and you will live happily ever-after without interference from an aging prune. However, if you find that your grasp on the boy is not yet firm, go into overdrive. Meet him seductively at his dorm after classes, offer to write his papers for those silly core classes, and never, ever, EVER let him see you talking to another guy. Don't drop the ball on this one doll. Success is in your sights.

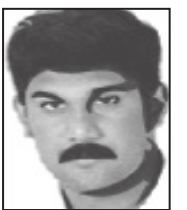
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This Week: Mother Melt-Down

Dear Tiffany and Earl,
I'm dating a really nice math major from New Jersey. He is everything I have always wanted in a guy: strong, athletic, and just sexist enough to make me feel protected. One problem: his mom hates me. What do I do? How do I keep my relationship intact without causing problems?

Sincerely,
Bugging Out

Dear Bug,
This is an age-old battle: the mother-in-law, a demonic crone of terrible power, against the New Girl, a dynamic young succubus. Two women enter the fray;



only one can leave. Your destiny is clear. During Easter break, visit your boy buddy. More specifically, visit his mother. You must utter the traditional battle cry, which is "ONLY I KNOW WHAT HE REALLY WANTS!!" Then, you will enter ritual combat. The usage of weaponry is proscribed. It will be a contest of will, fang, and claw. In the end, either you or the mother will triumph. Take possession of your prize—that sexist Jerseyite who is totally worth it, girl, totally. When you take hold of his hand, and he flinches away from your bloodstained form, gaze dolefully into his eyes, and say, "This could have been you." He will never cross you again.

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The Pack Is Back

Men's and Women's Rugby Returns for Spring Season

by David Calianese '14
Sports Staff

RUGBY

Along with the warm spring weather that finally reached PC after a brutal winter come the red-hot Rugby teams of Providence College. Both the Men's and Women's Rugby Teams have had a winter break that was a little too long for their liking, and they are gearing up for the 2013 spring season. As exciting as it is to start playing again, this upcoming season brings a bittersweet feeling to both teams, as it will be the last one played on Hendricken Field, which has served the Black Pack as an honorable home pitch.

Hendricken saw a lot of great rugby, including the men's 2012 fall season, which was the greatest in the club's history. The Black Pack battled through a tough season and finished with a perfect 10-0 record in the Rugby Northeast Conference. In late November, the Pack edged out Holy Cross in the championship match to gain the conference title and a trip to USA Rugby Nationals.

Along with the championship, a total of seven players from the team were selected to the Rugby Northeast All-Conference team, including John O'Connell '13, Kenny Reid '13, John Roche '13, Ryan Vazza '13, Tucker Drake '13, Tim Bruns '13, and Matt Benedetto

'14. The Pack's first Nationals Match will take place on Saturday, April 27, in Pittsburgh, Penn., and their season opener, as well as the last game ever to be played on Hendricken Field, will be Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. against Norwich University.

The women's rugby team had a strong fall season as well, finishing sixth in their conference with a solid 3-4 record. The girls had two of their players selected to the Rugby Northeast All-Conference Team, including Olivia Paganelli '16 and Tory McKnight '15. The team has three matches planned for this upcoming season, two of which will be at home: Saturday (this upcoming weekend), March 16, 10 a.m. against Boston College as well as Sunday, March 24, 10 a.m. against Roger Williams. The girls are pumped for these next couple weeks, especially captain Eleni Stefanatos '14. "We've had a lot of new girls come out for the team, and we're excited to see rugby as an up-and-coming sport. Everyone on the team looks forward to contributing to the sport's growth."

Next Game:

Men's Rugby
Saturday, March 23; 1 p.m.

Women's Rugby
Sunday, March 24; 10 a.m.

LACROSSE: Starting the Season off Right

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importance of keeping a level head for the remainder of the season. "We need to know not to get too confident and stay humble because there's still more to be done."

With the season entering conference play against Georgetown on Saturday, the Friars are determined to show their worth against this classically talented and strong team. Additionally, the Friars are seeking revenge against the Hoyas, who edged them out in their last meeting with a score of 7-6 on Glay Field.

The upperclassmen on the team have demonstrated the confidence and poise to carry a winning mentality into each game that will be important against the Hoyas. "We've had to fight through a lot of close games in the past years," commented Noyse. "Being down by a couple goals doesn't faze us anymore. This new team is disciplined and we've bought into our coach's mission 100 percent."

New members of the team have been vital as well in the Friars' success. Goalie Jack Connelly '16 has played in every game so far this season and contributed to shutting down opponents' offenses with impressive saves. He had four saves in the victory against Quinnipiac, with a total of 40 combined saves for the season. He expressed immense appreciation for the coaching staff and his teammates on defense, commenting, "It doesn't get any

better than having John Galloway as your defensive coach. We're proving people wrong by being strong on defense and the guys have been working their tails off during games."

Sean Wright '14 and Andrew Barton '14 also voiced appreciation for the new coaching staff and the fresh methodology they have brought to the program. "Our style of play is more up-tempo. In years past we just weren't playing as fast," said Wright. "We've been known in the past to play a slower game," added Barton, agreeing that the faster approach has been one of the keys to the Friars success.

Friartown loves a good underdog story as the smallest school in the Big East. With a Cinderella story in the works for men's lacrosse, fans anxiously await Saturday's game against Georgetown.



Pay Attention, World

The World Baseball Classic Is Worth Your Time

by Sean Bailey '14
Asst. Sports Editor

COLUMN

Reader, I am going to have to be honest this week. I have spent countless hours staring at this blank Microsoft Word Document, my notificationless Facebook account, and my lack of retweets on my Twitter (@slimseany3 everyone). My original intent was to write about the Big East Tournament. But, we already have it as a spread (wonderful spread, be sure to check it out), and I figured I would not cause basketball junkies overdose, or make people who do not like basketball look for the nearest trash can for their *Cowl*. (Note I said trash can, not recycle, because if you throw out a labor of love like *The Cowl*, you clearly are not loving enough to recycle.) I sat and sat, trying to think, with baseball on in the background. Then it hit me like a Pedro Martinez fastball: Why not write about the World Baseball Classic?

I tell you this story, reader, not solely for laughs, but as an example of the greatness that America as a whole is missing. ESPN is harping on the NFL Free Agency, and PC is fully engrossed in playoffs, with our Men's Basketball Team, and our Men's Hockey Team. But we are all missing a truly amazing tournament in the World Baseball Classic.

For those who do not know, the World Baseball Classic is the Olympics

of baseball. It is relatively young, having been created in 2006. However, even though it has yet to hit its teenage years, the World Baseball Classic is as entertaining as any sporting event.

There is the Cinderella in Puerto Rico, who hosted the first round, in

a murderous pool that included the favored Dominicans and a tough Venezuela squad. However, tiny Puerto Rico rode a wave of emotion, higher than any wave you saw during your exotic spring break, and dismantled Venezuela en route to advancing to

the second round. The Italians are another underdog who emerged from the chaotic first round.

There are heated rivalries, as seen through the chippy Mexico versus Canada game. The Canadians and the Mexicans played tough, the game complete with hard take out slides, a take down of the Canadian catcher on a relay play, which all turned into a brawl, which looked more like something from the World Wrestling Foundation more than a baseball fight. The tournament has country pride on the line, as the Japanese, the Cubans, the Italians, and the Americans are all battling for baseball supremacy.

The best players are there, with the Dominicans sporting a lineup that reads like an All-Star team. The lineup would be a dream to any fantasy baseball owner, and they have mashed their way through the first round. Their hitters are so lethal that they battered and bruised Cole Hamels, an All-Star, Cy Young caliber pitcher of the Philadelphia Phillies in a tune up for the tournament. Even Puerto Rico, considered the underdog of round two, has star power with Angel Pagan and Mike Aviles.

So guys, when you get rare free time, and the Friars are not playing, get off social media and check out the World Baseball Classic. You do not want to miss out on this scintillating tournament.



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New Era Has Commenced

No More Rebuilding

by James Kirby '15
Sports Staff

OPINION

I nearly broke my laptop. I stared at my screen in disbelief as Brown players celebrated their victory over the Friars. It took a while to sink in that Brown—a team that finished 2-12 in the Ivy League the previous year—just defeated us. This was only six days after another heartbreaking loss to an underachieving Boston College team. Next up was the no. 4 nationally ranked Louisville to start Big East play. Some were questioning Cooley's coaching ability, and if the program truly was heading forward. It was destined to be yet another disappointing and frustrating "rebuilding" year at the basement of the conference.

It would be cliché to write that Friar basketball has begun a new era. I feel as if there is almost a weekly article in *The Cowl*, or through social media, regarding the new atmosphere surrounding the basketball team. The team closed out the regular season winning seven of its last nine to earn a 9-9 record heading into the Big East Tournament as a no. 8 seed. For some a .500 record would be sub-par, if not unacceptable. For this Friar team, and for Friar fans, you could not ask for a better season considering what the expectations were and the obstacles the team overcame.

This was a team who was picked last in the pre-season coaches poll. This was a team that went through almost all of its non-conference games with seven, at sometimes even six available players, not to mention a top 20 recruit who could not play. To look back to the Brown loss and to see how far the team has progressed since then is evidence of how great Coach Cooley is. There is no question now: he is the right man for the position.

The Friars overachieved this season. The Friars, who historically have struggled on the road, took home four Big East road wins this year. Bryce Cotton '14 led the Big East in scoring and was named to the All-Big East First Team and Kadeem Batts '14 was awarded co-winner of Most Improved Player. Now NIT bound (at least), there is no doubt this season was a success that every fan should be thrilled with especially looking ahead to next year.

The Brown loss still stings a little. But the Friars in the second half of the season played inspired basketball that needs to be accredited to Cooley. Playing meaningful games in late February is something that every team wants to do and something the Friars' have not done in quite a few years. Is there more to come? Regardless of the disappointing result against Cincinnati, seeing the Friars in action past the regular season is a huge step in the right direction. The Friars performance in the Big East Tournament was disappointing to say the least however that does not take away from the very surprising results in the season and the extremely bright future that awaits us. As Friar fans we are always stuck saying, "Maybe next year," but now that is a valid claim.

Men's Hockey To Do List:

- A Winning Regular Season Record
- Be Nationally Ranked
- Host Hockey East Playoffs
- Beat Boston College on the Road
- Beat UNH in Quarterfinals

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MEN'S HOCKEY

The Men's Hockey Team placed itself squarely in contention for the Hockey East regular season crown this past weekend only to see the wrong team celebrate on the Schneider Arena ice following the game. After a 3-0 shutout victory on Friday night in Lowell, the Friars found themselves in a tie with the Riverhawks for the Hockey East lead. A win would clinch the first place seed in the conference tournament but a 4-1 loss on home ice saw another team swarm their goalie and the Friars drop to a tie for third and a fourth seed. Even though the team fell in standings, they did clinch their first home playoff series in a decade with their win Friday night.

If the Friars watch another team celebrating the way Lowell did this past weekend, it will more than likely mark the end

to an accomplished season for the program. This weekend the Friars will host the University of New Hampshire Wildcats in a best of three series, with the winner moving onto the TD Garden for the Hockey East semifinals. The Friars have seen success this season when lining up across from UNH, skating to a 2-0-1 record, and winning the lone matchup at home 1-0.

Despite a national rank of seventh in the country, UNH finds itself as the fifth seed in the Hockey East playoffs, and come in not only struggling against the Friars' physical style this season, but also in the low point of their season. They come in having only won in one of five previous games and collected only one point in a home and home series against Maine this past weekend in which they could have captured home ice by gaining a split with the Black Bears.

Nate Leaman has now led the Friars to playoff berths in his first two seasons and secured home ice for the first time since 2003. The team must play with a physical

edge to get UNH off its skilled game in order to have the best chance to play. With a physical edge, and continued stellar play from freshman phenom Jon Gillies '16, the Friars are poised to a trip to the Garden for the second straight year. The team would like to return to the renovated Schneider Arena in October and be able to recollect fondly on winning a playoff series, which will be the last hockey played in the rink before the renovations move indoors.

More than a Hockey East crown is on the line as a strong showing will improve the Friars' chances at an NCAA berth, as they are still in a position to sneak in even without winning the tournament. The easiest way to continue playing into late March is to bring home the trophy; however, and knowing Coach Leaman, he will not settle for any less. He does not want to see another team celebrating on the Schneider Arena surface.

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TOURNAMENT TIME

BIG EAST

Louisville

Scary. That is the only word I can come up with to describe how good Louisville is. Coming off seven straight wins, Louisville may be the hottest team in the country. Momentum may arguably be the most important thing to have in the Big East Tournament and the NCAAs as shown by their run last year.

Russ Smith and Gerogi Deng were selected to the All-Big East First Team for their outstanding years. That is without even mentioning Peyton Siva, who led the Cardinals last year to a Big East Tournament Championship (and then to a Final Four appearance). If Siva, who has really been out of the limelight much of the year, could return to top form, much like during last year's run, the Cardinals are a threat for a National Championship. On top of all that, the Cardinals are led by Rick Pitino, who has proved to be one of the greatest coaches in college basketball (and has ties to Providence if you need a team to root for other than the Friars).

The Cardinals will have to face the winner of Villanova in their first game. Villanova beat Louisville earlier in the season, but except for their loss against Syracuse, all of their losses have been on the road. Louisville's depth, overall skill, and defensive intensity should be enough to carry them far in both the Big East Tournament and the NCAAs. No one would be surprised if Louisville hoisted the Big East Tournament trophy by Saturday.

-James Kirby '15

Notre Dame

For the Notre Dame Fighting Irish (23-8, 11-7), the 2013 Big East Championship in New York City will be the team's last chance for its first-ever title. The Irish have reached the semi-finals in each of the past three seasons but have been unable to advance to the Big East Finals since the 1995-1996 season. Although they have lost two of their last three regular-season games, the Fighting Irish hold the sixth seed in the tournament and still have a realistic chance to emerge victorious by the end of the week. The team especially hopes to learn from its 73-57 loss to Louisville in its final regular season game and concentrate on its final Big East Tournament. In hindsight, this loss probably proved to be beneficial to Notre Dame, since it allowed them to avoid a matchup with either Georgetown or Syracuse before the finals. However, the team's fortunes lie heavily on the shoulders of senior forward Jack Cooley, who is Notre Dame's leading scorer and the leading rebounder in the Big East this season. He has averaged 13.6 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 29.7 minutes per game. As a whole, the Irish have struggled to match their offensive prowess on the defensive side, as the team is second in the country in assists per game with 17.5 and 319th in steals per game with 5.1. Ultimately, Notre Dame will go far in the tournament only if Cooley or another player, such as Tom Knight, steps up to lead the recently sluggish squad.

-Sarah Wacik '15

Georgetown

I normally have one rule when picking brackets in March. Pick upsets, because I love rooting for David to slay Goliath, for small upstart teams to take down the team with the big names, the big players, the big coaches, and the big bucks.

For the Big East Tournament though, I have to stray from my rule. Going against Georgetown seems asinine to me. The Hoyas are led by John Thompson III, son of PC alum and former Hoya coaching great John Thompson Jr. His Princeton offense is timeless, and is continually successful. His team plays tenacious defense, holding Syracuse to a meager 39 points in their last game of the season. And when it comes to the post season defense is what rules. And Georgetown is more than just bark on defense. They bite, and scratch, and roll, turning explosive offensive teams into a B League Intramural equivalent.

The Hoyas are lead by Otto Porter Jr, a bona fide star, who exploded onto the scene this year as a sophomore. He doused the Orange zone for 33 points at Syracuse, in front of an electric crowd. This leading scorer is something Hoya teams have lacked in the past. Porter provides a shooter that Georgetown can rely on. He is not just a scorer though. His long arms and quick feet make him one of the best defenders in the country.

So, I am going to have to bite on the Hoyas, whose bark is too loud to ignore in the Big East Tournament.

-Sean Bailey '14

Marquette

While Marquette is certainly not the favorite in this year's Big East Tournament, the team is used to playing the role of dark horse. They were not picked to finish anywhere near the top of the Big East in the pre-season poll, and they are the only one of three co-champions of the Big East not ranked in the top 10. Despite all this, Marquette has shown that they are a dangerous team. They defeated Georgetown by one, Syracuse by three, and Pittsburgh by 10. This not only shows that they can win against quality teams, but also shows that they are good at winning close games. This is key in a conference as rugged as the Big East, especially come tournament time. Out of conference, they beat Wisconsin by 10, and came within a one half-court heave of beating Butler.

Secondly, Marquette has a favorable draw in the tournament, as they will not have to meet red-hot Georgetown until the final round on Saturday. They will play either Notre Dame or Rutgers on Thursday, both of whom they handled during the regular season, and then play Louisville or Villanova in the semifinals. While they lost to Villanova and Louisville in the regular season, the Eagles have hit their stride at the right time and should be able to handle both of these teams. Coach Buzz Williams' lethal guard combination of Junior Cadougan and Vander Blue gives Marquette as good a chance as anyone in a guard-oriented Big East. Inside, forwards Jamil Wilson and 300-pound Devante Gardner give the Eagles an edge on any team inside as well. These four may not be household names yet, but by the end of the week, the Golden Eagles will hoist the Big East Championship trophy, and will gain serious momentum heading into March Madness.

-Joey Ciccarello '16



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