

ANDRES TABORDA '15/ THE COWL

Former Chilean President Ricardo Lagos Visits PC

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CAMPUS NEWS

In the span of two days, the Providence College community interacted with a former president twice. Drs. Paola Cesarini and Jeffrey Pugh, professors of political science, joined Ricardo Lagos, former president of the Republic of Chile, on a panel on transitional justice at Brown University last Wednesday. The panel, titled “Does Transitional Justice Work?”, was held at the Watson Institute for Public Policy. In a lecture hall with about 20 attendees, the

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Annex Coffee House to Open for Students’ Business

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LOCAL NEWS

Beginning in the fall of 2013, Providence College students will have a new neighborhood coffee shop to go to for their regular java fix. But, unlike Dunkin’ Donuts and LaSalle Bakery, this coffee shop promises something distinctly different: coffee will be purchased on the Fair Trade market and the coffee shop will be jointly run and managed by PC students and members of the community. “The stars have aligned to create the rare possibility for a student-led café in the Smith Hill neighborhood,” said Keith Morton, professor of English and public and community service at PC, who first introduced this idea to the students. “The working group right now is developing a vision and plan for a student-run café with appeal to campus and community, one that hits a triple bottom line of profitability, sustainability, and community service. It’s an extraordinary and very challenging opportunity for



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The Annex Coffee House, above, will be run by PC students and local Smith Hill residents.

combining learning and service.” Located at the new Smith Hill Annex on Douglas Avenue just blocks from campus, the idea for the community coffee café evolved from the interests of two student-run groups. The Entrepreneurship Society, a group devoted to uniting students, faculty, and alumni with the community that surrounds PC, will be joining forces with Make Trade Equal, a group of PC students committed to the promotion of justly produced coffee. “This project is important because it involves different interests that don’t usually get a chance to come

together,” said Collin Anderson '15, a global studies and Spanish major and a member of the Make Trade Equal group. Anderson was one of about 10 PC students who have traveled to Nicaragua for the past two years over spring break to learn about the differences between Fair Trade and conventional coffee. They returned each year committed to encouraging the College to buy more justly produced coffee. The idea of creating a coffee shop began when Anderson had a class in the Annex with Professor Morton. Morton knew that a café in the Smith Hill Annex had gone out of business and was willing to donate the space to the school as to work on turning the café into a successful business. Anderson then reached out to The Entrepreneurship Society, a PC organization started by Josh Kasper '15, Alex Acunzo '15 and Julia DePalma '15. They received approval for the project from Sylvia Maxfield, dean of the business school, and the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation. Since April 2012, Providence College has been leasing 1,000 square feet of

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In Brief

by **Christine Rousselle '13**
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CAMPUS NEWS

Beverages Everywhere On Slavin Lawn

On Wednesday, members of PC for Life distributed free glasses of lemonade on Slavin Lawn as part of their annual Lemonade for Life event. The cups of lemonade were affixed with pro-life quotes. Across the grass were representatives from Think Outside the Bottle campaign urging people to call Coca-Cola during their shareholders meeting.

Lacrosse Gets Major Gift

Mark and Maura Chapey, who are both 1986 graduates of the College, made history on Tuesday by donating \$1,000,000 to support the construction of the new lacrosse and soccer field. The gift was the largest donation to Providence College Athletics by someone who was not a member of the Board of Trustees. The new field will now be named Chapey Field and will be located next to the newly-renovated Schneider Arena. Mark Chapey was a member of the lacrosse team while he attended Providence College.

John Maeda, RISD President, Gave Honors Lecture

On Tuesday, Rhode Island School of Design President John Maeda delivered the annual Rodney Delasanta Honors Lecture in the Aquinas Lounge. Maeda spoke about the need to turn "STEM" (science, technology, engineering, and math) into "STEAM" with the addition of art.

Students Run in Support for Boston

On Friday, about 400 students congregated on Slavin Lawn for a one mile run/walk around the campus to show support for the victims of last Monday's terrorist attack at the Boston Marathon. Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., gave a blessing, and items were raffled off to raise money for those injured in the bombing.

This Week in Student Congress

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STUDENT CONGRESS

- Class of 2013 reminded students to prepare for commencement by picking up their caps and gowns and filling out senior wills.
- The SAIL office announced that the CPR certification course has been postponed until next semester.
- The Photography Club gained recognition as an official club on campus.
- Congress passed legislation to add amendments to the constitution of the Board of Programmers.
- There will be more Sexual Assault Resource papers throughout campus with the pass of legislation.
- The Future Friars Executive Club presented a piece of legislation involving the reconstruction of FFE into an umbrella club. The bill would include FFE having "subordinate" clubs, as well as several other changes to the constitution.
- With the future increase of tuition, Dan Hogan presented the need to increase activity fees. This would better allocate funding for clubs.

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LAGOS: "Politics is not a very nice world today."

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panelists offered their expertise to answer the question as to whether or not transitional justice worked.

Speaking first was Lagos, who enacted transitional justice in Chile following the overthrow of General Augusto Pinochet. Pinochet had brought a military dictatorship upon Chile after overthrowing President Salvador Allende.

Lagos touched upon how one reforms a judicial system where everyone has equal access to justice, something he did in his tenure.

The president elaborated on his administration's actions and ended by saying, "Democracy is a process that needs to be improved every day." He continued, "Yes, it is possible to implement judicial reform, but it is expensive."

Following him on the panel was Cesarini, an expert in transitional justice. Cesarini teaches a seminar on transitional justice at Providence College this semester and has taught other courses on human rights.

Before offering her extensive research on the matter, Cesarini said, "Transitional justice matters and it can work to the benefit or disadvantage of democracy." She elaborated on her point based on her studies on the subject.

On being invited to speak with a president, Cesarini said, "It was an honor." She continued, "You always hear about the name of Ricardo Lagos and when you sit next to him, you can't help but think about what he must have gone through."

She implored Providence College students to "take a trek across the city" and take advantage of the great events the Watson Institute at Brown University hosts.



Drs. Paola Cesarini and Jeffrey Pugh participated in a forum with President Ricardo Lagos at Brown University.

Pugh, whose expertise focuses on Latin America, offered his view on transitional justice based on empirical studies. He also emphasized the "consolidation of democracy."

Members from the panel, although going beyond their allotted time, engaged in a question and answer session with those in attendance. The diverse audience included scholars ranging from political scientists to students from Providence College, Brown University, and the Rhode Island School of Design.

On Thursday, President Lagos delivered the first ever Rev. Edward Clearly, O.P., lecture at Providence College in '64 Hall. Fr. Cleary was a scholar of Latin American studies. A

Dr. Hugh Lena, provost of the College, also spoke at the event.

Lagos' explained that Chile's transition to democracy was according to Pinochet's constitution, which was an obstacle encountered.

Lagos clarified that the process of bringing those responsible for the atrocities in the Pinochet regime was difficult because of how hard it was for people to share their stories. He said, "It is degrading for a woman to say, 'I was raped multiple times.'"

While some Chileans, even those in the government, believed that the country should just forget the mayhem of the Pinochet regime, Lagos made it known that "there is no tomorrow without yesterday."

The president took questions from the crowd following the lecture. Students and faculty participated in a discussion moderated by Pugh.

To conclude the event, Esteban Rojas '14 presented a gift to President Lagos. He opened the quilt and said he looked forward to bringing it back to his home in Chile.

The lecture was followed by a private dinner with members of the College.

Lagos spoke with *The Cowl* following the event and said, "It is spectacular to speak with students. They are the ones that form the ethics of the future." He continued, "When in office, it is hard for a president to speak at events like these, but I encourage all heads of state to do this after their tenures."

A Celebration of Research, Study, and Service

by **Kathleen McGinty '16**
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ACADEMICS

For students struggling to craft that A-worthy thesis for their term paper or seeking ways to engage their peers during their final presentation of the semester, Providence College’s fourth annual Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity may have been the beckoning call at just the right time. With 123 undergraduate and graduate students infiltrating Slavin with tri-fold poster boards and laptops to showcase a total of 85 projects on Wednesday, April 24, there was certainly no lack of inspiration.

“I think it’s amazing,” said Amy Goggin of the Office of Academic Services and the Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity Planning Committee. “It’s great to see how excited and dedicated [the students] are.”

As a product of the College’s three-year Fostering a Culture of Student Engagement grant from the Davis Educational Foundation and an extension of the College’s Strategic Plan that capitalizes on student engagement via research, study, and service, this year’s celebration showcased the projects that students engaged in over the course of the semester. While the Davis Educational Foundation grant expired as of this

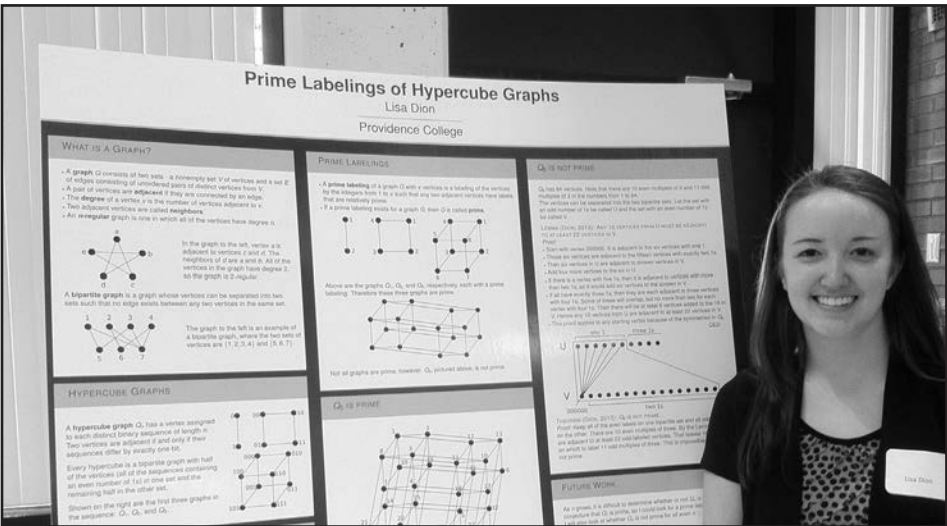
year, the event was made possible under the Provost’s Office.

Despite the fact that student’s projects were geared towards a specific discipline, ranging from biology to history and even to theatre, dance, and film, students who participated in this year’s Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity were nevertheless involved in similar, gratifying experiences that enabled them to pursue their passions.

For Valeria Zarate ‘16, a biology major who worked with Craig Wilson ‘16 and Shannon Walsh ‘16 on a project entitled “Learning with HeLa,” the ability to work with the cells of Henrietta Lacks, the protagonist of this past year’s Freshman Common Reading Program selection *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, was surreal.

“Overall, working with the HeLa cells was incredible,” said Zarate. “After reading the book, it made it great.”

Although Megan Grammatico ‘15 recounted her service experience in the Dominican Republic over spring break at this Wednesday’s celebration as part of her project, she expressed similar sentiments to those of Zarate. Traveling to the DR to work with Outreach 360, a nonprofit organization that endeavors to improve educational opportunities for children in the rural areas of the region, Grammatico discovered a sense of gratification and enjoyment in teaching health education and English to students in grades one through six.



Lisa Dion ‘13 stands by her presentation during the event in ‘64 Hall.

“The best part was the sense of community. There’s a lot of community support,” she said, adding that the parents of the children in the Dominican Republic were very excited about the service and help provided by PC students.

Yet even for Caitlyn Treem ‘13, whose project hit a little closer to home, having the opportunity to pursue a project in public and community service garnered the same result. For after serving as both a volunteer and a community assistant at Rec Night, a program that attempts to foster a safer environment for youth in the Providence area, and witnessing the stories that children and teens in the community have to share, she was incited to produce a documentary

entitled *Raw Island*. With the first 25 minutes filmed her sophomore year, Treem has now turned her documentary into an hour-long production.

“My main goal was to open PC students’ eyes,” said Treem. The youth in the Providence community “respected me for wanting to know [their stories].” Thus, through her project, Treem was granted the opportunity to build relationships with the surrounding area’s children and teens, enabling her to get to know them on a deeper level. “It’s defined my whole PC experience.”

Students Take to the Streets for Marriage Equality

by **Andres Taborda '15**
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STUDENT ACTIVISM

As the wind blew cold air, Matthew Smith ‘16 waited outside of Providence College for members of the community to congregate for a common cause: marriage equality. Smith was the prime organizer of the Embrace March. The march, held off campus, was a peaceful demonstration in support of same-sex marriage legislation going up for a vote in the Senate Finance Committee. The legislation would redefine marriage as a union between any two human beings, regardless of sex.

He came prepared with signs for the crowd with various messages relating to a Catholic’s acceptance of same-sex marriage. As 4:30 p.m. rolled around, students began to show up, each grabbing a poster. The diverse crowd mingled as Smith gave some latecomers a bit of extra time. Aubrey Moore ‘15, who helped organize the event, promoted a phone bank organized by Rhode Islanders United for Marriage, a group pushing for passage of the aforementioned legislation.

As staff members, who were heading home, stood at a red light on River Avenue, students began chanting and holding up their signs, receiving several honks from staff members, as well as those making their commute through River Avenue and Eaton Street.

Before beginning the march towards Hendricken Field, Smith offered some words to the crowd calling marriage a “human right” for

all, gay and straight. With loud chants, the marchers walked at a rapid pace up River Avenue, where they encountered support and opposition. A large roar came from the crowd when a RIPTA



Students marched around the perimeter of campus in support of marriage equality.

driver on the 55 route stuck his tongue out to those in attendance, which prompted marchers to wave their signs and chant loudly.

Also present at the march was *NBC 10 News*. Smith had contacted the station to cover the event. “I believe that students from a faith-based institution should have their opinions heard,” said Smith.

Nick Wallace ‘14, executive

vice president of the 64th Student Congress, was on hand and offered a look into his legislative priorities for the next academic year. The Congress recently passed an amendment to their constitution’s preamble to

include sexual orientation and gender identity to its non-discrimination policy. Members also passed a piece of legislation to change the College’s notice of non-discrimination to include sexual orientation.

Wallace explained to *The Cowl* that the legislation was only pertinent to students. “Moving forward, I would to expand the non-discrimination policy

to include faculty members.” Wallace plans on acting upon this issue in the 2013-14 academic year.

As for the event he said, “I think [this march] is a great way for political involvement on campus.” He continued, “To see that there is this much support [on campus] is very encouraging.”

Among the demonstrators was Omar Terrones ‘16. A native of Los Angeles, Terrones said, “This is great. I have never done anything like this back home.” He was optimistic about the cause, saying, “I think marriage equality will happen.”

Slightly behind him was Zachary Gavry ‘14, who said, “It is unfortunate that we have to show how we feel off campus, but we will do it where we can.”

As Smith rallied the crowd, he explained his motivation for planning a rally in favor of same-sex marriage by saying, “We are all part of God’s creation and we are in need of recognition and in need of love.”

The Rhode Island Senate passed its own bill, Senate Bill 38, and the House version of the bill in concurrence.

The Senate bill now heads to the House Judiciary Committee where it will be voted on on Tuesday April 30. The House is expected to hold a floor vote on the bill on Thursday May 1.

Governor Lincoln Chafee, a strong proponent of marriage equality, may have the bills on his desk for signature as early as Thursday evening.

Legislative leaders are expected to hold a special ceremony when the landmark legislation is signed into law.

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Dills Continues Economics Speaker Series

by **Kathleen Sullivan '14**
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CAMPUS LECTURES

A sizable crowd of students and faculty filled the Fishbowl on Tuesday afternoon for a lecture by Dr. Josh Bandoch, post-doctoral research associate from Brown University. This lecture was sponsored by the economics department and funded by the Charles G. Koch Foundation. Dr. Angela Dills, an economics professor, explained, “This is the third year that the Charles Koch Foundation has provided a grant to Providence College for educational activities.” The Foundation seeks “to advance social progress and well-being through the study and advancement of economic freedom.”

As the last of the students filed in and found spots to stand or sit along the sides of the room, Dr. Dills delivered the introduction for Dr. Bandoch. She started off by noting that the clipboard for Dr. Mullaley’s students was going around the room, and reminded all to make sure they signed it before they left. She expressed her gratitude to the Koch Foundation for allowing the department to bring in speakers and allowing all the students an opportunity to get extra credit points too. She welcomed Dr. Bandoch and thanked him for making the long trek over from Brown. Dr. Bandoch jokingly adding that it took him a whole 12 minutes to get here.

Dr. Dills explained, “I met political theorist Josh Bandoch after we both

gave talks at a Students for Liberty conference in Boston. His research on Montesquieu and political particularism is intriguing. With our students’ strong background in Western civilization, his talk provided a variety of useful connections for students across disciplines.”

With that, she gave the floor to Dr. Bandoch, who started off by saying how excited he was since he has never

seek to address this question disagree on how to define each term and how to attain those goals. His objectives for the lecture sought to offer clarity for defining the terms and suggestions on the best way to advance them through pursuing commerce and economic freedom within a framework of political particularism.

Dr. Bandoch used the example of the United States’ involvement in

He continued to draw insight from French philosopher Montesquieu in order to define the terms liberty, security, and prosperity, and explained the ideas of political particularism and spirit. He asserted that states have different histories, cultures, and identities, and there is no one method or form of government that can work for every nation. All the political, social, economic, and moral factors within a country must be understood when determining the political system.

He stressed the importance of information, commerce, and economic freedom, defining commerce as not only economic and financial transactions, but also social interactions, and the exchange of ideas, opinions, and cultures. He concluded by stating that we need dynamic approaches to attaining goals in society and that commerce is a very powerful tool.

On hosting these lectures, Dr. Dills explained, “It’s been great to have grant money to bring outside speakers to campus to share their expertise. I’m thrilled that so many students have taken advantage of the opportunity to listen to these speakers.” She continued on to say, “Feedback from my students suggests that the talks have been thought-provoking and I look forward to the opportunity to continue these activities.”



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Dr. Josh Bandoch of Brown University spoke to students about political theory and economics.

given a standing-room-only lecture before. “You guys crush Notre Dame and Brown for talks. I’m excited!” he added. He continued to tell the audience that the basic question he would be addressing is how to make states free, stable, and prosperous. This is a difficult question to answer because philosophers and other thinkers that

Iraq and Afghanistan to develop an understanding for the problem he was addressing. He explained that the United States intervened and attempted to install a stable democratic regime in those countries, but it did not work out sufficiently or effectively. This is because the leaders did not know how to effect change “in that particular society.”



PC Students for Charity

by **Jackie McCarthy '14**
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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Providence College values volunteerism and involvement. This point was proven on Sunday, April 21 by four PC students, Nik Andrews '14, Alex Ditommaso '14, Liana Marinelli '13, and Ryan Mumford '14. These four Friars are taking the class “Organizational Theory” with Dr. Thomas King as part of their management requirement. In this class, they were given the task to research local organizations and choose one that they felt meant something to them. They were then asked to create an event to help benefit the organization of their choice. The organization that they chose was Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State.


Big Brothers Big Sisters is an organization that pairs at risk or underprivileged children and teens with a mentor. These mentors, or “Bigs,” take their mentees, otherwise known as “Littles,” to participate in activities that they might not be able to do at home because they do not have the means to do so or an adult role model in their lives to participate with them. No recruitment is involved in this program, meaning that both the mentors and mentees participate by choice. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer Programs are a national organization with a center based in Providence, R.I.

Andrews, Ditommaso, Marinelli, and Mumford felt a connection with this organization because it allowed them to create an event that would benefit kids in need, a cause important to all


of them. They are all also interested in sports and decided to incorporate this interest into their planning. The event the group organized was a golf outing, which they named “Driving Fore Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State.” The tournament was held at Button Hole Golf Course in Providence at 1 p.m. on the 21st. There were upwards of 60 people at the event, 36 of which were participants in the tournament. The rest were spectators. The 36 participants made up nine teams competing against one another, and seven of these nine teams were made up entirely of PC students. The winners of the tournament were a team of PC students, Sean Murphy '14, Mike Lynch '14, Pat O'Neill '14, and Brendan Murphy '16. It was a day of competition, raffles and free food. The organizers of the event were able to gain sponsorship and donations for the tournament from local business such as Big Tony’s Pizzeria. The raffle prizes were all donated as well, with a total worth of \$1000. All of the proceeds from entry fees were donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State. The amount raised at this event totaled just under \$2,000.

The four organizers of the “Driving Fore” golf tournament commented on the many hours spent working on this event. “It was a good experience for us to work together and host something that held meaning for us,” Andrews said, “I think it was a success.” Unfortunately, since the tournament was created for a class and is not sponsored by a PC club, the group cannot guarantee that this will become an annual event. They would, however, be happy to see the event repeated to benefit the cause.

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It Gets Better: Happy World News

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DOMESTIC

This may have been the most depressing week of world news in a long time. The only stories present in the headlines were those shrouded in despair and human pain. Enough of the depressing headlines about bombings, murders, and earthquakes; find the stories that make you happy. The news can contain stories of joy and human resilience, but you just have to know where to look. Discovered on CNN's various news tabs, I have delved into the depths of the news to find stories that should simply make you smile. Enjoy.

In Hattiesburg, Miss., Jody Mabary, a victim of the February 10 tornado that destroyed the roof of his house, his car, and one of his trees, collaborated with Beau Lackey, a landscape designer, and created a vegetable garden out of the debris from the storm. Mabary and Lackey used untreated wood, bricks, and various other pieces of debris to create a sustainable vegetable garden on Mabary's front lawn. Mabary said, "We looked at the destruction around and we just kind of wanted to do something that the people could watch

grow." Lackey, in turn, said, "We saw the opportunity for salvageable materials that we could reclaim and repurpose to build the garden and we were very careful to pick all untreated lumber, so that it's safer and appropriate for gardening use and food production."

In Birmingham, Alabama, the 16th Street Baptist Church just celebrated the 140th anniversary of its foundation.

"It's a bird, it's a plane, no, it's Superman" washing your windows! Last week in Pittsburgh, Batman, Superman, Captain America, and Spider-Man were seen repelling down the side of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Children's Hospital. The extra special window washers made a surprise appearance to wash windows and lift the children's spirits. Captain America said, "They're having a tough time so anything we can do to bring a smile to their face is better for us. We all win."

In Khopoli, India, about 43 miles southwest of Mumbai, Adlabs Entertainment built "India's first and only theme park of an 'international' standard." Adlabs Imagica, the \$294 million theme park, sprawls across 80 acres and is built around the Indian legacy of storytelling. The park consists of six separate "lands": Viva

Europa, Arabia, Asiana, Americana, India, and Jambo Africa. Targeted specifically towards Indians, the park features many Hindu and Bollywood themes, as well as India's first IMAX dome. Manmohan Shetty, chairman of Adlabs Entertainment, said, "We had to set up a theme park which was affordable to Indian families. We have started with 21 attractions. We plan to add one attraction every year. If people like it, this will encourage us more."

Last week New Zealand was the first country in the Asia Pacific region to legalize same-sex marriage. The New Zealand Parliament amended the Marriage Act with a convincing 77 to 44 vote which permits gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual and intersex couples to marry. The woman behind the bill, Louisa Wall, said, "Nothing could make me prouder to be a New Zealander than passing this bill." Many hope that the passage of the Marriage Act will place pressure on the Australian government to pass a marriage equality law. Australian Marriage Equality national convener Rodney Croome said, "New Zealand is set to reap a massive economic dividend from the wedding-spend of those Australian same-sex couples who are tired of their country's failure to act."

The final uplifting story of the afternoon? Recent studies have shown that chimpanzees communicate just like passionate Italians. Closely watching a group of chimpanzees in captivity, scientists have discovered that the chimps use "passionate gestures, vocalizations, and even sign language to get their points across with each other." Just like the Italian use of hand motions and sounds, the chimps use similar gestures to convey what is on their mind when it comes to food, playtime, or any annoyance. Mary Lee Abshire Jensvold, one of the co-authors of the study, explained how Dar, a male chimpanzee, forced another male Chimp, Loulis, to pay attention: "Dar open palm slapped, a tactile gesture, on Loulis. Loulis didn't respond. Dar then used a different gesture, the foot stomp, an auditory gesture, which makes noise. Loulis responded to that gesture. This shows persistence in communication." The chimps are taught to communicate through a variety of rudimentary signs, but they also include other self-taught moves into their vocabulary, including "high fives, fist bumps, feet claps, head nodding or moving side-to-side, arm flails, hugs, proud swaggers and pursed lip kissing."

ANNEX: Students Step Up

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space in the Smith Hill CDC Capitol Square development on Douglas Avenue. The Annex opened on November 9, 2012, as a means to bridge PC and the surrounding community in a way that increases mutual understanding and opportunities for collaboration.

The community café seemed like the perfect way to integrate fair coffee and create a socially just business at the same time, said Kasper of the Entrepreneurship Society. "This all happened over the course of two weeks."

The students were handed the keys to the location, complete with window seats and Christmas lights, but it is now up to them to come up with everything from appliances to menus.

They will be turning in a business plan in two weeks to the CDC, which will outline all costs and everything needed for the opening of the coffee shop in the beginning of the fall, Kasper said.

He said they have been given \$5,000 in grant money from the Feinstein Institute for Public Service and have been guaranteed financial support from the business school.

Because the CDC is a non-profit dedicated to economic development and neighborhood improvement, it is interested in projects like this and is committed to giving a reasonable price for the space, Anderson said. CDC officials have assured student organizers that the rental price will be cheap and affordable, especially for the first six months while the project is getting underway.

Those involved in the coordinating of the café are encouraging anyone interested to lend their support. Everyone on campus and the

community is welcome to offer thoughts and ideas. Meetings for the coffee shop project are Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Slavin Overlook Lounge.

They are recruiting additional volunteers across campus. The art department is asked to help with interior design, business majors are encouraged to contribute financial and logistical input, and people from the community are urged to come with ideas for how to make this coffee shop the most appealing for everyone.

"This is a café first, but down the line, the people running it will be from the community, the school—anyone that wants to have a say," Anderson said.

The café will not only provide valuable experience to student organizers and a place to get excellent coffee, it will also benefit the community by functioning as an "economic incubator," Anderson said.

The café will bring income into the neighborhood, which will make existing businesses more successful, and it will encourage other businesses to bring their business to the Smith Hill neighborhood, Anderson said.

Those involved have high hopes for the café. They want it to be a safe place for the kids in the neighborhood and a place that welcomes community projects and events.

The group will work on the project over the summer and will schedule its grand opening in the fall of 2013.

"This coffee shop will create a place where students and faculty can work together with the community and create something for the community," Kasper said. "That's an exciting thing."



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Above, a student volunteer examines a workspace in the future free-trade coffee cafe in the Smith Hill Annex. With the help of grant money from the Feinstein Institute and support from the Providence College School of Business, the students hope to create a beacon of economic justice in the Smith Hill community.

BUSINESS

IN THE WORLD

by Iryna Bocharova '15
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BUSINESS

Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi met with the Russian President Vladimir Putin in Sochi to reinstate the ties between the countries and request a \$2 billion loan. Former Soviet Union ally Egypt used to receive financial support and military assistance in the 1950s and 1960s. After President Gamal Abdel Nasser’s death, the relationship was halted under pro-US Anwar Sadat.

Before launching a dialogue with Russia, Egypt was unable to reach an agreement with the International Monetary Fund on a \$4.8 billion loan. IMF required Egypt to increase taxes and cut subsidies. But the government failed to comply with demands and present plans for economic reforms. A recent deal on \$5 billion aid from Qatar and Libya could be one of the reasons.

Another reason for reluctance to reform may lie in the conflict of interests. The World Bank’s chief economist Caroline Freund estimated that “the richest 20 percent of the population in Egypt receives more than half of the spending on fuel subsidies,” so they would not be willing to give up the subsidies. In the meantime, Putin’s spokesman Peskov said that Russia was ready to consider Egypt’s aid request.

The French government is ready to slow down its deficit-reduction policies. There is a fear that further tax increases and spending cuts could significantly affect this year’s GDP. President François Hollande made a comment in his speech that the solution to economic recovery is not “austerity but credibility and sustainability.”

The government has already delayed its goal to reduce the budget deficit to three percent of annual output to 2014 instead of 2013, despite earlier agreement with Germany to commit to fiscal discipline. In the next few weeks, Paris will have to discuss its budget plans with the European Commission, since the latter may demand some adjustments.

The latest estimate of the unemployment rate in France is 10.2 percent for the last quarter of 2012. A combination of persistent high unemployment and unpopular deficit-reduction measures caused Mr. Hollande’s popularity ratings to drop. Mr. Hollande has high expectations of the €20 billion tax-credit program that aims at reducing the labor costs, yet he has not offered a clear time table for its fulfillment.

France is not the only country struggling with deficit reduction. **Fitch Ratings cut the UK rating from AAA to AA+ on April 19.** According to Fitch website, the downgrade “reflects a weaker economic and fiscal outlook.” The agency concluded that Britain’s resistance to adverse economic and financial shocks is not sufficient for triple-A rating. In late February, Moody’s Investors Service dropped the UK Aaa rating to Aa1. On April 5, Standard and Poor’s stated they would keep the UK triple-A rating. The British pound slightly declined against the US dollar after the Fitch announcement. Fitch Ratings predict 0.8 and 1.8 percent economic growth in 2013 and 2014 respectively. The numbers are down from 1.5 and 2 percent forecast in September 2012. This puts more pressure on Chancellor George Osborne who also received a notice from the International Monetary Fund that he should review the scale of the budget cuts.



Mike’s Market Corner

by Mike Lynch '14
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The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 have held steady over the past few weeks and many market experts believe that stocks are coiling up before further upward movement. This week has a full slate of economic reports and earnings reports from some of the largest corporations. On Friday, the first reading of Q1 2013 GDP will be released, with economists looking for a 3.2 percent expansion. Compared with last quarter’s measly expansion of 0.4 percent, a 3.2 percent growth rate would be a very meaningful leap. The final reading of University of Michigan’s Consumer Sentiment Index for the month of April will also be released on Friday, gauging consumers’ emotions and feelings toward the economy.

The mother of all earnings reports was released this past Tuesday. Apple (AAPL) reported its Q2 2013 EPS of \$10.09 on revenue of \$43.6 billion. Apple increased its share buyback program by \$50 billion and announced a 15 percent increase to their quarterly dividend. Both the buyback program and the dividend increase contribute to Apple’s goal of returning more cash to its shareholders. Apple’s guidance on future earnings came in a little weak, missing estimates by \$5 billion, but all in all it was a good report for the technology giant.

Boeing (BA) announced on Monday that they began installing new battery systems in their 787 models. This is positive news for the company, its customers, and its shareholders, as Boeing has been working diligently with the FAA. Hopefully the grounding of the 787 models will soon be lifted.

The WORLD in BRIEF

by Ben Remillard '13
World Staff

Ghana has seized more than 110 million faulty Chinese-made condoms after importing a total of about 200 million. The Food and Drug Administration says that there were holes in the condoms, that they burnt easily, and that they were not adequately lubricated. The BBC reports that the condoms were being distributed as part of the Ghana Health Service’s HIV/AIDs prevention campaign. The words, “Be Safe,” are written in red on the silver condom wrappers. The UN reports that out of the 25 million people living in Ghana, 230,000 have HIV.

On Tuesday, France became the 14th country, and the ninth in Europe, to legalize gay marriage. The law passed by a count of 321 votes to 225 in the French parliament. The bill also allows gay couples to adopt. President Francois Hollande made it a signature part of his presidency to have the bill signed into law. While opponents have vowed to continue fighting against gay marriage, the BBC reports that it is unlikely to be blocked by the constitutional council. While protests remained largely peaceful, there were a few clashes with the police, believed to be started by far-right agitators. This led to thousands of police being deployed near parliament armed with water cannons. The first weddings are expected to take place as early as June.

The BBC reports that hundreds of Europeans are fighting in the Syrian revolution. According to Gilles de Kerchove, the EU’s anti-terror chief, as many as 500 men could be fighting abroad, with the highest number of volunteers coming from Ireland, France, and the UK. De Kerchove believes that while “not all of them are radical when they leave, most likely many of them will be radicalized” before they return home, if they return home. Several countries, including Belgium and the Netherlands, have increased security, fearing citizens will return home radicalized. Reuters reports that Belgian police have raided 48 homes across the country, detaining six men wanted for their connections to Sharia4Belgium, a terrorist group that has been sending citizens to Syria. A study by the International Center for the Study of Radicalization found that up to 5,500 foreign fighters have traveled to Syria since the start of the conflict.

An al-Qaeda plot to derail a Canadian train has been thwarted. The passenger train, which operates in the greater Toronto area, carries close to four million passengers annually. The suspects involved, while not Canadian nationals, were visiting our neighbor to the north legally. One of the men was studying for his doctorate near Montreal. Canadian officials have linked the plan to al-Qaeda cells in Iran, but there is no evidence of the plot being state-sponsored. The BBC reports that Canada closed its embassy in Tehran last September, cutting all diplomatic ties with the Middle Eastern nation. Canadian officials thanked the FBI for being part of a large scale surveillance operation that prevented the attack from going forward.



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Dove Sketches the True Meaning of Beauty

We Need to See Ourselves As Beautiful

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SOCIETY

The most recent video consuming YouTube is, surprisingly, not a cat chasing a laser pointer video; rather, it is a poignant ad campaign by Dove which illuminates the self-image issues that plague women. This three-minute video is perhaps the most revealing, affecting, thought-provoking social experiment that has ever been tried on the relationship between women and their perceived beauty.

This campaign features FBI-trained forensic sketch artist Gil Zamora drawing a series of women's faces, referred to by Dove as "Real Beauty Sketches." He draws the faces based only upon each woman's description of her features. He then sketches the women's faces a second time; but, for this round, the descriptions are given by a random stranger. In the end, the two sketches were compared side-by-side, and each woman finds the second drawing to be much more flattering than the first.

Not only were the actual pictures different, but the way in which each woman described her own face was fault-finding, while the strangers' descriptions were complimentary. For

instance, one woman described her chin as "protruding," but the stranger referred to that same woman's chin as a "nice, thin chin."

The video ends with a simple sentence, "You are more beautiful than you think," and it is a source of contention among people musing about the overall message of this project. Most viewers, men and women alike, have been emotionally moved after seeing this; on the other hand, some people feel that this social experiment reinforces the idea that women are defined by beauty.

Ultimately, at its core, this a marketing tool which, for all intents and purposes, Dove is utilizing to sell more products. However, I too am moved and intrigued by this experiment and choose to believe that Dove is not saying that we need to be beautiful. Rather, Dove claims that we need to see ourselves as beautiful.

Our culture is cluttered by images of size zero, long-legged, perfectly airbrushed models who dictate the "accepted" image and meaning of beauty. All too often women feel the need to compete with this idealized version of the faultless woman,

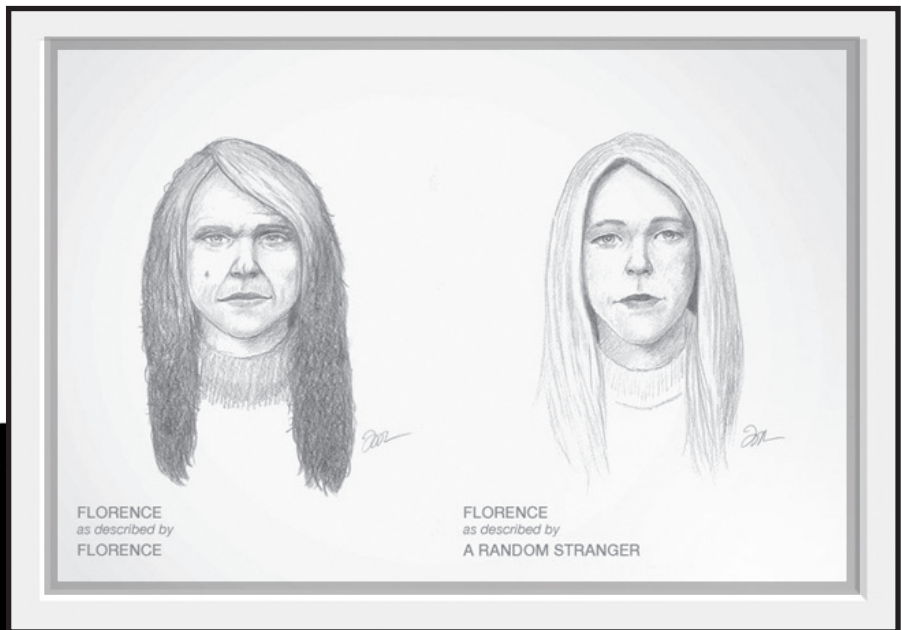


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thereby attempting to conceal all that is unique and distinctive about themselves.

Many voices continually try to argue against this view and champion individualism but with little success. However, I believe that Dove has finally been able to illuminate this subject and catch the attention that is needed to make a change with "Real Beauty Sketches." It blatantly and

movingly showcases how real women perceive their own beauty.

Speaking as a woman, I feel that we need to see ourselves as beautiful beings. This is not necessarily to sanctify our vanity, but to feel confident and project an image that says to the world, "I have value and purpose. I know that and I am proud of who I am."

Don't Let Summer Plans Diminish Your Opportunities

Students Should Express Personal Intellect At Internships

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SOCIETY

With summer merely a few weeks away, most students will soon be working, interning, or volunteering. But are students limited to earning minimum-wage salaries or competing for unpaid internships? Sure, I am a firm believer that any student internship experience can expand individual creativity and insight. However, the exploitation of unpaid internship programs for financial gain can diminish valuable and challenging learning opportunities.

Most unpaid internships are actually illegal, as reported by CNN. A legal internship is defined by the US Department of Labor to benefit the educational aspect of the student and to not inhibit operational labor in relation to the expectations of a full-time employee. According to CBS News's interpretation of the the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, "Anyone who does any regular work that benefits a business, even if it's just stuffing envelopes or going on coffee runs, is an employee who must be paid

at least minimum wage. Boutique firms and nonprofits get away with unpaid internships because the interns are looking to pad their resumes and labor lawyers have little to gain by going after the tiny firms that break the law."

As a result, companies are increasingly adopting the academic credit system to lessen their legal liability with state and federal wage and hour laws. As reported by *The New York Times*, "There is little to stop employers from exploiting interns. The Labor Department rarely cracks down on offenders, saying that it has limited resources and that unpaid interns are loath to file complaints for fear of

jeopardizing any future job search." While some students seek to boost the credibility of their résumé, they may be unwittingly belittling themselves to meet the competitive demands of the economy.

According to a *New York Times* article (written in 2009 during the height of the economic recession), "For employers, setting up an internship program is relatively easy and inexpensive." If unpaid internships are designed to increase the productivity

of the firm, and not benefit the educational experience of the intern, shouldn't students be aware of the exploitation of free labor? While unpaid internships may be more feasible

amidst economic instability, I hope that companies will not depreciate the value of human achievement.

While some students may not be qualified for the specific requirements of a paid internship, unemployed professionals, notably in their 30s or 40s, are inclined to settle for unpaid internships in today's economy. Yes, interning for free is better than unemployment. Still, the opportunity cost for businesses to spend the time and effort in providing better services, as opposed to training adults for unpaid internships, will contribute to positive cash flows and eventually replace unpaid internships with actual jobs for qualified applicants.

The increasing popularity of businesses to grant unpaid internships to students and qualified adults is viewed by many economists as undemocratic and somewhat enslaving. While I consider the economist assessment to be rather extreme, I think that it is essential for college students to be granted the freedom to express their personal intellect during their internship, whether paid or unpaid.



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Reflections on the Boston Tragedy

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REFLECTION

Following last week’s manhunt for the Boston Marathon bombers, the limits of social media were blatantly and dangerously apparent. And even more noticable was the realization that ordinary citizens should only enlist their help in complex investigations when called upon.

Social networking sites, such as Reddit and 4Chan, which allow users to post user-generated comments and photos, commenced an online manhunt to find the men who killed and injured 264 or more in a double bombing at the Boston Marathon on Monday, April 15.

The Reddit thread “FindBostonBombers” called for private citizens to play detective in searching the Internet and public databases to find the perpetrators of the attacks.

When private citizens launch their own investigation of a high profile terrorist attack, however, things are destined to go wrong. In this case sheer speculation led to unintended and damaging consequences.

In the first days following the bombing, Reddit and other social media users had a limited spectrum of information to analyze—only public pictures. This fact, above all else, should have deterred users from speculating about possible suspects in the case.

But, just hours after the threads were up, users had identified from public photos two “suspicious-looking” men as suspects. The Reddit users, or redditors, pointed to the fact that both men were carrying backpacks, which, to redditors’ own limited knowledge of the case, must have meant they were carrying the bombs.

The next day, the incriminating photo of the two men from Reddit

was plastered on the front page of *The New York Post*. Social media sites were riddled with harsh comments about the two alleged “Bag Men.” Both men were innocent bystanders, fans of running who wanted to watch a famous marathon.

By Thursday, the FBI and BPD decided to release to the public their own pictures of the possible suspects, who were identified only after careful examination of the crime scene, area security footage, cell phone towers, and a close analysis of all evidence by the country’s most advanced analysts, all of which redditors were obviously making speculations without.

Once the photos of the actual suspects were released, Reddit users and others on Twitter erroneously identified “Suspect #2” as Sunil Tripathi, a missing Brown University student. The same online investigators that misidentified the two “Bag Men” earlier in the week as suspects began posting links to the Tripathi family’s Facebook page for their missing son. Users posted obscene and offensive comments there before the family deleted the page. Tripath was innocent and remains missing.

Ordinary citizens should perform an important and unique purpose in assisting officials in criminal investigations, but the overwhelming inaccuracies advanced across social networking sites shows that the masses have no place in playing the FBI.

Throughout the ordeal Bostonians were exceptionally helpful in following police orders and providing tips to officials. The public was called upon to serve as investigators’ eyes and ears of the city, and many assisted in the finding of the two suspects by Friday night.

Nonetheless, people should know their place in society. Let the FBI be the FBI. In criminal investigations let them come to you for help. They know how to do their jobs quite well.

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REFLECTION

Last week’s tragedy at the Boston Marathon ushered in a week of sadness, anxiety, suspense, and eventual relief. The city and country mourned the loss of four individuals and the injury of many more, and then celebrated the apprehension of those thought responsible. Such a horrific occurrence harbors several different reactions. While it seems borderline impossible to deem one particular course of action after an attack as “correct” or not, this past week seemed to show some are better than others, and that as a united nation, we seemed to get it right.

Quite obviously there are a group of individuals that are head and shoulders above the rest for their immense heroism during and after the ordeal. The law enforcement agents who spent countless hours tracking the two suspects, the medical staff of Boston hospitals who treated the wounded, and the many who donated time, money, and even blood to help those affected clearly did all in their power to assist in recovery. Their selflessness reflects a sense of duty, both civic and humanistic, to protect our country from further harm and to assist one’s fellow humans in a time of need.

Some prayed, some hoped, some stayed glued to the news for hours at a time, anxiously waiting for some semblance of resolution. Some, though, immediately began to accuse, to speculate, and to try and identify the perpetrators of the attack. Quite obviously, the “usual suspects” arose from this postulating.

The link—which has become uncomfortably natural in the United States today—between terror and the

Muslim faith perpetuated very soon after the attack occurred. While the suspects did turn out to be Muslim, to automatically attribute these actions to a particular faith reflects a dangerous stigma attached to Islam in this country. I only hope Americans can differentiate between those who are radical and those who are not. After all, the God of Abraham is the same in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

As last Friday evening came to a close and the second suspect was taken into custody, a celebration began on the Boston Common, a well-deserved celebration to be sure. However, what seemed rather misplaced in this celebration were several shirtless and visibly intoxicated college kids climbing the Common’s bandstand. The celebration was obviously warranted, but, perhaps at the very least, keeping one’s clothes on would convey a measure of respect for those casualties of the attack. Here, it seemed that this one particular response fell short of the heroism exhibited by others.

What is uplifting in all of the sorrow surrounding the attack is the way in which the nation came together. In a country often divided by party lines, economic status, and regional interests, it was inspiring to see our nation’s propensity for unity in the face of disaster. I began this article saying it is difficult to determine what the “right” response to such an attack is. However, it is easy to see we got it right in coming together. A sense of solidarity was right. An assurance that even in the direst of circumstances we may prevail, rebuild, and thrive together once more truly seems right.

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Student Questions Vow of Poverty

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RELIGION

As someone who was raised entirely outside of any sort of institutionalized religion, a lot of the beliefs and traditions that define the Catholic Church and Providence College tend to go over my head. While I can usually attribute my lack of understanding to my outsider status, I feel compelled to speak out about the vow of poverty of the Dominican friars.

It seems to me that poverty is an essential part of a life for Dominican Friars. I understand that we’re talking about sharing material things rather than owning them and not receiving financial compensation for work. While these may be honorable endeavors, this way of life does not reflect actual poverty. A quick look at the word poverty in the thesaurus suggests synonyms such as destitution, hardship, inferiority, and scarcity.

I don’t believe that this word is appropriate to describe the relatively comfortable lives that Providence College’s friars lead here on campus. We’ve all seen Father Shanley’s, O.P., big, beautiful house. We’ve seen the nice cars and the smartphones. We can easily observe that the friars have access to food, shelter, and community.

While society determines poverty based on income, the inherent consequences of poverty go far beyond a simple lack of money. Poverty implies an inability to access basic resources. Poverty implies a day to day struggle and a lack of both stability and security. Poverty implies being pushed down by systems and being unable to break free of a repeating cycle. Poverty implies suffering.

True poverty is found in places where people go without clean water and where parents struggle to feed their families. True poverty is manifested in children who drop out of school and sell candy in the streets to support their families, and in young girls who get married at the age of 15 because their parents can no longer financially provide for them. True poverty can be seen in students who cannot perform well in school because of hunger and poor health, and who therefore do not have a fair shot at accessing higher education. True poverty is not found on PC’s campus.

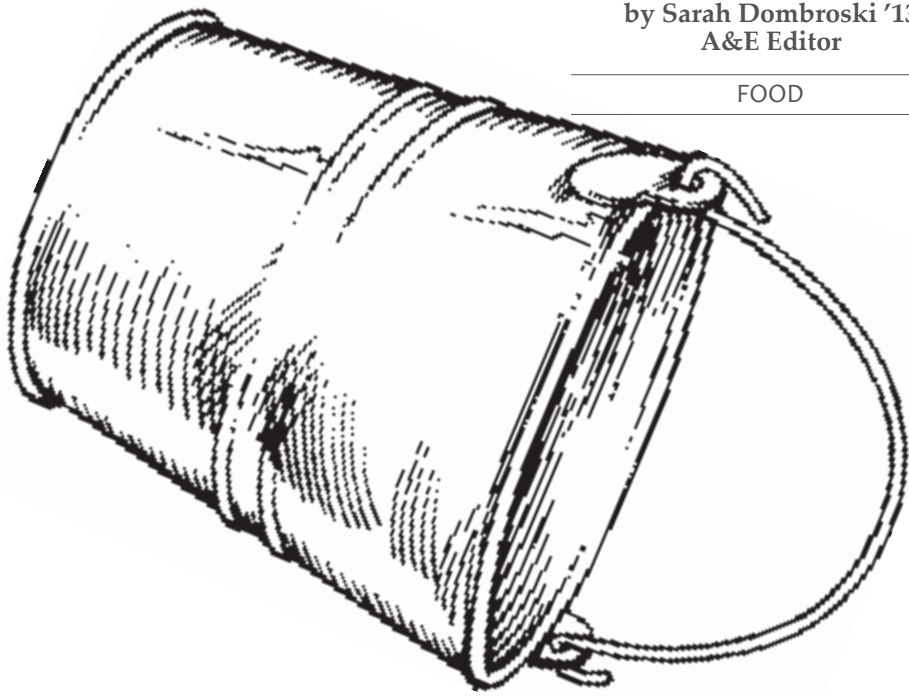
So either let’s stop using a word that doesn’t apply, or let’s stop equating the Dominican way of life to the kind of poverty that exists outside PC. Poverty is more than just not owning material possessions. The friars do not lead a life of poverty compared to those who actually do.



@pCPhatkidz: THE BUCKET LIST PT. II

by Sarah Dombroski '13
A&E Editor

FOOD



Julian's

I cannot even bear to bolster Julian's caliber with my verbose language, so I will give it to you plain and simple: GREAT REUBEN. Julian's not only offers breakfast and lunch, but a luxury breakfast and lunch. Eggs Benedict like you will never believe served on a hearty Italian, none of that English muffin business. A bacon, egg, and cheese, and I am not exaggerating, probably 1.5 feet long, not to mention an eclectic array of hash (get your head out of the gutter, potato hash, people). Julian's is a hipster funkhouse with a boogilicious rhythm and I am feelin' dat.



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Lola's Cantina

A little sanctuary next to the one and only Whiskey Republic, Lola's Canteen provides a jazzy Tex-Mex atmosphere right on the water—how fun, no? Lola's is a hip establishment with a krazi vibe, it is a great restaurant that can and does double as a bar. After 8 p.m., the upstairs proves to be a platform for aspiring performers: karaoke. The extensive menu offers a bevy of Mejicana favorites and some surprise offerings as well: grilled pepper stuffed with squid, crab, and shrimp, uniquely Lola for sure. Great burritos, great margs, and with great people Lola's is sure to be a great night.

Pizza Gourmet

Pizza Gourmet serves their wraps on a flatbread, aka pizza crust (you MUST request it). Looking at the menu at Pizza Gourmet will stress you out more than anything before. Every sandwich looks good. It really is amazing. You must pre-decide your order or you will be standing at the register for days and days. The wraps are not the only amazing part of Pizza Gourmet, though. The pizza... Joanies Chicken-Roni is roasted chicken breast, pepperoni, pink vodka sauce, shredded mozzarella, and fresh basil. I mean, come on....



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PICKS OF THE WEEK

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FEATURE

Movie: *Forks Over Knives*

Forks Over Knives is a documentary focusing on preventing and reversing disease on a plant-based diet. It is not exactly the movie you turn to when you want to escape from reality, but it is a great documentary if you are looking to stimulate your brain and change your diet. The science in it is accessible and easy enough to understand, but you will still learn something. After watching this movie, I began to question what I ate. I would recommend it to anyone looking for an interesting documentary (easily found on Netflix!) or as inspiration for a diet revolution. The highlight for me was seeing the different types of diets in each country, and how that contributes to diseases prevalent in those countries.

Book: *The Awakening*

Last summer, I picked up Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*. When I decide to read a book, it is usually contemporary fiction or some sort of

crime novel. However, I decided to challenge myself and read a classic that I had not read before. Chopin's *The Awakening* tells the story of a woman, Edna, who is struggling with her views of feminism and an illicit love affair, pretty progressive topics for 1899. It was interesting to watch Edna rebel against expectations and fight for independence in a male-dominated world. It is a worthwhile read because it is not difficult to get through, despite it

being over 100 years old, and the topics are still extremely relevant. The ending completely took me by surprise, and was pretty revolutionary for the times.

Music: *Jagged Little Pill*

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* might be a little old, but that does not mean it is not quality. This CD holds Morissette's most popular hits, like "Ironic" and "You Oughta Know." These power pop ballads are filled with the perfect amount of Morissette's signature

angst. "You Oughta Know" is one of the classic breakup songs of our generation. I appreciate these well-known hits, but I also appreciate the unknown songs, like "Not the Doctor" and "You Learn." I like "Not the Doctor" because it speaks about not being responsible for anybody else's actions aside from your own, and "You Learn" has a catchy chorus about learning through mistakes in life. This 1995 album is absolutely essential to your collection if you are a true '90s fan.

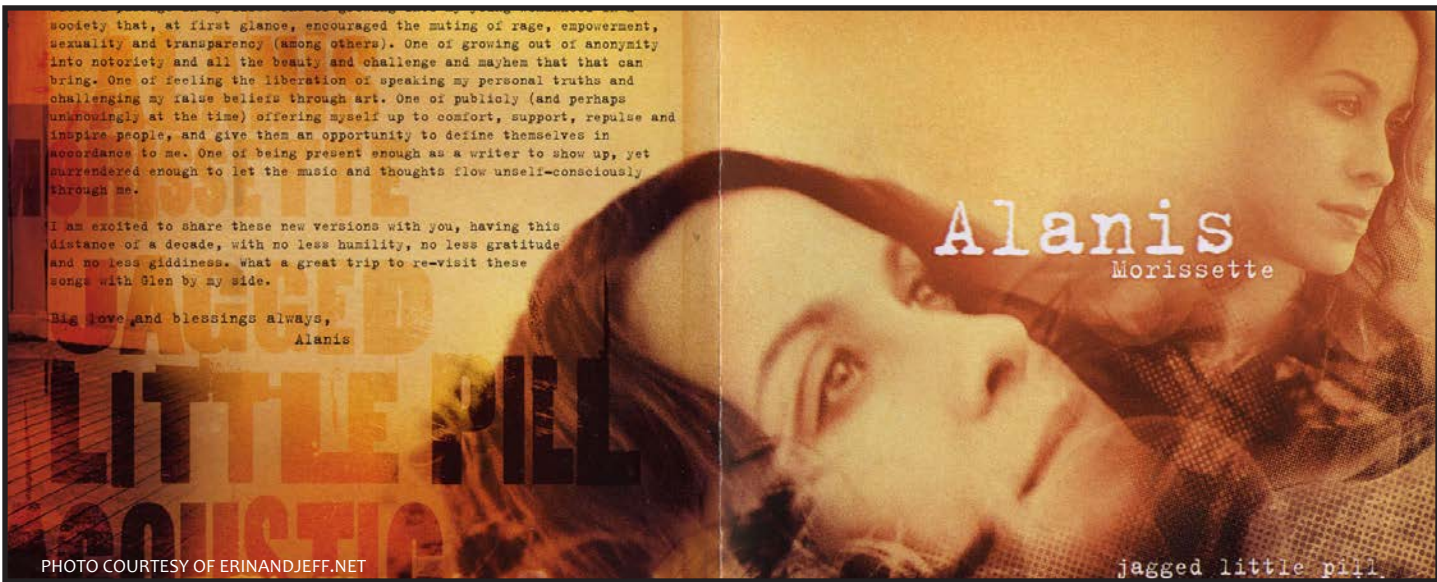


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jagged little pill

Netflix Instant Queue: Mad Scientists

by Alanna Smith '14
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TELEVISION

With the sudden onset of warm weather and the looming shadow of finals just around the corner, it would be no surprise if Providence College students might be feeling a little “mad.” Before going crazy, take a little break to watch one or both of these short movies instead of stooping to build death rays or clone armies.

Safety Not Guaranteed

This 2012 film was directed by Colin Trevorrow (the recently-announced director of *Jurassic Park IV*). The inspiration came from a fake classified ad in a 1997 issue of *Backwoods Home Magazine* that read something to the effect of: “Wanted: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke...You’ll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.” In the movie, it is these intriguing words that bring reporter Jeff Schwensen (Jake Johnson) and two interns, Darius and Arnau (Aubrey Plaza and Karan Soni), to Ocean View, Wash. to investigate and write about the mysterious man who penned them. The so-called time traveler turns out to be Kenneth Calloway (Mark Duplass), a grocery store worker who happens to be exceptionally odd, paranoid, and brilliant. The intern Darius befriends Kenneth, concealing her true mission, and becoming more and more convinced that Kenneth’s time travel

aspirations may not be as crazy as they sound.

This film was a breath of fresh air. Strong performances from all of the cast, combined with a good script, drive the film forward and almost seem to extend its 86-minute run time. The audience is granted a view into a world that began before the director called “action,” and that will continue even after the cameras stop rolling. The characters do not ever become caricatures, nor does the plot become clichéd. The surprises last until the very end. The cinematography was especially gorgeous, making great use of various seaside locales in Washington. The film’s only problem, if it can even

be called a problem, is that it leaves the audience with more unanswered questions than solved.

Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog

The title of this tragicomedy is almost longer than the film itself. At 42 minutes long, it was originally released in three episodes in the summer of 2008. It was created by Joss Whedon (*The Avengers*, *Serenity*) along with his brothers and friend during the 2007-2008 Writers Guild of America strike. It stars Neil Patrick Harris as the eponymous Dr. Horrible, who wants more than anything to be accepted into the Evil League of Evil, even if part of the application process includes murder.

His efforts are constantly thwarted by his superhero archenemy Captain Hammer (Nathan Fillion), including his romantic pursuit of the kind and generous Penny (Felicia Day). And, as is suggested by the title, there is a good deal of singing.

Dr. Horrible’s successfully tells a big story in a short amount of time—even with the added challenge of a small budget. The songs are well-written and fun to listen to, even if they are a bit forgettable. It is a successful parody of the superhero genre, flipping the audience’s sympathy in the direction of the “villain” rather than the “hero.” Without revealing any spoilers, here is a quick warning: the ending is a bit of a downer, so watch with a box of tissues.



Amanda Bynes: What Happened!?!?!?

A Look Into the Troubled Star’s Fall From Grace

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CELEBRITY

The sudden decline of Nickelodeon child star Amanda Bynes has been the talk of Hollywood and the social media world. She is getting kookier by the day, and her fans are trying to figure out what went wrong with one of America’s most famous sweethearts. Over the past few weeks, those who follow Amanda Bynes (@AmandaBynes) on Twitter have been noticing bizarre posts and pictures of her changed face and hair. She even tweeted pictures of her face Photoshopped onto the bodies of poodles, cats, and llamas. The question is simply why? How did a successful actress who was a part of the young Hollywood it-girl family decline so rapidly?

Amanda Bynes skyrocketed into fame as a little girl by starring on one of Nickelodeon’s most famous ‘90s shows, *All That*. Before her big break, she went to theatre camp in 1993 and found her love of acting.

A few years later, she sent a tape into the Nickelodeon network and the executives immediately fell in love with her humor and fearlessness. *All That* was full of random comedy sketches and could be considered a kid’s edition of *Saturday Night Live*. When *All That* ended after about three years on the air, Bynes stayed on the network



and acted on a similarly formatted show, *The Amanda Show*, for about three seasons. By this time, Bynes was greatly worshipped by kids and teenagers of all ages.

After *The Amanda Show* and *All That*, Bynes moved into the film industry by starring in *Big Fat Liar* and then *What a Girl Wants*, both modestly successful at the box office. The mid-2000s were productive years for her, as she starred in *She’s the Man*, *Hairspray*, *Sydney White*, and *Easy A*.

At this point in her career, Bynes was on top of the world. Besides a few magazine interviews and cover shoots, her career began to slow down, and in 2010, she suddenly

announced on her Twitter page that she would be retiring from acting. But then a month later, she had a change of heart and decided to “unretire.” This is where things began to get chaotic.

It all started to fall apart with her first arrest in March 2012 for talking on the phone while driving, and a month later she was arrested for driving under the influence. In September of that same year, she was arrested for a hit and run for two separate accidents.

The new year has not shown any signs of improvement. She has been stepping out in fur coats, she dyed her hair bleach blonde, and has gotten numerous piercings and

facial work. Bynes has been posting pictures daily of her face stating, “I’m so hot.” On April 4, 2013, she finally confessed to having an eating disorder and admitted to having thoughts of hatred for her body.

Besides posting unflattering pictures that she took of herself and ones taken by the paparazzi, Bynes has also been harassing other celebrities. Although she spoke out against drinking and drugs in 2007, it seems as though she may have gotten lost in the chaos of Hollywood like so many other child stars have.



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On Friday, April 29, the College sponsored a one mile Friar Run/Walk event honoring the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing earlier in the week. Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., led a prayer and moment of silence prior to start of the race. Donations for raffle tickets for donated prizes raised over 300 dollars.



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ABOVE LEFT: The Symposium on Peacebuilding and Justice brought in Dr. Marc Lynch from George Washington University on Wednesday, April 24, to present a lecture entitled, "After the Arab Uprisings: Prospects for Democracy or Instability?"

ABOVE RIGHT: After students participated in the National Day of Silence on Friday, April 19, which brings awareness to the silencing effect of anti-LGBT rhetoric in the media and harassment in schools, SHEPARD held a Breaking the Silence event in which participants discussed the impact that their vow to remain silent had made throughout the day.

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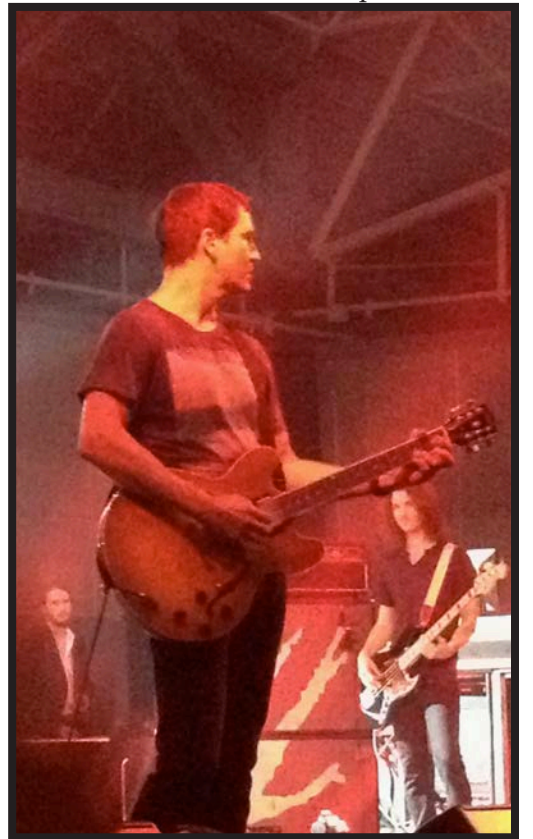
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ABOVE LEFT:

The African American Society sponsored Fashion Mania: Strutting for a Cause on Friday, April 20, which raised money for Youth Builds' "Build-a-Bed" event, an organization that builds beds for children in need.

ABOVE RIGHT:

For this year's spring concert, BOP invited Hoodie Allen and Third Eye Blind, who performed before a crowd of over 1,500 students.

RIGHT:

The Office of Residence Life, SAIL, and Campus Ministry celebrated Dominican Days this past week, featuring events that showed appreciation for the Dominicans. On Wednesday, April 24, during the "Diary of a Dominican" event, several Dominicans shared experiences of their vocation.

BELOW:

SAIL held its 17th annual Student Recognition Ceremony and Dinner on Monday, April 22, which presented awards to involved individuals and student organizations for their successful events throughout the past school year.



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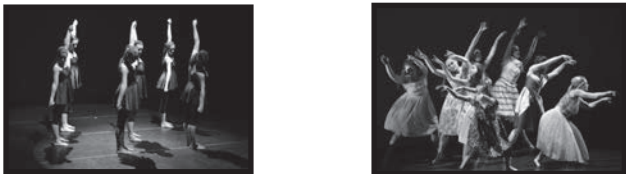
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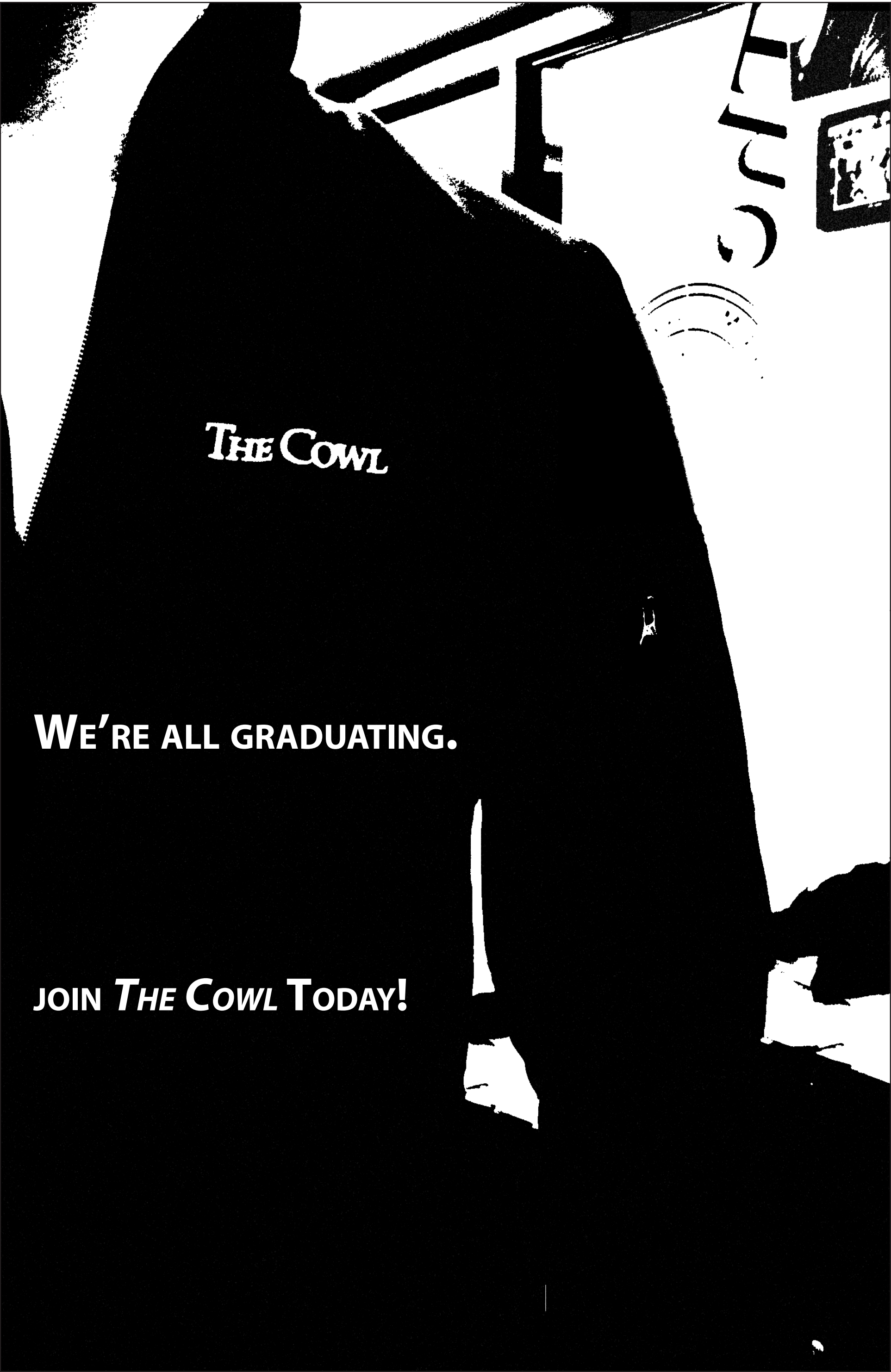
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FROM THE INTERNET, *With Love*

by **Melanie Souchet '14**
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

It was a perfect storm of coincidence. My aunt just happened to go to Scotland and happened to meet this woman on the train. They just happened to hit it off and my aunt just happened to discover that her new friend had a son my age. "He sounded very sweet, and he likes some of the same shows you like," she told me as she handed me a piece of paper with his address. "You should write to him."

I knew if I didn't, she'd never let it go. So off the letter went: "Look, I know we've never met, but my aunt met your mom and she won't leave me alone until I write to you. I'm sorry. My name is Jane. I promise I won't make any kilt jokes."

Weeks passed. I'd almost forgotten about that letter until I received one of my own, a bit battered from the trip and with a foreign stamp: "Dear Jane: Honestly, I've been trying to write to you ever since my mum brought you up. She wasn't going to let it go, either. Something about how I need to interact with human beings. I'm Todd. I appreciate your not making kilt jokes.

I apologize in advance for the fact that I'm incredibly boring. It's a pleasure to meet you."

He wasn't boring. He was fascinating. He was studying psychology at the University of Edinburgh. He played the flute and had a pet corgi. He'd also eaten haggis—more than that, he actually liked it. "I'm actually required by law to like it," he'd joked in one of the letters. "You can get deported if you don't."

I'm not sure what was more surprising; the fact that he was willing to tell a person he'd never met about his life, or that he was actually interested in my life. "I'm trying to figure out how endless weeks of pain and drawing sound interesting," I admitted a few letters into our correspondence. We had started using email after the first few letters; it went faster that way.

"It all sounds interesting to me," he'd replied. "More interesting than endless textbooks and surveys that no one actually takes. Maybe I should have gone into art."

"You say that now," was my response. "Wait until you're fighting the urge to stab your eyes out with a tablet pen."

He included a picture of himself after a dozen or so emails, apologizing in advance for the fact that it was "a bit old, I haven't really had the chance to get photographed lately." When I finally opened the file, all I could do was stare.

It was nothing like I'd expected. He was actually kind of cute. Yeah, he was a little scruffy, but he had an amazing smile. It was one of those smiles that made you want to smile too. And I was, even though it was just a picture. I wondered what that smile would look like in person.

I ended up sending him a picture too, a webcam selfie taken after my most recent haircut. "I know I look like crap, but at least it's an accurate representation," I wrote. There were butterflies in my stomach as I pressed "send."

That night, when I checked my email, there was a reply: "Objection. You do not look like crap. You look ready to conquer the world."

It was simultaneously the strangest and sweetest compliment I'd ever received.

The flurry of emails continued. I wasn't sure how we'd progressed from the superficial small talk of

those first few letters to discussing our life dreams and goals. I vented my frustrations about finals, he admitted to missing the simplicity of his pre-college days. I didn't know when getting an email from a boy in Scotland whose friendship was limited to Internet conversations became so important to me, but suddenly they were the highlight of my day. When he proposed a video chat, I jumped at the chance to finally hear his voice. The day came, the icon lit up to tell me that he'd logged in. I answered the call. I found myself staring at his face, pixelated slightly, but moving and blinking and staring at me with the same deer-in-the-headlights look I was probably giving him. "...hi," I said finally.

He smiled, and I smiled back. "Hi," he said.

The video chats became a regular occurrence once summer started. It didn't take us long to figure out each other's accents. Nor did it take me long to start wishing that there weren't two computer screens and thousands of miles between us.

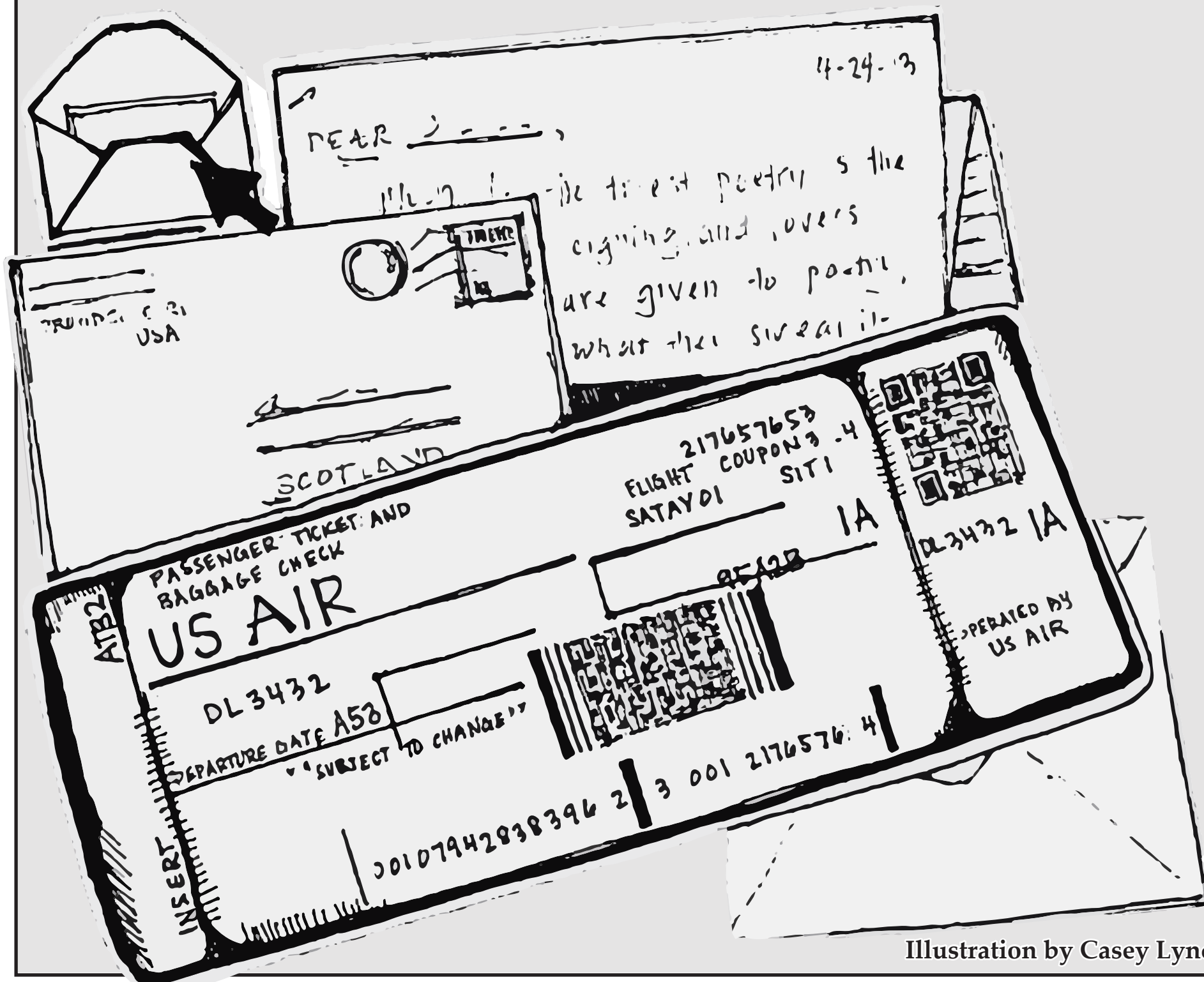


Illustration by Casey Lynch '14

Name that Character!

Claims to Fame

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Chosen Craft

A common girl in all outward respects but becomes a wonderful hero.

Hot or Not?

Utterly adorable in her dress and big bow, she has a smile that lingers in a room long after she's gone.

Personality

Incredibly curious, which sometimes gets her into some truly mad situations.

Conflicts

Chosen to fight the maniacal monarchy of the Red Queen and resisting the urge to kill that stupid cat.

Check Back Next Week
for the Answer!

Illustration by
Casey Lynch '14

Last Week's Answer:

Eve

"She fair, divinely fair, fit love for gods.
Not terrible, though terror be in love."

Satan describing Eve — Milton, *Paradise Lost* IX

Boston

by Emily Goodnow '14
Portfolio Staff

Expanding and contracting,
Boston's lungs never tire.
Intuitively reacting,
In moments most dire.

Pulsing and pumping,
Boston's heart never fails.
His nerves may be jumping,
But his strength prevails.

Darting and dashing,
Boston's legs never cease.
If a blizzard came thrashing
He'd run in the freeze.

Clenching and embracing,
Boston's grasp is secure.
With every fear he is facing,
His grip will endure.

All These Broken Things

by Justin Fernandez '15
Portfolio Staff

The morning's sun-kissed breath envelops my skin
And warms my frigid, frozen fingertips,
As flowers bloom and burst in her green eyes.
The dirt beneath my bones softens in the spring
And brings to life all these broken things.

She presses her head against my chest
And feels the rise and fall
Of new life's mountain springs.
New waters flow within my veins
To wash away
All the quiet things no one has known.
Away
They go,
Now
They go.

This is the Title

by Mason Sciotti '15
Portfolio Editor

This would be the first of mine
And this would be the second line
Perhaps ideally they would rhyme
If I were a poet.

Tetratamic pentameter
In rearranged parameters
Far from being amateur
If I were a poet.

But sestinas are not for me
I ask for just your sympathy
This would come out better, you would see,
If I were a poet.



Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Mrs.,
I bet you never Sparknoted a single, solitary reading, did you? Thanks for throwing off the curve. We all loved getting that C- because you have obsessive compulsive issues and just HAVE to be the best at everything. Deal with this: your fellow students hate you. You are the quintessential bane of our existence. There you are, sitting in the front row, high and mighty in all of your A glory. (And, yes, we know you approached the professor and asked why you got an A in the class and not an A+. There's no such thing as an A+ here, you sycophantic minion. Get with the program.) If you are really going to miss DWC THAT much, take another team next year as an enrichment course. I am sure the incoming freshman would absolutely love to hear your snoozeworthy views on Kant, Wharton, and other asinine dead people. (I heard the sheer boredom of their own works killed them.) But know this: You may be riding high on your stellar GPA now but you probably have no applicable skills in the real world. Good luck at those interviews. Marketing firms really love hearing about your redundant views on the Cold War.

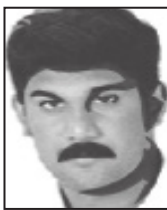
Tiffany

This Week: DWC Love and Loss

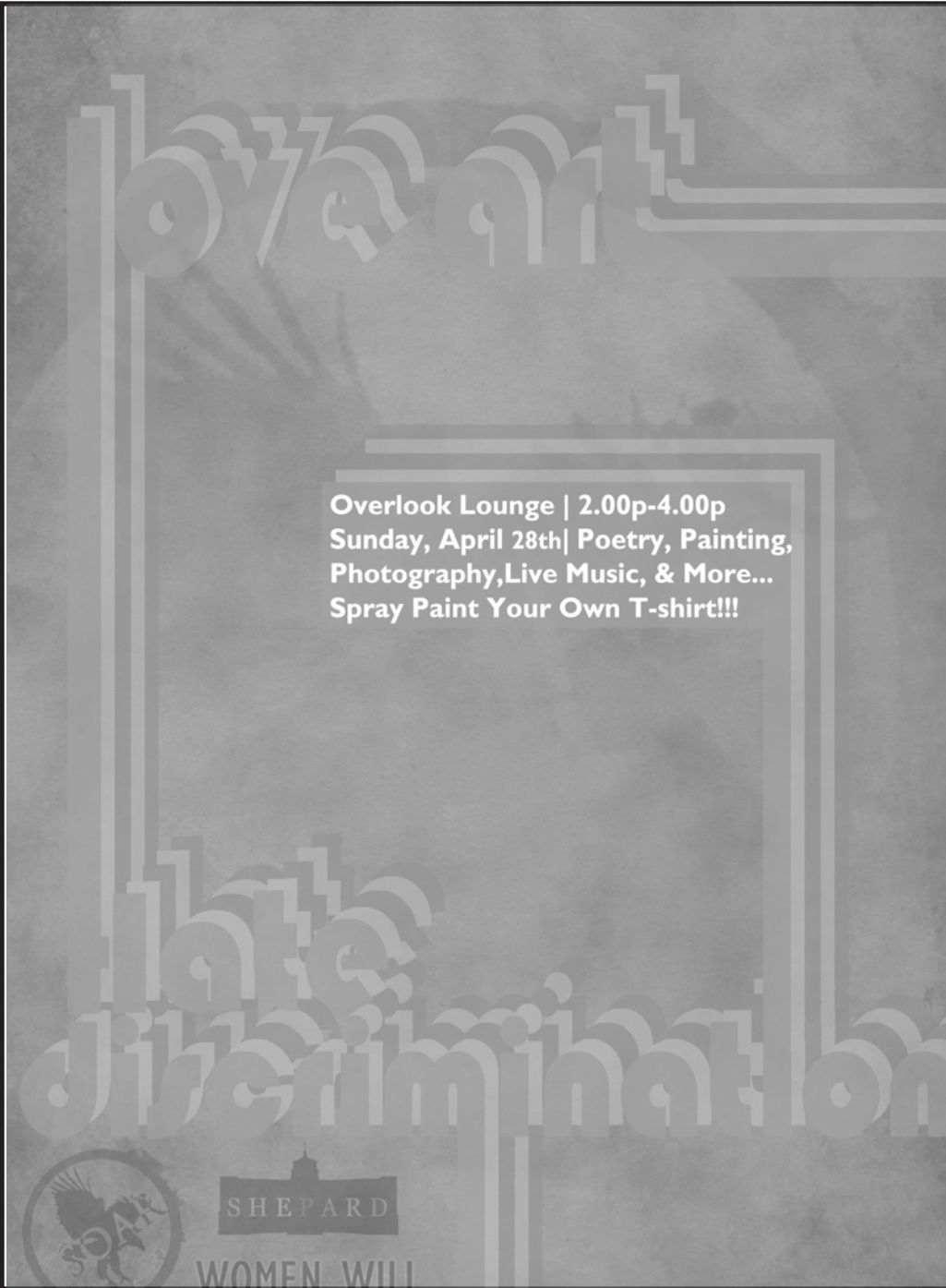
Dear Tiffany and Earl,
The end of my sophomore year is fast approaching, and I am about to say something I never thought possible: I'm going to miss DWC. I get a rush every time I sit in that 80 degree lecture hall, and I can't imagine life without obscure philosophers. Next year, I won't be able to feel that again.
What should I do to help deal with the eventual DWC withdrawal?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Aristotle

Dear Aristotle,
There comes a time when all of us must say goodbye. Even as we squeeze our fists, time slips through our fingers like sand. Know only this: the past can never return. The dead will remain the dead. So, too, will memories remain memories. Your experience with DWC has ended. Your slowly-decaying recollections are the only proof that you were ever present, and as you age, that too will pass. Given enough time, your life also will end, and after the deaths of your peers and immediate family, no meaningful record of your life will exist on the Earth. Your DWC regret is but the beginning of the slow accumulation of melancholy that will fill your idle moments. Ironically, as less and less time alive remains to you, you will spend more and more of that time fruitlessly ruminating on the past. Do not mourn for yourself; this is the human condition and the human curse. The surprising finitude of humanity is the source of its greatest beauty and greatest sorrow. All things will end, save Earl. Goodbye forever.



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Who Will Win the NBA Finals?

Thunder vs Knicks

First of all, Thunder is a scary, loud noise, just like the kind of talent this roster contains. If you can trade James Harden, who would be starting at shooting guard for any team, you have a young and deep roster.

Second, I refuse to cave to conformity and pick the Heat. The Thunder put on the rockets and jumped to the top of the Western Conference this season behind the heat of Kevin Durant’s smooth jump shot, the athletic play of Russell Westbrook, and the defensive dominance of Serge Ibaka. The team has proven to be a group of mavericks the past few seasons, stealing the headlines from other teams and becoming the most exciting team in the NBA to watch.

This team has become competitive over the last few years, just in the knick of time to see the Lakers and Celtics age beyond legitimate contender status. In a year where star players such as Derrick Rose, and Kobe Bryant faced major injuries, Kevin Durant may provide the necessary magic to see this young squad become the kings of the league. The sun is shining bright on this team and they will live up to the spotlight. The pistons of their internal motors never stop, as this team plays at a high tempo that will help them run past the older teams of the West, and allow them to keep up with the Heat and Knicks of the East.

The Thunder will set the pace for the rest of the league. They are true warriors who will buck the spur in their side that says they cannot compete with the other elite teams. The nets on the hoops will be swishing all night as Durant and company drain shots. The Thunder will live up to all the jazz they have earned and win it all.

-Chris Sczmanski '14

The Knicks rely on Anthony too much on offense. However, when you have the best pure scorer in the league on your team, why would you not? Sure, he plays no defense (who does in the NBA?) and does not have the best history in the playoffs, but he finally has the supporting cast around him to ensure that he gets a ring.

The Knicks are one of the best three-point shooting teams this year (fourth in three-point percentage) and can compete with and beat any team because of their behind the arc orientated offense. On top of that is the depth the Knicks have. “Sixth Man of the Year” award winner JR Smith has had an incredible year off the bench. Assuming the Knicks take care of the Celtics in round one, Coach Mike Woodson has said that he expects Amare Stoudemire back and will hop right back into his role as coming off the bench, which will make an already good bench better.

A huge part of the Knicks success this year has been the guard play. Raymond Felton is making it extremely easy to forget Jeremy Lin and the “Linsanity” that swept New York last year. In addition, Jason Kidd is playing like it is 2001 and bringing a veteran presence to the Knicks, something they were missing on their run last year.

The Knicks will play the winner of the Pacers-Hawks series, assuming they beat the Celtics (which call me crazy, but I feel pose the biggest threat to the Knickerbockers as opposed to the Heat.) As for the Heat, the Knicks have beaten them in the season series 3-1 with a huge point differential, 46 to be exact. If any team will end the reign of LeBron, it will be Melo and company, and we can all agree that someone should beat the Heat.

-James Kirby '15

In the Spotlight

Men’s Lacrosse: The Friars only played one game this past week and suffered a 16-13 loss to St. John’s at home. They fought valiantly throughout the game but fell short of their ninth win in a high scoring affair. Most of the Friars goals came from familiar faces, as Sean Wright ’14 and JT Weber ’13 combined for seven of the team’s thirteen goals. The Friars will look to bounce back on April 27, 2013 in their final regular season game against Villanova.

Women’s Softball: The Lady Friars went 3-1 on the week, taking two of the three games in a home series against Georgetown and beating Fairfield 8-5 on the road. The team also had one of the scheduled games in the Georgetown series cancelled. The key contributor in the Friars most recent win were Shortstop Kelsi Luttrell ’15, who drove in 4 runs in the win over the Stags.

In the News

Sisson Sprints to Podium: A Member of the Outdoor Track and Field team was honored during the week. Emily Sisson ’14 was named Big East Women’s Track Athlete of the Week on April 23, 2013. She has been consistent in her performance throughout the season and is also making headlines nationally as a result. After her big week, she is now ranked fifth nationally in the Outdoor Track and Field scene.

A Historical Donation: On April 23, 2013 PC announced the largest donation ever given to the school from someone not on the Board of Trustees for the school. Two graduates of the class of ’86, Maura and Mike Chapey, donated \$1 million dollars towards the lacrosse and soccer complex that will be built next to Schneider Arena. The school also announced that the complex will be named Chapey Field to honor the contribution the donors made to the construction process.

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NBA: Where Amazing Should Happen

League Needs a Timeout

by Sean Bailey '14
Sports Editor

NBA

Basketball is a beautiful game. From the sounds of the ball bouncing off the hardwood, the quiet swish of the ball falling softly through the net, the squeak of the sneakers, and the roar of the crowd. The sights of players defying gravity, floating in the air for what seems like minutes, the quick zipping of the ball, and the beauty of a shooter’s stroke like Ray Allen or Steph Curry all make me obsess over basketball.

However, the NBA is doing its best to ruin this for me.

The NBA has rapidly become one of the worst-run sporting leagues in the world, falling in line behind your local recreational men’s softball league.

Let us start with its biggest flaw; the emphasis on promoting stars has turned the whole league into a bunch of divas. Watching the Lakers this season has been comparable to watching *Toddlers and Tiaras*, a bunch

of spoiled kids (Dwight Howard) headed by a moronic dad (Mike D’Antoni). Why are these divas being promoted? Why is this the focal point?

However, it is not just the marketing of these players that

makes me cringe. It is the favoritism they get in games. If Dwight Howard or Dwayne Wade has a player breathe on him it is a foul, and if the referees somehow miss it he will throw a temper tantrum like a toddler. LeBron James, easily the most gifted and best

NBA player of our generation, receives the benefit of touch fouls. As he bulls through the lane the slightest touch is called! The man is 250 pounds, for crying out loud! He cannot be touched!

It is not just this that irks me, though. Where is the physicality of these games? Have you ever watched a ’90s playoff game? Watching old Pacers and Knicks games is like watching a football game. Fights would regularly erupt. The paint was rougher than the crease in the NHL. Now, we have guys as big as LeBron getting touched and drawing a foul. It just does not make sense. The game was way more entertaining when it was physical, and the players were allowed to play. It feels like the games cease every two seconds and it turns into watching a free throw shooting contest. Let the players play, and the fans will have more to cheer or boo.

In spite of all this I will be tuned in yet again for the NBA playoffs. I love basketball too much to let this spoil it. It is like dating a perfect girl, who is a free farter. You put up with it, but when will the stink drive you away?

So, NBA, please, stop the farting.



Boston Reaction

Sports World Embraces the Hub

by Sarah Wacik '15
Sports Staff

BOSTON

By this point, everybody knows that innocent civilians were injured or even robbed of their lives in the tragic events at the 2013 Boston Marathon last Monday. The question that now remains is how does a city and nation rebound from such shock? Over the past week, admirable demonstrations in the sports community by organizations, players, and fans have provided some short-term relief in this hard recovery process.

In the MLS, the New York Red Bulls and New England Revolution, longtime rivals on the field, joined forces to remember the horrendous events on Marathon Monday. Before the game, Red Bulls and Revolution fans held a joint “March to the Match,” as they walked and sang on their way to Red Bull Arena. Red Bulls fans greeted their opponent’s fans with

a large banner that read “New York Stands With Boston” and chanted “Boston Strong.” In addition, the Red Bulls club played the Standells’ “Dirty Water” as both teams stepped onto the pitch. Around the league, this Bostonian song also was used in place of the MLS Anthem on Saturday as players proceeded onto the field. Finally, the Red Bulls players wore black armbands to honor the victims, while the club’s total net revenues from merchandise sales that evening were donated to The One Fund Boston.

Some actions of individual players have made a strong impact on many hearts in the past week. NHL defensemen Keith Yandle, a Boston native and a member of the Phoenix Coyotes, chose to wear a jersey with the name “Martin Richard” and the number eight in honor of his death. Earlier in the week, Yandle had written “Pray for Boston” on his skate and glove.

In the NFL, New England Patriots receiver Danny Amendola tweeted that he would donate \$100 for every pass he catches and \$200 for

every dropped passes next season to “whatever ‘Boston Marathon Relief Fund’ there is.” Teammate Devin McCourty has also promised to donate \$100 for every tackle and \$200 for every interception in the upcoming year. Additionally, Patriots defensive lineman Vince Wilfork has organized a donation fund through his Vince Wilfork Foundation. On an international level, thousands of marathon runners in London and Hamburg wore a black ribbon in honor of the victims of the Boston bombings.

Probably the most emotional response to the bombings came at the TD Garden last Wednesday night when the Boston Bruins faced the Buffalo Sabres. After the starters’ introductions, Rene Rancourt began to sing the national anthem, but shortly backed away from the microphone. Instead, he decided to conduct the fans as many belted out the heartfelt and powerful lyrics to the “Star Spangled Banner.” Once the anthem concluded, fans began to loudly chant “U-S-A” and show

their love of Boston and America with cheers. On Sunday, the Bruins also honored 26 first responders and members of law enforcement involved in the manhunt for one of the suspects. The players remained on the ice after their victory and handed over their game jerseys to these brave individuals in a post-game ceremony.

Many memorable moments have been made within the sports world in the past week, proving that a country of diverse people can unite to show their support for a common cause. True and dedicated sports fans were easily able to put aside heated rivalries and stand united as fellow Americans. Although most fans or players were not directly affected by the events, the sports community successfully gathered together to encourage Bostonians to remain “Boston Strong.”

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Athletes Speak Out: Take Stand on Gay Marriage

by Joey Ciccarello '16
Sports Staff

SPORTS

As many have seen or heard, the issues surrounding gay rights have been grabbing tons of national attention. These discussions have hit locker rooms across sports.

As seen in many recent national issues, athletes and one professional organization have spoken out in staunch favor of the gay rights movement in America today. Earlier this year, a brief filed by Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe and former Baltimore Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo moved. Other famous athletes, including Denver Nuggets forward Kenneth Faried, former NFL

linebacker Scott Fujita, Indianapolis Colts punter Pat McAfee, and former Patriots wide receiver Donte Stallworth also signed it. In addition to this movement, Ayanbadejo has been quoted as saying he was released for his views on the subject, and that four players in the NFL are thinking of coming out as gay.

The NHL as an organization has offered its support of gay rights, and recently teamed up with the “You Can Play” Project that works to promote equality and eliminate homophobia in sports. “Our motto is ‘Hockey Is for Everyone,’ and our partnership with You Can Play certifies that position in a clear and unequivocal way,” said Gary Bettman, commissioner of the NHL, who has support from players such

as former Rangers and Red Wings forward Sean Avery.

Other athletes, including Justin Verlander of the Detroit Tigers and Steve Nash of the Los Angeles Lakers, have spoken out in favor of gay rights. Verlander stated that he believes any player on his team would be comfortable with coming out. The list continues with TV analysts and former players such as Michael Irvin and Charles Barkley, as well as world renowned soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo. Brittney Griner, the number one pick in the 2013 WNBA Draft, is the latest athlete to come out as gay, and says it is okay for people to “be who you are.” She is now actively working to eliminate homophobia amongst young athletes.

Many commercials and ads have been launched in favor of gay rights, including multiple NBA players appearing on the “Think Before You Speak” ad campaign, and Boston Bruins Defenseman Zdeno Chara in a “You Can Play” commercial saying that he would support a gay teammate. Teams such as the Vancouver Canucks and San Francisco 49ers have made team-wide statements in favor of gay rights, with the 49ers becoming the first team to participate in the “It Gets Better” project. Time will tell whether this has a national impact on the gay rights movement, but it is clear that many athletes are hoping to eliminate prejudice in their respective communities.



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SPORTS

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Rugby Takes Rhody Cup Black Keeps Winning

by David Calinease '14
Sports Staff

RUGBY

With the spring season dwindling down, the Black Pack has reeled in some serious hardware. Right from the start, the team was on a serious roll and has yet to be defeated. On March 23, the Pack rolled over Norwich University Military Academy in their first match of the season. On top of that match, the boys traveled to Stonehill

College on April 6 to compete in the Rugby Northeast "7's" competition. For those who do not know too much about rugby, "7's" is a style of rugby that is played with seven players, and it generally is a quicker style of play as compared to regular "15's" rugby. This competition included eight solid teams from the Rugby Northeast Division. The Black Pack played a total of six matches and finished undefeated by beating St. Michael's College in the championship 29-12, with Tucker Drake '13 winning the MVP award. The following weekend,

the team traveled to the University of Rhode Island to play in the second annual Rhode Island Cup, which was a tournament held for teams across Rhode Island. This was an all-day event, but the team battled adversity and once again finished at the top, beating Roger Williams, URI, and the Coast Guard Academy. The Cup now resides in its rightful place in the Club Sports showcase, here at PC.

This Friday, April 26 is the day that they have been eagerly awaiting as the team travels down to Pittsburgh, Penn. to compete in Division II USA

Rugby nationals. Their first match will be played on Saturday, April 27 at 9 a.m. against Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Pack hopes to win early Saturday in order to move on to play on Sunday, April 28. If the team wins out in Pittsburgh, they look to compete in the Final Four, which is held this year at Cochrane Stadium in Bowling Green, Ohio.

This weekend, the team embarks on their journey for the USA Rugby Division II Collegiate National Title.



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Hockey Celebrates Great Season

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HOCKEY

After two seasons under Nate Leaman, the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team is further along in its rebuilding efforts than anyone anticipated. Two seasons with Leaman at the helm have given PC two national award winners, two Walter Brown semi-finalists, two appearances in the Hockey East semi-finals, a member of the USA World Junior Team, and a ranking in the season-ending USCHO.com poll. The Friars were ranked 18th in the poll and likely a single win away from an NCAA Tournament berth.

Leaman has accomplished this in much of the same way Cooley has gone about rebuilding of the Men's Basketball Team, with two high-performing recruiting classes, the emergence of upperclassmen who had been considered an afterthought under the previous coach, and a recommitment to defense. This season, in the traditionally high-scoring Hockey East Conference, PC posted a 2.37 team goals against average, good for 11th in the country.

Much of this defensive resurgence can be credited to freshman goalie Jon Gillies '16, a third-round draft pick of the Calgary Flames. He played the most minutes of any goalie in the Hockey East and was

solid throughout the season, giving the Friars a chance in every game he played. Gillies finished the season ranked inside the top 15 nationally in save percentage, shutouts, and goals against average, and was named National Rookie of the Year.

The other national award winner for the Friars this year was Kyle Murphy '13, who won the Derek Hines Unsung Hero award, given every year to a player "who displays exemplary sportsmanship, is supremely competitive, intelligent and extraordinarily conditioned with an unmatched work ethic. The contributions of this individual, on and off the ice, cannot be measured by statistics alone." A transfer from the University of Notre Dame, Murphy was named captain before he had even played a shift for the Friars. As one of only five seniors on the team, Kyle Murphy's leadership was instrumental in the performance of one of the youngest teams in the country.

Providence College has 13 freshmen on their roster, the second most in the country. The class was headlined by Gillies and fellow Calgary Flames draft pick Mark Jankowski '16, and most of the freshmen saw significant ice-time. Of the Friars' top ten scorers, three were freshmen and seven made their collegiate debut under Leaman.

The upperclassmen have been instrumental in the Friars'

resurgence as well. Derek Army '14 led the Friars in scoring his freshman year and has kept up the production under Leaman, tallying points no matter where he is asked to play. Tim Schaller '13 emerged out of nowhere the last two seasons. With seven goals in his first two years combined, he recorded 14 in Leaman's first season while missing about half the year due to injury. This season he won the Hockey East award for the best defensive forward.

Three seniors on the team, Alex Velischek, Chris Rooney, and Tim Schaller, have signed with professional teams. Velischek and Rooney debuted for the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL on March 27, each

recording an assist in the team's win, while Schaller waits until graduation to join the Buffalo Sabres.

Going into next season the Friars are set to return all but five players, and if the last two years are any indication, next year's recruiting class will be talented and able to play significant minutes if needed. They should enter the season expected to compete for the Hockey East title and for a berth in the NCAA tournament.



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