Providence College released a flyover video of its Campus Transformation Project on March 25, 2015. This $110 million endeavor will take place over the next five years. It aims to “integrate Upper and Lower Campus while enhancing function and beauty,” and thus simultaneously “honoring Providence College’s heritage and symbolizing its progress at the beginning of its second century.”

The critical feature of this project is the College’s recent acquisition of Huxley Avenue. John Sweeney, the senior vice president for finance and business/CFO, remarked how this purchase provides PC with a “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity to completely redesign the campus.

SLA/M Collaborative (SLAM), an architectural firm responsible for designing the Ruane Center for the Humanities, will be planning the campus-wide transformation. The firm has spoken to and collaborated with hundreds of students, faculty, and staff, in addition to residents of the Providence community, about the project.

SLAM and the College have gauged that people want more parking, more green space, and a better and safer way to get on campus from Eaton Street. Many people also expressed an interest in reducing interaction between pedestrians and cars; the highlighted problem areas were Huxley Avenue, Chapel Drive, and the road leading to Suites and apartments.

After taking all this into consideration, the plan was presented to and unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees. Now, the College is focused on making individual plans for buildings and other areas around campus.

In terms of buildings, Dore Hall is projected to become the new business school, and Albertus Magnus Hall will be renovated to create more collaborative spaces for the sciences. These two buildings are essential as business accounts for a quarter of the College’s majors, while biology is its single largest major. A Friar Development Center will also be added to the Slavin Center, meaning that ‘64 Hall will be redone, Slavin’s outdoor walkway will be enclosed, and the Career Center will be expanded.

In addition to the academic buildings, the College intends to renovate all of the residence halls. It is halfway through this project, and it wants to commit itself to refreshing the living spaces every eight or nine years.

In terms of areas around campus, parking and vehicular traffic will be moved to the perimeters. The Davis-Dore parking lot...
My Game, My Rules

Director of Boston Marathon Motivates Students

by Marla Gagne '18

McGillivray, the director of the Boston Marathon, has accomplished over his lifetime. On March 19, McGillivray visited Providence College to talk about his difficult start, his defining moments, and bringing inspiration and happiness to others.

When first meeting McGillivray, you knew his love for running, life, and helping other people accomplish their own goals. You will be amazed at his accomplishments for himself and for others, while still being humble. McGillivray’s life was not always like this. Like many students reading this, McGillivray spent his time growing up thinking about what he wanted to be or do with his life. His heart was set on being an athlete, a difficult dream for a “vertically challenged” boy. Standing at 5’4”, McGillivray was always picked last or cut from sports teams. These events that seemed trivial caused McGillivray emotional pain and the stinging feeling of rejection.

Even though growing up was a tough time, McGillivray says he handled his rejection early on and it forced him to prove to himself that he was good enough. With his motto of “My Game, My Rules,” McGillivray found success in running—this sport did not require you to be tall. At the age of 17, he had his first encounter with the Boston Marathon. He did not make it through the 26-mile race and ended up falling on the hills and sent to the hospital. McGillivray learned an important lesson saying, “I had no business being in that event.” He did not train and work hard to get there and therefore did not deserve a victory. The next year, despite falling again and being sick, he completed the race. McGillivray has continued this tradition every year since, even being the last person to start and finish the race while acting as race director.

The kid who was last choice and last pick was now making his own success and looking for his next mission. After seeing an advertisement for the Jimmy Fund, McGillivray decided in 1978 that he would run across the country for this charity and the kids with cancer. McGillivray felt his battle across the country would be nothing compared to the fight of the sick, dying children and that he had an “obligation to help the less fortunate.” Starting on the West Coast, McGillivray ran 3,400 miles in 80 days. Referring to himself as the original Forrest Gump, he faced everything—cheered by cattle, encountered snakes, shared the road with vehicles, ran through storms of locusts, and ran through hilly Pennsylvania. To run across the country seems like a daunting mission, but McGillivray insists that with all our dreams and goals, we “don’t need to do it all in one day.” He had 80 days and 80 goals, taking his mission one day at a time.

With his support from back home and his charity, he completed his mission and was welcomed by a crowd of 35,000 people in Fenway Park. The underdog from Massachusetts was "finally given a chance" and would go on to run across the country three more times.

The greatest part of McGillivray’s accomplishment was not what he had done, but what he was going to do. He said, “My greatest accomplishment is always my next one.” McGillivray was proud of what he did, but would not stop. He would go on to compete in the Ironman Challenge eight times in the 1980s and this year at the age of 60. He ran up the East Coast, continued to raise money for the Jimmy Fund, and even raced at Walpole Prison with the running club. Last year, he raised $38 million for the Carroll Center for the Blind in the Boston Marathon.

McGillivray does not consider his job work. He loves being a race director, something he used to be embarrassed to say, and says he gives people an opportunity to be great. After experiencing both rejection and success, McGillivray says the "worst injustice is to underestimate yourself.” Whether it is running, school, or anything you have a passion for, giving up on yourself hurts you and is an injustice to those who cannot do what you can. So he encourages everyone to take a chance, be thankful for each day, be proud of yourself, and make life your own game.
area will be converted into green space, and new tennis, soccer/lacrosse, and softball fields will be constructed. The new parking areas will not only accommodate vehicles, but also will be more things to do on the quad. I feel like students will become better connected to the campus community! PC has been successful in fundraising for this project. A third of the funds was raised privately thanks to the generosity of trustees, former trustees, and alumni. Another third of the money will be taken from bonds that will be paid over the next 30 years. The final third is funded by the College’s internal sources, as it puts aside $50 million annually for depreciation expenses. No portion of the project is being funded by student tuition.

Sweeney reaffirmed the College’s commitment to excellence. He stated that PC “builds quality spaces and builds what we need.” Its success is exemplified by the numerous awards won for the Ruane Center for the Humanities, the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex, and the renovation of Schneider Arena. Ruane, in particular, is Sweeney’s ideal of what a PC building should be: multi-functional, inspirational, and reflective of what the students want.

Sweeney revealed that the hardest part of the project was “getting people to dream, and to believe that this really could happen.” It is one thing to account for what people need, but another thing entirely to go beyond this need and to build something they did not even know they needed.

He talked about how, over the course of four years, people build a strong connection with and gravitate towards certain spots on campus. Students might go to Ruane to study, McPhail’s to hang out with friends, or the quad to make a phone call home. Sweeney envisions creating more of these kinds of places, and through these places, memories.

Overall, Sweeney, along with the rest of the College, is committed to a transformation that “matches the quality of the people on our campus.”

Anti-Hot Cup Campaign: A Truly Hot Topic

by Sarah Gianni ’18

ON CAMPUS

As Providence College students begin to revel in the greenness of spring, they have also embraced the idea of making campus more environmentally green. Andrew Konnerth ’17 has spearheaded the Hot Cup Campaign, a movement to stop Dunkin’ Donuts from providing hot cups to students who wish to double up when they order cold beverages. The idea for the campaign stemmed from contacting the Office of Environmental Studies and SEAC about working on a community organizing project focused on Providence College’s green issues. “Originally, my focus was going to be on the inefficient structure of the recycle system, but after talking about the problems around Styrofoam with my constituency, I decided I would lend my support and skills into the Hot Cup Campaign,” said Konnerth. “All my life I have been considerable of how our actions in waste and pollution affect the Earth, and have made it a personal mission of mine to be a good steward in society,” he said. So far, Konnerth and fellow supporters on campus have been able to raise awareness for their cause through promotion on social media, conversation, and poster advertising in Slavin. “We have been able to hand out 250 koozies to students for Dunkin beverages,” said Konnerth. “In addition, we have been advertising the horrible effects of Styrofoam in a move to educate why using a koozie instead of a hot cup is not only more attractive, but better for the environment,” he said. Overall, Konnerth attested that the student response to the Hot Cup Campaign has been positive. “Students have voiced their concern with the Dunkin’ Hot Cups, prompting the Office of Environmental Health, SEAC, and myself to make an order for another thousand more koozies,” said Konnerth. The Hot Cup Campaign is still in its first stage, so there is plenty of time for students to still get involved in the cause. “If anyone would like to help out, please contact myself at akonnert@friars.providence.edu,” said Konnerth. Together, the Providence College community can help to make campus a greener place one cup at a time.
One of the major goals of the UN is to rationalize the use of water and reduce the demand on this natural resource. This is particularly important in light of the growing concerns about the water cycle and its impact on health and energy initiatives. Water is a precious resource, and it is essential to the health of the human body as well as to the functioning of our ecosystems. It is crucial to protect our water resources and consider the impact of our actions on this important natural resource.

In light of the precious resource, efforts have been made to reduce water usage. However, while going bottleless may seem like a nuisance or an incredibly small task in the grand scheme of things, it can help. Many small steps can add up to an important outcome.

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Kelley Garland

It has been a true honor to represent the Class of 2016 as Vice President for two years and President this past year. I believe, with your support, that I can implement greater positive changes in Providence College and to throw events that our class will look back upon after graduation. Between designing the class ring and helping to organize Junior Jam, I have gained the experience necessary to make sure our senior year is memorable for all. As far as legislation, I plan on continuing to listen to each of your concerns and wishes moving forward, such as continuing to make our campus “greener.” Thank you for your support the past three years, and I can only hope it will continue into next. Friars first.

Andrew Moses

During my freshman and sophomore years I was a Class representative. As a result, I am able to understand why it is so important to maintain an approachable Class Representative. Additionally, I am an active member of multiple clubs on campus including two on the Providence College campus next year as well as years hence. As a Representative, my duty is to be a voice of reason and a source of support for the student body. Being a member of Student Congress, is so important to me and I am proud to say that I have it in staggering amounts.

Zak Harvey

My name is Zak Harvey and I am running to be a Representative for the Class of 2016. Over the past three years I have served the Student Congress in multiple capacities. This experience has allowed me to gain a great knowledge of the Providence College Class of 2016. I am confident that my enthusiasm toward making our student body a positive and hard work ethic will be a major asset to Student Congress. As the second member of the senior class on Student Congress, I have watched it grow for six years now and am eager to be a part of the remaining process until graduation. As a Representative of the senior class, I know that I will fairly represent my fellow students and my school to the best of my abilities and make sure the voice of the junior class is heard. I believe my past experience on Student Congress Community. Ultimately, I am running for the position of Class Vice President in order to help the Class of 2016 have a successful, meaningful, and lasting impact on the Providence College community.

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Aaron Golding

I am hoping to be re-elected as Treasurer of the Providence College Class of 2016. Being Treasurer has been the highlight of my time spent at PC. I love the idea that I am able to represent my class on Student Congress, which is so important to me. I am a dedicated and hard working student with the experience to continue holding a position I am familiar with. I am hoping to once again serve my fellow classmates as the Treasurer of the Class of 2016.

JB Wendt

My Name is JB Wendt and I intend on running for Class Representative for the Class of 2016. I have not been a member of congress before but I feel that my experience over the past few years has allowed me to gain a great knowledge about what PC is all about. I want to be able to utilize this knowledge and help the PC campus next year as well as years to come. I feel that a fresh face and new voice will go a long way in regards to coming up with new ideas that will help make our class as well as whole campus look forward to getting involved with the Student Congress and making sure that we make the most of our senior year.

Eric Benz

As a Senior Class Representative, I would want to see our class gather more often. We have been too divided this year as many of our good friends went abroad and we found our positions in new friend groups. This year the seniors have done an amazing job of having fun together. The senior nights in McPhail’s and 15 nights were huge successes as the senior class was able to bond in ways like never before. I hope to have that same success next year as a Senior Class Representative. I want to see us all have a memorable final year before we head off to the real world. I believe that I can use interpersonal skills to work alongside other members of the Student Congress and become like BOP, BMSA, and Friars Club. Together we could host events that would make our senior year the best one yet.

Matthew Matteozzi

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Thank you so much for your consideration and I look forward to the commencement of my campaign. Go Friars!

Ryan Walsh

I am Ryan Walsh and I am running for Class Representative for the Class of 2016. I’d like to take a moment of your time to explain to any reader why they should choose me as one of their representatives in the coming year. In the past I have had extensive experience with multiple clubs on campus including two years with Student Congress, serving one year as a Class Representative and serving on the Student Life Committee another year. Along with that I have also been a member of the Investment Club and Student Alumni Relations. If elected I promise that I will work tirelessly to make sure that all of the concerns are fairly presented, I will be proactive, an approachable Class Representative who is not afraid to speak up or look for feedback on the school. The reason that I am running for this position is because I want to ensure that this senior class is one of the best and most successful classes at PC ever to go out. I want to see Zak Harvey for 6 Class Representative on April 14th and 15th to help ensure the legacy we leave will always be remembered.

Nicholas C Steffen

After having the honor of being elected to represent the class last year, I thought that I would be a great member of PC’s campus and looks to be this year. However, I realized how much I could learn to better benefit the class. From working with other members of the Student Congress last year to becoming a Junior Jam to working with the Outreach Committee to put on Pumpkinfest, I have learned how to be and put all my passion and dedication into the role of Class President. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, “I hope you are destined to be the person you decide to be.”

Gretchen Barnett

Hi, my name is Gretchen Barnett and I am running for the position of President for the Class of 2017. For the past two years I have been the Vice President for
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vice president carley pearson

My name is Carley Pearson and I am running for the Class of 2018 Vice President. While in high school, I was elected for student representative in my student government serving in the positions of Secretary and President. At PC, I have kept with that tradition and joined the Student Congress as a member of the clubs and organizations committee, as well as the congress. As an elected member in Congress, I will work out ideas with your ideas and determine who are currently facing PC, and I will work hard to take that extra step to accomplish those goals. I want to be able to move forward together not only as a class, but as a college. If we all come together and share our values and opinions, we will make a change we won’t see. It will be great honor to be your next Class Representative. Remember to Vote Pedro Aleman on Sakai next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Class of 2018

-president patrick rogers

My name is Patrick Rogers and I want to be a Class Representative for the class of 2017. I am a social work major and a member of the Student Congress. My first experience of working with the executive officer, along with the other Class Representatives and BMA executive officer to create a more open line of communication for the students. I have been involved in various groups and clubs on campus. I have always been included! We are so much stronger together. Help me build a stronger unity.

Let’s go FriarTOWN!

-treasurer tyler mitchell

I, Tyler Mitchell, of the sophomore class would like to formally announce my intentions to run for Class of 2017 Treasurer. I would like to run for Class Treasurer because I feel as though I can bring a great perspective to our class with my accounting background. I have been on Student Congress for one year already and would love to vote on that experience. Please vote for me as your Class Treasurer!
Hi Class of 2018! My name is Sabrina and I’m running for reelection for class secretary. I was very involved and held leadership roles in high school, such as being the editor in chief of my school paper, president of the drama club, and vice president of student council. I have been very involved at PC so far, from being active in Student Congress to being a member of the comedy group 6 Gents. I am currently a double major in HPM and theatre.

Jackie Bechtel

I was blown away with the amount of work we have truly enjoyed speaking on behalf of my peers and providing my opinion on various decisions for Providence College. Although I have loved serving as a Committee Member, I have decided to run for Class Representative in order assume a larger role in Congress, specifically by becoming an active member. I believe that being an active member will allow me to become more involved with the entire Student Congress, through voting on pieces of legislation, but also my class, through planning events and fundraising. I believe that I would assume the role of Class Representative well through my leadership skills and my passion for the community. Student Congress was my first family at PC, and I would love to continue to be a part of it.

Michael Bartels

My name is Michael Bartels, and I am running to be your representative in the Student Congress. If elected representative, I will use my FRIAR Five-Point Plan to better serve the Class of 2018 and the student body at large:

F—Freedom of Expression: The purpose of the Congress is to give the student body a voice. As a representative, I will work to protect freedom of expression on campus.

R—Responsible Spending: I will never vote to reduce a budget without cause and without consulting the leaders of the club or organization in question.

I—Increased Transparency: To promote transparency, I will facilitate the recording of Congressional meetings.

A—Accessibility: If elected, I intend to make myself available, both in person and via email.

G—Generosity: You can rely on me to support various programs that have proven popular in the past. I can also be trusted to identify and address campus infrastructural issues, such as the lack of water-refilling stations.

All of this, however, will be impossible without your vote. I ask for your support in the Sophomore Class Representative race on April the 14 and 15, and thank you for your support.

Marlena Forrester

My name is Marlena Forrester and I wish to运行 for Representative for the Class of 2018. Unfortunately, I was not as involved as I wish I was this past year. I feel as though Student Congress would be a great way for me to get involved in the school. In high school, I was a member of the Class of my all four years as well as an avid member of Student Council. I am eager to become part of Student Congress and be more involved here at Providence College. I promise to fulfill my obligations as Representative by voicing the opinions of my fellow peers. I would consider myself as responsible and dedicated which I believe are good qualities to hold as a Representative. I am very excited to become part of Student Congress! Thank you for the opportunity.

Conor Glendon

My name is Connor Glendon and I am a part of the Class of 2018. I am running for a spot in Student Congress because I want to continue to have an active role being both a Providence College Class of 2018. Class Representative is an important position because it is the link between the student government and the class. I feel that I am approachable and a good listener so people should feel comfortable coming to talk to me. I believe this will allow me to better represent the views and opinions of the class. I am a very organized and dedicated and will take my responsibilities seriously. Being involved previously as a team captain, an Eagle Scout and a volunteer fire fighter has given me important leadership skills and also taught me the importance of communication and teamwork. I want to continue having a positive impact on the
Film is currently presenting the 2014-2015 season, the Department of Theatre, Dance, and Film is currently presenting Blithe Spirit. The production is directed by Casey Seymour Kim (a renowned artist from Arabia), a 1964 musical under the title High Spirits, and numerous radio adaptations. The play's longevity is due, in large part, to Coward's clever and dark humor, which keeps the audience laughing, through what would be an otherwise sad and macabre play.

Half pitch-black comedy and half ghost story, Blithe Spirit is as surprising today as it was upon its premiere in the midst of World War II. Novelist Charles Condomine (Justin Maloney ’15) is seeking inspiration for his next bestseller when he invites a local self-proclaimed medium, Madame Arcati (Tanner Henry ’15), to his estate for a séance. Condomine’s second wife Ruth (Jennifer Dorn ’18), and their guests the Braddons (Jonathan Coppe ’15 and Mary Reagan ’18) originally scoff at Arcati’s theatrical antics. However, things take a turn for the strange when the ghost of Condomine’s first wife Elvira (Katrina Dario ’16) becomes trapped in the Condomine home. It is also worth noting that each cast member manages to maintain a convincing English accent throughout his or her performance, which is no small feat.

Henry’s cross-dressed depiction of Madame Arcati is perhaps the most memorable acting of the show, and provides some of the most outright hilarious moments throughout. Never missing a beat, Henry’s Arcati is eccentric, lovable, and one of the few sympathetic characters (next to Edith, maid to the Condomine, played by Courtney Olenzak ’17). His performance exudes energy as he races around the stage, providing some of the most outright hilarious moments throughout. Never missing a beat, Henry’s Arcati is eccentric, lovable, and one of the few sympathetic characters (next to Edith, maid to the Condomine, played by Courtney Olenzak ’17). His performance exudes energy as he races around the stage, especially in a clever montage scene with the walls), and the entire set looks as if it were taken directly from an episode of Downton Abbey. Minor set changes are performed between scenes by the clever use of a butler character (Brian Kozak ’17), which allows for seamless transitions and immersion in the setting. Additionally, there is a scene late in the play that pulls off surprising and incredible acts of set design, which will leave audience members wondering, “How did they do that?”

Blithe Spirit will be presented Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. Tickets are reserved seating and are priced from $5 to $13. Contact the Smith Center Box Office at 401-865-2218 or visit www.providence.edu/theatre to purchase tickets.

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Glancing at any high fashion magazine today, one will most likely find an extremely slender model gracing the cover, a far cry from when Marilyn Monroe’s physique was considered most desirable in society. In 2015, it seems as though models are whittling away, and people, in turn (especially women), have developed poor body images of themselves. Just this past weekend, France took a stand against the issue in order to curb anorexia, which about 40,000 French citizens suffer from, including non-models. The French Parliament voted and approved an amendment stating that it will be illegal to hire extremely thin or malnourished models (which will be determined by a specified Body Mass Index), as well as to encourage these particular eating disorders online. A BMI of 17 is considered severely malnourished and the average model’s is 16. Failure to hire models with appropriate Body Mass Indexes will result in a fine of €10,000 and a possible six month jail sentence. A €75,000 and a possible six month jail sentence. A €37,500, or 30 percent incured as well. Photoshopped images or directly impair their health” will be exposed to a danger of death prolonged dietary restrictions that could expose them to a danger of death or directly impair their health” will be incurred as well. Photshopped images must also be marked indicating that the photographs were digitally altered. Edited images that are not marked will result in a fine of €37,500, or 30 percent of the cost of the advertising campaign that features the model. This, of course, immediately received a great deal of backlash from the fashion industry. Isabelle Saint-Felix, Secretary General of a company that represents 40 French modeling agencies, commented on the two amendments, stating, “It’s very serious to conflate anorexia with the thinness of models and it ignores the fact that anorexia is a psychogenic illness.” Members in the medical field also surprisingly rejected the decisions made by Parliament. French psychiatrist Xavier Pommereau stated, “The girls who go onto these sites are already sick. They are already suffering from an obsession to impress others and show off their incredible thinness,” and continued, “It passes the message that showing dangerous images of suicide or other such things is wrong, but we are in a world that is completely internationalized and these sites and images are not confined to our borders.” Others like Marie-Rose Moro, both a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst, suggest an increase of awareness and readily available resources used to combat anorexia as much more effective than simply altering the law. Unfortunately, it will take time to see if the two amendments actually bring about change in the modeling world. But perhaps it would be effective to attempt to adjust our culture’s misconstrued image of beauty. Though difficult, there are clearly underlying issues that must be resolved in order to create a healthier society.

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“Justin, you have such a huge career behind you,” is just one of the harsh insults from the highly anticipated Comedy Central Roast of Justin Bieber that has been the talk of the entertainment world, greatly living up to its hype and expectation. On Monday, March 30, controversial singer/songwriter Bieber sat in the hot seat as some of the country’s most popular celebrities got the opportunity to mock and humiliate him.

Hosted by ruthless comedian Kevin Hart, Bieber, who has been in the spotlight for his egotistical attitude, run-ins with the law, and beets with other celebrities, sat down on his 21st birthday with Snoop Dogg, Shaquille O’Neal, Martha Stewart, Hannah Buress, Pete Davidson, Natasha Leggero, Chris D’Elia, Ludacris, and Will Ferrell dressed as Anchorman’s Ron Burgundy.

The Roast began in the perfect way. Before the ongoing sequence of insults, a video of all of Bieber’s mishaps and embarrassing moments was aired on the big screen, followed by jokes of Bieber’s middle school fan base, his overly-dramatic song lyrics, and his old relationship with Selena Gomez. Hart threw a Selena jab at Bieber, saying, “Selena Gomez couldn’t be here tonight. Just because she didn’t want to be here. I wish I had something better to tell you, but I don’t.” Much of the material fired at Bieber had to be bleeped out due to explicit language and controversial comments (and most definitely could not be published in a Catholic school student newspaper).

Comedy Central could not have picked a better person to roast. The roast put arrogant Bieber back in his place, poking fun at his obnoxious tattoos and clearly trying-too-hard fashion sense. Let’s face it, if we could have one person roasted and made fun of, it would be Bieber. And who wouldn’t want to see some of Hollywood’s funniest openly say what we are all thinking? Although Bieber makes it extremely difficult to like him, his upbeat attitude about the entire situation made him just a little bit likeable. But only a little. If you missed the roast, visit the Comedy Central website for the full stream!
Tidal to Bring “Value” Back to Music

by Kealy Robertson '16
A&E Staff

Everyone who listens to music is familiar with SoundCloud, Pandora, and Spotify—each being means in which individuals can stream music online. They have become a standard name for artists and their fans to stay connected to the world of music as it grows. Recently however, Jay-Z and 15 of the biggest names in the music industry, including Arcade Fire, Beyoncé, Calvin Harris, Coldplay, Daft Punk, Deadmau5, Jack White, Jason Aldean, I, Cole, Kanye West, Madonna, Nicki Minaj, Rihanna, and Usher, just launched a “High Fidelity Music Streaming” service named Tidal. Jay-Z claims that Tidal will change the course of the history of music. He believes that Tidal will be able to stream music in a way that the world has never experienced before.

Alicia Keys announced Tidal as “the first ever artist owned global music and entertainment platform.” Tidal is meant to treat artists with the respect they deserve. The music industry has become a place where artists pour their hearts and souls into music for their fans, but they are unable to continue to profit off of their work. Today, there are so many ways that music is accessible to listeners that it becomes pointless for them to pay for it. Tidal wants to change this. The owners are hoping to restore the high value of music.

Tidal will provide subscribers with high-quality sound and music videos. They want Tidal to revolutionize the sound of music, making it the highest quality music provider in the world. For $20 a month, subscribers will have access to the most curated editorials in the music industry. Instead of consumers illegally downloading content of low quality, Tidal will provide listeners with the most elevated sound quality known to the human ear.

Jay-Z and the countless big names that presented Tidal to the world think that Tidal will be a way in which the artist can truly connect to their fan. No streaming company, not even huge names such as Google and Apple, have been able to provide a way for artists and their fans to connect through online streaming. Tidal wants to do just that. In its debut, the owners of Tidal discussed how they want to try and benefit off of the fact that every fan desires exclusive content, listeners love discovering new songs, and Tidal would be able to give its subscribers just that: new songs, before anyone else has access to them.

It is hard to compete with platforms that provide free access to music; anyone under 30 has not experienced the need to purchase a song in order to listen to it. We have places like YouTube and Spotify, where listeners can easily stream just about any song they wish to hear. In order for Tidal to thrive, it must offer something that no other platform that streams music has been able to offer. Yes, it would be awesome to see a platform where the artist could reach their fans transparently and thrive, but Tidal needs to present something to the subscriber that makes their platform larger than life, that makes them irresistible to each and every music lover out there.

Nintendo Ventures into Mobile Gaming

by Ryan Cox '18
A&E Staff

The past month has been a whirlwind of speculation for Nintendo’s future gaming endeavors. The video game giant recently announced that it would begin producing video games on the mobile platform as part of a partnership with Japanese mobile gaming publisher DeNA. This comes despite the company’s long-held, staunch position not to publish games on the mobile platform. Nintendo President Satoru Iwata made it clear in an interview that the company’s long-held, staunch position not to publish games on the mobile platform is, in part, to keep the 3DS’s popularity alive, but also because of the significant difference in retail prices. While consumers have no problem spending $40 on a new 3DS title, to sell a mobile game at the same price is unheard of in a market where games typically sell for under five dollars. “It was very important for Nintendo to analyze and clearly recognize that smart devices and dedicated video games are two completely different things even though, at a glance, they may appear to be very close from the viewpoint that you can play games on both of them,” said Iwata. “Nintendo also hopes that it can usher in a new group of gamers by venturing into the increasingly popular mobile platform. In a world that is growing increasingly more dependent on smartphones, Nintendo’s step into the mobile platform is an attempt to stay relevant. According to Cinema Blend, there are only a few developers outside of Japan making games for handheld consoles such as the 3DS and Sony’s PlayStation Vita, and while it is not a bad idea to continue to produce these games, to produce mobile games as well presents a better opportunity to remain a relevant force in the entertainment industry. Nintendo expects its first mobile game to release sometime later this year.
What are you looking forward to this spring?

“Spring dresses.”
Tatiana Medina ’18

“To explore the city.”
Rosa Ramos ’16, Peter Salhaney ’17, and Andrea Rojas ’17

“The nice weather.”
Onassis Valerio ’18

“To do homework outside.”
Amy Gilligan ’18, Kayla Krongel ’18 and Rachel Laravie ’18

“To be sprung.”
Patrick Reynolds ’18

“A vacation.”
-Jack Frost
TOP: The Footprints Gospel Choir uplifts the audience as they host their first annual Gospelfest, featuring the melodic voices and music of Providence College’s gospel choir, as well as choirs from the local community and surrounding states.

MIDDLE LEFT: Relay For Life stops by the Things for Thursday table to decorate cupcakes with purple frosting and tons of toppings as sponsored by Dining Services and Colleges Against Cancer.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Colleges Against Cancer prepares for Relay For Life by having students declare who they relay for on whiteboards.

RIGHT: Wiggling their hips, students learn the Middle Eastern art and practice of belly dancing as part of BMSA’s sponsored performance and lesson.
TOP LEFT AND RIGHT: Student Congress hosts its annual Miss Providence College Pageant to celebrate incredible young women in the PC community while also raising money and collecting clothing for the Sojourner House, which helps domestic violence victims rebuild their lives.

MIDDLE LEFT: Students custom design their very own hater blockers at Things for Thursday.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Everyone loves a Zeppole! Students decorate their own Zeppole masterpieces at the Things for Thursday table as sponsored by Student Activities and Circolo Italiano.

RIGHT: Sophomores dance the night away in Peterson on March 20 at their annual Friar Ball.

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On to the Frozen Four
PC Men’s Hockey Makes First Frozen Four Appearance Since 1985

The team celebrating their victory over Denver in the quarterfinals.

by Veronica Lippert ‘15
Sports Staff

Providence College Men’s Hockey is back in the Frozen Four for the first time in 30 years after two wild games in the East Regional. Going into the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament, the East Regional was the most likely to surprise. It had the lowest one seed in Miami (Ohio), who was also missing a top player to a suspension, perennial power Boston College as the three seed, a hot University of Denver team at two, PC who was dangerous (and not just because they were playing in their hometown).

It did surprise with the foursome eventually coming out on top. The Friars' two wins came in different styles as well. Saturday featured one of the best coaching matchups in the Tournament, and was a high scoring affair. "We lost our competitive edge just a little bit there. They kept pushing and we got on our heels a little bit," Leaman said. PC was able to pull it out though, but not before Miami had come all the way back to make it 6-5 with a minute and a half to go but PC was finally able to capitalize on the empty net for a 7-5 final.

On Sunday, Providence proved they could win multiple ways. Denver came out firing on offense, getting the majority of the possession in the first period, but Gillies stood on his head for PC and kept the game scoreless. In the second period the Friars scored first on a power play when Noel Acciari ’16 slid a backhander into the net from right on the doorstep of the crease.

The third period proved that a low scoring goaltending battle did not mean the game was without the fluke bounces and drama of Saturday’s game. Denver tied the game up on easily the strangest bounce of the regional weekend. Joey LaLeggia, one of the best scoring defensemen in the league and Denver’s star player, fired a shot high from the point that bounced off the glass and hit Gillies in the back before rolling into the net. Providence got a chance to shift the momentum and take control when LaLeggia was assessed a major penalty and a game misconduct, giving PC a five minute power play and leaving Denver without their best player for the rest of the game.

On the ensuing power play, PC looked, for a while, like they might come away empty handed. Denver even had the best chance of that stretch when a shot off a two-on-one rush dinged off the crossbar. Shortly after that, Leaman made what was probably his best coaching decision of the weekend when he called a time out before the ensuing faceoff. "I just thought we had to relax. We were pressing a little bit. In these big moments you got to remember to relax and execute," Leaman said. It worked, as Tom Parisi ‘16 netted the game winner shortly after.

The Friars are now headed to Boston and are focused on their Thursday night game against Nebraska-Omaha. The Frozen Four weekend looks just as wide open as the East Regional. Once again, ‘neutral ice’ will be a bit of a misnomer but this time BU will be the main beneficiary of it. PC’s game against Omaha will feature arguably the best goaltending matchup of the tournament and clashing styles, while two members of the Hobey Hat Trick, finalists for player of the year, face off in the other game between BU and North Dakota.

In Nebraska-Omaha, the Friars face a different sort of challenge than they did in either regional game. Omaha is built on speed and puck possession. In some areas PC has the skill to match them, and players like Ross Mauermann ’15 likely will be called on for a bigger role than in the regional. But when at their best, Providence plays a tougher and slower game, relying on their hits, chips, and fore-check. A clash of styles such as this is rarely won by the team playing outside their comfort zone. Providence imposing their will and slowing the game down is their best chance to come away with the win.

On to the Frozen Four
PC Men’s Hockey Makes First Frozen Four Appearance Since 1985
Frier Athlete in History: John McDonald

by Jeff Williams '16

SPORTS

Softball Making Huge Strides

by Sarah Wacik '15

Softball

Lacrosse Fights Hard Against Georgetown

by Brannon Walker-Hodges '16

LACROSSE

The Friar Men’s Lacrosse Team played their second game of the season against the Hoyas at the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex on March 19. The Hoyas defeated the Friars 9-6.

On Saturday, the Friars hosted the Hoyas in their second home game of the season. The Hoyas took a 9-4 lead into the final quarter, but the Friars fought back to make the score 9-6 at the end of the game.

The Friars started the game well, scoring two goals in the first quarter. However, the Hoyas scored three goals in the second quarter to take a 6-2 lead into halftime. The Friars scored three goals in the third quarter, but the Hoyas scored four goals in the fourth quarter to win 9-6.

The Friars were led by Matt Dwyer with two goals and an assist, and Brian Murphy with one goal and two assists. The Hoyas were led by Matt Miller with three goals and an assist.

The Friars will play their next game on Saturday, March 26, against the Marquette Golden Eagles at 12 p.m.

Lacrosse

The Friars battled the Hoyas on March 19 at the Ray Treacy Track and Field Complex. The Friars lost the game with a final score of 9-6. The Hoyas scored seven goals in the first half, while the Friars scored two. In the second half, the Friars scored three goals, but the Hoyas scored six to secure the win.

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Baseball

Providence College's baseball team played against the Butler Bulldogs on March 19. The Friars lost the game with a final score of 9-6. The Hoyas scored seven goals in the first half, while the Friars scored two. In the second half, the Friars scored three goals, but the Hoyas scored six to secure the win.

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Dear Kris Dunn ’17,

How is everything going? It has been a while since you sat next to me in Writing Seminar freshman year. Anyways, I think that moment made us pretty close friends, so maybe you will listen to a couple suggestions (right? too exact?) I have for you. Here are eight reasons to be exact) I have for you.

Anyways, to me in Writing Seminar going? It has been a long two years since you arrived on campus in 2012, this program has come a long way. We have come from Big East bottom-feeders to a team that has won a Big East Tournament, and a team that has appeared in two straight NCAA tournaments. Now that the team has done this, however, it is time to take the next step. Providence has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 1999, when they were a mere three years old. Wouldn’t it be great to be part of that team that were on this drought, a team that could be the team most beloved by the Friar faithful. What a feeling to see the mvp of PC’s season: a national championship.

What is rightfully yours. Back for you to come back, it is time to see the look on Jay Wright’s face when you beat Villanova next year in front of a sold-out Dunkin’ Donuts Center.

The Big East Will Be Even Better—Villanova will be just as good, if not better, than they were this year. Xavier is fresh off an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. Georgetown is bringing back their best player, and Henton’s departures. Paschal Chukwu ’16 could, and should, fit seamlessly into Carson’s role as rim protector, and Kyron Cartwright ’18 can only get better in his role as secondary ball handler. Barrington’s commitment to have the opportunity to play with Rodney Bullock ’17. Give Junior Lomomba ’17 another year to expand his offensive; which will complement his prowess on the defensive end.

Look Who Is Joining You—Yes, Alex Owens ’19 may not be available right away as he recovers from a torn ACL. But if and when Owens is cleared to play, he will add depth, athleticism, and strength to an already deep cast of forwards. Ryan Faukas ’19 and Ricky Council ’19 provide the three-point shooting and floor spacing that plagued this year’s team. Drew Edwards ’19 is instant offense, and provides scoring punch that will be desperately needed following Harris and Henton’s departures.

Someone Needs To Beat Villanova—Please, please come back to beat Villanova. It has been a long two years since someone not named Smith-Rivera, and Butler has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 2011. That is a long two years since Creighton was bad for the Big East. In the last two tournaments, the Friars have been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star.

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Do You Know Who Shabazz Napier and Kemba Walker are?—Guards win in March. You are a guard. You can do what they did, and if you do, PC will probably rename the Chapel (or maybe the whole school) after you.

The time for you to go to the NBA will come. Kris, that time just has not come yet. Take it from the kid that sat next to you in class that one time.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Friar Fan

EDITOR’S CORNER:由于 Friartown for just one more season.

Unfinished Business—Since you arrived on campus in 2012, this program has come a long way. We have come from Big East bottom-feeders to a team that has won a Big East Tournament, and a team that has appeared in two straight NCAA tournaments. Now that the team has done this, however, it is time to take the next step. Providence has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 1999, when they were a mere three years old. Wouldn’t it be great to be part of that team that were on this drought, a team that could be the team most beloved by the Friar faithful. What a feeling to see the mvp of PC’s season: a national championship.

What is rightfully yours. Back for you to come back, it is time to see the look on Jay Wright’s face when you beat Villanova next year in front of a sold-out Dunkin’ Donuts Center.

The Big East Will Be Even Better—Villanova will be just as good, if not better, than they were this year. Xavier is fresh off an appearance in the Sweet Sixteen. Georgetown is bringing back their best player, and Henton’s departures. Paschal Chukwu ’16 could, and should, fit seamlessly into Carson’s role as rim protector, and Kyron Cartwright ’18 can only get better in his role as secondary ball handler. Barrington’s commitment to have the opportunity to play with Rodney Bullock ’17. Give Junior Lomomba ’17 another year to expand his offensive; which will complement his prowess on the defensive end.

Look Who Is Joining You—Yes, Alex Owens ’19 may not be available right away as he recovers from a torn ACL. But if and when Owens is cleared to play, he will add depth, athleticism, and strength to an already deep cast of forwards. Ryan Faukas ’19 and Ricky Council ’19 provide the three-point shooting and floor spacing that plagued this year’s team. Drew Edwards ’19 is instant offense, and provides scoring punch that will be desperately needed following Harris and Henton’s departures.

Someone Needs To Beat Villanova—Please, please come back to beat Villanova. It has been a long two years since someone not named Smith-Rivera, and Butler has not won an NCAA Tournament game since 2011. That is a long two years since Creighton was bad for the Big East. In the last two tournaments, the Friars have been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star. Marquette has been the best conferences will do anything to make you feel like a star.

Your Draft Stock Can Go Nowhere But Up—Another year of experience in one of the country’s best conferences will do wonders for your draft stock. After another year, Big East domination, any NBA GM would be crazy not to take you in the 2016 lottery.

Do You Know Who Shabazz Napier and Kemba Walker are?—Guards win in March. You are a guard. You can do what they did, and if you do, PC will probably rename the Chapel (or maybe the whole school) after you.

The time for you to go to the NBA will come. Kris, that time just has not come yet. Take it from the kid that sat next to you in class that one time.

Sincerely,
A Concerned Friar Fan

JON GILLIES

Ever since Jon Gillies ’16 was named Division 1 Rookie of the Year in his freshman season, it has been clear that PC men’s hockey has a special talent on their hands in the gifted goalkeeper. And although Gillies’ progression as a player was expected following the most stepping foot on the ice in a Friars uniform, lately he has been taking his game, and the Friars, to new heights.

It should come as no surprise to loyal fans of the program that Gillies has been the most important player for the Friars in an exhilarating NCAA tournament run over the past few weeks. In a first-round match-up against the 44 Redhawks of Miami (Ohio), Gillies was the deciding factor as both teams conjured up some serious heat on the offensive side. Although the casual observer might look at the box score and remark that a 7-5 game must have been the result of bad goal-keeping, the opposite was in fact true. Both the Redhawks and the Friars executed brilliantly on offense, and were about even in shots attempted—36 by PC and 34 by Miami. Gillies had 29 saves, 13 of which came in the crucial final period. It may not have been pretty, but when the Friars needed it most, Gillies kept the puck out of the net.

In the next round, against Denver, Gillies’ solid presence in goal was again crucial. The Friars’ offense delivered their usual effort, with four different players scoring. And although the final score looked rather lopsided—the Friars won 4-1—you can thank Gillies for making it look easier than it was. In fact, Denver’s offense managed 24 shots on goal—the exact amount that the Friars took. With his 23 saves, Gillies once again made stops that an average player in goal would have let in. PC’s sensational goalie can keep this up, the title is the limit for his hockey.

-Nate Svogun ’16

NOEL ACCIARI

Oh captain, my captain (not named Ross Mauermann ’15), thank you for leading the Friars into their first Frozen Four in 30 years. Although Mauermann certainly helped, Noel Acciari ’16 is the biggest reason why Providence is heading to Boston.

The 5’11”, 195 lb. Rhode Island native was named to the All-East Regional Team and was named the East Most Outstanding Player. In the game against Miami, Acciari helped extend the Friars’ lead to 5-2 after putting home a pass from Trevor Mingora ’16. Acciari had assisted on Brian Pinho’s goal just 30 seconds before. Against Denver, Acciari’s second period power play goal put the Friars up 1-0, to extend his point streak to three.

Acciari is not just a goal scorer, but is also one of the most physical players on an already physical team. With too much skill to be labeled as an enforcer, Acciari scares teams both in front of the net and on the boards. He is a multi-dimensional player who, in addition to scoring goals, exceptional on the man in front. Acciari, was named the Hockey East’s best defensive forward. His 30 points this season have been third on the Friars, and leads the team in +/- with 5. He has also been a pivotal part of both the Friars’ penalty kill and power play, and has scored four power play goals this season.

Omaha will have its hands full with this hard-hitting, goal-scoring forward. This regular season success has translated into post-season success for Acciari, and if he continues to play like he has been all season, he can add another accomplishment to his already impressive season: a national championship.

-Bryan Blum ’17
The Impossible Quest

by Marisa Gonzalez ’18
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Fiction

This is the story of my blender blunder. I know what you’re thinking: Nice use of alliteration, and really, blender? Can you get any more random than that? Actually yes, COW! See, now that’s random. Anyway, this story is about my quest for blenders. You see, blenders are like the Holy Grail when you’re stuck in the library.

It was a Saturday afternoon. The sky was a charcoal grey and the wind was, well, windy. I let out a sigh as I walked into the dining hall. Today was going to be interesting, I just knew it. And not the good type of interesting, more like the “Holy cow, today was super interesting and now I’m exhausted.” Another sigh escaped me and I made my way toward a table full of colorfully dressed people. Each member was animatedly chatting away. As I approached, everyone immediately stopped what they were doing and glared at me.

“Um,” I clear my throat, “Hey. So I know I was supposed to come earlier and wear um, pink and some kind of purple, but I— I don’t have those colors and the reason why I’m late is because I was looking for them. So yeah.” I sadly look down at my jeans and peach top. Well, they’re close to purple and pink. The girl at the head of the table, Hailey, stood up and smiled. All of her perfectly white teeth shone and a shiver ran down my spine. An evil glint appeared in her sapphire eyes for a second. I gulped.

“That’s OK. Totally understandable. Like, completely.” She gestured to me while sitting down. I did, which caused more glances. “So, like, your outfit’s close enough anyway. You were asked here because you’re good at gymnastics and stuff.” This was true. I am the reigning champion of the All State Gymnastic Competition but I’m not sure what the “stuff” was. “So, we, like, wanted to see if you would want to teach us some moves. Cambridge will totally be shocked once we become like, acrobats and stuff.” Again with the “stuff.” Hm. The head cheerleader wanted me to help her. Cool, maybe.

“Oh, um, OK.” I smiled nervously. Hailey jumped, yelled “Yay!” and hugged me. Then she let me go, brushed herself off, flipped her velvet hair and gestured for everyone else to stand. “Ladies and Steve, let’s all welcome the new member of the Santaberg Cheer Squad!” A cheer erupted and Hailey pulled me up. “Wave and smile,” she whispers to me. I do so and once again an evil glint appears in Hailey’s eyes. Oh boy.

Now, now. Settle down ladies, Steve. As new member of Santaberg Cheer Squad you will have to show your loyalty.” Oh no. “So, like, we always have this smoothie party and it is totally important that we have a blender. But, we don’t have one so we normally have the newest member gets it and, well, that’s you.” Phew. A blender. I can do that. “Of course, if you don’t want to help us win and like, totally ruin our dreams, you could do no.” A blender. I can totally find a blender.

“No, I’ll do it.” Hailey squeals and hugs me. “When do I need to get it?” She lets go of me and flips her hair. “Today.” OK, yeah I can do that.

“Where can I find one?”

“Um, no, we don’t tell you where one is because we don’t know. It’s normally in here, but the chef needs it, so you need to find another option.” Right. OK. Deep breaths. Where can I find a blender? “Scoot. We haven’t got it all day,” and with that I am ushered out into the world. Time to go find me a blender!

I took one step and a rain drop fell on my head. Poop. Then more raindrops until it began to pour. Oh crud. Where can I find a blender and quick? Oh, Starbucks! I raced to Starbucks, rain spraying my face. Why didn’t I bring a coat? When I finally reached the door, my hands were so wet that they kept sliding off the door. I was so focused on trying to get my hand on the door knob that I didn’t notice the lights were out. Eventually I got a hold of the knob and with a triumphant “Yes” I tried to yank the door open. If it of course did not. “Not” I kicked the door. OK, get a hold of yourself. Where else can there be blenders? Oh, oh I know! I then run off toward the library.

The library’s basement has been used for storage for years. There has to be a blender down there. I raced to the library and yanked the door open. I was so focused on trying to get my hand on the door knob at me, I don’t blame them. I mean, I was soaking wet and had thrown the door open. I must have looked like a lunatic. I cleared my throat and tried to look as normal as possible. I held my head high, straightened my back and stepped slowly to the stairs. I could feel them staring but I ignored them, my eyes only fixed on the stairs. When I reached them, I took off into a sprint, which is dumb to do when you’re soaking wet. I, of course, slipped and slid down the stairs. Well, at least I got down.

The basement was extremely dark and damp. I’m pretty sure no one had been down there for centuries. Spider webs lined the ceiling and dust swirled around me. I flipped my phone on for light, but I still couldn’t see anything. With a huff, I went back up the stairs and to the door. When I reached the door, my eyes widened. Fudge! It was closed! Why was it closed? I tried to open it and it wouldn’t budge. Ok, ok. Think. Ok! I take out my phone to dial Kelly, the RA.

“Hey, Kelly. You know since you’re an RA, I was hoping that you would be able to open anything and, well I’m stuck in the library basement.”

“Wha...”

“But I have a good explanation. I, um, was looking for a blender.” Silence. Then a burst of laughter. “Hey! It is NOT funny!”

“Hey, yes it is. Boy, Hailey got you too huh? Sorry to say this but Hailey does this all the time. I’ll come get ya.” Well, now I’m mad. After about 10 minutes, the door opens and Kelly swoops in like an angel. She hands me a coat and I eagerly grab it. “Come on, dry up then tomorrow you can get your revenge.” Yes, yes I shall. “Evil laugh.” Anyway that’s it. My big blunder. Boy, am I an idiot! I did get my revenge, though. I got a bunch of blenders from the dining hall and placed them in Hailey’s room. Hah, sweet revenge. I hope you all learned something from my little tale. I sure did. Never go off looking for the Holy Grail when your source is a glittry, redhead cheerleader.

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The Greatest Enemy

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And now the final march begins. This war has gone on for far too long. It ends now, once and for all. One final strike, and all these horrors we have endured will end.

We had no warning of their arrival, nor what the sudden onslaught they enacted would bring. Those who were there that first fateful day said that the sun itself was darkened by the appearance of the first ship, and the hundreds of bloodthirsty killers it contained. It was nothing like the so-called “peaceful contact” scientists and science-fiction writers imagined. No… it was swift, and it was brutal.

They went for Washington first. We had no warning of their arrival, from afar, watching us for years from their hidden eyes all across the cosmos. They knew that to break us, they had to destroy the symbols of our unity. They knew… it was swift, and it was brutal.

They went for Washington first. They had done their research well from afar, watching us for years from their hidden eyes all across the cosmos. They knew that to break us, they had to destroy the symbols of our unity. The entire city fell in less than a week, to destroy the symbols of our unity. They knew that to break us, they had to destroy the symbols of our unity. The entire city fell in less than a week, to destroy the symbols of our unity.

The army only took a few days to rally, but by then, everyone knew that it was too late. After all, what could they do against such power? The President, who had barely escaped the now-ruined building that represented his shaken power, called for immediate retaliation against this “unprovoked, vicious assault upon American freedom.” Others proposed that negotiations be attempted, while the cynics advocated instant, unequivocal surrender.

While they debated frivolously over what to do next, the attackers moved on to their next target. New York lasted longer than Washington, if only by a few hours. The preparations that the city had made were useless. It was to be expected. Luckily, the city had been mostly evacuated by that time, its residents wisely fleeing to the smaller settlements, hoping that the ships would pass them by for bigger targets.

At first, the other nations did little to help. Their arguments were much the same: “What can we do to stop these creatures that you haven’t already tried?” That changed when London was attacked, and then Paris, and then Cairo, along with dozens of others around the world. The conflict had been elevated—now it was global. All international quarrels were forgotten. Humanity itself was at stake, and people who had once fought bitterly against one another now united to face a foe that cared nothing for them as enemies, seeking only to destroy them as humans. It’s funny how only something from another planet could cause us to realize that we are all the same at heart...

The war lasted for decades. We were lucky that our enemies seemed to have dismissed the notion of our resistance. Perhaps their research on us had not been as comprehensive as they thought. Generals and soldiers from the world over banded together, developing new tactics to fight the creatures as they descended upon helpless cities. Scientists gathered in major conferences, pooling their resources and intelligences to develop new weapons to aid the valiant warriors in their battle for human freedom.

Slowly, the tide began to turn. A ship was shot down, killing the Contains of the thing that housed it. Scientists scrambled to come up with an explanation for this incredible revelation. Time travel, maybe? No, that couldn’t be—after all, if these humans were from the future, eradicating the past would destroy their own history. Perhaps they were a subspecies of human, from the planet we came from originally? No one knew—and we never would.

Incensed by the findings, world leaders ordered an immediate, final assault. The entire military force of planet Earth was mustered for what would be the final charge. Now they go forth to defeat this world’s greatest enemy. I am among them, though I do not know why, or what the future will bring. After all, how can we fight ourselves? In all our years of history, we have never mastered that...

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Subject to Change

by Ariana Pasquantonio ’16
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POETRY

After the midday swell,
the air deflates and smells of charcoal and green light.

Allow the rain to settle into your bones, to seep in from the leaves.

The chill sets in, white skies followed by darkness all night, sleeping, waiting.

When the bluebirds arrive, they’ll let us know. But then there might only be sparrows.

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Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I have a really big secret and I need to tell someone. Will you listen to my secret?

Sincerely,
Your Mom

Dear Mommy Dearest,

Let me preface this by saying that I know you’re not my mother…she’s far too
Gone with the Wind Fabulous, living the way of Chardonnay while watching endless streams of
Bravo! TV to waste her time harboring pedestrian secrets,

This is nothing but a cry for attention, and ain’t nobody got time for that. Let’s play devil’s advocate here for a hot sec, and entertain your doleful whines for attention (I can hear you screaming “Notice me!” from Bayside High); I’ll list the potential secrets that you, presumed clichéd PC student (you claim you’re my mother, you’re definitely hackneyed), could be hiding under that keratin treated hair:

- You conveniently “lost” your purity ring in the “ocean” over spring break with Todd.
- You totally put eight creams in your caramel swirl iced coffee this morning (OMG, you cheated on your paleo)!
- You ate too much strawberry cream cheese and were diagnosed with the diabeetus over break.
- Your boobs/nose job/weave is totally not real (we couldn’t have guessed that one, you had us fooled).
- You’ve been wearing last season’s insert pretentious clothing label name here because YOU SHOP AT MARSHALL’S (queue tragic music).

Yep, I know I definitely hit at least one of your secrets, and if I didn’t, then it’s probably even worse than I imagined. You need some Turtle Time to spice up your life, loser…and don’t EVER impersonate my mother; she’s way cooler than you.

Remember, money can’t buy you class. Elegance is learned, my friend.

Dear Carol,

Carol, may I call you Carol? Fantastic. Carolyn, listen. I know you may have passed me like a kidney stone on that hot August morning all those years ago, but I am still invested in your emotional needs.

That being said, I’m going to say you should refrain from getting “personal” with me. I am your son, after all. What happens after you tell me this secret? We wind up having our emotional motherly-son bond reinforced? Fat chance. You’re better off having me tell you my big secret on why I shuffled into the bathroom six times a day during middle and high school.

And if you tell me the secret, next thing you know, I’m helping you take out a mortgage for the new house we bought and I’m stuck in the Home Depot figuring out if beige is really the color we want our curtains to be, especially juxtaposed with that ottoman you insisted on.

I’ve seen it a million times. Do you want to embark on an overly clingy incestually ambiguous relationship? Better yet, I’ll leave that decision away from you, Carolina.

Go bake some cookies,