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DEBATING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ON CAMPUS

Provost Cancels Original Corvino Lecture about Gay Marriage *Reschedules for Spring Semester*

by Kathleen Sullivan '14
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CAMPUS EVENTS

On Saturday, September 21 Provost Hugh Lena sent an email to the faculty and staff of Providence College explaining that the scheduled lecture to be given by Dr. John Corvino of Wayne State University on Thursday, September 26 had been canceled. Dr. Corvino is a nationally recognized philosopher and proponent of same-sex marriage, and the title of his lecture was to be "The Meaning of (Gay) Marriage."

By Monday evening, news of the cancellation had spread throughout the campus community and beyond. Faculty and students alike were outraged by the cancellation and the way in which the dissemination of that information was handled by the administration of the College.

Last Wednesday, September 18, concerns were raised through the Office of Mission and Ministry about the lecture not having another speaker to present the view of the Catholic Church on the issue of same-sex marriage during the debate. After discussion and

deliberation among the academic departments sponsoring the event, Dr. Dana Dillon, a theology professor, volunteered to speak as the respondent as of Friday, September 20. One of her focuses is Catholic Moral Theology, and she thought she had something to contribute to the dialogue.

She explained, "For me, Catholic identity does include being faithful to the tradition of what marriage is, but it does respect the dignity of every human being, including the LGBTQQIAA students. I believed I could represent the Catholic position and do it in a way that honors those voices."

An advertisement for the lecture was sent out to faculty, staff, and the whole student body on Friday morning, and between that time on Friday and Saturday evening, the administration continued to deliberate on whether the lecture was in adherence with the policies and practices of the College.

Earlier on Wednesday, September 25, Father Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., vice president of Mission and Ministry and director of the Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies stated, "The event was canceled because the administration felt that it [the event] had departed from

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Dr. John Corvino is Chair of the Philosophy Department at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He is a co-author of *Debating Same-Sex Marriage* and the author of *What's Wrong with Homosexuality?*.

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Safety and Security BBQ Gives Students Food for Thought

by Elizabeth Nako '15
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CAMPUS EVENTS

On Friday, September 20, the Providence College Office of Safety and Security hosted a cookout for all Providence College students to attend. The event occurred from 4-7 p.m. in the Smith parking lot, and safety and security provided free food. Different groups had tables set up around the parking lot and were available to talk to students. Providence Police, Rhode Island State Police, Providence Fire Department, Women's Center of Rhode Island, Providence College Security, Providence College IT Help Desk, and Electric Alarm Co. sent representatives to this meet and greet.

Sergeant David Marshall, shift supervisor at the Office of Safety and Security, came up with the idea so that the student body and the safety and security department could "get together to do a bit of socializing." Marshall first presented his idea to Major John Leyden, executive director of safety and security, for approval. Marshall wanted members of the safety and security department to mingle with the student body and faculty "to try to get some awareness on a social level, [and] what better way is there than free food and music?"

The last time safety and security sponsored an event like this was four years ago in Slavin, and that event attracted mostly on-campus residents. The idea this time around was to host the event in the Smith parking lot to attract both on-campus and off-campus residents. Marshall wants students to know that "The Office of Safety and Security is not their [the students'] enemy, but we are here to help them." Another point of the event was to show that students can still have fun in a social atmosphere without alcohol.

One of the most popular activities at the event was the trying on of the DIA Vision Impairment Goggles at the R.I. State Police table. The "beer goggles" powerfully demonstrate what it feels like to be drunk and how dangerous it can be. R.I. state police trooper Luis Robles, former PC security officer, had students try on the goggles and then gave them the three tests that determine intoxication. Students were laughing at their friends' attempts to walk in a straight line and stand on one foot. Robles remarked, "The goggles are fun, but [being intoxicated] is not very funny in real life. I hope students learn from this."

In addressing concerns related to some of the incidents that have already happened since the start of the school year, Lieutenant Eric Croce said, "Things like this happen. College students are easy targets and [it is] easy for anyone to get in and out



Students test out beer goggles in the Smith parking lot at last Friday's safety and security BBQ.

of a house when throwing a party. PC is not being exposed to any other maladies that any other campus is exposed to." The safety and security officers gave out some tips for students who like to venture out to Eaton Street on Friday and Saturday nights. Marshall advises students to always travel together in groups, do not walk and talk on an iPhone, avoid starting confrontations, and always be aware of one's area and surroundings.

Marshall was proud of the success of the event. He only expected

around 150 students to show up but they had approximately 300 students attend. Safety and security plans to keep the tradition going and have the fair again next year, but with better advertising. After leaving the fair, Jenny DeMarco '15 remarked, "I really enjoyed going to the safety and security fair. I thought it was a great way to get to know the security staff as well as a fun way to end the week."

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what it was originally proposed (two nationally recognized figures having a public debate on same-sex marriage)."

Father Brian Shanley, O.P., president of the College, stated that neither he nor Provost Lena had any knowledge of the developments in organizing this lecture until last Wednesday evening. He explained that had they had more time, they would have initially postponed the event instead of canceling it entirely. He also explained that it is important to be able to present both sides of the debate from a purely philosophical point of view through natural reasoning.

"The important thing now is to have the debate and learn from it," Father Shanley stated. He asserted that there was no question that this debate should happen on campus, and noted that if the College "brings someone in to argue against the veracity of the church, there is an obligation to make sure it does not go unopposed." He stated that this issue arises only when one of the sides is against the Catholic Church.

The cancellation has brought to the surface a number of issues among students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Fred Drogula, president of the Faculty Senate, said, "The College needs to do several things. First, we need to repair whatever damage this incident has done to our academic reputation. The cancellation of Dr. Corvino's lecture has been widely publicized, and may

give the impression that Providence College does not allow academic freedom to its students and faculty."

Dr. Joseph Cammarano, chair of the public and community service studies department, said, "The college still needs to come to terms with the very clear and very recurrent conflict between Dominican identity and embracing academic integrity and freedom. It needs to figure out the terms of intervention, and how it can occur in the future."

Dr. Christopher Arroyo, a philosophy professor and chief organizer of the lecture, identified a number of issues. For example, he called for reparation from the administration for the treatment of Dr. Dillon. "Although Dr. Dillon sees herself as (and is) qualified and capable of responding to Dr. Corvino, the administration judged otherwise. And it did so without contacting her, and it did so in a very public way."

He further expressed concern for the members of the community who may have been personally affected by the cancellation. "There is the issue that has not received enough attention, I think, namely the kind of message the administration has sent to LGBT members of the Providence College community. I shudder to think about the message of fear and condemnation that some members of our community have felt."

Dr. Arroyo noted that the policy requiring a speaker to present the Catholic church's stance on

controversial topics was revealed to be a practice, not a written policy, of the College. He stated, "Practices are not binding (e.g., it is a college practice to serve cookies at college events. Is failure to serve cookies at an academic event a violation of college policy?)."

Dr. Michael O'Neill, chair of the philosophy department, stated, "Whether it's a policy or a practice, it is a wrongheaded one that perpetuated confusion for students." He explained that it confuses academic space with political and ideological space, where it should really be a space for open dialogue.

Dr. Vance Morgan, head of the Department of Western Civilization program, is "hoping that all of this will turn out to be a blessing in an ugly disguise."

Dr. Maureen Outlaw, chair of the sociology department, noted, "The silver lining is that more people will be involved in that dialogue. The hardest thing is to get people involved in that dialogue, and now more people will take the time to gain a better understanding." She explained that all this has gotten people fired up, talking, and thinking, and that both sides could benefit from truly listening to the other side. "Let's actually have this conversation," she said.

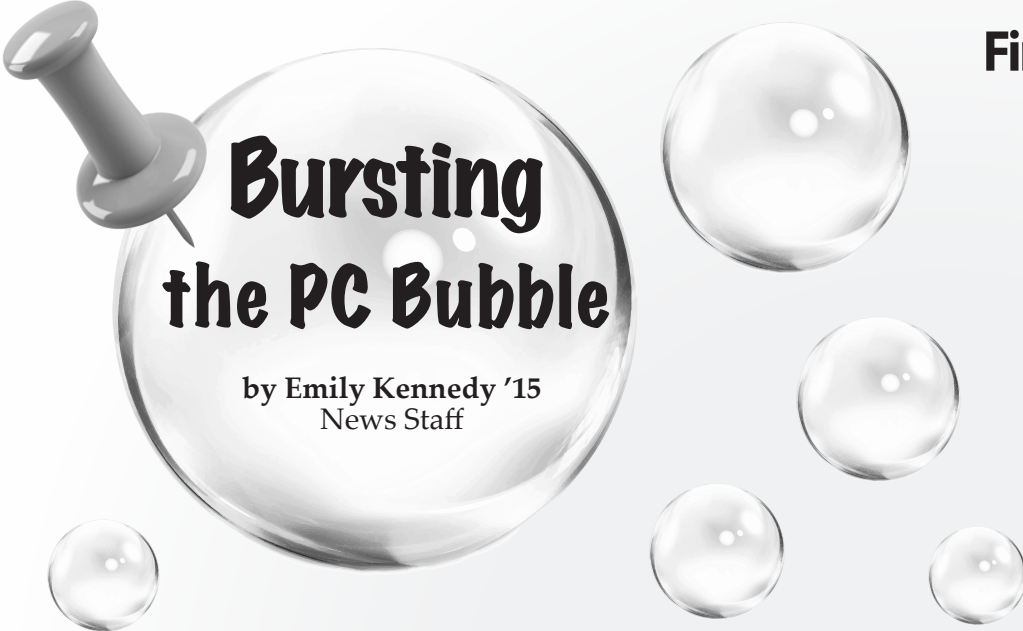
Dr. Nicholas Longo, chair of the global studies department, pointed out that it is no longer possible to censor ideas, as PC students have been using social media to express their outrage, organize, and demand academic

freedom and responsibility from the administration.

A group of students from Dr. Longo's Community Organizing (PSP 303) class have organized an event on Thursday, September 26 in '64 Hall to offer the whole community a forum in which to talk about the issues that have arisen this week. Omar Terrones '16, one of the students helping to organize the event said, "We are asking for the PC community to come forward with their thoughts, questions, concerns, comments to bring for discussion at our 'Fighting for Academic Freedom' event about this controversial issue."

Another student from the class, Nick Wallace '14, also highlighted the importance for objectivity within the discussion. "We plan for it to be an open-forum discussion about the issues at hand: gay marriage, academic freedom, and how it all relates to our PC community." The forum will be facilitated by a group of faculty members, many of whom had planned to co-sponsor the original lecture with Dr. Corvino.

On Wednesday evening, Provost Lena sent an update to the campus community announcing that the event is being rescheduled for the spring as a debate between Dr. Corvino and "Sherif Girgis, a Ph.D. student in philosophy at Princeton University and a J.D. candidate at Yale Law School." The email also explained reasoning for the cancellation and issued an apology to Dr. Dillon.



Bursting the PC Bubble

by Emily Kennedy '15
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First Woman Rows Nonstop Across Pacific

A British woman reached Alaska after 150 days at sea, becoming the first woman to row across the Pacific Ocean from Japan to Alaska. Sarah Outen, 28, successfully rowed the Pacific alone without stopping at islands along the way, arriving in Alaska’s Aleutian Islands. Outen left Japan for her journey on April 27 and spent virtually five months at sea. Outen’s 22-foot boat, “Happy Socks,” covered 3,750 miles over the course of the journey. Rosalind Savage, also British, became the first woman to row across the Pacific in 2010 but her route was broken up into three stages, whereas Outen’s was continuous.

Earthquake Shakes Southern Pakistan

An earthquake in Southern Pakistan on Sept. 24 has prompted a USGS red alert. The United States Geological Survey has reported a 7.7-magnitude earthquake with a depth of nine miles in the Pakistan province of Balochistan. The USGS-issued red alert indicates a 73 percent probability of 1,000 deaths or more. The Deputy Speaker of the Balochistan said at least 150 people have died, and the toll is expected to rise as rescue teams reach isolated areas. The earthquake has collapsed the roofs of two schools and houses have been damaged.

Gunmen Target Kenyan Mall

At least 61 civilians died after gunmen armed with grenades and machine guns stormed the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya. It is believed that all surviving hostages were freed after many days of fighting. Over several days, security forces exchanged fire with the militants, killing some and capturing others. The president of Kenya declared three days of national mourning in a speech Sept. 24. As of Sept. 24, 62 people remained hospitalized. Somalian al-Shabaab militants took responsibility for the attack, claiming the attack was in response to the killing of “innocent Muslims” by Kenyan troops.

US Monitors California Street Gangs

US authorities have been cracking down on street gangs in California that have been said to have links to the Mexican Mafia. Authorities arrested 129 people belonging to the Mexican Mafia and indicted them on charges from racketeering to murder. This invasion was inspired by a wave of gang violence related to drug trafficking. Officials also found 22 pounds of methamphetamine, as well as heroine and cocaine. Authorities have called it the “largest single crackdown of the Mexican Mafia since the ‘90s.”

Sale Pending on Smithfield Foods

Shareholders have approved a deal to sell Smithfield Foods to China’s Shuanghui, in what is supposed to be the largest acquisition of a US company to a Chinese corporation. The deal is expected to close on Sept. 26. According to Smithfield Foods, shareholders voted 96 percent in favor of this decision to sell the company to Shuanghui for \$4.72 billion in cash at a meeting in Richmond, Va. There has been some controversy over the issue because of Shuanghui’s spotty record. There have been stories about diseased hogs that were thrown into a river in China coming from this same company. Some experts argue the Smithfield deal will lead to an increase in the amount of hog feces handled in the US which could lead to environmental and health problems.

Russia Files Charges Against Greenpeace

Russia filed piracy charges against the environmental organization, Greenpeace, after activists tried to board a Russian oil platform in the Arctic. Greenpeace members said that members of Russia’s coast guard rapelled down to its ship from helicopters and were holding 30 activists at gunpoint. The Russian coast guard then arrested the activists. Piracy holds a 15-year prison sentence and \$15,000 fine. Russia said it will charge the “more active” of the Greenpeace activists. Russia’s Investigative Committee said the activists posed a danger to the oil platform and a “threat to the environmental security of the whole region.”

Congress Updates

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STUDENT CONGRESS

- The Associate General Council gave a presentation on sexual misconduct and the implications of Title IX. Steve Sears is the Deputy Title IX coordinator for students. The goal is to make sure people have all the information they need for sexual misconduct so they can make wise and lawful choices with how we interact and respect one another. Purely confidential reporting is located in the personal counseling center and campus ministry.
- There was general discussion about the Press Release regarding the cancellation of lecturer John Corvino. Students questioned why only the faculty was given notice about the cancellation and whether this event will be allowed to happen in the future. There will be a discussion Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 pm in the Aquinas lounge to talk about these issues. All students are welcome.
- Freshman elections will be held this week.
- Clubs and Organizations reported that there are at least two new proposed student clubs.
- The Class of 2015 is working to improve PC Secure.
- The Class of 2016 is hosting a BBQ on Oct. 5 on lower campus.
- Student Life is pursuing ideas for student safety on and off campus.
- Student Congress has begun planning a clothing drive and is still working on “Late Night Madness.” Students do not have to pay to get into this event.

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Letters of Intent for Freshmen Student Congress

Elections will be held Oct. 1 and 2 on Sakai

President

Taylor Gibson

Dear Class of 2017, my name is Taylor Gibson and I am running for freshman class president! I am a political science-Spanish double major from Chicago, Ill. Student Congress was my passion in high school; I was heavily invested in the club all four years. As a freshman and sophomore, I served as class president. Junior year and senior year I was on the executive board, serving the treasurer position both years. In addition, I was also on the executive board of National Honors Society and Spanish club. Senior year, I was captain of both my high school and club soccer teams, as well as my high school basketball team. I know that there are many other extremely well-qualified candidates who have held laudable leadership positions in the past. However, I have copious ideas that I wish to implement in our lives here at PC. We are about to embark on a journey together as the centennial class at Providence. My goal is to create the best possible experience for each and every one of us over the next four years. Your vote for Taylor Gibson should instill in you the confidence that I will work to ensure that our college experience encompasses all that we want and more.

John Hindley

Before coming to Providence College, I served my high school class with distinction as an elected member of the class council. I would like to continue this form of leadership by serving the Class of 2017 as president. I am responsible, loyal, and determined. With the vote of the student body, I will be able to implement my skills and abilities to be an effective president. Once elected, I will be a productive member of the Student Congress and I will be a proactive president by being a voice for the needs of the Class of 2017. As president, I will organize fundraisers to make money for future years, host events that will unite the Class of 2017, and I will propose the formation of new clubs. In addition, I will listen to the ideas of the freshman student body so I can properly represent the needs of the class. Under my presidency, I will make the Class of 2017 strong and united. Together we can leave a mark on Providence College. Go Friars!

Joseph Crateau

Hi, my name is Joe Crateau and I am running for class president. I am from Danvers, Mass. and I went to St. John’s Prep for high school. I am running for class president to build a relationship with my classmates and I believe I can be a strong leader for the people around me. Campus Ministry is something that is very important to me and I would love to help get some of my peers involved. Our class is full of diversity and everyone here has their own talents. I believe we can all use our individual talents to help others around us in order to make our community and other communities a better place.

Brendan Barbato

As a business major, I have the necessary skills to be a leader, such as planning, organizing, responsibility, decision making, and management. I can use these skills to help meet or at least adhere to student needs. I enjoy being able to help others and create opportunities for others, which I plan to do if I am able to win the presidential nomination. My goal is to make the best years of your life, even better. Being a part of the centennial class at Providence College gives even more meaning to graduating from this fine academic institution. The Class of 2017 will forever be a part of Providence College, being the 99th class, graduating on the 100th anniversary of the college’s existence. I encourage everyone to work, to his or her full ability, because opportunity is a lot like hard work. Hard work creates opportunities and opportunities require hard work for success; that way you can prove yourself. I want to make Providence College a better community as a whole, and the class of 2017 to be one of the best classes to ever pass through Providence College. My motto is: “A student for solutions.”

Abudu-Ganiyu “Larry” Adeboye

My name is Abudu-Ganiyu Adeboye, but I go by my nickname/ middle name Larry and I am interested in running for 2017 student president of the Class of 2017. My goals are to bring change and reform to Providence College and this can best be done by attaining the office of president, I will indulge in my goals in the near future. I feel that I am the best suited for this position and will bring a lot to the table. I feel that I am more than adequate to reach and branch out to the minorities and majority groups of Providence College and the best person to represent Providence College Class of 2017. I will bring more unity among the class and organize more activity to increase my class involvement. Also my reforms will strengthen our class academically and our integrity. I will get the job done. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice President

Matt Griffin

With a world starving for a leader, there’s a man starving for the world. He’s ambitious, he’s titanium, he’s ferocious. He bench presses boulders, heals the sick, and squashes the weak. He’s smooth, honey tongued, and above all else a gentleman. He hits the lights and is in bed before the room gets dark. He floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee. He’s tenacious. He will uphold tradition and push to move the student body forward. I am your next vice president. I am Matt Griffin.

Conor White

I appreciate you taking the time to read this introduction of my desire to be your freshman class vice president and serve this community. Providence College gives us so many opportunities as students and I feel that it is our job to give back in some way. I hope to connect to you and the rest of the Class of 2017 to work together to benefit our school. My commitment is to listen, to improve and to work hard as your Vice President this year. There is a tendency that freshman classes go unnoticed. When I am your vice president I will make sure that our concerns are represented in the Student Congress meetings. Let’s have a great year and make Providence College an even better place than it already is. See the light vote Conor White.

Carolyn Alessi

I am dedicated to making positive changes by being a great leader and implementer. My name is Carolyn Alessi, and I am a freshman at PC, from New Jersey. During my freshman year of high school, I was not actively engaged in leadership decisions affecting the direction of my class, and I had vision for improving our experience. I quickly realized that I was either going to be a part of the problem or a part of the solution, which fired my desire to run for sophomore year class representative. I have enjoyed the honor of representing my class for my sophomore and junior years; last year I was privileged to represent my entire school, as I was voted into the 2012-2013 executive board. Throughout these years of avid student government involvement, I have enjoyed the opportunity of working with my classmates, faculty, administration, and other authority figures outside of my school community. The lessons I have learned while in office, such as communication skills, importance of compromise, and the need to listen to others have shaped me into the leader I am today. I am committed to staying actively involved in leadership positions throughout my college years, and beyond.

Gretchen Barrett

Hi, my name is Gretchen Barrett and I am running to be the vice president of the Class of 2017. I think I could truly be an asset to Student Congress and can make a difference for our class. I have had years of experience on student council in the past that I think will help me. We are the biggest class of Providence College ever and I think we can make a huge impact. I hope to meet tons of you in the upcoming week before election. Go Friars!

Treasurer

Rob Kiska

I intend to participate in the election for Providence College Student Congress as a treasurer candidate. I value the importance of being active on campus in various regards and Student Congress would be an excellent way to achieve this. If elected I know that I will represent the grade in an honest manner, keeping in mind the best interests of all students. I realize that there is a great responsibility as a member of Student Congress, but I know that I am up to the task. Certainly, I would not run for the position and ask for the support of my peers if I were not completely devoted to the job.

John Ryan

Fellow students, my name is John Ryan and I am seeking your vote for treasurer of the centennial Class of 2017. As a finance major and member of the Investment Club I am confident in my ability to manage all of the financial operations for our class. I plan to work closely with the president and vice president to plan, as well as responsibly fund new and exciting on campus events that will ultimately bring our class closer together. If elected treasurer, I can assure you that our freshman class budget will be utilized to the fullest in the most efficient way. As treasurer, I will be open to the ideas of my fellow classmates and more than willing to fund creative events on campus. So vote John Ryan for class treasurer and Go Friars!

Pedro Alemán

Hello and welcome to Providence College!!!! My name is Pedro Alemán and I’m extremely interested in being your class treasurer. I come from San Diego, Calif. and I’m a political science major and a potential global studies double major and a Spanish and art history minor. It would be an honor to represent you as class treasurer, because I’m deeply passionate about helping the PC community. I have had experience as president and treasurer of my class in high school. I was in charge of creating events and handling the class budget. If elected class treasurer, I will sit as a member of the Committee on Finance and help allocate funds for the many extraordinary clubs we have on campus. Also, I will work my hardest to raise money in order to plan events for our class throughout the year. Not only that, but I will personally allow myself one day of every month to hear from you whether it’s a fundraising or event idea or even complaints you may have. I hope I can count on your vote when election day arrives, I will not disappoint you! Remember, VOTE FOR PEDRO!!!!!!!!

Secretary

Kristen Sauer

I would be honored to represent Providence College and the Class of 2017 as a member of the 64th Student Congress in the position of secretary. I understand the role and impact the Student Congress has on the campus community and the responsibilities it entails. As the secretary for the Class of 2017, I will use my strong leadership and organizational skills to facilitate and promote activities that will have a positive impact on the students at PC while also helping to build the bridge of communication between the students and administration. I am willing to stay focused and committed to the Class of 2017, communicate ideas effectively, make ethical decisions, negotiate as needed for the interest of the cause, and most importantly, stay true to my steadfast values. I want to help my class, the Class of 2017, to be successful this year and in their years ahead at Providence College. With that being said, it would be a privilege for me to serve the upcoming year as the secretary for the Class of 2017.

We the People....



Representatives

Zachary Acunzo

Hello my name is Zachary Acunzo, Providence College Class of 2017, and I intend to run for the position of freshman class representative. In high school I was very involved in student politics, holding the position of student council vice president in which I held a strong voice in student affairs, and made sure that our time in high school was unforgettable. As a representative for our class I will strive to ensure that our time at Providence College is the best possible experience we can have! I plan to do this by making sure your voices are heard through me. With that said I believe I have the commitment, responsibility, and enthusiasm that best reflects you, the freshman class. Thank you.

Danh Pham

My name is Danh Pham, and I am a international freshman running for class representative. Even though I am originally from Hanoi, Vietnam, I have spent my junior and senior years of high school in the US. During that time away from home, I have taken opportunities to lead various organizations and clubs, ranging from sports to academics, which brings me not only fun but also valuable experience. I have realized that the more efforts and respect for people I show, the more I am rewarded and able to learn from others. Therefore, I am always eager to step out, meet others and do the best I can to better the community I am engaged in. Having traveled many places and interacted with various people, I hope that my experience will bring an exciting dimension to the Providence College community. If elected to the class representative position, I would commit myself to dedicating my time, efforts and passion to the Class of 2017!

Jack Barnes

“Our home is where we are. Our place of origin is not relevant,” – Anonymous. Providence College is our home; as students attending the same institution, we are all a family. Diversity is stressed at PC. Students come from not only around the country, but also from all over the world to be a part of our family. Where we come from should not matter. Hi, my name is Jack Barnes and I am running to become one of the representatives for the Class of 2017. To many people, diversity is the unknown; it leaves them frightened. For me, I embrace it. My hometown of Edison, N.J., is highly diverse. In fact, Edison is home to more than 75 different ethnic groups spanning from Indian to Chinese. My friends come from all walks of life. For example, one of my best friends is a Portuguese-Indian boy who is Catholic. Knowledge of diversity, along with a strong upbringing, helped develop my character. I’m loyal, hard working, and responsible; I strive to let every person have a voice. I believe I can assist Providence College to become the institution that high school seniors dream to attend.

Elissa Stagliano

My name is Elissa Stagliano and I am running to be a class representative of Providence College’s Class of 2017! In High School, I was always dedicated not only to my studies, but to the activities and interests to which I am committed. These experiences taught me to be organized and focused as I developed into a leader who works well with others. If chosen for the position, I intend to represent my peers in a way that will make all of their voices heard in student government. I have an enthusiastic passion for working with people to make events on campus happen. Each person makes up an important part of this community, and everyone deserves the opportunity to voice their opinion. Therefore, as representative, I plan to take on the responsibility and the honor of representing the collective voice of the Class of 2017. I will be accessible, open-minded, and always willing to listen to those around me. 2013 is our year as freshmen to introduce ourselves as a class that wants to make a difference. I can be a key player on the team that helps make this happen. Thank you!

Timothy Trocchio

During my high school career I discovered the importance of student government and student involvement. I served all four years of my high school career as a class officer two of which I served as class president. During my time in high school I attended leadership camps for student council and participated in many student council conferences. Through this experience I have learned a lot about what it takes to plan events, and more importantly to be the voice of the student body. My intentions have not changed and I plan on continuing my student government involvement. More importantly it would be a great pleasure and honor to represent the student body as a class representative and to bring their concerns to the student congress.

Lia Serrano

My name is Lia Serrano and it is my intention to run for the position of class representative for the class of 2017. If I am given the opportunity to serve as a class representative, I will put forth my best effort to improve upon the overall quality of life for students while contributing to the mission of Providence College. As a representative, I will act as a vital link between the school administration and student body. I believe that promoting a strong sense of community amongst students is the key to maintaining a constructive and productive school environment. Exercising open communication between the students, administrators, as well as the community at large, will not only work to unify us as a cohesive community, but in turn empower us as a group. The various professional experiences I have held in the past (tutoring and coaching) have helped me develop the interpersonal skills I possess today. Thus, I can confidently state that I am very comfortable within this type of role. Moreover, as a freshman psychology major I feel truly compelled to use my desire of working with people to represent the student body, as well as tend to their concerns and needs. I would be honored to represent the Class of 2017 in any capacity that I can in order to give us the best college experience possible.

Katie Fayen

My name is Katie Fayen and I am choosing to run for representative of the class of 2017. I have been actively involved in student government throughout my four years in high school and it has become one of my greatest passions. I have always been a very dedicated and hard-working individual and I am willing to devote one hundred percent of my time and effort in to representing you and making Providence College thrive. I am very approachable and accepting of other people’s ideas and I am willing to try my best to see them happen here at PC. Even though I am only a freshman, I would like to take this opportunity to make Providence and these next four years the best they can be. Thank you for your time and support and I look forward to the year ahead! Go friars!

TJ Gianci

Ever since I stepped on campus, I have always felt welcomed at Providence College. There is a strong sense of community here; it is a place where people genuinely care about one another. Already feeling a part of this family, I care about all the Providence College students. I want to be a voice for each one and help provide them with the best college experience possible. Providence College is an incredible place, but there is always room for improvement and change. Having the opportunity to be a class representative would not only allow me to help better the school, but also work with passionate individuals that demonstrate critical thinking. I believe passing legislation that can help transform the school in a positive way would be a fulfilling experience. I want to be a part of that transformation.

Class of 2014 Representative (Special Election)

Jen Bash was nominated unopposed and will fill this representative position for the Class of 2014.

Reilly Gallery Opens Interactive Sculpture Exhibit

by Jackie McCarthy '14
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ARTS ON CAMPUS

Thursday, September 19 marked the unveiling of the exhibit *Distorting (a messiah project – 11c)* by R. Justin Stewart in Providence College’s Reilly Gallery at the Smith Center for the Arts. The exhibit is part of a year-long showcase titled “Surprising Realities: Art and Science at Providence College.” The purpose of the showcase is to bring together the art and science departments to present a “visualization of new knowledge in the contemporary world.”

Upon entering the Reilly Gallery, the viewer is bombarded with the sight of purple, gray, green, and blue geometric shapes and lines against the white walls. The shapes are made of fleece, polyvinyl chloride (or PVC), and rope. These colorful fabric shapes are all connected by the rope that runs to one giant purple fabric pod hanging from the ceiling in the gallery’s entryway. The Art Gallery curator Sara Young calls Stewart’s work “remarkable in its simplicity.” The art that Stewart creates is not just some fabric and some string, but is three dimensional data.

By looking at Stewart’s unique sculpture, viewers are able to access the inaccessible. Rather, it creates the ability for viewers to access information they would not necessarily think to access if they had not seen Stewart’s work. There is a barcode displayed on each of the shapes on the wall that, af-



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Above: The *Distorting (a messiah project –11c)* on display in the Reilly Gallery.

ter scanning with a smartphone’s QR code reader, will provide access to data related to the sculpture. Each of the fleece pods represents historical content related to the messianic concept, depending on the color of the fleece. Once the viewer has the data it is his or her job to research what he or she has just discovered. Stewart does not want to give the viewer all the answers, but he wants him or her to research and develop an interest in the work.

Stewart’s interactive sculpture is the result of two years of research into the Jewish concept of the messiah, and is one of many “installations under the umbrella of ‘a messiah project.’” When

going through the process of deciding on the exhibits to display in the Reilly Gallery, which entails sifting through 75 to 100 applications from talented artists, Sara Young noted the religious nature of Stewart’s work. She believes that choosing this as the showcase’s main exhibit is a good way to show diversity at PC and to educate viewers on an interesting time in history.

Young also stated that this was the first time the gallery has been used as an installation in the three years she has worked as the College’s curator. The installation of the sculpture took four days starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m. The fact that the floors

in the Reilly Gallery are made of wood presented restrictions in installing the sculpture. Under normal circumstances, the ropes that hold the sculpture together would be tethered to the floor, making the viewer literally walk through the exhibit to fully experience it. The exhibit relates to science because of the way it is structured. Stewart has an interest in physics and space and uses this aspect of science to present his artwork. “It’s about illuminating an abstract concept and bringing it to life,” said Young.

R. Justin Stewart’s *Distorting* will be displayed in Reilly Gallery until Dec. 13. Its opening was a part of a citywide event called Providence Gallery Night, which is held every third Thursday of the month from September until March. The next reception PC is holding in conjunction with Providence Gallery Night will be on Oct. 17 in Hunt-Cavanagh Gallery.

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Photo Club Scavenger Hunt

by Meaghan Dodson '17
News Staff

ARTS ON CAMPUS

Students were given the unique opportunity to explore in detail all of the beauty that Providence College has to offer on Saturday, September 21 at the Photography Club Scavenger Hunt. The event kicked off at 12:30 p.m. in the Unity Center with munchkins and coffee from Dunkin’ Donuts, and over the course of the next two hours teams of either two or three students raced across campus to take pictures in various locations.

Although the event was open to students of all grades, the scavenger hunt was mainly geared toward the freshmen of the Class of 2017 in order to better acquaint them with the campus that they are quickly learning to call ‘home.’ The freshmen eagerly used their phones to take snapshots of everything from the campus’ buildings to the friars themselves. Each team was awarded points based on the creativity of the pictures and the difficulty of finding each location; some of the list’s more obscure locations, such as the koi pond near Dore Hall, bamboozled even a few of the more seasoned upperclassmen.

After two hours, a little bit of confusion, and a good deal of walking, the various teams tramped their way back to Slavin to share their accomplishments. The members of the winning team received Dunkin’ Donuts gift cards to supplement the personal pride they felt at having successfully explored every nook and cranny of the ever-expanding PC campus.

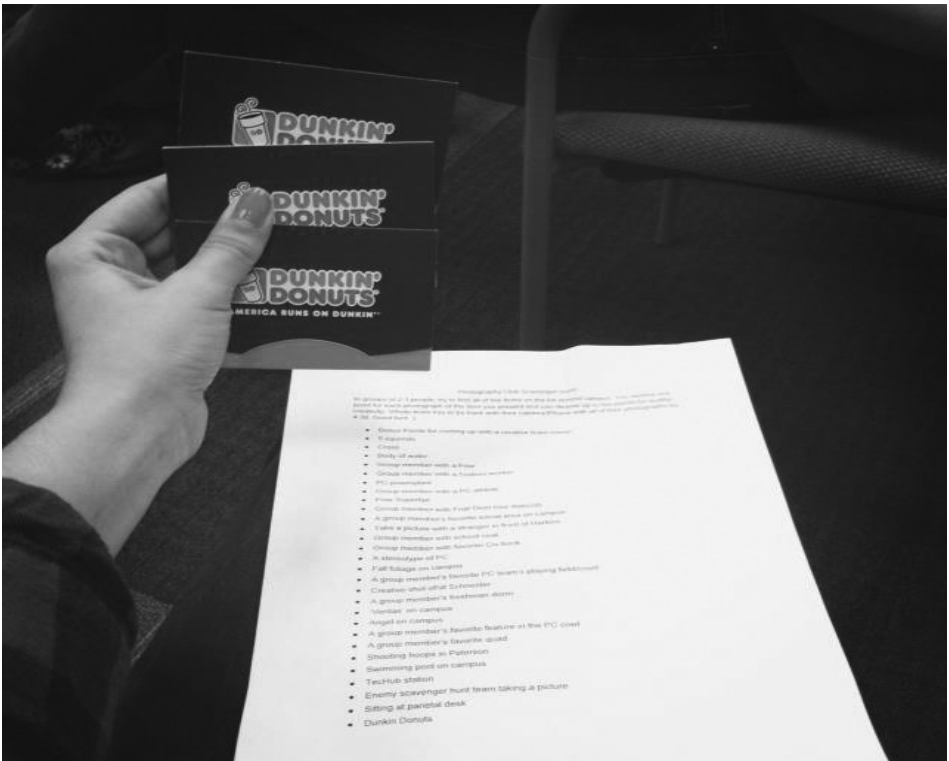
The scavenger hunt was carried out largely due to Kara Flanagan ’14 and Lauren O’Loughlin ’14, the club’s president and vice-president, respectively. Flanagan attested, “The event was successful, especially since it was our first event of the year. We are just happy to help our new freshmen find their way around. This campus is truly beautiful and some people have never seen the most unique parts of it.”

While the Photography Club was founded just last year, the teamwork and passion of these two seniors have resulted in its immediate success. The organization was awarded the prestigious honor of “Most Outstanding New Club” for the 2012-2013 academic year, and as Flanagan and O’Loughlin enter their final semesters at PC, they hope to use them as an opportunity to further develop the club and also leave a lasting legacy for the College. Even as her photography

experiences at PC are drawing to a close, Flanagan divulges, “I plan on pursuing photography as a career, so I’m really just looking for a job that is a good growing opportunity. I have been lucky to have such great experiences relating to my field at PC and I hope that I can continue that after I graduate.”

The club is currently looking for a new executive board to fill the shoes of the outgoing seniors, and they encourage all new and returning members to come to the meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Art Service Building.

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Kara Flanagan ’14, president of Photography Club, holds the prizes for the winners.

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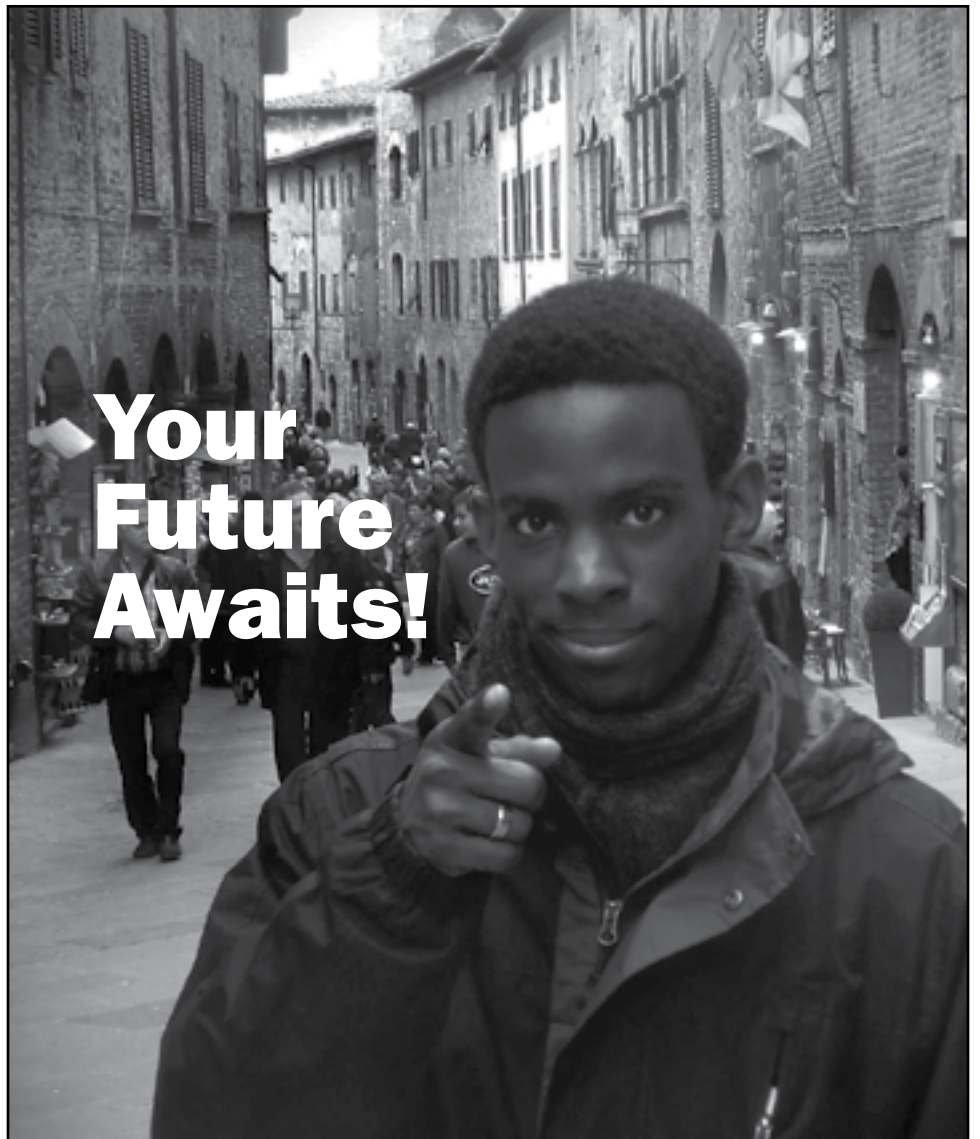
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Miss America Controversy Is Indicative of American Prejudices

by Nicole Corbin '15
Asst. Opinion Editor

SOCIETY

Newly-crowned Miss America Nina Davuluri was born in New York, holds a degree from the University of Michigan in brain behavior and cognitive science, and aspires to become a physician. This sounds like the type of girl whom anyone would want to represent America; however, Davuluri is facing a maelstrom of backlash simply because she is Indian-American. The ethnocentric ignorance surrounding this controversy reflects the ever-present apprehension many Americans feel toward anyone of Eastern descent.

After Davuluri danced her way to victory, Twitter was bombarded with racially fuelled tweets that were not only insensitive, but also obtuse. For instance, @SHANN_Wow tweeted, “Miss America right now or Miss Al-Qaeda?” while @emi_adkins fired off, “It’s called Miss America. Get outta here New York you look like a terrorist. #bye #americanforamerica.”

Davuluri is not, in fact, of Islamic faith. She was raised in a family practicing the beliefs of Hinduism. Is it likely that a radical Muslim woman would enter a competition requiring her to show off her body? Probably not.

However, the commonly held vision of Miss America is a bubbly

blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl who bakes the best apple pie and roots for her hometown baseball team, but Davuluri’s physical appearance does not match this typical view. Her skin is darker and her look is exotic—she’s different. That must mean she’s a terrorist, right?

If the new Miss America were a first-generation Italian-American, just as Davuluri is a first-generation Indian-American, no one would be outraged because that Miss America’s differences would not be as physically apparent.

Unfortunately, when people can see the difference between themselves and others, they experience what P.J. Henry and David Sears refer to as “subtle racism” in their essay, “The Symbolic Racism 2000 Scale,” published in *Political Psychology*.

According to Henry and Sears, those experiencing subtle racism “sense that a target group violates traditional values” and feel an “exaggeration of cultural differences,” the perception that the target group differs from the respondent’s groups in terms of values and religious beliefs.”

Those who expressed their outrage at Davuluri’s crowning via social media are part of a group of Americans who, amidst political tension, feel that “outsiders” living in America pose a threat. A threat not only to national security, but also to all that is wholesome and valued in American society.

However, American “traditions” and “values” are formed by the mixings of other cultures’ traditions and values that have been morphed into the uniquely American culture that now exists.

Davuluri states, “I’ve always viewed a Miss America as the girl next door, and the girl next door is evolving as the diversity in America evolves.” As Miss America, she represents this shift with which many are uncomfortable. But she is also a role model for many young women, all matters of race aside, and for that America should be proud.

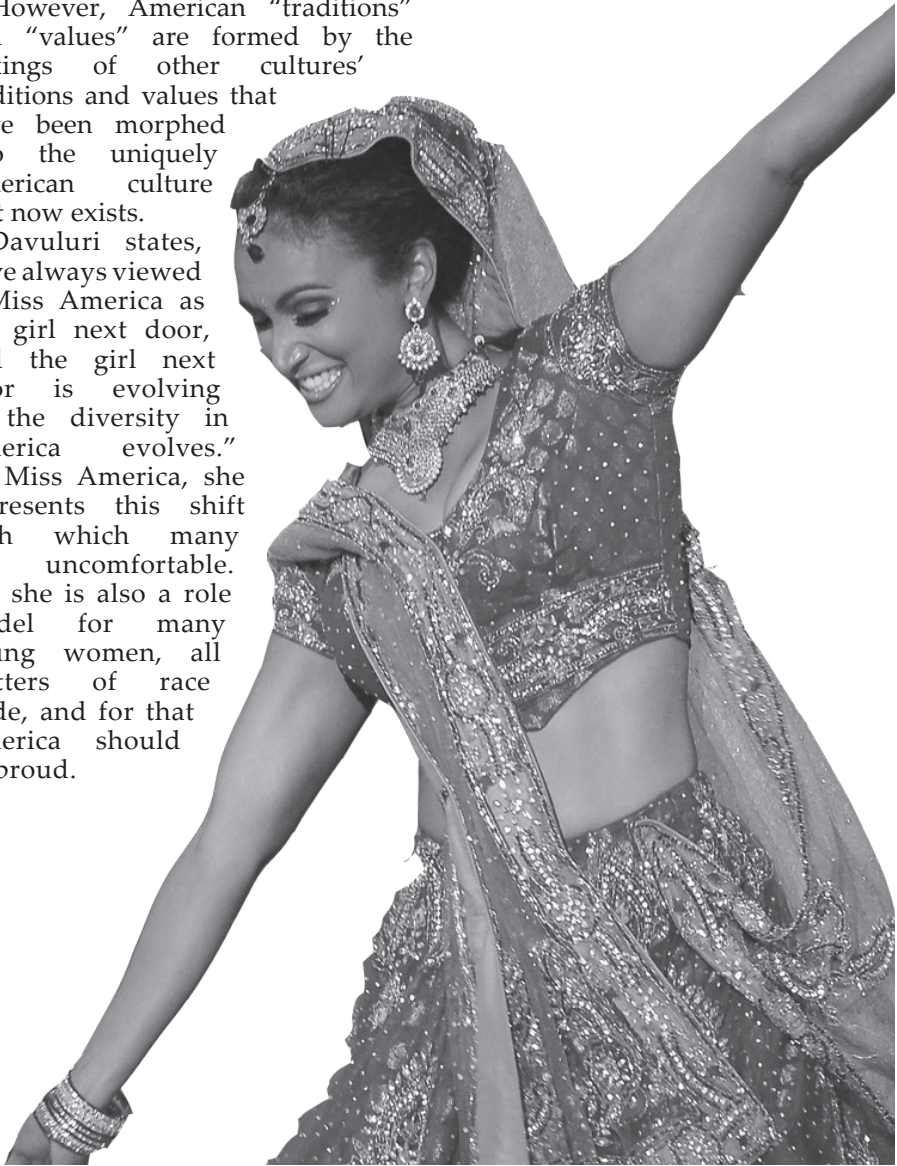


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Letter to the Editor: *Alumni Urge Administration to Reconsider Discussion*

***This letter was written before Dr. Hugh Lena announced the rescheduling of the same-sex marriage discussion.**

On Tuesday, the New York Times published an article titled “Catholic College Rescinds Invitation to Speaker Defending Same-Sex Marriage” and within hours, a group of concerned alumni quickly ballooned to more than 1000 members actively voicing their concern through Facebook, email, and phone calls. The following letter is the result of 287 such alums’ online collaboration:

Dear Providence College Administration:

On behalf of a group of over 500 Providence College alumni and active donors, we wish to express our disappointment, embarrassment, and frustration in response to the recent cancellation of Dr. Corvino and Dr. Dillon’s lecture on gay marriage.

In a statement issued by Providence College on Sept. 24, the college writes “The incident in question is thus not really about academic freedom, but rather goes to the meaning of being a Catholic college. Should a Catholic college invite an outside speaker to campus, pay that person an honorarium, and give that person an unchallenged platform from which to present arguments designed to undermine a central tenet of the Catholic faith? Our reading of Ex corde Ecclesiae is that to do so would be to undermine the very nature of a Catholic college.”

That same text, Ex Corde Ecclesiae, states that “A Catholic University

possesses the autonomy necessary to develop its distinctive identity and pursue its proper mission. Freedom in research and teaching is recognized and respected according to the principles and methods of each individual discipline, so long as the rights of the individual and of the community are preserved within the confines of the truth and the common good.”

Furthermore, the PC Mission Statement says, “The implications of this assertion of the compatibility of faith and reason for education are profound. Questions, debates, and challenges are welcomed, as are people of hesitant faith, different faiths, or even no faith at all. Believers cannot take refuge in the assurances of faith but must learn to provide reasons for what they believe...”

We feel that in cancelling a lecture five days before it is scheduled, the college sends a message that “questions, debates and challenges” are unwelcome when, in fact, these opportunities should be present and central to a liberal arts education.

In addition, the decision to speak for Dr. Dana Dillon, who was free to decline the invitation to address the other side of the issue, indicates an unwillingness to stand by the capabilities of the College’s faculty and denies her the autonomy that academic freedom dictates. It will become increasingly difficult for PC to attract and inspire future leaders, innovators, and high-level thinkers if they continue to maintain policies that are reactionary,

intolerant and inconsistent.

We are very proud of the well-rounded liberal arts education we received, and this censorship represents an act of academic cowardice that is beneath this, or any, institution of higher learning. If Providence College intends to be relevant in the realm of higher education, then its administration must stop closing the school’s gates to those who think differently. We agree with Dr. Fred Drogula, who defined the role of our quality academic institution as: “to teach students how to think critically, which includes challenging, testing and defending...ideas.”

We urge the administration to take positive action in support of its mission: Re-extend an invitation to Dr. Corvino and Dr. Dillon to discuss gay marriage. Allow a dialogue to happen. Follow through on PC’s mission.

We are proud of the education we received as Providence College alumni and look forward to actively supporting these same opportunities for future students.

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The Opinion Section Remains an Avenue of Personal Expression

by Kayla Fernandes '14 & Keely Mohin '14
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EDITORIAL



As a news organization, we are constantly concerned with reporting objective facts absent of emotion, bias, or agenda. The events of this week challenged us more than those of any other. We wanted to give the question of Dr. John Corvino's lecture the attention it deserved while making sure, as journalists, that we did not favor one side of the debate over the other. We hope our front page article by Kathleen Sullivan '14 succeeds in this endeavor.

This is not to say that The Cowl cannot be an avenue of personal expression and/or an impetus for important

debate and discussion. As you can see from some of the letters we have received this week, the Opinion section is always willing to publish thoughts from PC students, alums, administrators, and faculty about current events and happenings on campus.

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#NoFilter Creates Self-Obsession

In this day and age, nothing perpetuates Class-A narcissism quite like the "selfie." The lake where Narcissus fell in love with his own reflection has now been replaced with a bathroom mirror, a smartphone, and "#nofilter." Unfortunately, selfies have become nothing short of a pop-culture phenomenon and an annoying token of social media. It is hard to remember a time when I could just casually scroll down my Facebook newsfeed without being bombarded with pictures of people showing off their best "peace sign and duck face" pose. What can be rightfully criticized about social media is that it fuels our self-obsessed culture, our need to document our lives and thoughts to the world in order to receive validation and attention from other people. Selfies are just another reflection of that cultural self-obsession and desperation for attention. People who obsessively post selfies are simply looking to stroke their own ego, or lack thereof. Nearly every selfie ever posted can be translated into a desperate cry of "Hey, look at me! Please?!!!" They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but what are selfies really saying about us?

—Carolyn Walsh '17

Senior Disoriented by PC Changes

This past summer, Providence College transformed much of upper campus. Some of the changes have been simply gorgeous: a large campus green and the beautiful Ruane Center have left a profound mark, altering the focus and traffic around the College. However, the changes have been simply disorienting. Attempting to maintain some semblance of stability in my senior year of college, I struggle daily with new concrete paths which have ruptured my sense of normalcy. Gone are the days of the straight path from the Slavin Center to Club Phil. A time of much uncertainty in my final year has been compounded by a dwindling sense of direction on a changing campus. One can only hope that when the fences fall and the dirt is covered, a new path can be made concrete both on the ground and in my mind. I am legitimately counting down the days to see the finished project of all that has been constructed and altered around school. This kid just wants a regular path.

—Matt Santos '14

Hogwarts Should Stay Open Later

I don't understand why the Ruane Center closes at 10 p.m. I mean, I know it's primarily an academic building and most academic buildings close at reasonable hours, but it's also one of my favorite places to study on campus. It's really quiet, it has food and coffee available inside the building, and it looks like Hogwarts. Anyway, the annoying thing about it closing at 10 p.m. is that they kick you out during prime homework hours. You'll be making leeway on that chemistry problem or finally figuring out what that poet from the 19th century was actually talking about, and then they just throw you out into the cold and break your productive streak. And, of course, by the time you pick a new study spot, all of your motivation dissipates. I could always choose a different spot to study with longer hours, but Ruane just looks so much like Hogwarts. I promise I won't go looking for the Third Floor Corridor after hours if it's kept open. I am, however, on the hunt for the restricted section of the library. If anyone has discovered anything, please let me know.

—Brianna Abbott '17



Follow the Holy Father's Example

Walking United with Our Differences, Only Way to Become One

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

CAMPUS

I tried not to write about John Corvino this week. I really did.

Everyone has an opinion on the College's controversial decision to cancel Professor Corvino's lecture, entitled "The Meaning of (Gay) Marriage." Questions about academic freedom, the nature of a Catholic college, and the teachings of the Church have drawn passionate responses on every side. I thought that I could leave the discussion and debate to others, but I cannot. I've got an angle on this story that many people have not heard, and I need to get it out there.

What makes my viewpoint different is that it comes from within the four walls of my office in the Campus Ministry Center. Since news of the canceled lecture started to circulate, there has been a steady stream of students who have wanted to talk. And there, with the door closed and with their guards down, students have been pouring out their hearts about this heated topic.

I have seen students who are gay and listened to their stories. Many express anger and have felt victimized and disrespected by the Providence College community. I have seen allies and supporters of the gay community and heard them convey their indignation that the College could be so close-minded and intolerant. And to a person, each student was on the verge of tears.

But these have not been the only visitors to my office. I have seen a number of students who are in agreement with the College's decision. They see eye to eye with

the Church and its understanding of the nature of marriage. But far from speaking with an air of triumphalism, these students have told stories of being made to feel like bigots and hate-mongers. They have experienced persecution and mockery—by professors and peers alike—for their beliefs and support of Providence College. And each of these students was on the verge of tears, too.

These difficult days have revealed the great degree of suffering that exists amongst many students concerning some of the controversial moral teachings of the Church. Notice, I am not saying that these events have caused the suffering; rather, I am suggesting that the suffering has been there in thinly-concealed ways and these events have merely brought it to the surface. And this situation needs to be dealt with by our community. We cannot pretend that it isn't there and hope that things quickly get back to normal. We cannot ignore it and hope that it goes away.

So what should our community do? How can we look honestly at some of the Church's more difficult teachings and wrestle with them in a way that befits a Catholic college? It's a difficult question to answer, but I propose that we follow the example of the Holy Father.

Assome of you know, Pope Francis recently gave an historic and wide-ranging interview that appeared in the pages of America, a journal published by the Jesuits. When the story broke, the Internet was awash with controversial headlines. The Pope was modifying the Church's teaching about homosexuality. The Pope was criticizing pro-life advocates. The Pope hates dogma.

These juicy headlines and the selective reporting that went along with them generally misrepresented what the Holy Father was really saying. That becomes clear when one reads the interview. The manner in which Pope Francis discusses the faith might be different than that of his predecessors, but the content is always the perennial teaching of the Church. To put it another way, the Pope is not changing the beliefs, but asking us to look at those beliefs in new and fresh ways, and that's what we need here at Providence College.

As a Catholic institution, we obviously believe in the Church's understanding of the nature of marriage. Further, we endorse the Church's teaching on human sexuality and the immorality of unchaste acts, whether those acts be gay or straight. We think with the Church on these and all other matters of faith and morals. But is that the end of the road? For those members of community who do not share or struggle to accept these beliefs, is there nothing else to say? Pope Francis doesn't think so.

In the America interview, the Pope warns of the dangers of being either too much of a rigorist or too lax. To be the former is to adopt a position of rigidity and say, "You know the rules. Shut up and follow them." On the other hand, the position of the latter says, "Don't worry about anything. Everything is fine." Pope Francis notes: "Neither [of these positions] is merciful, because neither of them really takes responsibility for the person. . . . We must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds."

And there it is. We are called to accompany one another along life's journey. Note that we're not called

to travel only with those with whom we agree or those who happen to look like us. The Pope is not asking us to gloss over or ignore serious differences between individuals. But neither is he telling us to leave behind those with whom we do not agree. And look what happens then we take responsibility for one another and accompany one another through life: wounds are healed.

These words hit home when I think about all of the distressed people I've seen this week. So many of our brothers and sisters on campus are wounded. And those injuries are not limited to any one issue. Many experience the scourge of being misunderstood and unloved. Many feel marginalized and dismissed by members of the community or by the College itself. Their suffering is real, and their need for authentic communion and companionship is pressing.

Pope Francis sums this all up perfectly when he says: "We must walk united with our differences: there is no other way to become one. This is the way of Jesus."

By God's grace may it become the way of Providence College too.



Letter to the Editor:

Alumnus Reminds Us to Be Careful What We Wish For

My very first assignment for *The Cowl* was to cover a lecture by Dr. Benjamin Powell that was hosted by the Department of Economics. Having never heard of Powell nor ever read anything about economics prior to attending the lecture, I had no idea what to expect, and thus was quite surprised to find out that the speaker would be giving a defense of sweatshop labor. I took notes, reported the event as truthfully as possible, and sent it to my editor without a second thought.

In the next issue of *The Cowl*, I was shocked to discover that the piece had generated a bit of controversy. The controversy, which manifested itself in the forms of letters to the editor and a guest commentary, had nothing to do with what I wrote about the event—after all, it was not an opinion piece—but centered around the fact that Providence College had permitted a speaker to sing the praises of sweatshop labor. As Catholic social teaching discourages sweatshops, the students were upset that a speaker was permitted to promote something that they felt undermined Catholicism at a Catholic university. One column even stated that Powell should not have even been invited in the first place, never mind permitted to give a lecture. Today, I see the same students who desired the banning of Powell from campus get very upset over the rescinding of an invitation to another speaker who many thought would have undermined Catholicism.

A person cannot simultaneously demand that the "Catholic school" trump card be applied to speakers with whom they may disagree with ideologically, and yet request that it be rendered null against speakers with whom they do agree. I wish to stress that this letter was neither written in support nor in condemnation of PC's actions, but as a reminder to be very careful what you wish for.

—Christine Rousselle '13

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ABOVE: On Friday, September 20, the Office of Safety and Security sponsors a fair and BBQ, bringing in various support teams from the College and city of Providence, pictured above. SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL



ABOVE: During the weekly Student Congress meeting, students come to discuss the recent change of plans of Dr. John Corvino's lecture on the philosophy of gay marriage. JESSICA ARTIGLIERE '17/ THE COWL



ABOVE: This past weekend, the Student Multicultural Activities Office sponsors Horizons, a freshman transition retreat specially designed to support students of color. JESSICA HO '14/ THE COWL



ABOVE: The first lecture in the Department of History's "Making History" series takes place on Wednesday, September 25, entitled "Who Really Caused the Opium War?" and presented by Dr. Richard Grace. SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL



ABOVE: On Tuesday, September 24, the V-Day 2014 organizers hold an informational meeting for students interested in participating in Vagina Monologues later in the school year. PHOTO COURTESY OF V-DAY 2014 ORGANIZERS

Compiled by Saadia Ahmad '14, Photo Editor



MARY-MURPHY WALSH '16/ THE COWL

ABOVE: On Tuesday, September 24, the Department of Global Studies sponsors “Global Nomads: Create the Life You Want,” featuring husband and wife duo Daniel Noll and Audrey Scott.



EMILY HURLEY '17/ THE COWL

ABOVE: On Wednesday, September 25, the Office of Safety and Security sponsors a Boxing and RAD Technique Class.



SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL

ABOVE: On Wednesday, September 25, the Career Education Center sponsors its bi-annual Career & Graduate School Fair and Internship Showcase



JESSICA ARTIGLIERE '17/ THE COWL

LEFT: On Monday and Tuesday of this past week, Campus Ministry holds informational coffee houses about alternative break opportunities, including My Brother’s Keeper, Habitat for Humanity, International Immersions, and NOLA.

RIGHT: Last Thursday evening, PC After Hours sponsors Gift Card Bingo, giving out gift cards to various local stores such as Bed Bath and Beyond, LaSalle Bakery, the PC Bookstore, Dunkin’ Donuts, Panera Bread, and P.F. Chang’s.



SAADIA AHMAD '14/ THE COWL



HITCHCOCK

by Alanna Smith '14
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FILM

Any person who claims that he or she has never seen an Alfred Hitchcock film is either lying, or is sadly unaware of cinematic history. Even if you have not seen a film that Hitchcock directed, you have most certainly seen a movie or television show that has contained a camera shot or plot twist inspired by this great filmmaker. For those people who are already fans of Hitchcock's work, and for those people who will most certainly become fans once exposed to any one of his films, these next couple of weeks will certainly be a cinematic treat.

The Liberal Arts Honors Program is hosting an Alfred Hitchcock film series, which kicked off with a showing of one of his most famous films, *Psycho*, in Feinstein on Wednesday, September 25. There are two more films scheduled to be shown: *The Birds*, on Wednesday, October 2, and *Notorious*, on Wednesday, October 9. All of the showings will begin at 7 p.m. in Feinstein 315, and the promise of pizza and good company has been assured.

If anyone is curious, here are a few snippets about the films included in the series. *Psycho* is often regarded as the precursor to the "slasher" genre, although any graphic content is only implied by Hitchcock's genius camera shots. *The Birds* is a fascinating story about unexplained and violent bird attacks in California, in addition to containing characters with remarkable psychological depth. *Notorious* is a spy thriller film released in 1946 that captures

the paranoia and suspense of the WWII era with extremely effective cinematography and brilliant acting from its stars, Ingrid Bergman, Cary Grant, and Claude Rains.

For anyone who has been mostly unaware of Hitchcock up until this point in time, a short history lesson is in order. Sir Alfred Joseph Hitchcock was an English film director. While he started his career with silent films, he moved to Hollywood in 1939 where he produced dozens of movies up until the mid-1970s. In addition to the above-mentioned films, his works include *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, and *North by Northwest*. Four of his movies are on AFI's 100 Years...100 Movies list. The man himself was nominated for 66 major awards during his career, winning 32 of them.

Hitchcock is best remembered for his mystery and suspense films, for the twist endings that accompanied many of the former, and for the groundbreaking innovations in camerawork that he had a hand in developing. His techniques and directing styles have been the subject of many imitations and homages over the years. These range from Mel Brooks' comedic parody, *High Anxiety* in 1977 — which was received quite well by Hitchcock — to 2007's *Disturbia*, starring Shia LeBeouf, which resembles a modern retelling of *Rear Window*. The detective TV series *Psych* contained an entire episode based on Hitchcock films. In addition to these, there are plenty of other works inspired by or borrowed from Hitchcock that do not credit him.

Dr. Suzanne Fournier, the associate director of the Liberal Arts

Honors Program, is very excited to show some of the director's best films on campus. The film series follows a tradition in the Honors Program that has been around for about six years, in which professors have selected foreign or favorite films to show students. Upon being questioned about this semester's selections, Dr. Fournier said, "Dr. Lynch and I hope to introduce students

to some splendid films and to inspire conversation about the art of film." She also encourages all PC students to attend the showings. "We have begun by scheduling three great films for the first half of the semester," she said, "but I'm willing to continue showing Hitchcock films as long as students are interested in watching them!"



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On New Album, Avicii Mixes It Up

by Kelly Laske '16
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MUSIC

Just two years ago, an inexperienced but confident 22-year-old producer and jean model, Tim Bergling, released a single electronic track titled "Levels," hoping to attract fans to a relatively new genre called "electric dance music," more commonly known as "EDM." Little did he know "Levels" would simply take over the world and help a music genre turn into something so popular that no one saw coming.

Two years later, "Levels" is still ranked on music charts worldwide, and its popularity does not seem to be dying down anytime soon. Now, at 24, Tim Bergling, who goes by Avicii, has been around the world and back,

playing shows at Providence College one week and in Sweden the next. On September 13, for the first time ever in his already successful career, Avicii released a twelve-track album titled *True* that is already-y has people talking.

Before *True* even came out, fans were able to get a taste of what his new album was like at the Ultra Music Festival of Miami in March. His set, which sounded like "Levels," took fans off guard with its bluegrass roots vibe. Instead of just mixing the sounds and beats that he normally does, Avicii added in singers with a bluegrass soul vibe. Tim told a house/dubstep album music website, *Dancing Astronaut*, "This album is about experimentation and about showing the endless possibilities of house and electronic music. It is about how to incorporate acoustic instruments from different styles and influences you wouldn't expect and still stay true to your own sound and musicality."

Six months later, *True* is topping the charts. His early release single, "Wake Me Up," which features soul singer Aloe Blacc, has already become the fastest-selling single of the year so far.

This song has been compared to the lyrics and sound of songs by Mumford and Sons, just sped up with electronic solos. "Addicted to You" which has a haunting vibe to it, features 71-year-old artist Mac Davis' vocals who is most known for writing two songs for Elvis Presley. "Shame on Me," which mixes the vocals of an unknown male and female, sounds like a 1920s jive mixed with an early Avicii single. In other words, this song would be a perfect fit for the 2013 Gatsby soundtrack. "Lay Me Down," which features former *American Idol* star Adam Lambert and Nile Rodgers, sounds like something you would hear in Abercrombie, but is a song that will get a crowd off their feet and is said to be one of the closest songs to Avicii's older music.

Fans who simply enjoy the old Avicii might have mixed reviews on his sudden change of music, but those who know and love him realize that this move was a career risk and it was a risk he was more than willing to take. And based on music charts, the switch from pure electronica music to that with a soulful touch was a change made for the better.

Hitting the Gym in Style

by Christina D’Adamio ’16
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FASHION

For any college student, exercising can be a tedious and exhausting task. From marathon classes to all-nighters, who has the time? Trying to look fashion forward in the gym is just an additional hurdle.

But getting dressed for the gym does not have to be a painstaking chore. With top designers such as Alexander Wang, Stella McCartney, Helmut Lang, and Tommy Hilfiger expanding their collections from runway to activewear, inspiration is not hard to find. Even Lululemon, Under Armour, Champion, and Nike have colorful and comfortable collections. Designers and athletes are recognizing that it is not just about the exercise, but it is about the gear you wear that makes you a standout performer. From avid runners to yoga gurus to spinning experts, there is an abundance of options.

For those workout fanatics who need a little more guidance, *The Huffington Post* Style column offers some expert advice via a consumer savings expert, Jeanette Pavini, who shares her fashion secrets with readers. Transforming runway looks to everyday sports wear is key, and with simple guidelines there is no room for error. Pavini recommends springing for color. The gym is the perfect place to pull out a hot pink color-blocking tee. If neon is not your forte, play with stripes. Stripes are always in fashion, and a horizontal stripe flatters every figure. Purchasing lightweight and breathable fabrics is also essential. For those more adventurous athletes, experiment with razor back tanks, v-neck tees, and zip up bottoms. Gap Fit, Old Navy, and Victoria’s Secret Sports Collection are some of Pavini’s favorite

budget-friendly shops. For a splurge item, Pavini recommends investing in a high-quality running sneaker: “They’ll keep you safe and feet pain-free.”

Fashion stylist and designer Rachel Zoe is also going vocal about gym attire. Zoe recognizes that motivation is key to tackling any fitness goal. But what better way to stay motivated than look the part? To keep stylish, Zoe shares her gym essentials. Zoe’s obsession includes colorful tops and tanks, body conscious zip ups, and stretchable yoga chinos. A portable yoga mat and personalized Sigg Bottle are other gym must haves. “Shop your faves, load up your iPod with some fresh tunes, and brace yourself for the elliptical,” says Zoe.

But do not just look to your favorite designers for advice. Celebrities such as Zoe Saldana, Jennifer Lawrence, Jessica Biel, and Ashley Greene are nailing the workout trends. In order to master these celebrity looks, *The Huffington Post* Style column offers some fitness worthy advice. Rule one: Bring out those short shorts. There is no better place to show off those toned legs than at the gym. Rule two: Do not be afraid to color coordinate your look. Matching pants and sneakers never looked cuter. Rule three: Try tighter fabrics and cropped tees. Do not forget to add some color. Rule four: Do not neglect the accessories. Headbands, sunglasses, and puffer vests add the perfect final touch to any workout ensemble.

Do not waste any time thinking exercising is a chore. Stay motivated and stay confident by hitting the gym in style.

Be creative, look for inspiration, keep it fun, and always be fabulous and healthy. As Jess C. Scott claims in “Affordable Fitness Fashion,” “a fit, healthy body—that is the best fashion statement.”

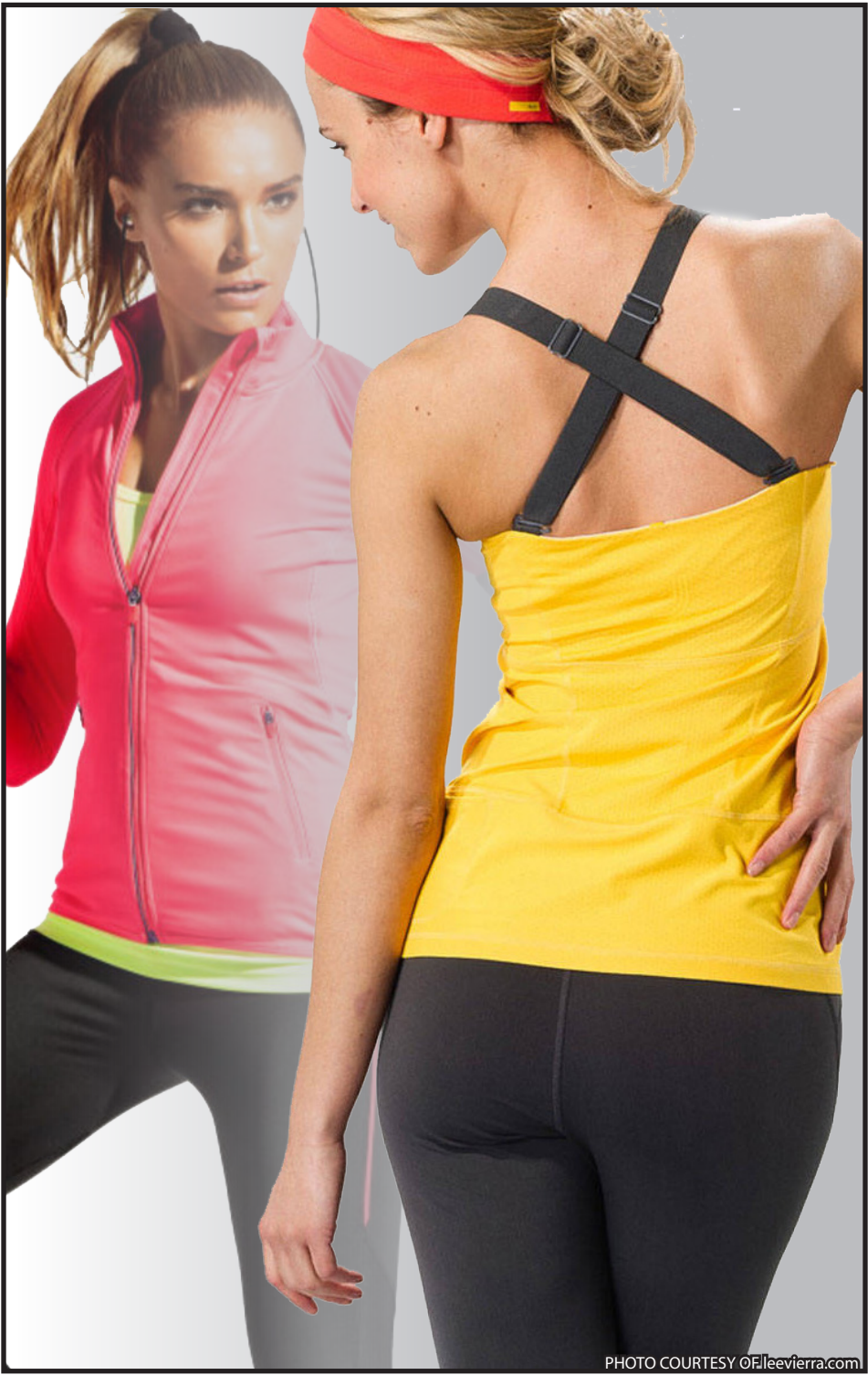


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Sleepy Hollow Hits Primetime

by Mary McGreal ’15
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TELEVISION

For some, the arrival of fall signals the beginning of sweater weather, shorter days, and whatever autumn-themed concoctions the local coffee shop decides to whip up. For others, it means the start of new television shows. With the onslaught of new series rolling out, it is often difficult to figure out which shows are worth watching and which are a waste of time. Fox’s *Sleepy Hollow* falls into the category of “worth watching,” at least for now. Billed as a modern day version of Washington Irving’s *Sleepy Hollow*, the show stars Nicole Beharie as Lieutenant Abbie Mills, a police officer in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. On the verge of moving out of the quiet town, a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman, followed by the mysterious appearance of a man claiming to be from 1781, persuades her to stay.

The pilot episode is not exactly groundbreaking television, but it is fast-paced and entertaining enough to keep the average viewer awake for 45 minutes. Fox fans may remember *New Amsterdam*, which aired for eight episodes in 2008. The show, featuring *Game of Thrones*’ Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, put a twist on the police mystery drama genre with the addition of a dashing European who also happened to be immortal. *Sleepy Hollow* appears to be an attempt to give this template another go. British stage actor Tom Mison stars as Ichabod Crane, an 18th century transplant who must adjust to life in the 21st century, while helping Abbie defeat the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

Beharie’s Abbie is a headstrong (pun intended), take action type of character, which is a relief considering how easily she could have turned into a helpless damsel in distress. Abbie and Crane are both likeable, grounded characters, despite the highly improbable situation they find themselves in.

However, one cannot help but wonder about the general lack of caution exercised by the other members of the *Sleepy Hollow* community. They do things such as wander around graveyards and investigate break-ins alone (at night, nonetheless) while a murderous headless horseman is on the loose. The writers better start introducing new characters soon, because half the cast was killed off during the first episode alone. On the topic of overkill, it would not be a Fox show without the inclusion of not so subtle product placements. Keep an eye out for a rogue Coca-Cola truck in the background of one of the scenes.

Airing in the 9 p.m. time slot on Monday evenings, the show may not be suitable for young children, but is certainly not too graphic to be enjoyed by teenagers and anyone who enjoys a tame fantasy along the lines of ABC’s *Once Upon a Time*. In addition to a soldier from the Revolutionary War and death personified in the form of a decapitated horseman, the first episode hints at the existence of two opposing covens of witches situated along the East Coast. These elements of the supernatural are present without crossing the line into kitsch, and are just enough to keep imaginations tingling.

WDOM: Doing More Than Just Music

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CAMPUS CLUB

If you ever happen to make your way past the absurdly long line at the Dunkin' Donuts in lower Slavin, chances are you have seen the WDOM studio. WDOM, local radio channel 91.3 FM, allows Providence College students to play their taste in music, while also promoting campus-wide events and wonderful independent music worthy of a listen. While the radio channel will not fulfill your *Pitch Perfect* fantasies, with no jacked senior rocking remixes 24/7, WDOM has some wonderful variety channels. Here are four hit shows this semester that you will not want to miss:

First is "The Graceful Dev," hosted by Grace Curley '14 and Devon Annicelli '14, which gives you all of the medicine one needs on a Sunday morning. Airing on Sundays from 10 a.m. to noon, the show features both talk and music, with the focus of the talk being celebrity stories and pop culture. Grace and Devon give their opinions on the Hollywood buzz and love to talk with listeners. The show can be described as a cross between *TMZ* and *E! News*, but these hosts make the show their own with their witty senses of humor and guests. Weekly segments include "Nursing Before Noon," where a health professional answers questions related to any celeb stories, as well as "Let's Get Critical," a segment with alum Jeff DeSisto '13 where they discuss the latest movies and television shows.

Another great show this semester is "TacoBoutComedy." Running on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and



hosted by Erika Bryz-Gornia '16, this show is dedicated to providing some early week comedic relief. Keeping the topics relatable and personal, Erika ranges her topics from funny stories that have happened during the week at school, with family, or with friends, to what she calls "elephants in the room." The show is a solo effort, but she takes calls from people to keep it live and entertaining. The comedy could be described as old school Chris Farley stand up, mixed in with some *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Whatever she talks about that week, it will certainly be a great show to relieve you the grief of sleeping through your 8:30 on Tuesday morning.

If you happen to sleep through all of your classes on Tuesday, try to wake up in the evening for the great variety show "Broin' Out with Father Brophy and Spartacus." While the title may deceive you into thinking this is another two hours of DWC, this

show is the opposite of your typical Ruane droll. Hosted by Fr. Justin Brophy, O.P., the assistant chaplain on campus, and John Clarke '15, the show includes segments on sports, fun facts, movies, music, and some healthy smack talk. However, what makes this show stand out from your normal variety show is the weekly segment of "Bother the Fathers," where Fr. James Cuddy, O.P. and Fr. Brophy answer any questions about Catholicism that come in anonymously via e-mail, Twitter, or the phone. After the two priests finish their banter over whose fantasy football team is dominant, they actually get around to discussing some substantial material. If you do happen to sleep through it, though, a recording of the broadcast can be found online at broinoutwithfatherbrophy.wordpress.com.

If you are struggling with your fantasy teams, and do not want to leave it all to faith, check into "Start

the Friars." The show is a witty sports program on Wednesday evenings that covers all sports, both at the Providence College and professional levels. Running from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., this show is hosted by Angelo Marciano '15, Jack Lockwood '15, and James Kirby '15, and takes the world of sports head on. Making sure they tackle the opinions from both sides of the argument, the trio uses reports from ESPN's Doris Burke, as well as Providence College alumni. The show is not always banter though, as they will frequently air pre-recorded interviews with the coaches of PC teams. They welcome call-ins and debates, and are certainly worth a listen for any sports nut.

WDOM has always brought great variety when it comes to music and events, but the addition of solid variety programs can take the school radio even higher.

EDITOR vs. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Online Dating Service

Tim Morris

Favorite Online Dating Service: Farmers Only

His Views: These days, it seems like there's a dating service for every niche market. Christians have Christian Mingle, Hindus have Hindu Mingle, and I'm sure that there's a Muppet Mingle that caters to the lonely puppeteer. None of them can top Farmers Only. In 2005, a man in Ohio created the site in an effort to help a widowed friend find someone who shared her love of rural America. For those of you who've never ridden a tractor, don't fret. "You don't have to be a farmer, but you do have to have good, old-fashioned, down-to-earth values," the site claims. I highly recommend browsing the testimonials whenever you have some free time. About his newfound Janet, Jim raves, "She likes the farm and the animals."

His Views on Serena: I'll admit that I have a profile on Christian Mingle. Either it was God's will that I came across the website, or the large number of advertisements that I saw on television. Regardless, there's no arguing with a dating service that promises to find God's match for you – if you can front \$30 per month. I'm willing to make that sacrifice. It's impressive enough that God learned how to use a computer, code, and manage a social network. Mark Zuckerberg must've been pretty frustrated when God refused his offer to buy Christian Mingle. Until he finds the light, he will have to be content with Facebook and all of the earthly pleasures it brings. I'd rather spend an eternity with the one, true social network.



Serena Ambroselli

Favorite Online Dating Service: Christian Mingle

Her Views: What this world needs is more happy Christian couples—I'm sure of it. Religious compatibility is often a deal-breaker for those seeking love, so why put yourself through the pain of discovering the person you were falling for is not a Christian when you could just prevent this ungodly situation altogether? We live in a big, bad world where love is hard to come by, and each day there are single Christians who are struggling to mingle! A travesty! Fortunately, with a little help from the place where Christian singles are brought together, men and women are finding their life partners through their shared love of God and all things good. Romantic success is just a few clicks away; all it requires is faith, trust, and Jesus.

Her Views on Tim: I am all about people finding love regardless of where they hail from, so of course half of me finds it hard to criticize any online dating service. The other half of me, however, struggles to comprehend how difficult it really is for farmers to find love amongst their own kind. I'm sure they can manage to find love while reaping and sowing out in the fields. A true farmer shouldn't even be interested in resorting to modern technology to find a significant other—these are outdoorsy people, after all. I'm doubtful that farmers even utilize computers regularly enough to qualify in getting their own dating website. It probably has an incredibly low membership of fake farmers while the real ones are out tending the cattle.

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Let's Rant

This Week: 20 Things You Need to...

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CULTURE

One thing every twenty-something needs to do is to stop taking advice from lists telling “twenty-somethings” what is so apparently necessary to do in their lives.

It is hard to go on Facebook or Twitter without seeing someone post a link to a *Buzzfeed* or an *Elite Daily* article. That is understandable because many of their articles are entertaining and relatable. The titles make you curious and usually the articles are worth scrolling through. Some of my favorites include the ones about cute animals and being a college senior. It is also impossible to ignore the fact that many of these articles are focused on their target audience, “twenty-somethings,” and publish lists of what “twenty-somethings need to do” or “how to make the most of your 20s.” Most of these articles are written by people still in their twenties, so it makes me curious as to how much wisdom they are actually bestowing. Sometimes you can find good advice in these articles. However, *Elite Daily’s* latest article, “The 100 Things Every 20 Something Needs to Realize” written by Paul Hudson, was representative of everything wrong with these articles that make people feel like they are missing out on life because they do not act a certain way or feel judged for their behavior.

First off, Hudson’s article is deplorable journalism. It is baffling how it got through rounds of editing without being tossed in the recycling bin and without Hudson

being fired. It reflects badly not just on the author, but also on the editors and *Elite Daily* itself. One “realization” Hudson states is: “It is morally wrong to be obese.” A second is that “Guys: she may say it’s an exit only, but that’s only because she’s never given it a try. #Shocker.” What kind of “Blurred Lines” garbage is that? At first, these two ridiculous statements made the article seem like a joke, but upon further research, I found it was not a joke, just sexist and terribly written. Other “realizations” that Hudson states are actually logical, like “meditate” or “Friends are hard to come by. Don’t ignore the ones you have.”

I cannot be the only one who scrolls down the list of all of these articles aimed for people our age and think I am missing out on life. For example, Hudson advises people to live abroad for a year. I’m not sure if that will ever be possible for me, but that certainly does not mean that I am getting less out of life. I might be taking these lists a bit too seriously, but it infuriates me that Hudson’s misogynistic and absurd advice got through editors and is now digitally available for everybody to read.

It would be foolish of me to say not to read *Elite Daily* or similar *Buzzfeed* articles, because they are interesting. Just don’t let other people tell you how to live your life or feel badly about your life choices when reading those articles. If you are happy and making the best of your situation, then you are living correctly. There is no guide to life.

The Era of Easy

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MUSIC

Has anyone ever wondered about what happened to the elegance of fashion over the past several decades? The intricate designs of clothes and quality of materials used in today’s clothing lines are nothing impressive compared to the luxe collections of the previous century. Believe it or not, there was actually a time when people paid attention to the minutest details of clothing, right up to the buttons on a shirt’s sleeve and the elaborate handmade stitches of lace on dresses.

This was the era when haute couture was all the rage and style was accessible to nearly anyone. Men would not leave the house without a tie, and dainty white gloves protected women’s hands. Looking chic was simple and appeared thoughtless.

What, then, caused the world of fashion to take such a drastic turn toward where it is today? Perhaps it can be blamed on the years of the hippies, when style was really a non-existent concern; maybe it was slightly prior to that time when wearing jeans became a commonality for women. Mass production was the goal of the designer trying to keep up with the erratic trends of the ‘60s youth; dressing began to revolve around what was easy.

In today’s society, we seem to take “easy” to a whole new level. Our idea of easy is not concerned with throwing on a pair of jeans and a T-shirt, but more centered on rolling out of bed and modeling the not-so-impressive attire we fell asleep in the previous night.

This lack of care, however, does not apply to everyone. There still exists an age of classic designers with timeless lines, spanning from Ralph Lauren to Kate Spade. But in all reality, a person cannot afford those \$90 Lucky Jeans, then another \$80 for that J. Crew sweater, and oh, do not forget the \$800 Louis Vuitton bag (at the minimum). Unless, of course, you have a \$1,000,000 paycheck, in which case there should be no excuse for the “just rolled out of bed” look.

Most of today’s affordable clothing lacks the care of quality and swanky air found in its predecessors. It seems as if crop tops, inches of uncovered skin, hints of underclothing, and flashy fabrics are considered in vogue. And if it is not these fashion trends that people are seeking, then the next best thing is designer loungewear, ranging from Victoria’s Secret yoga pants to Under Armour running shorts.

The bottom line is, our era is more concerned with being comfortable than looking presentable, and everyone is beginning to appear the same. A unique dresser is a rare find these days, and despite the lack of aspiration to look that way, we are nonetheless mesmerized by their seemingly genius and approvingly audacious fashion statements.

Arthur Turnure, founder of *Vogue*, would surely be dissatisfied if he were to witness the current disgrace of the American world of fashion. With all the influence of European trends, our sloppy habits are something that needs to be addressed sooner than later. Keep in mind, bedraggled is not “cute,” and less is always more—dare to step outside the comfortable zone of clothing, and help bring back the class.

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Decisive

by Emily Goodnow '14
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Engulf me in your arms
Release me out to sea
Let your eyes wander
And transfix on me.

Trigger my grins
Impair my lips
Spoil my humor
Let my laughs skip.

Nourish my bones
Famish my insides
Starve my spirit
Fill me with pride.

Star in my dreams;
You play the thief.
Steal my heart
And report to the chief.

Untie my mind
Tangle its views
Barricade my brain
So it's free to peruse.

Uncertainty

by Amanda Brown '14
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

A collage of courses overlap before me;
I hear behind me paths left in my wake,
Humming enchanting melodies,
Beckoning me.
Pawns move only in one direction, but I
I am a queen.
A palpable power pulses,
An electric field over my smooth, untainted ivory.
Which vectors prove treacherous?
Which yield vain pursuit?
Motion an inevitability, I choose
The path my mind embraced even before running its hands
Across the spaces,
And only had to justify.
Power wielded is proportionate to vulnerability,
So I wait,
Wait.
Wait between the second that was an hour.
Breathless span, halted time,
Woozily regaining clarity.
Emerging from the water-saturated air forming a bubble,
The dome clinging defensively to the game.
Cruel sharpness of vision
In a world not bound to Fortune nor Equality at her best.

More than stratagem, complexities penetrate deeper,
Deeper than a refracted illusion of contained colored boxes and glossy figurines.
Still suspended I wait,
Wait.
Wait for a conclusion,
A beginning,
Motion.
I await a direction entwined with consequences even the most
Astute, alert, aware
Could scarcely foresee.

WRITERS
BLOCK

by **Mason Sciotti '15**
Portfolio Editor

FICTION

The caller ID said “unknown,” but I knew exactly who it was. It was sad that he knew I wouldn’t answer if his number appeared, but that’s just the way it was. How ironic it is that posing as a telemarketer was his best shot at getting me to answer.

I let it ring. Twice, three times, four times. Beep. Voicemail. I heard him take a deep breath followed by the quick, clumsy clattering of the phone hitting the cradle. He was anxious that day. It usually took him two attempts at most to hammer the phone home, but he rattled for a good several seconds before disconnecting. His hands were probably shaking as he held the receiver. Good.

It rang again. It was a game that we played; he’d call, and I’d let it ring. When I was a kid we used to call it phone tag.

You’d call the boy you had a crush on, knowing he wouldn’t answer, and then after a while he’d call you back but you’d be far too scared to pick up. You’d see each other in the halls the next day, exchange a quick half-smile, and continue wondering to each other when one of you would have the guts to actually talk to the other one. Yes, this was just like that, except I never picked up. He didn’t deserve it.

After getting my voicemail the second time, he stopped calling. A temporary respite, I knew, but a chance nonetheless to collect my thoughts for the call that would inevitably come later that morning. I’d have to answer that one. I walked into the kitchen and half-heartedly rearranged the hydrangeas in the vase. They had been picked several days ago and were starting to wilt, but I fussed with them all the same in a vain attempt of recovery. I had read somewhere that submerging the

stems in cold water would shock them back to life, like a defibrillator restarting a heart. I held them in my hands and submerged the stems into my filled sink. The ripples from the point of impact fled outwards, trying to escape their own point of conception. Eventually they crashed against the stainless steel walls, and began to travel back against the current.

The phone rang again. The flowers dropped into the water; I quickly gathered them and placed them in their vase, but they sagged under the weight of their watery burden. The phone continued to ring; no time for mourning. “Hello?” I answered, feigning ignorance.

“Uh, hi.” Two words, that’s what he offered. I didn’t respond. “Hello?” he continued, “Are you there?”

“I’m here.”

“Oh, I didn’t hear you. I called earlier. You didn’t pick up.”

“I was out.” Silence.

“Well, uh, I was just calling to see...”

“I know why you’re calling.” More

silence, this time broken by a hacking cough. He must be smoking again.

“Look, sweetheart...” more coughing. “I know...your mother...”

“Don’t.” Now I was angry. What nerve he had, thinking that he was in any position to talk to me, especially today. Has it really been another year, I thought.

“I just think that if mom...if she was still... she’d want us to be able to—”

I hung up. The phone fell off the receiver and crashed to the floor, but it didn’t matter. I wasn’t expecting any more calls. I walked back over the counter and again tried to coax the flowers into standing tall, but they refused. I swore, drained the water from the sink, and threw the hydrangeas in the trash.

Two writers, one line:

"THE CALLER ID READ 'UNKNOWN,' BUT I KNEW EXACTLY WHO IT WAS"

by **Melanie Souchet '14**
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

The caller ID read “unknown,” but I knew exactly who it was. I didn’t get many calls, and the only people who showed up as “unknown” were telemarketers and...

I answered the phone. “You know it’s three in the morning, right?” I said.

“Yeah, but you’re awake.” The voice on the other end was tinny from distance, but still recognizably my sister’s. “As usual. Let me guess, last-minute cramming for a test?”

“Frogger, actually,” I retorted. “No quizzes this week. I don’t always procrastinate, you know.”

“Only 95 percent of the time.” I could hear the smile in her voice, and I smiled too. “Still, nice to know you finally took my advice about getting work done.”

“You mean the advice you never follow?”

“Excuse me, freshman, but my work load is much heavier than yours. I don’t have any choice in the matter.”

“Fine, fine, miss seniorpants. How are things on the West coast?”

“Raining, as usual.” If I listened carefully, I could hear the raindrops hitting the windowpane. She must have been sitting at her desk. It was in front of a window, if what I’d seen in her Facebook pictures was still accurate. “I swear, I have to swim to get to class.”

I made a face of sympathy, even though she couldn’t see it. “If it makes you feel any better,” I said as I shoved aside my laptop and stretched out on the bed, “the weather’s been really bipolar here. Hot one day, cold the next. I never know what to wear.”

“Weather Channel website, my friend. Works miracles. Is your roommate still a problem?”

“She switched rooms, actually.”

“Get out!”

“Yeah, I was relieved too.” I sighed

and glanced at the empty half of the room. Some people would find that blank space depressing, but to me, it was liberating. “Good riddance to bad rubbish. I can finally hear myself think in here.”

“Well, congratulations.” I heard the squeak of her old desk chair as she settled down. Why she hadn’t replaced that thing yet was beyond me. “At least one of us is happy. The people down the hall are still loud as ever. They don’t seem to understand the concept of ‘smoking outside,’ either.”

“Did you talk to the RA about them?”

“One of them is the RA.”

I started giggling hysterically. It wasn’t even that funny, but I couldn’t help myself. “Yeah, yeah, laugh it up,” she grumbled.

“Th-that is the worst!”

“Oh, I know. I’m the one who has to live with it. I’m sure your RA is perfectly respectable.”

“She had to bust two people last night, actually.”

“Weed?”

“Yup.”

“Predictable.” She sighed heavily, creating a rush of static in my ear. “No offense, but freshmen are dumb as bricks sometimes.”

“None taken.” I happened to be in agreement with her on that matter. It was a miracle some of the people in my class year had been accepted to this college at all.

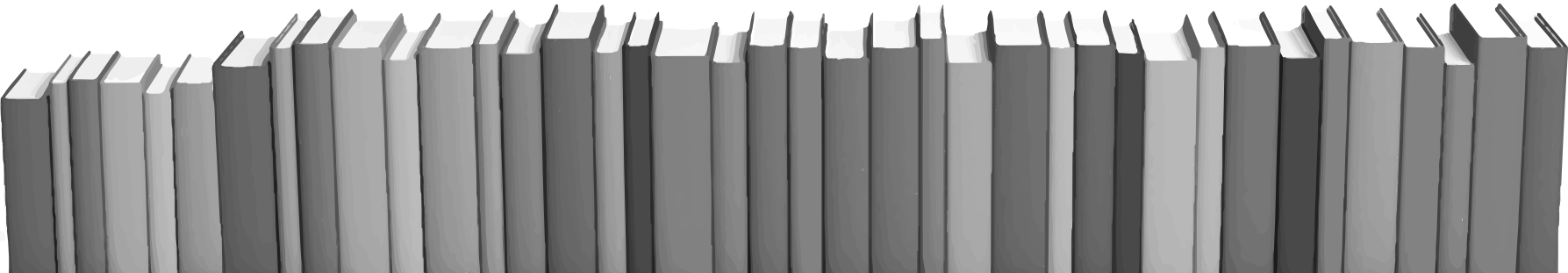
“Hey, speaking of, are you doing anything this weekend?”

“Uh, going to the mall with some people and watching reruns of *Kitchen Nightmares*.” I shrugged. “You know I like to party hard.”

“Atta girl.” I heard another voice on her end of the phone, though I couldn’t make out what was being said. “Crap, I have to go. We’re watching a movie downstairs... same time next week?”

“Sure thing. Love you, big sis.”

“Love you too, little sis.”



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The Best Worst TV Shows Never Made

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7.

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8.

My Super Sweet 16 with Honey Boo Boo

9.

Real World: Geriatrics

10.

Cooking with the Donner Party



Melanie Souchet

Class of 2014

Ninja Major - Hand to Hand Combat Minor

Melanie was kidnapped as an infant by Shaolin ninja monks and raised in their treetop monastery complex. There she learned the ancient ways of Chi Channeling, a millenia-old technique used to harness one's inner power. After graduating from the ninja academy, Melanie was drafted into the Shaolin Army and was a heroic combatant in the Battle of Ramen. But everything changed when the Fire Nation attacked, and Melanie was forced to assume a secret identity for her own safety.

She is currently a student at Providence College where she has created her own major and minor programs of study in order to further her ninja studies. When not honing her mental and physical abilities, Melanie can be found sharpening her throwing stars on the Aquinas rooftop or watching Doctor Who.

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time



Dear Crunchy Granola,

I bet you're the type of person who's read *Into the Wild* over a dozen times. You buy all of your groceries at Trader Joe's, and your life goal is to attend Burning Man. Because you've buried your nose so far up nature's butt cheeks, you worry about the questions that no one bothers to ask. What is a woodchuck, anyway? I originally thought that it was a beaver, but a quick Google search revealed the identity of this creature. It's a groundhog. Strike one, you dirty hippie. I bet you're "spiritual" instead of religious.

Now let me try to answer the rest of your stupid question. A woodchuck can chuck as much wood as it wants to chuck. There are no universal truths in this world. I might eat one red velvet cupcake a day, but, if I'm feeling particularly bad about myself, I'll eat six. Like the woodchuck, I don't do limitations. "Could" was not in my vocabulary until I consulted a dictionary to find out what the word meant.

Instead of watching nature, you should kick off your shoes—those ones with the built-in toes—and park yourself in front of the TV. *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo* and *16 and Pregnant* will introduce you to a world unlike any you have ever known. You only have to move your hand, which should be on a remote at this point. No one wants to ponder the great questions of life anymore. Move on.

This Week:
Unanswered Questions

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

How much wood *would* a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Sincerely,
A Concerned Biologist



Dear Pursuer of Wisdom,

The dealings of a wild woodchuck's phenomenal chucking ability has been in question for as long as time has been around. Philosophers, scholars, theologians, and John Corvino have been debating this question for millennia.

However, you came to the right person for this question. For I am smarter than all of the above. (I'll debate Corvino, PC.)

You see, the woodchuck, of the *Earlius Familias*, is a miraculous creature of the world. The species was created when Father Wood mated with Mother Chuck, creating our furry little friend, which chucks wood faster than PC chucks guest lecturers.

But how much can it chuck? Well, with deforestation, and more trees being knocked down for paper (look at how big of a waste this newspaper is!) our furry little allies are unable to chuck nearly as much wood as possible. Back in their prime, they could chuck more wood than a PC football player could chow on Ray chicken nuggets.

Alas, they no longer exist. So, what does the woodchuck chuck? While I strongly want to lighten your world, little bio major, I don't know if I should. You see, knowledge is power, and right now I am holding the knowledge. So bow to me, little peasants. Worship the ground I float on (Earl doesn't merely walk). Build a shrine for me. Sacrifice your roommate and firstborn for me, while chanting my name.

Then maybe I will bestow my knowledge upon you.

Tiffany

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What Sports Video Game is the Best?

Madden

NHL

The answer to this is easy, but not necessarily popular. The best video game to come out this fall has to be *Madden 25*. The fall is always celebrated with football. What better way to celebrate the fall than to avoid the nice, calm, fall weather by going inside and staring into a screen full of two inch tall men knocking each other down in America’s past time? People should love this game. However, they do not. Most of my friends complain because of the length of games (they run up to 45 minutes long), or that they simply cannot just run up the score of games consistently. They struggle throwing interceptions, or miss crucial tackles. The playbooks are complex, and oftentimes are hard to navigate.

Well here is my response to this: get better. *Madden* is an art. It is not like *FIFA*, or *NHL* where you can pick up the skills as a beginner and knock off an experience veteran of the game. You have to take your lumps. You have to work the playbook. You have to recognize the coverage, audible away from the blitz, and find the hole in the zone. You can not just slam the ‘B’ button to knock in a cheap goal to win. You can not just slap a roaring slap shot to the top corner. You have to win through skill. The best nearly always wins. Which is what sports is about. To be the best. So if you complain about *Madden* I pity thee. Not everyone can be as good as me.

-Sean Bailey ’14

Here at Providence College, the *NHL* video game franchise is a staple of student life. All throughout my first year at PC, I could count on half of the rooms in McDermott that I walked into to have *NHL ’13* playing on the screen. Before class, after class, weekday afternoons, weekend afternoons, any of these times seemed suitable for people to be playing the acclaimed EA sports video game. Therefore, the release of *NHL ’14* had a profound effect on the student body at PC. In the days following its release, nearly every guy on campus seemed to be on his way to the mall to pick up his copy of the game. The much-anticipated release of the game has proven to be a huge success, and everything improved from last year’s game (if that is even possible). There are a few

arguments for the superiority of the *NHL* game compared to other fall releases, such as *FIFA* and *Madden*. First of all, no game is as fast paced than *NHL*. For this reason, I stay tuned in and interested in a game the whole time.. I can’t say the same for *FIFA* or *Madden*. In regards to *Madden*, it’s tough for me to get through a quarter of the football video game franchise, let alone four. In addition to the fast pace of the game, *NHL* is also the most exciting out of these three games. Scoring an OT goal or laying the wood on opponents coming across the ice are the most exciting features of any of the three fall sports releases.

-DJ Anderson ’16

Editor’s Corner: Respect for All

by Sean Bailey ’14
Sports Editor

JASON COLLINS

Providence College has certainly been a part of a whirlwind of controversy regarding the cancelled lecture on gay marriage rights. Although this has gotten PC lots of attention, the issue of gay rights has been a controversial topic for a long time. This subject has also infiltrated the sports world. Jason Collins has been a part of the NBA since the 2001 Draft. He attended Stanford University with his twin brother Jarron Collins. He was the 18th pick overall, and is a highly respected player. His defense is great, and he plays tough, hard-nosed basketball, absorbing tough minutes as a center, covering centers such as Shaq. He even started ahead of How I Met Your Mother star Jason Segel in high school. Collins has lived an all-American life. He is smart and athletic; as some would say, the total package. Collins is also gay. He famously came out in late April of this year, revealing his homosexuality in a Sports Illustrated story. Collins has taken stands for gay rights, and is a spokesperson for the gay community, particularly gay athletes. People rushed to his support. Kobe Bryant tweeted out his support. Nike, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama also voiced

their support for him. He wears his jersey number 98 to honor Matthew Shepard, the victim of a gay hate crime in 1998. Does this make him a bad basketball player? Does this make him immoral? In the sports world your merit is measured by winning, by accomplishments and honors, but mainly through respect. Most basketball players and pundits respect Collins for his tough defense and willingness to do the small things that teams need to win. He is the classic ‘glue player,’ the blue-collar player who works hard. The issues at PC are a microcosm of what is happening around the world regarding gay rights. Also, Collins is only one of the many homosexuals around the globe, the USA, and PC who is looking to move forward gay marriage rights. But, if you are looking at Collins as an example, he has been able to garner respect from nearly everyone. Gay athletes have a large stigma to overcome in the locker room. But as Rob Gronkowski said, it should not matter whether he is gay or not. All that matters is whether or not he is a good teammate. So what does it matter if someone is homosexual? We should accept everyone for what makes up the person, not their sexual orientation or their color. People should be judged and respect on merit and Jason Collins is an example as to why.

In the Spotlight

Volleyball: Coach Royer Johnson’s team went 2-2 this week, securing wins against Bryant and Howard but dropping games against St. Francis and Morgan State University. In the most recent win against Bryant, Michelle Cruz ’17 played very well both on and off service points, recording four service aces and 22 digs against the cross town rival.

Field Hockey: The Women’s Field Hockey Team continued the weekly pattern they have had all season, winning their first game and losing their second. In the win against Georgetown, five Friar players scored a goal and Deidra Clymer ’15 recorded a shutout in the 5-0 victory. The team will try to break their win loss trend in the upcoming week against Old Dominion and Brown.

Men’s Soccer: The Men finally lost this week, falling in a 4-0 tilt against Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. Earlier in the week, Drexel transfer Fabio Machado ’15 scored both of the Friar goals in a 2-0 victory against Boston University. The team only plays one game this week, inviting Seton Hall onto Glay Field to begin conference play.

Women’s Soccer: Coach McGirr’s team had an exhausting set of games for the second week in a row. First, they went into double overtime in a home game against Fordham. Both teams pushed each other to the limit, and the game eventually resulted in a 1-1 tie. The effects of the marathon game were shown in the team’s next game against Cincinnati, where they fell 3-0.

News

Big Year On The Way: The Providence College Men’s Ice Hockey Team has forced itself into many Division I pre-season polls. On Sept. 23, the USA Today/USA Hockey poll listed the PC squad at No. 15 in the nation. Most recently, the coaches of the Hockey East came together and put Providence at number five in the Hockey East. All of the teams ahead of Providence in this coaches poll are also ahead of them in the *USA Today* poll. University of Massachusetts Lowell, Boston College, and Notre Dame were all chosen in the top 10 of the national rankings. The strength of the conference has been well documented in the past few years, but this year could be the best in recent memory for the Hockey East. Even with an unusually weak Boston University team, the conference looks exceptionally strong this season. Some people close to the sport like Providence even higher than they are ranked in either poll. John Buccigross, an ESPN analyst, tweeted his pre-season rankings and had Providence just behind Miami (OH) as the best team in college hockey.

Which Fall Sport is Having the Best Season?

What a season it has been for Friar Athletics. All fall students have been exposed to success through their athletics. A lot of teams have shown vast improvements, from Women's Volleyball to Men's Cross Country. Women's Cross Country is even ranked first in the country, and running down a National Championship.

Recently, I asked my writers to examine the fall sports and write about which one has improved or is having the best season. The diversity in responses illustrates the continuous change of Providence College Athletics.

-Sean Bailey '14

Women's Soccer

The accomplishments and dedication of women's athletic teams are often forgotten in an environment that typically advertises and focuses on the successes of men's programs. Therefore, the Providence College Women's Soccer Team warrants some extra consideration for the title of PC's best fall sport. The Friars have posted a 3-3-3 record in its non-conference matchups, and are set to begin play in the new Big East Conference on Thursday, September 26 at Seton Hall.

Providence was selected most likely to finish in fifth in the coaches' Big East preseason polls, while rival Marquette University was predicted to be the top team. However, the team aspires to defy these expectations and improve upon their performance last season.

During its fall non-conference games, co-captain Kerri Ann O'Connor '14 has been an integral part of PC's backline. The senior defender provides guidance and experience for a lineup that features some freshmen and sophomores, including goalie Kristyn Shea '17. The freshman keeper has posted 43 saves throughout the first nine games

for the Friars.

On the offensive side, PC's top performers include Kathryn Hiller '16, Amanda Webster '14, and co-captain Allie Walton '15. Walton, who has two goals in the first nine games, acts as a playmaker in central midfield for Providence and continually creates key offensive opportunities. In addition to Walton's excellent play, Webster and Hiller have consistently pressured and capitalized on opposing defenses' mistakes. Hiller currently leads the team with five goals and three assists, while Webster has netted two goals and four assists for the Friars. These two players manage to create scoring chances and also put the ball in the back of the net late in games.

Overall, PC has recorded 12 of its 14 goals in the second half this season, a stat that highlights the team's determination and constant hustle in the final minutes of games. Additionally, this reflects the depth of the roster, as several players have notched goals or assists while entering the game as a sub. All of this is what makes the women's soccer team great within PC's fall athletics program.

-Sarah Wacik '15

Men's Soccer

"We were disappointed" was the response of Head Coach, Craig Stewart, when asked to assess his Men's Soccer Team performance last year. Following a 4-10-2 record, the Friars already have one more win than last year through only the first three weeks of non-conference play. The Friars are 5-1-2 and will hopefully carry that momentum into conference play, which begins with a home game on Sept. 28 as the team suits up against Seton Hall.

In Coach Stewart's second year, the team seems to have a completely different mindset. As Coach puts it, "The mentality is very different. The returning players learned a lot from last year and made a commitment not to let that happen again and the new players have bought into what we are doing right away." The team, both coaches and players, ensured to right the ship by putting in the work during the spring season, and Coach Stewart stated that the team is "starting to see the pay-off now." Possibly one of the best examples of the "pay-off" was taking down Boston University on the Bulldog's turf last week. The win marked the Friars' second victory on the road, which is also already an

improvement as the team struggled last year away from Glay.

The men's soccer team has also showed signs of improvement on the field in stats that cant be measured in wins. As Coach Stewart mentioned through the team's seven games it has scored thirteen times and let in only six. The positive goal differential is a testament to the rock solid Friar defense as well as the improved ability to create and finish chances. Offensively, eight Friars have already found the back of the net making them a team with many threats up-front.

When asked how the team is dealing with the current success and if it will translate over the course of the entire season, Coach put it simply, "We are just trying to take it one game at a time." If the Friars keep up this pace of play they very well could be in the running for a special season.

-James Kirby '15



Photo courtesy of tumblr

Field Hockey

The Providence College Women's Field Hockey Team is in a good place in their season so far this fall. They have started with a .500 record, collecting quality wins along the way. The team has notched big wins against Georgetown (5-0) and Holy Cross (4-0), as well as an overtime win against ranked foe Northwestern (2-1). The Friars have the skill and stamina to outlast any opponent.

They are poised for a strong finish much like last season that saw them play very well in the Big East Championships before falling to powerhouse Syracuse in a close game.

There is plenty of reason to believe that this team has a winning streak left, as it appears to be a deeper team than last year's squad.

Head Coach Diane Madl has done very well on the recruiting trail, bringing top-end talent to the PC campus, and this year's freshman class is making a strong contribution to the cause. The juniors are also playing a very large role in the team's strong start as Deidra Clymer '15 stalwarts the opposing team in net, and Henni Tietze '15 makes sure any loose balls near the net are swept clear from harm. Tietze led the squad in goals last year as

she is the shooter on the team's penalty corners. So far this year the ball has not been finding the back of the net, but they will begin to hit their mark which will provide a scoring balance for Daniella Bernaconi '15 who is pacing the offense with nine tallies through the first eight games.

If you are a fan of Friar athletics, stop by Lennon Field for a game. You will not be disappointed by the performance of the talented girls on this team. They are destined to have a great finish to the season.

-Chris Szimanski '14

Women's Cross Country

The top-ranked Providence College Women's Cross Country team is not focused on rankings, as Head Coach Ray Treacy asserts: "While it brings great recognition to be ranked No. 1, it does not mean anything unless we get the job done on Nov. 23 at the NCAA Championships." Captain Emily Sisson '14 echoes this mentality, adding, "We just follow the approach that if we work hard, hopefully things will go well come November."

The Friars' hard work has paid off thus far as they have earned back-to-back wins, both times claiming spots one, two, and three, in their first two meets. On Aug. 31 at the UNH Dual Meet in Durham, N.H. All-American runners Laura

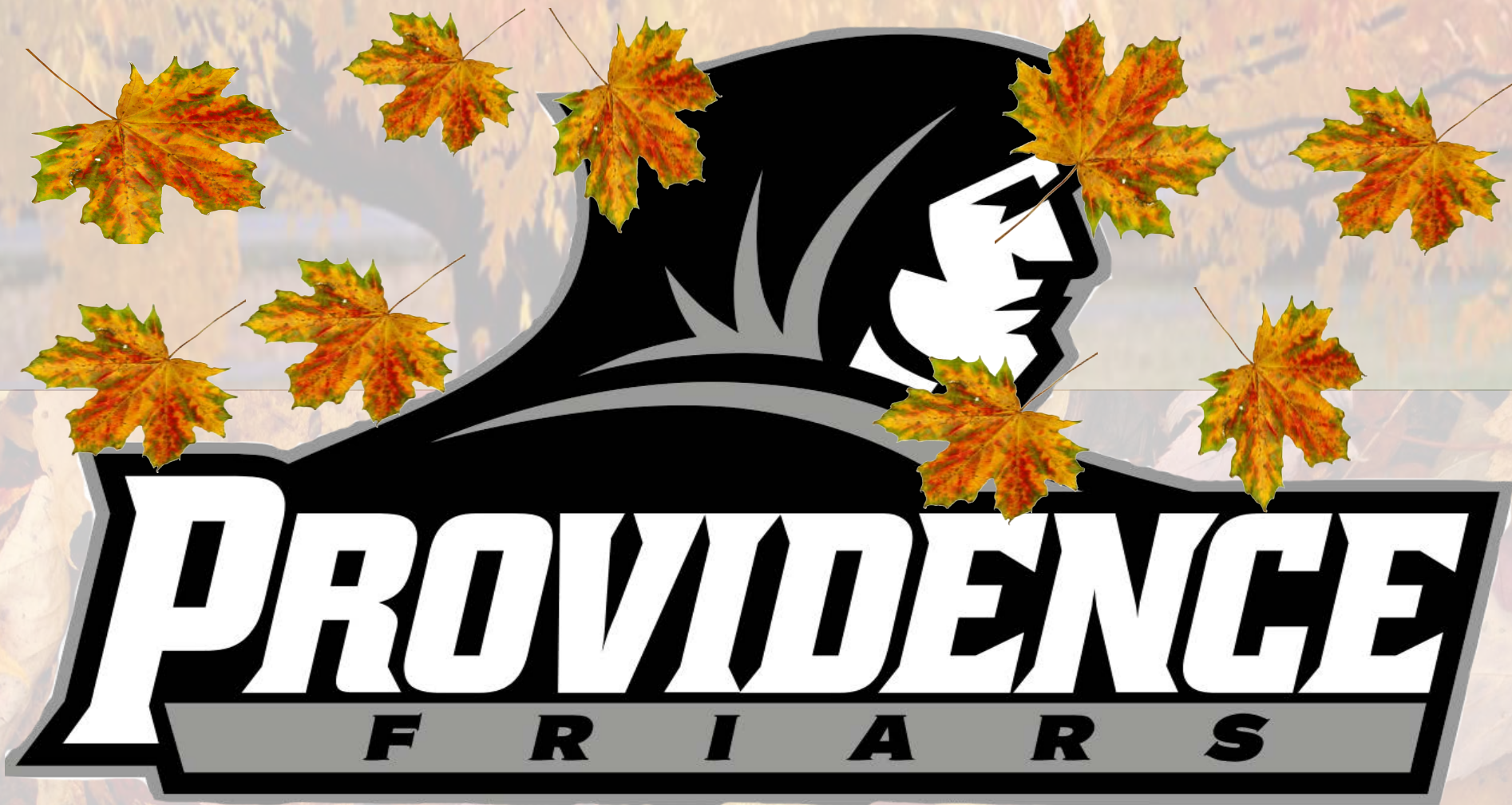
Nagel '14, Sarah Mary Collins '16, and Emily Sisson '14 crossed the finish line together at 17:07 to claim first, second, and third place respectively, while Erin Murphy '14 finished in fifth at 17:53. On Sept. 14, at the Wolfie Invitational in Stony Brook, N.Y., Sisson finished first at 17:44.67, Nagel finished second at 17:45.15, and Collins finished third at 17:51.05. In recognition of her outstanding performance, Sisson was named Big East Female Athlete of the Week on Sept. 17. The Friars remain in first place with 360 points, leading second-ranked Florida State by 16 and third-ranked Oregon by 27.

According to Treacy, the primary focus right now is to "[train] hard and [stay] healthy," the former of

which is largely a responsibility of captains Nagel and Sisson, whom he applauds for their exemplary leadership. Keelin Hollowood '17 also acknowledges the importance of their leadership, stating that they "are really able to keep us organized and motivated toward achieving our goals." This year's promising squad sets its goals high, striving toward the organization's second NCAA Championship, the first since 1995.

The Friars will race next on Friday, September 27 at 3 p.m. in the Boston College Invitational. Treacy believes this race will be the Friars' first test as they race against third-ranked Oregon who beat them last year in the NCAA Championships.

-Billy O'Brien '17



Men's Cross Country

One of the most improved teams on campus this fall has been the Men's Cross-Country Team. This is not to say that they struggled last year (they finished fourth at the Big East Championship), but instead to say that they are drawing much more buzz from their fast start. Like the No. 1 ranked women's squad, the men have jumped out to a 2-0 start, led by Shane Quinn '15, Benjamin Connor '15, and Julian Saad '14. The trio of upperclassmen has been the top three in both meets to start the season, with Quinn being the individual victor in both meets.

The most impressive victory to this point for the Friars was an upset of then-18th ranked Columbia at the

Stony Brook Invitational. The Friars edged the Lions by three points for the victory, and they received impressive contributions outside of their "Big Three" runners. Liam Hillery '15 earned a top-10 finish, and Brian Doyle '15 was the last Friar to score with a 12th place finish. Other top runners include younger team members Christian Costello '16, Jake Feinstein '17, and Jon Estrada '17, all of whom placed highly at the Stony Brook Invitational. This depth will help the Friars in future meets, and also shows that they have an extremely bright future.

Their impressive start has turned heads, and the Friars recently

moved into the national top 30, ranking at 25th in the latest poll. They also jumped two spots in the Northeast Rankings, moving from fifth to third. "Compared to this time last year we showed a greater level of depth and a stronger performance," remarked Coach Ray Treacy after the first meet for the Friars, noting their improvements from just one year ago. The team has made extensive steps forward from an already impressive last season, and for this I see them as the most improved team this fall.

-Joey Ciccarello '16



Serving Up Victories

Volleyball Shows Vast Improvement for 2013 Season

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VOLLEYBALL

With the weather changing and Friar Athletics moving into the heat of their fall seasons, one team has made a dramatic change from last year. The Women's Volleyball Team, led by Head Coach Margot Royer-Johnson, has rallied from a dismal 1-30 season last year and currently sits at 7-9 early in the year.

When explaining the team's overall improvement, Coach Royer-Johnson said it is "a lot of experience...from the past two years, most of our juniors played as freshmen and this, in addition to our freshmen, has given us a new lease on life." One more year of experience has proven to have made the difference with this year's team. The youth of the team was very overlooked last year, as many

of the key players on the team were only freshmen or sophomores during their struggling season.

The exciting start comes as no surprise to Coach Royer-Johnson, who said it "wasn't unexpected because we knew we had an extremely young team last year, and we knew we were going to have a much better year this year." All year, the coach has been stressing one goal to her team, "to make the conference tournament." Although the team has to move through a tough America East in-conference schedule later in the season, they have a great start on reaching their goal.

Co-captain Mackenzie Ziegler '15 knows as well as anybody how difficult it is to reach the conference tournament. She is in her third year with the team, and has seen both struggle and success in her career as a Friar. This season, she has been a huge contributor to the success of the team, leading the team with

240 kills as their premium outside hitter. She went beyond maturity when explaining the turnaround early in the season. "We had a small team of 10 last year, and moved up to 15 this year. This allows more people to push each other and for much more competitive practices."

The five additions to the team come in the form of freshmen, who Coach Royer-Johnson said "are a big part of the change." She added, "They're an emotional spark, and change is always a spark. They're all confident so it's not like we were limping them through as freshmen." The confidence and immediate impact of the freshmen is exemplified in defensive specialist Michelle Cruz '17. Cruz has already won America East Rookie of The Week twice in her young career because of her play for the Friars.

She has been an integral part to the team's back line, as her 225 digs have taken away many points from other teams. Cruz also specializes

in serving, leading the team with 24 service aces in the early going. Cruz attributed everything to her team when discussing her early success, saying, "I give the credit to my team because they helped me adjust during pre-season and I wouldn't be here without them."

The success of Cruz and the other freshmen is exactly what Coach Royer-Johnson aims when she coaches the team. She said, "We do a lot of things together, and we spend a lot of time together. The team is not separated as upperclassmen and freshmen." This is one of Royer-Johnson's strongest principles as a coach. She believes in everyone as an equal regardless of the number of years they have spent in Friartown. This equality is exactly what Royer-Johnson will continue to stress as the team moves towards their ultimate goal of making the America East tournament.

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