Friars Kick-off Basketball Season With Madness

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ON CAMPUS

Fast. Furious. Friars. On Saturday, October 17, Providence College’s 2015-2016 basketball season kicked off with its annual Late Night Madness event featuring rapper/Fast and Furious star, Ludacris. Friartown was decked out in black and white as the PC community gathered in Mullaney Gymnasium for the evening’s festivities.

The night began with performances by various PC clubs and organizations. DJ Finesse provided the music as cheerleaders energized the crowd with everything from back hand springs to basket tosses, while the Dance Club, Dance Company, and Dance Team dazzled with their precision and pointed toes.

Dance Club member Rebecca Jost ’17 stated, "Performing at Madness was the most exciting thing I’ve done so far this year! It was an exhilarating experience, to say the least!"

The Board of Multicultural Student Activities (BMSA) then performed High School Musical’s “We’re All in This Together” dance while dressed as high school stereotypes, and the College got cultural with numbers by Motherland Dance Group, Irish Dance Club, and Tierra Latina. And, of course, no night in Friartown would be complete without the energy and enthusiasm of its mascot, Friar Dom, who showed off some dance moves of his own throughout the evening.

The Mental Side of Social Media

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MENTAL HEALTH

Social media is a wonderful thing, especially for college students. Being away from home, websites or applications such as Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram help people keep in touch with their friends from high school while also fortifying their new college relationships. However, while beneficial to many students, social media plays a major factor in some mental health problems that often arise in college.

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Madness: Friars Will Continue to Believe

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After the dance performances, it was time for PC Athletics to take the floor. Members of the Men’s Hockey Team made a special appearance, bringing with them their 2015 NCAA Championship trophy.

Women’s and Men’s Basketball were then introduced as each team member danced his or her way into the gym before performing a group dance with their respective teams. Head Coaches Susan Robinson Fruchtl and Ed Cooley were also introduced amidst the cheers and applause of the crowd.

Cooley then addressed the PC community, speaking to students and athletes alike about the importance of the “Friar Family.” He encouraged students to support PC athletics by attending the games and cheering the players to victory.

Cooley ended his speech by leading the crowd in singing Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing,” reminding everyone the crowd in singing Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing,” reminding everyone that new heights can be reached if the Friars trust in themselves.

PC has certainly “believed” in recent years: in 2013, the Women’s Cross Country Team won the NCAA Championship, while men’s basketball came out on top at the 2014 BIG EAST Tournament. And, of course, Men’s Soccer and Hockey received national attention last year when they won the BIG EAST Tournament and the NCAA Championship, respectively.

Following Cooley’s speech, members of the men’s and women’s teams faced off in a three-point contest. Players showed off their skills by sinking basket after basket, and the final score was 20-19 with the men’s team emerging victorious.

The night concluded with a performance by Ludacris, who entertained the crowd with hits such as “How Low,” “Act a Fool,” and “All I Do Is Win.”

Reflecting on the night, Caroline Killeen ’17 stated, “Madness is one of my favorite nights of the year. Everyone coming together to support our basketball teams really gives life to the idea of the Friar family, and having Ludacris come this year was an added bonus!”

The first men’s basketball game will take place against Harvard University on Nov. 14 at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center. Tickets are $75 for a season pass or $8 per game with a student ID.

Women’s basketball, meanwhile, will play its first game of the season on Nov. 13. Tickets are free, and games are held at the Mullany Gymnasium. Mike Paquin ’17, a manager for the men’s basketball team, is more than ready for the upcoming season, stating, “There is so much excitement around Friartown as basketball season is right around the corner. I think everyone is excited to see senior point guard Kris Dunn, alongside a group of talented underclassmen, make a run at their third NCAA tournament appearance in a row. No matter what the outcome, Coach Cooley will have this team energized and they will be a lot of fun for everyone to watch.”

Juniors in a Jam: Housing Changes for Class of 2019

New Policy Requires All Students to Live On Campus During Their Junior Year

by Zak Harvey ’16

OFF CAMPUS

As Providence College students approach campus for the first time, one cannot help but notice the large three-story houses on either side of Eaton Street. While students embark on their collegiate careers in McDermott, Guzman, Meagher, or McVinney Halls, there is little doubt that they spend their time as sophomores dreaming of what could be when they have the chance to live off campus.

Every year there is a wave of students that seek to live off campus as juniors. In the past, the opportunity to live off campus has been typically reserved for seniors. However, with the rising popularity of off campus housing, more and more members of the College’s junior classes have decided to move off campus. With the off-campus housing rates on the rise, one must ask what brought about the decision that juniors are not allowed to live off campus. Jana Valentine, director of Residence Life, maintained that this was not a directive from the Office of Residence Life alone, but rather a cabinet level decision.

With the gravity of this decision, it was surprising to find that Student Congress has not had a formal meeting to defend juniors’ ability to move off campus. Valentine also stated that it’s “beneficial for students to have three-year residence on campus. [We] can make sure that we use all the space we have on campus and students will have the opportunity to take advantage of all educational opportunities on campus.”

Although students who live off campus by no means represent the majority of the junior class, the practice has become increasingly popular in recent years. Despite its popularity, the College has decided that this policy will begin with the Class of 2019. The policy has been created with the intention of granting no exceptions, and junior students will no longer be able to live off campus.

Valentine mentioned that this makes “financial sense” for the College as it keeps students in beds, which is a general revenue source. She went on to say that this overcrowding is done in spite of there being open beds in their dorm communities for the first year.

As the College’s application pool continues to rise with no new dorms on the docket for construction in the foreseeable future, not allowing students in the junior class to live off campus may prove to be a challenge going forward. One concern was that this policy was enacted to prevent the social scenarios from occurring off campus with juniors, but this concern was dispelled by Dr. Steven Sears, dean of students.

Sears stated, “There were many reasons, but the social aspect was not one of them. One of many [reasons is] the increase in the study abroad program participants. Also, the moving of JRW to SBW created an equal balance of studying abroad fall and spring. This allows us to free up more apartments and suite space for students. It is also a benefit to guarantee housing for the three years for all incoming students.”

Though students may wish to live off campus, it becomes clear that juniors, beginning with the Class of 2019, will be unable to participate in the legacy that has been a part of PC for decades.
Local Slam Rappers Bring Rhythm to PC
Students Listen to, Share, and Learn about Poetry

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ON CAMPUS

On Tuesday, October 20, over 100 Providence College students filled McPhill's to listen, share, and learn at the Poetry Slam, an event co-sponsored by the Board of Programmers (BOP), the Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR), and Students for Social Action (SSA).

"The event went well," said Lauren Coulombe '18, who was BOP's point person for the event and is also a member of BOP's Tuesday Timeout Committee. "V.A.T.I.C., the man who ran the event, came last year and we spoke about making the event more inclusive and I think really led to its success."

"I think the event was very successful," said Mary Murphy Walsh '16, president of SOAR. There was a great turn out, as students representing BOP, BMMA, SOAR, and SSA filled McPhill's to learn from and watch the artists.

"Poetry is important to me because it is the bridge that crafts together the words that ignite my mind," said Phionna Claude '18, who attended the event to learn from and watch the artists.

Coulombe explained that V.A.T.I.C. started the event off by performing slam poetry and then conducted a workshop to teach attendees how to be creative when expressing oneself. "Everyone sat in a circle, and it was so cool to see how the creative process was different for so many people," she said.

The event even saw an impromptu collaboration with the "Learn A Cultural Dance" event that was taking place in the Malachy Room. "All of a sudden a line of drummers came in and started making beats for the point of view dueling on," said Walsh. "It was awesome."

After the workshop, students had the opportunity to share their own creation, be it a verse they had just created during the workshop or a piece of slam poetry that they had written prior to the event.

According to Coulombe and Walsh, another Poetry Slam event is likely to place next semester. "There should definitely be more poetry slams at PC," said Claude. "Poetry is such an easy form of art that can spark conversation that students otherwise beat around the bush."

Coulombe said the success of the event had a lot to do with the core support she received from her committee on BOP. "A lot of work went into the event," she said. "It was a good team effort and I definitely learned a lot."

"SOAR would like to thank BOP and SSA for all their hard work in making the event possible," Walsh said. "This is the second semester in a row SOAR and BOP have collaborated to bring this event to campus and make it enjoyable for the whole Friar community."

"Poetry slams are raw and insightful," said Walsh. "I really believe the PC campus can gain a lot of new perspective from exposure to poetry slams."

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Bang or Whimper?
The Influence of 20th Century Ethics

by Sarah Gianni '18
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LECTURE

In 2002 the Randall Professorship was established, named after Father Robert J. Randall, who taught at Providence College for more than 25 years.

This year, the Randall Professorship honored Dr. David Solomon, current Philosophy professor at the University of Notre Dame. In addition to his teaching and scholarly pursuits in contemporary moral philosophy, Dr. Solomon served as the founding Director of the Notre Dame Arts and Letters/Schience Honors Program and director of the Notre Dame London Program.

Solomon is the 12th scholar to serve as Randall Professor and present his lecture. "How Twentieth-Century Ethics Ended: Bang or Whimper?"
The lecture took place on Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge. Solomon's lecture explored Anglophone academic ethics and the trajectory of its cultural engagement in the 20th century.

There is always the question of how ethics is related to science, religion, and the modern democratic state," Solomon said. His lecture emphasized that ethics are everywhere, from newspaper columns to politics, calling into question how an individual should live his or her life. Solomon also highlighted that there have been challenges in determining a clear definition for academic ethics.

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Solomon stated, "There are issues with how Anglophone academic ethics are presented in today's universities, as there are complicated relations with a number of other traditions in philosophy."

"Overall, there is a complex way in which ethics relate to culture at large," he continued.

By looking back into history and acknowledging various "cultural crises," there is a sense that issues tend to beckon philosophy in order to find answers.

Solomon said that social happenings of the 1960s, such as the sexual and gender revolution, the Civil Rights Movement, and serious discussions about how to deal with new technologies, were very contingent upon answers diverting from "fruitful philosophy."

Overall, Solomon believes that 20th century ethics ended in a "whimpering manner."

"You are able to argue for both sides—bang or whimper—but applied ethics merely produces disagreements," said Solomon.

However, Solomon concluded that cultural engagement has never been greater, and that ethical influence on public policy has had an enduring strength.

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Hunger Banquet Increases Poverty Awareness

by Gabrielle Shkreli '17
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ON CAMPUS

Do you remember playing "The Game of Life" as a child? Can you recall what kind of house you chose or which car you always bought? But what if you could choose your social class? What if you were given character cards containing information about your character? These are the questions that faced students who attended the annual Hunger Banquet.

The event took place in '64 Hall at 6 p.m. and was the final event of the Poverty Awareness Week. According to the official website, Oxfam America is a global organization working to right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, and injustice. The company works with over 90 countries to save lives, develop long-term solutions to poverty, and campaign for social change.

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Faith Krefft '17, head of PC's S.T.O.P. Hunger chapter, will be the chair of the "Feed a Bad Hand" campaign this year. The event will be held on Thursday, October 22, at 4:30 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge.

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"The main event for the event, there will be a number of different global poverty facts placed directly in the hands of those attending the event. These facts will help students understand the complexity of global poverty and how it affects people around the world."

Overall, Krefft expressed the event's hopeful implications, stating, "If you can come together as a group, so many things are possible. I think if we can work together to try to raise more awareness about poverty, not just during Poverty Awareness Week but throughout the entire year, we could help make a difference in people's lives."
Turing Pharmaceuticals Under Antitrust Probe

Daraprim, a drug that has been available for purchase for 62 years, underwent a sudden price increase from $13.50 per tablet to $750 per tablet. Daraprim is widely used by infants and adults to fight AIDS and life-threatening parasitic infections.

The sudden price increase has been allegedly attributed to the effort to prevent competition from other brands that would create their own version of Daraprim. Turing Pharmaceuticals has increased the price of Daraprim so that the drug is now very expensive for competitors to buy and copy.

However, there are millions of people that need Daraprim for their own health and can no longer afford to buy it. As a result, Turing Pharmaceuticals is being challenged with an antitrust probe by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

German Candidate Injured in Political Attack

Politically motivated attacks are extremely rare in Germany; but this past week, a 44-year-old resident of Cologne was arrested for stabbing Henriette Reker, a mayoral candidate supported by Chancellor Angela Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union party. The attack was motivated by the possibility of allowing more than 800,000 refugees into Germany as a result of the recent and growing conflict of the great refugee migration into Europe. Henriette Reker remains stable under hospital care but has not fully recovered.

Poisoned Elephants Found in Zimbabwe Park

Following great poaching efforts in Africa, dozens of African elephants have been found poisoned in Hwange National Park of Zimbabwe. Reportedly, poachers have began to use cyanide to poach elephants in Zimbabwe because the poison is used for mining purposes and, thus, easy to obtain. In 2013 alone, 300 elephants were killed because of cyanide poisoning.

This past Monday, Orpah Machunguri, the water and climate minister of Zimbabwe, blamed the United States for the increased poaching by claiming that it is a direct result of the American ban on hunting Zimbabwean elephants.

Whistleblower Sheds Light on Drone Killings

The “new” Edward Snowden, a reported member of the United States intelligence community, has published some unsettling documents that detail how drones are used to combat terrorism in the Middle East. The leaked reports detail the process by which Obama approves drone strikes. The leaked documents mention that many strikes are carried out despite unreliable or insufficient information.

Reportedly between 2012-2013 the U.S. government tagged 35 targets and ended up killing at least 219, indicating the recklessness of drone strikes and the little care or interest for civilians during these operations.

Congress Updates

During this week’s Student Congress meeting, the implementation of Students Obtaining the Meaning of Spain (SOMUS) was further discussed. It was determined that the club would promote the culture of Spain and would thus would fall under the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs.

The idea of rating off-campus housing was also considered. The main goal of an off-campus housing review is to keep sophomores and juniors “in the loop” about the situation. The rating system would probably take place online, similar to the systems used by other campuses across the nation. One idea was to attach a section on Simplicity, the Residence Life online tool, that would gather all student housing resources into one place. The implementation of such a rating system would allow landlords to consistently maintain their properties to garner positive reviews.

The other main topic of discussion revolved around on-campus beer gardens. The issue being debated was the fact that beer gardens tend to isolate people since 21+ individuals have to remain inside the designated areas. The problem here rests with liability issues because beer gardens have to have a separate area in order to serve alcohol. The goal now is to create a better experience surrounding beer gardens that will leave less people feeling alienated. One idea that gained popularity was a wrist band policy, which could be a worthwhile investment as it would ideally promote responsible drinking and thus be a “step in the right direction.”

The full Congress minutes will now be posted on the Congress Office window following the weekly meetings.

Club Spotlight: PC for Life

Providence College has so many different clubs that it is difficult to keep track of them all. Within Campus Ministry alone there are a number of clubs one can get involved in. Of those clubs, PC for Life is definitely one that grabs the spotlight throughout the year.

PC for Life is the campus’ very own Pro-Life group. The goal of PC for Life is to promote a culture of life and to increase the respect and dignity of human life. There are many memorable events that this club sponsors. Perhaps the most memorable is Respect Life Week, which is held each semester.

This semester’s Respect Life Week took place Oct. 4 through Oct. 8. The Pro-Life chalk messages that were left throughout the campus were difficult to miss. Club members also baked cupcakes and handed them out in front of the Phillips Memorial Library with Pro-Life quotes and messages.

Father Nicanor Austriaco, O.P., gave a talk, “Abortion Shame, Abortion Shaming, and the Reintegrative Mercy of God.” Another main highlight of PC for Life is the March for Life. Student Coordinator Gareau said, “For me, every life from conception to natural death deserves respect, dignity, and protection. To have a club to bring about this respect, dignity, and protection is important!”

PC for Life meetings are on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Center, all are welcome!
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#Dunn With Madness Disorganization

by Brianna Abbott '17
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS EVENTS

Late Night Madness is one of the first events of the year where Providence College students look forward to. This is a fall season, dance to popular artists, and get Friared up. It’s, well, madness. And along with this madness of fitting everyone inside of Mullaney Gymnasium. After the chaos of past years, with people pushing and shoving to reserve a seat, a new method was implemented this year to try and curb the crowd. However, it left me and a hundred others in the cold in the most recent disorganized effort to organize the student body.

In the attempt to control the madness and sell more basketball season tickets, the basketball season ticket holders were guaranteed access and allowed to enter the gym first. Fine. That’s no problem there. However, there was a massive delay between letting all of the ticket holders in and letting in all of the kids standing behind them. The ticket holders entered at 6 p.m., and everyone else had to wait in line until 6:45 p.m.

Why wait so long? It does not take 45 minutes for those kids to get to their seats, especially when they got their Madness shirts beforehand. Even if the lack of delay in past years caused chaos, the excessive delay time made those waiting antsy, tired, and cold.

Also, students were cold because everyone was forced to wait outside. Fall weather is relatively pleasant, but it is not pleasant after the sun goes down toward the end of October. In years past, kids were at least allowed to wait inside Concanon. Although it got a little pushy and crowded, it was better than standing on the turf, huddling together for warmth. The waiting could have even started outside; that would have been fine. Just move everyone else inside during that 45 minute gap.

Adding a little more bite to the frostbite on my fingers was my reward at the end of the line. Right at 7 p.m., whoever was waiting on the field was moved everyone else inside during that 45 minute gap.

Okay, these things happen. But you have to be told earlier that they had no chance of making it inside. Next time, please inform those in the line have no chance of making it inside. No more empty handed. I waited outside for a chance to get tickets (a few hours in much nicer weather) for a chance to get tickets to the hockey game that night. They gave out 400 tickets but kept well over 600 students standing in line. Those students with no chance would rather have been told earlier that they had no chance instead of wasting their time.

Also, there were Madness tickets handed out at the hockey game for all of those students who were there, meaning that there was less of a chance for those who couldn’t go to the hockey game to get into Madness. So most of those kids who got snubbed got to go to the hockey game.

Getting into those two events should not be contingent on each other, especially when not every student who wants to participate in the Friar festivities has the time to get to in line ridiculously early or wants to spend money on season tickets. If that’s what it took for me to be a Friar Fanatic this weekend, I guess I just didn’t have it in me.

For some, the weekend was a Friar themed festival with free concerts and national champions. For others, it was a mess of waiting for nothing. Well, not nothing. Those who couldn’t get into Madness didn’t leave totally empty handed. We waited outside for 45 minutes in the cold and got a tank top that said “Dunnbelievable.”

Dunnbelievable. It may as well have said, “I Tried To Go To Madness And All I Got Was This Lousy Pun.” To make a lousy pun of my own, the entire thing was “Ludicrous.”

In the College’s defense, from what I saw on social media, Madness looked really fun this year. So did the hockey game. The events themselves were rumored to be great for those lucky enough to get inside. For everyone else, however, it was a different story. I can’t speak for everyone else in my position, but it’s safe to say that after my cold and unfair experience, I was #Dunn.
Media: Social Sites Add to Students’ Anxiety and Depression

Continued from front page

By McKenzie Tavella ’18

It doesn’t matter how far the distance, the amount of time away, or how old you are, people always get homesick in one way or another. Of course, there are those who have never been away from home for long periods of time—like me. Going from zero to three months away from my home and my family was definitely difficult, but I have the luxury of going home on weekends. However, some students at Providence College are unable to do this because of distance. The Personal Counseling Center provides students with individual counseling, even for homesickness. However, their workshops and support groups do not revolve around this issue.

As someone who personally suffers from homesickness, I think talking to those who share the same feelings and emotions as I do would make it easier. If a support group was created for those who are feeling homesick, this would make many students feel more comfortable, safe, and united.

This support group could be through the Personal Counseling Center, or it could be student-run. Having a student-run support group may allow students to feel more at ease about it. Sometimes it is hard to be in the presence of an adult in this situation, because they have most likely grown up past this part of their life. Since it may be difficult to relate to adults, students could feel more closed-off and hesitant about sharing their true emotions.

Some students have attempted to, or have had the idea of, starting a support group like this before; but as far as I know, their ideas have never gotten off the ground. If they had, then I’d already be signed up and in attendance of the meetings.

If the support group was student-run then it could be fun, rather than serious all of the time. If it were necessary to have an adult there, that would be fine, but students should lead the discussion and activities. I think that this would increase the chances of students getting over their homesickness.

In addition to this, every year each Resident Assistant asks if we want our floor to have an open door or closed door policy. I think that if the support group was open door, meaning any student could show up for any meeting and at any and all times, this would get more students to attend. Most clubs and groups are like this, but if this were to be advertised and become known to the entire student body, students wouldn’t feel pressure or stress if they couldn’t come.

After all, the end goal is to have students no longer needing to come, but simply just wanting to come. I realize that it may seem like I am trying to create this support group and am brainstorming my ideas to you all, but I am saying all of this to show the possibilities of what a support group like this could do for Providence College. Some of my ideas may be good, and some bad, but I encourage you all to share your feedback. If you feel homesick, even just a little from time to time, and would want this support group to happen, help make it happen.
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October 22, 2015

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**Make Every Moment Count**

by Gabriella Nigro '16

Associate EIC

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Shined shoes, pinned hair, tucked in blouses and blouses; a moment of glamor when all we line up with perfectly coifed hair and strike a pose. To quote my favorite singer/songwriter Ed Sheeran, “We keep this love in a photograph,” and with every second that proceeds, and every picture that we snap, it’s one more moment to cherish.

Class of 2016, can we address this issue yet? Are we allowed to mention that the “60-second 2016 edition,” or do we stay in our shell of denial just a bit longer? The excitement of the upcoming job opportunities and graduate school avenues entices our positivity, and for some, the lack of a concrete future has been a time of fluctuating emotions, anything can seem unclear.

Freshmen, seniors, and juniors, maybe this doesn’t apply as strongly to you, but seniors, look at the years you have left for your college and careers. How often do we think about the times we fell versus the times we got it right? With what consistency did we cry, or laugh, or sit in silence and just think about what the hell we were doing?

And who have we become? What have we become? When we put on our suits or tight tweed skirts for an interview, do we reflect the characters that we comport ourselves as? With Senior Ring Weekend approaching, it’s the start of celebrating this year’s end. Most of us may keep in touch, but we will never be together like this again. Sure, there are reunions and functions in the future, but we won’t be in the moment like we will be in these next few months. Now, I’ve certainly thrown myself into a terrible paradox. So how will we spend it? How will we mend these last few months into our own?

Crisp ties. Curled lashes. Pressed pants. Elegant pendants. We bend over, anything more tech-savvy than me, please. Look at your friends as the camera flash ignites and sparks into one thousand glittering bits. They capture the moments we are unlikely to forget.
TOP LEFT: Be our guest for restaurant style dining in McPhail's! With a prefixed menu, all the hard decisions were made. Students enjoyed a surf and turf meal.

TOP RIGHT: Students ditched the workout and joined the party by having fun celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through Zumba.

LEFT: Do you like poetry? Students gathered in McPhail's to watch a professional slam poet perform.

RIGHT: Friars get friared up with Friar Dom at the “Let the Madness Begin Tailgate.” Students were able to meet members of the Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams, hear from the coaches, enjoy live music by the Pep Band, enjoy food truck favorites, and so much more!

BELOW: Students kick off the basketball season at the annual Late Night Madness! The night continued with a live concert by Ludacris.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Friends smile for the camera at Late Night Madness.
What was your favorite moment from Late Night Madness?

“Performing in the BMSA dance.”
Jessica Tourville ’16

“The feeling of the Friar Family.”
Rosa Ramos ’17

“Seeing Coach Cooley dancing and seeing LUDA.”
Steven Ruggiero ’19 and Garrett Gamez ’19

“When the Men’s Ice Hockey Team came out with their trophy.”
Meredith Haverly ’18

“The light wave in the crowd when Ludacris came out.”
Kelly Atkinson ’18

“The Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams introductions.”
Kimberly Lezama ’18

“Performing for PC.”
- Ludacris
by Ryan Charland '18
A&E Staff

Deary '16 said, “It was awesome to see their journey in overwinter, something that PC is very proud of. Cady A video documented their road to the National Championship and the win at the finals from last winter, something that PC is very proud of. Cady

by Kealy Robertson '16
A&E Staff

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Student Groups Show Off PC Spirit at Madness

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Local Concerts to See this Fall

by Ryan Cox '18
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Do not let Rhode Island’s size fool you. The smallest state in the Union frequently hosts some of the biggest names in music at its venues statewide, many of which are in downtown Providence. The next two months are no different, as Rhode Island once again brings a wide variety of big names to a venue near you. Here is a short list of some of the biggest names coming to town.

Brett Eldredge and Thomas Rhett, who are teaming up for this year’s CMT On Tour concert, are the only acts not coming to downtown Providence. Eldredge and Rhett will be joined by The Voice winner Danielle Bradbery for a show at the University of Rhode Island’s Ryan Center on Nov. 8. Both headlining artists are quickly rising in the country industry and both have recently released new albums to great reviews. Nineteen-year-old Bradbery is currently working on a second studio album and most recently toured with Miranda Lambert on her “Certified Platinum” Tour. This is currently the only local stop for the tour.

Lupo’s Heartbreak Hotel boasts an impressive lineup in November, beginning with former Fun. frontman Nate Ruess on his solo tour. He comes to Lupo’s Nov. 13, joined by Surfer Blood, and will be playing songs from his new solo album, Grand Romantic, as well as songs from Fun. and The Faint. This is Ruess’ first attempt at a solo career. Surfer Blood released an album, 1000 Palms, in May to mediocre reviews despite charting at No. 2 on the Billboard “Top Heatseekers Albums” list. Lupo’s will also bring Elle King to Providence on Nov. 28. King is best known for her single, “Ex’s and Oh’s,” which topped the alternative chart in 2014, making King only the second woman since 1996 to do so. She will be joined by Horse Thief. Veterans Memorial/Auditorium kicks off December on Dec. 1 with a cappella group Straight No Chaser, following the release of their latest album, The New Old Fashioned. Known mostly for their Christmas albums, Straight No Chaser began as an a cappella group at Indiana University and soon rose to individual fame, especially after their performance of “The 12 Days of Christmas” was posted on YouTube. Straight No Chaser will also make a stop at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut. Also coming to the VMA this December is legendary jazz trumpet player Wynton Marsalis, who will be joined by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra on Dec. 4. According to the VMA website, Marsalis and the band will “ring in the season with ‘Big Band Holidays’, a night of swinging holiday favorites.” The show will also include appearances by Denzel Sinclaire and Audrey Shakir.

Rounding out 2015’s concert calendar is Trans-Siberian Orchestra, coming to the Dunkin’ Donuts Center on Dec. 16. Considered by Billboard to be one of the Top 25 Touring Artists of the decade in 2009, Trans-Siberian Orchestra is known for their use of pyrotechnics, lasers, and lights in sync with their music. Trans-Siberian Orchestra followed a unique path to success; they went straight to arenas without having played at smaller venues beforehand. They have also never had, or been, an opening act. Despite this, they have sold over 10 million concert tickets, 10 million albums, and are best known for their Christmas music. Tickets for all of these shows are available online.

Let’s Rant

by Kelly Laske ’16
A&E Staff

“Live from New York—it’s Saturday Night!” If those words do not ring any bells in your head, you obviously do not turn your television on enough. Saturday Night Live has single-handedly changed comedy and the way it is presented on national television. With the airing of its first episode in October 1975, SNL has covered it all. From poking fun at presidential candidates to covering controversial world events to just being outright inappropriate, SNL has definitively crossed the line more times than not—but that is what has always made it so appealing. But starting in the 2000s, Saturday Night Live seemingly lost its touch. Its ratings are down, and last week I could not even get through the whole Amy Schumer episode. The question is, what happened to the show that once had people skipping a Saturday night out just to watch it?

When I think back on the old Saturday Night Live, I think of the legends like Chevy Chase, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, and Chris Farley—all men who were nobodies that turned into somebody. They were all just starting out and agreed to a show that did not even have an official place to write or produce. Picture young, broke writers crammed into an old apartment trying to produce content for a show they were not sure had the power to make it. That is how SNL came about. Little did they know they would completely change what kind of shows could go on TV. The show immediately took off and completely killed it until recently. With the departure of Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, and Seth Meyers, the show has been extremely lackluster.

So what is the problem then? The talent just is not there anymore. It is almost mind-boggling to picture the combination of people that went through that show from the late ’70s to the mid ’80s. It was genius. It was almost too good to be true. When I watched it recently, I was shocked at how noticeable it was that all of the actors were using teleprompters. With Farley, John Belushi, and Adam Sandler, it was pure mayhem. Farley would go completely off script and slam his body onto a coffee table and break it. Adam Sandler would not be able to finish skits because he was laughing too hard at what was going on. The show has lost the magic it once had. Every once in a while I will hear about a skit that was funny and crossed boundaries, but I no longer have the desire to turn it on or watch the episode. Fortunately, I do not think Saturday Night Live will ever be the same as it once was.
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It’s an old building; it’s barely used these days. It was once used as a way to keep hostages in line though. They’d be put in a small room with a tattered bed. A bed that looks like it could break at any given moment with the wrong shifting of weight. If it broke, the caption was that nothing can go wrong, but the cold hardness of the floor, a pillow that was as stiff as tug-of-war rope, and blankets that looked like they were breeding moths. They’d cave in a matter of hours, and beg to be taken to the room in the basement where all the other past captives were quickly and swiftly put out of their misery. Now that’s something.

And it’s also now his temporary place of solace, what one man’s, or many men’s, place of imprisonment once was. How funny things in life work.

The man, who sometimes referred to himself as Luc, other times not referring to himself with any name at all, sat on the bed in one of these hurt rooms, in the same position that he had been sitting for the last several hours; legs spread, arms resting on legs with his hands hanging off the knees and his head hung low, staring at the bleached yellow grime of the floor. In one of his hands was a Beretta, black with a few splotches of dried gunpowder here and there. Most of the bullets fired from this gun made contact with flesh and bone, and the blood that had splattered out landed on Luc’s clothes. Some of it was hard to make out, seeing as he was wearing a suit with a black blazer, black slacks, and black tie, and now liberation.


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Luc, ending his game of studying the filthy designs, turned his attention to the Beretta in his hand. He looked over every aspect of it one, two, and three times as the clashing went on. He noticed on the third time that the handle had a spec of blood he didn’t see at first; he probably thought it was gunpowder or something else. He propped the Beretta on his leg, but then decided against this and continued to let it hang off his knee with his hand; he didn’t know why.

“Luc, you still there?” the caller asked.

“Yes, I’m still here,” Luc replied.

“You think we could have avoided this?” the caller asked.

“What does it matter, asking that at this point?”

“Yeah I’m still here,” Luc replied.

“I’m just saying, I wish it didn’t have to have this kind of ending?”

“Don’t we all…”

Whoever was on the other side of the door was close to tearing it down at this point. The caller replied. The voice sounded the tiniest bit androgynous.

“I gave you specific instructions. If you weren’t paying attention, that’s not my problem,” Luc said in return, immediately resuming his game of mingling designs.

There was a silence before either one of them began talking again.

“I’m guessing it’d be a good idea to lie low, right?” the caller asked.

“Yes,” Luc replied. “In fact, if you don’t hear from me in the next 96 hours, I would go beyond lying low.

New town, new life, the whole nine whatever.”

He was to say more, but once there was a banging at the door of the room, his train of thought had derailed. That’s all there was as well, just banging.

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“Do we have any time left?”

“20 seconds maybe. Anything left to say?”

They didn’t, at least for fourteen seconds, that is.

“See you on the other side I guess.”

Click. The call ended. Luc used whatever time he had left before the inevitable to unload the Beretta’s mag and check how many rounds remained. He had two.

Close to perfect as perfect would allow. Two would be all he’d need anyways.

The door finally tears off of its hinges and crashes down. In come two men, probably of the same height, definitely of the same proportion. Both carry slightly larger pistols than Luc’s Beretta.

It’s not until the almost simultaneous cocking of the guns that Luc decides to look up at them. Dead eyes. Tightly-closed mouths.

Pulp Fiction-esque poses.

An arm is raised. Then out comes a bullet, charging. Almost one second later, another bullet.

Then twenty seconds of magazines rushing to empty. Imprisonment, solace, and now liberation.

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**POCKET POEMS**

**By Joey Aiello ’17**
**Portfolio Staff**

**Dialogue**

Sarah: Hey did you see that thing about those boots we wanted?
Sam: Yeah, it’s ridiculous, they’re on back order.
Sarah: I can’t believe we live in a world where stuff like this still happens.
Sam: I know right! It’s 2015!
Sarah: Exactly. You would think that with the Internet and social media today that they’d know how everyone feels about these boots and they would have just been fully stocked for the winter.
Sam: It’s a tragedy.
Sarah: I know. I even saw it on the news last night.
Sam: Really?
Sarah: Yeah, I guess there were like people gathered all around the store sort of protesting that they couldn’t get the boots.
Sam: That’s crazy, and it was on the news?
Sarah: Yeah, but only briefly, then they cut to sports news.
Sam: Figures. You think something like this would get more news coverage.
Sarah: I mean it’s become apparent that this is a real problem.
The boots I mean, it’s a real problem.
Sam: Yeah, the boots.
Sarah: Anyways what are you doing later?
Sam: I think I’m going to go to the mall, wanna come?
Sarah: Yeah sure!

**By Konner Jebb ’16**
**Portfolio Staff**

**Poetry**

The eerie atmosphere
Engulfs broken graven stones.
Death has left
This place long ago.

His cloak, left draped over the sky:
Moans once haunted the shallow graves.
Now silence remains.
Lost souls roam with no guidance.

A figure bursts through the darkness.
Flowing hair forms around her body like golden wings.

Steady footsteps reach a tree, limbs reaching for a savior.
A gentle hand caresses the rough skin.

Light pours down, arms stretch out.
A letter, placed within the reaching arms.

The figure leaves.
Light swallows the tree.
It explodes.
Darkness shatters.
Souls smile.

They have been known, heard.
Hope has been restored.

**By Marisa Gonzalez ’18**
**Portfolio Staff**

Hello, Sunshine!
Good morning sun! Good morning sky!
How sweet to see you smile!
...but if you’ll just let me shut the blinds
I think I’ll sleep a while...

by Jonathan Coppe ’16
**Portfolio Staff**

Conditioner smoothly, evenly clumped itself onto my palm into a perfect heart shape.
Ah, serendipity.
I reached for my phone, Instagram a lifeline.
Realization struck, technology does not groove well with showers.
Aesthetic, rest in pieces.

by Konner Jebb ’16
**Portfolio Staff**

We are sun-worn, dirtied legs
At the end of the day after the waves have risen from the pavement, burning.

by Ariana Pasquantoano ’16
**Portfolio Staff**

A coal burning heart covered in snow
Jesus lead me where I want to go
I swear on the leaf-covered ground,
I’ll lay this summer of acedia down,
Take up my hymn, and my fall,
And walk and sing ‘till the spring robin’s call.

by Abby Johnston ’17
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  Summertime (It's Our Vacation)
  Time to Cry
  Crunch Time
  Closing Time
  Time to Duet
  Adventure Time
  Tangent Time
  Past Your Sushi's Expiration
  Spontaneous Dance Party Time
  Past Take 3 Time
  Peanut Butter Jelly Time
  Friar Time
  Homework Time

Golden

by Branan Durbin ’16
Portfolio Editor

Two days never work quite the same. At first, they may seem to: the same green, somewhat rusty bicycle rolling down the same neighborhood street, at the same early evening moment, with the same golden sun shining sideways on the red hair of the same girl. But, on the first day, there’s laughter, with the wind rushing not only through her ginger curls but through her very mind, blowing away knots and dust and frustrations balled up tight. It is a success in spring cleaning exacted in the late summer, and light that reflects off the glass of an old dormant streetlight acts as applause praising the perfection of the moment. On the first day, the air and sunlight inside her mind assure that this, this is joy.

The next day, or next week, next time she needs that saving breeze and sunlight, it is somehow never so sweepingly glorious. As she rides the same bike along the same curves, she finds only potholes; as she cuts through the summer air, she shivers with chills. The same sunlight she pedals beneath now only mocks this wobbling girl gripping the handlebars, gritting her teeth. Her mind overnight had changed the secret password that the first day had uncovered, reacting against the unwelcome onslaught of sun and unhindered smiles, locking out the newfound joys and locking in a different, all-too-familiar dankness. Instead, in the harsh, taunting sunlight, she can only focus on the towering streetlight to her right, and on choosing not to veer her bicycle into it.

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

I'm just SOO done with the food from Alumni and Ray. It's, like, ridiculous. I mean, c'mon, how can they REALLY expect me to eat the pizza they serve (seriously, I'm too good for that stuff) or those old veggies from the salad bar I have to force down? And don't even get me started on the grilled chicken. Can you say dry?! (And sometimes it's even, like, red. I mean, like, I don't wanna eat food that raw AND dry! I mean pick one, seriously.) Anyway, what should I do? Honestly, if I eat any more of that stuff I might just DIE! How can I even handle it? Am I supposed to just starve?!

Angrily,
vinesluver223

Dear Picky Eater,

How about you just starve already and we can both go home happy? Me knowing that you will never write in with such a first world problem question again, and you knowing that you will continue to be ungrateful and never have to eat Ray pizza again.

I.D.K. HOW, but you've managed to list literally the two stations in Ray that are the 'I am lazy and don't want to eat anything else' options, but failed to take note of places like the theme cuisine or the main dish. Normally you'll be able to find something between the two.

Yes Ray has its downsides, but with a little looking around you too can find food for only 21 dollars a plate (assuming unlimited meal plan)+taxes+our new business building fee.

As for Alumni, if you are truly that picky where you cannot customize something to your liking, I suggest you dip cotton balls into your favorite sauce and eat them instead. Or eat the questionable selection of over priced sushi daily and contract mercury poisoning. Either way, please just never ask another question again.

Bye Felicia,

deeply unpleasant

Dear Angry Vinesluver223,

I'm so with you. How on earth can they serve such subpar food on an American college campus?! We're the future of America after all, and we deserve good healthy food like properly grilled chicken. Seriously, where can I get a damn steak?!

The school really needs to serve some better quality dead cows so we can all grow up to be good, strong, freedom-loving, bacon-eating, terrorist-fighting, Commie-hating, Nazi-beating, red-blooded Americans like our forefathers. Next thing you know the terrorists are going to be rolling over our starving malnourished bodies and we'll all be speaking Chinese.

We've got to fight for our chicken and burgers because when the enemy wins, those will be the first things to go.

See you in the kitchen/battlefield, soldier,

Tiffany & Earl

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The Tiffany & Earl feature is a satirized account of Providence College. Both the question and answers are purely works of fiction. Tiffany & Earl are anti-heroes whose comments ultimately satirize the stereotypes they each represent.
A Star Emerges for PC Men’s Soccer

by Brannon Walker-Hodges ’17
Senior Sports Writer

MEN’S SOCCER

When it comes to contextualizing the Providence College Men’s Soccer Team’s run to the BIG EAST championship and the NCAA College Cup, there are themes of senior leadership, along with grit on defense and timely goalscoring. However, every team has at least one player that takes charge of the offense and has the opposition keying on him whenever he is on the attack. That player for the Friars is forward Mac Steeves ’17. Hailing from Needham, Massachusetts, Steeves played varsity soccer all four years at Needham High School, serving as team captain during his junior and senior seasons. During his senior year campaign, Steeves recorded 20 goals and 25 assists. His 45 point total set a new school record. That year, Steeves led his team to the 2012 Division I State Championship, where he scored the game winning goal. High pressure moments are something Steeves is accustomed to as an athlete, along with receiving accolades for his success.

In 2012, Steeves was named the Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Massachusetts, NSCAA State Player of the Year, and an NSCAA All-American. He was named a Division I Tournament MVP, Division 1 Player of the Year by The Boston Globe; he was also named a two-time All-New England selection, a three-time All-State honoree, two-time Bay State Conference MVP, a three-time Eastern Mass. All-Star and a four-time Bay State Conference All-Star.

His confidence, along with his skill set, has allowed him to become a valuable asset to men’s soccer Head Coach Craig Stewart. As a freshman, Steeves played in 13 games for the Friars, including starting nine of those games. He finished fourth on the team in points with nine, scoring three goals and three assists. Coach Stewart did not mind Steeves being aggressive on the offensive end despite his inexperience, as he was third on the team in shots, totaling 40 throughout the season. Teams in the Big East conference took notice of his potential as he was named the Big East Rookie of the Week twice in 2013.

Last season, Steeves took on a bigger role for the Friars as the main offensive threat on the frontline. Starting in 21 of the 22 games he played for the Friars, he led the team with 26 points, 11 goals, and 61 shots taken. At the end of the regular season, Steeves finished first in the Big East with 0.5 goals per game; his 11 goals also led the conference and he ranked 17th nationally. Steeves’ finest moments came during the most crucial points of matches. He ranked second on the team in game-winning goals with four. During the Friars’ College Cup semi-final match against UCLA, Steeves scored the only two goals for the team, keeping hopes for the Friar Faithful alive to until the end. His success in the national spotlight has earned him many accolades. Steeves became the first player in 31 seasons of College Cup history to be named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament albeit his team not making it to the final match.

Steeves’ other accolades last season include being named to the Top Drawer Soccer National Team of the Week, Big East Weekly Honor Roll, and Corvias ECAC Men’s Soccer Tri-Offensive Player of the Week. At the end of the season, Steeves was named to the All-Big East Second Team, NSCAA Great Lakes All-Region Third Team, and the 2014 College Cup All-Tournament Team, along with being named the Friars’ co-offensive MVP.

This season, Steeves is picking up right where he left off on the offensive end. As the Friars approach the halfway point in the season, Steeves has almost eclipsed his total amount of goals from last season with 10, currently ranking within the top 10 in the country. Steeves also currently ranks within the top 10 in points per game with 1.75, goals per game with 0.83, game-winning goals with four, and shots per game with four. Recently, on Oct. 17 against Seton Hall, Steeves recorded two goals in a win against the Pirates. Steeves’ first goal came off of an assist in the 21st minute of the match, while his second goal came off of a free kick in the 60th minute.

According to an article on NRCSports.com, Steeves gets much of his confidence and attitude toward the game from his father, Jay Steeves, who played semi-pro in Japan while in the Marines. Within the article, Coach Stewart commended Steeves for his physical nature and professionalism.

“The one player I like to compare him to...is Alan Shearer [of Newcastle],” Coach Stewart said to NRC Sports. Both Shearer and Steeves both stand over six feet and tower over defenders to score goals. What makes Steeves so unique is that the numerous accolades and awards do not cloud his vision of what his, or the team’s, mission is.

“I put a lot of work into my game and trying to become better,” Steeves said to NRC Sports. “The amount of success I’m having is a little surprising just because I didn’t know exactly what I was capable of.”

It is that type of humility, along with his skill set, that has FIFA clubs, MLS clubs, and the United States National Team lining up to scout the junior from Needham, Massachusetts, who continues to lead the way for the Friars.
Over the past few years, the National Basketball League’s Western Conference has asserted its dominance over its Eastern counterpart, the Eastern Conference. In fact, not only for the greatest basketball player of our generation residing in the Eastern Conference, but the East would truly have no comeome to post-season glory. This season, this Western supremacy could be at an all-time high. There are several reasons for this, as this year’s Western Conference rosters have failed to revamp themselves in the way that numerous Western Conference teams have. However, my main take-away from this year’s off-season is that three great teams in the West made themselves even greater.

These teams include the San Antonio Spurs, the Los Angeles Clippers, and the Houston Rockets. Each of these teams has made moves, either through trades, free agent signings, or individual re-signings, which have bolstered their depth and reinforced their teams as heavy contenders in the Western Conference.

San Antonio Spurs: It is hard to argue against the Spurs as the ultimate winner of this year’s NBA off-season. The Spurs were able to take care of nearly every member of their team set to become a free agent, as they re-signed first-ballot hall of famer Tim Duncan, blossoming superstar and reigning defensive player of the year Kawhi Leonard, sixth man Manu Ginóbili, and crucial role players Danny Green and Matt Bonner. In addition to these resignings, the Spurs pulled in the biggest free agent of the 2015 NBA off-season, signing perennial All-Star Lamarre Aldridge for a four-year, $81 million dollar contract. This move will allow Head Coach Greg Popovich to rest his aging legend Tim Duncan, as he now has a supremely talented big man in Aldridge. If the Spurs are able to employ their traditional regular season “nesting of superstars approach,” and escape without any major injuries, then they will be able to roll out yet most talented playoff roster’s that their franchise has ever seen.

Los Angeles Clippers: Despite the massive free agent signing of LaMarcus Aldridge, this off-season’s largest news story was due to the decision of Clippers big man DeAndre Jordan. In the span of one week in early July, Jordan revoked his decision to leave the Clippers for the Dallas Mavericks, deciding that his LA teammates gave him his best chance at winning the things that he most desires, an NBA championship. Although he took quite a bit of heat from the media, Jordan’s decision could prove to be a wise one if the Clippers are able to capture this championship in the coming summer. In addition to re-signing Jordan, the Clippers were also able to lock down two-guard Austin Rivers. However, their biggest impact in this off-season came in the form of trades and free agent signings. The Clips acquired a proven playoff performer and athletic shooting guard in Lance Stephenson, losing Matt Barnes and Spencer Hawes in the process. Their post-season spending spree did not stop there, as they replaced Barnes at the small forward position with Boston Celtics legend Paul Pierce and the ever-so-atletic Josh Smith. The Clippers finished their off-season with the signings of Cole Aldrich and Wesley Johnson, two veterans who have proven that they can play roles on NBA teams. All of these moves have made the Clippers one of the deepest teams in the NBA, and it has become increasingly clear that they are going all in this season.

Houston Rockets: The Rockets were the surprise team of last off-season, reaching the Western Conference Finals only to lose to the eventual champion Golden State Warriors. They were the two seed in the regular season, due to the MVP-type play of James Harden. However, there were not many people that believed them to be better than the Spurs or Clippers. Nevertheless, the Rockets defeated the Clippers in their second round playoff series, proving all of their doubters wrong. Josh Smith was huge in that series, scoring big baskets down the stretch in several big fourth quarter moments against Los Angeles. Losing Smith to free agency certainly hurts the Rockets, but does not characterize the strong overall off-season orchestrated by Rockets front office. The biggest acquisition for the Rockets came in a trade with the Denver Nuggets. In this trade, the Rockets acquired a proven big man in Aldridge.

JALEN LINDSEY

For many college basketball players, sophomore year is the make-or-break-it season. For Jalen Lindsey, last year’s end of season surge indicates that he is ready to make a huge step up this season.

It looked to be a fairytale start for the former ESPN Top-10 recruit, highlighted by a 15 point performance against Florida State that showed glimpses of his potential. However, he struggled throughout early Big East play, and spent most of his crunch time on the bench. Lindsey began to find his niche at the end of the season, stepping up to become the Friars’ number one three point shooting threat. Last post-season, Lindsey regained his early-season rhythm, pouring in three three-pointers in a Big East Tournament loss to Villanova and knocking down four three-pointers in the Friars’ NCAA Tournament game against Dayton.

This year, Lindsey is expected to take the next step. In addition to adding a much needed three-point shooting threat, he is also expected to use his length to aid the Friars on the defensive end. On a team lacking for size, Lindsey should be able to play a solid “stretch four”—a forward with the ability to both defend down low and provide offensive punch from inside and outside the three-point arc.

The athleticism and natural scoring ability that made Lindsey a Top-100 recruit briefly came in flashes last season. However, with a year’s team hard at the belt, and an offseason of constant preparation, Jalen Lindsey will be the one sophomore who establishes himself as a sidekick to Kris Dunn ’17 this season.

-joey ciccarello ‘16

Which Sophomore Will Make the Biggest Impact For PC Men’s Basketball

Ben Bentil

During last year’s Big East Tournament, it may have been easy to focus all of your attention on the play of National Player of the Year candidate Kris Dunn ’17. I certainly cannot blame you for this, as this is the tendency of every single person that follows Providence College Men’s Basketball closely. One player that may have escaped your eye last season is Ben Bentil ’18. This certainly is not due to his physical stature, as Bentil is a 235 pound, 6’9” monster. Instead, I am speaking of the unsung importance of his game.

Bentil is a ferocious rebounder, and he showed this capability in the Friars’ two Big East Tournament games against St. John’s and Villanova when he collected 23 rebounds in 71 minutes, which was good for an average of 11.5 rebounds per game. It is clear that Bentil turned it on in the second half of last season.

During the final stretch of the 2013-14 season, Bentil scored double digits in seven of the 14 contests that he played in. This was a great improvement upon the first half of the season, when Bentil was only able to score double digit points in one of the 20 games that he played in. I believe that Bentil will start right where he left off last season, and will continue to develop his post moves and mid-range game throughout this year’s campaign.

Furthermore, it is much more apparent during the off-season, when Paschal Chukwu, the seven footer recruited by Head Coach Ed Cooley last year, decided to transfer to St. Louis University. Now, Bentil is the tallest player on the Friars’ roster and will need to rebound at a high level on both ends of the floor.

-DJ Anderson ‘16

Column

The Wild, Wild West

by DJ Anderson ’16

Sports Editor
Winter Sports Preview 2015 2016

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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

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MEN’S BASKETBALL
LOOKING TO BUILD OFF OF TWO
STRAIGHT NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

This may come as a surprise to everyone in the Providence College community including administration, athletic personnel, and even fans, but there is something they fail to realize about the Providence College Men’s Basketball Team.

Kris Dunn ’17 is not the only player suiting up this season. Shocking, yes, but true as hard as it may seem. In fact, he is one of 14 players on the current roster. Feel free to take a moment to let that sink in before continuing to read.

That is not to say Dunn is not good. He is very good. Very, very good. That is not even to say that the success of the team will not depend on how Dunn plays this year. In fact, it probably will.

Last year Dunn was top five in both steals and assists per game and (thankfully for the Friar Faithful) turned down the opportunity as a potential lottery pick in order to return this season. He is easily the best player that Head Coach Ed Cooley has to work with and is arguably the best player in the Big East and maybe even the country. The point is, however, there still needs to be four other guys on the court with him at all times.

Last because Dunn is extremely talented does not mean that he does not have talent around him. Despite losing Carson Desrosiers ’15 and LaDontae Henton ’15 to graduation, the Friars still have Ben Bentil ’18 and Jalen Lindsey ’18, who both came alive during the end of the season to prove that they were worthy of the top 100 ranking they received coming out of high school.

In addition, Rodney Bullock ’18 is finally healthy and eligible to play. Kyron Cartwright ’18 also showed signs that he could be a valuable piece if Dunn finds himself on the bench for any reason. No one is questioning the talent of the Friars, but there are two major holes in the team that cannot be overcome no matter how much the team practices.

The Friars have no seniors and only two juniors who saw significant playing time last year. One is Junior Lamomba ’17, who excelled on defense, but did not show any real offensive ability, and the other is, well, Dunn. The team also has no traditional centers. Bentil can certainly handle his own in the paint. But if he gets into foul trouble, the only other forwards on the team consist of Bullock, who is more of a small forward that a power forward, and Quadree Smith ’19, who is only a freshman. The only way the team can be successful this season is if they run everybody out on the court. But they can.

They may have some trouble on the inside, but on the perimeter, this team is built to create matchup problems. Besides Dunn, who no one can guard regardless of size, Lindsey and Ryan Fazekas ’19 are both over 6’7” at the guard position. Bentil has a decent mid-range jumper, which will allow him to pull out centers from the paint and open up the lane for the 11 guards currently on the roster. This team may not have size, but they do have speed.

That speed may be enough to sneak the Friars into their third straight NCAA tournament. It is also very likely that they might have to settle for a National Invitational Tournament bid. As good as Dunn is he cannot win on his own, and as good as a distributor he is, he also does not have the go-to scorer that he had last year in Henton. Success will come down to two main factors: how well the freshmen and sophomites play this year, and how well they play against bigger teams.

There is no reason to think that this season will be a repeat of the Keno Davis years, but there should be cautious optimism on such a young, although talented, team.

Dunn is an amazing basketball player, but even Michael Jordan needed Scottie Pippen to win a championship. As much as the Friar Faithful would like him to, he cannot do everything by himself. However, everyone is certainly glad that he returned, and with a little help, he might just be able to do everything that everyone imagined he could.
The past few years for the Providence College Women’s Basketball Team have been lean to say the least, as they have finished with no more than 10 wins in either of their first two seasons under heralded head coaching acquisition Susan Robinson Fruchtl. And while championship contention may still not even be on the team’s radar, a season of appreciable progression may be in store for the Friars.

Playing in possibly the toughest conference in women’s college basketball means that the Friars face the highest level of competition on a nightly basis, and in recent seasons they simply did not have the talent to match up with juggernauts like Villanova or the University of Connecticut (prior to their program’s move to the AAC). This year, however, may be a slightly different story. Holdovers from last year’s team are a year further into their development, and, despite enduring struggles during the majority of their tenure, they will still benefit from being a year further into Coach Fruchtl’s system. In particular, Evi Iiskola ’16, the only senior on this year’s squad, and Sarah Beal ’17, the team’s only preseason All Big East selection, are expected to help carry the burden for a team that has four freshmen and eight underclassmen total.

It is that youth, however, that makes this year’s group intriguing. While most teams in power conferences such as the Big East or the ACC who are labeled with the term “young” often struggle record-wise, the Friars boast an impressive influx of talent that may help offset a lack of on-court synergy in the early going. In particular, highly-touted recruit Yoyo Nogic ’19 was selected to play in the under 19 FIBA international competition for her home country of Serbia after putting up an impressive state line in Serbia’s Senior League, averaging 14 points per game on a robust 50 percent shooting from the field and an outstanding 80 percent from the free throw line; she also logged major minutes despite struggling from the field in the tournament. Meanwhile, teammate Clara Che ’19 played minimal minutes for her home country of Spain, but still deserves recognition for even being considered for a spot on a competitive international team.

With such a young team, an easy opening to what is always a tough schedule would be a godsend for these young and fearless Friars. Luckily for them, the schedule gods were kind and delivered just such a scenario, as Providence opens against a perennially mediocre Boston College team and does not play a team of national repute until mid-season matchups with St. John’s and Villanova. Combined with a light out-of-conference schedule that includes teams such as Florida Gulf Coast, Bryant, and Brown, the young Friars get a proverbial walk in the park before they end up in the thick of it later on in the season.

If one wanted to lay out a blueprint for the Friars to improve upon the miserable seasons of the recent past, they would have drawn it up just about the way the chips have fallen so far: bring in a talented recruiting class and give them a soft schedule early on to give them time to gel into a cohesive unit. The Friars still have to prove that such cohesion is forthcoming—only their play on the court in meaningful games can display such progress. However, the opportunity is there, and it is compelling.

The optimistic fan would hope that the Friars score early-season wins that have become elusive in recent years while still working out some of the kinks that come with massive roster turnover. With a bit of luck, the Friars could be well above .500 when they roll into their matchups with St. John’s and Villanova, matchups that in previous season have not exactly been competitive—last year, both teams beat the Friars by double digits, with St. John’s registering a rather lopsided 78-49 victory in Queens.

It has been a tough transition for the Providence’s rebuilding efforts, especially when they work in the shadow of a program that has successfully resurrected itself from the ashes of the disastrous Keeno Davis era on the men’s side. However, building a program is not an overnight process, especially for a group that rarely lands the kind of truly transcendent recruits that can carry a team at the collegiate level. In the Friars’ situation, making strides towards a winning record and remaining competitive against top-flight teams would mark a significant step forward for the team, even if it does not result in accolades or achievements. As such, year three of the Friars’ rebuild may not be the time to hang banners, but rather the time to look to improve and continue to build a foundation for success.

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Women's Basketball
Seeking a Winning Season

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MEN'S HOCKEY

Fresh off of last season’s exhilarating thrill ride through the NCAA tournament, the reigning Division I Men's Hockey National Champions are back in action.

There is no other way to say it: last season’s men’s hockey team was one of the most special teams in the history of Providence College sports. Only three games into this young season, this group of Friars seems like they could very well be another special group.

Losing standouts like goaltender Jon Gillies '16 and forward Noel Acciari '15 hurts. There is a reason why Gillies is now with the Calgary Flames and why Acciari signed a contract with the Boston Bruins over the summer—these guys are simply phenomenal players. No one can deny that these two were big reasons why PC won it all last season.

But do not count this season off as a rebuilding year for the Friars. Head Coach Nate Leaman returns to coach a squad with plenty of big-time experience. Newly named captains Kevin Rooney '16 and Tom Parisi '16 are appropriate leaders for this deep, talented group. Rooney, a forward, had seven goals and eight assists last season, including one goal and two assists in the crucial final three NCAA tournament games. He was on the ice for all of the 41 games that the Friars played last season. Parisi, a key defensive player, led Friar defensemen in points scored, with 19 total: five goals and 14 assists.

Also returning for the Friars are Alternate Captains Nick Saracino '16 and Mark Jankowski '16. Saracino, another one of Providence’s returning forwards, proved himself to be one of the most potent offensive threats in the Hockey East conference last season, leading the Friars in scoring with 38 points. Jankowski, another forward, returns after a strong, 2014-2015 season, having tallied 27 points on the year.

And of course, last year’s big game hero, Brandon Tanev ’16, will be back for the Friars as well. As Friar Nation will fondly recall, it was Tanev who scored the game-winning goal in the National Championship against Boston University back in April.

While the players are important, having one of the best coaches in the country back for another season does not hurt either; Coach Nate Leaman returns after having been named USCHO.com Coach of the Year last season. Leaman discussed the offseason and the upcoming 2015-2016 campaign recently on This Week in Friars Hockey.

Although he confirmed that the offseason has "been hectic, to say the least," Leaman also noted that "it was a good time for the program" as they celebrated the National Championship in a variety of ways (including a golf outing and a trip to Fenway Park).

But about midway through the summer, Leaman said the team started to come to the realization that the championship was “moving to the past now,” and that it was “time to get going with another season.”

As for the state of the team moving forward into an exciting, new season, Leaman offered a short but optimistic statement: “At the end of the day, I like our team.”

In the four games that the team has played so far this season, it’s safe to say that Coach Leaman and Friar fans saw a lot to like. The team opened up the season with an exhibition game at home versus Simon Fraser. The result was a 9-1 drubbing by the Friars that allowed Coach Leaman to give several of his hard working bench players some valuable playing time. The Friars scored five times on the power play, and the end result was never really in doubt.

Next came a two-game away series against Miami University (Ohio), a consensus Top-15 team in the country. The Friars, then ranked seventh in the nation, came away with a convincing 7-3 victory in the first game, and a 2-2 overtime tie in the second.

Most recently, the Friars beat Holy Cross at home, 4-1, in front of a raucous sell-out crowd on the night the Championship banner was raised. Now ranked second in the nation, the Friars look to continue their momentum in a two-game home stand against Ohio State.

Although predictions are always hard to make this early into the season, I do not think I am rocking the boat here by predicting another deep run into the NCAA tournament for the Friars this year. The Hockey East schedule will be grueling, as it always is, but another 20-plus win season seems quite likely with this kind of talent on the roster.

As for talk of a repeat? If the Friars keep this kind of play up, expect it to start soon.
Women’s Ice Hockey
A Chance at Hockey East Glory

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WOMEN’S HOCKEY

Last season, as everyone on campus is aware of, the Providence College Men’s Hockey Team won its first National Championship. What people may not know, however, is that the Women’s Hockey Team has actually had the more illustrious history. The team has won more conference tournaments than their male counterparts and has also won a conference championship more recently than the men’s team, in 2005. Although they probably will not have the success they have had in the past this season, the team is poised to improve from last year, when they went 5-15-1 and finished last in Hockey East.

So far this season, the women’s team has not gotten out to the start they wanted, but they have played hard against very formidable opponents. Their first two games of the season were against the then number three ranked team in the country, the Wisconsin Badgers. In a game that sold out an NHL practice arena in California, Kate Friesen ’19 scored first for the Friars, making this her first collegiate goal. But they then allowed five straight goals and dropped the first game of the season 5-1. In their second game of the California road trip, Wisconsin proved that they truly were deserving of their number three ranking and handily beat the Friars 8-1.

Despite the poor outcome against the talented opponent, there were some positive takeaways from the experience. “Playing Wisconsin was an important learning experience for such a young team,” said goalie Sarah Bryant ’16. “The transition from high school or club hockey to Division I hockey is a big one for many players, so getting an idea for how fast and skilled the best teams are can hopefully speed up the learning process. I was pleasantly surprised at how well my team adapted to the pace of the game out there, I believe that it has contributed to the competition level and speed of practice in the past couple of weeks.”

After losing to the Badgers on the West Coast, the Friars returned home to play Colgate on Oct. 17. The Friars lost this game, dropping to 0-3-0, as Colgate improved to 3-0-0. After giving up three goals in the first period and one in the second, the Friars managed to score two goals in the third period, one by Emily Landry ’19 and another by Brooke Boquist ’18. The Friars gave up one more goal and eventually lost 6-2.

After the loss to Colgate, the Friars were shut out by Syracuse and remained winless in their first four games. In the game against Syracuse, Madison Myers ’19 made her first career college start in goal. Despite the slow start, there is reason to be hopeful that the women will turn their season around. “The team we have this year is a talented team that it cannot be done. The team we have this year is unrivaled by any other team I have been a part of, and if we can figure out how to best utilize it, we have the potential to be at the top of our league.”

If the team expects to turn their season around, it may have to be on the back of Captain Lexi Romanchuck ’16. This defenseman was assistant captain last year and led the team in blocked shots while playing in all 35 games. She also led all defensemen in scoring with two goals and seven assists. The Friars also need some offensive help and hope to get it from Cassidy Carels ’17. Last year, Carels was second on the team with 21 total points. She also had four multi-point games and tied for team lead in power play goals with five.

It will take a team effort to turn this season around; however there is no reason that with this young and talented team that it cannot be done. “I have very high expectations for this season,” said Bryant. “The talent on our team this year is unrivaled by any other team I have been a part of, and if we can figure out how to best utilize it, we have the potential to be at the top of our league.”

2015-2016 Roster

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Swimming and Diving
Early Results Show Promise

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SWIMMING & DIVING

If there are two teams that are looking forward to making their splash in the realm of Providence College athletics, it is the Providence College Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Teams. The Men’s and Women’s Teams began their seasons with a meet against Iona College on Oct. 11 in the Taylor Natatorium. The women’s team was victorious as they prevailed in multiple events, including the 800m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 200m butterfly, and the 200m backstroke. This group of young women was led by Katherine Fallon ’18, as she earned victories in the 800m freestyle and the 400m freestyle. Right behind Fallon in the 800m freestyle, finishing second, was Kaylie O’Connell ’19. In the 200m backstroke, the women’s team convincingly took the event as the Friars all placed within the top three: Helen Smith ’17 finished in first place, Paige DeLago ’19 finished in second and Juliet McLaughlin ’19 finished in third. Smith also took first place in the 200m freestyle. There were many other first place finishers on the women’s side including Reilly O’Connell ’16 in the 50m freestyle, Erin Cunnigham ’18 in the 200m individual medley, and Mackenzie Coughlin ’19 in the 200m butterfly. Collectively, the women’s team claimed first place in their 400m medley relay. The most impressive aspect of this win was that the freshmen led the way. The team was composed of McLaughlin swimming backstroke, Abby Czerniacki ’19 swimming breaststroke, Smith swimming butterfly, and Kelly Quinn ’17 finishing the race in freestyle. Kendall Iceny ’18 took home first place on the diving board as she scored a 242.85 from the judges.

The men’s Swimming and Diving Team is also building momentum in their meets thanks to their young group of swimmers. Against Iona, Ricky Billig ’17 finished the race in second place on the diving board as he scored a 242.85 from the judges.

The mid-distance runners are young and represent a new face to the Friars this year. Alongside Quinn, Julian Zied ’17 and Tom O’Hare ’17 are already talented list of distance runners. Alongside Quinn, Julian Oakley ’16, and Tom O’Neill ’17 will be two of the most successful Friars on the track this year.

Despite losing Sisson, the Friars all placed within the top three: Helen Smith ’17 finished in first place, Paige DeLago ’19 finished in second and Juliet McLaughlin ’19 finished in third. Smith also took first place in the 200m freestyle. There were many other first place finishers on the women’s side including Reilly O’Connell ’16 in the 50m freestyle, Erin Cunnigham ’18 in the 200m individual medley, and Mackenzie Coughlin ’19 in the 200m butterfly. Collectively, the women’s team claimed first place in their 400m medley relay. The most impressive aspect of this win was that the freshmen led the way. The team was composed of McLaughlin swimming backstroke, Abby Czerniacki ’19 swimming breaststroke, Smith swimming butterfly, and Kelly Quinn ’17 finishing the race in freestyle. Kendall Iceny ’18 took home first place on the diving board as she scored a 242.85 from the judges.

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Track and Field
Building on Past Success

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TRACK AND FIELD

Despite the Cross Country season being in full swing, both male and female runners alike are already gearing up for the fast-approaching Indoor Track season. Before the season begins on Dec. 5 at the Fordham Quad invitational in the Bronx, the Friars must look to replace key contributors such as Emily Sisson ’15 on the women’s side and Phil Reed ’15 on the men’s side.

Despite losing Sisson, the women look to have depth, talent, and experience in their corps of distance runners. Judging by their success this fall, Lauren Mullins ’16, Sarah Collins ’16, Diana Rocha ’17, and Katie Lembo ’18 will be key contributors in races such as the 1,600 and 5,000 meters. The mid-distance runners are headlined by Devyn Pryor ’15G, who has consistently helped pace the team with high finishes in many events, especially the 1,000 meters and the 4x800 team relay. The other returnees for mid-distance events are Sarah Hammond ’17 and Angelina Karlsson ’17; otherwise, the Friars must rely on contributions from new sources.

Lauren Basile ’16 leads the cast of sprinters for the women. Basile was the Friars most frequent representative in sprinting events such as the 60 and 200 meter dashes. Alessandra Foresti ’16 also returns as not only a sprinter, but also as the Friars number one option in the 60 meter hurdle events as well. Rounding out the sprinters are Lillian Smith ’18 and Paige Santos ’18, who will also participate in the high jump. Jumping alongside Santos will be Michelle Longlois ’16, a frequent participant in both the high jump and long jump.

Like the women’s team, the Friars sprinters are young and relatively inexperienced. Brian Zied ’17 and Tom O’Hare ’17 are the only returnees; they must rely on new faces such as Stephen Fazz ’19, Joseph Hurton ’19, and Andrew Kayata ’19. Hurton will also compete in the jumping events for the Friars.

Mid-distance runners Kevin Olson ’16, Joseph Vercollone ’16, and James Campbell ’17 will be other key contributors for the men this winter. Olson and Vercollone are the most experienced, having been some of the Friars’ most successful runners in past years. Other top three finishes for the Friars came from Connor Fabian ’18 in the 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard breaststroke. The unit of Begnaud, Michael Martinico ’16, Jacob Hedrick ’19, and Liam Straker ’19 also placed third in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Both the men’s and women’s teams will rely on many underclassmen to deliver more top three finishes in the future while they compete on a high level. The next meet for the Friars takes place on Oct. 23 as they travel to Smithfield, Rhode Island to face off against Bryant University.
The Right Mix for Men’s Hockey? New Players, Returnees Provide Balanced Attack

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MEN’S HOKEY

The pack has dropped. The banner has been raised. It is time for the Providence College Men’s Hockey Team to focus on the season ahead, and on beginning a new campaign to defend their national title. The hockey program’s first national championship would not have been possible without the leadership and experience of key players, such as former captain Ross Mussman ’15 and Noel Acciari ’15 and standout goaltender Jon Gillies ’16. Although the team will have to play without them this season (all three are now playing professionally in the AHL: Mussman with the Springfield Falcons, Acciari with the Providence Bruins, and Gillies with the Stockton Heat), Head Coach Nate Leaman is not too worried about these losses. “We have a very large senior class and this will really be dictating how the team performs. They will set the tone for our culture,” Leaman said.

Center forward Kevin Rooney ’16 and defenseman Tom Parisi ’16 were named captains for this season, with centerman Mark Jankowski ’16 and left winger Nick Saracino ’16 both taking on the role of alternate captain. The Friars have had a total of nine players leave from last year’s championship run, “make it happen,” has been carried over into this year, mirrored by PC’s unflappable record so far. Friar men’s hockey has been known for their strong defensive play, and although Gillies is gone, the team has total faith in netminder Nick Ellis ’17. Right winger Trevor Mingias recently told The Brown Gazette, “We know Nick was very capable goalie last year even with Jonny Gillies backstopping us. Every time he got in last year he did great for us…so we knew we had a capable goalie coming into this year.”

In front of Ellis, the defensemen have made their presence known. Out of the 13 goals the Friars scored this season, eight of them have been assisted or scored by a defenseman. Jake Walman ’18, a St. Louis Blues prospect, is currently the highest scoring defenseman in the country. Providence has a strong backcheck, led by Kyle McKenzie ’17 and Buffalo Sabres prospect Anthony Florentino ’17. Neither of these players are afraid to use their bodies to protect their zone. John Gilmour ’16 and Parisi are two of the fastest defensemen on the team and combined for nine goals last season.

However, defensive players are not the only ones worth noting. Jankowski, who has always been a solid player for the Friars, has exploded this year. Coach Leaman states, “Mark is currently leading the team and combined for nine goals last season. It’s quite possible Dunn’s decision to bypass last June’s NHL Draft was an unpremeditated choice for a player of his standard. First, consider how rare it is, only the past 25 years, for a guy considered to be a lottery pick to refuse to leave school. Then factor in Dunn’s injury history. He’s already had two major shoulder surgeries. He’s endurance lasted through nearly two seasons worth—and was highly coveted. Howie Kussosy of The New York Post reported that everyone was thinking of him, but he thought he would leave. “His father thought he would leave. "It’s his coach, Ed Cooley, suggested he go. He's going to go, too. Millions of dollars were one decision away. Instead, Dunn returned to school, considering—or reconsidering—the alternative for a moment. In September, Dunn was chosen as the Blue Ribbon Preseason National Player of the Year, NBC Sports’ Rob Dauster can’t stop gushing about him. "We at College Basketball Talk are about as all-in as you can be when it comes to Providence point guard Kris Dunn. CSC Sports’ Bob Narinder can’t pick Dunn as not only a preseason All-American but also the number one player in college basketball. On Oct. 19, a Sports Illustrated preview of the Big East predicted that not only would Dunn win the Big East Player of the Year award, but would do so while being forced to carry a serious load of playing over 90 percent of total game minutes. It is becoming clear that Dunn may be forced to shoulder a load just as heavy as Bryce Cotton ’14 did in the Friars’ Big East championship year in 2015-2016 season. Providence College Men’s Basketball is going to be the Kris Dunn Show. The NIHES wait, as he wants to take the Friars deep one last time.

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