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Intramural Athletic Board Charges Flag Football Team with GlueGate Scandal

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INTRAMURALS

Scandal rocked the Providence College intramural sports program this week when a player involved in last semester's freshmen-league intramural flag football program came forward with shocking news.

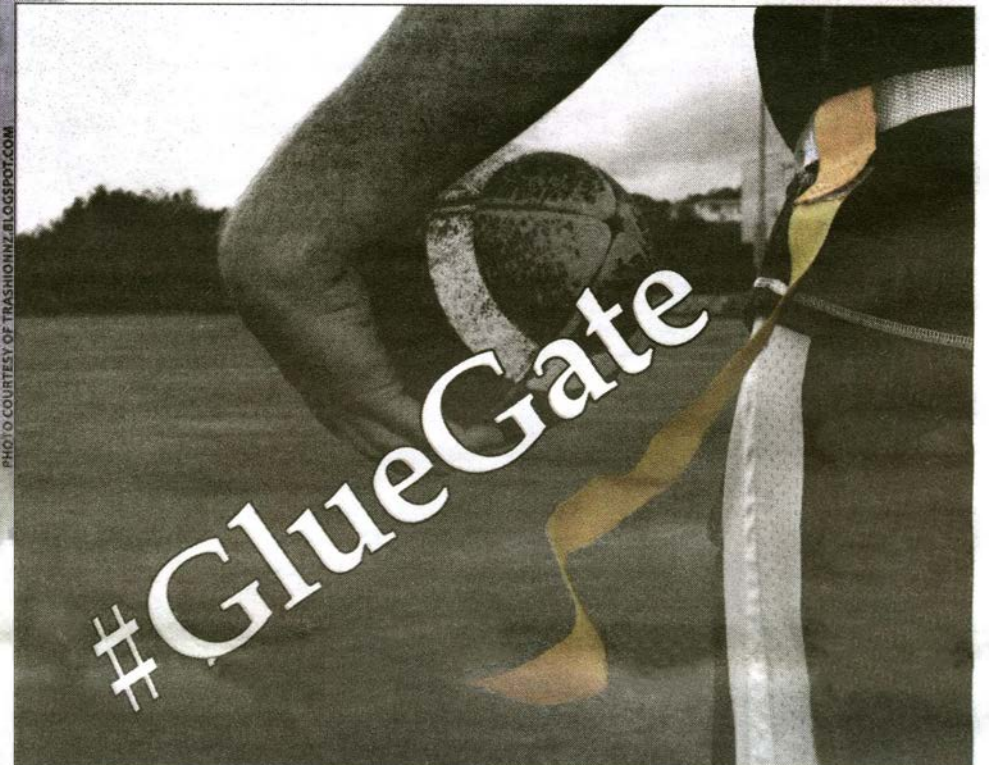
The player, who wishes to remain anonymous, played in the championship game and wrote to *The Scowl* saying, "We got beat hard, we lost. But I have reason to believe that the other team's flags were glued into their belts. I couldn't rip them off, no matter how hard I tried. They wouldn't come loose, and I think that's why they won." The player's team lost to their opponents, called "Brady's Bunch," by a score of 45-7.

A freshman spokesman for "Brady's Bunch" denied the allegations of "GlueGate," calling them "ridiculous." "The flags get stuck, it happens," the spokesman said, "I always check mine and we always pull on each other's flags before the game, and I didn't

notice anything different." A *Scowl* investigation team concluded that flag football flags come loose with a large range of force, dependent upon the newness of the belts and the amount of force applied to the

flags. A more intense investigation is being conducted by the College's Department of Physics.

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Flag football team "Brady's Bunch" must pay a \$200 fine for allegedly gluing flags to their belts.

Welcome to The Scowl!

by Mad Gab '16
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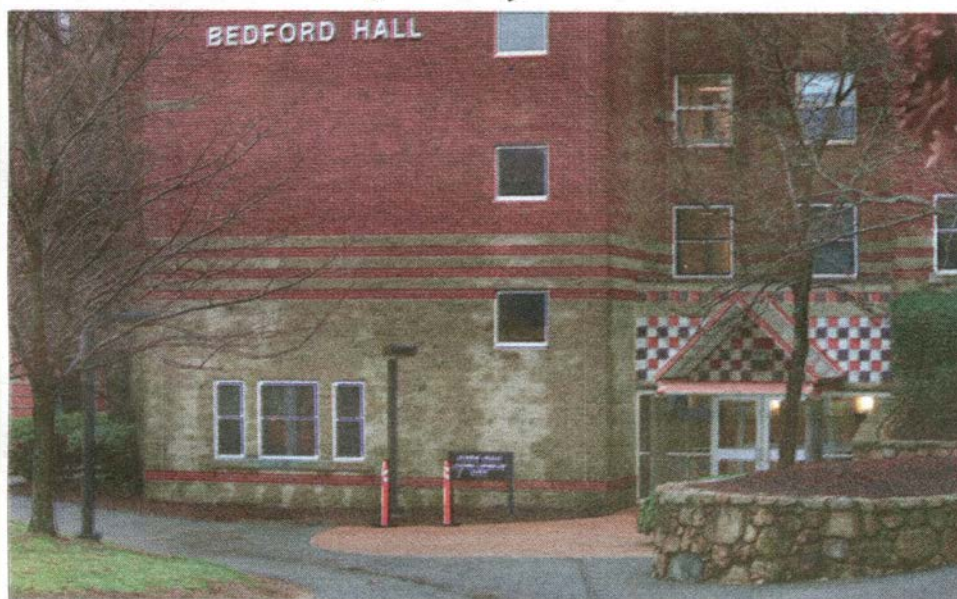
DISCLOSURE

Hello, Friars, and welcome to *The Scowl's* 2016 *Scowl* issue. *The Scowl* is our satirical April Fool's issue of the year. As a full disclosure, all of the content in this issue is simply a joke. Our goal is full, comical enjoyment; we do not intend to offend anyone.

Why do we run *The Scowl*, you ask? The true reason includes super-secret, confidential disclosures, so let's just say it's for April Fool's Day. I understand that it's hard to laugh when the calendar is days away from the penultimate month of the semester. I hope you find our jokes SNL quality.

Next week, and each week after, we will continue our usual, boring, factual issues. But for now, sit back, relax, and enjoy!

Vein of Conspiracy Lurks in Meningitis Vaccinations



Is student health really the College's primary concern in scheduling vaccination clinics?

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Three separate times the freshman class filed into the Peterson Recreation Center to receive the meningitis vaccine, or at least that

is what they tell us we are there for. We are called down by building at separate times, fill out forms, and wait in line. No questions are ever asked. We simply wait our turn to sit at a table with a presumably qualified man or woman who injects a needle into our arm that is presumably the meningitis vaccine. Again, no questions are asked. It is just something expected and required of students.

What is so interesting and perhaps a little unsettling about this incident is that despite our understood knowledge that we are receiving the vaccine for meningitis, there is no way of being 100 percent certain. The forms say "meningitis," the email reminders say "meningitis," the people who administer the shots say "meningitis," but when you actually sit in the chair and hold your breath, waiting for the dreaded pinch in your arm, you really have no idea what they are injecting into your system.

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Gossip

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GOSSIP

Providence College Girls are Desperate to Join "Squad" *Taylor Swift is the Root of the On-Going Desire to Find Lady Friends*

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ON CAMPUS

Ever since Taylor Swift's record breaking single "Bad Blood" flooded the sound waves across the U.S., girls all over college campuses have become desperate to join a "squad." According to the Providence College Health Center, there have been over 50 cases of "exclusivitis," a virus that spreads rapidly in areas of high exclusivity and results in the desperate need to be part of a group, during this semester alone.

"I can't seem to function on my own," said Selena Morteza '19. "I need a strong group of girls to feel empowered and to help me think for myself." As feminism grows stronger each day, young ladies are standing together to prove that female friendships can in fact exist and help girls feel confident with who they are.

"Think about it this way," said Dr. Know It All, a specialist in female forensics and author of the bestselling self-help book, *Let's Include to Exclude*. "Walking into a cafeteria by yourself is frightening and not knowing where you are going to sit can cause an anxiety attack like no other. However, walking in with a large group of beautiful ladies and taking up an entire table for you and your girlfriends makes one feel strong, good, desired, and needed."

"I love my squad," said Frenchie Rizzo '18. "I would never want to be that poor

girl who sits behind the salad bar at Ray by herself. It is so embarrassing." Rizzo explained that she found her squad by using the new app designed by the PC IT department, "Go Squad Me." The app works much like the ever-popular hook-up app Tinder, in which students create a profile and users can swipe a profile picture right if they want to add the member to their squad.

"I've noticed the emergence of large female friend groups at the start of this semester," said Professor Angela Dante. "In my seminar, all the girls would get up to go to the bathroom all together, leaving just a few students in the classroom for me to teach." She explained that she applauds the girls for getting so close, but disapproves of them doing everything together. "I think it's important to have many friends from many different groups. Doing everything with one group has to be exhausting, and if one problem occurs, you could potentially lose all your friends."

Social media adds to they hype of squad, as studies show that the more cool people there are in your photo, the more likes you receive. "I've been asked to join at least twelve squads this year," said Men's Basketball Coach, Ed Cooley. "I know the girls just want me to join for their Instagram pictures, but I must say being asked to join a squad is very exciting."

"Selfies are so 2013," said Candy Hershey '17. "Now the coolest thing you can post is a photo with all your friends. The



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bigger the squad, the better the picture.

According to Dr. Know It All, squads, although welcoming and empowering, have to be exclusive in order to work properly. "If anyone can join your squad, then you lose the solid foundation of friendship," she explained. "Boundaries have to exist or squad can't exist."

When asked for a statement for *The Scroll*, Swift replied in an email saying, "I am so excited to see a small college like PC doing so well in implementing the

concept of squad. Keep up the awesome work. If you haven't joined a squad yet, just shake it off. Your time will come."

"Squad goals exist," said Morteza. "Taylor has a squad, the Kardashians are a squad, the characters from *the Breakfast Club* were basically a squad. Friend groups are awesome and should be encouraged. If you're jealous that you are not in squad, then grow up and get over it."

How fetching.
Keep calm and squad on my friends.

Friars Making Moves for the White House

Cooley and Dunn 2016: The Perfect Political Ticket

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BECAUSE WHY NOT?

The Providence College Men's Basketball Team had a solid 2015-2016 season and gave fans a great showing at the NCAA Tournament. And while some fans may still be upset over the second round loss against the North Carolina Tar Heels (what even is a Tar Heel?), it is now time to dry those tears. Ed Cooley, Providence head coach, and Kris Dunn '17RS, '64 guard, have just announced a bid for the 2016 presidential nomination.

Cooley and Dunn gathered together with their closest 12,000 fans yesterday afternoon at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Downtown Providence, announcing their continued partnership. Rhode Island residents from all over the state came dressed to impress in Big East Championship t-shirts, glow in the dark sticks, and, of course, cowbells. As excited fans waited for Cooley and Dunn to take the stage, the Providence College Pep Band, cheerleaders, and Dance Team performed for the crowd.

Cooley's last minute run as an independent candidate may have come as a shock for many, but CNN political analyst, Sally White, says not to count him out just yet. "This is the craziest election we have ever seen," said White. "A few months ago, no one would have believed Donald Trump would still be in the race and look at us today—we can't stop talking about him."

White continued to say that a Cooley and Dunn matchup might be the perfect thing to shake up the competition. She

said people are tired of the same old socialist democrats, business billionaires, hated politicians, and first ladies turned presidents. "We know Cooley is an everyday guy who has made a great career for himself. He can certainly sweep a crowd off their feet, as seen so many times during Midnight Madness. But he also has a tough, determined side and is not afraid to yell. When he takes his jacket off, he means business."

The real surprise came not from Cooley's announcement, but from his selection for vice president. Rumors had swirled that if the mighty Friar did run, he might choose Friar Dom, the spirited Providence native with killer dance moves and a special talent of making people run away. Ultimately, Cooley's campaign manager said Friar

Dom was "too creepy" and would be an easy target for opponents, like Trump, to attack. Cooley also considered Dot from Ray because she is a real "woman of the people," but ultimately went with Dunn.

Dunn, who plans to "get it Dunn until he reaches the White House," said he is fully confident in his decision to back Cooley. The 22-year-old player from New London, Connecticut was seemingly headed to the NBA when he got the call from Cooley. Dunn said now all his attention and energy will be spent supporting #FriarNation.

So what exactly are Cooley and Dunn up against? Everyone is talking about businessman and TV personality Trump, who is known for building larger than life walls and making controversial headlines. Ted Cruz is hated by almost all of his

colleagues, while John Kasich would have to win every delegate left (possibly more) to win the nomination. Bernie Sanders' burn may prove to be difficult for the East Coast natives, and Hillary Clinton is a force to be reckoned with when wearing her power suit and campaigning with America's first impeached president turned first-man.

Cooley knows he is going against a lot of money, famous names, and political power, but believes providence is on his side. Cooley said, "We have heart and soul, the Friar Family, and all those great Alumni connections at the Career Center."

It looks like Cooley and Dunn can easily snatch Rhode Island and Connecticut, giving them 11 electoral votes. But the nominees are expecting pushback from Friar rivals such as Marquette fans in Wisconsin, Georgetown supporters in Washington, D.C., and ride or dies for Villanova in Pennsylvania.

The last twenty-four hours have been a whirlwind for Cooley and Dunn, who have already gained the sponsorship of Providence College's Men's Hockey Team and 2015 National Champions, Dunkin' Donuts, and Fr. James Cuddy, O.P., who currently resides in New York.

As Cooley wrapped up his pep rally yesterday, it was clear to any onlooker that he could make a huge dent in the political race. The roaring fans were completely silent as Cooley took the microphone one last time. He said, "We will now make change and be one American family." He left his supporters with these words:

"I believe..."
"I believe that..."
"I believe that we will..."
"I believe that we will win!!!!!"



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The Dream Team will work just as well in the White House as they do on the court.

Inside Friars Club Elections: Source Spills All

Club Simply Pulls Names Out of a Hat for Membership

by Macy Nordstrom '15
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INVESTIGATIVE PIECE

After a late night on Eaton Street, I ventured out to Yuck Truck, the infamous white vehicle that offers a variety of decadent food such as Fat Blondes (an open faced sandwich stuffed with chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks, and fries smothered with cheese) and Hot Chicks (basically, the same thing as a Fat Blonde, but with hot sauce). After ordering, I watched as drunken students threw away half their work-study money on the overpriced sandwiches and cringed at the girls in tight dresses and low-cut shirts, watching them hang and drool over some guy without realizing this was the closest thing they'd ever get to a dinner date before a one night stand and a walk of shame.

I'll admit, I was being entirely judgmental, but then two young men in Friars Club jackets caught my attention. "I'm so friggen excited for the new freshmen to arrive tomorrow," one of them said. The other nodded in agreement and then shut the other one up pretty quickly, reminding him that they were not supposed to talk about their club elections out in the broad light of the Yuck Truck's headlights.

I was instantly drawn to their conversation, because I, like every student at Providence College, love the Friars Club. Realizing they were both a bit tipsy, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity of encountering two members of the club and get the story. After promising the male students I'd pay for their sandwiches, we walked to the picnic tables in front of Ray (after shooing away a few students making out) and, boy, did I get a story.

"Well, first things first," said Fred Kent '16, a member of the club since his freshman

year, "If you hear from your friend that's a Friars Club member that we don't party, they are lying." According to Kent, Friars Club (like almost every exclusive club on campus) has late night gatherings, which include charades and arts and crafts. "My favorite lie we say is, 'Oh, we have a Friars retreat,' because apparently replacing the word 'party' with 'retreat' makes everything much less suspicious," he said.

"Here's a disclaimer," said Charlie Pitbull '17, "The Saturday after club interviews, we have a retreat. By retreat, I mean we all get together in some random room in the school and go through every application and interviewee, and everyone

gets a fair chance at getting selected into the club." Hearing this was such a relief, as I thought getting into Friars Club was all about who you knew. According to Pitbull, after everyone is represented, the club votes together as to whom they want on the club.

I bought every word they said, until they both started laughing. "You should see the look on your face," cried Kent. "Do you really think we could decide who gets into Friars?" He explained that most of the members on the club hold themselves very seriously and thoroughly believe every person on the club is the best of the best at PC. "It's ridiculous. There are only

14 spots to fill for the freshmen and I'm sure there's more than 14 people who could give a good tour on campus."

Pitbull had a different view on this subject than Kent, and started yelling at him for his lack of respect. "We do select the best of the best. We're the face of the school," explained Pitbull. "We're not going to pick just anyone. You have to be alpha PC to get on the club."

"I guess you could say we take the selection process very seriously," said Kent, "But really, we just pull names out of a hat." At first, I thought I might have misheard, but Pitbull actually offered more information.

"On election days, we get up at like 4 am and stay until about 2 a.m. the following morning, but if we're being totally honest, we don't talk about new members the whole time."

"This year, we put all the applicants' names in a hat, pulled out 14 people and then spent the day streaming Netflix and drinking beer," explained Kent. "This is so top secret I can't believe I'm even saying this."

I wanted to ask for more details. There was a rumor going around that Friars weren't even going to have elections this year because apparently they were in trouble with the school for their partying, but I felt like I got enough information for one day. So, for anyone that desperately wanted to be on Friars, don't be too disappointed. Everything is by chance and if your name isn't pulled for a chance to wear a white jacket, you can always try out for Student Congress, BOP, or BMSA.

Just a side note, however; after walking to LaSalle the next morning after my run in with the Friars Club, I met a handful of Congress members getting coffee. They too were talking about their elections, and let me tell you, their election process isn't much better.



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Inside source reveals that members of the Friars Club are selected randomly.

School Officials Warn: "Don't Feed the Animals"

Animals at My Zone Zoo may be in Grave Danger



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by Richard Richardson '17
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ON CAMPUS

Due to a number of incidents, students have been officially warned "not to feed the animals" in the back of Raymond Hall. Although the "My Zone" exhibit draws a consistently large crowd during meals, Providence College has threatened to close the zoological attraction if students continue to neglect the rules and throw glutinous food over the barriers.

"I really hope people listen," says Caroline O'Brien '18, "I really appreciate being able to sit down for a meal and watch these fascinating creatures at work. It has made going to Ray actually



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fun and entertaining."

The "My Zone" exhibit was officially unveiled at the beginning of the year as part of the College's effort to make the dining experience more enjoyable. In the exhibit, students may watch celiacs and other allergen-free animals in their habitat. This includes seeing how and what the creatures eat, how they interact, and their general demeanor.

An enclosed area with glass windows gives students a close and intimate experience watching the animals—all with the comfort of knowing that they are safe from harm. This year even more safety measures were introduced with the addition of locked doors so as to fully prevent the possibility of accidents.

However, the College has taken into

account the security of the students, they have had trouble protecting the animals. "It seems like other students think it's funny to throw a piece of bread into the cell, but, like, the animals can't eat that," says Tim Johnson '16, "When I first got here, we didn't even have an exhibit like this. Ray was not nearly as fun back then and I don't think people understand how good they have it now."

Before the "My Zone" exhibit was opened in Raymond Dining Hall, students depended more on the televisions and cell phones for entertainment. Johnson reflects, "I mean, which would you rather do: watch ESPN SportsCenter three times a day, or

see live exotic animals right before your eyes? Students should ask themselves that before they do something that could lose us the zoo."

School officials say they plan to not only put up signs encouraging civil and animal-friendly behavior, but that they will also be permanently posting a security guard outside of the exhibit. One official asserted, "It is important to realize that this unique feature in our dining hall is not a given, especially if it is misused. Therefore, we ask that students use the exhibit how it was intended: just watch, don't try and interact."



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Bursting the PC Bubble

by Jim Halpert '16
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Providence College to be Renamed Ruane College

Michael Ruane '71 and his wife Liz recently became the largest living alumni donor to Providence College. Ruane and Liz, have sponsored the Ruane Center for the Humanities, Ruane Atrium at Concannon Fitness Center, the Michael A. Ruane Distinguished Chair in Economics, and the Ruane Friar Development Center. The Ruanes have declared another \$100 million donation that will allow them to rename the school Ruane College. Some city council members believe that once projects on the College are done, Providence could soon turn into Ruane, Rhode Island.

WaterFire Not Actually Fire

Downtown Providence was ready to light up for its first WaterFire of 2016 last weekend. Hundreds of excited Providence residents and visiting tourists were excited to hear the drums, see the gondolas, and watch fire seemingly float on water. But all the fun and joy came crashing down when little Kimberly reached out to touch the flame only to find it did not burn. With tears in her eyes and a broken heart, Kimberly discovered that the "fire" was really digital imaging. WaterFire managers have not released a comment. City officials are unsure if the event can bounce back after such betrayal.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden to be Named Best Bromance of 2016

For almost eight years, Obama and Biden have represented the United States around the world. Whether you agree with their policy changes and their agenda or not, there is one thing you cannot deny—their bromance. Although the term will soon be coming to an end and a new President and VP duo will rule the White House, Obama-Biden Bromance is not over. The friends, who are known for their charming smiles and crazy handshakes, plan to stay close post-election and even vacation together. The two will receive their Bromance Award, sponsored by Friends Across Borders, in the coming month.

King Jong-Un to Star in North Korean Boy Band

Asian countries are known for great culture, great food, and great boy bands. And although the British have recently stolen the spotlight from them with hits from One Direction, The Wanted (pre-breakup), and The Vamps, Kim Jong-Un is determined to take the spotlight back. Jong-Un's band is rumored to be called the Dominators and will feature upbeat, soulful numbers entitled "World Domination," "Greatest King that Ever Lived," and "North Beats South." If all goes as planned, his wife may create her own girl band and the duo will dominate all pop charts together.

Congress Updates

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STUDENT CONGRESS

Dress Code to be Passed for Golf Party

Golf Party is a tradition at Providence College where students break out their best preppy outfits, which include Lilly Pulitzer and Vineyard Vines, and party all day on and off campus. But in recent years there have been concerns over what exactly "Golf Party" attire is. The new dress code that has been passed by the Golf Party Committee, made up of students elected from Student Congress, will have to preapprove brands before the big day. Maggie O'Brien '17 said, "This new legislation and system will give students a better understanding of what it means to be preppy and be a part of the Friar Family." Students not following the dress code will be removed from all Golf Party events.

Say Goodbye to 8:30 a.m. Classes

Early 8:30 a.m. classes just got the boot and students and faculty will no longer be made to suffer through early morning start times and long walks to Harkins. Student Congress has also removed all Friday classes after 2:30 p.m., specifically the 2:30 to 5 p.m. marathons—what were they thinking in the first place?

Students Will Face Fines for Walking on Grass

Providence College is known for its great athletics, its killer Civ program, and of course, its beautiful grass. Starting in Fall 2017, students that damage the grass in any way will receive a fine. Offenses include flattening or cutting pieces of grass, leaving footprints on the lawn, and littering or defacing the ground. Fines will vary from \$50 to \$500 and depend on the crime; multiple offenses may lead to suspension or expulsion. One dean stated that this policy only reaffirms what we already know—"good grass equals a good education and that is what we want here at PC."

Class Registration Made Easy

Students will now be guaranteed the ability to take their core requirements in philosophy, theology, and science. Most semesters students struggle to get these mandatory classes and are left—once again—taking classes that do not fulfill anything. The College hopes this will make registration easier and relieve the tension of the "Class Hunger Games."

Friar Dom's Identity Revealed *Friar Dom is Dunkin's Worker Louis*

by Orangello McGuire '18
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FRIAR FOCUS

"Of course I'm Friar Dom," said everyone's favorite worker at Dunkin' Donuts, Louis. "I am such a Friar Fanatic."

Even when the line at Dunkin' extends well into the bookstore, Louis is still all smiles as he jokes and laughs with Providence College students about life.

"Louis is PC," said Shelley Garcia '17. "He always makes me laugh. I knew he had to be Friar Dom because everyone loves the mascot as much as they love Louis."

"I thought Louis was a reality TV star before working at Dunkin'," said Stephen Stevens '16. "He is so full of life and is wicked funny. Like, I aspire to be like him."

"Every morning I get a large, lowfat, iced caramel latte with the shot, not the syrup, two splendas, a sugar, almond milk, and a splash of cream," said La-a Vincent '18. "I am always amazed that he remembers that tall order and he always gives me a hot cup with my cold cup." Vincent explained that she threw a fit last semester because environmental

concerns meant she had to drink her iced coffee without a hot cup. "I started crying and broke down; Louis was there for me. God bless his soul."

Friar Dom, although voted one of the ugliest and creepiest mascots countless times, represents the Friar Family. We are a family, and the fact that Louis is Friar Dom—and the man who gives us our coffee—just makes life that much greater.

We Friars run on Dunkin', Friar Dom, and Louis.



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AMERICA RUNS ON **Louis**

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New Dress Code Creates Uproar

Students Required to Wear Morph Suits in Concannon

by Art Vandelay '17
Resident Architect

FITNESS

Providence College came back from their almost-but-not-quite-yet-Spring Break last week to a shocking surprise when frequent gym-goers found a sign outside of the Concannon Fitness Center outlining details of a new gym dress code. The sign stated that all students who wanted to use the gym facilities would be required to wear a single-colored, sweat-absorbent morph suit for the health and safety of their fellow Friars.

"I couldn't believe it when I found out," said Brittney Smith '18. "All of the money I spent on my Lululemon multicolored morph suit is completely out the window. I expect the school to reimburse me for that."

Smith was not the only outraged student on the campus. Before most of the community even knew this new dress code was being implemented, a small crowd of students huddled around the fitness center in protest. Some were prepared to throw rocks and heckle the administrators; however, the students could not discern the gym employees from the exercisers because they were all wearing morph suits.

"These new requirements are not so new," explained Fitness Director Bill Underwood. "They've been in the handbook for years. We've forgotten them with time, but if they worked in the 1970s, they'll certainly work now."

Underwood and the rest of the fitness staff believe that this dress code will ensure the health and safety of all of those participating in the gym. Any other fabric material or shoe that is not directly suctioned onto the body has a chance of catching on a valuable piece of equipment and ruining the expensive gym



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for everyone.

Furthermore, the profuse amount of sweat left behind on machines leads to illnesses, especially now that flu season is over. After the horrible outbreak of nothing that began in the gym a few weeks ago, staff felt like it was their responsibility to take action. And what's easier than enforcing that gym-goers wipe down the equipment when they're done? Forcing everyone to wear sweat-absorbent morph suits that pool the sweat inside of the fabric and cause the students to overheat.

"We've had about three hospitalizations due to heat stroke in the last week," says gym employee Michael Michales. "But no one has gotten sick, so things are going pretty well."

Students who teach the fitness classes are also required to wear the morph suits in order to set an example, but teachers have been complaining that they can no longer communicate with their classes. The fitness center denied the request for the fabric covering the faces of the fitness instructors to be removed, citing excessive face sweat as the reason to remain covered up.

The new system has come under fire for sexism, although the College did all it could to prevent the issue by making all students wear the same suits. Female students, however, are not satisfied.

"Honestly, I'd feel more comfortable if a guy were checking me out if we didn't have anything on," said Alyssa Webber '17. "At least then he would have a face. Now I'm just vaguely aware of a faceless head following me as I walk by. It's creepy."

Athletes and cheerleaders are still required to wear their old uniforms and can do so in the gym as well. Those midriff tops and spandex shorts are still technically allowed due to school spirit reasons. Students in the gym are allowed to pick the color of their morph suit, as long as it's not flattering.

Squirrel Takeover Terrorizes Students

It Was Only A Matter Of Time, Really

by Iora Scoittolo '19
Squirrel Hunter

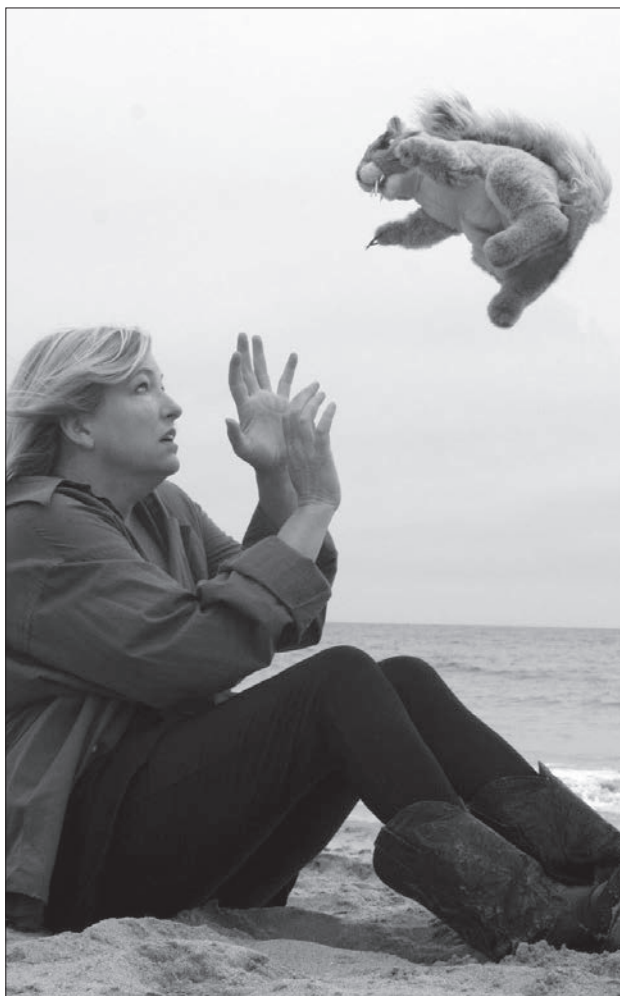
APOCALYPSE

Campus stands deserted. The pathways empty, a lonely wind howling through the trees. If you look closely, you can see a few pairs of eyes in the windows of the buildings—harrowed, scared eyes. The shadowy eyes are the only things left of the population of the school, a population that has moved completely indoors, afraid to venture outside after the incident. The incident that has been on the brink of occurring for years. The most dangerous beings in the Providence area have finally done what we have always feared they would. The PC squirrels have taken over.

It all started five days ago when the first attack happened. I sat down with the victim in his dorm on campus. Kevin Ardilla '16, covered head to toe in bandages with only his fearful eyes peering out from behind strips of gauze, lies on his bed, unable and unwilling to leave the room.

"I heard a noise," Ardilla said in a wavering voice. "From the trash can. I thought nothing of it, at first. Then, just as I passed by, it came at me. Just a crazy ball of fur and anger aimed straight at my face. It was the worst experience of my life. You don't think that squirrels can think like us, but that was deliberate. I could see it in its beady little eyes." Ardilla's voice cracks and, shaking his head, he tells me he simply cannot go on.

So I venture outside, almost wondering if I will see a tumbleweed rolling down the empty walkways. I make it to Ruane only to find it teeming with students who have been waiting days for relief.



Dr. Margaret Schéier attempts to shield herself from a terrifying squirrel during field work.

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"I was in my DWC class when it happened," Jane Écureuil '18 said, her face peeking out from lecture Room 105. We all got an email to stay inside and my professors took that in stride. The real crime these evil animals have committed," Écureuil said with a sniff, "is making me sit through a five day long civ lecture."

But that is not the only crime that the squirrels have committed. "They have completely taken over Harkins," said Dr. Margaret Schéier, a professor in the PC science department and a specializing rodentologist. "No human has been in there in 48 hours. No one can, they will get their face clawed." She shakes her head, her gaze darting to the windows and away in a skittish manner. "I have never seen anything like this in my 30 years of study."

And with the main building of the campus overtaken, it feels like the soul of the school is gone. And the souls of the students seem to be too. Their listless bodies slouch around the halls of the buildings, their faces pressed longingly against the windows only to be jerked quickly away at any glimpse of fur.

"It's been too long since I've been outside," said Caitlin Ekorre '18. "Donald Trump says he's going to build a wall at the border, but what we really need is a wall around PC, high enough that the squirrels can't get over it."

Well, there's no telling when such a wall will be built, but for now, the students of the school can only wait and hope for relief and salvation. Their sorrowful eyes stare out the window, tracking the movements of the rodents they never imagined -but always knew, in their hearts -would take over the school.

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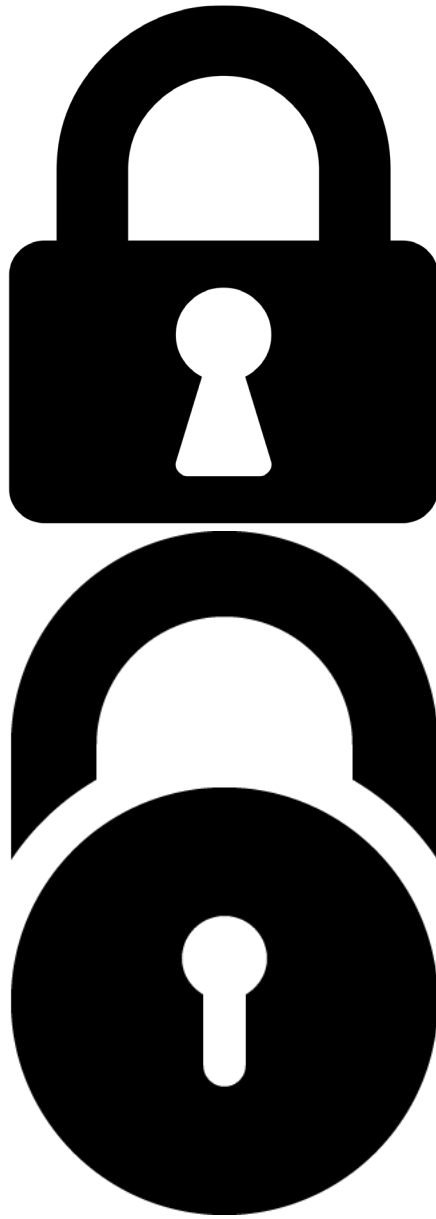
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Club Spotlight: Club Friar

Applause From Administration For Inclusivity

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



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A new club on campus has drawn the positive attention of Providence College students and faculty alike. Club Friar, the most recent addition to the growing number of student-run clubs and organizations on campus, is making its mark on the College. With posters of its original emblem, a black lock, posted throughout PC dorms, classrooms, and cafeterias, Club Friar has established itself on the PC campus and is rapidly becoming the favored club of the College. The distinctive attire of club members, black dress coats and white ties, cannot be ignored as members can be seen working at PC basketball games, giving campus tours, and participating in community service throughout the greater Providence area.

The club, above all else, prides itself on its mission of inclusivity and its fair tryout process. President and founder of Club Friar, Ray McVinney '16, expressed the deep-rooted values of the club. "In representing and serving the PC community, Club Friar strives to continue to expand the club's membership, in our mission to not only maintain a sense of diversity, but also to foster a feeling of inclusivity within the club."

Vice President Thomas McDermott '17 commented, "Club Friar strives to accept as many members into the organization as possible. We want students to feel welcomed by Club

Friar so we have created an extensive and holistic interview process. We always have second round interviews for participants and would never consider blacking out application essays that may exceed 250 words."

Despite a shaky start (with the club having been caught spending an excessive amount of their funding on sodas and various soft drinks earlier this year), Club Friar has enjoyed an overwhelmingly positive reception.

Joe Guzman, a PC freshman, explained, "What I like most about Club Friar is the sense of equality they spread across campus toward all students. Even with some of my friends being on the club, I never see them acting superior or all holier-than-thou in those black dress coats. Even the Club Friars parties are open to all students and clubs on campus..."

The inter-club and campus unity that Club Friar has promoted has been unheard of in past years at PC. An unnamed source even claimed to see BOP and Friars Club execs attending Club Friar Parties. In a recent interview, Friar Dom expressed his interest in becoming an exclusive part-time mascot for this club because of the positive impact it's had on campus. As a young club at PC, Club Friar has already made a huge impact on campus and in the Providence community. With continued efforts (reduced soft drink consumption) and a humble attitude, there are no limits to what this club could do in the future.

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"Meningitis" Vaccine: NASA Conspiracy

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The timing of the vaccine is rather curious as well, considering the fact that NASA came out with a report informing the country of a conspiracy theory on the apocalypse—which, if it is true, will come about toward the end of the school year. According to the report, a giant asteroid is headed for Earth and will hit mid-May 2016—less than two months from now. It is unavoidable, and there is about a 40 percent chance of everyone surviving. The asteroid could potentially give off harmful ultraviolet radiation, which would be the main cause of mass disease and eventual death.

Despite the inevitability of the coming asteroid, the report proposed a

possible solution that would save many, if not most, of the world population, which involved a vaccine that would protect people against the radiation. NASA made the announcement months ago, but the government dismissed this report as a rumor and assured us that there was no asteroid headed for Earth. However, the three doses of the vaccine protecting against radiation correspond to the three doses of the meningitis shot.

Is the world actually going to end? And if so, is the meningitis distribution means of protecting students so that they are able to survive the falling asteroid? Why are we not allowed to know that this is actually what we


are receiving? It would seem that the asteroid conspiracy is in fact true, and the only reason it was shut down is because we were not meant to know. At this point, it is too late for everyone to be saved, so by keeping NASA's findings top-secret, the world is not driven into a panic. It would appear as though the government has already chosen who is most fit to survive the end of the world, and the students at Providence College are among the many who they have chosen to protect.

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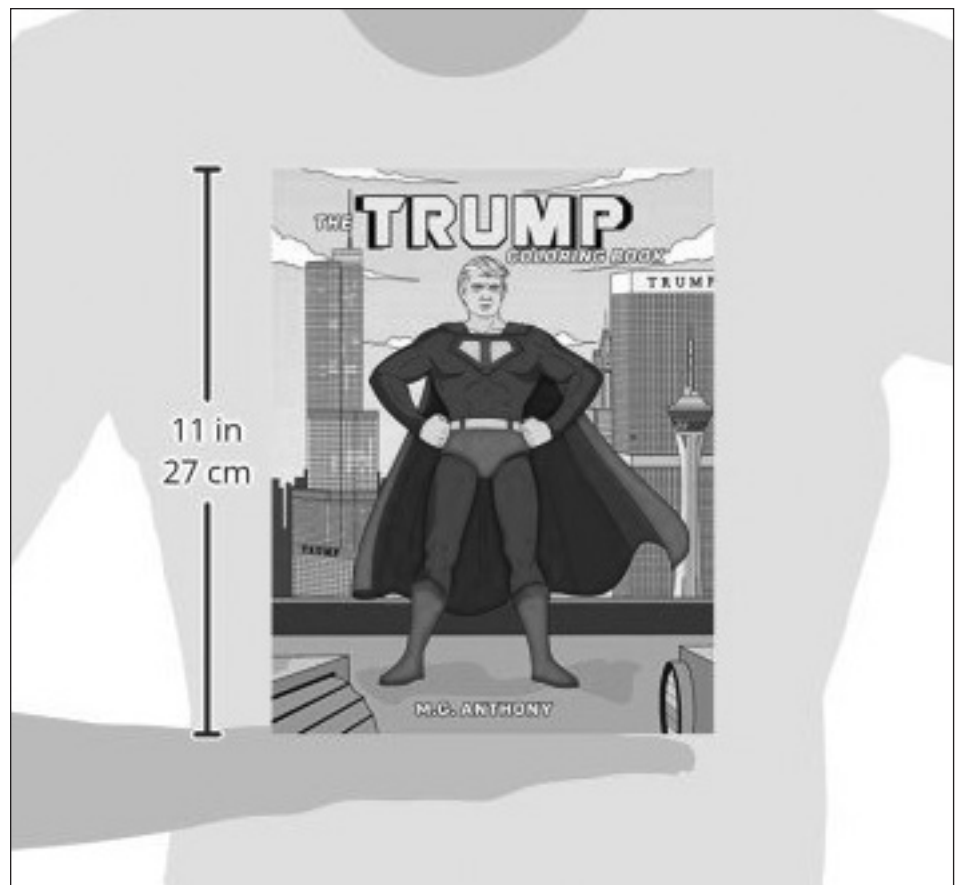
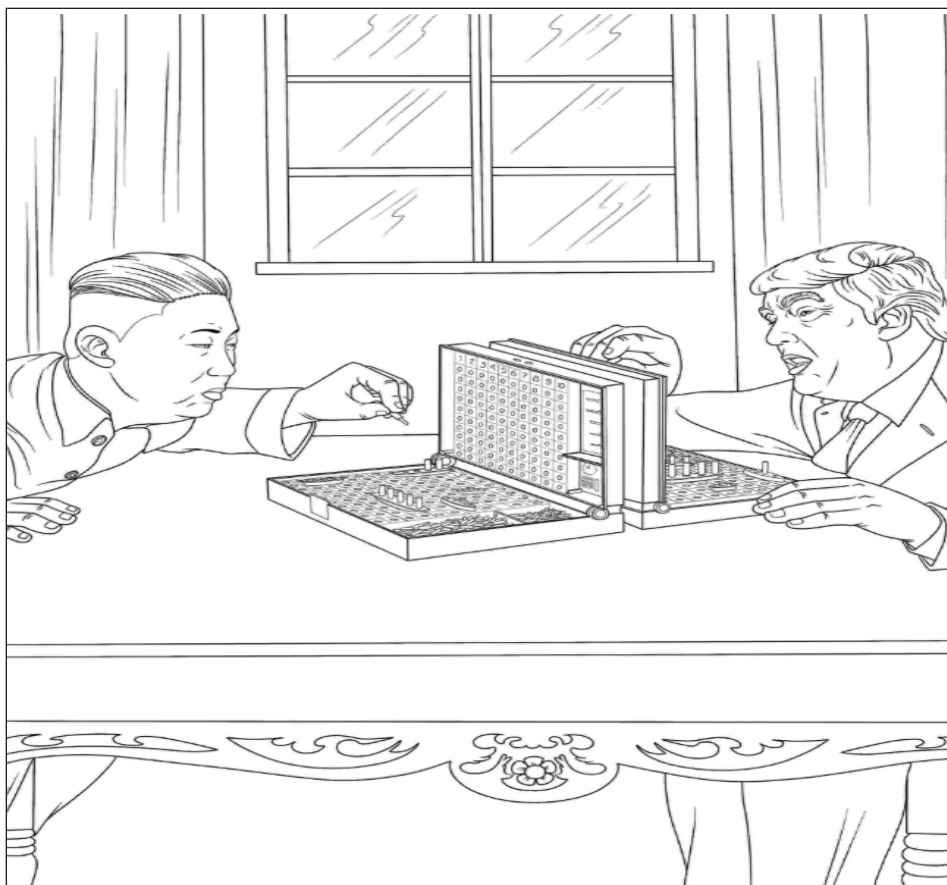
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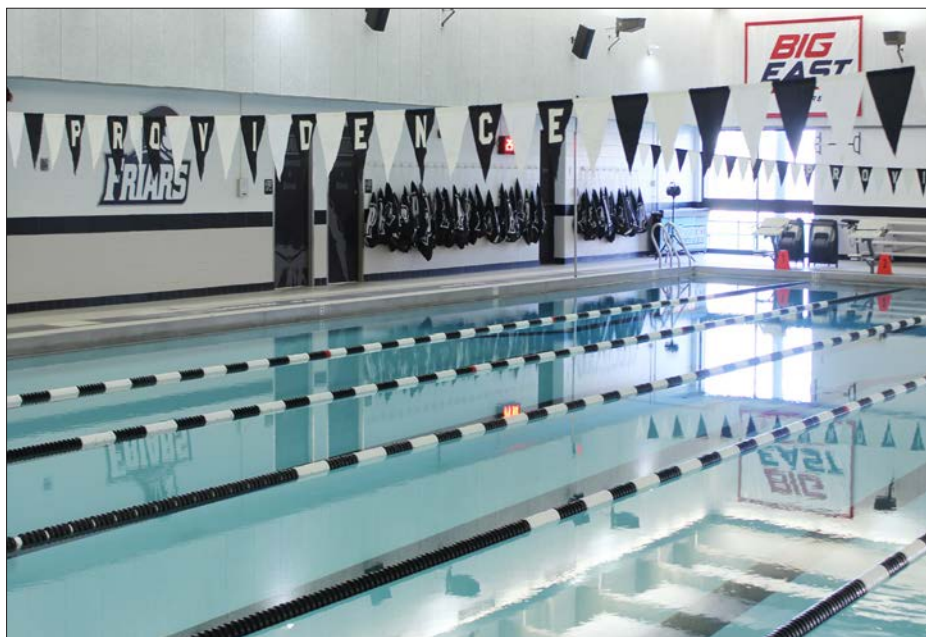


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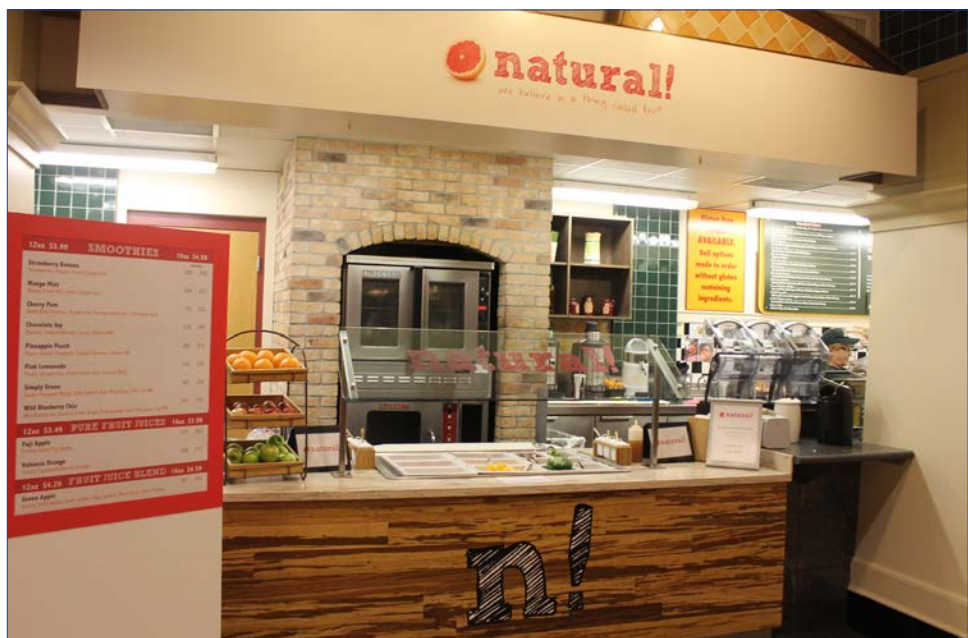
How did you spend your Easter break?



**"Being PC's ray of sunshine."
Raymond '79**



**"Training to be like Michael Phelps."
Pool '05**



**"Having a berry splendid time at home!"
Smoothie '15**



**"Cleaning out my fish bowl."
Fish Bowl '08**



**"Jammin' to my beats!"
Radio Station '94**



**"Getting run over by America."
Dunkin' Donut '86**



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Sports: The GlueGate Scandal

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As of March 25, “#GlueGate” was the top trending hashtag on Twitter and Facebook for the Providence area. In order to resolve the matter in a timely manner, Intramural Sports has hired NFL lawyer Ted Wells, known for his involvement in a handful of NFL scandals, to join the physics department in investigating the case.

The experimentation tested how much force was necessary to pull the flags off of a control belt versus the belts in question. The control belts averaged approximately 2 Newtons (N) of force to remove the flags. According to Wells, if the belts in question required more than 3N of force, allowing for some variability, then the flags could be considered unable to be removed.

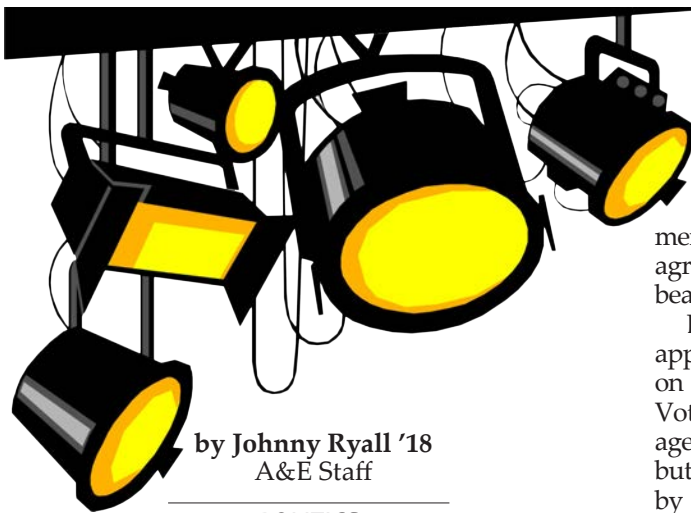
In testing, two of the flags of the 12 tested exceeded this threshold, but none of the flags were found to actually have been glued to their respective belts.

Wells issued a report last week concluding that it was “more probable than not” that Brady’s Bunch had glued the flags to their belts, and criticized the team captain, Brady Thomas, for being “generally aware” of the gluing. The “GlueGate” report has since been criticized for its vagueness and complete misunderstanding of the laws of physics, leading to questioning as to whether the physics department even had a role in helping in the experiment or if Wells simply did it himself.

Brady’s Bunch has been fined \$200 in the wake of the Wells Report and Thomas cannot participate in next year’s flag football tournament in any division, per decision of the Intramural Athletic Board. Brady’s Bunch has called the penalties “beyond reasonable punishment...based on circumstantial evidence,” pledging support for Thomas. Another hashtag, “#FreeThomas,” has begun trending on Twitter. Thomas has considered appealing the one-season suspension, although no hearing has taken place.



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Political Showdown

As the 2016 presidential election looms on the horizon, Democratic and Republican candidates alike are locked in a popularity war. In a last-minute effort to win the affection of the common American, Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, and the other potential presidents-to-be have taken to the last great frontier left for them to invade: talent competition television shows. Assured by campaign managers that this move will bring them public adoration, the candidates have brought their hidden talents to the biggest stage in America.

On this week’s episode of *The Voice*, Trump took to the stage with a rendition of Rick Astley’s “Never Gonna Give You Up.” The crowd responded positively at the beginning of the performance, but grew noticeably uneasy over time. “We all thought it was pretty funny at first,” said one anonymous onlooker, “but it went on for a little too long.” Midway through the song, Maroon 5 frontman Adam Levine pressed his judge’s button. However, after recognizing the candidate, he exited his chair and attempted to manually turn it back around.

Texas senator Ted Cruz also competed in that same episode of *The Voice*, immediately after Trump. Cruz chose to rap “Time for Truth—Ted Cruz Anthem—Part 1” by Jük (yes, this is a real song). As one audience

member later reported, “On one hand, I’m not sure I agree with the song’s message. On the other hand, that beat was pretty sick.”

Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders recently appeared on *Dancing with the Stars*, performing a spot-on version of the dance from Drake’s “Hotline Bling.” Voting results indicated that audiences between the ages of 18 and 25 were ecstatic about the performance, but the judges had mixed reactions. He was followed by Clinton dancing to Silentó’s “Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae).” Unfortunately, the audience’s prolonged applause for Sanders’s dancing ability drowned out most of the act.

Ohio Governor John Kasich recently appeared on *American Idol* with a stunning version of Rudimental’s “Not Giving In.” All three judges reported it to be one of the best performances in recent memory. However, the show’s airing coincided with that week’s *The Voice*, resulting in a record low for ratings in *American Idol*’s history.

In other news, members of the Green Party and Libertarian Party met this week to discuss launching their own competition television show, *One of These Days*. While there was a healthy turnout of reporters at the press conference, close to 1/3 reported attending “just for the free finger sandwiches.”



Presidential candidates vie for the nomination.

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TOPS

PC Probs

by Shasta Whitlock '16
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1. When you have to lie about dropping someone off at Slavin in order to park on campus.
2. When you get cut off at McPhail's after only having two beers.
3. When you are walking up Guzman Hill and it is so crowded that you cannot check yourself out in the reflective windows of Accino.
4. When you never remember your mailbox code so you have to talk to Carol in the post office to get it.
5. When you have \$40 on PC Prints and use \$2 of it and never see that money again.
6. When you realize you are wearing the same outfit as every other girl on campus.
7. When everyone decides they are "gym people" right before spring break.
8. When you ask to Take 3 and they remind you it is a Sunday so you cannot.
9. When you have no food in your room so you take fruit from Ray but get caught by Dot for taking more than three pieces.
10. When you finally get a seat in the library during finals week until you realize there is no outlet in sight.
11. When the guy you hooked up with the night before is at the triangle table next to you.
12. When Sister Leslie is the only person who is brave enough to sit at the lacrosse table in Ray.
13. When you are always scared to fall down the stairs near Dunkin so you hold onto the railing like an 80-year-old woman.
14. When you go into the bookstore to buy a notebook but end up coming out with a \$60 sweatshirt.
15. When PC Secure never connects. Ever.
16. When your last final is at 4:30 P.M. on a Friday but you have to return your books before 5 P.M.
17. When you have a class on third floor Harkins directly after your class in Smith.
18. When you get a parking ticket and just never pay it.
19. When the package room closes at 4:30 P.M. but you get a package email at 4:20 P.M.
20. When you go on a downstairs treadmill in the morning and have to run with your eyes shut because the sun is burning a hole through your face.
21. When you have scrolled through absolutely every social media app so you find yourself stalking the Dunkin' cam.
22. When you go to Ray on a Friday during Lent and end up walking out with a cup of cereal.
23. When you want to go to a Friday night hockey game but realize it will interfere with your going out plans.
24. When you miss the buzzer beater in the final minute of the basketball game because you are too busy running out to get a spot on the bus.
25. When your entire bank statement only consists of late night food and liquor store transactions.
26. When you cannot breathe after walking up Eaton Street and then pass out after walking up Guzman.
27. When the junior class was the last class that got to experience Clubbies.

Overheard in the Dunkin' Line

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1. "I heard Kris Dunn is our commencement speaker."
2. "Midterm grades are up...I think I should go to class."
3. "I miss Clubbies."
4. "Spring break was the best and worst week of my entire life."
5. "I'm getting sad g-word thoughts and can't sleep."
6. "You guys ever think about how Cinderella wore glass shoes? If I ever put those babies on they'd shatter in a heart beat."
7. "I might take some Nyquil tonight so tomorrow can come faster."
8. "He said there were thirty kids on top of one of the cars at The Plaza last weekend."
9. "Oh my gosh... my creepy neighbor blew Cat a kiss and came to the door twice asking, "Can I play with your daughter?"... my neighbor is 13."
10. "I hope Mari is the bride for mock wedding."
11. "Who knew there was a secret handicap bathroom in Harkins... perfect for Friday mornings."
12. "I wish Shannon K. Russell didn't text me a picture of her and an Easter bunny yesterday."
13. "I have fomo from not getting meningitis."
14. "The creepy janitor just walked out of the bathroom while I was waiting and said, "Good luck."
15. "The Chainsmokers are going to be the best night of my life."
16. "I swear, you go to college, then you die."
17. "Why can't I wear my short shorts to the gym anymore?"
18. "I wesh" (this is not a spelling error).
19. "LIOOOOON."
20. "They don't want us to eat meat—Friday during Lent."
21. "That face swap ruined my relationship."
22. "It's Sunday... I am so vulnerable."
23. "I miss Sidiki 'The Mayor' Johnson."
24. "We should have a keg lemonade stand."
25. "Did you see those guys throwing bowling balls off their porch last night?"
26. "Why does it smell like a port-a-potty exploded near the security office?"
27. "Let's do ashes, gym, dinner, tan"...."I don't think I'll make it to the gym."
28. "You drinking tonight?"
29. "No...why is there a game on tonight?"
30. "Err...no it's Tuesday."
31. "So we were at a party and he goes 'hey wanna meet my gf?' and I go 'yeah totally.' Then this girl is reaching for my hand, I totally thought she was some rando who wanted some loving. So here I am hitting on this girl and he is all like yeah...this is my gf. I almost spit my drink everywhere. I was so appalled!"
32. "Joan weirdly keeps creeping into my room every morning to sniff and steal my tighty whiteys."
33. "Molly got caught cheating in Civ freshman year...I will never forget."

PC Bans Partying

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Dear Students:

As the lovely spring weather is upon us, this notification serves as a friendly reminder that engaging in unwholesome, disruptive frivolity in the Elmhurst neighborhood is frowned upon and will not be permitted. By all means, we, the Providence College Administration, encourage you all to enjoy the good weather and celebrate our Friar victories, but please in ways that do not involve drunken debauchery or lighting any part of the surrounding area on fire.

It is imperative that you respect your neighbors by never setting foot in your back or front yards, not playing any music above a dull hum, and never, ever consuming alcohol. Ever. Off-campus assemblies exceeding five people are strictly prohibited as they immediately threaten the well-being of every individual within the Providence city limits. Such carefree behavior inhibits the abilities of others in the community to live quiet, respectable lives; therefore, being good citizens by refraining from holding raucous gatherings is required by the College and events will be strictly monitored by PC, the Providence Police, and God.

The Providence Police Department shares our concerns and has been kind enough to offer to aid PC in reaching our

goal of a tamer, less *Animal House*-like neighborhood. The police have offered to vigilantly patrol the neighborhood and drive past each house at least 10 times per day and will follow this protocol until the end of the semester, emphatically enforcing the City's public nuisance* law. Any student caught engaging in any of the aforementioned illicit activities will face immediate consequences.

In addition to any injunctions from the City and Police Department, PC students will face appropriate punishments from the school as well: any seniors cited by the police will most likely be denied the ability to walk at graduation or to take part in Commencement Week; students who are minors will have their parents called the second they break any underage drinking law. That being said, it is expected that no student will step so much as one toe out of line.

Providence College expects all students to be respectful neighbors and responsible members of the community; therefore, it is recommended that students focus their social energy on benign, family-friendly activities, such as quiet board games with non-alcoholic beverages in groups of fewer than five students. Providence College, the Providence Police, and God all expect full cooperation on the part of the students this weekend, and every weekend going forward.

*A "public nuisance" is defined as "any gathering, inside or outside, in which at least a handful of people are engaging in any sort of tasteless merrymaking activity, including, but not limited to, the

consumption of alcohol and subsequent intoxication; the playing of vulgar music that is so much as mildly audible to your neighbor; and speaking at a volume above exactly 70 decibels." The City of Providence as well as Providence College condemn this unacceptable behavior, and all deviants will be held accountable and punished accordingly.



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Songs that Define Our Generation

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Do you ever wonder what it must have been like to listen to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" for the first time on the radio? Or watch Led Zeppelin perform "Stairway to Heaven" on stage in 1971? At the time "Thriller" or "Stairway to Heaven" were just amazing current hits that people of that time were lucky to have witnessed as they came to life.

Nobody could have predicted that "Thriller" would be performed in every Halloween themed television show and inspire a movement of red biker jackets and black skinny jeans. Nor would anyone have guessed that "Stairway to Heaven" would inspire millions of hopeful guitarists worldwide and still inspire musicians today.

I often wonder which songs from my glory days will stick around when my kids are older. Will my daughter know the dance to "Single Ladies" by Beyoncé? Will my nephew do the "Bieber hair flip" like Justin Bieber does in his music video "Baby"? I have no doubt that my generation has witnessed some incredible music; music that has spoken to our generation and created a piece of art that will be marked in history forever.

In fact, I have such hope and love for our musical generation that I can list not only the songs that I believe represent our generation in all of its glory, but also the songs that our children will hear and ask, "Hey, Dad! What was it like to hear "Party Rock" by LMFAO on the radio for the first time?"

11. "Friday," **Rebecca Black**— Everyone had that one friend who would sing this song upon hearing the question, "What day is it?"

10. "Call Me Maybe," **Carly Rae Jepsen**— Just when this song was about to die out, the Harvard baseball team did a dance video to it and we all started singing it again.

9. "Thrift Shop," **Macklemore**— Thrift Shops used to only be for hipsters, but after this song came out, everyone was shopping there.

8. "Gangnam Style," **PSY**— We all know you learned the dance to this song— don't even lie!

7. "Sexy and I Know It," **LMFAO**— Every day someone was shuffling to this song.

6. "Firework," **Katy Perry**— Because everybody has felt like a plastic bag drifting through the wind at least once in their life.

5. "Harlem Shake," **Baauer**— Everybody on the face of the planet did a video to this song, yet each video was equally as entertaining and funny as the last one.

4. "Fancy," **Iggy Azalea**— That one rap song you actually knew the lyrics of and could rap along to.

3. "Anaconda," **Nicki Minaj**— If this wasn't on your Summer 2014 playlist, then you were doing summer wrong.

2. "Watch Me Whip," **Silento**— I will certainly teach my child not only how to whip but also how to nae nae.

1. "679," **Fetty Wap**— Yeah, he has a weird eye and nobody knows what this song is really about, but when it is on the playlist it is for sure going to bring along an intense sing along and dance off.



Carly Rae Jepsen at an awards show.

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I WANNA BE LIKE KANYE

by Flossie Fortune '16
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There are some lame fake accounts trying to make Kanyeisms that are not Mark Twain level. You probably got bootleg Yeezy's on right now...I'm so sorry for them...I will send you free Yeezy's to make up for the embarrassment that you have caused your family! I have no interest in working with anyone who is too important or too good or too traditional to take a call at 3 a.m. I'm not a rapper. I am the Michael Jordan and Steph Curry of music, meaning I'm the best of two generations. This is not the album

of the year. This is album of the life. Maximum expression while I have air in my lungs. I can see the clouds separating...You won't always agree with me but I'm gon' always be me. I'm woke! I'MSOHYPERRIGHTNOW EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED... HAVE Y'ALL EVER SEEN TRON? THE END OF THE TRON WHERE EVERYTHING LIGHT UP!!!!

Let's dance in the streets. I am consumed by my purpose to help the world. We have to lower the price of textbooks. I'd rather teachers got paid more and books cost less...#2020. Respect the struggle, respect the hustle, respect the dreams, respect the movement, I'm not even gon' lie to you. I love me so much right now. Yes I am personally rich and I can

buy furs and houses for my family. I'm happy and free and proud and confident. I'm not crazy. I'm free. My tweets are a form of contemporary art only compromised by people trying to tell me what to tweet and what not to tweet... No one can ask me or try to tell me what to Instagram...It's my art... "What Do You Mean" by @JustinBieber was my favorite song of 2015...on another note, can brah be the girl version of bruh???

This is a stream of consciousness... twitter poetry...# I'm bored ### when you get married will your wife have a giant Minnie Mouse head? # This brightened up my day...thank you dead-mow-five. We real music guys wanna have fun too. The Devil can't stop us. Fake Fake Fake fake fake

fake fake fake fake fake fake...just my analysis. Super inspired by my visit to Ikea today, really amazing company...my mind is racing with the possibilities. Mark Zuckerberg invest one billion dollars into Kanye West ideas. I think human beings can create a Utopia. Everyone has made mistakes. I just make them in public. Thank God for paps thank God for social media. I also want to publicly apologize to Bruno Mars, I used to hate on him but I really respect what he does as an artist. My number one enemy has been my ego...there is only one throne and that's God's... Good energy positive energy. Please no one text me or ask me for anything till Monday. Finally!!! Our guy!!! We're so so happy for Leo!!!

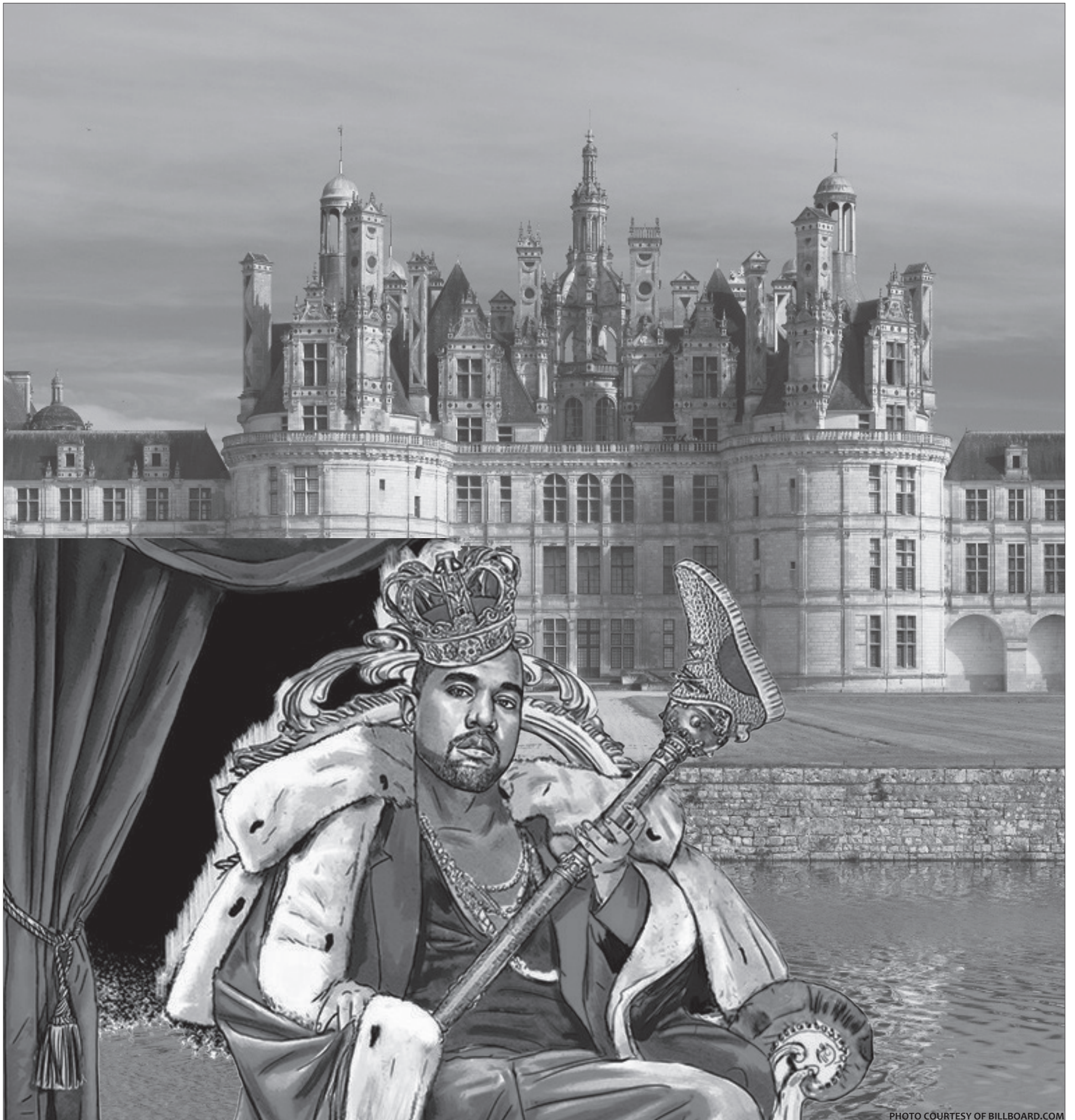


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April Fool's Ideas

- Convince your parents you're dropping out
- Tell your professor that a serious alien abduction caused you to miss class
- Go vegan
- Apply googly eyes to all of the items in your apartment
- Convince your roommates their printer is possessed
- Bake a glutinous cake for your friend with Celiac Disease
- Vote for Trump
- Befriend a PC squirrel

Now Fill in Your Own!

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PC Authorities Announce Closure of Revered Slavin Center Dunkin' Donuts *Students Turn Feral*

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Roast with the Most

BEAN THERE, DONE THAT

Earlier this week, on-campus authorities released the news that the Slavin Center Dunkin' Donuts would close for the foreseeable future, depriving students across campus access to the popular coffee and pastry business. No official reason for the closure was given. Reaction across campus was swift and immediate, with disgruntled students running amok on Slavin Lawn, tearfully expressing the need for excessively-sweetened coffee and styrafoam cups for their iced drinks.

One student managed to calm down long enough to give a comment on the news. "It's unbelievable!" she cried hysterically, mascara running down her face. "How am I supposed to survive the rest of the semester without my large iced caramel macchiato? I mean, do they expect us to live like *animals*!?"

A second student also offered his opinion, stating, "Dunkin' Donuts was really the main reason I came to PC. I mean, sure, a comprehensive, passionate Liberal Arts education is great and all, but when a college cares enough about its students' dietary choices to have a Dunkin' Donuts on campus, that's pretty much an instant choice for me..."

Dunkin' Donuts has been a

staple source of nutrition among the student body since the fall of 2012, when it replaced PC Perk. The decision was based upon an apparently overwhelming student demand for a Dunkin' Donuts location that was closer to campus than the five-minute walk to

Smith Street. Since its implementation, the outlet has been well-frequented, even meriting the installation of a wall-mounted camera streaming on the PC App by which students can ascertain the length of the Dunkin' Donuts line at any given time only to be surprised by the presence of at least 20 additional students by the time they actually *reach* the line.

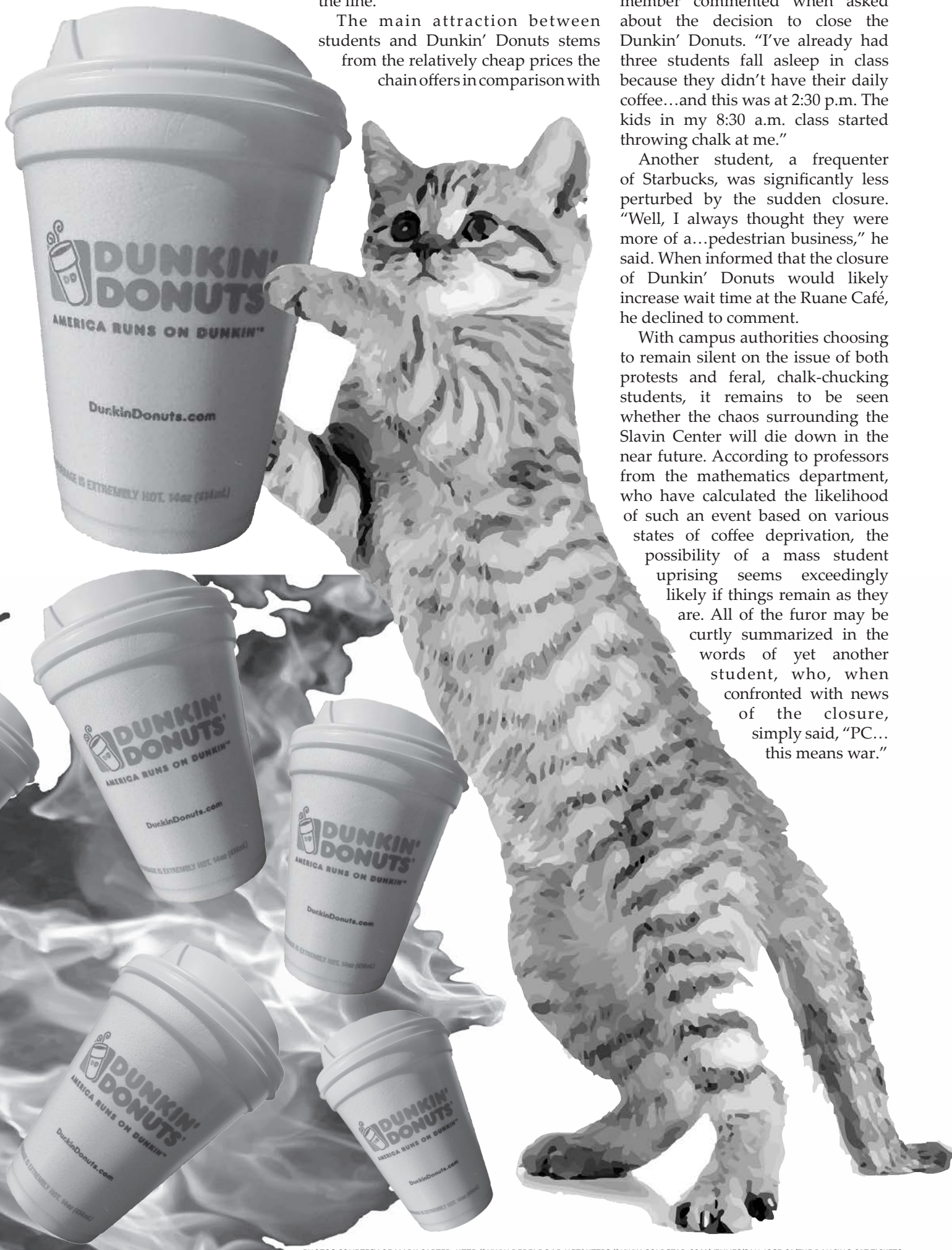
The main attraction between students and Dunkin' Donuts stems from the relatively cheap prices the chain offers in comparison with

other vendors, such as Starbucks (or Ruane Café, whatever its real name is). Thus, its absence will be keenly felt by the student body, who have already begun to formulate protests in order to restore the convenient location.

"To be honest, I don't think this is going to go over well," one faculty member commented when asked about the decision to close the Dunkin' Donuts. "I've already had three students fall asleep in class because they didn't have their daily coffee...and this was at 2:30 p.m. The kids in my 8:30 a.m. class started throwing chalk at me."

Another student, a frequenter of Starbucks, was significantly less perturbed by the sudden closure. "Well, I always thought they were more of a...pedestrian business," he said. When informed that the closure of Dunkin' Donuts would likely increase wait time at the Ruane Café, he declined to comment.

With campus authorities choosing to remain silent on the issue of both protests and feral, chalk-chucking students, it remains to be seen whether the chaos surrounding the Slavin Center will die down in the near future. According to professors from the mathematics department, who have calculated the likelihood of such an event based on various states of coffee deprivation, the possibility of a mass student uprising seems exceedingly likely if things remain as they are. All of the furor may be curtly summarized in the words of yet another student, who, when confronted with news of the closure, simply said, "PC... this means war."



Donald Trump Declares Himself His VP

Entire Country Totally, 100 Percent Surprised

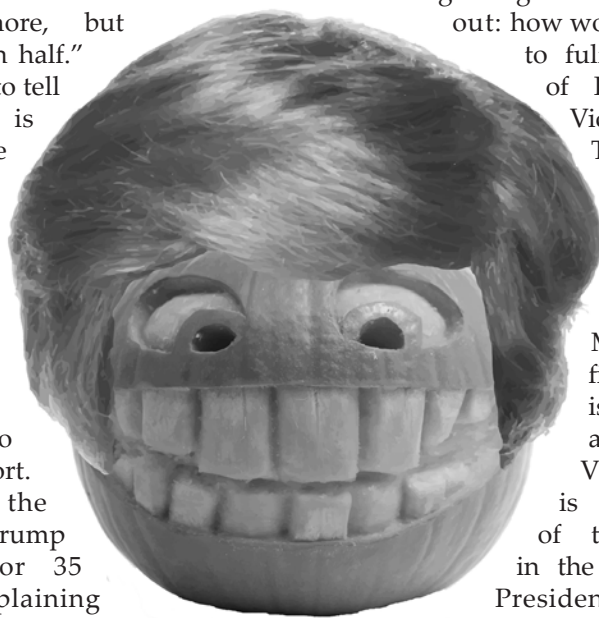
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Portfolitics Analyst

TOUPÉE ARTISTRY

Over the weekend, republican presidential candidate Donald Trump decided whom he would choose as his Vice President, and it isn't as surprising as you think. "Yeah, I choose myself as my own Vice President," Trump stated. "I feel like I am the best person for the job. I've seen others do the job and fail and they fail because they don't know what to do. I know what to do. Biden knows nothing, I know more than Biden." Providence College student Matthew Farrell '17 asked why The Donald decided this; Trump said, "I am a man of business. We need more business in politics, there's not enough. As president, I will minimize

the trouble of having two people for President and Vice President. If I have both positions the workload may be more, but effort is cut in half."

Farrell tried to tell him that that is not how the distribution of effort works, and he responded like he was crazy. "I know the effort will be more, and I am willing to exert that effort. I am up to the challenge." Trump continued for 35 minutes, explaining



how he could give adequate effort. After almost falling asleep, Farrell managed to get his next question out: how would he be able to fulfill his duties of President and Vice President? Trump went on for another 35 minutes about his great effort. "All right, Mr. Trump, my final question is this: are you aware that the Vice President is the successor of the President in the event of the President's death?"

Knowing this, why would you not appoint someone to take over the role?" Trump responded, "I'm not going to die, everyone loves me. The Mexicans, beautiful women, ugly women, the blacks, and China people. No one will kill me because I'm so loved. I could kill a man, no, a baby and not be hated. What if that child is going to be a mass murderer when he grows up? I can't have that in my country. Better safe than sorry." As Farrell walked out of the interviewing room, Trump continued to speak on murdering a child. Trump appointing himself as his own Vice President if he wins the election is truly "yhuge."

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PORTFOLITICS

In which our portfolitical analysts give YOU the most UP-TO-DATE news on the 2016 Presidential Election

PC's Greatest to Become America's Finest New Duo Emerges from Providence to Lead the U.S.

by **Katch 'Em If You Kan '17**
Portfolitics Analyst

FRIÆRTOWNE FOR AMÆRICA

Flash forward: it's November 8, 2016 and you're about to cast your vote in the 58th presidential election. You've spent the past 11 months debating between a man with a combover, a man with no comb, a woman (yes, a woman—it's 2016)... and you think there were some other guys in the race at some point, but who can be sure?

This is the moment of truth: Are you, or are you not #ForeverAFriar? If your answer is yes, we're going to get along quite well. And if your answer is no? Please go back to JWU where you belong.

Close your eyes (not really, you're reading...), imagine a world in which Kris Dunn '17 and Steven McParland '16 work together to facilitate nuclear nonproliferation treaties. Imagine a world in which Ben Bentil '18 and Nick Ellis '17 spend hours deliberating with foreign leaders to develop a plan to rebound Greece's economy and the Euro. That's right folks, I'm talking:

LEAMAN' COOLEY 16

Instead of being just another American, be a GREAT American, be

a DOMINICAN AMERICAN, and pencil in our two favorite men on campus. When you think about it, it's really the only logical answer.

Growing up in Kettering, Ohio, Nate Leaman didn't begin playing hockey until he was a teenager. He played college hockey at SUNY Cortland, and was inducted into the Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame in 2014. They recognize his greatness, we should too! After coaching at Union College, and bringing that team to the NCAA First Round, Leaman graced the Friars with his presence and pulled us from No. 7 to National Champs in just FOUR YEARS. Do you know what else lasts four years? A presidential term. (By the way, did you know that we're Natty Champs? That's right. Natty Champs. We're Natty Champs.) Think of the progress that he could achieve if only he could apply his leadership skills to an entire nation!

It seems only fitting that Leaman's running mate would be Ed Cooley. Born and raised in South Providence, Cooley played basketball and was awarded Rhode Island Player of the Year twice. After a post-graduate year in New Hampshire, Cooley moved to Massachusetts to play for Stonehill. He had to take the SAT four times before they would allow him to play basketball there. If there's one thing that our nation needs right now,

it's a man determined to get the job done! After college, he taught and coached throughout Massachusetts and then briefly at URI, Boston College, and Fairfield before returning home to Providence. As the great American revolutionary Ross Poldark once said, "I lost sight of something; I came in search of it. Having found it, I am going home." That's right Friars, Cooley is as patriotic as the American Revolution... How could we NOT write him into office?

In case I haven't enticed you to pencil them in just yet, let's consider the benefits:

- We no longer have to draft "America's" team for the *Non-Alcoholic* Beer Olympics: We ARE America's team.
- We will finally have someone on campus more powerful than the Providence Police Department. After all, the whole couch thing was just a celebration of POTUS Leaman (and we're all very sorry).
- We could knock down Fennell (is that even still standing?) and build a replica oval office so that Leaman and Cooley wouldn't have to commute for practice—all paid for by taxes instead of tuition!
- Every good coach takes their all-stars with them to the big leagues. We've already got a poster promoting Tom Parisi '16 for Secretary of Defense, so our campaign spending would be minimal, and I don't know about you, but I would sleep sounder at

night if I knew I had a guard like Dunn making decisions about my safety.

- Instead of graduating at age 37, Brooks Behling '16 and McParland can hang around campus as principal ambassadors to the President. They look executive enough to me.
- Rene Rancourt could officially be the singer of "The Star Spangled Banner."

If I haven't appealed to your logic just yet, then you're probably Hillary Clinton. You might be Trump, but in that case you wouldn't have had any logic to appeal to anyway.

LEAMAN



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Listomania

The Best Things to do on
the First Friday of April

Walk Your Dog

Water Your Plants

Sit on the Couch

Read a Book

Restock the Pantry

Go for a Jog

Watch the News

Clean Out Your Junk Mail

File Your Taxes

Give an Extra Happy "Hello!" to Your Neighbor(s)

Wash Your Car

Do the Laundry

Call Your In-laws

Look at Old Family Photos

My Dearest Stuff

by Warren Alfred Samuel Park '18
Romanticuer

ROMANTIC LOVE POETRY

It's been many a day
I have sung a lay
Of the love of my dearest stuff,

And felt the pull
By the tides that roll
Of the love of my dearest stuff.

I've placed a rose
Up against the nose
Of the face of my dearest stuff,

And I sing my lay,
But truly I say
T'would be death to bluff
Of the love of my dearest stuff

Oughghaw

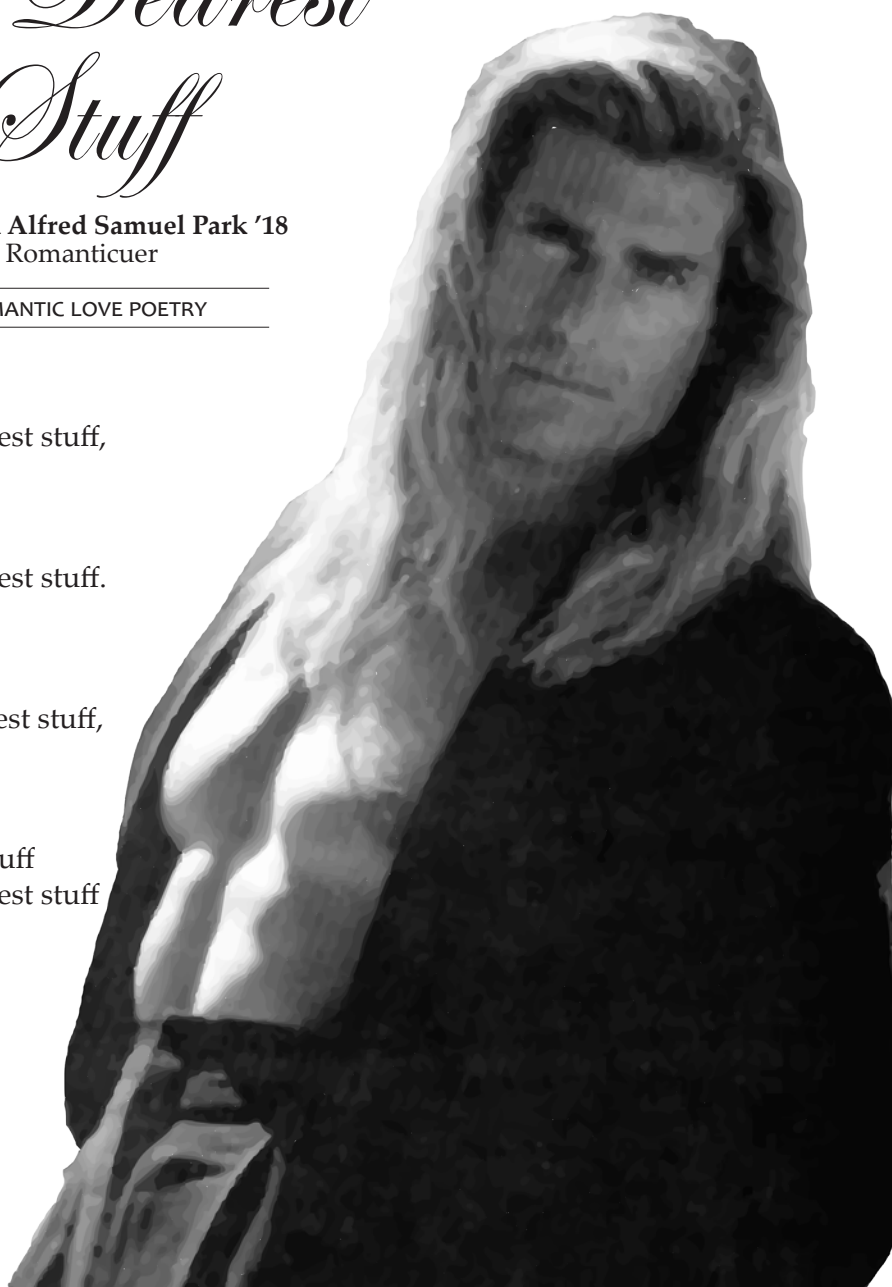


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Tiffany & Earl

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

Dear Tiff and Earl,

My friends and I are trying to unwind and feast after a long Friday. Which take-out food do you think is better: Wings Over Providence or Big Tony's? Thanks for the help guys!

Sincerely,
Typical Hungry PC Student

Dear Hunger Games,

You aren't taking enough risks. Those are safe places to eat from, where your chances of catching an infectious disease or parasite are too slim. Go eat Li Li Wok. Chances are if you end up on your death bed asking for your last rites, you've done it right. Live life to the extreme!!!!

BTW no experience with these places. I only eat cotton balls dipped in BBQ sauce from the East Side with all those hip folks.

Sincerely,
Chanel No. 2



Tiffany

Dear Freshman 50,

Well obviously it's Big Tony's. I mean how can you beat those calzones? You can't. Although I suppose a pound of chicken from Wings Over Providence also can't be beat. Also, those waffle fries....wait, what was I talking about? Ah yes, Wings Over Providence being far superior. Or Big Tony's, or...um...hmmm. I suppose the best answer as to who is better is whichever one is willing to hire me as a paid spokesman. So how about it Big Tony's and/or Wings Over Providence? I will work for food.

In Dollars We Trust,
Earl the Sell-Out



EARL

Disclaimer

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.

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BREAKING NEWS:

There is a brand new club here at PC! It's called the Cyber Leadership Initiative! Here at CLI we hold events and bi-weekly meetings to discuss the Social, Ethical, Political, and Legal implications of technology. Best of all it is open to All Majors! Exec. Board openings available!



Topics to Explore

- Artificial Intelligence
- Copyrights
- Cyberbullying
- Cyber Ethics
- Cyber Law
- Cybersecurity
- Data Aggregation
- Hacking / Hacktivism
- Intellectual Property
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- Open Internet
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Dear Friars,

Take a break and relax! You're working too hard!



Bouts of Athleticism

MLB Implements New Fighting Rules

by Dragon '15
Scowl Staff

MARTIAL ARTS

The MLB owners meetings concluded last week with some major changes being implemented this year. The biggest such rule change will be the introduction of player fights during games. This rule will mean players can now "drop the gloves" and fight out their disagreements in a similar way to hockey. The MLB has been notorious for bench clearing brawls every season and this rule change reflects the MLB's new position:

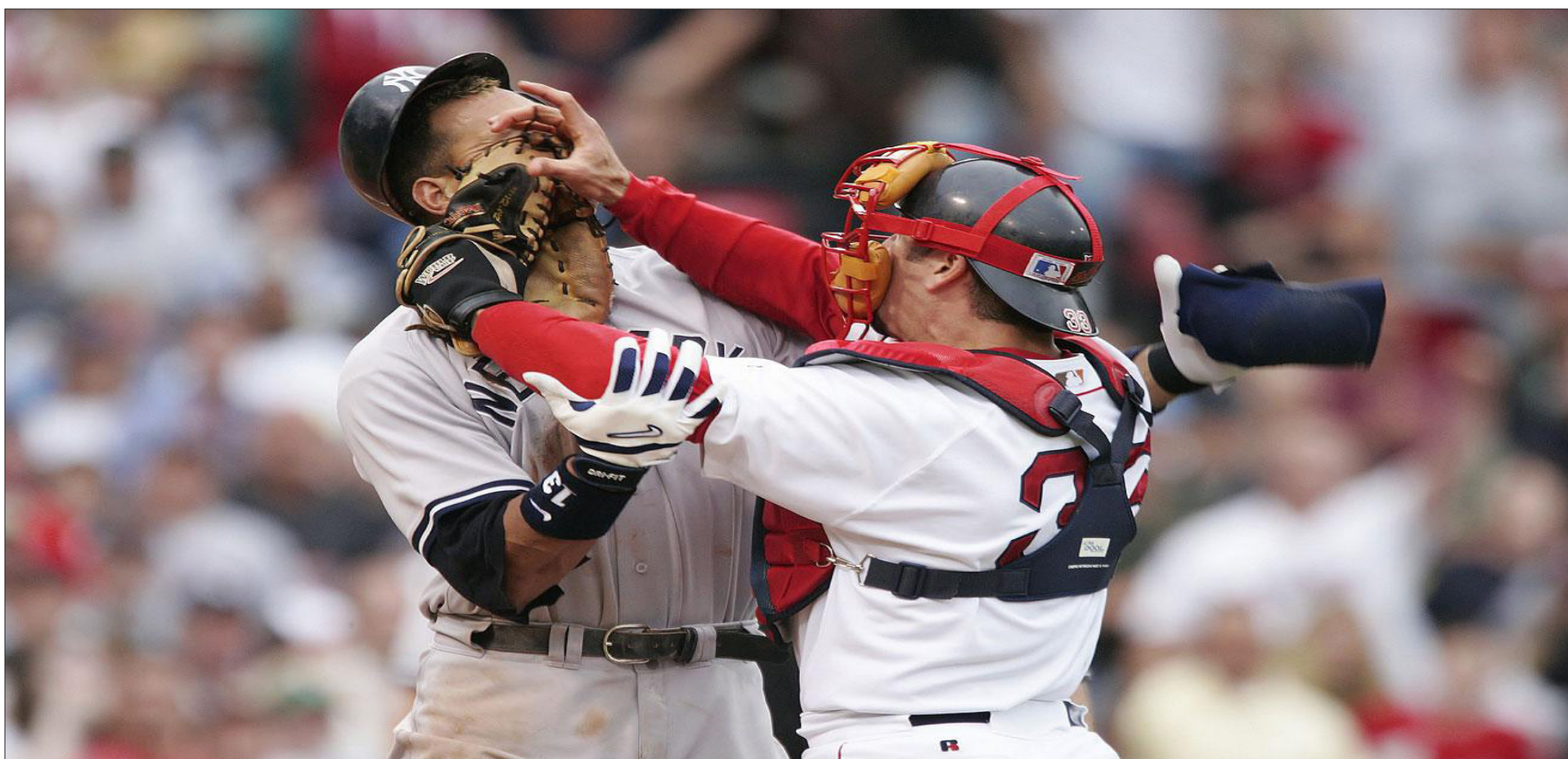
embracing those fights as a draw for bigger audiences. The new rule changes state that the fight cannot last for more than two and a half minutes and can only be between two players. These rule changes come at a time when the MLB is looking for ways to attract new audiences, and with the rise in popularity of MMA, the fight rules are a welcome addition to baseball. With the arrival of this new rule, there are a few anticipated fights that would be awesome to watch.

On April 29, the Red Sox will take on the Yankees. What better fight would there be than David Ortiz vs. Alex Rodriguez? A-Rod

has a history with the Red Sox that dates back to 2004 when he and Jason Varitek got into a fight after a heated exchange. A new fight between these two would invigorate a rivalry that has gone dormant the past few years.

Another potential fight that could happen is between Jordano Ventura, the Kansas City Royals pitcher, and Brett Lawrie, former Oakland Athletics and current Black Sox third baseman. Last year, Ventura was involved in a fight that started when he intentionally hit Lawrie. Coincidentally, five days later Ventura was involved in another fight with the Black

Sox. Lawrie was traded from the Athletics to the Black Sox in the off-season this year. It's safe to say this year in baseball will be unlike any we have seen before.



Duels such as the one pictured above will become commonplace in the new MLB.

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Concannon After Dark

What Really Goes on at PC's Favorite Workout Spot

by D.W. Reed '15
Scowl Staff

MATING

At a small school like Providence College, there are not many well-kept secrets. Rumors spread like wildfire across the campus. We all know that Dore Hall is forever haunted by the insane that lived there during the building's stint as a psychiatric hospital. We have witnessed the flickering lights in Aquinas Hall late at night caused by the ghosts that roam the halls of one of the oldest buildings on campus. But one place that comes alive at night and transforms completely is the best-kept secret at PC—the Concannon Fitness Center after hours.

Late at night, after everyone is done working out for the day, Concannon comes to life. Much like the circus the gym becomes a world of wonders after hours.

Gristine Koodwin leads the staff and faculty on a long and intense bike ride

to the beat of "We Built This City."

In the conference room the Intramural Athletic Board (IAB) hosts initiation night where they chant their motto while having a wall squat competition. Swick Net soon summons all members to drink the kool-aid so that no one on

IAB can stray away from the club.

Many people have wondered about the new dress code. Where did it come from? Why now? Well the answer is simple. The PC nudist colony was found to be working out after hours in order to ensure that all students could

be comfortable at the gym. However, as you may assume, this was highly unsanitary and, since the fitness center staff has staged a strike against cleaning any equipment, higher ups were force to instate a dress code.

On Lennon Field the intramural Quidditch team takes flight. They have been known to soar to incredible heights under the cloak of darkness—they have not been able to find Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility just yet.

Before the sun rises the last group of people to visit the gym are the club teams, who are pushed aside during the day for the varsity athletes. Club teams have found that the only time they can use the facilities is during the night, in secret. So each night the club teams wait for the gym to close before sneaking in and running workouts.

So, next time you work out late at night, find a good hiding spot and wait. If you are lucky you may just get to see the true side of Concannon Fitness Center — where the Concanimals of PC hang out.

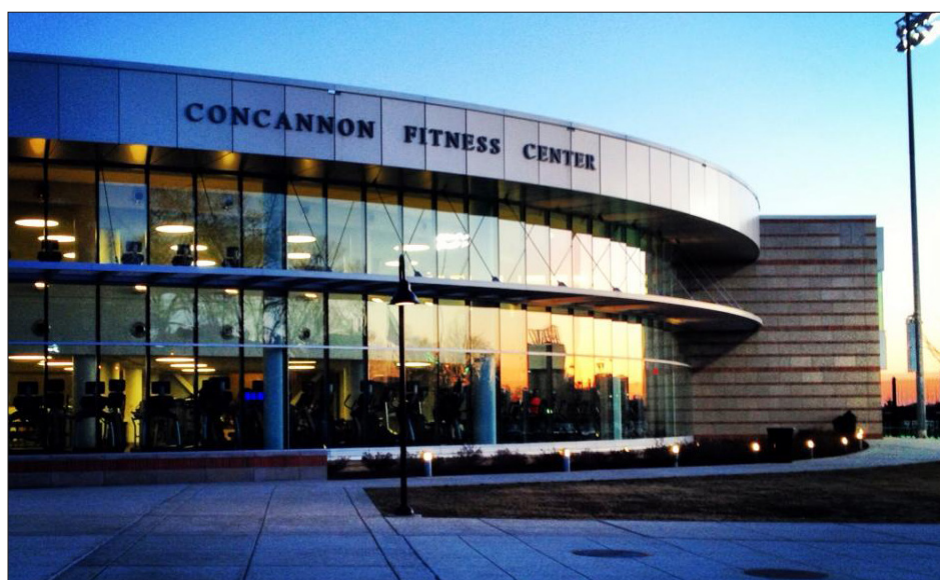


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NBA Imposes "Friendship" Clause on its Teams



Dwyane Wade (left), Chris Paul (Middle), and LeBron James (Right)

by A.J. Donaldson '16
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MARTIAL ARTS

The National Basketball Association (NBA) has made a major change in the structure of all transactions that will be made from this point forward. Today, March 31, at approximately 3:30 p.m., NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced that all of the league's teams must consider "friendship" when making a trade or picking up a free agent. This announcement came less than a week after the infamous *Bleacher Report* interview with LeBron James regarding the idea of playing with his best friends. In the article, James was asked whether or not he will ever be able to play on one team with his three best friends in the league, Carmelo Anthony, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Paul.

In response, James stated, "I really hope that, before our career is over, we can all play together...At least one, maybe one or two seasons, me, Melo, [Dwyane Wade], [Chris Paul], we can get a year in, I would actually take a pay cut to do that." In offering

to take a pay cut, James is following in the footsteps of one of his besties, Carmelo Anthony. When Melo became a free agent in 2014, he agreed to re-sign with the Knicks and take a pay cut of \$6 million in the process. Therefore, over the course of his five year contract, the Syracuse product took \$123 million rather than the league maximum of \$129 million. The type of sacrifice that you see from professional athletes these days is truly amazing!

The rule change has drawn attention to the selflessness and courage that James displayed in this message. It has really resonated with the league, as they have decided to take quick action on the indirect proposal that was given to them by the King. As a result, every single team will have to look at its roster and determine whether or not each player on the team is friends with the player that they plan on signing or trading for. The same rule applies to the other side of transactions, when a player being traded away or released from a team. Now, a team cannot release or trade a player if he is friends with any team members.

This brought quite a bit of relief



Career agitator Hansborough is among those affected by the new rule.

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to the Sacramento Kings camp, where unlikely best pals DeMarcus Cousins and Omri Casspi have guided their team to a 29-45 record. Prior to the move, the Kings were looking to shop Casspi to other teams, but after the rule change, a trade is no longer possible! Now, Cousins and Casspi will be able to continue their string of hilarious shenanigans without worrying about the consequences (or the Kings overall record). Already, we can see the beautiful effects that the "friendship" clause has had around the league.

Even with this victory, the greatest achievement of this rule change could come in the next few seasons, when the superstars of the league are given a chance to unite and play for the same team. Think of the NBA landscape when this rule has been implemented—it will be so much friendlier. Coaches will be able to run their practices flawlessly, as each of their players will apologize to one another every time they commit even the most minor transgressions. Never again will a situation arise where players could get into a scuffle in practice, because they will all love each other way too much.

Moving past their relationships on the court, the effect of this rule

change off the court could also be monumental. It will now be much easier for players to coordinate vacations, as they will have the same work schedule. Also, it will be much easier for the players' wives, who are also great friends, to hang out during the week. With this rule change, the wives of Anthony and Wade, La La Anthony and Gabrielle Union, can hang out practically every single day.

There are only a few sad stories that have resulted from the rule change thus far. Apparently, Charlotte Hornets forward Tyler Hansborough and Atlanta Hawks forward Kris Humphries are being forced to leave the league and play overseas. This does not have much to do with the quality of their play, as both have been on professional rosters for several years now. Instead, it has to do with their social status around the league, as both players apparently have no friends. We wish Mr. Hansborough and Mr. Humphries the best in their future endeavors.

The 2016 Sports Superlatives

by Chuck Downfield '17
Scowl Staff

MATING

With yet another successful sports season coming to a close, now is the time we take to look back. Not on the successes, not on the failures, but on the important things about the athletes we love. Each and every athlete is human and brings with them unique personalities and quirks. After careful study and hours of deliberating, we are proud to present the 2016 Sports Superlatives.

Most Likely to Run for President — Jeremy Lin, Charlotte Hornets

Ivy League educated? Check. Nationally recognized? Check. Great hair that will sway undecided voters in his favor? Check. On top of that, who doesn't love an underdog? Lin has presidential written all over him, and will inevitably throw his hat in the ring for the 2028 election, following President Kanye West's successful two-term presidency.

Class Clown — Rob Gronkowski, New England Patriots

On the outside, Gronkowski is a specimen: he's 6'6"/265 pounds, and arguably the toughest player to guard in the NFL. On the inside, Gronk is no more than a 14-year-old-boy. He loves to party, and takes delight in the



Russell and Bryant helped the Lakers dominate the superlatives.

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most trivial of things. Just look at his inaugural Instagram video—Gronk is a little boy wrapped in a lumberjack's build. You can bet your money on him being the class clown in high school.

Best Dressed — Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City Thunder

Westbrook is often chided for his outfit choice, but it's evident to the more sophisticated class of people that he's just ahead of his time. You'll all be wearing capris and weird short-sleeve button-ups soon, mark my words.

Worst Case of Senioritis — Kobe Bryant, Los Angeles Lakers

Bryant announced his retirement in late 2015 and might as well have retired right then and there. He shoots with no regard for human life, his performance has markedly declined, and he is visibly irritated (if not sick and tired of) his younger teammates. Sound like you in high school? That's what I thought.

Class Flirt — Tiger Woods, PGA Tour

There is nothing else that needs to be said about this.

Cutest Couple —Shelden Williams, Former NBA Player, and Candace

Parker, Los Angeles Sparks

Shelden Williams stinks at basketball, but that didn't stop him from marrying Parker, one of the WNBA's most talented players. Parker has dunked in a game before, and although Williams flamed out after a few years in the NBA, there is no doubt that a Williams-Parker child will be at the top of their recruiting class in the next decade or so. Unless they learned their basketball from Williams, who is really bad at basketball.

Most Likely to Videotape His Teammate While Asking About an Affair —D'Angelo Russell, Los Angeles Lakers

This isn't a superlative, you say? Well it is now. Russell, in an attempt to steal Gronkowski's class clown title, recently taped a video of teammate Nick "Swaggy P" Young talking about cheating on his partner Iggy Azalea. It was an easy win for Russell in this category, simply because nobody else has ever done this.