



Those We Lost

PC Remembers 9/11

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CAMPUS

Last Sunday marked the 15th anniversary of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. To honor the people lost on that tragic day and to ensure that those who lost their lives are never forgotten, many Providence College students congregated on the Slavin Lawn to place nearly 3,000 American flags in remembrance of those who died that day.

September 11 will forever be a somber day for our nation, and as it is particularly hard for those whose loved ones were lost in the tragic attacks, the College Republicans organized a series, called "Never Forget," to give students an outlet to come together and remember the thousands of people who passed

away 15 years ago. There were three separate events that the club organized throughout the day as a memorial for 9/11.

The first event, and the most public of the three, was the aforementioned planting of the flags on Slavin Lawn on Sunday morning. Close to 50 students attended and worked together to plant the small flags. After the flag placement, Fr. Peter Martyr, O.P., led the group of students in a memorial prayer service. Together, Fr. Martyr and students prayed for those who lost their lives, for their families and friends who were left behind, and, perhaps most difficultly, for mercy upon those who were responsible for the terrible actions of 9/11.

PC once again proved itself to be a close knit community, and in these difficult moments of prayer and reflection there was a tangible sense of caring and support among the crowd.

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Red, White, and BOP

Annual Event Welcomes Students Back to Campus

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ON CAMPUS

The weather this weekend could not have been more perfect. The sun was shining, there were hardly any clouds in the sky, and the Providence College community came out in support of BOP's "Provapalooza" on the afternoon of Friday, September 9. Sammy McSweeney '17 and the BOP social committee planned the event that included live music, catered food, dancing, gift bags, a mechanical bull, and an inflatable obstacle course.

The highlight of the event was the Cape Cod Slackers Band. They performed great 1990s and early 2000s rock songs that were a huge hit. Students over the age of 21 enjoyed the beer garden right next to the stage as the Slackers performed songs such as "Africa," "American Girl," "Chicken Fried," "Only Want To Be With You," "Wagon Wheel," and much more.

McSweeney was very happy with the band choice, stating, "The Cape Cod Slackers Band embodied our American theme, and they were a crowd pleaser for sure."

Another big hit was Provapalooza's food spread. As the warm weather begins to disappear and Providence College transitions into fall, BOP was able to provide a family-style barbecue complete with barbecue-marinated chicken, pulled pork, garden and pasta salads, and cornbread. For just \$3 everyone was able to eat as much as they pleased.

In addition to the BBQ food, BOP also had a station full of enthusiastic



Brittany High '18 and Anna Haywood '19 are all smiles at BOP's annual event. KRISTINA HO '18/ THE COWL

members passing out bags of kettle corn free of charge to anyone walking past. For a very cheap price, everyone was well fed and was able to join together as a community to enjoy one of the last few warm afternoons.

Besides the music and the food, the other big hits of Provapalooza were the mechanical bull and the inflatable obstacle course. The mechanical bull was set up in the middle of the lower quad lawn, and there was someone showing off their skills at any given time. The record for the mechanical bull was around 40 seconds, but the average time was around 25-30 seconds.

Meanwhile, the obstacle course was modeled after the TV show, *Wipeout*. It involved four inflatable balls, and the participant had to run across the tops of the balls to the other side of the obstacle. While this may seem like an easy task, many students found themselves falling quite short. Only a handful of students were able to successfully cross the obstacle without falling.

The central theme for Provapalooza 2016 was patriotism. Gift bags were readily available and were full of American flag bandanas, BOP water bottles, American flag inflatable balls, and sunglasses. Ever present was the inflatable Uncle Sam who welcomed all to the event.

Overall, Provapalooza was a success. Hundreds of people turned out and enjoyed the free, incredible music and the family style food.

Reflecting on the event as a whole, McSweeney stated, "It turned out to be a great event and we're looking forward to planning more great events for this year!"

Remembrance: Paying Respect Fifteen Years Later

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When asked about the motivations for putting together the "Never Forget" events, Chris Campanelli '19, co-president of the Providence College Republicans, said, "Our main goal was to make sure that nobody forgets 9/11 even 15 years later."

College Republicans created an event where students could come together and remember 9/11 with the comfort and support of one another. Campanelli felt that they succeeded in their goal of not letting those who lost their lives on 9/11 go unremembered, remarking, "Father Peter Martyr, as well as members of the PC pep band playing 'taps,' made the event even more special."

For those who wished to remember in a more private and personal setting, there was a memorial held on St. Martin lawn on Sunday morning.

Finally, the "Never Forget" series concluded with an evening event in the Slavin

Soft Lounge where people who have a deep connection to the attacks could come together and share stories and thoughts about the tragedy.

These last two events were held in more intimate venues than Slavin lawn in order to create a more private and personal feeling.

Thanks to Campanelli and the College Republicans, PC did its part to ensure that the victims of the 9/11 terror attacks will never be forgotten; meanwhile, throughout the rest of the country, similar memorials were occurring.

In lower Manhattan, at the site of the former World Trade Center, hundreds of people gathered at the National September 11 Memorial and Museum to attend a ceremony which began at 8:40 a.m.—two minutes before the United Airlines Flight 93 took off from Newark International Airport—with the playing of the national anthem and a reading of all the names of those whose lives were lost in

the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center.

There were six specific moments of silence at the event to mark particularly terrible times on that day 15 years ago: when the first plane hit the North Tower, the second plane hit the South Tower, when the plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., when the flight crashed in Pennsylvania, and when the two towers fell.

At PC, the "Never Forget" events were successful in making it known to students acutely affected by the attacks that they are not alone, and perhaps there is no better message than this to be sending out on such a tragic anniversary.

Campanelli expressed great gratitude and noted, "The most important part of the day was undoubtedly seeing students with all backgrounds come out and remember what happened on 9/11, I am truly grateful for all the help."



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Friar Flashback: Dalmations & Dominicans

The Evolution of the Friar Mascot from 1935 to Present Day

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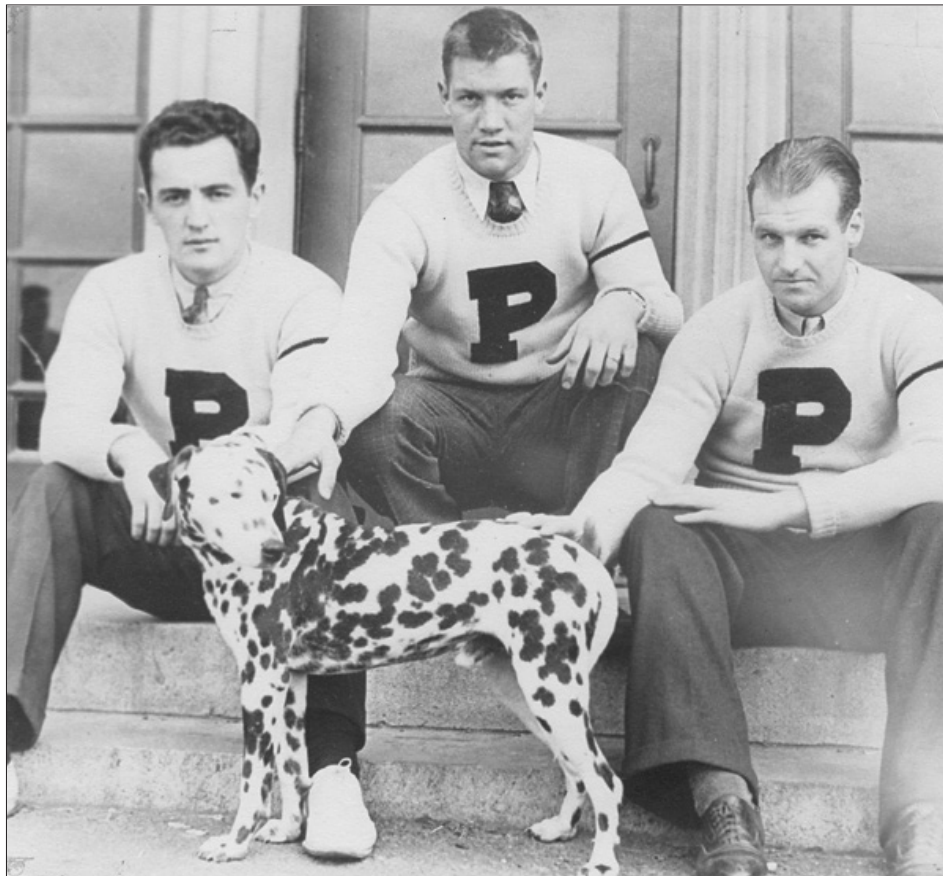
FRIAR FLASHBACK

At a usual basketball game in the Dunkin' Donuts Center, you can always count on a few things—a crowd dressed in black and white, chants of “Go Friars,” and an overexcited Friar Dom dancing his heart out. Friar Dom, the current Providence College mascot, has become part of the Providence College culture and norm. But before Friar Dom adorned the PC colors, there was “Friar of What-Ho,” the Dalmatian mascot.

In November of 1935, PC, still an all male college with a football team, premiered its first mascot at a football game against Niagara University. Purchased by the Friars Club, the Dalmatian “Friar of What-Ho,” was named after his origin of What-Ho Farm in Washingtonville, New York.

A *Cowl* reporter from 1935 said, “[He] did himself proud [at the crowd], considering the young pup was making his first appearance before a boisterous football crowd.”

“Friar of What-Ho” was looked after by the Friars Club and Dominican brothers. He was a favorite around campus for fans and students and had special meaning to the Dominican brothers, who are often referred to as the “watchdogs of the Lord.” The mascot died in 1937 and was replaced by another Dalmatian, “Friar Boy.”



“Friar of What-Ho,” an actual dalmation dog, was PC’s first mascot. PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE.EDU

The Friars Club and the Order of Preachers took care of the dog and kept him at the top of Smith Hill in Providence. Four generations of Friar Boys continued on campus, until Friar Boy IV died in 1963.

PC then converted to today’s official mascot, introducing the human representation of a Dominican Friar: Friar Dom. The modern mascot has transformed from a jolly Friar, often compared to Friar Tuck of the Tales

of Robin Hood, to a more serious and refined Friar.

For the College’s 75th anniversary, PC brought back the Dalmatian mascot to campus athletics; Friar Boy V premiered on January 16, 1993. Friar Boy lived in St. Joseph’s Hall with Brother Kevin O’Connell, O.P., the moderator of Friars Club. A Friars Club member was also chosen to help Brother O’Connell care for the dog.

The Providence College sports page from 1993 stated that this position was a “great honor and aspiration of many students.” Along with a live dog, the school had a Dalmatian mascot character to skate in Schneider Arena and shoot at the Dunkin’ Donuts Center. Friar Boy V died in 2001.

Today, Friar Dom leads the Friar Fanatics on the court and on the ice. Five students rotate as the mascot and can be seen at athletic events, campus activities, and even engagement parties and weddings. He was seen supporting Friars across the country in past years at the Big East Tournament, Frozen Four, and College Cup. Friar Dom has even made national headlines in the past few years, as he was voted the scariest mascot in College basketball.

Friartown’s mascots have continually changed over the years, celebrating the energetic and beloved Dalmatian to the fun, and slightly scary, Dominican. As athletics starts a new season, students can count on seeing something that has prevailed over 100 years—Friar spirit.

Dr. Leo Kahane, Ph.D. Chosen as New Endowed Chair

Professor Begins Five-Year Term as PC’s Endowed Chair in Economics

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ON CAMPUS

Michael A. Ruane '71 and his wife, Elizabeth Ruane, have gifted to Providence College funds to create a new endowed chair in economics. Dr. Leo Kahane has been named to the five-year appointment, which took effect on July 1, 2016. Proceeds from the endowment will allow for the continuation of the faculty position in perpetuity.

Before being named the new endowed chair, Kahane was a professor of economics and an interim department chair. He received his bachelor’s degree in economics and social sciences from the University of California, Berkeley and received his master’s and Ph.D. degrees in economics from Columbia University. He is an expert in sports economics, applied economics, and international trade. He has been teaching at PC since 2010.

This is the second endowed chair that the Ruanes will have created at PC, and PC’s third overall. In 2013, they gifted funds to create the Michael A. Ruane Endowed Chair for Innovation in Business Education.

This chair was appointed to Dr. M. Cary Collins, professor of finance. Mr. Ruane earned a bachelor’s degree in economics from PC in 1971, and went on to attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ruane is the founder, chair, and managing partner of TA Realty, one of the largest real estate investment advisory firms in the nation. He is also the former chair of the Providence College Board of Trustees.

In 2013, the Ruane Center for the Humanities was dedicated and named for the Ruanes, as was the Ruane Atrium in the Concannon Fitness Center.

The new endowed chair position shows a commitment to quality teaching and learning within the economics department, and gives the department an improvement in prestige and reputation.

Kahane commented on his new appointment saying, “Being the inaugural Michael A. Ruane Chair in Economics is a tremendous honor and it brings with it a number of privileges and responsibilities.”

Kahane now has a reduced teaching

load, as he teaches one less course per semester. This allows him to devote more time to curricular reform, course development, mentoring junior faculty, and increasing his own research output.

Kahane also believes that the creation of the endowed chair will help increase the quality of the Department of Economics as it continues to develop. Kahane states, “The establishment of this endowed chair will help elevate the economics department as we continue to rebuild.”

Kahane also commented that the endowed chair will help the department to look more attractive to Ph.D. candidates

that are on the job market, and this comes at a time when the department is in the process of hiring new faculty members.

The mark of the Ruane family can be seen around the PC campus, and within several different departments. The creation of the endowed chair will bring more resources, opportunities, and research output to the economics department.

As Kahane says, “Mr. Ruane has left an indelible mark on the PC campus, both physically and academically, and I can’t thank him enough for his generosity.”



Dr. Kahane, a PC faculty member since 2010, now assumes the “tremendous honor” of being an endowed chair.

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Bursting the PC Bubble

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Native American Tribes Fight for Land

On Friday, September 9, Judge James Boasberg of the U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. denounced the request of the Rock Sioux Tribe to halt construction on the Dakota Access oil pipeline, believing there is not enough evidence showing that the project will cause harm. The tribe fears the pipeline will contaminate vital water resources, which are essential for drinking water, irrigation, fishing, religious and cultural ceremonies, and will destroy sacred burial grounds.

The Department of Justice, Army, and Department of the Interior then announced they would take steps to protect the lake, temporarily stopping construction and requesting Dakota Access voluntarily halts construction 20 miles before Lake Oahe. The pipeline, which will run through North and South Dakota into Iowa and Illinois, is expected to create thousands of construction jobs and generate millions in tax revenue for the respective states. Over 200 native tribes have come together to protest the pipeline.

Nigerians Starving and Malnourished

In Northeast Nigeria, over a quarter of a million children are severely malnourished due to disrupted trade and farming under Boko Haram, a local Islamic extremist group. Doctors Without Borders, who run an emergency feeding center, have called the situation "catastrophic." U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Toby Lanzer believes there are still two million people suffering that have not been reached. Refugees are unable to afford local food, and government officials have been accused of stealing food aid.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Canonized

Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa, a nun known worldwide for her devotion to the poor, on Sunday, September 4. Huge crowds gathered around St. Peter's Square, including world leaders and members of the Missionaries of Charity Sisterhood, which was founded by Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa is credited with saving a Brazilian man, who was unexpectedly cured of brain tumors after his priest prayed to Mother Teresa, and an Indian woman who suffered from an abdominal tumor. 1,500 homeless men and women from across Italy were bused to the ceremony and given seats of honor, paying homage to Mother Teresa's work for the less fortunate.

iPhone 7 to Be Released September 16

The iPhone 7 is coming, and it is new and improved. Tim Cook, CEO of Apple Inc., recently introduced his latest product to the world. The iPhone 7, which can now be pre-ordered and will premiere Sept. 16, is expected to have a more advanced camera, better battery life, a brighter color display, and louder and clearer speakers. The phone ranges in price from \$649-\$849 and comes in new colors, such as Jet Black and Matte Black. Users will also notice the phone no longer has a headphone jack, but will include Lightning EarPods that connect to the phone and an adapter.

Congress Updates

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CONGRESS

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Executive President Andrew Konnerth '17 recently met with Fr. Brian Shanley, O.P., to discuss various off-campus concerns. The off-campus parking ban and the subsequent need for more on-campus parking was discussed. Furthermore, the recent "sticker" of student houses by the Providence Police Department was brought to the attention of the administration, as the College was previously unaware that students were facing fines. Off-Campus Coalition meetings are being held in order to facilitate communication between the administration and the students.

Konnerth also introduced the "Campus Initiative to Improve Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility," which will be discussed in greater detail at a later meeting.

Finally, Kristine Goodwin, vice president for student affairs, will attend the Congress meeting scheduled for Sept. 20. This is part of a new policy where a different dean will be at the Congress meetings every week, giving students the opportunity to speak to them about their questions and concerns.

Bob Driscoll, associate vice president and athletics director, and Coach Ed Cooley will be attending the Congress meeting the following week on Tuesday, September 27.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

A new process for streamlining emails will soon be initiated in order to reduce the amount of emails that students receive every day. There is also an effort being made to combine Cyberfriar and Sakai into one portal.

In addition, a piece of legislation was passed that aims to make PC a more environmentally-friendly college.

Club Spotlight: Circolo Italiano

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Wine, cannolis, and meatballs — the perfect Italian mix! Students that are part of Circolo Italiano, the Italian club on campus, get a taste of all these things at meetings and events.

The club, which was founded in 1924 and is the oldest cultural club on campus, teaches students about the Italian culture and traditions.

President of Circolo Italiano, Brooke Clark '17, said this year the club aims to be "more inclusive and activity based."

Past events that will be continued into this year include Mangia, a night of catered food and meatball eating contests, wine tasting with wine

donated from an alum, and "Things for Thursdays" featuring cannolis. All events welcome the whole campus to come and participate and are a great way to meet new people.

Julia Rizza '17, treasurer of the club, also mentioned new study abroad panels for the upcoming fall. Students that went to Rome and Florence can give feedback to students about living in Italy, from favorite restaurants to a guide for traveling.

The club is welcome to anyone on campus and members do not have to speak or be Italian to join.

Elissa Stagliano '17, vice president, said, they aim to teach more about the Italian culture and show "how it impacted our lives." The club meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in the Slavin Mural Lounge.



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OPINION

United We Stand

We Need To Live Everyday Like We "Never Forget"

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SOCIETY

Two thousand, nine hundred and seventy seven flags stood on Slavin Lawn on Sunday, September 11, reminding us of the 2,977 lives lost on that day 15 years ago. For college students, most of whom are nearing or just over the age of 20, 15 years seems like an eternity; it is an eternity for those who lost loved ones on that day. Our country makes a concerted, beautiful effort to respect the fallen and to remember the consequences, to "Never Forget"; however, despite our best efforts to unite on this day, our country is severely divided on virtually every issue we discuss the other 364 days a year. To fully appreciate and respect the victims of 9/11, we need to become a more united country every day.

At 8:30 a.m. on September 11, 2016, the College Republicans and the College Democrats awoke together before the rest of the campus in order to plant flags on Slavin Lawn, followed by remarks from Father Peter-Martyr, a rendition of "Taps," and a moment of silence. There was also a private memorial on St. Martin Hall Lawn and a "Never Forget" event in the evening in Slavin, where people came together to share their memories of loved ones. The day in which these two clubs with, by definition, opposing views came together to honor the victims and heroes of 9/11 was a beautiful, important moment. It was a moment of unity.

This unity is refreshing, because we do not act that way most of the time in modern America. We may all come together during national tragedy and unite under our flag, but we spend the rest of year almost completely divided. We scream at each other on the

Internet over issues we do not fully understand. We talk without listening. We joke about leaving our country if one person or the other is elected. We are not proud of our nation—and that is the biggest insult we could give to the victims and heroes for whom we fly our flags.

In the wake of 9/11, the United States was a single, united front, brought together by our mutual suffering and a real, genuine belief in our ideals as the land of the free. We never forgot, day to day, what had happened to us. It made us stronger. It made us a nation. It was a consequence that we felt good about because we knew that those who sacrificed did not do so in vain.

But, just like everything else in the passage of time, the events of 9/11 have faded in our memories and do not even exist in the memories of our youngest citizens. Like the devastating tragedy of Pearl Harbor, it is on its way to becoming a sad statistic or paragraph in a textbook. Unfortunately, that will become inevitable as we grow old. Not having a memory of 9/11 is not an insult to the victims, because not having the memory cannot be helped by those who were not

there. That is one of the reasons why we "Never Forget," so that those who have never known can come to know, and thus the legacy of sacrifice and consequences lives on.

But we don't live with that legacy every day, and that is the problem. We live divided as if the lesson of American patriotism and unity has been forgotten over the years. Flags go up on lawns, but Americans still bicker inside the houses. Having different opinions is okay; it's a part of democracy. Disrespecting and refusing to cooperate with others because of those different opinions is not. America immediately post-9/11 would shudder at the division of our nation today and weep at the lesson we haven't learned—that we are only strong when we are together.

We will obviously never forget, and every effort to honor the fallen victims is commendable and never to be frowned upon. However, the best way to remember the sacrifice of the heroes and the fallen victims isn't to add a filter to our profile picture or Instagram post; the best way to remember is to be a united front, to stop bickering and fighting amongst ourselves, and to truly be proud of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Heroin Addiction in America

What the Ohio Photos Reveal About Our Prejudices

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SOCIETY

Over the weekend, one of the top trending news stories on Facebook and across the internet highlighted a shocking and disturbing incident of drug abuse and overdose.

Last Wednesday, a police officer in the city of East Liverpool, Ohio pulled over a car that was driving haphazardly on a freeway. What he found when he approached the vehicle was distressing; a male driver was nearly unconscious and experiencing slurred speech and muscle convulsions, and a woman on the passenger side was passed out and slumped over, her face and body discolored. In the back of the car, a young boy sat alone in a car seat. When EMT paramedics arrived at the scene it became apparent that the man and woman had overdosed on heroin. After being revived, the two were arrested on charges of drug use and, rightly, child endangerment.

The next day the city of East Liverpool published graphic photos of the incident on their Facebook page, explaining it was necessary to show the dire effects of heroin abuse to the general public. Although the City's intent of bringing attention to the nationwide heroin and opioid epidemic is benevolent, the published photos

border on public shaming and censure, more so than serving as an effective means of drug abuse prevention. Furthermore, addiction needs to be understood for what it is: a disorder that is influenced by genetics, psychology, and social factors. Therefore, addiction should be treated and addressed as a public health issue and not primarily as a criminal or stigmatized one.

America is in the midst of an unprecedented heroin and opioid epidemic. Statistics provided by the U.S. department of Health and Human Services report that opioids, specifically heroin, prescription pain medications, and the synthetic fentanyl, have significantly contributed to a dramatic spike in drug overdoses and death in the U.S. In 2014, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that over 47,000 people died of drug overdose and more than half of these deaths were caused by opioids.

Among the factors contributing to the current crisis, the overprescribing of pain medication and the abundance of cheap street heroin are believed to be the most significant. As it is becoming increasingly clear that opioid abuse presents a significant danger to the American public, it is also clear that is a danger that does not discriminate against its victims based on race, class, gender or age. Nearly every racial and class demographic has been impacted by the crisis, with middle class whites

and Native Americans being affected the most. If the poster child of the crack cocaine epidemic in the 1980s was poor, marginalized black communities, the face of the opioid crisis is increasingly white suburbia.

It should not go unacknowledged that there has been a markedly different response from most media and politicians regarding the mostly white users of opioids versus the mostly black and minority users of crack cocaine; there are greater echoes of sympathy for the former while the latter was met with often severe criminal crackdowns in an expanding war on drugs. The systemic racism that influences these different perspectives is a significant discussion to highlight, but a change in attitudes toward addiction in one group can hopefully influence equal treatment across the board. However, the published photos from Ohio present a step in the wrong direction in changing attitudes toward addiction and understanding it as a public health crisis.

Ultimately, public shaming and scare tactics are not good prevention methods. The shared photos serve a greater purpose of being a shocking, superficial warnings against drug use and of degrading the people involved, than they do of furthering a productive conversation on drug abuse and addiction. Stigmatization of addicts only helps to outcast the "immoral"

individuals from the conventional image of the morally upright citizen. It does not help us to understand addiction, how to curb it and how to afford humanity to those who suffer from it. A wide medical consensus on addiction is that it is a complex disorder influenced by an individual's biological inheritance of dependent behaviors, their psychological responses to rewarding behaviors and their social environments including relationships, access to resources, and culture. In respect to the opioid crisis, efforts to curb the effects of addiction must start with the healthcare system and addressing the widespread overprescribing of prescription pain medications.

Furthermore, greater investment in comprehensive drug rehabilitation centers and drug monitoring programs will provide people with greater opportunity to seek safe and effective treatment for their addiction disorders. The more people are exposed to an empathic discourse on addiction and provided access to quality treatment resources, the less likely they will suffer and die in silence.

Issues of drug addiction should not be treated as a purely criminal issue or as a basis for public shaming. The effects of drug addiction are far reaching and their solution require an equally far-reaching reform of attitudes and policies.

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Snag Your Golden Ticket

Basketball Season Ticket Holders Get the V.I.P Experience

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CAMPUS

As the third week of the semester comes to a close, the clock continues to tick for purchasing Providence College basketball season tickets. Perhaps you are a freshman student at PC and no one has had a chance to tell you that purchasing season tickets is a must. You could also be a sophomore or upperclassman who still has yet to enjoy this pass. Maybe you were too busy in previous semesters and felt like it would go to waste. Regardless of the reason, now is your chance to correct this wrong.

In order to complete your Friar transformation, this has to be done. Trust me, you won't regret it. Now, why am I trying to convince the PC community to buy season tickets? I will tell you. During my high school years, I attended an all girls, private, Catholic institution where school spirit was lacking, at least for me. Our sports were not central to our school experience. However, when I began my freshman year at PC, this changed. I did not choose Providence College because of its sports teams. In fact, I came to PC believing that we did have a football team, just because why would I believe otherwise?

It was my dad who encouraged me to get season tickets when I began my freshman year. I knew I wanted to attend some games, but season



Kris Dunn '16 plays in a game against Marquette on January 6, 2016 in Providence.

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tickets were not on my radar. Lucky for me, my father agreed to pay for them. However, this was not even the best part. The reason I appreciate the basketball games so much is because it is how I made the friends that I have today. What started as school spirit became a tradition, as we refused to miss a single game. At the end of the season, I had attended 11 of the 13 games, only missing two of them from school vacation and sickness. We even went to the one held on a snow day that had not been rescheduled. The basketball games joined us together in a way that I had not experienced before.

Season tickets alone have their perks, such as sitting in the student section, right up front behind the hoop. You are also in prime seating for getting shown on television—yes, it actually happens. I have been on the big screen multiple times for foolish dancing. You are in the perfect spot for prizes that are thrown to the crowd, and at the beginning of the games, in your seat sometimes awaits a light up glow stick, among other items. Also, depending on how many games you attend, at the end of the season you get exclusive apparel. I got a wicked comfortable sweatshirt, not to brag.

If it isn't already obvious, I buy season tickets every year. The perks are fantastic, but that is nothing compared to the experience. Buying season tickets will get you to actually go. On the night you have a lot of work, go anyways. It's worth it.

Colin Kaepernick: The Patriot

The 49ers Quarterback Sits For An Important Cause

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SOCIETY

Colin Kaepernick, a quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers, has caused a media frenzy for his refusal to stand during the national anthem in his team's last two preseason games. He chooses not to stand in support of racial minorities who have endured mistreatment at the hands of police officers. The nation's response has largely been to criticize and debase Kaepernick for disrespecting the flag and for failing to be a patriot. Yet Kaepernick's willingness to kneel shows a true concern for his fellow African Americans and his country as a whole. He is a great example of an honest, aware, and respectful citizen in a country that says it values these aspects in its people more than any others.

Kaepernick has decided that in a sport and a world where money talks, he will speak out for something he truly believes in. By making a decision that calls significant attention to himself and which has subsequently created a massive controversy, he has put an issue that matters to him over his job status. When he sat for the anthem during the team's third preseason game on Aug. 28, he was in the midst of a quarterback battle that could eventually cost him his job. He still chose to put himself in the crosshairs of controversy, only adding to the chances that the 49ers may not keep him around. Considering these stakes, his courage is admirable.

Beyond courage, Kaepernick has chosen to participate in a small but growing group of minority athletes who have used their celebrity spotlight as a platform against injustice. The late Muhammad Ali fought the draft and refused to fight in Vietnam. Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists during the national anthem in a "Black Power"



Kaepernick sits in protest of police brutality during a playing of the National Anthem.

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salute at the 1968 Olympics. While each of these actions were highly controversial at the time, they have come to symbolize the beauty of free speech and belief. Each man acted on his belief that he could contribute to the cause for social change. Kaepernick believes the exact same thing; his refusal to stand for the national anthem now, in 2016, will hopefully help someone in 2026 live in a more just society. Sometime this summer, amidst all the shootings and brutal treatment of minorities by police officers, Kaepernick's nerve was touched in a way that he knew he had to do something to show his solidarity. In front of millions of people and with his job on the line was a courageous place to do it.

Kaepernick has proven that he has an understanding of what makes America a great country. America is not a great place because each of its citizens enjoys unbounded freedom and the unobstructed pursuit of happiness. But Kaepernick exercises the most beautiful of American rights:

the ability to care for his country while criticizing and imploring it to be better, so much so that he is willing to take on an avalanche of criticism. Michael Eric Dyson, a Georgetown professor of Sociology writing for theundefeated.com, says that Kaepernick "believes so deeply in his nation that he is willing to offer correction rather than abandon the nation."

The first part of fixing a problem is always acknowledging that there is a problem. Kaepernick's refusal to stand brings the problem of police brutality against minorities to the forefront of the country's most popular sport. And while the higher-ups of the NFL have reportedly disliked the protest, Kaepernick has started a trend. During the league's opening weekend, players from at least four other teams performed some type of protest during the anthem. So appreciate Kaepernick for being courageous and inspiring others to voice their beliefs. That is a true patriot.

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Remember the Good in the World

by **Katie Puzycki '17**
Editor-in-Chief

EDITOR'S COLULMN

This week, I'm reminded of the words from the Fleetwood Mac song, "Landslide." Specifically the part that goes: "But time made you bolder / Even children get older / And I'm getting older too."

September always greets me with the presence of nostalgia. I'm not sure if this is because it seems to mark the restart of reality—the thought alone of the impending winter months is



enough to make me reminisce about the many summer days I spent on the beach—or if it is because I am getting older and simply notice the changing times with clearer eyes.

I've recently decided, amidst this changing climate, that it can be good to reflect on the way things were in the past. It allows space for your memories to breathe after spending much time kept away. It never ceases to amaze me how even the smallest details of a day or a year of my life can still escape from the furthest corners of my brain and just remind me.

In fact, remembering things—and I don't mean my day's to-do list—has become my favorite pastime lately.

Remembering things, it seems, has had a relatively positive effect on my day-to-day life. It has made me, among many other things, grateful for the childhood I've gotten to experience and more considerate about the adulthood that I am continuing to enter into.

As you know, this past Sunday marked the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City. Now, this is something else that I like to remember each year when the date comes up, even despite

the nature of the memory and the sadness that surrounds it.

This time, I'm reminded of another song. It's one I can vividly remember my dad playing for me after Alan Jackson released it: "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)." The lyrics of the song are a call for us all to remember where we were and what we did on that September day. In the chorus Jackson repeats, "Faith, hope and love are some good things He gave us / And the greatest is love."

Those words have been my own personal kind of reminder, one that I try not to forget throughout the year. But with all the seemingly bad things that happen each and every day, it can be hard to remember. Sometimes we need to take a step back to see the goodness that does still exist in the world. Maybe we even need to take a step back and be that goodness that world still desperately needs.

As we remember those who have died and those who have fought for us, I hope that we can find peace. I hope that we will not allow fear to dictate how we see the world. And I hope that time can make us all a little "bolder"—bolder to not forget, bolder to always love.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

We All Need To Walk Faster

After a summer free of having to scramble from lower campus to Ruane, you forget, or perhaps never truly appreciate, those longer breaks you have between some of your classes. You look at your schedule, which has three back to back classes, and think to yourself, "This is great! I'll get them all over with and can do whatever I want later." At least, it seems great in theory. That's before your class gets out one minute late, and somehow that one minute makes all the difference. It does not matter if you are in Smith or in Feinstein—you aren't getting anywhere fast. Not when your fellow students who seem to be living in their own world are holding up traffic. The pathway from the chapel to Ruane is the worst, with people moving in all different directions at varying speeds. Some are in a hurry. Others are taking their sweet time. But all you are concerned about is if you are actually going to arrive to class on time or if you are going to have to face the shame of walking in when the professor has already started talking. The worst part about the slow walkers is that, when you try to go around them, there are always people coming from the other direction, leaving no room to sneak past. Instead there is nothing to do but suffer in silence and pray that the kid in front of you will get the message.

- Hannah Paxton '19

What Is An Orange Sticker?

A staple of the neighborhood of rented student housing that surrounds the Providence College campus is the orange sticker. These bright, "Halloween Orange" notices that are stamped to the front of student housing are supposedly being used to further, and in a more strict and concrete fashion, enforce laws pertaining to noise levels as well as gatherings on private property that disturb neighbors. Essentially, a house that hosts a gathering that consists of unlawful conduct such as public drunkenness, excessive noise, and other disorderly behavior will be given an orange sticker by the Providence Police Department that warns the tenants of a civil fine, with the hopes of preventing further disturbances.

Something that stands out about this orange sticker policy is the fact that it seems to only be targeting one specific form of gathering or party that an off campus student would host. For example, an outdoor gathering of any size, with music being played loudly and underage students consuming alcohol will almost always result in police intervention and, according to the orange sticker legislature, a big orange slap on the wrist posted to the tenant's front door.

What does this policy show about the city and the school's intentions when it comes to underage drinking? Is the primary focus of the city and the school administrators to protect the students and ensure that no underage student is harmed? Or is it to protect the image of Providence College in the eyes of the other residents of the city, or even in the eyes of the school's alumni and other potential donors?

-Dan Barton '18

It's Time For Fall Already

September is an odd month in New England. The mornings start out with jeans and jackets, and by lunchtime, everyone is longing for those shorts and T-shirts they left discarded in their chilly rooms only hours earlier. And honestly, I am sick of it. This time of year evokes images of warm, fuzzy sweaters, crunchy leaves covering the pathways, and pumpkin spice lattes, but our reality is still 90-degree days that make the walk from Slavin to Ruane feel like it is miles long. Yes, I know that it is not officially autumn until the end of September, but my stuffy room in Aquinas and my overworked fans are longing for cooler temperatures. Making a nice warm cup of tea and snuggling up to watch *Hocus Pocus* is no fun when you are dripping sweat and the "blanket" you are cuddled under is just the hot, humid air of your dorm room. The weeks are already going by fast, and I need more time to enjoy the absolute best season of the year before it is eventually replaced by snowstorms and icicles. Summer was fun, and I certainly enjoyed it; but let's face it, summer is over and it is time to bring on fall!

-Taylor Godfrey '19



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ABOVE: Students place flags on Slavin Lawn in honor of 9/11, sponsored by College Republicans.

BELOW: PC students volunteer to teach and interact with adults from the community, sponsored by Campus Ministry.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Students make dorm decorations for Things for Thursday, sponsored by BOP.

TOP LEFT: Students enjoy food, live performances, and more at the annual Provapalooza, sponsored by BOP.

TOP RIGHT: Students compete in a basketball tournament as part of the Hall Olympics, sponsored by ResLife.

BELOW: Students watch and support the New England Patriots against the Arizona Cardinals.



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What is your favorite song to sing at karaoke?



"Ma Ya Hi."
Bui Tung '17



"Year 3000' by the Jonas Brothers."
Brittany Price '18



"Don't Stop Believing' by Journey and 'Man I Feel Like a Woman' by Shania Twain."
Abbie Anderson '17, Kathleen Carpenter '19, and Kiera Brosnan '20



"Closer' by The Chainsmokers."
Pedro Alemán '17



"Chicken Fried' by Zac Brown Band."
Dan Chamberlain '20



"Say My Name' by Destiny's Child."
Charlie Quinn '17



"One Dance."

- Drake

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Steven Tyler Rocks Providence

by Joe Clancy '18
A&E Staff

MUSIC

"Sing with me, sing for the year, sing for the laughter, sing for the tear, sing with me, just for today maybe tomorrow, the good lord will take you away." Steven Tyler, of the world famous band Aerosmith, got the city of Providence to sing along with him Friday night as he played at the Providence Performing Arts Center. Tyler has made a number of appearances in the Ocean State since his first performance in 1973 as an opening act for a little known band from London, The Kinks.

Tyler's performance in Providence comes in the wake of health issues facing the band. Lead guitarist Joe Perry collapsed on stage in July and was then hospitalized. Tyler has been performing since 1970 at the age of 22 and in July, at the age of 68, Tyler told Howard Stern that Aerosmith will give one final farewell tour in 2017.

Despite the questions about his health and age, Tyler rocked the theater and proved that he is still the "Demon of Screamin'." The show opened with the Aerosmith's first breakthrough song "Sweet Emotion." The crowd gave Tyler a very warm response and he embraced them back. The next number was the classic rock icon song "Dream On." Tyler hit the vocals of the highpitched song perfectly. The Providence



Musician Steven Tyler performs.

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Performing Arts Center crowd sang along and dreamed on.

Tyler also paid homage to those he said influenced his music by covering a number of songs. For example, Tyler played Beatles tunes like "I am Down" and "Come Together." He also talked about and paid respect to The Kinks and the Rolling Stones as well as putting Led Zeppelin lyrics into his own songs. Afterward, Tyler played Janis Joplin's "Piece of my Heart" and a song by Fleetwood

Mac.

The show included a number of Aerosmith's greatest hits like "Dude Looks Like A Lady," "Walk this Way," and "Jaded." Tyler also used the performance to showcase some of his new material like "We're all Somebody Somewhere." Tyler has started to delve into new genres like Country, and is starting to stray from his hard rock and roll past, however it seems to be well received by both critics and fans.

When Tyler left the stage to a standing ovation from a crowd that demanded more. He came back out for an encore of three songs. "Janie's Got a Gun" was the first song up followed by with a new song "Only Heaven." The last number was "Train Kept A-Rollin." Tyler's performance was spectacular, showing the world that age is merely a number.

The Next Generation of MythBusters

by Ryan Cox '18
A&E Staff

TELEVISION

The year 2016 marked the end of an era for fans of *MythBusters*, the popular Discovery Channel show best known for its explosions and for making science appealing to its large fan base of all ages. Although hosts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman signed off after 248 episodes and well over 1,000 myths tested, the show is planned to continue on in some form.

According to a panel at science fiction convention DragonCon, the *MythBusters* build team—Kari Byron, Tory Belleci, and Grant Imahara—will reunite in *White Rabbit Project*, a *MythBusters* spin-off series planned to come to Netflix this December. At DragonCon, the show was described as "MythBusters in Wonderland," according to Polygon. An article from Slate writes, "The show's title comes from its concept: the trio will head down research rabbit holes to report on strange events and ideas. According to Deadline, that includes jailbreaks, superhero technology, heists, and crazy World War II weapons." Little is known about other plans for the show, but it is being produced by the same company that produced *MythBusters*—Beyond

Productions.

Byron, Belleci, and Imahara were removed suddenly from the *MythBusters* cast in 2014, as the show tried to return to its roots, having Savage and Hyneman as the only sole hosts of the show, and it was unclear at the time what their next projects would be. Between leaving *MythBusters* and beginning work on *White Rabbit Project*, Byron and Belleci hosted *Thrill Factor* on the Travel

Channel, and Imahara worked as a spokesman for McDonald's in one of their recent advertising campaigns. Fans of *MythBusters* seem excited to see the build team hosting a show again. Those who commented on various online articles on the subject are happy to see the build team back together again, and hope that *White Rabbit Project* will focus on the science behind the topics presented in each episode.

In addition to *White Rabbit Project*, The Science Channel announced back in March that they will try to revive *MythBusters* with new hosts. The new hosts will be selected by a reality TV-style competition called *Search for the Next MythBusters*. The competition will feature 15 aspiring *MythBusters* being put through different tasks, judged by a panel of people who have previously worked with *MythBusters*, and being eliminated until a winner—or winners—is selected. Science Channel General Manager Marc Etkind admits that he is not sure if the winner will be one person or a group of people, leaving it up to the chemistry that the contestants have with each other on screen. There is no word on when this show will air.

MythBusters clearly left a massive cultural footprint in both entertainment and science, producing a show that seamlessly combined the two and making scientific inquiry applicable to the real world, and most importantly, fun. For the franchise, any presence on TV and Netflix should be a positive one, refueling the passion that Savage and Hyneman gave to so many people, especially to kids. The original *MythBusters* still airs in reruns on both the Discovery and Science Channels.



MythBusters hosts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman.

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Putting the “M” Back in MTV

by Alexis Jais '18
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TELEVISION

Despite its conspicuous acronym implying regular “Music Television” broadcasting, MTV has produced very little in the way of music programming for much of the past decade. Reality television, pop-culture news, comedy, and teen drama shows and movies have comprised the majority of the network’s program listing since the mid-2000s. Programs such as *16 and Pregnant*, *Are You the One*, *My Super Sweet Sixteen*, *Girl/Guy Code*, *Jersey Shore*, and many more have since taken precedence on the network, making MTV appealing to a very different demographic than in previous decades.

While MTV’s primary initiative to air music video content and host unique live performances by prominent musical artists may have strayed over the past few years, the network has decided to revive one of its most iconic franchises, *Unplugged*, in the hope of returning to the channel’s roots.

Unplugged was first aired in November of 1989 and featured popular musicians performing acoustic “unplugged” editions of their songs on air. Some of the most popular *Unplugged* episodes include a solo appearance by Paul McCartney in April 1991 following his world

tour, featuring Beatles classics as well as a few originals; Bruce Springsteen, who appeared on the show in November 1992 and defied the *Unplugged* theme with his use of an electric guitar; Neil Young, who played for the show in April of 1993, scratching his solo performance for a few accompanied acoustic editions off his album *Harvest Moon*; Nirvana, who performed in December of 1993 and became one of *Unplugged*’s

more iconic performances, and Eric Clapton, who appeared on the show in March of 1992, much to the surprise of those who doubted his acoustic performance abilities.

Although MTV never entirely eliminated *Unplugged*, in the mid-2000s, music shows took a backseat to other types of programming, rendering the channel unappealing to many viewers. Some channels still aired reruns of the show, and there

were similar versions of it available on other networks as well as online.

The show’s popularity, not only with viewers but also artists, who often recorded and released “unplugged” album versions of songs from their repertoires, implies that the network may gain back the praise of a musically-focused demographic with the reintroduction of music programming, while also retaining the demographic to which MTV’s newer content appeals.

The reintroduction of *Unplugged*, while in itself very exciting to many dedicated fans of the show, is not the only addition to the network’s new music program listing. Another unique music series called *Wonderland*, co-developed with Comedy Central, will be a weekly, live music broadcast featuring well known musical artists and comedians. A premise similar to that of *Saturday Night Live*, *Wonderland* will be comprised of three different live music and comedy acts per episode, making this the first show of its kind on MTV in 20 years.

While airing music programming at a more consistent rate will help MTV regain the allegiance of many viewers, the network is also making sure to retain many of its current shows, which will give the channel a very broad viewer demographic. The network also plans to introduce at least 11 new non-music related shows to its listing in the coming years.



Kurt Cobain of Nirvana performs on MTV's *Unplugged*.

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Hiddleswift: Down in Flames

by Luiza Alves '19
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CELEBRITY

Although fans were hoping for the best, it may not come as a shock to skeptics that Taylor Swift and her latest boyfriend, Tom Hiddleston, have recently split. The 26-year-old pop singer and the 35-year-old actor embarked on a summer of traveling together to Italy, Australia, and the United Kingdom, to name a few of their destinations.

During their three months together, many criticized their relationship, claiming that both were moving too fast, having only met at the MET Gala in the spring. The pair went as far as to introduce each other to their families, flying each other across the world numerous times between Australia and the United States. Regardless of all the claims coming from the media, Swift’s best friends always had her back and supported her when meeting Hiddleston at her Fourth of July gathering at her Rhode Island home.

The cause of their breakup? Sources state that their relationship had come under too much scrutiny from the media, which did not aid the fact that they were worlds apart, while he was off filming in Australia. Naturally, distance overcame their relationship, though it was believed that they had fallen in love with each other in the short amount of time they spent together.

So where does this leave Swift? If one were to judge by her past relationships, it would be easy to



Tom Hiddleston and Taylor Swift pose for a photo.

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assume that some bad blood may exist between the two. This was especially the case with her second-to-last breakup with Scottish DJ, Calvin Harris.

Swift co-wrote with Harris for his latest single featuring Rihanna, “This Is What You Came For,” which turned out to be the subject of their

feud over social media. Harris called out Swift on his Twitter, claiming she was simply looking for “someone else to bury.”

Before Harris, Swift dated One Direction’s Harry Styles also under the public eye. In contrast, their relationship was kept more private and neither spoke too openly of the

other to any news outlets, as well as not having thrown shade at each other on any social media platforms. Nonetheless, two questions are left on the minds of fans and haters alike: who will Swift be dating next? And, more importantly, who will her next breakup song be about: Harris, Hiddleston, or both?

EDITOR VS. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Late Night Food

Patrick Lovett

Favorite Late Night Food: Chicken Wings

If you're one who craves adventure, who takes risks, plays it a little "fast and loose," as they say, there are always chicken wings. There are so many layers, so much at play with this snack, that every time you find something new to appreciate.

First, there's the sauce—what a variety. Whether you take it south with some barbecue or are feeling a little spicy and go for the Buffalo, there is no wrong choice. Each flavor is its own adventure.

Then there's the texture. If done right, you'll have a light crisp on the outside with the juicy chicken underneath. It's an experience all on its own.

And finally, there's the sheer number of them. Most of the time, it's a mental game when you're fighting the late night cravings, and so when you order food, the more the merrier. You'll be able to trick yourself into thinking you're eating more than you actually are and be all the happier because of that.

His Views on Paige: Even when you decide to binge, to go off the deep end, you don't need to go all the way off. Get something that comes with a side of celery, that gives you a little protein, not a concoction of fried bread and cheese.

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Patrick, are you just saying this because you're a celiac and can't eat mozzarella sticks?" Of course not. I'm totally not jealous. I'm fine. I definitely don't think about what it would be like to eat them all the time or stare at those lucky enough to order them. They don't haunt my dreams at all, so lay off.



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Paige Calabrese

Favorite Late Night Food: Mozzarella Sticks

What could possibly be better at 2 a.m. after a long night of studying, going out with friends, or battling that empty stomach, than mozzarella sticks? When done right, they are crunchy and golden on the outside, yet smooth and gooey on the inside. Pair them with a delicious marinara sauce and you are good to go!

Mozzarella sticks are easy to prepare by yourself, as you can buy frozen ones without having to compromise quality; additionally, making them from scratch is easy as well! The hot, soft, and filling qualities of mozzarella sticks make them the perfect snack for your late-night cravings you want to satisfy fast and easy.

Mozzarella sticks have such a comforting quality about them, many of us have fond memories of snacking on them as children or at fun events like a county fair or just time spent with friends.

Her Views on Patrick: While I appreciate a good chicken wing, it would not be the first thing I reach for at 2 a.m. Unless the wings are boneless, they present too high a choking hazard for a sleep-deprived, groggy individual, and I get a stomach ache just imagining how many I would have to consume in order to feel truly satisfied.

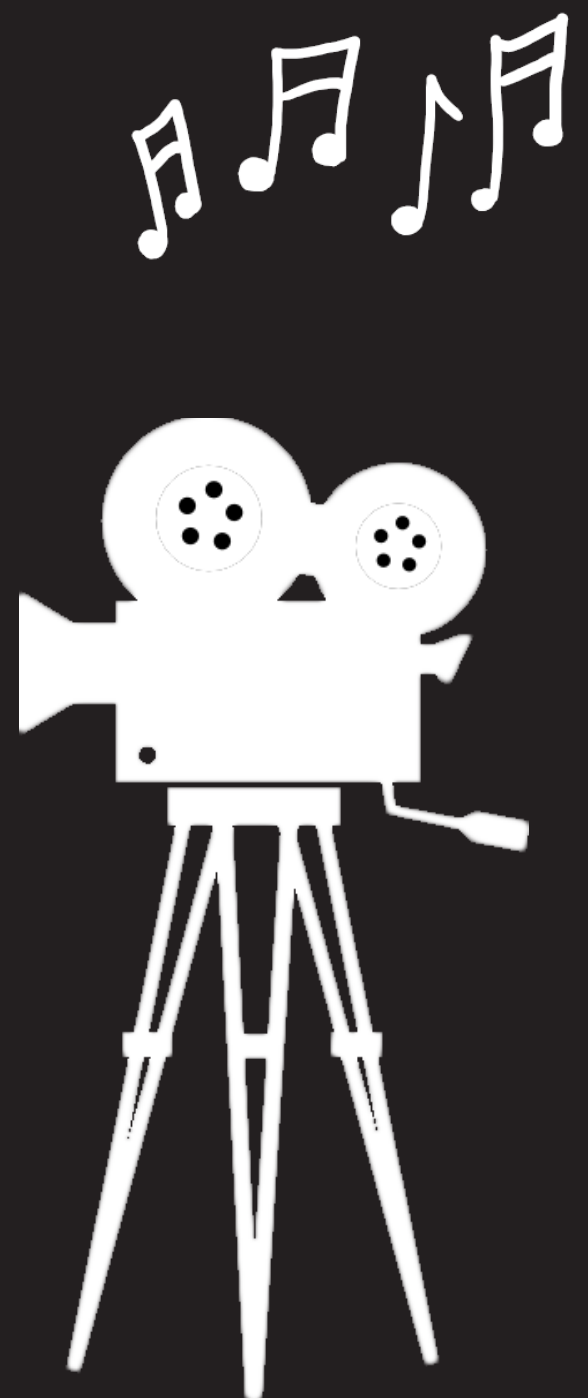
Wings also have a much longer preparation time than mozzarella sticks, and while they are delicious, how long would you really want to wait when it is already long past bedtime and your stomach is ready to devour itself?

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Not As Bad As Everyone Thinks

by Joey Aiello '17
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SHORT STORY

Tyler waved nervously as his last tangible tie to home pulled away in a 2007 Honda Civic. I'm completely on my own now, he thought once his mother's car was out of sight. He turned around and headed into Defranco Residence Hall. One left and three flights of stairs was now the commute to his bedroom. His fellow students were yelling and horsing around in the hallway. Two boys were playing a hallway-long game of catch with a Nerf football. Electronic dance music was pulsing through the walls of the entire floor from a large portable speaker. Tyler wanted to be excited. He knew that this was supposed to be a supremely fun experience, but he just couldn't escape this suffocating, drowning feeling. I'm surrounded by people, fun, and laughter he thought, why do I feel so alone, what if nobod

"Hi!" A voice interrupted Tyler's anxious internal descent. The voice belonged to a tall, handsome older looking student that was smiling at Tyler. He was wearing the kind of boat shoes Tyler's mom wanted him to buy for college, tan khaki shorts, and a lime green shirt that read "New Student Orientation."

"Hello," Tyler squeaked timidly.

"I'm Stephen! Your RA, Resident Assistant!" He piped cheerfully.

"Nice to meet you," Tyler responded.

"And you are?" Stephen probed.

"Oh right, I'm Tyler."

"Tyler, what are you doing today?" Stephen asked.

"Uhh I don't really kn—

"Wrong answer! You're going to the involvement fair to join an on-

campus club!" Stephen was teeming with excitement at this point. It was almost intimidating how happy he was that Tyler took the bait for his trap perfectly.

"Okay, yeah sure," Tyler tried to emulate his cheeriness.

"Come on I'll show you where to go!"

Tyler followed Stephen down the stairs and out of his new home. Stephen hung back in the doorway with one hand on his hip and the other hand pointing down the road Tyler drove down with his mom to arrive here. Down the road and in the field on the left after the intersection were the instructions Tyler received. Stephen assured him that he could not miss it.

Stephen was right. Just before Tyler, was a field littered with tables, booths, tri-fold poster board displays, sign up sheets, clipboards, and, worst of all, a sea of smiling faces as cheery as Stephen. Tyler proceeded with extreme caution, navigating the involvement fair as if it were a minefield and initiating a conversation could spell certain doom.

Tyler carefully made his way to the AV Club table. He loved movies and liked to tinker with tech. He was no expert, but he knew his way around a computer. He figured the AV Club kids might share his shy, socially reserved temperament and therefore could make his transition into college life a bit smoother. Just as Tyler was about to reach their table someone grabbed him by the arm and pulled him off to the side of the field.

"Wanna join the coolest club on

campus?" His abductor whispered to him while looking around nervously. He was a short, energetic looking boy with dark curly hair. His eyes were darting around frantically, which made Tyler nervous. Before Tyler could answer the mysterious student said "of course you do" and was leading him away from the involvement fair. Tyler was fairly startled and he considered turning back because this experience was growing increasingly strange. However, when he looked over his shoulder he noticed there were two other students behind. They stopped and stared at him for a moment and then motioned for him to continue following the mysterious student who pulled him out of the fair. Tyler continued on growing more and more nervous. Where are they taking me he thought? Why didn't they have a table at the involvement fair? Is that what makes them the coolest club on campus; they're too cool for the fair? That'd be cool, the fair kind of sucked.

Tyler, his abductor, and the two mysterious bodyguards arrived at a building after about 10 minutes of walking in silence. One of the two students behind Tyler gave him a slight shove and motioned to the other student who was holding a blindfold. Tyler put on the blindfold and they continued to walk presumably into the building.

"Steps," one of them shouted out for Tyler.

Low and behold they were going downstairs. It was growing colder as they went further down. Tyler didn't even know what to think at this point. His anxiety was oddly calmed. He

wasn't worried about if he was acting right or making friends because these mysterious students were dictating his every move. All he had to do was walk forward so far, that's manageable.

When he arrived at the bottom of the stairs they told him he could take his blindfold off. The room was dark, with torches lighting the walls. Around the glow of the torches Tyler could see that the walls were brick. There was a small fire in the center of the room and a group of students in dark robes, guys and girls, standing around it.

"Do you swear not to tell anyone about this?" one of them asked.

"Well I haven't made any friends yet," Tyler confessed.

"Perfect. We're your friends now," another responded. As strange as this was Tyler felt relieved to have friends, maybe. Just then Tyler's phone rang. It startled everyone in the room including Tyler.

"Who is it?" one of them demanded.

"My mom," Tyler answered, slightly embarrassed.

"You may answer it, but be brief."

Tyler's mom's text read: "Hey honey how are you looking college so far? Hope all is well, love mom!" with a kissy face emoji at the end. Tyler responded, "Hey mom it's interesting so far. I went to the involvement fair per my RA's recommendation and I'm already in a club. Well it's kind of club. It might be a cult. I'm not really sure what they do. It's definitely a cult. I don't think they're as bad as everyone thinks though. Anyways can't talk now, but college seems fun, love you too!" Tyler punctuated his text with a reciprocal kissy face emoji and hit send.

POCKET POEMS!

Life

Between the eyes of Time we stand
That are both the Beginning and the End,
And when at Life's ending shores we land
It all, at last, we shall finally comprehend.

David Martineau '19

Inspired

You came down from above
and sewed wings on a dove
and I flew high with you beside me.

Marisa Gonzalez '18

Untitled

Outside this room
Lies a little mess
piled high thwarting
any passing tricksters

Chennah Sharpe '17

Changing

So this is how summer mourns
With silver javelin,
Bellows, and tears
'Venges what she scorns.

Abby Johnston '17

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Beginning

by Abby Johnston '17
Portfolio Staff

PROSE POETRY

La Catedral de Santa Maria la Real la Almunda perches like a mother eagle on the cliff over Madrid, and at this time of the day its courtyard was cast in shadow from the enormous and ornate four-story pillared façade and six-story towers and cupola. Most of its white statues and molding, and most of the iron and gold gate of the palace opposite, were being taken in by my camera lens, just like those of many others milling about the square. Smiling and posing, visitors lined and centered their cameras perfectly, then waited, awkward and annoyed, while other visitors sheepishly cut across the picture. I clambered in my skirt on top of the cement pedestal of a lightpost, aiming over the unfinished wood fence to capture the sweeping view of the metro area of Madrid: a valley of squat sky-rises, of trees golden-leaved from morning sunlight. My hand around the post for balance, I steadied my phone in the other, trying to focus the lens on that far-off sunlight.... Judgement Day Thunder resounded, drowning the courtyard. It rang from the iron domes now swinging now jumping to life in the towers. The sound of the Second Coming, all Joy and Terror. All guests' heads lifted, gazed about, gaping, and walked towards the ones they came with but had wandered away from. I also leaped from the lamppost, surveyed the square for Lucy, who was right next to me, and yelled into an ocean of sound. She gazed back, unhearing. We took a last look around; even the sunlight looked different, and the very air reverberated, rife with new life. It was time for Mass. We ran around to the entrance, darted through iron doors, and stepped into the silence of the stone cathedral.

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Matt Farrell '17
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POETRY

Monarchs with monotonous personalities
Publically preach pessimism to a tee,
Eyes close while the liars cry
Crocodile tears. My stomach is in knots
As we fight an imaginary war, all while
The imagery is not enough to convince,
So death becomes a discussion.

Hate spits through teeth, lips initiate violence,
Chants for peace met with calls for murder,
Peaceful words herded to slaughterhouses
As strings of sayings wrap around citizens' necks.

Division dictates oppression when one demands power,
Others demand justice, then ordered silent.

All lives didn't matter when Emmett lived.
'Till death do us part, we need to Garner attention
To inequality brought on by history.
If we follow in the footsteps we can all be Kings.

Bigots become successors,
Give speeches, fueling flames that burn bridges
Keeping us apart.
We forget battles fought, and bodies bloodied
While marching to equality.
Hate has no justice
As Hell hath no fury,
One demon representing a nation of peacemakers.
And while hearts race and a slow pace made.
Strength in numbers
Leads to the voices of millions heard
Instead of being butchered, truth becomes unearthed.

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Rejected Applications to the EU

Yugoslavia

The Ottoman Empire

Texas

The Republican National Convention

Westeros

Canada

Genovia

Switzerland

West Philadelphia

Narnia

England

Sophie Dreams of Scipio

by Chennah Sharpe '17
Portfolio Staff

SHORT STORY

Rain poured down, splashing onto the roof in waves, as if someone was filling a bucket and dumping it down repeatedly on the room. The sound of rain brought her home, and she knew that in that moment, the sound of rain meant the world was free, few if anyone was out. She was free to run carelessly in the rain. Sophie hurried out to embrace the rain, running out of her hut barefoot across the branches of the elder tree, which held three other houses built beside her own. Her father had told her she shouldn't swing down from the vines hanging from the ancient trees, but Sophie loved the thrill, the danger of jumping into the air grasping the vines, flying for a moment in space until her feet landed firmly grounded on the forest floor. Her father had showed her the beauty of the earth, and though the air was dense with rain and fog, Sophie knew each tree, each root on the floor, as she sprinted through the forest. She felt showered with all the glory this world had to offer as she inhaled the smell of soaked moss, enlivened from quenched thirst bursting into its natural vibrant green color. As Sophie ran, the rain pelting against her face, it invigorated her to press harder, faster, farther. The ground she passed began to blur though as if Sophie was moving fast racing against time.

Tiffany & Earl

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

Dear Tiffany and Earl,

What did you do this weekend?

Sincerely,
Seeking fun suggestions

Dear fun-seekers,

I had a very traumatic weekend. I can't legally fully disclose what happened, but I'm going to anyway. I was involved in a high-speed chase with the local police—my ride, a vintage, 2004 red razor scooter. It was a hot Friday night, and I looked even hotter cruising around town in my ride. I just had her cleaned recently and I was on top of the world and Guzman Hill. But just like Icarus, I flew too fast and too close to the sun, and before I knew it the police—who were out patrolling the street that night for unknown reasons—were on my tail.

Obviously I couldn't stop. I had done nothing wrong besides speeding and operating an unregistered vehicle. The police were on foot, so I kept them at bay for a time. They yelled out for me to stop, rumor has it, but I couldn't hear over the droves of adoring fans on the street that were cheering on my sweet tricks.

Then the horses came. Even over all of the noise, I could still hear their hooves pounding against the pavement, and I knew I was in trouble. There were three, and I'm pretty sure the police officers had spears. I panicked, not knowing where to turn. A wheel in my sick scooter was coming loose.

The horses beat me out, running in front of me and cutting me off on a side street. There was only one way out. As I neared closer to the police, I screamed, using all of my energy to lift off of the ground and do one final, awesome trick over the back of a horse, flying over the line of police.

I was free on the other side. I skated off, eventually ending up at Milano's. My poor scooter, however, didn't make it through. She was ruined, her wheel completely broken off from the landing. I cried for twenty minutes over a large pizza. I am actually eating a slice of pepperoni now as I answer your question. I hope that clears everything up.

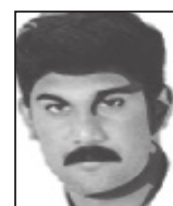


Tiffany

Dear seekers of fun,

Debaucherous, debaucherous things. I'll keep it brief, but are you familiar with Denny's? The wholesome family eating establishment, let's just use the one located on Nevada interstate 375 for example; I'm no longer allowed there. I'm also no longer allowed to enter the state of Nevada or be within 10 miles of its state borders.

As for you fun seekers I highly recommend the fine dining experience of Denny's wholesome family eatery. I would also like to take this chance to issue a formal apology to Denny's for disrupting their wholesome family environment.



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SPORTS

Men's Rugby Holds Their Own in Season Opener

by Kevin Skirvin '18
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MEN'S RUGBY

The Providence College Men's Rugby Team kicked off their season at home on September 10th against Northeastern, due to a forfeit by the scheduled opponent St. Michael's College. The Friars held their surprise D1 opponent to a close contest in the first half with some impressive defensive stands, forcing some huge turnovers on their own goal line. PC's power group of seniors, Tadas Jalinskas '17, Dan Tracy '17, and Matt Raffoul '17, led the offensive push for the Friars, showing some serious leadership when the team

needed it. Dave DeVico '19 and Jack De Poorterre '20 scored the first tries of the year for PC, showing the teams' young talent and depth. With huge contributions from the senior leaders, as well the points coming from freshmen and sophomores, PC finds themselves with an excellent opportunity to build chemistry and ensure a bright season ahead.

The second half was where Northeastern began to assert themselves, scoring very quickly off the kickoff. Northeastern really found their groove and began to simply over power the younger Friars team. Jake Denton '18 was available after the game to give his insights on how he thought the season opener went. "I believe we held our own and even

gave them a run for their money at some points," Denton said. "We proved today that we are the ones everyone should be watching out for in our conference." Denton explained that the heat played a huge factor out on the field, as both teams seemed to be struggling to stay hydrated, "The heat really had a profound effect on all the players, especially the ruggers for both sides."

Denton preached to the Friars' ability to keep their heads up and praised the "Black Pack" for fighting to the last whistle. This type of performance from an undersized and young team certainly bodes well for the rest of the season. Coming out to play on a day as hot as Saturday takes a lot of energy, so for the Friars to lay

everything they had out there against a team they weren't even expecting see on the field shows an immense amount of character. The Friars' performance was "impressive," Denton said, especially "given the circumstances of the brutal heat on the field and the impressive report auteur of Northeastern." Denton went on to say, "We may have a lot of young kids on our team, but we don't let it stop us as a whole; we train a lot and we are only getting better. I can not wait to see what the rest of the season has in store for us." PC will look to work on their offense more this week, as they prepare to face Southern Connecticut University at home on Friday, September 16th.



The rugby team celebrates a win.

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NFL Season Begins: Patriots Spotlight

by Jeff Williams '17
Sports Staff

IN THE SPORTS WORLD

It's finally here. After seven months, football fans finally rejoiced as the NFL kicked off the 2016 season on Thursday, September 8.

While many star players will miss the first few weeks due to suspension, no other team will be more in the spotlight for the first four weeks than the New England Patriots. Tom Brady, quarterback and leader of the Patriots, will miss the first four games of the 2016 season. The suspension ends the Deflategate saga between Brady and the NFL, and puts 24-year old Jimmy Garoppolo at the helm of the offense in New England. The good news for Pats fans is that the Patriots have three home games in the first four weeks of the season. While week one in Arizona certainly was a tough test, the

Pats are more than capable of taking three out of four in the first month of the season. Expect Brady to return from his four game suspension more focused than ever, keeping the Patriots locked in as title contenders.

On the other side of the country, the Denver Broncos will look to repeat as Super Bowl Champions. However, it won't be easy; the Broncos lost starting quarterback Peyton Manning to retirement, Manning's protégé Brock Osweiler departed for the Houston Texans in free agency, and key defensive contributors Danny Trevathan and Malik Jackson departed as well. The plus side for the Broncos is that they resigned superstar linebacker Von Miller and, other than Trevathan and Jackson, will retain most of the defense that led them through their 2015 championship season. It's an uphill climb, but the Broncos could hoist the Lombardi trophy again if their defense is as elite as it was in 2016.

Last year's MVP Cam Newton leads the

Carolina Panthers as the favorite in the NFC. Newton will get Kelvin Benjamin back from injury, but the Panthers lost superstar cornerback Josh Norman in free agency. Meanwhile, the Arizona Cardinals, whom the Panthers defeated in the NFC championship, will get Tyrann Mathieu, their best defensive player, back from injury, while also acquiring star defensive end Chandler Jones to help improve the defense. With an improved pass rush and all of their offensive weapons back, it's hard to see the Panthers topping the Cardinals two years in a row.

With so many questions surrounding so many teams, it is safe to say that the 2016 NFL season will be one of the most interesting seasons of the past decade. Many across the country cannot wait to see how things unfold. The Patriots have their home opener against the Miami Dolphins this Sunday, September 18th.

Athlete of the Week: Julian Gressel

by Chris McCormack '18
Sports Staff

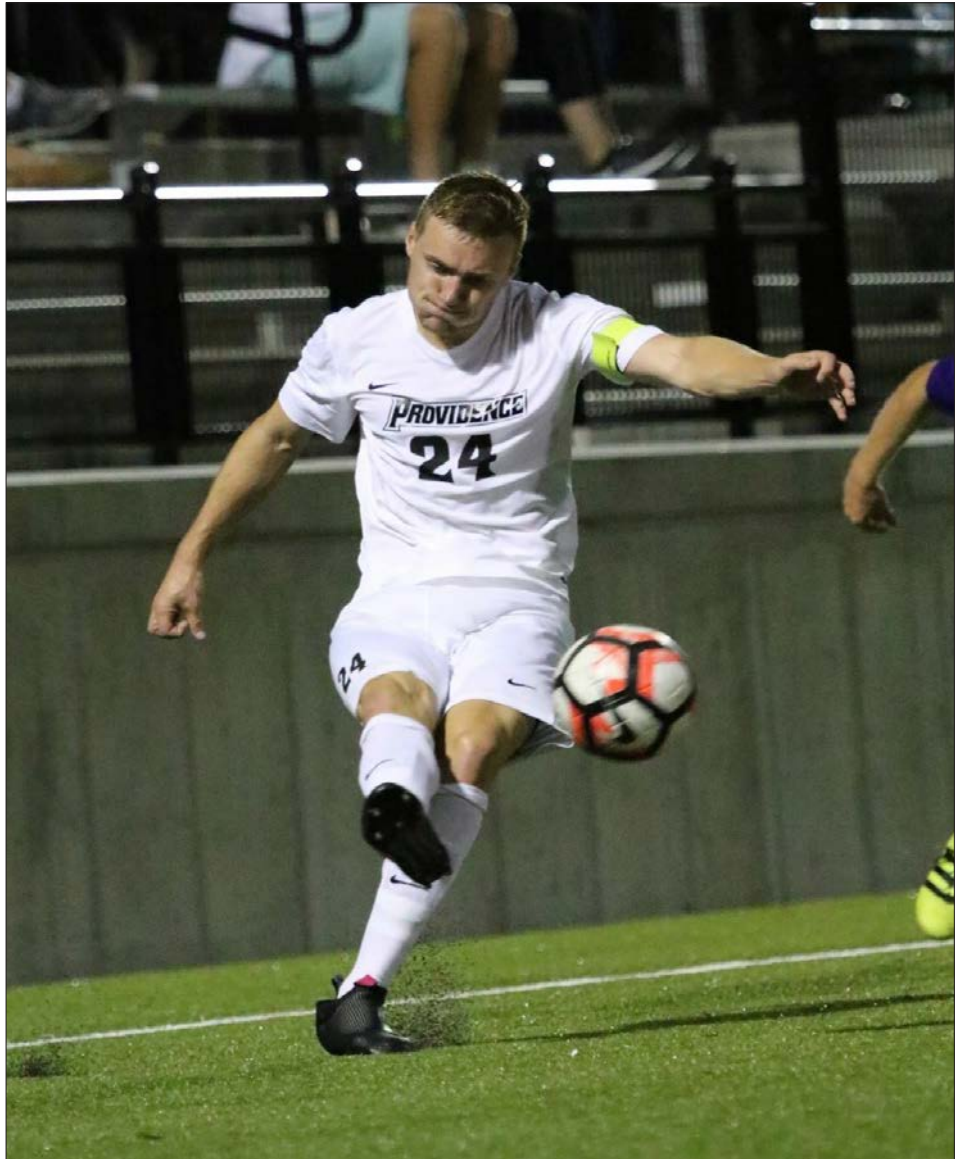
MEN'S SOCCER

With the start of a new school year comes the beginning of new sports seasons. In this week's edition of Athlete of the Week, we take a look at the captain of the Providence College Men's Soccer Team, Julian Gressel '17. It is Gressel's second season as a captain for the Friars, and he has started every game in all four seasons except for one his sophomore year. When asked about how long he has been playing soccer he said for as long as he can remember. "Ever since I could walk I would always kick a ball around, but I started playing on a team when I was about six," Gressel explained. It is no surprise someone who has been playing the game for so long is able to excel at such a competitive level. In fact, in just his freshman year Gressel led the team in goals, assists, points, and shots on goal.

If you are not aware, Gressel grew up in Neustadt an der Aisch, Germany before coming to Providence College and touched on the differences in the styles of play between the two countries. "They are different. Overall, it is more physical here and the style of play is not as technical as in Germany," he said. Coming to a new country and being expected to perform at the same level as before was not easy to do, but he did it exceptionally well. Now in his senior season, he looks to lead the team and help the young guys get to the potential that he knows they are capable of. The Friars are 2-2 this season with two losses coming in the first two games in a double overtime loss to URI and a close 2-1 loss to the number three team in the country at the time, Clemson. Since then, they have been able to rebound with wins against Holy Cross and Bryant. When asked how he thinks the season has been going, he pointed out that they look to take it one game at a time. "It's okay, after the first two close losses we've responded pretty well and have found ways to start winning games to get us back to .500. We're learning on a daily basis and maintaining a game to game mentality." As the season progresses, there is no doubt the team is going to grow. It is a relatively young team with only five seniors along with 21 underclassmen, so young players

are still learning and becoming more accustomed to the game. Gressel seems to believe they have some growth to go through, but thinks it is possible that they will make a postseason run. When asked what his goals are for the rest of the season he responded, "Just reaching our highest potential. I think we have the ability to reach the Big East as well as the NCAA Tournament, but we have to make every day count. It is still early in the season and hard to predict what is going to happen but I am optimistic and have a lot of trust in our team."

The season is about to pick up for the Men's Soccer Team. They are closing in on Big East regular season, and that is where they would like to do a lot of damage. Their first conference game this year is at home against Georgetown, who currently sits at 24 in the nation. If they can continue to grow and get better with every practice and game, there is a great amount of potential they can reach. After making the Big East tournament last year and a heart-breaking loss to UCLA in the semifinals of the NCAA tournament in 2014, they look to continue the success the rest of this year and make a postseason push. Keep an eye out for Gressel and the rest of the men's soccer team as the season goes on and don't forget to make your way down to Chapey Field at Anderson Stadium and cheer on the Friars.



Julian Gressel passes the ball.

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Julian Gressel goes for the ball in a game.

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Women's Soccer Works Toward Another Record Breaking Season

by Lauren Altmeyer '17
Sports Staff

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Last season, the Providence College Women's Soccer Team recorded their most successful season in program history with a 13-8-1 record. The Friars secured the number six seed in the Big East Tournament and advanced all the way to the championship game, where they fell to the Butler Bulldogs 1-0. This year, under the leadership of players such as Jill Clapp '17, Kendall Andrew '17, Hannah Wear '17, Bridget Hillsman '17, Kristyn Shea '17, and Kathryn Hiller '16RS, the Friars hope to not only win the Big East Tournament,

but also make it all the way to the NCAA College Cup Tournament.

In the 2016 Preseason Big East Coaches' Poll, the Friars were picked to finish sixth. With four of their top five scorers returning, including All-Big East Team selection Christina Klaum '18, PC has a chance to rank even higher as the season goes on. Last season, Klaum appeared in 19 games and notched a spot in the starting lineup 18 times. Overall, she's tallied eight points on three goals and two assists during her two years with the program. The Friars also welcome back veteran goalkeeper Shea, whose .839 save percentage was ranked second in the league last season.

New talent on the team includes

eight freshmen and junior Kristin Hayman '18, who joined the roster after transferring from Gonzaga University. The freshman class is made up of goaltenders Shelby Hogan '20 and Makayla Brady '20, forwards Kelsey Gilbert '20, Samantha Nelbach '20, and Melissa Bambery '20, midfielder Theresa Durkee '20, and defensemen Alessandra Arace '20 and Haley Puglia '20. Puglia, a Rhode Island native, attended La Salle Academy and was an Rhode Island state champion during the 2013-2014 season. When speaking to Friars.com about choosing PC, Puglia stated, "Going to PC has been a tradition in my family that I am looking forward to continuing. Additionally, I have grown up

cheering for the PC athletic teams. Therefore, having the opportunity to wear a Providence jersey myself is an honor."

Currently sitting on a 4-3-1 record, the Friars have some important conference games coming up against opponents like Villanova, Georgetown, Xavier, and Creighton. Most recently, the Harvard Crimson got the best of the Friars in a 3-1 game, snapping PC's four game winning streak. Next up for Providence is a nonconference game against the Central Connecticut Blue Devils. The Blue Devils are currently 2-6 and are coming off of a two game winning streak.

Editor's Corner: OH LAY OH LAY OH LAY OH LAY OH LAY OH LAYYYY!

by Sam Hardwick '17
Sports Editor

COLUMN

Now that the semester has officially begun, the next question many people may find themselves asking is, "What do I do now?" Classes can only take up so much of your time and as much fun as it is to run down Eaton Street, you certainly can't do that every night (if you do, God bless). One alternative that is attracting more and more fans are the men's and women's soccer games. Soccer is a sport that is celebrated all over the world, with some of the craziest fans going out for their respective clubs. While Friar fanatics don't seem to be streaking across the field quite yet, fans still manage to get on their feet whenever the teams are doing well. A great aspect to going to these games on the newly built Chapey Field, is the many interactions you can find yourself in with new people. Many of the other athletic teams around PC come out to support their fellow Friar athletes. The Women's Volleyball Team was out and about during the

Women's Soccer game against Colgate on Sept. 4, cheering on the girls as they scored in the first half on a nice shot by Rachel Ugolik '17. The Men's Lacrosse Team also was at the Colgate game cheering on the girls in the only way they know how: getting loud and rambunctious. Of course, the Men's Soccer Team also made an appearance, making their voices well heard on a particularly hard foul during the game.

The atmosphere of the soccer games is also a great draw for anyone looking to have a nice evening out. Several families of the soccer players come for the games and fill up the middle of the stands behind the players' bench. During halftime, they set up tables with food and drinks for the other families who are there to create a great place for people to meet each other and come closer together as a Friar family. Although this is not something that has been going on for a while, after talking with one of the parents, it seems to be something

that is taking off as more and more people become aware of it. So if you find yourself around there, make a stop by the parents and family section and say hello—you might just get some homemade brownies or cookies out of it.

The camaraderie within our Friar community is what sets us apart from other schools and truly makes us unique. That camaraderie is felt whenever the teams are close to scoring a goal. The whole stadium begins to shout, cheering on the team to score a goal, and if a goal is scored an eruption can be heard. The cheering intensifies for just a moment as the players come together after the goal and shouts of encouragement can be heard. In closing, if the weekend comes around and you want something to do other than get chased down by the police, check out the men's and women's soccer schedule for a game on Chapey Field at Anderson Field, you just might find a fun time.



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KRIS BRYANT

Versatility is not necessarily a common quality in an athlete playing Major League Baseball, or any professional sport for that matter. The ability for a baseball player to step into any position the game calls for, while also consistently performing at the plate, qualifies him as incredibly valuable. Not only does that speak volumes of his athletic talent, it also demonstrates his commitment to the sport, his teammates, and the franchise, which are desirable qualities in a player, and are essential in creating a strong backbone of a successful team. Kris Bryant of the Chicago Cubs exceeds expectations in both versatility and performance. Although his main positions are third base and left field, Bryant displays his ability to fulfill the needs of his team on an incomparable level with competitive performances at right field, first base, center, and shortstop. Ultimate Zone Ratings rates Bryant at 10 runs above average in the field this season, which is the equivalent of a whole win's worth of value in his fielding alone. Not only is he an asset in the field, he performs at the plate as well. His current statistics include 37 home runs, 94 RBIs, and a batting average of .299. Bryant currently holds twelfth place in the National League Batting Statistics according to ESPN. Thanks to the efforts of Bryant, the Cubs are leading National League Central with 93 wins and 52 losses. His talent on the field results in a more cohesive, versatile team, making Kris Bryant incredibly qualified to receive the Most Valuable Player Award for the 2016 season.

-Jake Scarbo '17

MLB: WHO WILL BE THE MVP?



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DAVID ORTIZ

In what is believed to be his last season in the MLB, David Ortiz is arguably having his best season of his illustrious 19 year career. There has been a steady decline in Ortiz's play as he has aged, so there were not many expectations for this season, but boy, has he put on a show. As of Sept. 11, Ortiz is batting .316 with 31 home runs and 107 RBIs. He is in the top 12 in the American League in home runs, top 10 in batting average and top three in RBIs and has thrust himself into the MVP conversation. This is Ortiz's tenth season with over 30 home runs and 100 RBIs which only two current players can boast. Not only that but he is the oldest player in history to hit 30 home runs at age 40. His stats don't necessarily match up with the top players in the American League, but he is unquestionably the most valuable player. His presence in the Red Sox lineup has turned their offense into the top run scoring team in the whole MLB. The young players in the Red Sox lineup such as Mookie Betts and Xander Bogaerts have had stellar seasons under the tutelage of Ortiz and his massive bat in the middle of the lineup. Nobody could have predicted Ortiz to be this successful at 40 but he deserves the American League MVP. If he has a strong September and helps the Red Sox win the American League East division, there will be no denying Ortiz's storied career will end with an MVP.

-Liza Sisk '19



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