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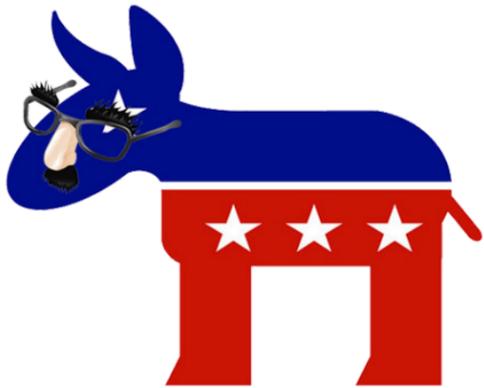
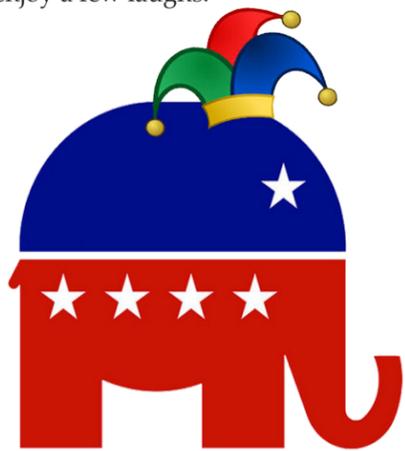
DISCLOSURE

April Fool's! We know this year's *Scowl* stories sound unbelievably real, but they are just part of our attempt at good-humored satire. Our writers had a field day creating stories that match the outrageous political climate we face.

Our annual *Scowl* issue gives staff-members the opportunity to approach these issues in creative and lighthearted ways. These stories—while largely based in real concerns—are not intended to offend anyone, but rather to give everyone a break from the serious reality we live in.

We hope you enjoy the creative effort that went into putting all these stories together. Not unlike a regular issue of *The Cowl*, *The Scowl* requires time, thought, and wit. We'd like to think we do a pretty good job at that last one.

Our regular issue of *The Cowl* will be back on stands next week, and will have some pretty big, breaking news-worthy stories included in it. Before we get back to the less amusing facts, enjoy a few laughs.



Feed the Bern #YuckTruck2017

by Shia Snowflake Labeouf '17
The Swamp Staff

CAMPUS

Late last Saturday night, a disheveled Senator Bernie Sanders made his way from off-campus activities to his usual spot behind Raymond Hall, looking forward to his nightly ritual of devouring a famous Yuck Truck sub and sticking it to the man. This time, however, there were no subs to be found. Yuck Truck was gone, and Sanders knew it was up to him to get it back.

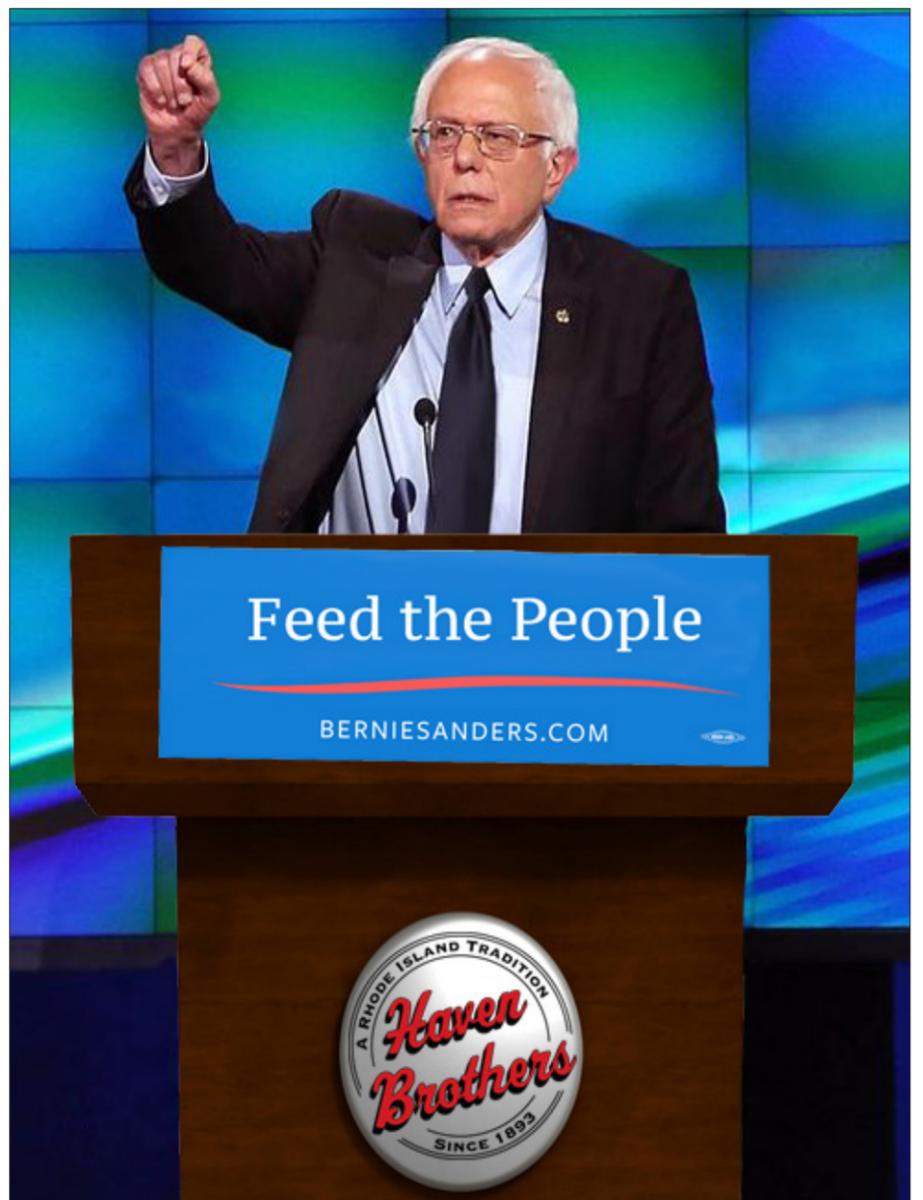
Providence College recently decided to ban the delicious nighttime food truck that has stationed itself behind Raymond Hall since the founding of the College.

The administration cited student health as the reason for the decision, yet refused to comment on why they make it so difficult to eat healthily at Alumni Hall. Students have been in an uproar over the ruling to ban the private business from campus, holding massive protests in the dining halls and outside of Father Stanley's house and throwing Take3 salads with nothing but lettuce and dry Ray chicken at the windows.

Sanders leads the charge, declaring that the ban is an attack against grease, fun, and freedom. He also discussed the financial implications of the Yuck Truck ban.

"College is so expensive in this country. Now, the top one percent at PC is trying to take away drunk food for their own selfish financial gains, leaving college students in debt and needing buffalo sauce at 2 a.m. I, for one, won't stand for it," said Sanders.

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Sanders rallies members of the Providence College community to save the Yuck Truck.

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Glamping on Glay

by Joe Pitch-a-Tent '17
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CAMPUS

After the chaos of housing selection that took the Providence College campus by storm last week, a surprising turn of events has led the rising junior class to take housing matters into their own hands. In response to the lack of on-campus housing options for next year, PC juniors have decided to opt out of traditional accommodations of suites and apartments, instead choosing to construct a luxury campground in Glay Parking Lot.

This decision comes as no surprise to many, as the housing options for Juniors for the upcoming academic year were unheard of in terms of both their limited space, as well as their locations on campus. Ray McVinney '19, commented on the predicament of his housing, "I understand housing on-campus is limited, but I never thought I would be placed, in the electrical closet of St. Joe's... There isn't even a bed, and an old mop and bucket do not qualify as 'furniture.'"

Joe Davis '19 also described his housing placement for the upcoming year. "Being placed in the basement of Raymond Dining Hall was far from ideal. I mean it is nice to have constant access to food, but waking up next to frozen chicken nuggets every morning is not something I looked forward to as an upperclassman.

I don't want to know where the Ray mystery meat comes from, and I'm afraid if I live there next year, I may start to smell like the Tuesday taco meat."

Dom Fennel '19 explained how the class decision to construct a luxury campsite came to fruition, "The overall class consensus was that traditional on-campus housing options—whether in electrical closets, dark basements, or even gym locker rooms—were no longer an ideal choice for the Class of 2019."

After long debate and discussion, our cost-benefit analysis revealed that a luxury campground located in the Glay Parking Lot would be the most efficient and effective alternative for junior year housing. We have



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Rising juniors have opted to live in tents on Glay rather than living in traditional dorms.

even already contracted with an esteemed professional of the luxury camping world, Mob BcCann. BcCann Luxury Campgrounds, also known as the 80920 Club, has supplied countless Rhode Islanders in the Providence Community with top notch luxury camp supplies for years.

The fully insulated, air conditioned with two-bedroom, single bathroom luxury tent units include common rooms, half kitchens, and come fully furnished. We have no doubt that the construction of

this camp site will provide students with the best living spaces possible—much better than anything they could find in traditional on-campus housing options."

Faculty and administration have yet to voice their opinions on the decision of the junior class and construction is pending their approval. Regardless, no one can deny the innovation and creativity that the Class of 2019 has demonstrated in response to the adversity they have faced throughout the housing crisis of 2017.

Friar Flashback: The PC Squirrels

by Mrs. Nutterworth '17
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CAMPUS

The Providence College campus has radically changed over the past few years. Buildings and athletic fields have popped up seemingly overnight, and several PC alumni have struggled to navigate the new terrain. Thankfully, however, there is one constant on the College's landscape: the PC squirrels.

Known as much for their cheerful presence as they are for an utter disregard for personal space, the PC squirrels have been a fixture at the College ever since it made a commitment to immaculately perfect landscaping.

"I remember giving my first Friars Club tour; I hadn't yet mastered the art of talking while walking backwards," stated Preppy Pete '82. "A squirrel came this close to running over my feet. I squealed a little—I told my tour I was demonstrating the correct way to perform a Civ Scream!"

The squirrels have been there through it all: 12 presidents, several DWC curriculum changes, and even a world war. They welcomed women to campus in the fall of 1971, and they hunkered

down with the rest of Rhode Island for the infamous blizzard of 1978.

Dr. Ryan Grass, professor emeritus of the history department and the College's resident historian, affirmed, "The Rhode Island gray squirrel is a hearty animal. PC's squirrels are especially energetic as leftover food from Raymond Dining Hall keeps them healthy and well-nourished."

Fr. Stanley, O.P. '80 became the College's president in 2005, and since then the squirrels have thrived, as Stanley has been committed to expanding the campus and conserving its green space.

"The squirrels are the best part of my morning," gushed Rachel Red-Head '19. "I never need a coffee before Civ, because, on my 8:30 a.m. walk to Ruane, I know one of them will dash just inches in front of me and wake me right up!"

While, as a whole, the squirrels have enjoyed a prosperous 100 years, even these furry creatures have had their trials and tribulations.

Tragedy struck in the spring of 2014 when, in a tree on the Aquinas quad,

a beloved squirrel met an untimely end. With splayed arms and a startled expression, the squirrel was hanging upside down in a tree outside McDermott Hall for two or three weeks. Students would stop and point as they walked by; on a nice day, one could even spot a few McDermott residents throwing a football in an attempt to dislodge the squirrel from its final resting place.

"We tried to knock him down so we could give him a proper funeral," claimed Freshie Frank '17, surreptitiously hiding a football behind his back. "We owe him that much."

The event was so traumatic that it flooded PC's Yik Yak feed for weeks after the news initially broke. It was easy to see that the squirrels felt the loss of one of their own - they scurried half-heartedly down the pathway from the chapel and Ruane were, and their bushy tails were a little less perky than usual.

The squirrel was eventually removed, thanks to the valiant efforts of PC's landscaping crew, but the incident struck a devastating blow to the squirrel

community for the next few years.

Since then, the squirrels have started to physically, as well as, emotionally move on. In particular, they have experienced several relocations as the physical layout of the College continues to change.

The squirrels were particularly affected when the abandoned Dore Hall—a place of refuge and warmth during the cold New England winters—was converted to the new, anti-squirrel Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies.

Fortunately, these squirrels have found shelter in several of the off-campus houses. "It's kind of nice," stated Sally Senior '17. "I had immediate roommates all throughout college, so this year I thought my attic room would seem too quiet. It's so comforting to know that the squirrels are right there, scurrying around in my ceiling and walls."

As PC enters its centennial year, the College honors its squirrels for the (very) active role they play in students' lives.

In his speech to some very important donors at some very important event, Fr. Stanley spoke on behalf of the entire PC community as he stated, "The squirrels are but one of the many features that define PC as a premiere Catholic liberal arts institution. They, along with our Dominican roots, are what define us as a school."



PC Morning Mail: From Russia with Love?

by Edward Whistleblower
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INVESTIGATION

Has the sanctity of the human race been eclipsed by the insatiable need to control, manipulate, and defraud?

After an exhaustive investigation by *The Scowl*, evidence has emerged tying the Morning Mail newsletter to the Russian intelligence service, with circumstantial evidence indicating the daily publication may even be influenced by close associates of Vladimir Putin himself.

"Totally fake news," said Bill Shepard '19, when asked about his faith in the credibility of the morning publication, emailed to students informing them of marginally important deadlines and upcoming events the school thinks students are even remotely interested in. "I maybe read it once a week, but in a totally ironic way. Who has time to read one email a day?"

The investigation started with an anonymous tip delivered in an unmarked envelope to *Scowl* World Headquarters, located in lower Slavin. Shortly thereafter, several overly ambitious underclassmen and an unlucky upperclassman who drew the shortest straw began to hunt down leads regarding Russian interference in maybe the least important update to student life in the history of Providence College.

As leads dried up and enthusiasm waned, a tweet from President Trump pumped new life into the lackluster investigative team, "WOW, huge

news about Russian interference in the Morning Mail just came across my desk. Is nothing sacred? SAD!" With a new rush of enthusiasm not seen in Rhode Island since the Target 12 Investigators uncovered corruption in perhaps the most corrupt state in the union, the unimpressive and underqualified *Scowl* investigative team pressed on.

Googling throughout the night proved fruitless, yet an inspired and gutsy call by Mary Rilling '20 using Bing proved to be just the ticket they needed to crack the case.

They discovered that a senior administration official at Providence College had previously met with a Russian attaché whose official position within the government of Russia was "Agricultural Consultant" at LaSalle Bakery once in April 2014, and as recently as September of this past year. The investigative team is said to have received five "Microsoft Points" for their search query, redeemable in the Microsoft Store for new wallpapers and color schemes on *The Scowl's* Outlook account.

The shocking disclosures are a major setback for the email no one reads. "There is definitely a huge cloud now hanging over 'The Mail,' where I get pertinent information regarding bingo, church, and lectures on the unjust politicization of gender stereotypes with special focus on cross border conflict and cultural appropriation," said Nancy Walls '18, an education major with a double minor in PSP and biochemistry.

Requests for comments were not immediately returned by whoever the f—k publishes the Morning Mail newsletter.



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Taste the Controversy

PC Professor Embroiled in Skittles Scandal

by Rain Bow '19
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CAMPUS

A Providence College professor has gotten on the wrong side of the vending machines after writing an article about how Skittles should rebrand themselves by offering customers the ability to purchase only their "favorite flavors" of the less-satisfying-than-M&M's candy. Professor Milton of the often overlooked Food Studies Department, asserted in his article "Why Skittles Could Make More Money with Fewer Flavors" that there were only a few types of the colorful candy that are "actually any good at all." Among his many observations were that "red and green are the staple flavors of Skittles, and deserve to be sold in solitude," and that, "other flavors, such as purple, possess little to no flavor, and serve only to broaden the color palette of a candy that already found its perfect flavors."

Naturally, these bold claims have drawn the attention of students on campus, who somehow managed to find the controversial piece even though it was published on a little-known site called "CandyClamor.com." Some students expressed support for Milton's points, but others have called them both "close-minded" and "stupid."

"I don't think he understands the idea of Skittles at all," said one student, after being informed of the content of the article. "It's all about having different colors and flavors. It's a mixed bag, that's the point."

Some students have taken their opposition to Milton's statements to an additional level, organizing an event known as "Support for Skittles," which is aimed to preserve the diversity of the current profile of Skittles flavors.

"We feel that every flavor of Skittles has an equal importance in the experience of the consumer," the



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leader of the event stated when interviewed, "and we think that any idea of making a bag of Skittles with just one flavor is not only offensive to those who enjoy other flavors, but wrong on a moral level, as it excludes certain flavors based on popularity, rather than on their own unique contributions to the overall bag."

Professor Milton has not yet commented on the reception of his suggestions for the Skittles brand, but it is clear that his ideas have ignited a debate that may be more sour than sweet.

Club Spotlight: Open Container Club

by Barney Gumble '17
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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Are you looking for a new club to join this spring? Are you fond of walking and have a red Solo cup lying around? If you answered "yes" to both of these questions, then Open Container just might be the club for you!

Founded in 1984 when Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act, this club is an institution within the Providence College community. Students looking to join the club must wait until there is a daytime party—more commonly known as a "darty"—and then walk down Eaton Street with an open container of alcohol.

"Your container can be a red Solo cup, a flask, or even a water bottle—use the container to express your individuality," stated Tequila Tom '17, a club member since his freshman year. "On St. Patrick's Day, we even had a girl turn a Lucky Charms box into a boxed wine dispenser. Now that is some creativity!"

The trick is to catch the eye of the PPD. If you are one of the lucky few to be selected, a PPD officer will come up to you, ask what is in your container, and arrest you—making you an instant member!

"One of the best things about the club is that anyone can join," stated Natty Lite Natalie '18. "You can be of legal drinking age and still become a member. It's awesome!"

The club meets on Saturday afternoons, weather permitting. Spring is one of the club's busiest seasons, and Golf Party is always the biggest event of the year.

"We have inducted a lot of kids this year," stated Officer Danny Donuts, "as the weather gets warmer we're expecting at least a few more inductees."

New PC Taskforce: Protect Our Mattresses

by Smokey Bear '20
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CAMPUS

In lieu of recent off-campus riots, the Office of Safety and Security announced the implementation of a new security task force at Providence College. All Mattresses Matter (AMM) is a group of highly trained security officers with the goal of mattress protection. "We have seen that, within the last few years, rates of mattress destruction during off-campus riots have risen dramatically," said Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Stefan Macys. "With this new task force, our goal is to provide protection to all mattresses, whether they reside on or off campus." The force will be called to patrol off campus areas on nights that administrators deem "high alert."

These nights range from Providence vs. Villanova basketball games to any game involving the New England Patriots. Increased enforcement will be implemented during all Super Bowls moving forward. In addition, AMM will be on call during nights that may not seem high risk. Students can use their PC mobile app to contact AMM directly should they notice the destruction of any mattresses. "We believe the creation of AMM is a great step forward

in fostering a safer campus community," said Executive Director of Safety and Security John Lions. "We believe that mattresses have been put at too high of a risk for far too long, and we are actively trying to increase their safety."

There have been mixed reviews among students regarding the implementation of AMM, as some see mattress burnings as an integral part of all celebrations. "How else can you pay honor to Tom Brady?" said fifth consecutive riot attendee Dom Prady '19. "I would rather burn a mattress than lose another toe," said another Super Bowl riot

attendee who asked to remain anonymous.

Other students feel as though AMM will be a positive presence. "I got a third degree burn after standing too close to a mattress burning, so I don't mind the task force," said Michael Feels '18. "Our goal is to allow AMM to work seamlessly with the PC community and in partnership with the Providence Police," said Major Lions. "We hope that AMM will help to keep the truly innocent mattresses safe."



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Chamber of Secrets Opened in Al Mag

by Rita Skeeter '18
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CAMPUS

March 24, 2017 was just a normal day for chemistry student Marla McGonagall '19; she was in the bathroom in the basement of Albertus Magnus Hall, sobbing in an empty stall after the return of her second general chemistry exam of the semester.

This time, however, the ground began to rumble beneath her feet. Thinking there was an earthquake, McGonagall rushed out of the stall to instead see one of the sinks lowering into the ground, revealing a long, dark hallway. Assuming it to be simply another long, dark hallway filled with slime and death like the rest of the hallways in Albertus Magnus, McGonagall walked through it, hoping it was an easier way to get to the Sowa Lounge.

"Either way, it was better than going back to lecture," said McGonagall. "Even when I found the giant snake."

McGonagall grew suspicious when she noticed the carvings of snakes on the walls rather than the usual written cries for help. That was when she heard the Basilisk—the large, monstrous snake that can paralyze living creatures with a glance—moving through the pipes. Momentarily debating whether or not to allow herself to become paralyzed in order to avoid going back to class, she sprinted back out of the Chamber and sounded the alarm.

Chemistry professors are currently using the most advanced carbon-dating techniques in order to determine how long the Chamber of Secrets has been underneath the building. Authorities believe that the previously undetected

chamber was unearthed due to the construction in anticipation of the new science complex. It is unknown whether the presence of a Basilisk will hinder or enhance these efforts. McGonagall was also brought in for questioning to determine how the Chamber was opened in the first place.

"I think my incoherent wailing must have been mistaken as parseltongue," she said. "I actually usually cry in the third floor bathroom, but Moaning Myrtle was giving me a hard time about not knowing the solubility rules."

The opening of the Chamber has caused a spike in students taken to the health center with cases of paralysis. Students found lying motionless in the labs and hallways of Albertus Magnus had previously been dismissed, assuming that they had simply given up on life and decided to lie down on the floor.

Talks of closing the building permanently have been brought to administration, and studies are being done to determine whether or not permanent paralysis is more or less

dangerous for the student population than meningitis. The Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees is also seriously considering adding a Defense Against the Dark Arts proficiency to the Core Curriculum.

"The students are going to need to learn to protect themselves in order to be well-rounded, educated individuals now that their safety has been threatened by an actual giant f-cking snake," said Dr. Carol Norris, the head of the Faculty Senate. "Because we certainly have no idea what we're doing."

The College has put together a task force of faculty members, administration, Dominican Friars, experienced witches and wizards, three centaurs, and a half-giant in an attempt to either vanquish or kill the basilisk. The Providence Police were also asked to join the task force, but they replied that they were too busy breaking up house parties and standing menacingly on sidewalks to help with the crisis.

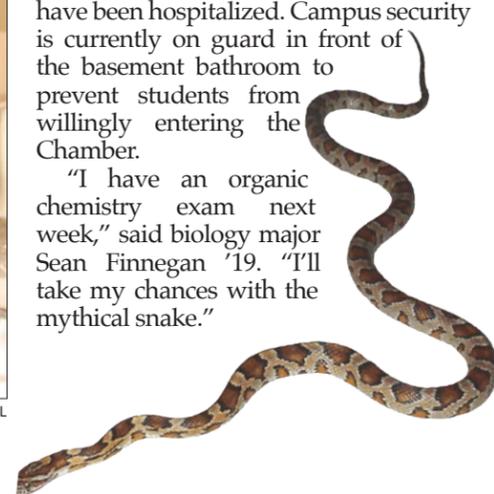
So far, efforts to rid of the Basilisk of PC have failed, and three friars and a centaur have been hospitalized. Campus security is currently on guard in front of the basement bathroom to prevent students from willingly entering the Chamber.

"I have an organic chemistry exam next week," said biology major Sean Finnegan '19. "I'll take my chances with the mythical snake."



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The entrance to the Chamber of Secrets can be found inside a girl's bathroom in Al Mag.



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Providence College's Home For Breaking Political News

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President Trump Hopes To "Make America Date Again"



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by Chris Hansen '17
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THE SWAMP

In keeping with his campaign promises and the expected focus of his presidency, President Donald Trump announced the "Make America Date Again" Initiative yesterday afternoon.

The initiative will be centered on emphasizing the beauty of courtship, the dignity of women, and will attempt to minimize the widespread prevalence of the hookup culture that has dominated college campuses and society at large.

Programs will be implemented throughout the country to educate young people about virtues such as patience, dignity, and respect, as well as promoting new dating techniques.

President Trump had extensive comments on the initiative, which he said he hopes to be the "crown jewel" of his presidency.

"I think today, in our society, there

are simply too many people who don't treat women the right way," Trump stated. "For example, I was recently at a YUGE dinner with tons of rich people. Tons of them, and I was still the richest. You know what some of these guys told me about the media during my presidency? 'It doesn't matter what they write as long as you've got a young and beautiful piece of ass.' I couldn't believe it. I mean, Melania is a young and beautiful piece of ass, but no one can say that about her but me. Some of these guys are the leaders of our society and they thought they could say that to me."

Many of the educational programs will focus on teaching proper dating techniques. The programs hope to redefine the accepted ways for men to attract women.

President Trump, well-noted for his "grab 'em right by the arm" strategy, hopes that this technique will become a common tactic amongst new daters.

"I've always said, if you see a woman that you like, you go and try

to sweep her off her feet and grab her right by the arm," Trump continued, "Then you date her like you mean it. If you're a star, she'll let you do it."

President Trump noted how his own experiences have played a large part in providing inspiration for the initiative.

"Long ago, I didn't try to date women," he stated. "I just, you know, went for it. But then, one night, when I was planning to walk in on all the beauties at the Miss USA pageant, I realized that you've got to treat all women like they're Ivanka, whom I would never date, but might if I could."

Providence College student Oldhan White '17 learned of the initiative today and said he is excited to participate in it because he trusts President Trump.

"He's shown he is a very respecting man so far, especially to women, immigrants, and other minorities," White stated. "The only group he could be more respectful to is rich, old, white men. But I think he'll learn how to do that, so I'm

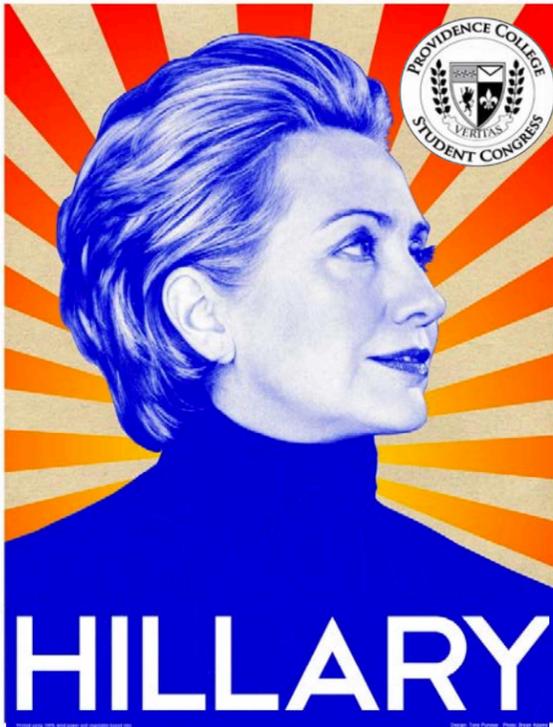
still excited to learn how to date and treat women better."

President Trump explained how, with the increased emphasis on the dignity of every person and respect for one another, the hookup culture might be eradicated and dating might be restored as a primary choice for young people.

Trump concluded, "No one does dating better than me. I've dated only three women and I've married them all, and each of those marriages turned out beautifully. It's because I know how to treat a woman who dresses like a woman. If the women dress like women and the men date them, America's gonna be great again."

Author's Note: After the first edition of this story appeared online, President Trump tweeted at the author claiming that he had been misquoted. President Trump actually said that Melania "is the best piece of ass." The author regrets the error.

Hillary Clinton Runs for Student Congress Treasurer



by James Comey '18
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THE SWAMP

Hillary Rodham Clinton Runs for Student Congress Treasurer

It's campaign season for the Student Congress Friars, and that can only mean one thing: the busy body students obsessed with titles, popularity, and boasting about their résumés will begin the tradition of bombarding students mid-cereal bite

to sign nomination forms in Ray. Unlike years past, however, the role of Student Congress Treasurer has been increasingly difficult to fill, as members of the Class of 2018 feel swamped and overwhelmed due to other obligations—again, busy bodies—and cannot make the time to fully invest themselves in the role. Then, last evening, a charismatic, qualified blonde woman in a pantsuit with a radiant “grandmother glow” stepped up to the plate. Her name is Hillary Rodham Clinton.

“I feel very good about this upcoming election,” said Clinton, smiling from ear to ear. When asked why she is running for Congress treasurer instead of president, she explained the race between Phionna Claude '18 and Michael Bartels '18 was close enough, and as treasurer she would have more time to spend at home with her granddaughter.

“Losing to Trump for the presidency was hard, but when I saw just how seriously the Student Congress took themselves, I knew it would be a great fit for me.” Whether or not the rest of the school takes Congress seriously is debatable, but Clinton did say, “I know this will work out, but if not, I am very interested in this Friars Club business. The white jackets are very fetching, I'd just opt to wear white pants as well instead of black ones.”

Although normally only PC students are permitted to run for an executive position on Congress, Clinton did her research as to how she could get involved. According to the Elections Chair of Student Congress, Clinton's administration found a loophole in the Student Congress Constitution that stated anyone with a Providence College email is welcome to run for a position.

“Yes, I have a Providence College email,” said

Clinton when she was questioned. “I don't see why that is such a big deal.” Although the FBI did not wish to comment besides saying candidly, “we're over this email business,” the Office of Community Standards did investigate why a middle-aged woman—regardless of the fact that she was running for United States President—had a student email account. A member from the department stated, “Turns out, Hillary has college email accounts all over the country, and used them throughout her presidential campaign.”

“Nothing crooked was going on,” Clinton said. “In fact, the only reason I created a Providence College account was to keep up with the Morning Mail, which is the perfect breed of a bureaucratic and totalitarian system that I very much enjoy.” She explained that she enjoys her relationship with mainstream media, and was very much impressed by the College's way of getting news out to students. “They have complete control of what gets read and what doesn't get read, and I find the censorship very remarkable.”

When asked what change she would like to be part of making as executive treasurer she said, “Well, there will be some cutbacks. Big clubs on your campus will not be getting as much funding as they have in years past. I would like to see more revenue going towards smaller, social justice clubs such as SHEPARD—because I support that now.”

She explained that she will also cut back on spring concert funding, as she finds that there is too much money going towards performers that not everyone knows. Regardless if this is an issue or not, she plans on donating a large sum to the Clinton Foundation. “Let's face it. You people can afford Lilly Pulitzer and Vineyard Vines. My Foundation needs it more than you.”

Sanders Leads Charge to Save PC Tradition

Yuck Truck

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Sanders and his coalition of active students have gathered over 10,000 signatures from students on campus, faculty members, and progressives in

Washington condemning the ban.

They also staged a boycott of the late night food window in the Ryan Center and are planning a march on Harkins Hall in the coming weeks.

“We're making a lot of progress,” said Charlie Chicken Fingers '17. “But we need to make a lot more. This ban

is unconstitutional and inhumane. No one should live in fear and hunger like this.”

The administration has yet to respond to the demonstrations or the request for comment, though Fr. Stanley has been seen in his bedroom window, appearing to be eating something that looked suspiciously like a Yuck Truck sub.

Sanders has confirmed that he has a meeting with administration on Thursday to discuss the hot sandwiches.

Meanwhile, students remain on high alert and high in general, fighting for the return of their constitutional right to choose.



Fighting the Good Fight in Washington: J.B.E. Protestors Storms the Capital

by Ned Schneebly '18
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THE SWAMP

Tensions were high as thousands of angry Americans stormed the streets of Washington, D.C. Armed with protest signs and witty chants, the groups quickly overtook the streets of D.C. and effectively stopped all traffic around America's capital.

From every street corner the protesters' chants rang out: "What do we want?" "Justice." "When do we want it?" "Now." Cops lined the streets in full army riot gear with tear gas, prepared to take action if the crowds suddenly became out of control.

Officer Stephen Stopem, chief of the Washington D.C. Police Department, said, "We heard J.B.E. was coming today. Hundreds of buses from around the country have been stopping all over the city and thousands came within the last few nights. We could handle something like President Trump's inauguration, but this—this is something much bigger."

When asked how they are handling the unprecedented crowds, Stopem said, "We are staying alert and have our guard up. Our number one priority is to prevent anymore Starbucks windows from being smashed."

The J.B.E., otherwise known as the

Joe Biden Enthusiasts, is a nonprofit organization started in 2007 to help campaign for and support Vice President Joe Biden. The "Go For Joe Team" has quickly amassed hundreds of thousands of supporters from around the world and grown into one of America's leading organizations. Today, they will storm the streets to fight for one of their major initiatives since Biden became VP in 2008—a Joe Biden bobble head.

Twenty-five year old J.B.E. President Fanna Gyrl from Delaware said, "When you roam the streets of D.C. you see everything Obama—recycling bags, face masks, and even toilet paper. But nowhere in this city is anything Joe Biden. There are bobble heads for George Washington, Obama, Trump before he was even president, and James Buchanan. Who wants James Buchanan on their fireplace? No where can I find that charming smile of Joe's."

Gyrl feels the lack of merchandise for Biden, especially bobble heads, shows the under-appreciation we have for our vice presidents. "No respect," she said.

Although some enthusiasts have been able to find Biden bobbles online, they only come accompanied with Obama bobbleheads and cost upwards of \$100. J.B.E. member Georgie Washington said, "Anything

available is not accessible for the public. We have a high demand, but we can't afford this. Without quick change, a black market will be created, and that's just dangerous."

No word has come from White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer, but President Trump did tweet at 12 p.m. "This protest is faker than the media covering it."

The J.B.E. has gained national attention for their quick rise to fame over the last two years.

"We started from a small group back in 2008 and have recently doubled our size," said buttonmaker Paulie Dee.

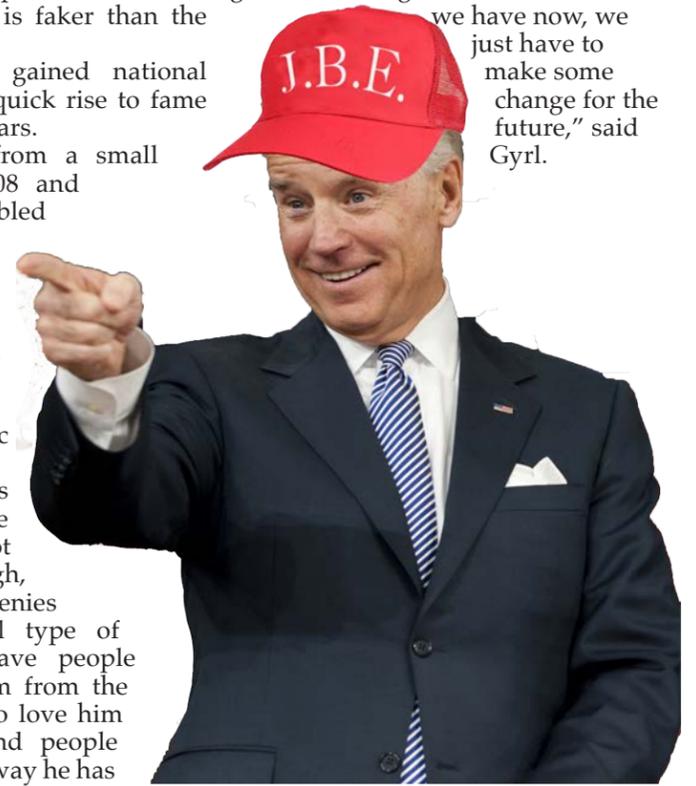
"We have a great group, from original campaigners to new, enthusiastic meme lovers."

The group has come under some scrutiny for not being diverse enough, but Gyrl readily denies it. "We accept all type of Joe lovers. We have people who just know him from the memes, people who love him for his politics, and people who really like the way he has

championed ice cream."

The group encircled city and plans to meet at 5 p.m. for a speech from their president at the Lincoln Memorial. "We plan to inspire some people today and hopefully make needed change. We don't need to get rid of the great bobble heads

we have now, we just have to make some change for the future," said Gyrl.



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Paul Ryan to Release New Workout Tape

by Swerve Johnson '18
Swamp Staff

THE SWAMP

With newfound fame coming from an internet frenzy over his workout pictures, House Speaker Paul Ryan is set to release a workout video. Entitled "Rep and Re-Rack," Ryan has said that, besides being Speaker of the House, this was his true goal in life. Calling it the "affordable exercise

tape," Ryan says that this workout is for all Americans, as long as you're white and in the one percent. Getting released early to those in Congress, it seems to have taken off among fellow representatives. Wondering why Congress has failed to get anything done lately? It seems "Rep and Re-Rack" is the answer. Representatives have been seen watching the video during session and seemingly neglecting their duties in order to fit in a quick "rep and re-rack."

President Donald Trump, after getting wind of the exercise tape from CNN, initially condemned the tape as "fake workouts," before being told the exercise tape was actually done by Paul Ryan from Breitbart News. Not backing down, Trump came out later saying that when calling the workouts "fake," he meant they were so good they did not seem like real workouts. "Look, I love workout videos, no one likes workout videos more than me. Paul Ryan's workout video? I'm sold. That's what I call making America great again." It's unclear at this point whether his comments will hurt or help the popularity of the tape.

The tape itself is just under two hours of non-stop repping and re-racking by Paul Ryan and some close friends. Some of the workouts throughout the video include "Can't Take Away These Guns," "Tax Abs Cuts," and "Border Core Strengthening." Featuring an appearance by Mitt Romney, the viewer is shown how to work out their glutes with his patented Mormon shuffle. The music of the video is provided by Ryan's favorite band, Rage Against the Machine, on full blast, pumping up viewers. All in all, this video is sure to give Richard Simmons a run for his money.



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Obituaries:



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by Patrick Star '18
Swamp Staff

THE SWAMP

On Monday night, the world was informed of the tragic loss of the Environmental Protection Agency, commonly known as the EPA. After a two-month battle with toxic political parties and unconcerned politicians, the EPA lost its fight against the Trump Administration.

EPA was born on December 2, 1970, to the Nixon Administration and Chief Administrator William Ruckelshaus. She was the beloved patron of Sierra Club, Environment America, and Next Generation Climate Action, and leaves behind many enthusiastic humanitarians and environmentalists.

EPA devoted her life to protecting the environment and preserving the world's natural resources for generations to come. She could often be found in her Washington, D.C., home, eliminating toxins from the air, encouraging recycling, and purifying water sources.

She cared for the people of the United States, leading to the

The Environmental Protection Agency

1970-2017

establishment of the Clean Air Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

In the last few years of her life, she worked hard with scientists around the country and the world to research and stop climate change. Her passions led her to be a major champion of developing new alternative energy resources and green technology. In the last few years, EPA continued to track companies producing large quantities of greenhouse gases, reduce the number of emissions she produced, and worked closely with businesses to make our emissions equivalent to taking away over 81 million vehicles from the road.

EPA was a passionate, caring individual who will always be remembered for wearing her favorite color—green. She will be greatly missed by her family, fellow Americans, and anyone who values clean air.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian burial on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m., at St. Joseph's Church at 105 Marshall Drive, Washington D.C. Burial will follow in Atwood Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family asks Americans to shut off lights when leaving the house and recycle their water bottles.

EPA will surely be missed, but don't worry—without environmental protection, we will be joining EPA sooner than you think.

SPRING FORWARD

CLASS OF 2017

Senior Cap & Gown Day is April 12th

- *Check CyberFriar for holds
- *Check your Friar e-mail for Student Loan notices regarding your federal loan exit requirements
- *Contact the Bursar's Office if you owe a balance
- *Be sure you have returned all borrowed library materials

CLASSES OF 2018, 2019, 2020

Registration begins March 27th

- ✓ Check CyberFriar for financial holds or outstanding aid application requirements
- ✓ Contact the Bursar's Office if you owe a balance
- ✓ Remember, your 2017-2018 FAFSA and CSS PROFILE are due April 17th

Remember: -

Outstanding indebtedness to the College will result in a financial hold being placed on a student's account. This prevents a student from registering, making a housing deposit, or receiving a degree, grade reports, transcript, or letter of recommendation. Seniors with outstanding indebtedness or incomplete federal loan exit requirements will be unable to receive a cap & gown and participate in Commencement activities. Don't let this be you! Contact us!

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Commencement 2017 is Just Around the Corner!

CAP AND GOWN DAY
(One day only!)
Wednesday, April 12
'64 Hall, Slavin Center
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Come join us for this One-Stop Shopping event!
Free Food and Refreshments!

* Pick up your cap and gown: Be sure that all financial obligations are satisfied with the Office of the Bursar. Account balance information may be viewed on Cyberfriar. Indebtedness to the College will prohibit pick up of your cap & gown. Also, Federal Direct/Perkins Loan recipients must complete an exit counseling session. Information regarding this counseling will be forthcoming from the Student Loan Office. Failure to complete this exit counseling will also prohibit the pickup of your cap & gown.

* Pick up your Senior Packet containing invitations for family and friends and the Student Guide to Commencement, which outlines specific times, locations, etc., to make this a memorable weekend.

* Pick up your guest tickets to Commencement.

* Visit with your classmates.

* Find out who you'll be sitting next to at Commencement.

* Get your number in line for the Commencement processional.

Attendance is mandatory and a photo ID is required. Please notify the Office of College Events via e-mail at colevent@providence.edu or by phone at ext. 2344 in advance if you are unable to attend.

FAUX-TOGRAPHY



BOOKISH MCBOOKSTER '20/THE COWL

ABOVE: Members of the Class of 2017 decided that reading at this year's Black and White Ball would be more fun than drinking. They were correct. Students enjoyed a variety of textual pleasures, such as Dante's *Divine Comedy* (a DWC favorite), the Bible, and *The Cowl*. In addition, they could be honest when their parents asked them what they did that night. The students asked to remain anonymous to avoid sparking discussions with past DWC professors.

RIGHT: The Lorax, longtime advocate for trees, visits the stumps in front of Guzman Hall to make a statement about conservation and the importance of green space on college campuses. The Lorax also took time during his speech to ensure the audience that he is not in any way related to the cheeto currently residing at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, D.C.



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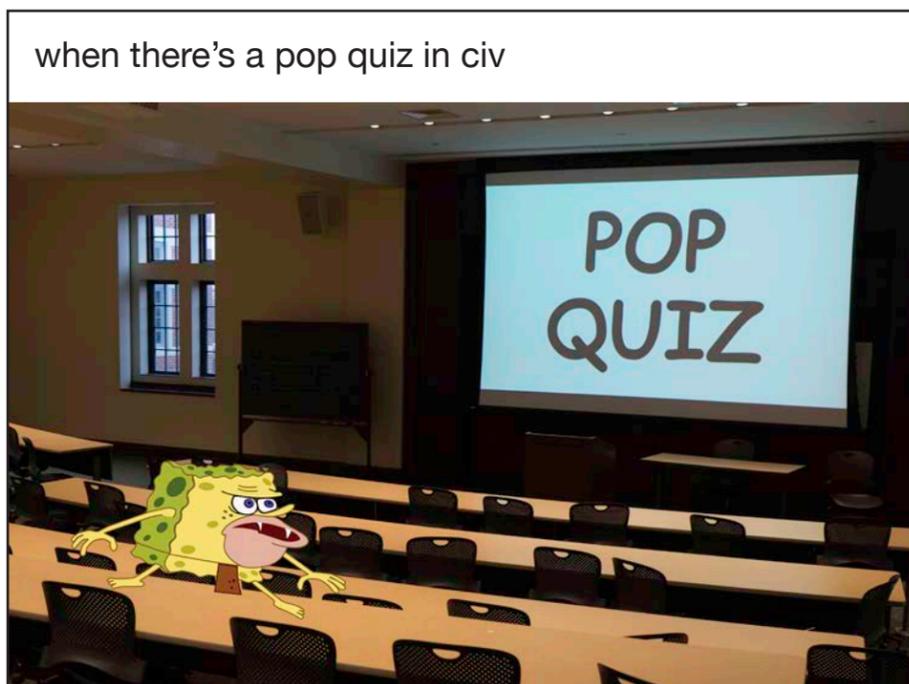
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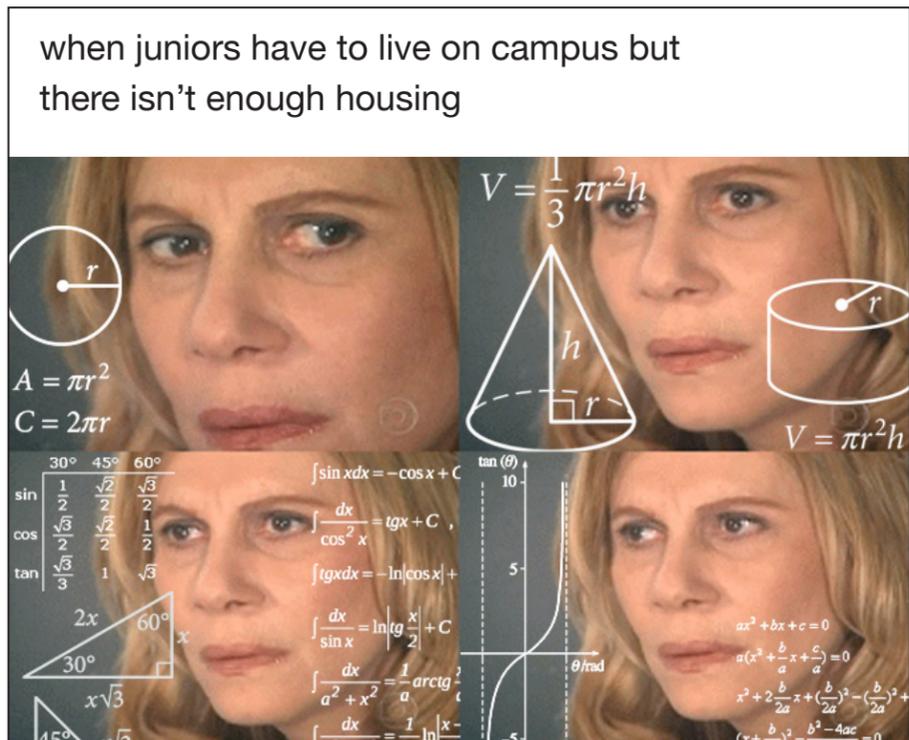
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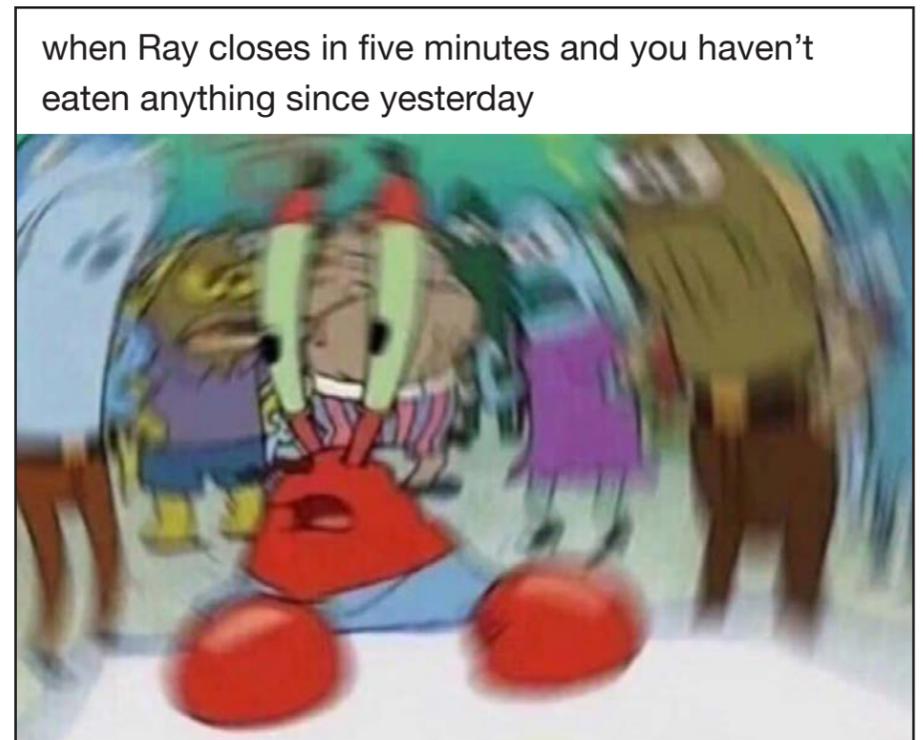
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Sister 'Can't Wait' for Rae Sremmurd

by Swerve Jackson '19
A&E Staff

MUSIC

A self-proclaimed "Rae Sremmurd Superfan," Sister Alice Thomas, O.P., is eagerly awaiting this year's spring concert featuring her favorite hip-hop duo. The Providence College resident and religious leader says that she has been awaiting such an opportunity for as long as she can remember and will be sure to make the most of it.

Thomas claims to have loved Rae Sremmurd since their humble beginnings, and cannot even decide upon a favorite song. "Every song they put out is just as good as the next," she says, "'No Flex Zone,' 'Throw Sum Mo'—all of them are just too good to set apart."

However, Thomas does concede that she's excited to see live performances of the songs from *SremmLife 2*, as she has already seen live performances of the songs preceding this album.

When asked how she grew so fond of the duo, Thomas answered, "There are just some artists you listen to and think, 'Wow, this person or band or whatever really gets me.' That's the sense I got when I first heard Rae Sremmurd."

Unlike past spring concerts, where Thomas says performances have been "mediocre at best," this year promises a high energy, fun, and entertaining experience. "We

almost had a good concert with Nelly a few years back," says Thomas, "He at least would have been a throwback, you know? Then we ended up with whatever we ended up with."

Thomas says that she plans to get in line for the concert as early as possible so she can get close to the stage. "It's well worth the wait if you ask me," Thomas says. She claims the front of the concert is an entirely different experience and that the high volume is "what Rae Sremmurd is about."

Along with Sister Thomas, plenty of students have begun to show excitement about the musical guests. In addition

to a general buzz around campus, many have taken to social media to express their interest and support.

The concert is set to take place April 21 in the Peterson Recreation



Sister Thomas, O.P., bursts with joy at seeing hip-hop duo Rae Sremmurd.

GRAPHIC DESIGN BY PATRICK LOVETT '17/THE COWL

Center, but anticipation is rising around campus already. Half of the tickets have already been sold to excited fans like Thomas. She even tweeted, "I literally can't wait any

longer #Sremmlife #springconcert."

And, while Thomas is not the only one to say something along those lines, her statement may just be a little more believable than the rest.

PC's Hotel Fennelle Gets Three-Star Rating



Hotel Fennelle in Providence, Rhode Island.

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by Nina Stayaway '17
A&E Staff

HOTEL REVIEW

After being a faithful client of Hotel Fennelle for three years now, I thought it was time to give you all my honest thoughts on the establishment. Not because I want to help you determine whether or not you'll give this place a try, I just really need to get this stuff off my chest.

As a forewarning, this review will be about as mediocre as the establishment itself—don't be so surprised, though; even my Yelp reviews don't get past three stars. Hotel Fennelle should be grateful I'm giving them three.

While it is certainly not the best place to stay, it's definitely not the worst either. I mean have you heard about the Aquinas Inn up the street? (They have mice). The owners of Hotel Fennelle at least seem to appreciate consistency of business.

As a frequent visitor, they always accommodate me with first choice of room. My recommendation would always be the corner suite at the end of the hall, which has four windows and a living area that's a whole 5'x7'. It sure beats their standard rooms, which are a mere 2'x2', which is just embarrassing, even for a place like Hotel Fennelle. Like, animals in the circus have cages bigger than that.

Another "L" for Fennelle has to do with some of the amenities. Since I started staying there in 2014, there was no access to water, the most basic of needs, until my last stay at the beginning of March 2017. That's three years without water. And let me tell you, making clients have to go out of their way for something so simple is a big "no-no" in this industry.

The beds are equivalent to a slab of cement, and there are even more comfortable slabs of cement that I've slept on. Also, the human security system they've implemented at the main door of the lobby can be a little stuffy—just ignore them. They're not that important.

I'm also not sure what the owners were thinking with

their sense of décor, but the iron beds, cream walls, and dark-shaded woodwork trademark of every room are so last-century and slightly reminiscent of a convent. Perhaps that was an intentional deterrent so as to keep residents from engaging in certain "un-holy" behaviors, but I think it might be time for them to think about a little facelift.

Also, they've recently been accepting some questionable clientele. Seasoned guests such as myself have learned how to be respectful neighbors. But these newcomers? Yeah, they've got a lot to learn.

Hotel Fennelle used to be a nice, quiet, family-oriented place to stay, but now between 1-3 a.m. all you hear is the click-click-clacking of four-inch stilettos in the halls, drunken shouting, and, well, other unmentionable noises. The walls are thin. You hear everything. Every. Thing.

Noise complaints are generally ignored too; don't count on workers doing anything extra to make the stay worth your while. At \$1,000 a night, it's safe to say I won't come back any time soon, at least not until some changes have been made.

Food Review: My Roommate's Snacks

by Gordon Ramsay '18
A&E Staff

FOOD REVIEW

In a box that has been expertly hidden, underneath a twin XL bed and tucked behind a suitcase, lies a treasure like no other: an assortment of candies, cookies, and snacks that were intended to stay out of sight but failed to do so.

My Roommate's Snacks is a culinary experience like no other, and with such exquisite tastes and a thrilling ambiance, anyone who has just a taste will keep coming back for more.

I stumbled upon My Roommate's Snacks while picking up a rogue dirty sock that had made its way over to my roommate's bed. The box's placement seemed peculiar, and I naturally believed I had to check it out.

After going inside the box, I was happy to find an extensive menu of items: Snickers, potato chips, those peanut butter cracker things, and much more. My roommate was likely getting back soon, however, so I decided to come back the next day.

My first dining experience was even better than I had expected. I noted the unique ambiance in which I was to dine: the dim light and the cramped corner in which I was hiding were unique to this eatery, however the thrill of possibly being caught was the most enjoyable part of the experience.

For my first course, I opened a small bag of fruit snacks. As I hastily poured the contents of the bag into my hand, I noted the assortment of vibrant colors—the various reds and blues and purples made me question whether the gummies would all taste good together. When I shoved them all in my mouth, I was happily surprised to find that they did.

My second course, the entrée, consisted of three fun-sized Snickers bars and a small bag of plain Lays potato chips. Although I found the Snickers bars slightly over-cooked (perhaps from sitting next to a heater), the combination of salty chips and sweet chocolate made the dish stimulating. When I innovatively placed a Snickers in between two chips, I was especially engrossed by the contrasting and compatible flavors.

For dessert I helped myself to a combination of Twizzlers, M&M's, and Three Musketeers. I was enjoying the variety of textures when I heard a rustling at the door. I dropped my food and rushed to leave My Roommate's Snacks. With my adrenaline pumping and a full stomach, I jumped onto my bed and pretended to look at my phone.

Unlike any eatery I had ever been to before, My Roommate's Snacks included an element of adventure not easily forgotten. As I wait for the next care package to come in, I will contentedly reminisce over my experience and avoid eye contact with my roommate who totally knows I ate his food.

Welcome to My Roommate's Snacks

Location: Under my roommate's bed

Prices: Free

Quality: Five stars

Tonight's Menu Features:

Homemade cookies from his mom

One delectable jar of peanut butter and whole wheat crackers

The motherload of M&Ms

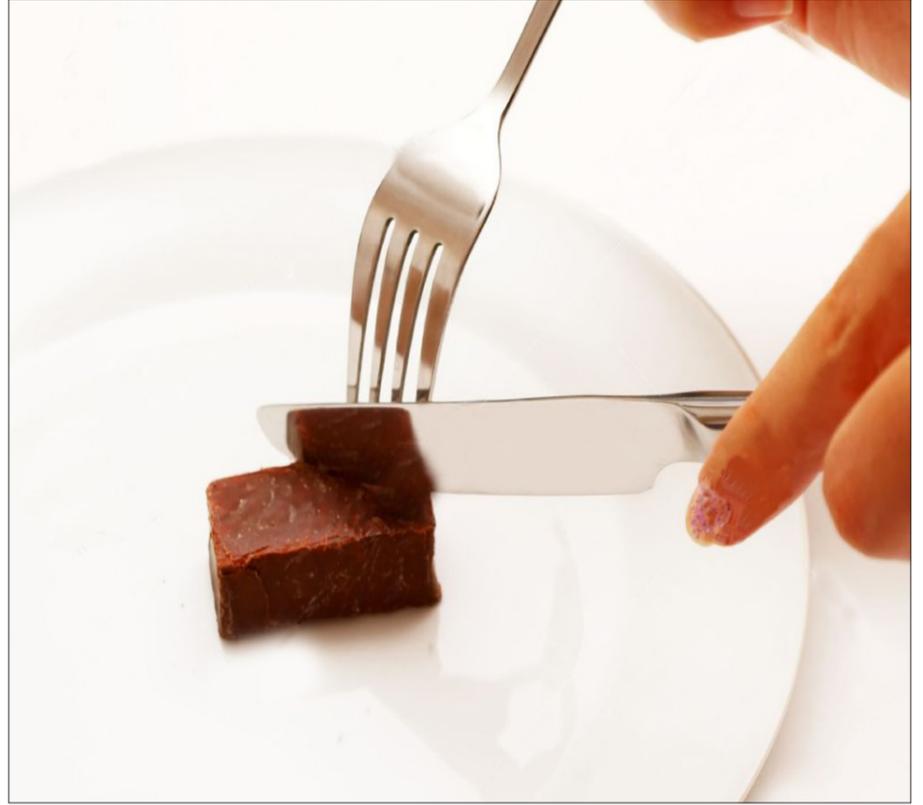


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Fifty Shades Darker: Best Movie of the 21st Century

by Rose Chambre '18
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MOVIE REVIEW

In fall 2014, news that groundbreaking and inspirational *New York Times* best selling novel, *50 Shades of Grey*, would be made into a blockbuster movie swept the nation and prompted the startup of a multitude of book clubs for the franchise.

One of them, *50 Shades of Ray*, is still growing in number and is currently one of the most active and engaging student organizations on campus.

"We're just so grateful that we have these books to express ourselves in ways we wouldn't otherwise be able to on campus,"

said President of the club Brenda Over '17. "It's just a nice way for all of us to come together and appreciate art in its truest form."

The club, who consider themselves experts on the material, went together to watch the newest movie, *50 Shades Darker*, and raved over the performances by Dakota Johnson (playing Anastasia Steele) and Jamie Doran (playing Christian Grey).

The following is the club's review, printed exclusively for *The Scowl*:

Indescribable. Breathtaking. Groundbreaking. Mind-blowing. Spectacular. Those adjectives do not even begin to describe the pleasure and thought-provoking, inflectional, intellectual

experience of watching *50 Shades Darker*.

Not only is the film perhaps the greatest love story of all time—with the original movie trailing close behind—but the chemistry between the actors playing Christian and Anastasia is astoundingly beautiful, rich, and deep. The gazing eyes, lingering touches, and prolonged kisses are a sweet mix of enchanting and haunting, and leave the audience begging for more.

The film's director, James Foley, drives the plot masterfully. He gives the audience what they want to see but also teases out the steamier scenes so that the audience can leave more to their imagination.

He creates a world in which we fight for Christian and Ana to be together, and a world in which we love and drool over the sexist and misogynistic comments made by the erogenous Christian.

In the movie, the audience roots for Christian to take Ana's short skirt as an invitation, as the current feminist atmosphere in society is redundant.

The movie is also extremely suspenseful. Without giving away too many spoilers, a woman from Christian's past returns and her presence threatens Ana. She's jealous and deranged—don't you love how the movie stigmatizes mental health—and wants Christian back for herself.

Ana then constantly battles with the possibility that she is nothing more to Christian than the other women he has been with, and she begins to wonder if the colossal amount of love she has for him is unmatched.

If this film does receive high critical acclaim elsewhere, a shock will run throughout the nation. Nothing is as beautiful, nothing is as sensual, nothing else matches our wildest dreams and fantasies as perfectly.

50 Shades Darker is simply a masterpiece and a work of true genius. It is the open door in a small dark room. It's the soft orange glow that comes with the sunrise of a brand-new day. It is pure joy, pure bliss, and a film that transcends time. Let it feed and fill your soul with a desire so deep, it is unimaginably glorious.

"I wish that I had narrated this." - Morgan Freeman

"An unfortunate classic." - Meryl Streep

FIFTY SHADES
DARKER

"Fun and filth for the whole family."
- Walt Disney

"One step forward for film and three giant steps back for women."
- Neil Armstrong

Where Do Hollywood's Weird Creatures Go?



What we think the "Big Ass Monster Zoo" might look like.

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by Newt Scamander '19
A&E Staff

FILM

Hollywood has been faced with some perplexing questions during its century-and-a-half-long life. Back in the '50s, every living room across the country was wondering just how they got the little people inside the TV. Today, in Hollywood's age, people are wondering just where the studios house all of the crazy creatures that appear in films. Where do Godzilla, King Kong, Groot, and those weird little face-suction-cuppy-spider monsters from *Alien vs. Predator* stay when they are not in front of the camera?

I caught up with Providence local Gel Mibson, a frequent movie-goer, to seek insight on his oft-published theories on the whereabouts of these

creatures. "I used to imagine this big old zoo," says Mibson, "like—really goddamn big." When asked about its possible whereabouts, Mibson replied, "Oh, it could be anywhere. Somewhere deep in the Sahara Desert or a secret biodome in the arctic tundra—what about South Dakota? Has anyone ever actually met anyone else from South Dakota? Probably not, because the entire state is a zoo."

It appears as though his theory, known by film scholars and historians as the "Big Ass Monster Zoo Theory," or simply by its acronym BAM! (with the Z and T replaced with an exclamation point because it sounds cooler), has gained a lot of steam over the years.

It has gained so much steam, in fact, that Hollywood's official self-appointed representative of the Church of Scientology, Tom Cruise, has recently pledged \$40 million in research funds to send teams out across the country in search of the fabled zoo. "Hollywood has kept those

beautiful, fantastic, disgusting creatures hidden for long enough," reports Cruise in an exclusive interview, "If they are out there, I will find them."

Skeptics of the older tradition find it difficult to move past the seemingly insurmountable obstacle of just how they get all of those little people in the tiny box. "It just doesn't make any sense," reports Community College of Tennessee film professor Rod Stewart, "next you'll try to tell me that women allowed to vote and then we will get a good laugh and have a cigar near the most beautiful sycamore tree park I have ever seen that movie about the two dancing ladies and the duck, or the swan—what was I talking about before?"

The wonderings about the location of these movie creatures has not gone unnoticed in the box office. *Kong: Skull Island* reports a 958 percent drop from its opening weekend, largely due to protests by members of PETMM (People for Ethical Treatment of Movie Monsters), who have been standing outside movie theaters dressed as their favorite movie monsters while wrapped in barbed wire. PETMM leader Gwyneth Paltrow comments, "Ow," as she continues to struggle with the barbed wire.

Is there a zoo where Hollywood keeps its monsters? I would like to think that it is more of a sanctuary, where they are allowed to roam free when they are not making blockbuster films. However, it does raise some ethical and logistical concerns. *The Lorax* and the Raptors from *Jurassic World* (NOT Park) have a history of contention. Also, nobody likes those slimy bastards from *Alien*, or those things that eat teeth from *Don't Be Afraid of the Dark*. Oh, you didn't see that? That's okay, neither did anybody else. The Hollywood Foreign Press refused to comment on the matter.

Preview: *Little Hands, Big Office*

by Mindy Kaling '18
A&E Staff

FILM

It's new, it's dramatic, and it's taken a hold of the nation—it's *Little Hands, Big Office*. The new reality television show was announced in November to an unsuspecting public that was forced to watch. Promising an electrifying first season, the show starring President Trump (Donald) and the rest of the White House gang seems to guarantee thrills and chills for at least a few seasons to come.

The idea for *Little Hands, Big Office* floated around Fox News for a year and half, and at first, quite frankly, seemed like a Snoop Dogg pipe dream. After all, networks like NBC and CNN were already running *All in Clinton's Family* and *Everyone Forgets Jeb!* Yet, as impossible as it may have seemed, the show started airing in January and has had so much buzz, it is almost impossible to keep up.

The show is set up in the style of a mockumentary, similar to the hit NBC comedy *The Office*. In this case, it is not parodying the average day at a paper company, it is poking fun at the conventional wisdom and social acceptability associated with the most powerful office in the world. The show's main character, Donald, resembles *The Office's* protagonist Michael Scott. He is a naïve, socially awkward man, who finds himself in a position of power that many consider

him comedically unqualified for.

Some previewed episodes feature Donald simply saying outlandish and comical things, some of which have even become trademark catchphrases. Take for instance his lines, "Fake News" and "Alternative Facts," which are now accepted and used by almost half of the country.

The show also offers hysterical other characters that steal the audience attention as well. Take for instance the show's Dwight, Sean Spicer. Spicer's shtick is based in his unquestioning devotion to his boss. One episode will show Spicer defending his boss's false claim of his crowd size.

Ben Carson has proven to be the administration's Stanley, as his love of naps and crosswords have dominated his days as Secretary of HUD. Kelly Anne Conway, without question has assumed the roll of Angela in the office. She is supposed to be seen as a callous character who lives a very rigid life and can quite frankly justify anything.

Of course, Donald has his controversial relationship with his boss Vladimir, just like Jan and Michael's relationship. The show also will have a dynamic romance mirroring Ryan and Kelly; Jared Kushner, the well-educated business whiz kid who is scared of the consequences of breaking up with his significant other, Ivanka.

Little Hands, Big Office will be without doubt the best show to watch for the next four years. Although the show still lacks any truly likable characters like Jim or Pam, there is still the hope that the show will mature.



A promotional photo for *Little Hands, Big Office*.

GRAPHIC DESIGN BY KATIE PUZYCKI '17/THE COWL

Notice how your name sounds a lot like Aquinas? That's irrelevant, I'm just saying. Your element, air, will be important this week. As you enter the Ray stank of life, a favorable wind will push you through. Look to a former enemy for help, as he or she will surprise you. When you're choking on whatever that smell is (don't ask me it's beyond my sixth sense), this person will be the pinch to your nose.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 19



Leo
July 23-Aug. 22



Dear, sweet Leo, be brave like the lion you are and jump into the metaphorical (or physical) koi pond of life. The milky way is streaming just like your conscience. It's time just to go for it and release your inhibitions. Feel the rain on your skin. No one else can feel it for you. Only you can let it in. No one else. No one else can speak the words on your lips... the rest is still unwritten.

Cough *Cough*—that's you Pisces. You're getting sick, sorry. I didn't do it, so I don't know why you're mad at me. Blame Neptune—he's been hanging around Pluto recently, and you know how those two can be together. If you're looking for a silver-lining, look to Venus. Venus knows some people and can get you what you want, even all the right classes for next semester. All Venus wants is a little something in return. Just offer up your Patagonia as a sacrifice and leave the rest to your cousin Vinny.

Pisces
Feb. 19-March 20



Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22



Virgo—loyal, kind, hardworking, and kind. You always have your business in the front, so it's time to release the party in the back of the mullet of your life. To do this, bringing your mullet to an actual party for once might help. Being intoxicated will also help you get in touch with your feelings, which do exist. Go find a Taurus and ride that bull.

Bold and charismatic Aries, let's tame the beast. Pluto is in the seventh house of the rising sun, which means it's time to lay low this weekend. We know you are normally the life of the party and the first to dance on the table, but your egotistic nature is getting on people's nerves. It may be time to let a friend share your spotlight. Maybe do something low key this weekend. You can still have your fun but in a relaxed way. Let's take it from Suites to Fennel. Try a movie.

Aries
March 21-April 19



Libra
Sept. 23-Oct. 22



This weekend is fight night for you, Libra. You must resist your normal passivity and reassert your sense of self. That schoolyard bully that keeps taking your lunch money? Time to fight back. One word: wedgie. Be the Edward Norton of your Fight Club. Venus is in the 22nd house of Saturn in Jupiter's neighborhood of Pluto's third red-light district, so maybe try and kiss someone.

Practical Taurus, you have an eye for beauty and have potentially found your true match. Are you fishing for ideas for a first date? Why not try the romantic dining facility known as Alumni Hall? Nothing says romance like Yella's or Slice of Life. Your date would appreciate the step up from Ray. We know you've been frugal with those Friar Bucks, so you might want to splurge on some baked chicken penne for two.

Taurus
April 20-May 20



Scorpio
Oct. 23-Nov. 21



Hey Scorpio, your worst fears in life are coming true. Your friends, are, in fact, out to get you. But there is hope. As Pluto drifts across the 11th sea of the 11th sun, you are sure to find a new, better friend. You will find him or her in a social setting, bonding over that class you had together, remember? No not that one, the other one. Treat him or her to some food or a drink and then he or she will love you for life. Maybe.

Gemini, Gemini, Gemini. What a weekend you have in store. Saturn is in the galactic fifth spectrum of Venus, so it's time to get out of Phillips Memorial Library and time to take your chance with love. We suggest you kiss a lot—frogs included—but be careful to avoid warts. Even if the frogs don't turn into princes, at least you've had your practice.

Gemini
May 21-June 20



Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21



Pack your bags, Sagittarius, it's time for a change of scenery. You will find yourself somewhere you have never been before, but not necessarily somewhere nice. Saturn is radiant and clear, because he will be close to exaltation, entering the mansion of Aries. You will NOT be in a mansion—far from it. I'm not going to tell you where, so stop asking. Just bring your sense of humor and your idealistic nature, because things might get a little...ambiguous.

You've been running around a lot lately, Cancer. With the sun rising in the west this weekend, take the extra time you need to blow off all your responsibilities. Saturday is your night. Stay out 'til dawn, meet a new friend, and have a late-night conversation in which words become more intimate, meaningful, and true. Don't forget to speak with your body.

Cancer
June 21-July 22

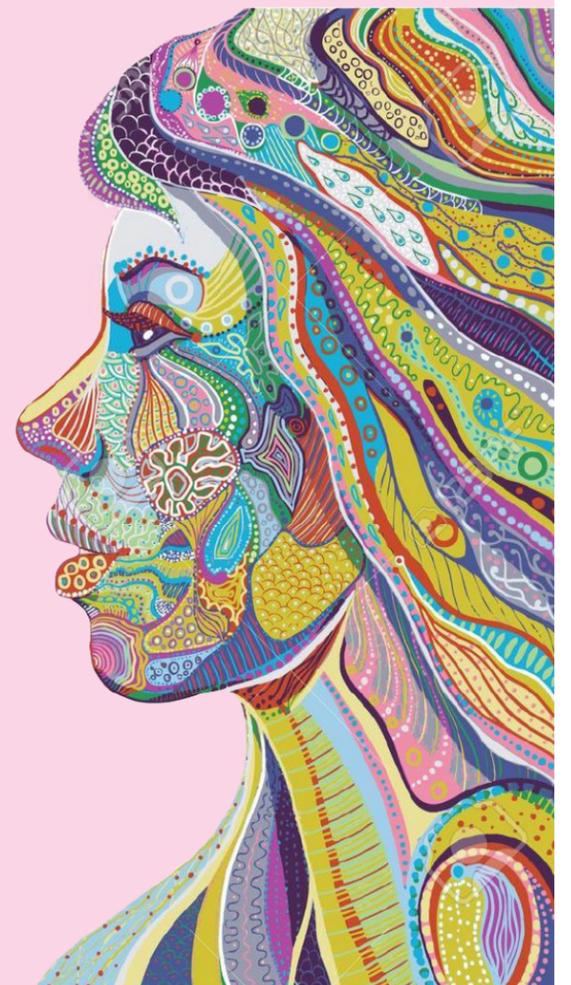


Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19



Hey, buddy, just take a quick breather. Yes, your dorm furniture is not of the highest craftsmanship. Yes, you may have broken a thing or two. But it's not your fault. Nothing is ever your fault, remember? This will be good to keep in mind when fighting with your significant other this weekend. Just explain to him or her that Saturn is cohabitating with the moon goddess and they are happy together, thus causing a shift in reality. What you did or said never happened.

*Horoscopes:
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Steve on Facebook, who shared a meme convincing all of his friends that Global Warming is a hoax, despite the insurmountable data collected by the some of the world's leading scientists suggesting otherwise.

Trump

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place one letter at a time

Dear Tiff and Earl,

My significant other and I are looking to take things to the *next level*, but my roommate never leaves my room. What would you suggest I do?

Sincerely,

I wish to remain unnamed and hope you'll respect my privacy.

Dear Let's Call You Stacey,

If you're looking to take things to another level, building a set of stairs usually helps. Or, if you're feeling particularly lazy, there are elevators in most of the buildings on campus.

If you're looking to figuratively take it to the next level, I would suggest the koi pond, and I know Hotel Fennelle is taking reservations.

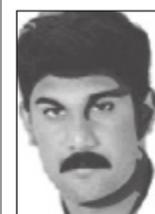


Tiffany

Dear Whoever,

Please explain what you mean by "next level." When I was your age it meant something that could be nowhere near what it means today. You kids are constantly changing your slang. This could be something far more ridiculous than what it means to me.

I will answer this question while operating under my understanding of "next level." If you want to take things to where I think you want to, then I would suggest you visit the quiet zone of the library on a Saturday night. There shouldn't be anyone there and therefore the quiet sign will not apply.



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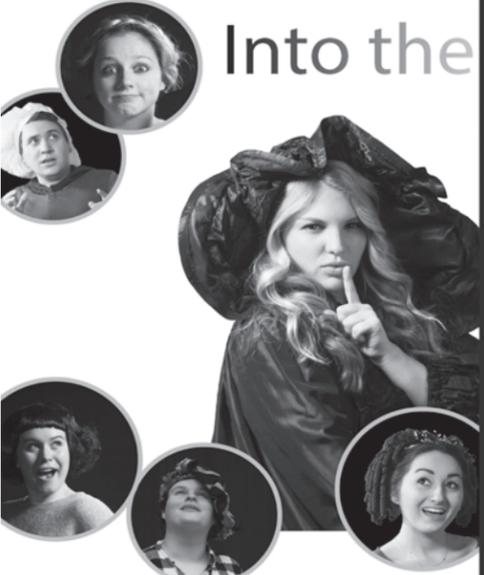
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Tomfoolery: Jersey Manhunt



Bob Kraft with the elusive jerseys.

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by Twine Tickler '18
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NFL

In a worldwide manhunt that spanned the better part of a month and a half, Tom Brady's Super Bowl 49 and 51 game-worn jerseys were found in Mexico. They were in the possession of a member of the Mexican media named Martin Mauricio Ortega. Ortega is not doing the Mexican government any favors by inciting an issue with President Donald Trump, who is an avid Brady fan. Mr.

Trump was seen talking with Attorney General Jeff Sessions after Super Bowl 51 and was overheard saying "we may need to build that wall 50 feet higher to protect Brady and the Patriots." Mr. Sessions then proceeded to shut down the global judicial system to return the jerseys to their rightful owner.

Due to the help of the Houston Police department, NFL security, Patriots security, the FBI, and other international actors, there was no other law enforcement available in the world to prosecute any other crimes. The FBI sifted through 20,000 Super Bowl media

credentials and narrowed that number down to 1,400 from a description of the perpetrator. Ultimately, an FBI tip linked Ortega to Brady's jerseys because he posted on social media about them. Lesson of this case—don't post about the stolen jerseys of the greatest quarterback, ever because his good friend Donald, the leader of the free world, will find you.

Brady's jerseys, which were estimated to be worth over one million dollars on the black market, created a worldwide purge for 43 days as the world scrambled to help the golden boy Brady. Thankfully, no other important cultural pieces like

the *Mona Lisa* or The *David* sculpture were stolen during this purge, which was a huge win for law enforcement.

Brady, being the terrific guy that he is, decided not to press charges on Ortega, as he prefers avocado ice cream, resistance bands, and performance sleep attire to any legal conflict. After defacing Brady's name in the infamous "deflategate," the NFL and other law enforcement officials paid their dues to the immortal Brady. Brady now has everything he possibly can on his resumé, from Super Bowl victories to influencing foreign relations between the United States and Mexico.

New Un(four)gettable NCAA Rule



Mark Emmert, President of the NCAA, delivered this image of the four point line.

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by Bas Ket Ball '17
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NCAA

Amidst the backdrop of March Madness, last week the NCAA announced that they would be adding something to the game that fans have been asking about for years now. That's right everyone, the four-point line is finally here.

It is the thing that every college hoops fan wishes existed when their team is down with only seconds to go in a big tournament game. Your wish is apparently the

NCAA's command, because they have finally added the one thing that is missing from basketball: a way to score even more points. The new line on the court will be five feet behind the three-point line and will appear on all college basketball courts before next season.

Officials for the NCAA were quick to show their approval of the change. Most of them concurred that this change will bring more excitement to the end of games, with teams having a chance to close gaps that were previously deemed insurmountable. It is a small chance that only some of the best shooters will successfully take, but a chance all the same.

After hearing the announcement, the NBA was quick

to come out in support of the new line. They also added that they were in fact thinking of adding one themselves in the next few years. One senior official said that the reason they were considering it was because they had run out of shooting tasks for Stephen Curry to be good at. Also, he added that "maybe we'll finally hit that much anticipated 200 point mark with this new addition."

Make sure to look for the newest line on the court when you watch college hoops next year. Given all the public support for the announcement that has already set Twitter abuzz, it is hard to believe that anyone would have a problem with a new line on the court. Except for whoever has to pay for the court to be repainted.



Domination or Dalmination?



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by Golden Daddy '19
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OP-ED

Friar Dom

Friar Dom or Huxley? Is this a real question? News flash for all you folks: Friar Dom is a human being. Last time I checked, the supreme leaders of the world are not Dalmatians. Huxley would not last a round against Friar Dom. For starters, if this fight is over territory, how long has Huxley been around—a week?

This school belongs to Friar Dom. He owns the Dunk. He owns Schneider. Any puppy that thinks they can just waltz in and all of a sudden start claiming sacred territory that's been completely dominated by Friar Dom for the past decade

needs a bit of a wake up call. Who was there when the Friars won the NCAA National Championship for hockey in 2015? Who was there when men's basketball went on the road to Villanova and crushed everything they stood for in 2016? Not Huxley. So there is no question about who Friartown should be rooting for if this fight, God forbid, ever went down.

If we are talking logistics here, the answer is still Friar Dom. Like I said, he's a human being. Humans walk dogs on leashes. Friar Dom is like the reigning heavyweight champion in this scenario, while Huxley is the fill-in for the real opponent who got suspended for PEDs. Dogs know they are inferior, Huxley knows he's inferior, and all of Friartown loves Friar Dom too much to ever consider him taking an "L" in this one. Friar Dom KO in the first round, lock it in.

By Platinum Pursuer '18
Fun With Balls Staff

OP-ED

Huxley

In the ultimate show down between the old and the new, human and animal, Friar Dom and Huxley, there is not a doubt in my mind that youth will triumph and Huxley will walk away as the champion. Huxley not only brings the pure athleticism that Friar Dom lacks, but he also secretly brings decades of experience.

As many are quick to forget, the Dalmatian was the first mascot of this institution back in 1937. Huxley not only breathes new energy and life into the Providence College athletic experience, but he also

maintains the historic tradition of the school.

From a strictly physical standpoint, Dalmatians are incredibly athletic creatures. They are talented sporting dogs, and specifically are incredibly successful trail hounds and boar hunters. If Huxley can hunt down a boar, there is no doubt in my mind that Friar Dom has met his match. Staying with the theme of physical superiority, how often do you hear of humans biting dogs? Never. That's how often. Huxley's sharp teeth and uncontrollable energy alone could lead to the demise of Friar Dom.

After years of being included on every published list of the creepiest college mascots, I think it's time for a new face in Friartown. I guarantee Huxley will be the top dog.

Players Thrown by (Disc)overy



The divisive moment.

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by Frizz B. '17
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INTRAMURALS

It may have looked like a harmless handshake, but it was far from it. The exchange between a referee and player at this past Monday's intramural ultimate frisbee game was a signification of familiarity and, possibly, allegiance.

Jimmy Cavil '18, captain of the intramural team "The Disc Jockeys," is confident that the referee and opponents in his ultimate frisbee game colluded against his team. Cavil and his teammates believe that the handshake and friendly exchange between referee Sam Cooker '17 and Caser Conner '19 signified a fidelity between the two parties in the contest.

The major complaint from "The Disc Jockeys" concerns a call towards the end of the game. Cavil, running in one of the end zones, clearly caught a goal in bounds. Cooker, however, had the audacity to call it out of bounds.

Following the game, Cavil and teammates were heard speaking candidly and truthfully. "Did you see that thing before the game?" Cavil asked rhetorically, "They were best friends." In response, Cavil's teammate, Timmy Carper '18 said, "Wow, that's why we lost," followed by a series of expletives.

When confronted about the controversy, Cooker was aggressively adamant. "No," he said, "I kind of know them, but I didn't give them the game." Then, likely trembling, Cooker ran away "to class" so he couldn't be questioned by a reporter anymore.

An interview with Conner, the other guilty party, produced the following quote: "Are you guys still complaining about that call? The game was already over. We were up by—" Conner had nothing else to say.

"The Disc Jockeys" have sent a formal letter condemning the actions of Conner and Cooker to Rick McSweatt, assistant director of intramurals. Sweatt is obviously expected to come down on the two swiftly and hard, hopefully suspending them from intramurals for life and awarding "The Disc Jockeys" with the win.

The bogus game ended with a score of 22-9.* Stay tuned next week for the article, "Intramural Shirts? Who Needs 'Em?"

*The game is currently subject to review, will probably be overturned.

Divers Hit Rock Bottom

by Akoi Ponds '17
Fun With Balls Staff

SWIMMING AND DIVING

When the Providence College Swimming and Diving Team emerged from their locker rooms and entered the pool area last week, they couldn't believe their eyes. There was Coach Drooly blowing a whistle as members of the men's basketball team dove into all six lanes, their long arms and legs cutting through the water at high speeds.

"The most traumatic part was definitely the speedos. I saw so much leg. The disturbing sight honestly hasn't left me," said swimming and diving team member Mike Strokes '18.

"I was pretty confused by the whole scene. We always practice at that time of day and nobody told us the basketball team would be using our pool," said Betty Butterfly '19.

Drooly explained that after the Friars' devastating loss to the University of Southern California Trojans in the First Four, he had to find new workout routines that would keep his players' stamina up in the second half.

When asked how the aquatic practices have been going, Drooly said, "Oh, swimmingly. I've got them doing the breaststroke, the backstroke, even the doggy paddle. Their arm and leg muscles have never looked so good—and their energy on the court? They're jumping like dolphins."

Providence College's Athletic Director, Rob Fiscal, was apparently impressed with the results too. He has granted the men's basketball team permission to use the pool around the clock in preparation for next season, relegating the swimming and diving team's practice space to the koi pond on campus.

"It's been a tough time. We really can't do much with such a small space, but we've done a lot of underwater breathing exercises because we found that if we sit around the edge of the pond, we can all stick our faces in at once. Then everybody's involved," said Butterfly.

This exercise has produced mixed results. Strokes can now hold his breath for three minutes, a new record on the team, but Abby Finn '17 was sent to the health center the next day after becoming ill. It was later confirmed that she suffered from Giardia, an infection of the small intestine caused by parasites.

Fiscal was not available for comment about the student's sickness, but made an announcement this week that the Friar Development Center, the new addition to the Slavin Center which will be built this summer of 2017, will now feature an Olympic-size pool for the basketball players' exclusive use.

At least the swimming and diving team will get their old pool back.

