



The Owl

A Beacon of Light and Truth

Calabria Family Gives Donation For Construction of a Torch on Slavin Lawn

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ON CAMPUS

Slavin Lawn has been the home to a wide variety of campus activity at Providence College, from lounging and playing yard games during the first days of spring, to carnivals and cookouts that kick off the school year. In celebration of PC's next century, Slavin Lawn will now be home to a new addition to the College's architecture, an addition symbolizing light, truth, and the Dominican tradition.

Construction of the Calabria Plaza, which includes a giant sculpture of a torch, is currently underway, and the project is set to be completed by the beginning of November. "The construction of the Torch and Plaza during our Centennial Year will mark the ending of our first century and the beginning of the opportunities available to Providence College over the next 100 years," said John Sweeney, chief financial officer of the College. "It is meant as place to remember as well as to inspire."

Joseph '65 and '93P and Sugar '93P Calabria were inspired by the image of the torch, and donated this "birthday gift" to the College to kick off the public portion of the Providence College Capital Campaign. "The Calabria family wanted to create a dramatic symbol to inspire the Providence College Community and honor all of the Dominican Friars who have served us," said Sweeney. "Joe and Sugar have been very generous to

Providence College over the years and felt this was a lasting way to recognize the important role the College and the Dominicans have had in their lives."

The donation from the Calabria family will cover the cost of the project in its entirety (and will be in the range of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000). Sweeney stated that the Calabrias have made donations to virtually every major area of the College.

In keeping with the function and purpose of Slavin Lawn as a public gathering place, the Calabria family wanted the area surrounding the torch to be a place where all members of the College community could come to gather and to reflect on the torch as a symbol of light and truth. Around the bench seating, the plaza will hold a wall of black granite with inscriptions that include a list of Dominican saints, PC's Alma Mater, and inspirational quotes.

The torch, the official symbol of Providence College, is very much associated with the Dominican Order and its founder, St. Dominic. Sweeney explained that before Dominic's birth, his mother, Jane of Aza, had a vision of a hound racing through the world with a flaming torch in its mouth that "ignited everything it touched."

"I think our flame is a big part of who we are as Friars, so it is cool that we are adding something like this to our campus atmosphere," said Kasey Cardin '18. "I don't know if this is something our campus necessarily needed, but I'm excited to see what it looks like when it is

finished." She explained that she is glad she'll get to see the completed project during her senior year.

Megan Manning '18 shared a view similar to Cardin's. "It's going to look really good on campus, but I think there is better use of our financial resources," she said, and expressed that there were other aspects of the College that could have benefitted from the gift. "I'm really excited to see the torch, but do we really need the torch?"

The idea of building the torch was incorporated into the Campus Transformation plan during the Fall of 2014. The original concept showed that the torch would have a living and eternal flame, but according to Sweeney, there was a thought that the flame might be insensitive to the memory of the 10 students who lost their lives in the 1977 Aquinas fire.

Stephen Forneris '90 and '18P, an architect involved with the Ruane Friar Development Center, was asked by Sweeney to conceptualize the torch symbol in an abstract way, and his version of the torch was adopted with some modifications by SLAM Collaborative and sculptor Brian Hanlon. Sweeney mentioned that Mark Rapoza, assistant vice president of capital projects and facilities management at the College, has been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition, and Associate Athletic Director Steve Napolillo secured support for this project.

"It will be an interesting visual on Slavin," said Aine Redington '20. "It's



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cool to see the construction happening, and nice to know it will be completed this semester." She also mentioned that she will be interested to see how it changes the dynamic of "Slavin Beach," as during the warmer days in the spring semester, Slavin Lawn fills up with blankets and lounging students who are soaking in all the rays they can before finals.

"It is the symbol of the light of truth," said Sweeney. "As a Dominican institution, we strive to form our students into seekers of truth, insight, enlightenment, and understanding." He explained it is for this reason the College's seal representing *Veritas* will be found on the sculpture, and also explained that the torch is a symbol of the preaching of grace. "The Friars are called to 'set the world ablaze' with their preaching of the good news," he said.

Joshua Davis Encourages Students to "Show Up"

Writer of Spare Parts Addresses Students at the 2017-2018 Academic Convocation

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ON CAMPUS

"Education is primarily a collaborative endeavor," said Father Brian Shanley, O.P., president of Providence College, as he stood before the campus community Monday afternoon at Academic Convocation. His remarks were inspired by this year's Common Reading book, *Spare Parts*, and he explained that what he found most significant about the story was the relationship between the students and their teachers.

Prior to his remarks, a video played highlighting all the major centennial events that occurred just last year, including the Black & White Ball, the Presidential Speaker Series, and the Our Moment Centennial Celebration. The message of the video was clear, as the Class of 2021 is the class that will bring PC into its second century.

To ensure another century of academic achievement, Fr. Shanley asserted that to find success, we can look to the young men in *Spare Parts* for guidance. "I was inspired by how active the young men were in their learning, and how their teachers taught them how to learn," he said. "They were challenged to figure things out on their own, and learn how to learn."

Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream, is a true story written by Joshua Davis, who was the keynote speaker Monday afternoon. The novel tells the tale of the four Latino teenagers who beat MIT in the Marine Advanced Technology Education Robotics Competition in 2004, and deals with themes such as immigration, lack of resources in inner-city high schools, and, as the title suggests, the battle for the American dream.

"So, who read the book?" Davis boldly asked



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Joshua Davis speaks at the 2017-2018 Academic Convocation.

the crowd when it was his turn to speak. After a few honest brave souls raised their hands, he joked with his audience and said, "A good piece of advice, never answer that question in college."

Davis has been writing for over 15 years, and after writing for the magazine *Wired*, he currently owns his own magazine and is a movie producer. "I did not intend to become a journalist," Davis said. "I majored in economics in college because I knew nothing about it."

He got a good laugh from the crowd when he explained that the problem with studying macroeconomics is that once one graduates, one is only qualified to run a small European company, and began his tale as to how he ended up doing data entry

at a phone company for work. "What was curious was that if I typed the wrong number into the computer, it would beep at me, which would lead me to conclude that somehow the data was already being typed in, which prompted me to see how long it would take before I went crazy," Davis joked.

Perhaps what made his speech relatable to a freshman class beginning their college experience, was that even if students did not read his book, Davis offered advice that can be applied to many aspects of college. "Just show up," he said. He explained how he came to win fourth place in the United States National Arm Wrestling Championship without ever winning an arm wrestling match, and how that led him to compete in Poland for 17th place in the World Arm Wrestling Championship (again, without ever winning an arm wrestling match) and all he had to do was show up.

Eventually this quirky story led to his position at *Wired*, where he would write about this experience and would eventually lead him to cover the war in Iraq. "Just by showing up, I was led to a career that I didn't at all plan."

He related his own experience to the experiences of the boys in *Spare Parts*, who risked deportation by showing up to a robotics competition at the collegiate level, but pointed out if they hadn't shown up, who would have beat MIT? "Imagine being that passionate about your education," he said.

"I was glad the freshmen got to hear his story, and glad I got to hear it too," said Jerod Magazine '19, an orientation leader who attended Convocation. "The speaker was relatable, and it was cool he didn't just talk about the book, but his life story."

Davis ended his speech by encouraging the audience to push themselves to "show up." "So I leave you with this idea: push yourself into something that's uncomfortable and surprising things will happen," he said. "Today is the beginning of that journey for you."

Featured Friars: Providence in Argentina

Gabriella Sanchez '18 and Ann Kleinschmidt '19 Spend Six Weeks in Tucumán

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FEATURED FRIAR

Providence College student Ann Kleinschmidt '19 and Gabriella Sanchez '18 found themselves in San Miguel de Tucumán, the capital of Tucumán province in Northern Argentina by way of the Smith Fellowship. This fellowship is a program for rising juniors and seniors to spend six weeks serving or studying with Dominican Friars or Sisters anywhere in the world. PC students serve with Dominicans to enrich the community and learn more about the Dominican tradition that PC is based on.

The students lived in a convent with the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, who run several Catholic primary to secondary schools in Tucumán. Of these schools, Kleinschmidt and Sanchez had the chance to visit and facilitate English seminars for students in kindergarten all the way through senior year of high school at Santa Rosa Colegio and Santa Catalina, giving the students the opportunity to practice English with a native speaker.

They also visited some of the rural communities, including an isolated mountain community called Chasquivil, which took an 8-hour horseback ride to reach, where they taught at the local school. On the weekends, they would join some of their high school students in visiting the rural community of La Soledad, where they would do ministry work with the locals.

Another part of the Smith Fellowship is working towards a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition. Both Sanchez and Kleinschmidt felt this deeper understanding through their experience.

Kleinschmidt, a biology major and Spanish minor, described it as "strengthening my relationship with God and helping me to better understand the identity of the Dominican Order," as well as "teaching me that [my faith] can be celebrated in so many beautifully different ways throughout the world."

Sanchez, a global studies major with Spanish and theatre minors, compared her time in both schools, one more affluent than the other, noting that the wealthier school would organize biweekly service trips to the areas surrounding the city, while the poorer school struggled to get by due to regulations from the government. "The contrast working in these two very diverse schools was striking, but faith was a pillar for both," Sanchez recalled.

Both students described themselves as having a stronger relationship with their religion after this experience. "When I felt unprepared for class, without much formal education training, or struggled to communicate with someone, it was nothing short of divine intervention that got me through it," Sanchez said.

Now, of course, the question of food had to be asked. "We ate lots of asado, which is the Argentine version of barbecue, and let me tell you, it is incredible," said Kleinschmidt. "Argentina on the whole is known for its wine and red meat and a traditional asado takes barbecue to a whole new level," said Sanchez. Both described the food of Argentina as being delicious, from empanadas to locro (a thick stew with meat, corn, squash, and potato), and there was never a bad meal.

When asked if they would recommend the experience, Kleinschmidt stated, "I'm not going to lie to you, it isn't always easy, and it honestly shouldn't be. You learn some of the greatest lessons from the most personally challenging of situations."



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Sanchez and Kleinschmidt show Friar pride in Argentina.

She would recommend it to "anyone who is willing to take a leap of faith and immerse yourself in the unknown."

Sanchez responded by saying, "The Smith Fellowship is a once in a lifetime chance to spend an extended period of time in a very unique community, without spending a dime of your own money. I would recommend the Fellowship to students who are looking for a deeper, richer faith experience and who are ready to take on the sometimes demanding challenges of service abroad."

Committed to Being Green

With Bioswales, PC Fosters an Effective Storm Management System

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ON CAMPUS

In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes, "We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." He goes on to express that the world belongs to all who inhabit the Earth, and calls upon each and every one of us protect the environment and combat climate change.

After the tragic Hurricane Harvey occurred last week, a *New York Times* article reported that more than a trillion gallons of rain fell in Harris County, Texas, in four days, which is equivalent to running Niagara Falls for 15 days.

With the media circulating with similar reports, Pope Francis' words continue to be relevant.

Providence College has been a leader in implementing effective storm management systems, earlier this month, the Clean Water Action Rhode Island recently recognized Gale Gennaro, director of the Office of Environmental Health & Safety, with its Institutional Leader of the Year award for her work in the College's storm water management system. Specifically, she received the award for ensuring stormwater efforts are sustained, specifically as the campus grows and transforms.

With PC's current Campus Transformation project well underway, the administration has been dedicated to preserving green space on campus and has worked hard to develop bioswales throughout the campus, which naturally drain and filter storm water before running into the Narragansett Bay.

During large rainfalls, rain runs off of roofs, paved surfaces, and lawns and



The bioswales are both ecologically efficient and beautiful to look at.

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picks up water pollutants such as salt, lawn fertilizers, and oils along the way. Although water does go to a treatment plant before entering the bay, during storms with especially heavy rainfalls, storm management systems are of the utmost importance.

Bioretention performs two important functions: controlling water quantity (flood prevention) and improving water quality by removing pollutants and nutrients associated with stormwater run-off. "I would love students to be more aware of the importance of managing storm water," said Gennaro.

The bioswales are found throughout the campus, most notably behind Harkins, behind Ruane, and in front of Davis. Gennaro explained that the first bioswale was created in 2009, during the additions to the Slavin Center, and after a 2003 regulation made by the Narragansett Bay Commission which required a system be put in place on how institutions deal with storm water.

Almost 10 years later, the College has continued in its efforts to make

the campus green, by creating new bioswales with the creation of new buildings and construction on campus.

"It is so great to see that PC is so committed to being green," said Father Mark Nowel, O.P., the dean of undergraduate and graduate studies and a biologist who is a strong advocate for the bioswales on campus. "We could do the easy thing and make parking lots and new buildings, but every time we build something on green land, we have a responsibility to the environment."

Gennaro echoed Fr. Nowel's remarks, and also explained that the bioswales offer an abundance of educational opportunities. "There are lots of opportunities for research, be it the sciences of the plants or insects, or water quality studies," she said. "There are so many ways for students to learn more."

She also explained that the biology department is a large part of the project, and works closely in choosing the appropriate local plants to be included in the bioswales. "The College has done an excellent job choosing local plants for

the bioswales that thrive in the water," Fr. Nowel said.

With green infrastructure growing in popularity, Gennaro explained this is the course to take with regards to choosing the right storm management system that was right for PC. She explained one option was creating a runoff system that would filter heavy rain water into a concrete vault underground, but the implementation of bioswales seemed like the better choice.

"Not only are they educational and ecological, but they are also aesthetically pleasing," she said.

Fr. Nowel pointed out that although new buildings on campus are nice to look at, the bioswales represent a natural beauty that comes from God. "I love being a biology teacher, because I can talk about the science behind God's creation and the beauty of it," he said. "I love knowing students love being in a beautiful environment."

Fr. Nowel went onto say that we should be growing in green consciousness and look to what Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si*. "Our students should be at the forefront of making efforts to think and be green, especially as our population is growing," he said.

"As we grow and build new buildings and as our campus expands as a whole, I'd like to look at the bigger picture than just a few bioswales," said Gennaro. She explained that our campus is unique, and we should view it as a watershed when fostering effective green infrastructure to protect the Narragansett Bay.

"Look at what happened in Houston," said Fr. Nowel. "If half of our campus is paved and if there is 50 inches of rainfall, our campus is really getting 100 inches of rain. Therefore storm management is so important to understand and implement."

Development of *Eastern Civilization*

Students Find Themselves in Japan and China for Maymester Trips

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PC AROUND THE GLOBE

Two groups of Providence College students got the opportunity this summer to expand their horizons beyond the borders of Western civilization. The Development of Western Civilization program is an integral part of the PC experience, yet the study of Eastern civilization is not as integrated into the curriculum. Maymester trips to China and Japan allowed two groups of students to experience Eastern culture firsthand, in two countries with very sophisticated, ancient cultures.

The students who attended the China trip had the opportunity to build invaluable skills. Management professor John Schibler, who helped teach the course, said, "The course challenges students to use opportunities while at PC to further develop their sensitivity to other cultures, such as interacting with international students, volunteering in different culturally-based communities, or furthering their experience through studying abroad."

The course engineered a unique experience for students. The class was based on the study of organizational behavior, so while in China students were brought onsite to visit several different companies, including Coca-Cola Shanghai, BAOSTEEL, and Digital China. Dr. Jacqueline Elcik, assistant dean of the Providence College School of Business, described the visit to BAOSTEEL as being particularly interesting to the students, as "it was similar to driving through a small city, since the



A beautiful shot of one of the last temples the students visiting Japan toured before their journey home.

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company offers housing, a primary school, and multiple buildings that gave it a campus feel."

Catherine Capolongo '19 expressed her surprise about the character of the Chinese workers. "I believe Americans have a different definition of communism," she commented. "And the workers in China were not as rigid as I expected."

Beyond the company visits, the students also got to explore other aspects of Chinese society and hallmarks of Chinese culture. For example, the students visited the Great Wall of China and spent time at Shanghai Disney Resort.

Elcik emphasizes the transformative nature of the trip, saying, "Overall, I think that the students gained greater global acumen from the China experience, both in understanding the inherent differences between cultures globally, and also the variance of business studies and practices throughout the world."

The trip to Japan gave students a similar opportunity to immerse themselves in an Eastern culture

with thousands of years of history. The group visited the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, Atami, Hiroshima, Uji, and Nara. The course was photography-based, and as Professor Eric Sung, who taught the course, said, "Students were engaged in developing their own perspective of foreign culture by documenting and sharing what they discovered as they traveled."

Prior to traveling to Japan, the coursework involved a comprehensive look at the history of Japanese and U.S. relations, Japanese culture, and the basics of visual vocabulary. Josef Riccio '18 elaborated how history came to life for him in Japan. He commented, "Hiroshima was hard, being there as an American. But it was important to go, especially to the Peace Park and Museum. That changed the way I look at history."

The students also got to enjoy the unique experience of attending a Japanese baseball game and interacting with locals there. On interacting with locals, Sung said, "The most challenging and overwhelming experience for the students might

have been being a complete minority in such a remote culture." Sung elaborated, "I am sure that healthy but possibly uncomfortable experience helped students to think more about themselves and their place."

Both China and Japan are countries that forced the students to go outside their comfort zones and to discover a world beyond that of Western civilization. Elcik said, "From the minute you step off the plane in China, the country looks and feels different from the United States—everything from the cuisine, to the language, to the style of dress." This knowledge and experience of a non-Western world will give students many benefits. Elcik stresses, "Companies are looking for young talent with global mindsets who are adaptable and open-minded, and this type of experience will be what differentiates students from their peers." The Maymester trips to Eastern countries gave the PC students a more complete education and worldview, and helped to prepare them for life after college.

Campus Ministry Offers Global Immersions Experience

Students and Staff Travel Abroad to Jamaica and Guatemala for Service

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PC AROUND THE GLOBE

Wondering if you can explore a new culture while serving others alongside Providence College students and staff? The students who joined Campus Ministry this summer as part of a global immersions trip will tell you the answer is yes. The Office of the Chaplain and Campus Ministry sponsors this opportunity every May, and all are welcome to apply.

Early this summer, participants traveled to Guatemala and Jamaica to volunteer with two respective organizations dedicated to strengthening their communities. Guatemala

immersions participants worked with the Friends of San Lucas Organization, a group devoted to responding as Jesus did to the needs of the people. The students had the opportunity to work alongside the community, and meet other volunteers from all across the country.

"During my time in San Lucas I was able to help build the house and stoves for the community, as their homes are usually consisted of scrap metal and many of the people experience numerous lung and eye problems due to improper ventilation of smoke from their prior cooking methods," said Paul Kelley '20. "I have learned from this selfless culture to value life as it is given to you and be grateful for what you have."

For those 11 students and two staff members selected to travel to Jamaica, the work was similar.

Jamaica immersions participants volunteered with Mustard Seed Communities, a group dedicated to aiding communities in and around Kingston.

"This year the group traveled to Jacob's Ladder, a Mustard Seed Community for adults with a variety of disabilities in Moneague, Jamaica," said Morgan Starkey '20. Given her past volunteering experience with the Montgomery Cheetahs, an ice hockey team for developmentally and physically disabled individuals, Starkey said she felt like the immersions trip would be right up her alley. "I have never felt so welcomed and accepted by a community of people I have never met," she said.

During the week-long trip, the volunteers were able to make strong connections with residents of the Jacob's Ladder Community. "It was so awesome to get to know the residents as people with special capabilities instead of as people with special needs who needed to be pitied," said Starkey. "They taught me to love and accept everyone with a full and open heart, and to be honest and patient with each and every person I meet."

Megan Yaeger '19 also said she appreciated getting to bond with the residents on a deeper level. "One of my favorite memories was flying a kite with one of the residents, Michael," she said. "Watching his face light up and hearing his laughter each time the kite flew upwards in the wind is a memory I will always treasure."

As the fall semester begins, it is never too early to start thinking about applying for an immersions trip. Applications will be available for any interested students at the beginning of the spring semester.



Megan Curley '18 and Maria Sciancalepore '20 play with children at a women's center in Guatemala.

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Bursting the PC Bubble

Reactions and Responses to Charlottesville, Virginia

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Global

Many countries including England, Germany, Italy, Israel, and Iran have responded to the violence in Charlottesville by condemning the racism and hatred far-right groups stand for. Prime Minister of England Theresa May stated, "I see no equivalence between those who propound fascist views and those who oppose them. I think it is important for all those in positions of responsibility to condemn far-right views wherever we hear them."

Echoing May's sentiment, Prime Minister of Italy Paolo Gentiloni tweeted, "The condemnation of violence in Virginia unites the entire world. Racist hatred will not prevail."

The United Nations responded to the reaction of the Aug. 12 rally. U.N. experts denounced "the failure at the highest political level of the United States of America to unequivocally reject and condemn" racist violence, stating it was "deeply concerned by the example this failure could set for the rest of the world."

United States

Tensions ran high in the United States as violence broke out at far-right march. Charlottesville, Virginia is, according to CNN, "a progressive city of about 47,000 people." The city, once home to Thomas Jefferson, received backlash from city official's plans to remove a statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee, prompted far-right activists and Ku Klux Klan members to organize a march on Saturday, August 12. The Unite the Right rally, more commonly known as the Charlottesville Rally, resulted in the death of 32-year-old Heather Heyer when a car drove into a group of counter-protestors. Nineteen others were injured in the crash. James Alex Field, the driver of the vehicle, was charged with second-degree murder. An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

The incident on Aug. 12 was not the first alt-right gathering to occur in Charlottesville in recent months. On May 13, there was a torchlit rally at Emancipation Park, and on July 8, a rally of the Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan took place at Justice Park. The City of Charlottesville has hired Timothy Heaphy, former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia and current partner with the international law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP, to lead an independent, external review of the city's response to the three events that occurred. Michael Signer, mayor of Charlottesville, released a statement referring to the rally as "a cowardly parade of hatred, bigotry, racism, and intolerance."

President Trump stated, "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry, and violence on many sides." In a press conference following the incident, Trump said, "What took place was a horrible moment for the country, but there are two sides to a story. I think there is blame on both sides," and that there were "very fine people" on both sides of the protest.

Rhode Island

In response to the violence that took place at the "Unite the Right" Rally, an anti-hate vigil took place at the Rhode Island State House on Sunday, August 13. The Tuesday following the incident, Rhode Island's congressional delegation criticized Trump's response. Claiming that the violence in Charlottesville is not a partisan issue, but instead one of basic human rights, US Representative Jim Langevin said, "Our country's leaders must condemn racism and violence in the strongest possible terms, and the President is abdicating his moral responsibility by doing otherwise."

Providence College

In recognition of the events that occurred in Charlottesville, a Mass for national reconciliation and healing took place on Monday, August 21 in St. Dominic Chapel. An email from Father Brian Shanley, O.P., to the Providence College community stated, "There will be a time on our campus for discussion and reflection on what has happened as we begin a new semester, but our first communal action should be a turning to God for healing, reconciliation, and wisdom." Additionally, the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs organized a solidarity walk to take place on Thursday, August 31. Calling the PC community to reflect on the events that took place in Charlottesville, Barcelona, and the protest in Boston, the Executive Board of BMSA stated, "Working together to foster a community where we mutually respect each other's views of the world is significant to us flourishing as a College and society. As students who are part of the Friar community, we will not tolerate hate."

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The Power of Presidential Language

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POLITICS

Language matters—especially that of the political leader of this country. Words have the power to build and destroy, to praise and condemn, to confront and evade.

With his comment about the statue removal protests in Charlottesville, Virginia, coming from “both sides,” President Trump’s jargon clearly represents the hateful power of words. Rather than taking an impactful stand against brutality and hate, he opted to diffuse the blame by way of generalization.

The president’s initial response on Twitter all but dodges the root of the problem when he puts the emphasis on “all” Americans, generalizing instead of calling the assailants by name. While this is a start, it does not pinpoint the perpetrators for their unspeakable hostility.

There is no question that the attack in Charlottesville calls for an advance toward unity and peace, but in order to do so, it is important to recognize and condemn those who are responsible. When President Trump retracted his denunciation of “neo-Nazis, white supremacists, and other hate groups” he pardoned the extreme acts of contempt in the name of racial antipathy.

Too often acts of racial hostility are overlooked for the sake of maintaining a sense of peace and pleasing the general population. However, this is harmful to the notions of liberty and equality that America strives to achieve.

What happened in Charlottesville was not an attack from “both sides,” but an attempted display of superiority by racial bigots, and to say otherwise is to perpetuate a problem that has been firmly rooted in the country’s soil from its beginning.

In the past, President Trump has proved that



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Citizen vigil in Washington D.C. to protest the violent attack in Charlottesville, Virginia.

he pays careful attention to word choice when he criticized President Barack Obama for incorrect phrasing in reference to “Islamist extremism,” as he thought it distracted from the issue of eliminating the threat of terrorism. The same logic should then be applied to the violence in Charlottesville.

Distinguishing the perpetrator of the violence is the first step in taking a stand against racial bigotry. In doing so, we gain a better understanding and from there we can take action.

Trump was right to put a name to the brutality, but to then disperse the blame to all sides is to take a step backwards. The anti-racist protests were peaceful, merely countering the aggression of the opposing side.

These protestors were not the ones who plowed a speeding car into innocent bystanders,

resulting in death and injury. Yet, according to the president’s comment, they are meant to share the fault.

Grouping anti-racist and anti-fascist activists with racial bigots is a vast overgeneralization that negates the deeply-grounded issue of racism in the United States. It sends the message that any kind of counterattack, however peaceful, is destructive.

Additionally, it deflects the focus from the root of the problem. It comes from a place of ignorance, and in this case, one person’s ignorance hinders an entire country’s education. If Charlottesville is deemed nothing more than angry demonstrations from both sides, then bigotry is victorious.

Ignorance breeds fear and fear breeds hatred; the same hatred that brought a group of white supremacists to Charlottesville.

Moving Forward: Remove Confederate Statues

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POLITICS

The decisions of many cities, states, and universities to remove Confederate statues has polarized America. A stone carving of Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, for instance, still has significant meaning for people from both the North and the South.

Riots have broken out and lives have been lost because of the relevance that a bust of a general who lost a war over 150 years ago maintains today.

Despite protests from some conservatives who fear that history will be forgotten, the removal of any monument glorifying the Confederacy would enable American society to distance itself from its racist past and better acknowledge the equal acceptance of all its citizens. For that reason, removing Confederate statues can move America forward.

Why do statues of the losers of the Civil War exist in the first place? It is not often that defeated soldiers and leaders receive statues—Germany

certainly has no statues of Hitler.

Supporters of the statues suggest they are necessary to remember history and claim that their removal will cause the evil of slavery to be forgotten.

Yet, to continue the German analogy, no statues of Hitler are necessary to remember the wickedness of the Holocaust. Can it be only in America that monuments of those who do evil are necessary to memorialize the evil they have done?

The main reason that so many Confederate statues were erected around the turn of the twentieth century is actually the complete opposite of the remembrance of the evils of slavery.

According to historian Joshua Zeitz, Southern cities, towns, and states erected Confederate statues to mask the real intention of the Confederacy in the war and make slavery appear to be a secondary issue for the South. Confederate statues and monuments were installed to make people forget how important slavery used to be to the Southern ideology and economy.

By creating statues that ostensibly regard

the courage of Confederate men who fought for their own honor and pride as well as their states’ rights as opposed to the institution of slavery, Southern leaders have tried to remove the place of slavery from the Civil War and American history.

Their continued existence constitutes a false rewriting of history. Men who fought to protect a system in which human beings were treated wholly unfairly are glorified when they should be admonished.

Only getting rid of every Confederate statue will ensure that the meaning of the Civil War and the evil nature of slavery cannot be misunderstood.

How ironic is it, then, that a great number of the protesters of the removal of the statue of Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville were neo-Nazis and Klansmen? These followers of hatred understand the true value of admiring the Confederacy and those who died for it.

They know the importance a statue has to influence a judgment. They know that little boys and girls from the South will try to emulate people who fought to protect slavery. They know that hiding the slavery of the past can help hide the racism of the present. They know that falsely rewriting history can help them ignore the self-evident truths that all men and women are created equal.



Removal of Jefferson Davis Statue from UT-Austin’s Campus in 2015.

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New Semester, New Goals:

The Importance of Setting Realistic Expectations

by **Bridget Blain '19**
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

The beginning of a new school year bears close resemblance to the beginning of a new calendar year. The night before returning to the Providence College campus can often feel like its own New Year's Eve celebration. The crowded gym in January becomes the crowded library in September.

Just like the beginning of a new year, the beginning of a new semester often means setting goals for ourselves and feeling motivated to see them through. As important as it is to set goals and motivate ourselves for a new semester, it is just as important to be realistic and have patience with ourselves.

During summer break, classes and homework are the last things on anyone's mind. But as the first day of class approaches, reality hits. With every textbook we have to pick up from the bookstore comes a new expectation we place on ourselves to succeed.

There is nothing wrong with setting goals when starting a new school year; it is a great motivator and can help students get their priorities straight. But the most important part of setting goals is being reasonable and kind to ourselves.

Just as many students realize their New Year's goal of going to the gym every day is unattainable by mid-January, so too will they recognize that expertly balancing a 4.0 GPA, a social life, and extracurriculars is not as practical as it may seem.

The long list of expectations college students create for themselves at the beginning of a new semester is often hard to stick to. Goals that are just too impractical, such as joining every club and getting straight A's, can often end in frustration or disappointment.

Calling a certain goal unrealistic is not to say

that it could never be achieved or that the person who set it could not accomplish it. It seems that too often students do not know what they are capable of and end up surprising themselves when they really try to do something they have set their minds to.

However, it is important to pace ourselves and not to be too hard on ourselves throughout the semester if we do not accomplish exactly what we wanted to.

Too often PC students get caught up in comparing their accomplishments to the accomplishments of their friends or even to the success of peers they come across on social media.

Everyone wants to be the best version of themselves, and the beginning of a new semester is the perfect time to try to become that person. Just remember not to get caught up in the pursuit of perfection, because that is one goal no one will ever achieve.



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Extreme Makeover: PC Edition

Campus Transformation Well Worth the Wait

by **McKenzie Tavella '18**
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

Each year, returning to the Providence College campus is different than the previous one. This is especially true for fall 2017 due to the countless renovations that are occurring.

Although the construction last year proved to be an annoyance to many students, between the early hours of loud jackhammering and the constant waiting for a tractor to cross the road before getting to class, most students agree that the burden of construction was well worth the benefits of the new buildings and landscapes on campus.

For example, construction of The Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies is one of the most major changes the PC campus has recently experienced. From its spacious atrium to the state-of-the-art classrooms, this building attracts business and non-business students alike for its modern layout and open design.

However, with this major architectural endeavor came huge construction undertakings as well. And while the construction did take considerable time to finish (and took away precious parking spaces),

the end result brought many more benefits than burdens for both students and faculty.

From the quiet study spaces it provides—with many students describing the Ryan Center as a “second Slavin”—to the late night meal options offered, it has catered to students' needs and expanded

both studying and dining options on campus. And despite interrupting many students' sleeping schedules with noise pollution, this new addition to campus has definitely proven its worth.

Two other changes catching the eyes of Friars on campus have been the redesign of Huxley Gate as well

as the landscaping of Guzman Hill. With a revamped stone structure and a picturesque path, the new Huxley Gate unifies our campus layout. Guzman Hill's transformation also includes new steps connecting upper and lower campus, bringing not only a major physical change, but also an emotional change to campus.

While not everyone experienced the frustration of these various construction projects during the summer, those who remained on campus during this season did. It brought about even more tractors, bands of yellow caution tape, and orange construction zone signs.

Undoubtedly, the last few months were strenuous to say the least, but all the agonizingly early mornings paid off given the end product.

Despite all the inconveniences, we should all consider ourselves lucky. Students no longer have to make the burdensome trek up Guzman Hill in a last minute rush to class.

Nor do we have to concern ourselves with cars speeding by in our travels between lower and upper campus. The process towards a refurbished PC campus definitely took its time, but fortunately for us, we get to experience the amazing end result.



New landscape design on Guzman Hill.

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PC 101: Time To Flourish

by Marla Gagne '18 & Paige Calabrese '18

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

As students begin to flood the streets of Friartown, one word is buzzing around the campus: change. Students, faculty, and staff alike are taking in the newest campus transformation that took place over the summer.

Huxley Avenue, once known as the street dividing campus, is now a pedestrian-friendly walkway complete with an overlook view of the city and the namesake of Friar Dom's best



friend. Guzman Hill, the obstacle for any student running late for their 8:30 a.m. class, is now a less-threatening staircase that can easily be conquered.

The Arthur F. and Patricia Ryan Center for Business Studies is starting its first fall classes, while Albertus Magnus, home to the sciences, is being renovated for 2018.

That is on top of projects that have just taken place in the last few years: a new parking garage, Chapey Field at Anderson Stadium, and Ruane Center for the Humanities.

After a year of celebrating its 100-year history, Providence College is racing towards a progressive future that will be the new normal for thousands of future Friars. And while the campus is physically changing, so are the Friars, new and old, who call PC home.

Freshmen have just plunged in the deep end and are slowly navigating their way through the lunch lines at Ray, the Civ syllabus, and making friends with strangers and new roommates. Sophomores and juniors have shed their rookie status and are now ready

to conquer the year ahead of them. And seniors, well, they are trying to enjoy their last year of normal before they experience their own drastic change.

And just like the students, *The Cowl* was experiencing its own transformation. Welcoming *The Cowl* team for 2017-2018 was a wonderful feeling, as we saw former writers adapt to new roles as editors and returning editors take on more confidence as mentors and veterans of *The Cowl*. The staff has changed significantly from the past academic year as the Class of 2017 bid PC farewell, but this year's staff brings an abundance of new ideas and experiences.

Change is inevitable, both good and bad. Watching editors graduate, saying goodbye to family and friends, and being immersed into a whole new world is hard. But change also allows for more stories to uncover, new friends to make, and new places to discover. As PC enters year 101, let's remember the past, live in the present, and embrace the future—the time of transformation and flourishing.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Hurricane Preparedness: Are We Doing Enough?

Twelve years after Hurricane Katrina and we are still asking: have we done everything possible to prepare for a hurricane?

With increasing levels of technology and improved hurricane tracking, we have become more aware of what to expect from these high-intensity storms. And with this awareness, decision-making by officials as well as citizens has been improving.

During Hurricane Katrina, many people did not understand the severity of the storm and continued to stay in their homes. After battling disastrous flooding, and being trapped in their homes without electricity, many people in New Orleans explained how they would have changed their choice to stay had they known what they would endure.

With that in mind, officials have made changes regarding how to advise those who will be affected by hurricanes. For instance, when enduring Hurricane Sandy on Long Island, New York, citizens were strongly advised to evacuate the island.

And while most of us are fortunate enough to have a safe place to go during a hurricane, what happens to those without homes in the first place?

As noted by *New York Times* writer Julie Turkewitz, the homeless in Texas are truly afraid. One such citizen, Roy Joe Cox, explained his fear for what lies ahead, saying, "I have no place to go and it's going to get bad, I don't know how I'm going to live through it."

Although he found some shelter under a freeway, that does not protect him from flooding or debris that is picked up and thrown by heavy winds. All human beings should have the right to protection, including those without homes.

-Kelsey Dass '18

Spare Parts Sparks Thoughtful Dialogue

Walking into a freshmen-filled classroom this past Friday, I was excited, but hesitant to begin the conversation.

Having agreed to help facilitate the Common Reading discussion as part of Providence College's New Student Orientation, I had no clue whether the freshmen would be interested in their summer reading, *Spare Parts*, or if they would have even read any of it.

The inspiring underdog story of four undocumented high school students entering a collegiate level robotics competition encompassed a variety of themes. From immigration and education to citizenship and opportunity, I realized this might not be an easy dialogue to foster with new college students.

But in all honesty, I was extremely surprised by both the level of maturity and the sincerity of conversation from the freshmen I spoke with. Not only were they engaged with the controversial topic of immigration the novel centers around, but they were also receptive to each other's different views.

By the end of the discussion, we had examined and shared different perspectives, stories, and perceptions of immigration within the United States, as well as what truths we believed we had gained from the book.

After having this discussion, I was reminded of PC's own motto: *Veritas*. On the College's website, a message from Father Shanley, O.P., explains, "...the College's deepest mission is to teach its students to love and live in truth..."

Through the discussions promoted by the Common Reading Program, it seems this contemplation of truth is alive and well within the incoming class.

-Sarah Kelley '18



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Providence College has been accredited by the Commission since 1933 and was last reviewed in 2007. Its accreditation by the New England Association encompasses the entire institution.

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ABOVE LEFT: David Argento '21 plays KanJam with friends on Slavin Lawn over the weekend.

ABOVE RIGHT: Former Boston Celtics player Chris Herren discusses the struggles he faced with substance abuse and his pathway to recovery.

BELOW: Christina Roca '21 and Nicoll Flores '21 hold a Persian kitten named Dusty. Student Activities and Cultural Programming sponsored the Barn Babies visit to Slavin Lawn.



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ROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

*What's something fun
you did over the summer?*



"We moved into our house."
Sam Keating '18 and Kate Shields '18



"Got out of my comfort zone."
Chip Schroder '21



"I rode a motorcycle for the first time, went tubing in the ocean, and went to New York."
Kiyana Aldin '21, Andruw Flemming '21,
and Kincaid McLaren '20



"Fell in love at the Jersey Shore."
Ally Post '19, Colin Scano '19,
Donald Schattle '19, and R.J. Berardi '19



"Went to a Lil Uzi concert."
Ruby Daley '21



"Skydiving."
Shane Sturtevant '21



**"I got smarter, I got harder in the
nick of time."**

-Taylor Swift

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Luke Combs: Same Ranch, Different Cowboy Rising Artist Shakes Up Country Music

by Ryan Cox '18

A&E Staff

MUSIC

In less than a year, Luke Combs has not just carved out a niche for himself in Nashville, he's blown one out of the side of the mountain that is country music.

The 27-year-old from Asheville, North Carolina brings a sound to country music that is well-known. Following the October 2016 debut of his number one single "Hurricane," Combs released his first album, *This One's for You*, and a second single off the album, "When It Rains It Pours," is currently rising on the charts.

Combs' website describes his album as a "set list full of songs that are true, authentic, and platform his signature modern throwback sound."

Unlike other country artists, such as Sam Hunt and Thomas Rhett, Combs rides the current trend of leaning on the style of older artists from the '80s and '90s, fusing them with contemporary trends by country crossover artists.

While this style seems to be a growing trend in country music, there's something about Combs' style that stands out amongst other new artists.

Rather than being a modern artist,



Luke Combs makes his country debut. PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW BERINATO/SOUNDS LIKE NASHVILLE

who peppers in some country flavor, Combs does the opposite. His sound is country at its core, and while some tracks on *This One's for You* tip their hat to pop and electronic influence, they cannot be classified as anything but country music.

According to Combs, this has to do with the way he listened to country music growing up. In an interview with *Rolling Stone*, Combs recalls

that, while he grew up listening to country music in the '90s, he gave up on the genre as a teenager...until he discovered Eric Church. "That was my knowledge base," he said. "The Nineties and Eric Church. I missed almost 10 years, so there's a gap, and I think that's where the sound came from." As a strong baritone-tenor, much of the sound on *This One's for You* is similar to Justin

Right: Cover art for Combs' debut album *This One's for You*.



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Moore or Chris Young, who both have a similar mix of contemporary and classic country in their music.

Another factor that separates Combs from other rising artists is his image. While others try to develop the image of a country entertainer (think Luke Bryan or Tim McGraw), Combs presents himself as the same regular guy who first picked up a guitar six years ago. "I've always been a super regular guy," he told *Rolling Stone*, "I think there's kind of a comfortability with me onstage— and I think my cool factor is not having one. I'm not extra cool or extra different. I'm just an honest dude, not trying to be anything other than who I am."

Combs is currently opening for Brantley Gilbert on his *Devil Don't Sleep* tour, along with Tucker Beathard. His next local headline show is Nov. 16 at the House of Blues in Boston. His album, *This One's for You*, is available online, in-store, and streaming.

John Oliver and Murray Energy Go Head-to-Head

by Joe Clancy '18

A&E Staff

TELEVISION

Four years ago, HBO teamed up with former *Daily Show* correspondent John Oliver to launch the massively successful satirical show, *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*.

For a brief period in the summer of 2013, British comedian Oliver took over as host of *The Daily Show*, when Jon Stewart was off filming his movie *Rosewater*. This opportunity gave Oliver the attention of a massive audience as he showed off his ability to brilliantly humorize the news.

Throughout *Last Week Tonight's* run there have been countless episodes in which Oliver has used satire. His style has made him famous as he covers issues not generally discussed in the 24 hour news networks.

For instance, Oliver made a surprise visit to Russia to interview Edward Snowden about National Security Agency spying. The comedic focus of the interview was an example of a certain type of explicit picture, but the interview also offered some informative points.

Oliver has also delivered several hilarious rants about the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Net Neutrality, and, of course, Donald Trump (Trump).

This June, Oliver decided to tackle President Trump's decision to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement and scale back on Obama-era regulations on coal. Originally, Trump and his administration were supposed to be the main target of the segment.

However, this all changed when Bob Murray sent *Last Week Tonight* a cease and desist order before the show even aired. Murray is the CEO of Murray Energy and told *Last Week Tonight* that if Oliver spoke ill of him or his company, they would sue.

Nevertheless, Oliver did not back down and hilariously roasted Bob Murray. As promised, Oliver started the rant about Trump and then moved on to Murray, saying, "I really did not want



Mr. Nutterbutter guest starring on *Last Week Tonight with John Oliver*

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to spend so much time talking about you but you gave me no choice, Bob."

Oliver then went into detail about some of the black eyes the company has had. For starters, Oliver covered a mine collapse in 2007, which led to the death of several employees due to unsafe working conditions that Murray Energy neglected to fix.

Oliver also went on to talk about the bonuses the company gave out one year that were comically small amounts. There was also the comparison of Murray to Dr. Evil, and the kicker of the rant was the introduction of the life size squirrel.

The squirrel, Mr. Nutterbutter, was a joke about an alleged experience Murray had as a young man with a talking squirrel. The show concluded with Mr. Nutterbutter presenting Murray with an actual

bonus check of three dollars, with the written memo saying, "eat [expletive] Bob!"

Murray kept his promise and is currently suing Oliver and *Last Week Tonight* for defamation. Oliver has the backing of both HBO and Time Warner, but he also picked up a key ally earlier this month, West Virginia's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). The ACLU says that they support Mr. Oliver's exercise of the First Amendment.

This case could turn out to be a devastating loss both financially and for the reputation of Murray if Oliver wins, which seems to be the most likely case. The case will surely be an unusually humorous court appearance, as Mr. Nutterbutter will be used as evidence.

One thing is for sure, Oliver will keep on dishing out the hilarious punches.

EDITOR VS. EDITOR

This Week: Favorite Off-Campus Restaurant



by Kerry Torpey '20
A&E Co-Editor

VS.



by Abigail Czerniecki '19
A&E Co-Editor

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When morale is running low on the Providence College campus from endless nights of homework and study prep, nothing is better than taking a stroll down to The Abbey on Admiral Street.

A local burger and beer restaurant, The Abbey takes pride in its fresh ingredients and food made to order. The food, drinks, and atmosphere of The Abbey keep locals coming back for more.

One thing that really makes the hot spot popular is the burgers. With a long and growing list of premium burgers, such as "The Jay Burger," a burger with "special seasonings," Vermont Swiss, sauteed onions, mayonnaise, lettuce, and mushrooms. This is why *BusinessInsider.com* awarded them "Best Burgers" in Rhode Island two years in a row.

The Abbey has weekly deals perfect for PC students on a budget. With \$5 burgers and fries on Mondays and 50 cent wings on Tuesdays,

could it get any better than that?

For those who are of legal drinking age, The Abbey definitely has a lot to offer. With a total of 92 different beers to select from with 15 on draft, they certainly have made their mark among local bars.

And with numerous TVs hanging around the bar, it is a perfect spot for sports fans to go to cheer on their favorite teams. Even better, you might catch a glimpse of Men's Basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley, who has been spotted by multiple students eating at The Abbey.

For those of you who are not fans of burgers, they have a great selection to choose from.

Whether you are in the mood for a Jumbo Quesadilla, Caesar salad, stuffed potato skins, and New England Clam Chowder. The Abbey can satisfy your hunger with a variety of great meals, service, and at incredibly reasonable prices. You will leave with your bellies full.

With over 30 unique sandwich options, Anthony's Italian Deli has made its name known to the students of Providence College.

Located only a few blocks from PC's campus, students can do a quick grab-and-go of their favorite deli sandwich anytime.

The delicious recipes go beyond their exquisite homemade sandwiches. Anthony's offers a range making it impossible to just choose one. From their classic Caesar salad to their vegetarian specialties, Anthony's can satisfy everyone's taste buds.

Its best seller, "The Godfather", is the "Best Italian Sandwich eva." Priced at only \$6.99, the sandwich is filled with prosciutto, mortadella, capicola, sopressata, salami, sharp provolone, lettuce, tomato, hot pepper rings, hot pepper relish, onions, pickles, and drizzled with warm balsamic dressing.

With every bite, "The Godfather"

is able to keep you wanting more. Eating half is never an option when it comes to this monstrous sandwich. Is your mouth watering yet?

The fun does not stop there. Every spring, Anthony's Deli hosts the "Fan Submission Showdown." This competition gets their customers to submit pictures through Instagram to see who can round up the most likes on their picture of their favorite Anthony's sandwich.

The prize, you ask? A free deli sandwich of your choice. PC's Ryan O'Malley '19 was the big winner of last year's contest. Can it really get any better? While The Abbey is a shorter walk (only by a few hungry feet), Anthony's Deli offers PC students a quick, easy, and finger-licking bite to eat.

Before the year gets too busy, take a stroll over to the ever-famous Anthony's Italian Deli and find the sandwich that will make your taste buds beg for more.

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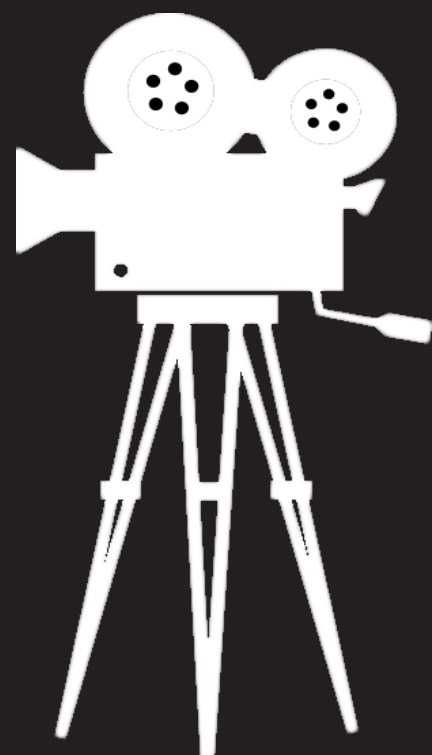


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Striker



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Asst. Portfolio Editor

FICTION

A figure leapt across the gap between buildings on 6th Street, landing with a roll on the rooftop of Hayes Financial. He came to a stop and lay flat on his belly, breathing in the gritty smell of the city and feeling the rush of relief of solid ground beneath him.

A few seconds later, though, there was a thud and whoosh of air as a second person landed beside the first. From her roll, she bounced right up onto the balls of her feet, full of adrenaline and reckless laughter. A loud whoop escaped before he shushed her with a smack to the knee.

"Are you trying to get us caught?" he asked, glaring up at his partner. "They'll see you if you keep jumping and yelling like that!"

She grinned and rolled her shoulders. "Wow, and to think your dossier said you were a risk-taker." She dipped her head almost comically down to look him in the eyes. "What's the fun in playing things safe?"

He tugged her down to sit on the rooftop next to him. "We're not here to have fun, Striker, we're here to do a job."

Striker rolled her eyes and glanced around, taking in every inch of their surroundings. "Whatever. Maybe when you stop letting that conscience of yours get in the way of things, you'll be better at knowing when to follow orders and when to let loose."

The boy flinched, pulling his hand away and pushing himself up to a sitting position. "What's that supposed to mean?"

His partner shrugged, keeping her gaze carefully away from his face. "Just that everyone knows you're not really into this kind of stuff, so we're all just wondering when you'll finally break and just quit."

He was silent for so long afterwards that Striker glanced over at him, unsure whether what she had said had affected him.

She found him staring out at the skyline, thinking, she presumed, about what she said. Not about to break the silence, she turned her own eyes to the buildings behind them, waiting and watching.

"I'm not a quitter." The intensity in his voice drew her eyes back to him. When their gazes met, he held the stare. "I'm not a quitter," he repeated, "so stop rooting against me."

She nodded, surprised that suddenly her throat seemed to have closed up. She swallowed, and then coughed, before replying, "Okay."

He looked her over carefully before nodding himself. "Okay. Now, let's go steal this bad guy's software and get the fu—"

A gunshot rang through the air, pinged off one of the metal generators next to them and cutting off his words. The two flattened themselves to the floor, Striker cursing under her breath as bullets continued to fly over their heads. She smacked her partner's arm and gestured for him to follow her. In an army crawl, they pulled themselves towards the roof-access door into the building. Reaching under her shirt, she pulled out her gun and stood, her back to the boy. "Get that door open now. I'll cover you."

He swallowed and went up on his knees, digging a keypad from the side pocket of his cargo pants, trying desperately to block out the gunfight going on above and around him. "C'mon, c'mon, c'mon," he muttered, sticking it into the slot on the door lock before typing in a few lines of code on his phone. The thin cord connecting phone and card was pulled taut, and the numbers on his screen raced to find the exact combination.

"Any day now," Striker growled down to him, aiming yet another bullet at their pursuers. As she pulled the trigger, she heard her partner whisper-shout in triumph, and felt relief hit her. Glancing down at him, the two exchanged a grin as he pulled his hacking thing out of the lock and turned

the handle. He heaved open the door, turning to pull her through when another shot fired and she stumbled, grunting as she fell against the door.

"Striker?" He reached for her as more shots rang out, and the bullets continued to ricochet off the metal surfaces around them. Ignoring a garbled, pain-filled shout, he grabbed her and hauled her through the heavy metal door and slammed it closed behind them. He looked down at her. "Striker, where'd they hit you?"

Wincing, she turned out of the circle of his arm and leaned against a wall. "Shoulder. I think it's embedded."

He looked at the back of her jacket and nodded. "There's no exit wound, so yeah, it's embedded. What do we do now?"

"We keep going," she retorted, looking at him like he was crazy. "The boss isn't going to give us a break just because I was stupid enough to get shot." She glanced around the small lobby they were in, weighing their options. "We're taking the stairs," she decided. Striker pushed at the door handle with her hip, glancing at her partner. "I don't want any more surprises."

The trek down the stairwell was tense. Striker led the way with her shoulder still bleeding. She held the gun in her left hand, aimed high with the safety off. Her partner followed, his heart pounding with each step. They stopped at the executives' private floor, he behind the door, his hand on the knob, and she at the frame, pistol ready. She nodded, and he eased the handle down, swinging the door towards his body. Striker waited 17 seconds before moving into the opening, her gun cocked as she walked forward silently.

They reached the CEO's desk and, as her partner went immediately for the computer, Striker stood by the windows and looked towards the ground.

"What's our exit plan again?"

Striker glanced back at him and went to stand at his elbow, her hip against the desk and her body facing the open doorway. "Well, it was going to be the same way we got here, but that's shot," she replied.

He smirked and flicked his eyes up to hers. "Nice."

She shrugged and turned away. "I'm thinking the stairs are our best bet. We don't have rappelling equipment and I don't trust the elevator when we've got pursuants."

His fingers flew over the keyboard, copying and draining and doing all sorts of computer things that she didn't understand. She glanced between him and the door, the small hairs on the back of her neck rising a bit. "How much longer?"

"Forty-seven seconds."

She opened her mouth to reply then suddenly they heard the stair door shut. Striker stared at him and he swallowed before moving his fingers even more rapidly over the keys. They heard whispers and then silence, and she cocked her pistol.

"Thirty-two seconds," he whispered.

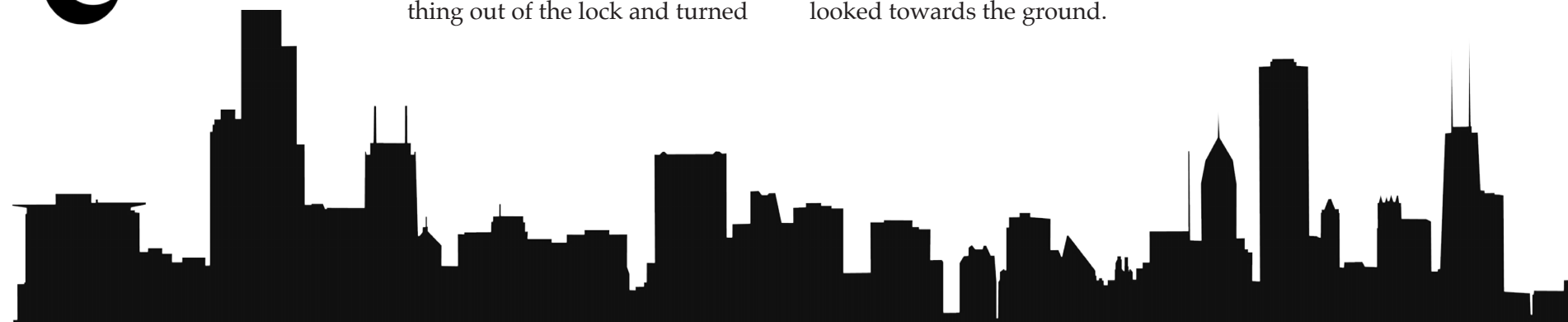
"Not good enough," she whispered back.

"Well it's where we're at."

Again her reply was cut off at the sight and sound of two men inching towards them, guns raised and firing. They both ducked down behind the desk. She popped her head up and fired, hitting one man in the knee and another in the upper thigh. "How much longer?"

"Twenty-one." He winced as a bullet caught the edge of the monitor, shattering the plastic. "Well, zero, now."

She looked at the mess and nodded. "Grab the flash drive. We're running for it."



Full Circle

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POETRY

What comes full circle?
A raindrop descending into the ocean.
Ice meeting heat's devotion.
The caged electric flow in a closed circuit.
The sour workings of karma's service.
We all obey this motion
like the path has been previously woven,
but, does deviation have any purpose?

Well, maybe there is a fixed design,
and trust has to be settled on something unseen;
a route that is inescapable, curved, and never-ending,
and everything is harmonized, intertwined,
blending like the ripples in the sea;
a flow that we are all attending.



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The Bedroom Light: A Moment, in Two Pictures

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FICTION

Getting up for the graveyard shift is a bitch. Who wants to go to work at 10 at night? No, on second thought, it's going to bed at dawn that's the worst part. I hate lying down while the sun comes up and it only ever gets brighter. Well, bed at 6 a.m. was the worst part before I got my part-time stocking at the grocery. Now I mostly just want to sleep.

Ugh, where is the coffee scoop?? You know what, I can look for it later. I'll just use a spoon.

Do you still get to call it the graveyard shift when you're a stripper? I guess 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. is more like standard business hours. That's kinda funny, isn't it? We talk about the daytime shift like it's weird.

And then the carafe is dirty, of course.

You know, it is weird. If you're at a strip club at two in the afternoon—well, you're a 2.0 GPA college student, a pervert sex-addict, or an actual bum. Or you're a very wealthy businessman with an investor who's a pervert sex-addict.

No businessmen around here, though. There isn't anything out here. It's lonely. Nothing happens. It makes me miss home.

The toast never comes out done the first time. Always have to put it back down again. I should get out the butter and jam.

No, I don't really miss home; I just miss the city. I don't miss home. The apartment just tastes like Mom's ghost. And Dad's been an ass ever since she died. What exactly is wrong with stripping, Dad? I bet you went to some clubs back in the day. Are you really worried about me? What's the real concern? "Don't do that, or else I'll have to hate you."

It's 9:15?? Okay, I'll come back for the toast. Better start the shower.

One day, I'll write a book with rules for fathers. Number one, maybe: Don't tell your daughter you could hate her. Or else she'll have to hate you. Especially if you decide to tell her you might hate her after her mother's funeral. Mom's

funeral, Dad.

Clothes are in the bedroom. Okay.

Whatever. I can't hate him, really, though. I don't know. Maybe I'll go back there sometime. Maybe he'll finally say he's sorry. He always loved me before. I don't know.

Oh, good, the water's warm.

Will she be able to see me if I stand here? I'm behind a bush, so I don't think so. No, no. It's after sunset and it's rural. And she's inside, with the lights on. She won't see me.

She starts at 10—she has to be leaving soon. I'll leave before that, and she won't see me as she leaves. Car headlights, those could do it.

Not in the kitchen. I thought she was just in the kitchen. Her hair was wet that night. Maybe she takes a shower before she goes in.

Or maybe I stay? No, no, she won't listen if she catches me. I need to be the one to approach her. I think she stocks some days at the A&P. No, no, I can't go up to her like that.

"Hi, Julia, I, umm, saw you dancing the other night. I know you probably don't want be recognized here, but..." Right. That'll work.

Can't go up to her in the club either. "Hey there, Amber. Heard your real name is Julia. Can I just say you're beautiful? I came here for the first time last week and you were the first one I saw..." Oh damn it all. Can't think of anything worthwhile, can I? She just, she has that pretty, soft way—mysterious almost. I can't measure up if I'm forward like that. Maybe leave her a flower?

Maybe Jimmy will have a suggestion. He brought me to the club. Maybe he knows the tricks and secrets. He knew a woman could make you feel different, which I didn't know. Maybe he knows how to talk to them.

Oh my God, she's in a towel. Don't close the blinds. Please don't close the blinds.

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Questions Freshmen Ask

What is the best way to bribe my Civ professor?

Why is there no sauce on Ray pizza?

Can I still pass if I don't do any of the reading?

Who is Thomas Aquinas?

Where is Slahvin* Lawn?

How do I tell my roommate he's being too loud with a girl?

What is an RA?

So, like, do we have a curfew?

Wait, I have to do *four* semesters of Civ?

Why doesn't Ruane Café take Starbucks gift cards?

Why does Dunkin' close so early on Fridays?

Are the bars strict?

Are we allowed to go to Dunkin'?

Wait, where are we meeting?

*spelled as pronounced

Tiffany & Earl

Making PC an emotionally stable place, one letter at a time.

Dear Tiff and Earl,

I ordered my books from the bookstore yesterday, but they're on backorder. I need them for the first week and have no friends. What do I do?!?!

Sincerely,
Not-A-Bookworm

Dear Not-A-Bookworm,

First off, I am very confused as to why you having no friends has anything to do with the fact that your books are on backorder. That seems like a completely separate problem, and one I have no interest in answering. You'll either have to deal with that on your own, or learn to be content as a loner with no books.

As for the book situation, there are a few things you could do. Go to the library, rent what you need on Amazon, or ask a friend to borrow their book.

Actually, since you have no friends, that third option isn't exactly possible. Too bad. To be honest, if you're looking for friends you probably shouldn't be reading much anyways.

Also note that just because I am offering some advice does not mean that we're friends.



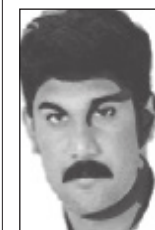
Tiffany

Dear Not,

"Backorder." Yeah, right. It's high time this bookstore understands supply and demand.

You need to act. Forget your classes this week and instead organize a coup on the scourge that is the bookstore. You'll soon learn that having friends isn't as important as having obedient subjects when you're ruling the school as your own kingdom.

Pick up some Machiavelli for inspiration. Rally your dorm. Build the resistance. Earn your glory.



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Construction at Providence College

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The Best Ever: 50-0



McGregor impressed many with his progress over a few short months, but Mayweather's experience proved to be too much.

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Mayweather Earns TKO in 10th Round

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BOXING

Fight fans all across the nation were treated to a truly entertaining grudge match this Saturday night, when Floyd Mayweather returned from retirement to silence a challenger, Conor McGregor. At least, if they had \$100 they were.

In the most hyped fight in the history of boxing, Mayweather put his perfect record on the line against McGregor, best known for holding a championship belt in two different weight classes in the Ultimate Fighting Championship at the same time.

This fight has been years in the making. Throughout his monumental rise to UFC superstardom, McGregor has consistently insulted Mayweather's legacy and has called him out repeatedly, despite never having boxed professionally.

After hearing these insults again and again, Mayweather finally announced last year that he was willing to come out of retirement to fight McGregor. After a year's worth of negotiating, the UFC and Mayweather finally signed a deal to allow McGregor to box. With a date set, a massive media storm was set off,

consuming the lives of both boxers for the next few months, which we now know culminated in a Mayweather victory by technical knockout on Saturday.

In the biggest fight since the 1975 Thrilla in Manila, both Mayweather and McGregor started out strong with McGregor landing just few more punches in the first three rounds. But, as the rounds went by, the Irishman started to fade quickly, and was eventually beaten by his own lack of endurance in the ring.

To committed UFC fans, it was not much of a surprise given the fact that most of his fights with UFC have lasted less than 20 minutes, while the match on Saturday lasted well past 30 minutes. Ironically, the likely reason for McGregor's lack of endurance is his penchant for knocking out his opponents so quickly in the past.

In the later rounds, his exhaustion was showing, as Mayweather slowly backed him into a corner and landed punch after punch, eventually forcing the referee to step in and end what had become an entirely one-sided affair.

The biggest storyline from this fight may not have been the fight itself, however. For what many people were calling the Fight of the Century, there was also the Payout of the Century.

Mayweather was guaranteed at least \$100 million for being a part of the fight, while McGregor earned a smaller, but still quite large \$30 million. With the money earned from the fight, Mayweather has joined an elite club of sports figures. He has now joined Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan as the only athletes to earn over a billion dollars in their careers. McGregor is nowhere near that point yet in his career, but \$30 million is a good start toward joining that club if he ever wants to.

This fight was most likely the most watched fight in the history of combat sports, shattering pay-per-view records and causing sports networks to talk about nothing else for days on end. Those who watched live were watching history in the making, not only because Mayweather managed to break the record for most wins without a loss, getting his 50th win and breaking Rocky Marciano's record of 49. This was one of those shared sports moments, a time when all of us were watching the same thing, a collective memory that connects all sports fans. This fight will be talked about for years to come.

The biggest winners of the fight, other than Mayweather, were combat sports as a whole. It is speculated that the sport of boxing and the UFC will

get a huge bump in their ratings in the future after Saturday. This match was a huge win for the industry as a whole because it showed just how much of a moneymaker combat sports can be.

A significant contributor to the high payout and increased publicity of the fight, was the pre-fight tour that included four press conferences. The press conferences took place in Los Angeles, Toronto, Brooklyn, and London. The geographic diversity of the tour and the social media frenzy that followed each encounter played a substantial hand in the massive payout of the fight.

Much of the success of the press conferences in generating excitement for the fight came from McGregor's fearlessness in landing verbal jabs, while Mayweather's success in the ring is derived from his ability to land literal jabs.

According to Bloody Elbow, a MMA and UFC news source, Mayweather landed 31 percent of his jabs compared to McGregor's 28 percent. Yet, more significantly, Mayweather found success in 58 percent of his power punches, while McGregor only connected on 25 percent of his. This fight was an example of experience triumphing over youth as 40-year-old, undefeated Mayweather dominated 29 year old, first time boxer McGregor.

Volleyball Team Looking to be a Hit this Season

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The start of a new school year also means the start of a new athletic season in Friartown. One team in particular, the Providence College Women's Volleyball Team, kicked off the start of the year with three wins out of three games at a tournament hosted by Boston College that took place over the weekend.

The season started with a game against the University of Alabama, Birmingham Blazers (UAB) on Aug. 20. Both teams proved to be evenly matched, as each of the five sets went back and forth between the two teams, with UAB winning the first and third matches 25-23 and 25-22. However, the Friars bested them in the second, fourth, and fifth matches with scores of 25-22, 25-23, and 15-9, respectively. On the second and final day of the tournament, the Friars had a much easier road to success as they dominated in the game against Boston College and swept Fairfield University in the final game of the tournament.

The success of the team can be attributed to the number of returning players. With only three new freshmen on the team, the remaining 10 players are made up of four sophomores, four juniors, and one senior. The veterans of the team are returning from what was the best season the volleyball team has had since 2012, and it can most definitely be assumed that they want to improve their statistics this year.



FRIARS VOLLEYBALL SHOWING POTENTIAL FOR 2017 RUN

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Allison Impellizeri '19 and Jenae Alderson '20, two players who were keys to the success of last season, will both be returning to the team this year. Last season, Impellizeri recorded a total of 246 kills as well as led the Friars in blocks with a total of 112. Alderson had a breakout season with a total of 210 kills. New to both the team and Friartown are

Allison Barber '21 of Woodbury, Minnesota, McKenzie Lydon '21 of Stuart, Florida, and Victoria Oliver '21 of Cleveland, Ohio. These three players are not the only new faces joining the team this season.

The Friars ushered in the summer with the announcement of the recent hire of both a new assistant coach as well as a graduate assistant. Keith

Smith is the new assistant coach and was formerly a graduate assistant coach at McKendree University. When announcing the decision to hire Smith, Head Coach Margot Royer-Johnson stated, "I am sincerely looking forward to working with Keith. He brings an expertise in the skill of setting that I believe will be a great benefit to our squad...His passion for the game will continue to help us be more competitive in the Big East conference and nationally."

The new Graduate Assistant Coach is Barbara Gonzalez, a Boston College alumna who played for the Eagles from 2013-2017. Of Gonzalez, Royer-Johnson said, "Barbi will be a great help to the program in the areas of social media and travel assistance, as well as on-court training...We are happy she's part of the staff!"

With a total of 37 games this season (34 left to play), the Friars will have their work cut out for them as they will be facing some of the top teams in the Big East.

The 2016 season ended abruptly for the Friars by falling to Georgetown University in a Big East matchup. This weekend the Friars will play in the Stetson University Tournament with games against East Carolina University, Bucknell University, and Stetson. Upon returning from the Stetson tournament, they will go on to play in and host the 13th Annual Friar Classic. Their Big East season kicks off against Villanova University on Sept. 22, a game which will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Alumni Gym.

Freshmen Incoming!

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

With the 2017-2018 season just around the corner, Men's Basketball Head Coach Ed Cooley has reeled in a new wave of talented recruits looking to make a splash here in Friartown. Four new faces have been added to the roster to complement the skillful group of upperclassmen. The Friars are returning Kyron Cartwright '18, Emmitt Holt '18, Jalen Lindsey '18, and Rodney Bullock '18, who have proven to be extremely vital to the success of this team. However, the focus this year will turn to the Class of 2021, and what their role will be in giving the Friars the final push into being a top Big East Championship contender.

The highly touted point guard, Makai Ashton-Langford '21, will be a pivotal piece to the puzzle by adding depth to Cartwright and Maliek White '20 at the guard position. Ashton-Langford has been extremely anticipated as he is a four-star recruit, ranking 38th on the 2017 ESPN 100 recruiting list and capturing an overall scouting grade of 89. Look for him to have a sizable offensive role for an underclassman, as he will be a great accent to Cartwright.

The Friars also added two big men from Virginia who bring some serious size to the Friars' roster. Standing at 6'10" and 260 lbs., Nate Watson '21 will look to be the starting

center in this year's lineup. His size will greatly benefit and add some much needed depth to the big men up front. His counterpart and fellow center, Dajour Dickens '21, is a 7'0" 220-pounder who is an outstanding rebounder, something that this squad is desperately looking for. Rebounding has been an issue for the Friars, as they finished sixth in the Big East for rebounds last season. In addition to the rebound problem being addressed, the Friars have lacked a true center for the last two seasons, but now Holt will be able

to return to his position at forward, where he is more comfortable and effective.

Another guard has been added to the roster as well. Andrew Fonts '21, a local kid hailing from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, will look to be a threat from beyond the arc and add depth for three-point shooting, another area that could use improvement.

This season is one that the Friar Fanatics should be excited about. The Class of 2021 additions are the perfect pieces that were missing from this team. With everyone remaining

healthy, our size up front to go along with the speed and scoring ability in the back court is going to be tough for any opponent to stop. As returning players gain another year of experience, and with most of the talent lying in the senior class, Ashton-Langford, Alpha Diallo '20, and Kalif Young '20 should slide into their roles and complement the senior class perfectly. With everyone performing to their potential, the Friars will certainly be in the Big East Championship conversation once the postseason comes around.



FRIARS BASKETBALL IS EXCITED AND READY FOR A FRESH START IN THE BIG EAST.

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Next Man Up: Edelman Out For Season

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NFL

Julian Edelman, wide receiver for the New England Patriots, went down with a torn ACL injury this past Friday against the Detroit Lions. Edelman was turning upfield when his right knee buckled in a non-contact tear. He went to the ground immediately, grabbing the back of his knee in pain. It was only two minutes into the contest.

Edelman played a full 16 games last year for only the second time in his career, finishing 2016 with over 1,100 yards. Number 11 will be missed most on third downs, where he led the team in targets (49), receptions (28), yards (192), and first downs (24). He was by far and away the number one target for quarterback Tom Brady while tight end Rob Gronkowski, who, by the way, is already looking like his old self so far in 2017, was recovering from back surgery. So while the loss of Edelman hurts, it certainly does not appear to be anything New England can't handle.

"Julian is a great competitor, works hard, is tough, does all the things that you ask him to do. So I feel badly for him, of course", Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Saturday. "We hope that he will have a speedy and complete recovery, but the team will have to move on and compete this season without him. It is unfortunate, but that's the way it is." Belichick



Edelman suffers non-contact ACL tear in his right knee within two minutes of New England's third preseason game.

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will no doubt continue to preach his "next man up" philosophy to the locker room. Wide receiver is arguably strongest spot on the depth chart for New England, and with WR Chris Hogan beginning to emerge as a star, it looks as though history will continue to repeat itself here in the Northeast. But who plays

the slot? Hogan has proved himself useful out wide, where he will most likely be paired with former New Orleans Saint Brandin Cooks for a serious deep ball threat. Offensive Coordinator Josh McDaniels can put Gronk wherever he wants, but no way does he risk overusing him at the slot position. That leaves

veteran WR Danny Amendola, who has quietly been one of the most clutch receivers for the Pats over the past few seasons, but he has never been the kind of guy to go out and steal the show. If there were ever an opportunity for him to do so, that time is now.

Men's Soccer Prepared for Another Run

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MEN'S SOCCER

All eyes will be on the Providence College Men's Soccer Team as they begin their 2017 season. Last year, the Friars fell to Creighton, 2-1, in a tight semifinal match on their home turf in the Big East Tournament. The team regrouped and made an exciting run in the NCAA tournament. They defeated No. 1 Maryland in the second round with a fairy-tale comeback. The team was honored with the Big East Coaching Staff of the Year with Craig Stewart as head coach. With an impressive 2016 season under their belt, the Friars are ready to continue their success this year. The hard work the Friars put into the preseason was acknowledged by the Big East. Mac Steeves, RS'18 was named the Big East Preseason Offensive Player of the Year and an All-Big East First Team Selection. Mark Jecewiz, '18, was also placed on the Preseason All-Big East Team. As a team, the Friars were selected to place first in the Big East for the 2017 season.

After a long summer of preseason workouts and scrimmages, the Friars finally faced their first opponent of the year in North Carolina on Friday, August 25. The No. 4 Tar Heels were just as excited to start their season, and unfortunately out-scored the Friars at the end of two halves.

The Tar Heels struck first after 15 minutes of play; John Nelson's shot passed Providence keeper Ben Seguljic '18. The Tar Heels followed with another goal from Cam Lindley in the 33rd minute of play. Brendan Constantine '19 was able to respond for the Friars and get the first goal of the season. Constantine inspired Joao Serrano '19's goal that came six minutes later. Serrano scored on a free kick placed just outside of the box, tying the score. It wasn't until the 63rd minute that the Tar Heels' Jelani Pieters distinguished a one goal lead for his team. Pieters made connection with a crossed ball from his teammate Zach Wright. The final goal of the game was granted to the

Tar Heels from a penalty kick in the 86th minute, finalizing the score at 4-2.

The Friars played one more game on the road in North Carolina before heading back to Providence. On Aug. 27 the Wake Forest Demon Deacons hosted the Friars in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Holding the No. 2 seed, Wake Forest defeated PC in a final score of 4-1. A quick goal from Wake Forest forward Luis Argudo set the pace for the game. Tony Billeri RS'21 was in net for the Friars and Wake Forest kept the red-shirted freshman busy. After a diving save from Billeri, the Deacons capitalized on the corner kick that followed. In a similar fashion later in the

game, Liam Wilson '20 was able to find the back of the net to put the Friars on the board. On a corner kick from Serrano '19, Wilson was in the right spot to complete the goal. Although the Friars had several other chances, Wake Forest increased the final score to 4-1.

Despite the two losses, the Friars are expected to have a winning season. In the *New England Soccer Journal* Division 1 Preseason Poll, the team was listed at the top. On Sept. 4, the Friars will have their first home game, hosting their neighbors, the Bryant Bulldogs. Some familiar faces in the stands at Chapey Field is just what the team needs to claim its first victory of the season.



Men's Soccer is preped and ready to go for the 2017 season

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