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## Winter Spectacular



### Christmas at PC:

Christmas is coming to Providence College and bringing hot chocolate, ugly sweaters, and tree lightings. On-campus organizations are holding events throughout the next week including the Jingle Bell Bash, the Slavin Lawn Tree Lighting, finals study breaks, and more.

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### Snow Days are Coming:

Snow days are fan favorites for Providence College students and play a large part in the College's history. Read more about the blizzard of '78, which left students with five days off, or learn about the winter traditions like using Ray trays to slide down (then) Guzman Hill or building snowmen all over campus.

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### Ice Skating Adventures:

Skate into a new adventure this holiday season at the Alex and Ani City Center. Located downtown, the rink is decorated for the holidays and open to all ages. Find out more about College Nights, prices, and transportation to the rink.

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### What's the Best Christmas City?

NICHOLAS CRENSHAW '20/THECOWL

New York and Boston are classic rivals—who has the best baseball team? Which is the best city? And, during Christmastime, which is the city that brings the most holiday

cheer? New York's Winter Village has everything from shopping and food to skating around Bryant Park. The Boston area allows you to take a trip in nature, ski in Blue Hills Canton, and

has plenty of decor and lights down Newbury and Boylston Streets. Read two *Cowl* writers' takes on which city conquers Christmas and is worth a visit this season.

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## Community Building in Belfast

by Katherine Torok '20  
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SPORTS

The Providence College Men's Hockey Team did more than just compete in a hockey tournament during their recent trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland; they strengthened the bond and cultural ties between the United States and Northern Ireland.

Over Thanksgiving break, the men's hockey team traveled about 3,000 miles to participate in the third annual Friendship Four Tournament in Belfast. The other three teams included fellow Hockey East member University of Maine, and ECAC members, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) and Clarkson University. Although all



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of the teams crossed the pond to play hockey, they did more than just compete for the Belpot Trophy. They visited primary schools, promoted the sport of hockey, and celebrated the special Boston-Belfast Sister City agreement that was signed in 2014.

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## More Adventures Abroad

by Sabrina Guilbeault '18  
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STUDY ABROAD

Right before Thanksgiving break, the Center for International Studies (CIS) received the news that The Institute of International Education ranked Providence College number 10 among Masters' Colleges & Universities for semester-long study abroad.

The report, called Open Doors, also ranked PC Number 25 for undergraduate participation in study abroad, and used data from the 2015-2016 academic year.

Adrian Beaulieu, dean of international studies, explained that PC began seeing an increase in students who study abroad in 2011,



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when the College implemented the homeschool tuition policy. With this policy, students pay the College's tuition while studying elsewhere overseas, and therefore still qualify for the financial aid packages they would receive at PC.

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## Where Does the PC Shuttle Take Students? Office of Transportation Looking into Better Marketing Strategies

by Sarah Gianni '18  
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ON CAMPUS

For most Providence College students, a few options come to mind for traveling off campus. There is the RIPTA that makes its daily rounds passing through lower campus, delivering students to destinations like the Providence Place Mall and downtown Providence. Apps such as Lyft or Uber are easy for students to split with friends, a cheap and efficient way to get to your desired location. However, some students may be unaware of a totally free method of transportation available to them right on campus: PC shuttle services. "The shuttle service is run through the Transportation Office, but we do hire an outside company that operates the shuttles," said Transportation Office Graduate Assistant Hannah Higgins. "Students can directly communicate with the company through our website or over the phone, and either show up at the designated time or schedule a time for pick up."

Shuttle services are available for

students Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. They also run Friday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The Office of Transportation also provides shuttles used by PC drivers. "These specific shuttles are used for service learning or practicums, with about 50 students a day using that service," said Higgins.

Students who wish to use the neighborhood shuttle service are picked up every 45 minutes from the front of Raymond Hall, or at another pre-designated time. "I used the shuttle service my freshman year to travel to Target," said Sydney Legagneur '19. "The driver waited while I shopped, and actually came into the store to help people who didn't know how to navigate the store."

Standard drop-off and pick up locations for the shuttle include Shaw's Supermarket in North Providence, CVS on Admiral Street, the PC Annex, Golden Crust Pizza, the Shell Station on Admiral Street, and PC Food Mart. "During my sophomore year I took the shuttle to Shaw's Supermarket," said Maeve Mulderry '18. "While I had a good experience, I would have never known about the shuttle if it wasn't



The shuttles take students to locations such as CVS.

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for my friend, and I wish more was publicized about it."

Tunde Johnson '18 said she felt similarly regarding knowledge about the shuttle. "I never knew that a shuttle service on campus existed," she said. "I feel as though it had never been publicized to me during my time at PC." While the Office of Transportation intermittently has tables on campus to publicize the shuttle, they are working

on more campus exposure. "Currently our office does not have any social media pages, but next semester we're going to work on expanding our marketing a little more," said Higgins. Any student interested in getting more information on PC shuttle or other transportation services can go visit the transportation site at <https://friarsprovidence.sharepoint.com/transportation>.

## End of Semester Holiday Traditions Prevail at PC BOP, Campus Ministry, and Student Activities Spread Christmas Cheer

by Sabrina Guilbeault '18  
News Editor

NEW CAMPUS

With finals looming and assignments piling up, many students may feel like the holiday season is a long ways away, even though the days until winter break are dwindling. However, thanks to student organizations like the Board of Programmers and long standing traditions put on by the Office of Student Activities and Cultural Programming and Campus Ministry, Christmas comes early at Providence College.

"I think it is so important to help keep the students' spirits up during this time of year because the holiday season is such a special time at PC," said Libby Jancsy '18, president of BOP. "We have so many ways to get involved, celebrate the holidays, and spread Christmas cheer, and sometimes we forget that amongst the hustle and bustle of the finals."

Holiday themed events start as early as this Friday at 7 p.m., as Campus Ministry is hosting a "Jingle Bell Bash" in the Campus Ministry Center. The event will feature a cookie exchange, Christmas carol bingo, and a hot chocolate bar. At a Student Congress meeting this

past Tuesday, Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P. stated that ugly Christmas sweaters are highly encouraged.

That same evening at 8 p.m., Student Activities is sponsoring a Christmas Karaoke, Cookies, and Craft Night in McPhail's. On Monday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m., Student Activities is also putting on their annual Christmas tree lighting. The event will feature music, refreshments, and a blessing of the tree. The tree that will be used for the lighting has already been placed on Slavin Lawn.

Rita Murphy '19 shared that the Christmas tree lighting is something she always looks forward to. "It gets me in the holiday spirit and brings the community together right before the end of the semester," she said. "I love leaving Slavin, the library or anywhere else late during finals studying and seeing the little tree lit up, it brings me a lot of joy."

Lots of departments have gotten involved with decorating for the holidays, and the campus is seeing more decorations than previous years. Highlights include the front entrance of Harkins Hall, the lobby of the Smith Center for the Arts, and the business school.

"I think it is absolutely special when departments decorate for Christmas," said Teddy Kiristy '19, who helped decorate the lobby of Smith. "We all

came together decorating Smith lobby and listened to Christmas music while drinking apple cider and eating brownies."

"In general I love seeing all the decorations go up around campus," said Murphy. "It feels very home-y." She went on to explain that she looks forward to the A cappella concert at the end of they year as well.

Other holiday festivities BOP puts on are their annual holiday events and study breaks. Jancsy explained she always looks forwards to the Tuesday Time Outs, which occur every other Tuesday during the year in McPhail's. "This coming week we have a special Tuesday time out for the holidays," Jancsy said. "There will be fun holiday games, activities, and Christmas music."

She also encouraged students to submit videos to BOP's annual holiday video contest. "Students can submit their own holiday movie and we will stream them on the night of the event," Jancsy said.

Another tradition students can look forward to this weekend is Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m. on Saturday. At this event, stories from the nativity passages in the Bible are read, which are broken up by songs from choirs such as I Cantori, the Liturgical Ministries choir. "I only attended Lessons and Carols last year, but I really enjoyed seeing the PC community mix with the surrounding Providence community to come together to celebrate advent," said Murphy, who will be reading at the event.

"Sometimes it can be hard to get into the holiday spirit when you're not at home with your family or with all of the work at the end of the semester, so they sort of give you a chance to stop and remember what this season is really all about," Murphy said. "The music is beautiful and the PC students and staff always do a wonderful job."

Regardless if students celebrate Christmas or not, Murphy and Jancsy both stressed that with the craziness of finals spending time with friends is so important during the end of the semester. "This is a time for students to take a break from studying and grab some free food, and enjoy," Jancsy said. "We love hosting events that bring students together to relax for a bit during this hectic time."



Students can enjoy Christmas decorations while studying in the Great Room in Ruane.

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# Featured Friar: Lela Biggus '18

## Global Studies Student Encourages PC to Care for Cambodia

by Alexandra Huzyk '20  
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### FEATURED FRIAR

As we approach the holiday season, it becomes easy to get lost in the search to find the perfect gifts for your loved ones. Perhaps this year, you might consider spending your money on something with a greater impact.

On Wednesday, November 29, Lela Biggus '18 provided students and staff at Providence College with an opportunity to buy ornaments and other small items. The proceeds of these sales, and the donations made in peoples' names, will sponsor a team in the Angkor Wat International Half Marathon. The runners in this race seek to raise \$25,000 to support Caring for Cambodia; a non-profit non-governmental organization which provides free education to children in Cambodia.

Caring for Cambodia, a program that began in 2003, was created by Jamie Amelio after she had traveled to Cambodia to see the temples of Angkor Wat. During her visit, she was approached by a little girl who asked her for a few dollars. When the girl was asked what she planned on using it for, she replied that with those few dollars she would be able to pay for and attend school. Upon visiting the schools, Amelio was appalled by the conditions. Biggus explained that the mass genocides that took place previously, from 1975 to 1979, left the country in disrepair, and "left young people without role models or



Lela Biggus '18 and friend Ivan Vukusic '18 accept donations.

KRISTINA HO '18/THE COWL

teachers."

Not only did Amelio's experiences in Cambodia put the various disparities into perspective for her, but it also inspired her to create a program that would provide the children with the education they needed and desired.

Fast forward 14 years after her trip to Cambodia, and Amelio's dream has begun to take shape. Twenty-one schools have been built within this time period, providing education for nearly 6,600 students. The primary goal, Biggus said is, "to get Cambodian youth into school, and then get them into higher education." Caring for Cambodia also provides students with meals, clothing, health care, clean water, and gender equality

programs.

For many college students, with tight budgets, it is important to understand the impact that their money can have elsewhere. The money that Caring for Cambodia receives is put towards constructing and maintaining school buildings, and funding teachers' salaries, and training. Donations also provide students with health and dental needs, bicycles, and uniforms.

Biggus, an intern for Caring for Cambodia, was connected with the director of this program through the Global Studies Department at Providence College. "As a global studies major, I've always been drawn to causes having to do with education, especially those framed in a caring and

thoughtful way," said Biggus.

Part of why Biggus was so drawn to this particular program was that Caring for Cambodia not only provides children with an education they would not have had otherwise, but it also serves the greater community. As a product of Caring for Cambodia, communities, not just a select few individuals, benefit from clean water and the creation of public libraries.

Biggus said, "My awareness of the non-profit world and the ethics behind these NGOs informed my decision to support this organization." This global awareness, which she attributes to the global studies program, has helped her to make educated decisions on whether or not an organization is being responsible in their actions. Often, there is plenty of criticism regarding humanitarian interventions, especially programs and initiatives implemented by the United States. Biggus said, "I believe education is the key to social advancement, and not just a useless humanitarian effort," if done in a thoughtful way.

If you would like to donate to Biggus' fundraiser, which will go toward supporting Angkor Wat International Half Marathon, visit <https://www.youcaring.com/caringforcambodiainc-1010130>.

You can also visit Caring for Cambodia's website to learn more about their work, or donate to them directly: <http://caringforcambodia.org/>.

# Study Abroad Popularity Continues to Grow

## StudyAbroad:

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"This made a world of a difference," said Beaulieu. "It's a big change, and allows more students the possibility to study abroad."

"I wanted to study abroad to get the experience to study in a new context and to travel and experience different cultures," said Megan Manning '18 who spent last fall in Dublin. "For me it was easy to study abroad at PC because so many of my friends did as well and the study abroad office was very helpful in advising me what programs would help me stay on track with my major and have the experience I wanted."

Beaulieu explained that CIS is composed of a four person staff who advise students as they prepare and make study abroad plans. "We advise on discipline rather than destination," explained Beaulieu "and we hope to find students a program of study that would be a good fit for their major or minor."

According to Beaulieu, this is a different mindset than other study abroad programs at other institutions as it distinguishes study abroad as a semester of academic study.

According to their website, CIS hopes students will benefit from studying abroad and would develop "a diverse and knowledgeable worldview," "comprehend the international dimensions of their major field of study, develop cross-cultural sensitivity and adaptability," and carry global competence throughout life.

"Studying abroad also seriously enhances students' career prospects after graduation," said Beaulieu. Also according to the goals laid out on their website, CIS advises students to select programs that will help them "acquire the knowledge, skills, and the intercultural agility that will help them to integrate their study abroad experience with their career aspirations or other



Kyle Fitzsimons '18 shows off her Friars gear on a visit to Salzburg, Austria while studying abroad.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE FITZSIMONS '18

post-graduate opportunities."

"Studying abroad was the best decision I made at PC," said Kellen Buckley '18, a double major in global studies and Spanish who studied abroad in Madrid. "It really improved my Spanish, gave me new friends, and taught me a lot about being independent."

For students who are weighing the options for whether or not to study abroad, Beaulieu stressed that studying abroad can be possible to all students, as the advisors do work with students to make it possible financially and with any major.

"I would tell anyone considering study abroad to do whatever it takes to make it happen, it was one of the highlights of my PC experience," said Manning. "Not only did I have so much fun and meet so many friends, but I was also able to learn and grow so much and it gave me the confidence

to tackle whatever comes next."

The Institute of International Education also reported that study abroad participation nationally grew by 3.8 percent. The 10 most popular countries were the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, China, Ireland, Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan. Eighty-seven students even studied in Antarctica.

"We do hope that this can be a life changing experience," said Beaulieu. "This should be an integral experience students have while at PC, as it opens countless opportunities."

"Even though I always knew I wanted to study abroad, I got very nervous the week before leaving," said Buckley, who remarked that she refused to pack because it meant she had to face her fears. "I don't think I know anyone who wasn't a little bit scared to go abroad, but it was one of the best decisions I've made."



# Dirigo Honor Society Organize Toy Drive

## Student Leaders Put On Annual Santa Shop for the San Miguel School

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ON CAMPUS

With the Christmas season upon us, the season of giving has begun, and the Dirigo Leadership Honors Society is promoting this Christmas spirit by hosting their seventh Annual Santa Shop program on Dec. 6.

This program is an initiative to benefit the families of the San Miguel School, an all-boys Catholic middle school in the Providence area. These boys, ranging from ages 10 to 13, come from predominantly Latino, low income families, where most parents cannot afford to buy their children presents for Christmas. For this reason, the members of the Dirigo Leadership Society and the Providence College community decided to give back by creating a toy drive.

For seven years now, PC students have contributed to the Santa Shop by donating new Christmas gifts for the boys. The Santa Shop is especially unique from other toy drives, as the Dirigo Leadership Society sets up a "toy store" on the PC campus with all the newly donated presents, allowing the parents to shop around with their sons for Christmas gifts.

Shannon Grady '18, a member of the honor society, said that she loves this aspect of the drive, commenting, "Rather than just being given toys as a donation, the parents get the full experience of shopping for their sons for

Christmas and picking out what they think their sons will like best." Kevin O'Neill '18, another member, noted that he loves the Santa Shop, not only "because it gives kids the opportunity to have a really exciting Christmas," but also because it reminds the PC community that "Christmas is more than gifts [and], especially at a young age, this toy drive really does impact them."

The drive is one of the largest events the Dirigo Leadership Honor Society takes on during the year, making it a tremendous amount of work for all those involved. Not only do the students from the society coordinate multiple fundraisers, but they also have to organize the entire event from logistics to marketing to outreach.

Delina Auciello '18 stated that being a leader for such an important and large event takes a lot of hard work from everyone involved, especially since the members of the Dirigo Leadership Honor Society are involved in many other campus events.

She said, "I am so lucky to be in a group of such dynamic and hard-working leaders. We could not do this without each other." Auciello stressed, however, that it is not just up to the leaders; it is the PC community that helps make it happen through their donations.

Collections for the drive will be taking place several days in the next week before winter break. The members of the Dirigo Society request that students take some



Students smile at the Dirigo Induction Ceremony last spring.

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time out of their day to go down the street to buy new gifts for the boys, including toys, games, sporting equipment, books, DVDs, gift cards, winter hats and gloves, or cash donations that the society will use to buy these items. For anyone who missed the bake sale and donation table in the Slavin atrium this week, the Dirigo Society will also be taking donations at the tree lighting on Slavin Lawn on Dec. 4.

Donations can also be dropped off in the Center for Orientation, Transitions & Leadership, which can be found in Slavin 106, until Dec. 4.

The Santa Shop, co-sponsored by children's outreach and the English as a Second Language club through Campus Ministry, will take place on Dec. 6 in the Campus Ministry Center at 5:30 p.m.

Those setting up and running the program are looking for student volunteers, especially those who can speak Spanish, to help out with assisting the families by helping the parents shop for their children and wrapping gifts. Any students who want to volunteer can reach out to anyone on the Dirigo Leadership Honor Society.

# Opportunities for New Student Leaders

## Orientation and Residence Life Applications are Now Available

by Gabriella Pisano '18  
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ON CAMPUS

With two of the three application deadlines for admission into Providence College past, the class of 2022 is coming together. As the first semester of the 2017-2018 academic year comes to an end, PC is already beginning to prepare for this incoming class. Applications for positions on the Orientation and Residence Life staffs are now available for students.

While the Orientation program is continually evolving to create the best orientation experience for new students, the Office of Orientation, Transitions, and Leadership is planning on keeping the logistical structure of the 2018 Orientation staff similar to that of the 2017 Orientation staff.

As in the past year, a first year hall RA will be paired with a team of two orientation leaders. Leslie Heller, director of orientation, transition, and leadership, explained that this gives RAs of first year halls an opportunity to connect with the first year students they will be working with throughout the school year. The RAs are grouped with students from their hall as well as students from either their brother or sister hall.

Heller discussed how these positions, while requiring dedication and hardwork, are rewarding. She emphasized that leadership skills are obtained from being a part of the planning and execution of orientation. Among the benefits are development of leadership, problem solving, and communication skills. In addition, these positions can act as stepping-stones to other leadership positions. Heller said, "The biggest benefit is having a lot of fun. It's also meaningful for students to mentor other students and make those connections. We always say being a part of orientation staff means you're going to make more than 100 friends."

Jacqueline Michels '19, a member of the Operations

Team for 2017 New Student Orientation, emphasized how orientation connected her with other students. "During the semester I spend a lot of time with the people I'm involved in clubs and classes with. Orientation was fun because I met people who are involved in other clubs who I don't normally cross paths with during the semester. Orientation was a fun way to meet new people and learn more about the school," said Michels.

Members of the Orientation and Resident Assistant Staff are required to move in seven days earlier than the new students. These days of training prepare students on the staff to fulfill their duties. "During the training, we cover everything from what the program will look like to how to respond to issues new students will be facing when coming to school," said Heller.

Heller emphasized that the staff learns about all of the resources the Campus has to offer. It is the hope that knowledge of these resources will be utilized not only by the new students in their Orientation groups or in their Residence Halls, but by the staff members themselves.

Orientation Leader Allison Schmidt '19 said, "Orientation training was tons of fun. I was a little apprehensive coming into it because I did not know many people, but I can definitely say I left that week of training with very close friends. They are some of the best people I have met in Friartown."

Orientation staff alone consists of over 100 positions. The Office of Orientation, Transitions, and Leadership is currently in the process of interviewing for the five available Orientation Coordinator positions. The Office plans on hiring 78 Orientation Leaders for the fall program, 12 Operation Team Members, and 16 Orientation Leaders for the June Advising Days.

The first part of the application process is available online. To apply for any position, students are required to complete the joint application for



OL applications are due Dec. 8.

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Orientation and Resident Assistant Staff. In addition to the application, applicants must have a staff or faculty member fill out the online recommendation form. Returning staff members are not required to obtain a recommendation. Students who have only attended PC for one semester, meaning primarily first year students, can receive a recommendation from someone unaffiliated with PC such as a high school teacher or coach.

Heller said, "This is a great opportunity that students sometimes overlook. They might think they don't fit the team and they doubt their qualifications, but I urge everyone to apply."

Applications can be found online at: <https://providence.tfaforms.net/60> and are due Friday, December 8, by 4:30 p.m.



# Bursting the Bubble: Tragedy in Egypt

## Death Toll Hits 305 in Egypt's Worst Modern Massacre

by Catherine Brewer '20  
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WORLD NEWS

The death toll hovers at 305, including 27 children, three days after Egypt's worst modern massacre occurred on Friday, November 24 during the al-Rawdah Sufi mosque's midday prayer. An additional 128 were injured at the place of worship in Bir al-Abed, located on the Sinai Peninsula.

According to an official statement from Egypt's state prosecutor, approximately 25 to 30 armed men carried out the attack using bombs and automatic machine guns. They unloaded from five SUVs and arranged themselves in front of the mosque dressed in military uniforms. One eyewitness recalls a distinction amongst the men, stating that some wore masks and spoke Bedouin, while others with long hair and beards showed their faces and had Cairo accents.

Ibrahim Ergany, the chief of the Union of Sinai Tribes, stated, "The massacre that was carried out against the residents of al-Rawdah village will turn into a burning fire that will eliminate [the Islamic State]." The Union is a group that represents the three biggest Bedouin clans in the northern Sinai Peninsula.

While no groups have claimed responsibility for the act, Egypt's official statement also noted that at least one Islamic State, also known as ISIS, flag was carried into the mosque during the attack. Additionally, CNN asserted that the massacre "bears the hallmarks of a strike by ISIS," as the terrorist group's affiliate, called Sinai Province or Wilayat Sinai, continues to be present in the area.

British scholar Dr. H.A. Hellyer told CNN that he believes that ISIS will never take ownership of the attack, adding that many ISIS supporters have responded to it online with "shock" and "horror."

If the al-Rawdah massacre was carried out by Wilayat Sinai, it will be the group's first attack against a mosque. According to CNN, Wilayat Sinai has instead been known to target northeastern Sinai law enforcement. USA Today reports that Wilayat Sinai is relatively new—only six years old. The group has also claimed responsibility for an attack on a Coptic cathedral in Cairo within the past year. Hellyer asserted, "With the Christian attacks, it seemed aimed at creating some sort of divide within Egyptian society the radical groups could then take advantage of. They failed. Now they're going after anybody that doesn't support what they want to do."

One reason why the al-Rawdah mosque may have been a target for Wilayat Sinai is because it is associated with Jaririya, the Sufi order of the region. "Sufis are Islamic mystics and have traditionally shunned violence," CNN reports. "ISIS considers Sufis to be heretics, and in Syria and Iraq, they have destroyed Sufi shrines and bulldozed or dynamited the tombs of Sufi saints."

The conflict between the two groups has persisted for some time. Before the Friday massacre, the Sufi peoples of Bir al-Abed had received threats from the ISIS faction on five different occasions, refusing demands that they stop the Sufi worship practices. The attack may have also been ISIS's revenge for local Sawarkah tribe cooperation with the Egyptian government.

Egyptian president Abdel Fattah el-Sisi promised that the government would respond



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to the attack with "brute force." As a result, the Egyptian military conducted airstrikes on the locations that they suspected the terror group retreated to. "The airstrikes destroyed hideouts containing weapons, ammunition and explosive material, and law enforcement personnel followed up by combing through the bombed-out areas," USA Today reported. Sisi also declared three days of national mourning, the construction of a memorial for those who were killed in the attack, and government payouts of \$11,000 to every family who lost a loved one.

On the religious front, Ahmed El-Tayyeb, the current grand imam of Al-Azhar, denounced the attack, stating, "The shedding of blood, the violation of the sacred houses of God and the terrorizing of worshippers are acts of corruption on the earth."



## Congress Updates

by Connor Nolan '19  
Student Congress Publicity

CONGRESS



### Old Business

The first piece of old business presented before the congress called for appointing a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council as a liaison to Student Congress. The piece passed and a new liaison will be welcomed to the congress shortly.

The second piece of old business presented before the congress regarded the establishment of a rule that would stop anyone on campus from reserving the great room in Aquinas past 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. The piece is aimed at creating more study environments for students as the room is often unable to be used for studying while events are happening. Some members of congress did not see the need for this piece, citing ample study spaces in other buildings at most times other than midterms and finals. Although many on congress spoke against the bill, the piece did pass.

### New Business

The first new piece of legislation presented at the meeting regarded the formation of a Pre-Law Society on campus. The presenters offered many reasons why the club is very necessary including connecting with industry professionals in law careers and filling a need that is not fully met by the school administration. They hope to connect the various members of the Providence College community who plan to apply to law school, as well as educating underclassmen in the field.

Another club presented on Tuesday hoping to gain accreditation on campus was PC Love Letters. The presenters spoke extensively on the inspiration and meaning behind the club, alluding to a speaker who recently presented on campus and her mission. Hannah Brencher presented earlier this semester on campus regarding her program The World

Needs More Love Letters. Members of congress commended the presenters and saw the importance of support systems such as these on campus.

A piece of legislation was presented regarding the implementation of a candidate information form to be filled out by congress applicants. If someone is running for an elected position within congress they will be asked to fill out a short 20-word form. The presenter spoke on the importance of this piece, saying it is important for people to know who they are voting for, especially freshman who have only been on campus a short time before their first election. It seemed as though members of congress were receptive to the idea, but the presenter was questioned as to if it was possible for it to be implemented on Sakai in its current format.

Another piece of legislation presented before the congress that has been worked on for a long time pertained to the creation of an environmental biology major at the College. The objective is to have it implemented as a formal major as of fall 2018. It is backed by many professors at the college who deem it a necessary and vital major. The academics committee of the congress has worked closely with administration in presenting this piece, and the congress seemed very receptive to the idea.

The next piece of new business presented before the congress pertained to an amendment that had been passed in recent weeks that dealt internally with congress' use of a service hour requirement. This new piece sought to deal with the idea of "mandatory events" deemed by the executive board. The presenter of the piece wished to ensure that this would never be taken advantage of by a sitting executive board in the future. Instead, the presenter wishes for there to be a vote to veto mandatory events if they are seen as unnecessary by the members of congress. It would need to be a 2/3 majority vote to veto the decision. Some believed it odd to create legislation for something that may or may not happen in the future with some saying the congress

would have larger issues if an executive board in the future was making these sort of decisions, and the discussion continued as to whether or not this was necessary or an indictment on the trust put in the executive board.

Another piece of important legislation was presented on Tuesday regarding the formation of a committee within the congress called SCITE (Supporting Change and Inclusiveness Towards Equality.) The main goals of the committee would be: to reach out to organizations on campus and ask what congress can do to help them reach their goals and missions. To support, facilitate, organize, and promote campus wide protests and events focused on social justice issues. To put on events that provide education, resources and support to students that encourages and promotes human flourishing on campus. The presenters spoke of the need for this committee, saying that congress has not done as well as it should in these areas and that it would be a great way to help promote diversity and inclusion on campus. It was questioned as to why this would not be included as a part of student life which is already a committee on congress. It was also made clear that this committee would deal with all people on campus, not just a select group. Many feared that this may step on the toes of activist groups on campus, some of whom are also members of the congress. Some of these points led to some hotly contested discussion on both sides. The piece will be voted upon in the next general meeting.

The last piece of new business brought forward during the meeting pertained to an old piece of legislation that was no longer being adhered to by the congress regarding the approval of committee appointees. Congress committee members are chosen through an interview process led by the members of the executive board. The legislation had stated that each committee head should have a single vote each to approve the selections. It is seen as a sort of check on executive power.



## The Friendship Four Spreads the PC Message *Men's Hockey Team Travels to Belfast, Ireland*

### Men's Hockey:

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The Sister Cities Agreement was signed by Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Belfast Lord Mayor Máirtín Ó Muilleoir on May 12, 2014. Mayor Walsh explained, "Together, Boston and Belfast will strive to foster educational exchanges, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development through our new Sister City relationship."

As Boston is the Irish-American capital of the United States, the Sister City Agreement was a perfect way to link not only Boston and Belfast together, but also the United States and Northern Ireland.

Overall, the agreement was designed to strengthen and foster economic growth, trading, tourism, youth, and culture between the two cities and nations.

And in 2015, Belfast and Boston agreed that college hockey was the perfect way to accomplish a handful of these objectives. In November of that year, Belfast welcomed four NCAA men's hockey teams: Brown University, Colgate University, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, and Northeastern University.

In addition to promoting the sport of hockey, a STEM festival



The Men's Hockey Team visits Dundonald Primary School. PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

runs alongside the Friendship Four Tournament in order to encourage science, technology, engineering, and math in Northern Irish schools. This educational festival strengthened the link between the United States and Northern Ireland even further, as the United States is a prominent leader in the growing STEM movement. Overall, all three tournaments have been giant successes.

The 2016 tournament included St. Lawrence University, Quinnipiac University, University of Vermont, and University of Massachusetts-Amherst. In that year, the tournament became one of Northern Ireland's

most televised sporting events in history.

Although the Friendship Four has clearly been a success in the past, both on and off the ice, have the Friars been pulling their weight when it comes to promoting the Sister City agreement? Or has this been just a fun team trip to Northern Ireland?

The truth is: The Friars have not taken this trip for granted at all.

Besides taking time off the ice to do sight-seeing in both Dublin and Belfast, the men's hockey program sat down to have dinner with fellow Friars abroad and has visited Dundonald Primary School in Belfast.

During a post-game interview, team captain Brian Pinho '18 explained that they went to the primary school "to play street hockey and answer some questions, and they [the students] all raised their hands when someone asked if they've been to a Giants game [Belfast's home hockey team]. It was pretty cool that they all liked hockey here."

While hockey is the main reason why the men's hockey team traded in turkey and pumpkin pie for Irish soda bread and Ulster fry this past Thanksgiving break, it is clear that they have not taken this experience for granted.

It is not every day that a hockey team from a small liberal arts college in Providence, Rhode Island, has the opportunity not only to play for an international audience, but also to strengthen the special bond between Boston and Belfast.

Despite the outcome on the ice, the men's hockey program has truly made PC proud. Although some may believe that the trip was unfair to other athletes and a waste of money, the men's hockey team proved that this trip and experience was more than just a Thanksgiving vacation and tournament.

The team helped to bring two cities and countries closer together, all while showing the world what it means to be a Providence College Friar.

## Raising Awareness For National Adoption Month

by Gabrielle Bianco '21  
Opinion Staff

NATIONAL

Saturday, November 18 was National Adoption Day. This day, which serves as the pinnacle of National Adoption Awareness month, was celebrated with adoptions across the country.

In Rhode Island alone, 23 adoptions with 17 different families were finalized through Providence Family Court. Some distinguished guests at the occasion were Governor Gina Raimondo and Dr. Trista Piccola, the director of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

While the purpose of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Awareness Month is to promote the adoption of children in the foster care system, the event received little recognition nationwide and was not covered at all by Rhode Island's major newspaper, *The Providence Journal*.

The statistics regarding children in the foster care system in the United States paint a concerning picture. According to the most recent data reported in 2015 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 264,746 children entered the U.S. foster care system in 2014.

Of those children, 107,918 were awaiting adoption, with only 49,693 of them ultimately being adopted. In 2015, over 20,000 kids aged out of the foster care system without ever finding a permanent home. Why?

In considering the answer, I am reminded of a discussion that occurred several years ago while preparing for my Confirmation. Our class was discussing adoption as an option for

an unplanned pregnancy when a classmate declared that all children who are adopted had "terrible lives."

This statement shocked me not just for its sweeping negativity and ignorance but because my family was joyfully in the process of finalizing the adoption of my brother. He had joined our family as a foster child at one week old.

While I do not know where my classmate came up with his views, I do know that stereotypes are dangerous. The only way to combat them is through education, and the primary way to educate on this topic is through the media.

Just look at what it did for Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. Media coverage has successfully supported the promotion of the two main goals: to spread awareness of the need for early detection of breast cancer and to inspire hope for those affected by it. The

month of October is crucial to this cause and countless lives have been saved because of it. Why has the ball been dropped in November?

National Adoption Month is a lifeline for the tens of thousands of children in our country looking for a home. We fail them when we remain silent, and we did just that this year.

Simple steps can be taken to increase awareness during November. Sharing stories of those who have experience with adoption can prove to not only educate, but inspire others to welcome a child in need into their hearts and homes. There are many statewide and national organizations that work to help the cause of adoption, but without proper media exposure, they do not always receive the support they need to succeed.

Increasing knowledge on the subject can not only positively change the narrative of adoption in this country, but change the lives of thousands of children.



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# Leave Malia Obama Alone

## Media Should Focus on More Pressing Issues

by **Bridget Blain '19**  
Opinion Staff

POLITICS

It can sometimes be easy to forget that a person in the public eye is still a real human being who can be very negatively affected by what is said about him or her in the media. It is even worse when the person being speculated about did not actively choose to be in the public eye in the first place.

This is what happened to former first daughter Malia last week when videos of her smoking at a college party surfaced on social media and quickly spread. Malia was suddenly on the front page of virtually every major news outlet and was being talked about on social media. It seemed as though the world had forgotten that Malia is just a 19-year-old college freshman who did not choose to be the daughter of a former president.

Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton and Ivanka Trump both came to Malia's defense on Twitter. Chelsea and Ivanka, representing both sides of the political spectrum, both emphasized that Malia's personal life should be off-limits to the media, and she should be able to live a normal life as a private citizen. Especially in today's political climate, it is telling that both first daughters agree that the recent focus on Malia is uncalled for and inappropriate.

Chelsea especially has insight into what Obama is experiencing, as she was only 13 when her father was elected president. Just because a child is living in the White House does not mean he or she should constantly be



Malia Obama walking with her father and former president Barack Obama in Chicago April 7, 2016. PHOTO COURTESY OF MANDEL NGAN/AFP/GETTY

under observation and face public scrutiny.

This is not the first time a video or photo of Malia has been leaked to the media. Both Malia and Sasha Obama have been photographed at college parties and at music festivals. There is absolutely no reason that the personal lives of the daughters of a former president should be front page news.

Malia and Sasha did not ask for their father to become the president and now that their father is out of office, their privacy should be

respected. It is a total violation of privacy to release photos of a young woman who did not have any choice in becoming a public figure. Malia was only 18 years old when her father left office and has every right to be a normal college student. While Malia's peers and the media cannot ignore that she is the daughter of a former president, her father's political role does not mean that all of her personal moments should be put on display.

There is not a single college student who would want all of their

personal moments, whether positive or negative, to live on the Internet forever. The children of presidents do not ask for their family to be put in that position.

Coming to the defense of Malia Obama is something that both sides of the spectrum should have in common, as the statements made by Chelsea Clinton and Ivanka Trump show. This is not a political issue, but a responsibility to respect the privacy of a young woman who did not ask to be in the spotlight in the first place.

# Post-College Plans: It's Okay Not To Know

by **McKenzie Tavella '18**  
Opinion Staff

CAMPUS

Adults are always telling me, "Keep your options open," but it seems like on Thanksgiving this advice goes right out the window. Even before I was a senior, I got asked the dreaded question, "So what do you plan on doing after you graduate?"

Now, if you are like me, you did not go into college knowing you had a calling to be a doctor or a lawyer, or any profession for that matter. I did not even know I wanted to major in psychology until my sophomore year. I am here to tell you

that it is okay not to know. The not knowing may be scary and cause a few awkward moments at the Thanksgiving dinner table, but those adults were right—we should keep our options open and here is why.

Committing yourself to a five-year plan or a specific job, as your aunt and uncles practically pressure you into having, can actually be limiting. Why would you want to stay inside this box or stick exactly to the picture you have painted of what you want your life to be? Not only is this unrealistic, but it is also going to hurt you in the long run.

I am not saying do not have any kind of plan, but please do not waste your time crafting up a five-year one. I initially thought that as a

psychology major, going to graduate school was my only option, the only path available. However, I realize now that my road has many forks in it. You could go to graduate school later in life, and first apply to a bunch of different types of jobs where psychology would be useful, such as a human resources representative.

Beyond limiting yourself, you also run the risk of not meeting your expectations, or the expectations of your family and anyone else you told your plan to. Say your plan is to go to graduate school, get a job and move to New York City, sharing an apartment with friends so you can afford it. You did not get into graduate school and one of your roommates backed out. Now what? You may be able to rectify this before it ruins your long-term plan, but if not, you are going to be beyond disappointed in the situation and in yourself. Expect the unexpected. It is nearly impossible to plan that far ahead, so why waste your time, stress, and effort on this?

Not only are these conversations not very constructive, but they also cause more harm than good. It only adds immense pressure and stress to your plate at a time when you should be enjoying your final months of being in college and focusing on passing final exams. I have a biopsychology exam coming up. Yet all I could think about after Thanksgiving dinner was, "Oh my God, maybe I should have applied to graduate school when I had the chance."

This conversation takes away from the joy of seeing your family and friends during Thanksgiving. I wish aunts and uncles would ask about any fun events you went to this semester or how you plan to enjoy your winter break. Even though this may be an unrealistic dream, it is still possible to have a successful life without having a fool proof plan after graduation.



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# Giving Yourself This Holiday Season

by **Marla Gagne '18**  
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

After five days of eating copious amounts of food, going to war at malls across America, and catching up on much-needed sleep, it is time to say goodbye to Thanksgiving and hello to the Christmas season.

Like many people, I spent the



remainder of my break watching Hallmark Christmas movies while drinking eggnog and prepping our Christmas tree. And as I returned to Providence College Sunday night, it was clear I was not the only one ready to celebrate the season of Michael Bubl , hot chocolate by the fire, and nonstop Christmas movies.

Finals can be a stressful period that leave little time to enjoy the winter festivities or celebrate important religious holidays such as Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. But throughout PC and Providence, there are many things to do to enjoy the holiday season if you can spare a minute or two.

This week's issue features a Winter Season preview from A&E, giving you the best tips to make the most of December. Read more about where to adventure for local ice-skating or join the debate about the best city to visit during December—New York or Boston? Find out more about the history of snowstorms at PC and tell us if you agree with our top five Christmas movie list.

The season is also a time of giving, to help people in need and ensure they are prepared for winter and can also have a special Christmas. News this week takes a look at the toy drive of Providence College's Leadership Honor Society, Dirigo, one of many organizations on campus helping the community with toys, food, and winter supplies.

Supporting these organizations is so important to being a responsible member of the community and thinking beyond the PC bubble. But as you approach the season, I also encourage you to look at giving beyond materials. Your skills, talent, and time can be so special to people, from visiting someone who cannot go out in the cold weather to volunteering at a local church or food drive. Even spending a few extra minutes to check in with a stressed friend or FaceTiming someone you have not talked to in a while can make such a difference to that person.

As finals consume the end of the semester, remember to care about the work you are doing, care about the people you are working with, and have some holiday fun.

# TANGENTS & TIRADES

## *Be Conscious of Our History*

We should all take advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday, but first we need to change it.

Thanksgiving commemorates a fictionalized meal shared by the first Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people of North America. There may very well have been a temporary alliance between the first European arrivals and native peoples, but this relationship was one of utility and would not last long.

In 1637, Puritan settlers pillaged and burned a Pequot village, killing 700 women, men, and children. The ethnic cleansing of Native Americans persisted for years. Even if there was a merry first Thanksgiving meal, plunder and genocide followed. Many people do not celebrate Thanksgiving for this reason.

Thanksgiving Day should be transformed into the only secular national holiday to honor the diverse religions, ethnicities, and cultures found in our "melting pot" of a country. Thanksgiving could become a cross-religious, cross-cultural meeting ground, giving us an excuse to take one or two days off work, reconnect with family, and thank whomever we believe bestows us with the gift of life.

If we can reclaim and transform derogatory terms so that they lose their hateful power, then we can reclaim Thanksgiving too. Let's drain the day of its old importance and replace it with a new tradition. Mother Nature, Allah, or the stars bestow us with beautiful fruits and vegetables. We should say thank you at least once a year for that.

What happened when the Puritans encountered the native tribes of North America matters.

The modern Thanksgiving holiday must evolve into something more conscious, inclusive, and respectful, but the concept of a national day of thanks must not disappear.

-Lela Biggus '18

## *Athletes Deserve More Benefits*

As the price of tuition has skyrocketed in recent decades, it becomes easy for current students to complain about the ways the money they pay is allocated. Especially when tuition money is used to support athletics, as many students at Providence College have speculated, it seems unfair for "normal" students to support the endeavors of the athletes whom it might seem are treated like God's special gift to the school.

However, a closer look at the revenue they generate shows that college athletes actually deserve more than the tuition and other benefits they receive.

Patrick Hruby of Vice Sports notes that college football and basketball players collectively receive only about 10 percent of the revenue they generate. Considering that the TV deal the Big East Conference signed with Fox Sports in 2013 generates between \$4 and \$5 million a year for Providence College, it seems like a pretty nice deal for the school to only pay somewhere between \$2,000-\$5,000 per semester per player in cost-of-living stipends.

The \$4-5 million does not even account for ticket revenue, jersey sales, or any other money the school might receive for postseason appearances. A 2011 study at Drexel University estimated that if college basketball players were compensated at the same rate as their professional counterparts, the average player would be worth over \$265,000 a year. Based on the price of tuition, Providence College basketball players are compensated for roughly 25 percent of their actual market value.

Don't be so quick to judge that Friar athlete you see wearing the latest Nike gear. They are getting way less than they deserve.

-Kevin Copp '18

## *The Irony of Black Friday*

Each November, Americans rise at ungodly hours and shuffle into the darkness we know as Black Friday.

How ironic is it that Thanksgiving is about expressing gratitude for what we have, yet the day following Thanksgiving calls for greed and excessive spending?

What is most fascinating is the dedication of these Black Friday shoppers. Many shoppers wake up at one 1 a.m. Some never go to bed after a very long day.

Spend hours on foot, wait in long lines, and sometimes getting into verbal disagreements due to lack of sleep and sanity.

Would we not prefer to do something that makes us feel whole? Something that expresses our worth in a way that fosters pride, rather than just pointing to a pile of bags and saying "I did well."

I propose that we radically change the meaning of Black Friday. Let us make it a day where people still rise at odd hours of the night, but they do so to donate food, clothing, and time to those in need.

Every store in America can still market incredible sales, but what if every penny made on Black Friday was donated to a variety of charities across the country?

Marketing has always tied Thanksgiving to Black Friday, but there is zero correlation. It has only ever made people "thankful" for access to cheap materialistic items.

-Kelsey Dass '18



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NICHOLAS CRENSHAW '20/THE COWL



**BELOW LEFT:** Providence College marketing students smile and pose for a photo with Kelsey Dermody '15, senior associate project manager at DigitasLBI, a global marketing and technology agency. Dermody spoke to the students about her work experience in advertising and gave advice for staying relevant when searching for jobs.

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# ROVING PHOTOGRAPHY

## What is your favorite winter holiday tradition?



**"Sledding and decorating the Christmas tree."**  
Alexis Rabbit '20 and Kit Randles '20



**"Midnight Mass and my family's Christmas fondue recipe."**  
Meghan Friedmann '20



**"Eating pancakes on Christmas morning."**  
Nicole Smith '18



**"Going snowboarding with my family."**  
Anthony Fabiano '21



**"Watching *It's a Wonderful Life* with my family."**  
Clare Bardsley '18



**"Decorating the Christmas tree."**  
Andrew Goyer '18 and Al Bucci '18



**"Getting my name on the nice list for being a very good boy."**

**-Huxley**

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## There's No Business Like Snow Business at PC

by Catherine Goldberg '20  
A&E Staff

ON-CAMPUS

Are you ready for the first snowfall of the season? Are you dreaming of snow days as Christmas approaches? Or are you fearing slipping down the steep Guzman Hill stairs?

December is finally here, so it is inevitable that Providence College students think about what winter has in store. Some dread the thought of the cold and dreary weather and trekking through the heavy mounds of slush. Others are ready to embrace the beauty of the first snowfall. Over the years, snow days have served as some of PC students' greatest memories. Let's take a Friar Flashback...

The Blizzard of 1978 marks a historic moment for Providence alumni. In the beginning of February, students woke up to a beautiful 40-inch blanket of snow. The blizzard caused chaos across campus, as students were left with no classwork and had time to express their youthful spirits while entertaining themselves over the course of a five-day break.

Students trudged from Fennell to Raymond Dining Hall and back for meals, used lunch trays as sleds, and went to The Rat, the on-campus bar at the time. In the winter of 1982, energetic students decided to collect the perfect packing snow to construct an eight-layer snowman right outside St. Joseph Hall.

Today at PC, students still love when classes are called off and an official snow day commences. Marie Sweeney '20 always has "a feeling of happiness waking up knowing there's a snow day." She loves "looking outside the window and embracing the magnificent snow."

With the mounds of work which often pile high for students at this time of year, many enjoy relaxing in the comfort of their dorms or apartments. Sarah Kerrigan '20 and Maddie Reilly '20 love "drinking hot chocolate,



The snowman of St. Joseph Hall. PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE.EDU

watching Christmas movies, snuggling, and baking cookies" on their wintry day off.

Others, such as Elizabeth Connor '20, still love making the bitterly cold trip to Ray and "staying all day, eating chicken nuggets, and chatting with friends." Last semester, on Feb. 9, Providence experienced blizzard conditions which lasted nine hours. Students were notified the preceding night that classes would be cancelled, and happily prepared for the following day.

Many of the freshman boys living in St. Joseph



A chilly day in the snow. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRANDON SAHLER '20



Students enjoying the winter weather. PHOTO COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE.EDU

Hall decided to go outside in the freezing weather wearing nothing but jerseys, shorts, and snow boots. While most of them practically froze in the intensity of the snowfall, Brandon Sahler '20 said it is "a day he will always remember when looking back at his time at Providence."

Snow days spark ambition in youthful minds and bring us together to remind PC students nostalgic for the snow days of their childhood that the magic is still there. Are you excited for the first snow day of the year?

## Having an Ice Time: The Alex and Ani Skating Rink

by Ryan Cox '18  
A&E Staff

ENTERTAINMENT



Locals enjoy the Alex and Ani Skating Rink in Downtown Providence. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL



The city lights serve as a backdrop for skaters. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PROVIDENCEONLINE.COM

Few things in Rhode Island are more picturesque in the wintertime than downtown Providence, especially while the city is decorated for Christmas. The skating rink at the Alex and Ani City Center in Kennedy Plaza offers ice skating for all ages in the heart of downtown Providence.

The rink is flanked by the historic Biltmore Hotel and Providence City Hall on one side and by Burnside Park on another. While the Christmas tree overlooks the rink, nothing could be more Instagram-worthy.

Since Kennedy Plaza is the hub for all RIPTA buses, including the 55, the rink is easily accessible for all Providence College students. Riding the RIPTA is free with a student ID, so there is no need to worry about finding parking in the city. If you do want to drive downtown, however, two hours of parking is free on designated streets daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Jan. 1, as part of Providence's "ThinkPVD" campaign.

The rink is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., from November to March, so the skating season has only just begun. Tickets are generally \$7 and are good for four hours of skating.

Every Wednesday night is College Night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and ticket prices are \$5 with a student ID. You can

bring your own skates or rent a pair for \$6. The rink offers locker rental as well for \$3. All things considered, a night at the Kennedy Plaza skating rink is under \$20 per person.

Since there is so much to do in downtown Providence, it is very easy to make an entire afternoon or night out of a trip to the skating rink. With the Providence Place Mall and Thayer Street so close by, it is easy to go for a meal or hot chocolate before or after skating.

Mira Wagner '18 says, "The skating rink downtown is a lot of fun! It's a great place to go with friends on the weekend, or with family when they come to visit." It is also a great place to go on a date, she explains, "I took my boyfriend once when he came to visit, and we both had a great time! We went out for hot chocolate and walked around downtown after and it was super cute."

"It's really cool that they have an outdoor skating rink in downtown Providence. Not only is it in a cool location but it's something fun to do. I love that it appeals to everyone, and anyone can go," said Kasey Cardin '18.

According to *East Side Monthly*, "Nothing says 'holidays in the city' like ice skating in the middle of downtown...There's no more heartwarming time to do it than when you can skate under the giant Christmas tree." For more information on the rink at the Alex and Ani City Center, check out [theprovidencerink.com](http://theprovidencerink.com) or call (401) 331-5544.



# Winter in the City: Which Deserves a Visit During the Holidays?

by Julia Vaccarella '20  
A&E Staff

ENTERTAINMENT

## New York City

The temperature outside is beginning to get colder, and whether you are away from campus for the weekend or visiting during winter break, there are many events going on in New York City in the coming weeks and months.

Bank of America sponsors the Winter Village at Bryant Park each year. Visitors can ice skate outdoors in the park, which is the only rink with free admission in all of New York City. The park periodically runs themed skate nights, like Decades Night, for college students. They also offer discounts on skate rentals for anyone who brings a student ID.

With over 100 kiosks, the Winter Village is also a great place to buy one-of-a-kind items or get a head start on holiday shopping. Vendors sell artisanal and unique clothing items, as well as home decorations. The Winter Village also runs a variety of concession stands with coffee, sandwiches, and other snacks. A casual pop-up restaurant called Public Fare is conveniently located next to the ice skating rink.

Department stores throughout NYC have decorated the windows with light displays that remain through the end of December. Saks Fifth Avenue has adopted a Disney theme this year, displaying a castle and 14 animated scenes from *Snow White*. The Lord & Taylor storefront has five animated panels with one



Enjoy a nice night at the Bryant Park Winter Village in New York City. The village is filled with fun activities, good food, and great gifts. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRYANT PARK CORPORATION

featuring the skyline of Manhattan. Other stores that participate in these displays include Macy's, Tiffany & Co., and Barneys, spanning from 38th Street to 58th Street.

For anyone looking to escape the cold and do something inside, New York City is also home to many unique art museums. Located on the Upper East Side, the Metropolitan Museum of Art has two exhibits featuring Edvard Munch and Michelangelo.

"Michelangelo: Divine Draftsman and Designer" features a varied selection, from drawings to marble sculptures, while the Munch exhibition focuses on self-portraits

and other works never before seen in the United States. Both exhibits are open until February 2018 and are included in the price of admission to the museum.

The New York Botanical Garden is sponsoring an attraction that uses plant parts like seeds, leaves, and twigs to create replicas of major landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Model trains will move through the recreated city, and this season's show will also highlight several of Midtown Manhattan's famous skyscrapers. An installation project called "Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirrors" will be

displayed in the Upper East Side and at the David Zwirner Gallery in Chelsea through the middle of December. At 88 years old, Kusama's work spans across many decades. Admission is free, but long lines are expected after the success of a similar project in Los Angeles.

Kusama's main attraction, "Let's Survive Forever," includes mirrors that reflect around the room. The interactive exhibit also has two other rooms with color-changing lightbulbs, flowers, and more.

From ice skating to art museums, the Big Apple has something for everyone this winter.

by Alexis Jais '18  
A&E Staff

ENTERTAINMENT

## Boston

Sweet New England summers are the perfect opportunity to hit some of Cape Cod's many beautiful beaches, hike in northern Rhode Island's peaceful nature reservations, and spend an afternoon with a cold drink at a bayside restaurant. Autumn's fleeting presence paints a breathtaking picture of the New England everyone knows and loves to admire. But come winter, we have to shelve some of our favorite summer and autumn pastimes as the snow begins to fall.

Those who have experienced more than a few winters in Providence are all too familiar with the charming and traditional wintertime activities Providence has to offer. Many enjoy ice-skating at the Alex and Ani center, taking a brisk walk by the river in January, and grabbing hot coffee at Blue State on Thayer Street. Even so, an hour's bus or train ride and \$25 will have any Providence College student ready to adventure to nearby winter hotspots in Boston.

Boston is one of the most historic destinations in New England and has so much more to offer than just summer fun. Even in the chilliest months, the Greater Boston area is home to a few rather extensive natural reservations including Blue Hills in Canton. On weeknights, you can ski the Hills for just \$30 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Sledding is free at the Boston Common and you can skate the Common's Frog Pond for only \$6.

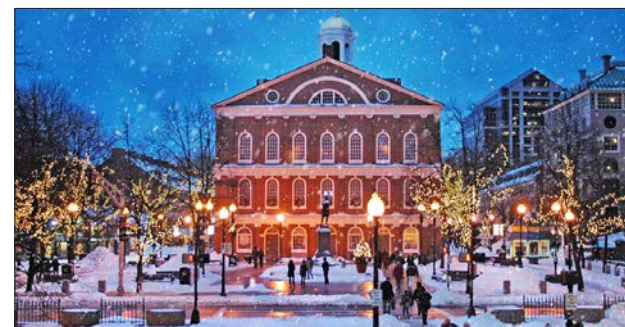


Beacon Hill, Boston, MA

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You can also take part in one of Boston's many tree-lighting ceremonies for free. The one in Boston Common includes activities and games with prizes as well as refreshments. Others take place in Copley Square and the Commonwealth Mall.

Newbury and Boylston Street shops and restaurants have some of the most festive



Faneuil Hall is ready for the season.

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decor and lights, which make for a lovely winter stroll and the perfect place to get some holiday shopping done. If Boston's winter weather is something you would rather avoid, the city has even more to offer indoors.

Irish pubs and historic taverns like the Union Oyster House seem to be around every corner throughout Boston, and offer a cozy and welcoming atmosphere to grab a drink or cup of New England clam chowder.

The Black Rose has a menu that combines New England favorites as well as classic Irish dishes. Bull McCabe's has theme nights like \$2 taco Tuesdays, and 'pay-the-time' for a burger and fries Monday through Friday.

Other indoor activities in the city like visiting the Museum of Fine Arts (free admission after 3 p.m. for ages 7-17) or strolling through Faneuil Hall to grab a bite and catch a glimpse of the famous 85-foot tree. All this will keep you warm while also allowing you to experience Boston at its fullest, even in the frosty winter months.

Whether you are up for braving the freezing wind this winter or would prefer to sit by the fire and watch the snowfall, Boston has something fun and inexpensive to offer for everyone's wintertime fantasies.



# Are You Yeti For Holiday Films?

by Joe Clancy '18  
A&E Staff

FILM

It is that time of year again, the nights are long and harsh, and students feel the impending doom of finals looming closer. That being said, however, it is also the best time of year to seek refuge in bed with a cup of eggnog and just hibernate with some good old television. If you are looking for some classic movies to brighten your days and put you into the holiday spirit, check out the following films:



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*It's a Wonderful Life*: How can the list not start with the movie everyone's grandmother makes them watch every December? One of Hollywood's most iconic actors, Jimmy Stewart, plays George Bailey, who discovers the meaning of life at Christmas time with the help of an angel trying to gain his wings.

*Lethal Weapon*: Although it is not a typical holiday movie, it is set during the holiday season. By far the greatest buddy cop series of all time, it follows Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as they fight crime in the streets of Los Angeles. It is filled with laughter and suspense.

*Eight Crazy Nights*: Comedy legend Adam Sandler has made it a point in his music career to write songs about Hanukkah themed traditions. Christmas music lovers are guaranteed to hear "The Hanukkah Song" at least once every December, but Sandler also created the animated comedy



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*Eight Crazy Nights*. The movie follows a character based loosely on Sandler as he returns home for Hanukkah and all the hilarious events that ensue.

*Home Alone*: How could the hijinks of Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin) not be on this list? It is Christmas time and what better way to celebrate than taking the family on vacation? "Where's Kevin?" Watch as an eight year old left alone for the first time manages to outsmart professional criminals with booby-traps galore in this heart-warming tale about being alone on the holidays.

*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*: With every



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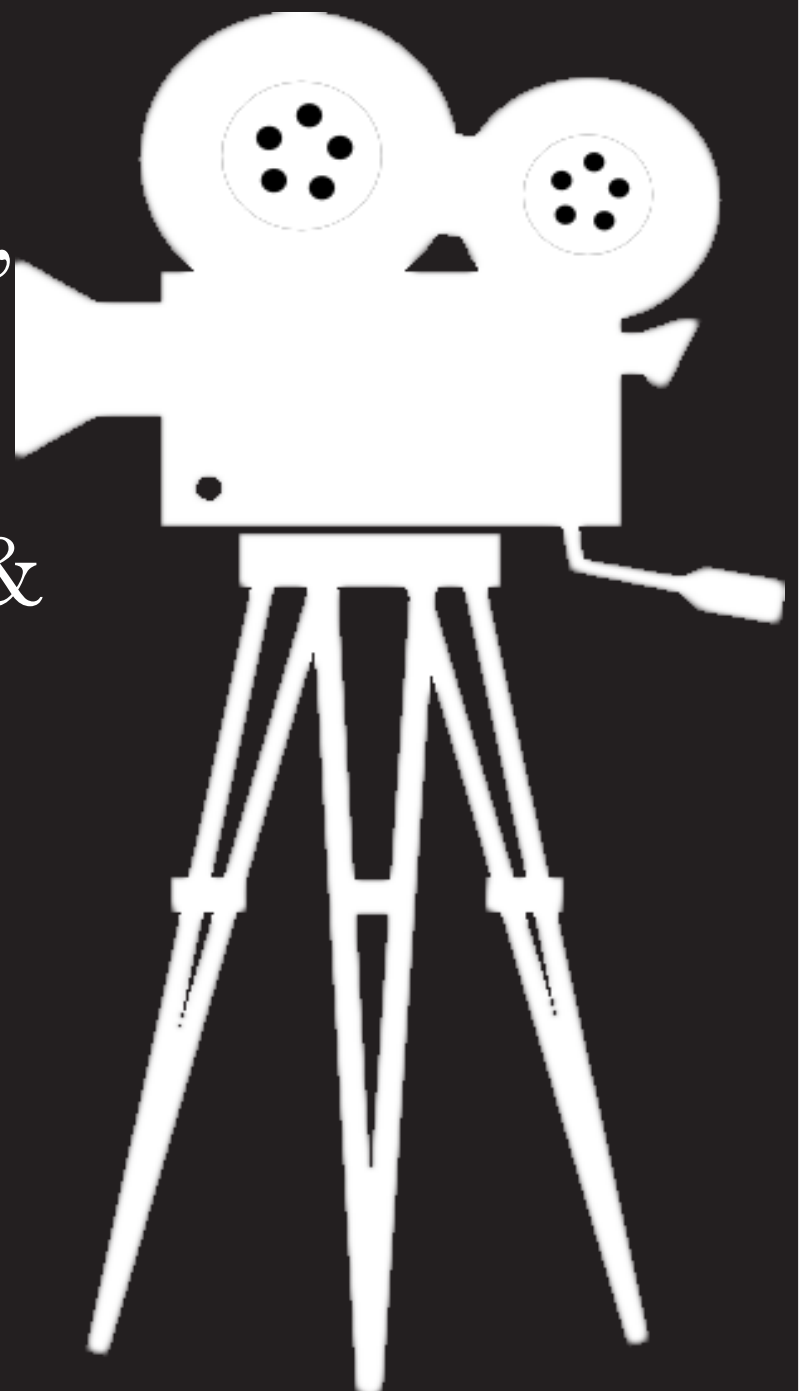
family gathering, there is always the possibility of something going wrong. For the Griswolds, who are just trying to move past their disaster of a vacation to Wally World, everything goes wrong again. Watch as the Griswolds cannot get anything right as their hilarious family gathers for the holidays.

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## YOUR MAJESTY

by Marelle Hipolito '21  
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POETRY

pebbles:  
are in the ocean.  
they stay in the background.  
give all their life to  
the surrounding ocean, and there is  
nothing;  
nothing left for them to uphold.  
everything to love about them: gone.  
Unless, of course, they are for the ocean.  
They are beautiful when wet, with the ocean salt  
They are loved when skipped, in the ocean  
Only remembered and found, in the ocean.  
moving with the flow, they agree to choices,  
choices that they do not make for themselves.

These are choices that benefit the tide of the ocean  
The wave of the ocean  
Everything for the ocean  
sacrificing their existence for the other.

colored gray, weathered by rough environment  
harshness on their surfaces:  
it makes them weak—dependent.

You made me YOUR PEBBLE.

Your life, YOU were the great wondrous ocean, and I, I!

I was merely a crumb under your fingernails but when you. needed. me—NO!

I, then, was so much MORE IMPORTANT.

you would not be ANYWHERE without me, the small, gray pebble that you molded into your slave

I used to be my own rock, confident and proud, but you seduced me into your waves  
into the shriveled up person that I am now

I gave you EVERYTHING

this is how you REPAY ME?

you weakened and minimized me into this small  
shy pebble that needed your approval for everything  
YOUR MAJESTY—what should I do for you next?

Where do you want me to sit, where do you want me to stand?

what kind of tide should I flow with now?

What kind of wave should I bear with now?

High, low, it's up to you! I am for you, only you, there is nowhere else to go to  
whatever will appease you, great ocean king of my life

you put me down so you could step up on my shoulders so you can be at the great height you are  
at now

I used to be vibrant, full of life and joy and excitement then you pulled me with your crystal clear  
ocean waves and it was only then, when I became your pebble that I saw myself  
STUCK in the swampy muddy waters of yours polluted with your deepest darkest secrets that I  
kept. for. YOU!

I HOPE YOU DROWN in your own ocean,  
and become your own pebble  
that will stay in the background.



# Homecoming

by Connor Zimmerman '20  
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FICTION

Sinking into my couch, I begin to close my eyes. The sweet aromas of baking cookies travel around the house and begin to make me tired. I let out a long yawn, when suddenly my phone begins to buzz. I grab my phone lazily and look at it. Several texts pop up on my phone, but the only one that I see, like usual, is, "Usual place, same time?"

I reply, "You know it." I switch my phone back to its home screen and see I have 20 minutes to nap before I get going. Yeah, it's good to be home.

Driving through the night, car headlights flash before my eyes as I travel down the highway. I put on my blinker and turn into the place. I pull into the parking lot and see there are eight other cars already parked. The gang's all here. I walk into the place and walk over to the usual table. Eight guys are huddled over a small bar table laughing like one of them had just said the funniest joke on Earth. I grab a stool from the table next to it and pull it over. They all look at me and shout, "Heeeey, Brian is back!"

A tinge of nostalgia begins to hit me. I laugh and reply, "C'mon, don't get emotional on me. What did college do to you guys?" They all say various responses at the same time as if I can hear what everyone is saying at once.

When they settle down, Kevin asks me, "So man, what is college like for you?"

I reply with the basic answer, "Pretty sure like yours, man. Classes are kind of difficult, but I live for the weekends." That gets everyone excited. They all raise their drinks and take a giant gulp. The waitress comes over and hands everyone their burgers, placing one

in front of me.

Frank, seeing my surprised face, says to me, "You think we don't know your order by now, man? We only came here every weekend during high school." We all laugh at this and take a bite out of our burgers. The grease and

man, you're right."

I look over at Ben and begin to laugh. I hadn't seen it before because of the lighting, but I say, "Ben, you legitimately look like a serial killer with your shaved head. I bet you don't even drive past a police station for fear they will take you in."

Sarcastically, Ben says, "Funny, man, funny. Even with a shaved head I look twice as good as you."

Mike jumps in and says, "Yeah, Ben, your crazy eyes don't help either."

Ben shakes his head, "So I go to a military school, get over it. Next year, I don't even have to shave my head."

We all begin to laugh again. With every laugh the nostalgia has grown stronger and stronger until Jason finally blurts out, "Man, imagine if we

all went to the same college." We all nod our heads solemnly thinking about what could've been. We take another sip of our drinks, when Frank decides to break the tension, "We'd all probably end up in a ditch somewhere."

Colin replies, "That would have to be some massive ditch, especially if you fell in with us."

Laughing again we finish our drinks and burgers and begin the usual goodbyes, "I got to get back to my family." "I got to finish up my paper." "I got to go see my girlfriend," etc. Walking back to my car the nostalgia ebbs, but something else begins to grow in its place. Regret, guilt, sadness.

I look back and think this is our future. Yeah, it's good to be back home, but for how long will it be home?

juice drizzles down my chin as the burger falls like a rock in my stomach. I realize how much I have missed this, how much I have missed them. I'm not the only one, as the nostalgia strengthens its claim over us.

John says, "You guys remember our trip down to Block Island? Those were the times."

Colin replies, "Dude, what about our trip to Montréal, that was legendary."

Ryan says, "I can't even remember those trips, man."

I reply, "So your usual weekend."

We laugh, and Ryan shakes his head. "Yeah,



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## The Return

by Marisa DelFarno '18  
Portfolio Staff

FICTION

The land is vacant like the beach's shore at dawn. The tires of my car tilt towards the cobblestone driveway, and convulse over the uneven jagged surface. Acorns, twigs, and wayward leaves layer the glittery cobblestone. As I zigzag my way up the driveway, a Japanese red maple tree appears, standing prominently in the center of the yard. It is twice the size from when I last saw it. The crimson star-shaped leaves are still there, well until the cold December wind blows. The fuchsia shrubs are there too, still closely hugging the side of the house. Overgrown and no longer invaded by fuzzy bumblebees. The fuchsia leaves are starting to mature to a dull brown—the harbinger of a season's end. The untrimmed grass neighboring the house is disguised by a blanket of orange and brown debris. Chipped, weather-faded paint coats the house, and the roof is missing a few shingles here and there like holes in an old, worn-out sweater. I do not bother to peek through the cobweb-framed window. I know that the inside only holds emptiness and echoes of the past.

Now, in the pale autumn afternoon light, a place where I spent the early years of my life has suddenly become unrecognizable. Like I am visiting a stranger's house for the first time. Like this house was never mine. But I have come to know one thing. A house is only a shell.

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# LOST

by Sam Pellman '20  
Portfolio Staff

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POETRY

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I've gotten lost multiple times in my life on multiple occasions.  
I've gotten lost in the mall, roaming store after store until I don't remember where I started.  
I've lost my mom in the grocery store.  
I've lost my car in the parking lot and spent 20 minutes trying to find it.  
I've gotten lost in a corn maze.  
I've been lost in an airport and missed my flight.  
I've gotten lost on my college campus, walking into the wrong classroom.  
I've lost my dad in Home Depot and had to use the loudspeaker to find him.  
I've lost my phone in my pocket.  
I've lost my sunglasses on my head.  
I've lost myself in a daydream waking up to a disappointing reality.  
I've gotten lost in a museum and it closed while I was still inside.  
I've lost loved ones and friends.  
I've lost games and contests.  
I've lost my temper.  
I've lost sight of what's important.  
I've lost my heart after I gave it to someone who dropped it.  
I've gotten lost in the thrill of it all at times in my life,

But the one thing I refuse to ever lose is myself.

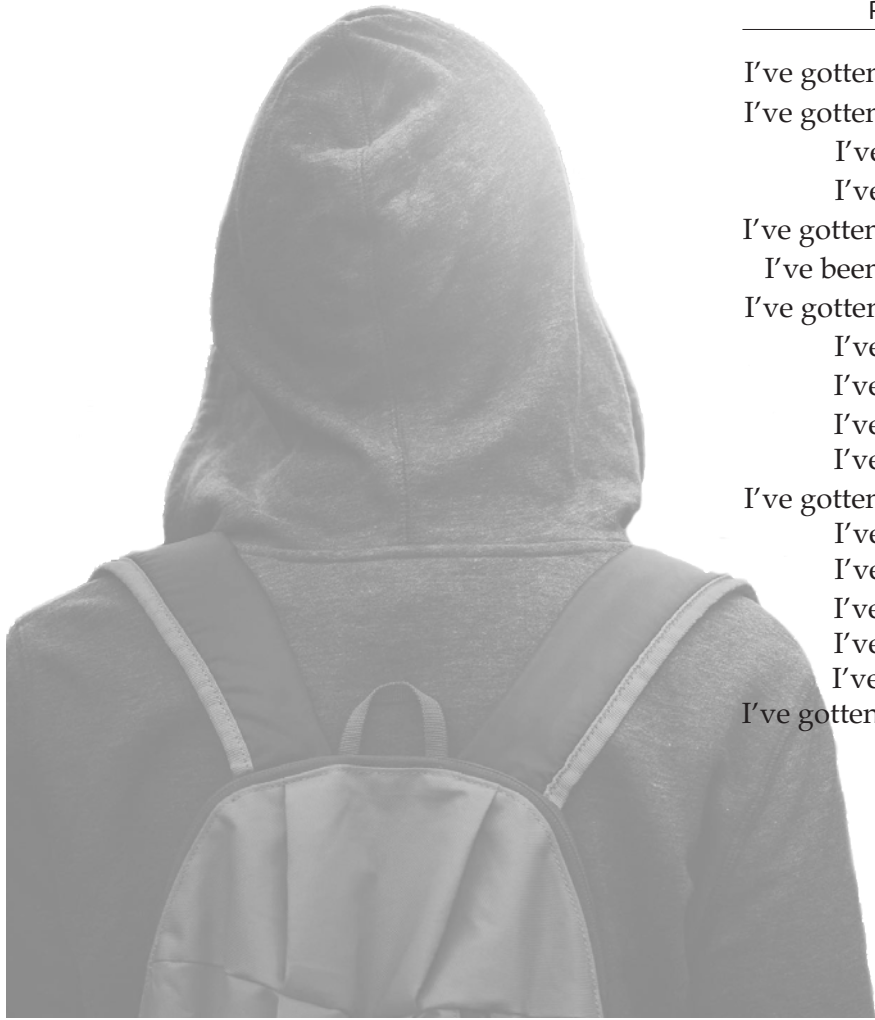


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by Jonathan Coppe '18  
Portfolio Staff

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FICTION

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"What's the deal with limp-biscuit over there?" Al scoffed, gesturing toward Logan, who stood rather listlessly some 50 feet off.

"I don't know," Jim shrugged back. "I've been tired of seeing him moping around the apartment. I thought maybe coming out with us would help, give him an adrenaline rush or something."

Al gave him a sideways glance. "He asked to come!" Jim added in defense. "It's not like I invited him. He asked to come. I wasn't gonna say no."

Al rolled his eyes slightly but let the matter drop. The fool was here. Nothing to do about it now.

"Well, tell him to hurry up," Al said.

"Hey, what's the hold up, Logo? C'mon, we gotta get in here."

They were outside a warehouse. Logan had known before he moved in that Jim spent a fair amount of time with shady individuals downtown. He had basically inferred that Jim was involved in crime of some kind. It wasn't a particular surprise, therefore, when he learned that Jim was a part-time thief. Logan wasn't, of course, but he and Jim had

needed a flatmate at the same time and rent at Jim's place was cheap. It was better than moving back in with his mom.

The night was muggy, and Logan didn't feel like hurrying over to brown-toothed Al and getting a point-blank whiff of his malt-beer, dip-spit-scented sweat. But he hurried over. He didn't want to go back to the apartment, either.

Al and Jim led him over to a

Logan to apologize but Logan just shrugged and looked off.

And they went in.

Logan put down the toolbag after about three minutes and started to look around. The warehouse had four steel loading doors big enough each to fit a tractor trailer. The warehouse was on a compound which they had to climb a fence to get into. That probably explained the lackluster security at the

some nice wine in it!"

"We can't sell that."

"Give it to your wife! Or I'll drink it." Jim laughed.

"How much longer do we have?"

"Don't worry about it. Security here is the pits."

Then they heard a siren.

The haul wasn't big, maybe only a few hundred dollars once they sold everything. Jim had got his bottle of wine. The compound had two or three police cruisers on it now, all full lights blazing. They could hear some shouting.

No worries, though. They had hurried out pretty quickly, no time for cleaning up, but they made it past the fence and Al was careful as a rule. He wore gloves and didn't leave behind anything of his own. He wasn't worried about being caught. But then something occurred to him.

"Jim, where are the tools?"

"I gave them to—Oh, shit! Where's Logan?"

Bang.

"Sounds like he's still in there. You said he was depressed?"

Bang. Bang. A pained cry echoed from the compound.

"Poor guy."

padlocked steel door.

"Hold this." Al handed him a tool bag. He pulled out a pair of bolt-cutters and killed the lock.

"Wait here."

Jim frowned, "Al, let him come in. He—"

"He waits out here." Jim looked at

warehouse itself. No alarms on the side of the warehouse that he could see.

There was probably a security station or something like that nearby, Logan figured. He hurried away from the warehouse to look.

Back inside: "Al, this one's got



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# Listomania

## Best Ways to Increase Your Holiday Weight Gain

Consume all the Soft Serve in Ray

Binge-Watch Netflix\*

Go Black Friday Shopping on a Scooter

Visit a Chocolate Buffet

Marry a Haven Brother

Boycott the Gym

Listen to Justin Bieber...or Chris Brown

Procrastinate, With Subsequent All-Nighters

Kälteen Bars

Door-to-Door Christmas Parties

Leftover Halloween Candy

Double-Fried Turkey

Try all Starbucks Holiday Drinks, in Venti

\*while binge-eating

# Overthinking A gain

by Julia Zygiel '19  
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

In the heat of imagination  
You loved me back  
Held me with the intention to keep me

In a haze of unreality everything has significance  
your silence  
your deafening blabber  
the smallest sigh is despair  
a half smile is the ecstasy of love  
it encapsulated me  
until it was all I could think of  
all I could dream of  
the echoes of it still haunt my dreams

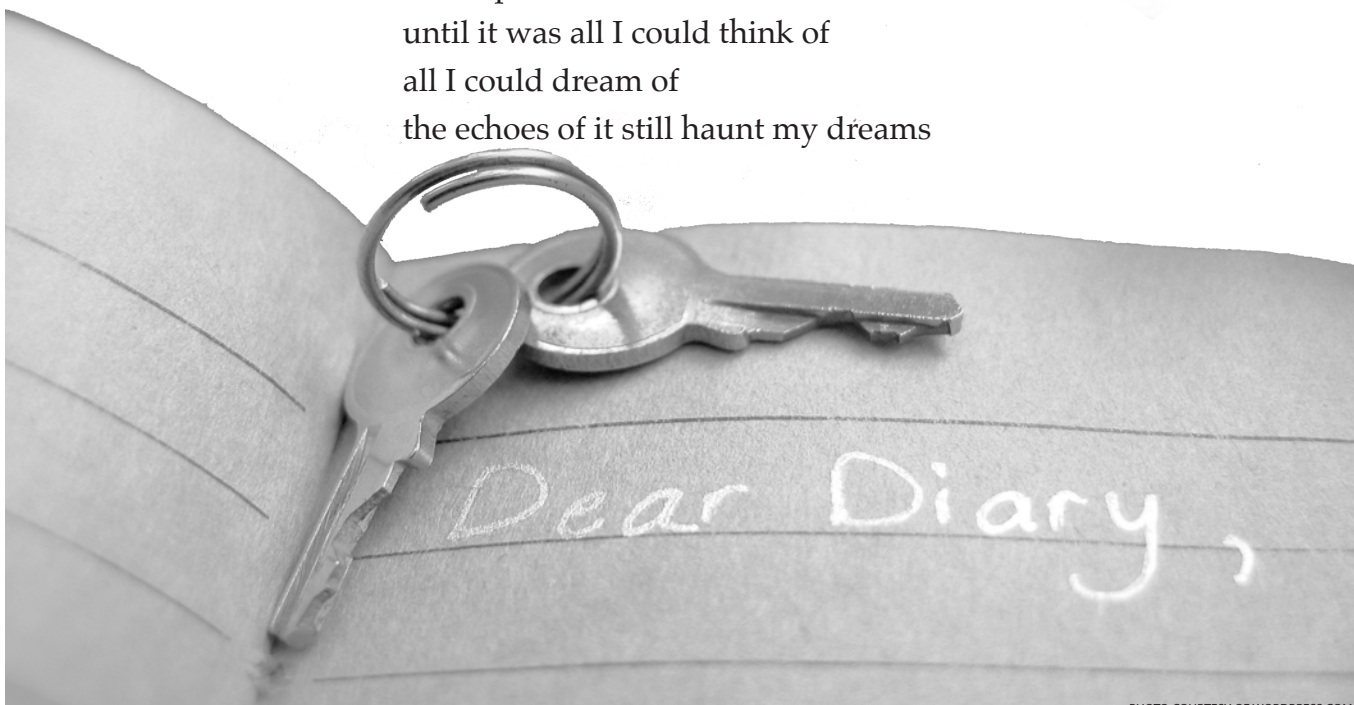


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## Tiffany & Earl

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

Dear Tiff and Earl,

What is the proper etiquette when there are potentially-suspicious activities going on in the shower stall next to me?

Sincerely,  
Not So Squeaky Clean

Dear Not So Squeaky Clean,

Ummmm, what? What, I mean, I, I just have no idea what you're talking about. At all. I have no idea. I mean, I have such a lack of an understanding of what you're trying to ask me, that I mean, I just can't even begin to imagine how to advise you.

I just, yeah, this has just so completely just never actually ever happened to me ever, that, y'know?

I am just, so sorry I can't help. Really. But, y'know, I just, I can't relate. Ha! Sorry.

Good luck though! And I mean, I don't know, maybe start using another stall?

Best,

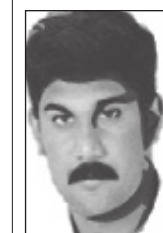


Tiffany

Dear Mr. Clean,

Well, at least you are taking showers. I wish my neighbors would follow suit, but that's apparently too much to ask. The only way to confront suspicious shower activity is to face it head on: swipe open all the curtains and talk to your floor-mates. Nothing brings out the truth like man-to-man eye contact. If you see two sets of feet under the curtain, save your eyes and leave the curtain shut. Instead, just spray cold water from your shower into theirs. Any funny business will quickly shrivel up.

Good luck,



EARL

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# Where's Doggo???

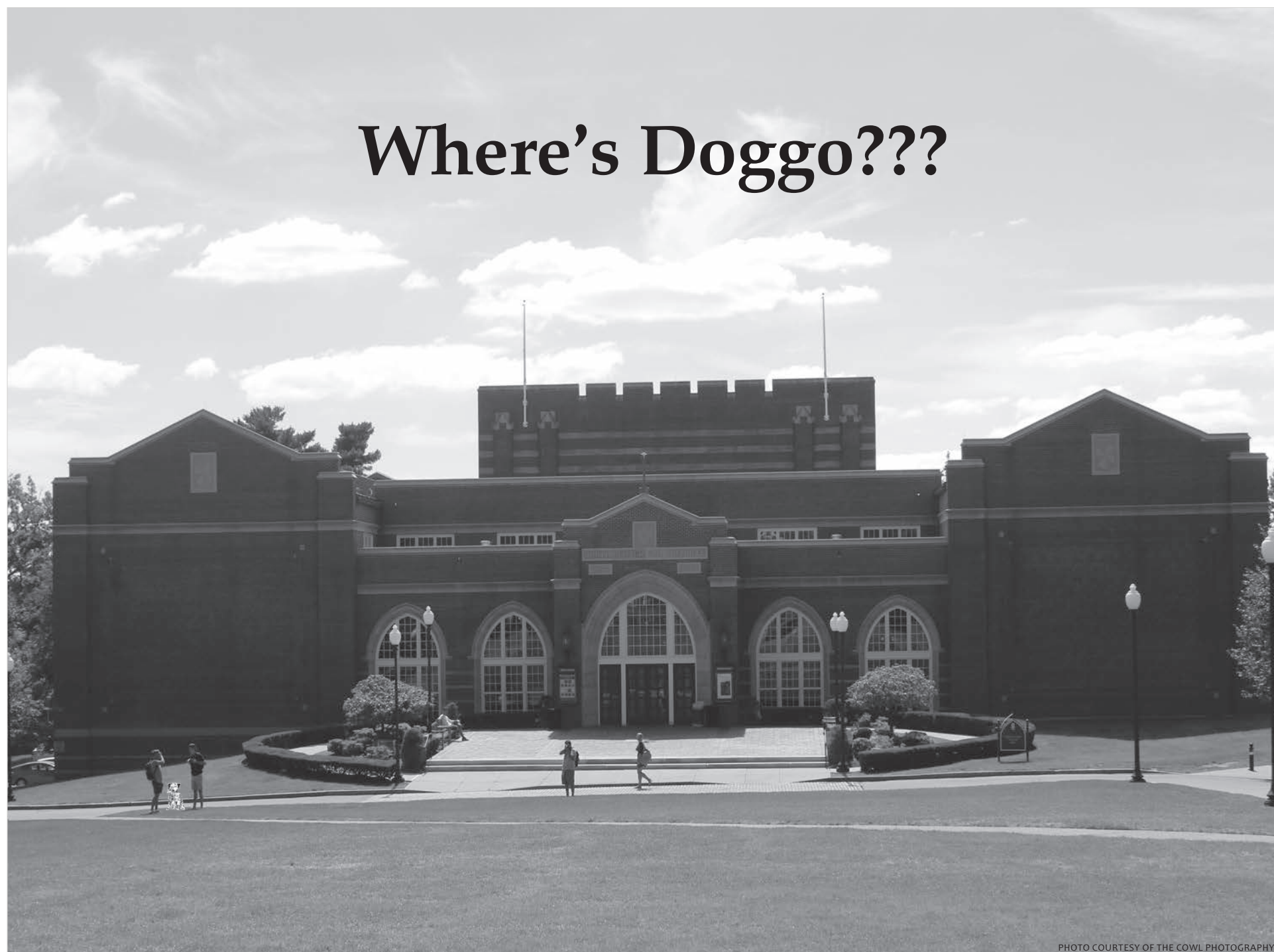


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## Friars in the Pros

### Basketball

by Jack Belanger '21  
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PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL

With their recent success in the Big East, Providence has seen multiple Friars appear in the National Basketball Association and other professional basketball leagues.

Marshon Brooks '11 played four seasons at PC from 2007-2011, averaging 24.6 points per game (ppg) his senior year. He was the 25th pick in the 2011 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics but was immediately traded to the Brooklyn Nets. After a promising rookie year where he averaged 12.6 ppg and was named to the NBA all-rookie second team, Brooks saw his playing time decreased dramatically and struggled to find a consistent role in the NBA. After the 2013-2014 season he signed with Emporio Armani Milano, an Italian basketball team.

Ben Bentil '18 played only two seasons for the Friars. Bentil broke out his sophomore year in 2015-2016, averaging 21.1 ppg and 7.7 rebounds per game. He was drafted in the second round of the 2016 NBA draft by the Boston Celtics.

After playing in three preseason games, Boston waived Bentil and he spent most of the year in the NBA D-league, the NBA's minor league. Bentil managed to make his NBA debut for the Dallas Mavericks on Mar. 1 and became the first person born in Ghana to play in the NBA. Bentil currently plays for the Champagne Chalons-Reims Basket in the Ligue de Nationale de Basket in France where he is averaging 12.4 ppg.

Kris Dunn '16 is one of the best players to come out from Providence College in a long time. Dunn played four seasons for PC (2012-2016), averaging 12.8 ppg and 5.8 assists per game, and was named the Big East Player of the Year and the Defensive Player of the Year in 2015 and 2016. Dunn was the fifth overall pick in the 2016 NBA draft by the Minnesota Timberwolves. After playing limited minutes during his rookie year, Dunn was traded to the Chicago Bulls, where he has broken out, averaging 10.6 ppg and has become the team's starting point guard through 18 games.



As Providence College athletics are Division I, the Friars have seen many of their athletes go on to play professionally in their respective sports. Three writers gave updates on Friars who play on professional soccer, hockey, and basketball teams.



Acciari in between plays during a Bruins game.

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### Hockey

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PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY

The Providence College Men's Hockey Team has produced many professional athletes over the last several years. The Friars won the National Championship in 2015, and that roster contained four players that have already seen National Hockey League ice time.

Forwards Noel Acciari '16, Mark Jankowski '16, Brandon Tanev '16 and goaltender Jon Gillies '16 were part of the high-caliber roster.

Acciari had 32 points in 41 games during the Friar's championship run, and on June 8, 2015, the undrafted forward signed a two-year entry-level contract with the Boston Bruins. Acciari, a Johnston, Rhode Island native, has seven points in 57 games with Boston as of Nov. 26.

Jankowski played his senior year at PC, scoring 40 points in 38 games, an improvement from 27 in 37 during the championship season. Jankowski was drafted 21st overall by the Calgary Flames in 2012 and

has three goals and an assist in 16 games.

Tanev was signed by the Winnipeg Jets in March 2016 and has eight points in 76 games with the team as of this past Sunday.

Gillies was drafted 75th overall by Calgary in 2012. He had a goals against average of 2.01 and save percentage of .930 in the Friars' championship year.

Other notable alumni are current Providence Bruins head coach Jay Leach '01 and long time NHLer Hal Gill '97. Both were defensemen; Leach played 70 career NHL games while Gill amassed an impressive 1,108.

Perhaps one of the best-known Friars is long time Men's Hockey head coach and athletic director Lou Lamoriello '63. A native of Johnston, Rhode Island, Lamoriello had a lengthy career in Friar athletics before winning three Stanley Cups as the general manager of the New Jersey Devils from 1987-2015. He is currently general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.



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Dunn during a Bulls' game.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON GETZ  
Gressel getting ready to make a pass in a game.

### Soccer

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PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

The most recent Providence College alumnus to break into the world of professional soccer is Atlanta United's Julian Gressel '16 who was named Major League Soccer's AT&T Rookie of the Year in November, after scoring an impressive five goals with nine assists in his debut season. The German-born midfielder is ranked third in the college's all-time list of goal scorers, having netted 30 times for the Friars, and comes in at second for career assists with 26.

Ryan Maduro '09 is another former Friar who has followed up his time at college with a successful career in soccer. The attacking midfielder scored 14 and assisted 22 goals during his time at Providence, before going on to sign with various clubs, including Iceland's first division side Flykir and MLS's New York Red Bulls, who he made his professional debut for in 2012.

Once former Friar Chaka Daley '96 hung up his cleats in 1999, after having played for various professional sides including the MLS's New England Revolution, he decided to return to PC to take up a coaching role enjoying a successful 11 years as manager from 2000-2011.

Midfielder Andrew Sousa '10 was drafted by MLS's side New England Revolution in 2011, before going on to enjoy an extensive career thus far, most notably at the likes of Portugal's Operário (third division), Iceland's Fylkir (first division), and Canada's Ottawa Fury (who operate in the second division of the North American soccer leagues).

Chris Konopka '06 has enjoyed a successful and wide-spread career since leaving Providence, having signed with various professional outfits including MLS's Sporting Kansas City, New York Red Bulls, Philadelphia Union, Toronto FC and Portland Timbers as well as the Scottish Premiership's Ross County. Konopka played 21 times for Toronto FC between 2013-15, becoming an integral part of the club's first playoff appearance in club history in 2015. The New Jersey native also holds records with Toronto FC for the most regular season game wins with 11, as well as the best single-season win percentage for any goalkeeper in the club's history with 59.5 percent.





## Coach Ray Treacy Wins His Own Award

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CROSS COUNTRY

Ray Treacy is a respected and well-known name around Providence College's campus and in the Cross Country and Track and Field communities. The school was recently reminded of the coach's talents because Treacy was awarded the Northeast Region Women's Coach of the Year award for the second consecutive year. This season, Treacy guided the women's team to their third consecutive Northeast Regional Team Title and the fifth in the past six years.

Treacy graduated as a student-athlete from Providence College in 1982. He was the captain of the cross-country team his junior and senior years, while setting school records and collecting first place trophies. Treacy was a two-time New England Cross Country Champion and was successful in the indoor 5,000 meter race, winning the race at the Big East Championships three times. He was also the IC4A Champion in the 10,000 and 5,000 meter races during the 1981 and 1982 seasons, respectively.

Treacy was far from done with Providence College after his time as a student expired. As a proud alumnus, Treacy has dedicated his career to coaching and training the new runners that chose to attend Providence College. His successful attitude was contagious; since he became head coach in 1984, both the men's and women's cross country programs have advanced to NCAA Championships in 18 of the last 20 seasons.

Just recently, Treacy coached the women's 2013 cross-country team that won the NCAA Championship. Treacy has coached 63 All-Americans, seven NCAA individual champions who secured 15 NCAA titles overall. Treacy has accumulated an impressive legacy for himself and for the College's cross-country program. He is a valuable asset to our athletic staff and Providence College's alumni network.



Coach Treacy smiles during meet. COURTESY OF PROVIDENCE COLLEGE ATHLETICS

# Should College Athletes be Paid? They Should Get Paid

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OP-ED

The NCAA has a severe money problem. In 2016, the collegiate sports organization posted a revenue of \$995.9 million. Meanwhile, the athletes, who are to thank for this revenue, do not see a dime of this.

Many argue that they get paid with a free tuition, which should be enough. However, many of the athletes are not there for the education. As disappointing as this may sound to some, this is the sad truth.

For example, many of the top athletes in college basketball are there for one year and leave for the NBA, either because they have the skills necessary or they are in desperate need of the money. Plenty of athletes come from lower-income areas and families which makes the money that much more appealing. If the NCAA paid their athletes, more players may stay longer because they no longer have the desperate need for the money the NBA has to offer.

Both college football and basketball are multi-billion dollar industries and possess the ability to pay the coaches large million-dollar contracts. Why does it make sense for the coaches to bring in large sums of money to support their families and lifestyles but the athletes, who are the ones drawing the attention to the sport, do not have this benefit?

A study came out this year that

put a value on the athletes of many Division I schools. Texas had the highest value per player at \$670,000, and Alabama came in second with a value of \$536,485. The Division I-A average came in at a substantial \$163,689. None of these amounts are small to the average athlete.

However, the NCAA thinks paying players is unethical because the athletes are there for the education. At the end of the day, it is not going to be easy for the current rules to

change. The people running the NCAA love the paychecks they get from the money that is brought in by the players, and the head coaches are not going to complain about the millions of dollars they get from the institutions. However, until changes are made, I would not be surprised to see more corruption scandals pop up like the one we saw earlier in the year.



University of Alabama players celebrate touchdown.

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## They Should Not Get Paid

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OP-ED

College athletes should not get paid. There is no acceptable reason why athletes should be paid. The payment for their services is the education that they receive at their institution.

The main argument for paying college athletes is that the NCAA is making a lot of money off the sale of merchandise and the players should be allowed to partake in the fruits of their efforts. It seems that proponents of this argument have forgotten about the true purpose of college. They have forgotten that the main point of college is to educate, not to play sports. There are athletes all across the nation that get athletic scholarships to come and play a sport for a few years and get an entirely free education. Their payment for their athleticism is the education that they receive for free and no monetary compensation should be added on top. Even athletes that are

not on scholarship are getting the benefit of an education and do not need to be paid for anything that they are accomplishing.

The real problem in this whole argument are the actions of the NCAA. It is true that the NCAA is making money unfairly off of the accomplishments of their athletes.

But, instead of trying to stop the unfair activity, proponents of athlete pay want to keep the unfairness going, just as long as the athletes get a share of it. This is a classic example of one of those situations where everyone is offended by something until they benefit from it themselves.



University of Kentucky basketball players.

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# Friars Go to Ireland

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FRIAR SPORTS

Last week, the Providence College Men's Ice Hockey Team took a journey across the pond to participate in the 2017 Friendship Four Tournament in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Over the course of their weeklong trip, the Friars toured Dublin, Ireland, as well as Belfast Northern Ireland, including Northern Ireland's Parliament building and Crumlin Road Gaol, an old prison in Belfast.

The Friars also made a visit to Dondonald Primary school where Head Coach Nate Leaman addressed the student body and some players answered questions in classrooms. It was a great week for the team to engage in various community service opportunities as well as experience foreign cities' culture and learn the history behind them. With last names like Foley, Kavanagh, and O'Neill on the Friars' roster, the team's Irish history is deeply rooted.

However, there was still business to be taken care of. In their first game of the tournament, which served as the tournament semifinal, the Friars took on the University of Maine Black Bears in a Hockey East tilt. From the start of the game, the Friars controlled the play. Although the team generated several

key scoring opportunities in the first period, they were unable to capitalize until the final five minutes of the second frame, as Ryan Tait '19 buried a wraparound feed from Bryan Lemos '19 after a battle in the corner to set the Friars up 1-0.

From there, the Friars did not look back. Captain Brian Pinho '18, who had been wreaking havoc all game in the offensive zone, finally struck the back of the net on a power play off a great look by Erik Foley '19. Foley and Pinho have been impossible to stop together on the power play once they get time and space to set up.

Goaltender Hayden Hawkey '19 impressed in this contest, steering aside all 24 shots he faced to preserve

his second shutout of the season. This performance was essential to restore his confidence after being pulled at the start of the second period the weekend before against Merrimack College.

The game was finally put out of reach as Tait registered his second goal of the game on an empty net tally from a long pass from Jacob Bryson '20, who impressed all weekend with his playmaking ability. The Friars 3-0 score would stand as they moved on to face the fifth ranked Clarkson University Golden Knights in the Friendship Four Championship Game.

In the Clarkson game, the Friars jumped out to an early lead off the stick of Foley, for his team leading seventh mark of the season. His

line, along with Pinho and Brandon Duhaime '20, played extremely well in this tournament, leading the Friars offensively. Duhaime was a nuisance for defensemen and goaltenders throughout the tournament, making his presence felt down low in the offensive zone, helping goal scorers like Foley and Pinho to find more opportunities.

However, the next four goals all belonged to Clarkson, as they beat Hawkey twice in the second period and twice more in the third. However, Duhaime's hard work in the offensive zone finally paid off as he snuck one into the back of the net from right in front. This effort was too little too late as the Friars fell to the Golden Knights and Clarkson University was crowned 2017 Friendship Four Champions as they hoisted the Belpot Trophy.

Despite falling short in the championship game, the Friars still played their style of hockey. The top line provided most of the offense, and spent the majority of their time on ice in the offensive zone. On top of that, the entire roster played their role, all the way down to the physicality of the fourth line and a game one shut out from Hawkey. Although they did not come out on top, the ninth-ranked Friars took a step in the right direction as they look forward to a home-and-home series the weekend against the University of New Hampshire.



The hockey team goes over practice drills in Ireland.

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# Basketball Wins 2k Classic

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FRIAR SPORTS

On Friday, November 17, the Providence College Men's Basketball Team was able to add another piece of hardware to the trophy cabinet by winning the 2K Classic Tournament, held annually at Madison Square Garden.

The tournament kicked off with a preliminary regional round matchup on Nov. 10, which saw the Friars square off with Houston Baptist University; the winner would advance to the Championship rounds of the tournament. The contest, which was also the season opener for the Friars, turned out to be a one-sided affair, as the Friars would end up winning by a final score of 84-55.

The game saw 11 different Friars score, with Maliek White '20 leading the way with 13 points. Isaiah Jackson '19 and Kalif Young '20 were also big contributors, with Jackson scoring 11 points and Young contributing 10 of his own. Kyron Cartwright '18 also reached double-digits in points, scoring 10 while also recording 10 assists to be the only Friar to achieve a double-double during the contest.

Nearly a week later, the Friars headed to New York City to take on the University of Washington Huskies in the first game of the championship round. The Friars were able to hang on in a tightly-contested game, winning by a final score of 77-70 to advance to the championship game the following night. Rodney Bullock '18 was the star for the Friars in this one, shooting 5-11 from the field, and finishing with 17 points.

Bullock also pulled down nine rebounds, making him one rebound shy of recording the second Friar double-double of the tournament. Young and Cartwright were key cogs once again, with the former adding 12 points and the latter once again chipping in 10 of his own. The talented youth of the Friars was also on display, as Alpha Diallo '20 and Drew Edwards '20 both achieved double-digit point marks, with both players contributing 11 points.

The championship game proved much less competitive, with the Friars routing the previously unbeaten St. Louis Billikens 90-63 to capture the 2K Classic crown. Bullock once again led the Friars with 15 points, while Diallo and White both added 11 to

the Friars 90 as well.

Cartwright, once again, showed why he is considered one of the top distributors in all of college basketball by dishing out eight assists, and seemingly finding his teammates for open shots at will. But the most impressive Friar on the floor may have very well been heralded freshman Makai Ashton-Langford '21. Ashton-Langford, a consensus top recruit who committed to PC this past April, went a perfect 5-5 from the floor during the game, finishing with 11 points for the Friars. Ashton-Langford also showcased his own playmaking abilities, adding three assists while also recording a steal.

The Friars played a post-tournament game at home this

past Wednesday, November 22, taking on the Belmont Bruins at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. The game came down to the final seconds, with Cartwright nailing a game-winning three-pointer to give the Friars a 66-65 victory at the buzzer and an unblemished 4-0 mark in the 2K Classic. Bullock and Diallo obtained double-digit points as well, scoring 15 and 13 respectively, while Jalen Lindsey '18 also had 12, which put him in the double-digit margin.

The 2K Classic Crown is a first for the Friars, and while it is always nice to celebrate new championship hardware, the Friars have their sights set on adding a much bigger trophy to their collection this upcoming March.



Kyron Cartwright looks to make a play against the Billikens.

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