Villa-game-ova: Friars Claim Victory

As the season swirls to a end, the Providence College Friars dominate the Big East Conference play, with a major win against the #3 overall Villanova, with a final score of 76-71.

After suffering a heavy loss to DePaul last Saturday, 80-63, the Friars bounced back and came back better than ever beating Nova and securing a 8-5 record in the 2017-2018 Big East Standings behind Xavier, Villanova, and Creighton, and a 17-9 overall record in the NCAA.

While the season has been back and forth with significant wins and tough losses, the Friars hope to provide the burning energy and spirit needed as they head towards the Big East Tournament and hopefully an appearance in the March Madness Tournament. Some of these notable wins come from Big East play, including ranked rivals such as #5 Xavier, Creighton, Marquette, DePaul, and Butler when the team was on a four-game winning streak.

However, things took a turn for the worse when the team's streak was snapped by back to back losses to Villanova and Seton Hall. The team found themselves back on pace with back to back wins against Marquette and Georgetown, but DePaul, as mentioned previously, came out swinging to hand the team their fifth loss. All hope was not lost as the Friars bought the win to Villanova and look to carry the momentum of this win into the end of the regular season.

Celebrating Black History

As part of Providence College's celebration of Black History Month, multiple departments across campus, such as Student Affairs and the Office of Institutional Diversity, sponsored the return of the Black History 101 Mobile Museum, which was on display all day in the Slavin Fishbowl this Wednesday.

The museum features a collection by Khalid el-Hakim, a current doctoral student from the University of Illinois. After taking a sociology class in his undergraduate career, el-Hakim began to collect Jim Crow memorabilia in 1991 from flea markets, antique shops, and estate sales. From that point he’s started to collect all I could that exhibits the black experience in America,” el-Hakim said.

With over 7,000 artifacts in his collection, el-Hakim explained he often develops themes each year that he brings with him to over 50 locations across 15 states. He explained that just the day before arriving at PC, he put on his exhibit at the FBI Academy in Virginia.

The artifacts are all authentic, and this year’s theme covers the 75th anniversary of Martin Luther King’s assassination. From a Sports Illustrated magazine dated May 22, 1967 with athlete Tommi Smith on the cover, to pins that say “Write in Dick Gregory for President,” or to the Newsweek cover from April 15, 1968 covering Martin Luther King, Jr.'s funeral, to a flyer made up by the Citizen’s Council of Greater New Orleans that reads “Help Save the Youth of America, Don’t Buy Negro Records,” el-Hakim has captured the experience of struggle that black people in the United States have always faced.

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Featured Friar spotlights

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The College Seeks to Fill New Security Position

Search Committee Made for New Associate VP Position

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News Staff

ON CAMPUS

Over the past few weeks, a search process has been conducted to replace the longtime head of our campus security in Major John Leyden. While Major Leyden’s experience here on the campus will be sorely missed, a search committee was constructed to interview three highly-qualified potential candidates to serve as the new chief of campus public safety.

As many students are aware due to the influx of emails sent out regarding this important position, each candidate was given an opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, and students and present their qualifications in an open session, on-campus interview. Elizabeth Walsh, assistant vice president for human resources, was responsible for keeping everyone in the loop about this ongoing process through email. While the new position of associate vice president for human resources was offered, it was also to be the responsibility of transitioning the department into a hybrid system which will include both campus police as well as security.

Walsch gave some insight into how this committee and search process began. “The search committee comprised of faculty, administrative staff, and student representatives began the search process in late August or early September,” said Walsh.

“The process involved the review of 91 resumes, initial phone screenings, and on-campus interviews with the committee,” Walsh confirmed. The pool was narrowed down to three candidates who were brought to campus to interview with various campus constituents over a two-day period.”

The search committee to fulfill the task of fielding the lengthy number of candidates encompassed seven individuals, Walsh included, that serve a variety of different roles here at PC. The members of the committee include executive president of Student Congress Phionna-Cayola Claude, ’18, Lt. John Durbar, crime prevention and campus relations officer, Tierra Marshall, the office of institutional advancement, and associate vice president of student affairs, Gregory Waldron, senior vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Each of the three candidates Walsh refers to comes from a variety of different backgrounds regarding campus security at their respective universities.

The first interviewee in January was Edward Rodriguez, who currently serves as chief of public safety and emergency management at Quinnipiac University. Later that week, the second of three candidates, Paul Shanley, was interviewed. Shanley serves as the deputy chief of police at Brown University. The last of the three interviews took place the following week for Stephanie Hill. Hill is the director of public safety and chief of police at Central State University in Wiberforce, Ohio. Between the three candidates, they have over 90 years of experience related to and around law enforcement.

According to Walsh, now that the interviews have concluded, and everyone has been given the opportunity to evaluate each candidate, the next step will be to search for the one candidate who best meets the criteria of the position. Regardless of who is ultimately chosen, each of the three candidates hopes to lead the change in several advancements and enhancements to campus security to ensure that safety remains one of the top priorities here on campus.

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Kate Fagan inspires students by explaining the importance of mental health.
Friartown Says Goodbye to Head of Department of Public Safety

by Sabrina Guilbeault '18
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After working at Providence College for 14 years, this past Wednesday, Friartown said goodbye to the head of the Department of Public Safety on campus, Major John Leyden.

In the time he has been here, Leyden has seen the campus and his department change in many ways. “Campus public safety has evolved tremendously over the last 10 years,” Leyden said. He explained that the tragic shootings at Virginia Tech and other active shooter incidents nationwide helped motivate an increased emergency preparedness that was mandated by the Department of Higher Education.

According to Leyden, PC was one of the first colleges in the area to hire a full time Emergency Management Director to oversee the emergency notifications system (FriarAlert). This position, currently filled by Koren Kanadanian, is also responsible for updating and retrofitting the emergency blue phones and conduct trainings.

Other changes include the re-establishment of a campus bike patrol, collaboration with Independent Title IX investigators to conduct investigations of policy and procedures based on those from the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, re-audit of the campus last year. The new position filled by Lt. John Dunbar, crime prevention/campus relations officer, was created last year, and now his office works under the executive vice president’s office rather than student affairs.

He explained that during his time here, he has accumulated countless fond memories and has greatly enjoyed working senior week, activities and commencement. “During this time the students, some of whom we’ve developed relationships with for four years, express their appreciation and we recognize how the students have matured throughout their time here,” said Leyden.

Leyden will miss the dedicated and professional staff and faculty at PC most. “They share a commitment to the safety and success of our students as well as the relationships that are built with members of this community,” Leyden said.

As for filling his position, a search committee has been hard at work to fill his role. “The search committee has put a tremendous amount of effort into attracting and vetting candidates,” Leyden said, “I’m confident a selection will be made soon.”

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Discussion Held on Viewing Racism as Anti-Christian

Dr. Dana Dillon Speaks at First Theology on Tap of the Semester

by Alexandra Huzyk '20
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ON CAMPUS

In honor of Black History Month, and as a continuation of the conversation initiated by Dr. Bernice King’s Convocation speech, the first Theology on Tap of the semester was titled “Anti-Racism as a Necessary Christian Virtue.” The talk, led by Dr. Dana Dillon, a professor of theology at Providence College, delved into the pervasiveness of racism in America and the corresponding responses to it. Dillon argued that Christians need to adopt an anti-racist approach.

Dillon began the talk by sharing with us a personal story about how racism has affected her. When she was younger, she had been contemplating whether or not she and a friend should go take a trip to Canada. In her rationale, she used the argument: “Why not? We’re free, white, and 21.” The friend that she was speaking with, however, was half Chinese and half Hawaiian. She felt ashamed when she thought about the implications of what she had said, and this instance served as a moment of realization. Dillon said, “I had received a script from my parents, and others, that was implicitly racist.”

Dillon stressed, “Unless we are working to be anti-racist, we are passing on inherited habits of racism,” and we cannot be truly “good” Christians if we act in either intentionally or subliminally racist ways. In order to combat this mentalization and act in accordance with the Aristotelian premise that like acts can become like habits. If people can commit to a particular act, they can become oriented toward virtue through their actions. In other words, if a person makes the conscious decision of acting in anti-racist ways, they can then eventually live a life of anti-racism and lead others to that same way of life. “We are so used to seeing subtle forms of racism, implicit forms of white supremacy, as normal ways of being in the world,” Dillon said, “Our sense of what justice and love of neighbor looks like is terribly skewed.” Dillon asserts that every person must make a conscious effort to orient all of their actions around charity and love.

To expand on the context of racism in America, Dillon provided a brief history of racism and how that has influenced our society. First and foremost, the establishment of the United States of America began with the killing and displacement of Native American people. Following this, slavery became a widely accepted practice and institution that persisted for over 200 years. Even with the legal abolition of slavery, racism remained a pervasive part of society, emphasized by a history of sharecropping, Jim Crow, and lynching. To emphasize the prevalence and widespread approval of racism, Dillon emphasized a quote from a Catholic bishop in Louisiana. This quote asserted that slavery was a necessary institution, “far from an evil,” because they were not capable of freedom. In a historical context, it was believed that it was the Christian responsibility to take care of people of color in order to lead them to a good life. Dillon emphasized that this mentality towards slavery was extremely un-Christian.

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Alumnus Creates Global Health Fellowship

Fellowship Will Allow Students to Conduct Medical Research

by Hannah Langley '21

ON CAMPUS

Last May, Dr. Robert C. Gallo, M.D. ’59 and ’74 Hon., and his wife, Mary Jane Gallo, made a generous donation to create a fellowship dedicated to global health and medicine, which will allow Providence College students to develop technology through medical research in impoverished countries.

Dr. Gallo is most well-known for his 1984 co-discovery of HIV as the cause of AIDS. At the time, AIDS was a newly developing threat in the United States that was killing thousands of people, and the cause of the virus was unknown. It was due to the research of Gallo and his colleagues that the cause of AIDS was detected which prevented future infection by developing a blood screening test, which prevented the spread of future infections by blood transfusion. He is also responsible for discovering HTLV, one of the only known viruses proven to cause leukemia. He uses his research to create a therapy that is still used to treat certain cancers and AIDS.

Gallo is the co-founder and director of the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and he is the director of the Global Virus Network (GVN). In 2013, he was named the Homer & Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professor in Medicine.

The idea of a global health fellowship program was initiated by Dr. Charles Toth, chair of the biology department. "I started working on this in 2009 after I had Dr. Gallo visit my HIV class," Toth said. Following this, he formed a group of professors who all had extensive knowledge and backgrounds in global health, including Dr. Nicholas Longo, professor of global studies and public and community service studies, Dr. Tuba Agar, associate professor of health policy and management, Dr. Terence McGoldrick, associate professor of theology, and Dr. Stephen Mecca ’64 and ’66G, professor of physics.

Earlier this year, Gallo decided he would use his career and success to benefit his alma mater’s students. "Dr. Gallo has promised he would help arrange fellowships with his world-wide clinics," said Toth, "giving the students multiple sites to go to.

The trip is open to students of various majors, which is one of the reasons why Toth likes it so much. "The fellowship is open to everyone," said Toth. "It provides an opportunity for majors in biology, global studies, public health, public and community service, theology, and the list goes on." Toth hopes that this fellowship will allow for students of many different majors to blend together in the pursuit of helping others. Dr. Gallo has the same hope for this program. In an interview with Debbie Hazian, Gallo mentioned, "It’s nice that this is not just for science majors... We need people from all kinds of fields to fight these diseases.

Dr. Toth talked about his excitement about the fact that his nearly 10-year plan has finally become a reality. "There’s so much interest in global health by PC students," Toth said, "and I think it’s going to be a really attractive program.

Black History Mobile Museum Comes to PC

Museum:

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el-Hakim explained that Black History Month is necessary because the Black experience has not always been inclusive in the American narrative. He explained that stories have been silenced and omitted throughout history. "These artifacts can help spark honest conversations about race, identity, and where we are in current times," he said.

"These artifacts are the evidence that this history happened," el-Hakim said. He explained that in a lot of ways what we hear in lectures about history (such as signs that say "whites only") sounds so absurd that it is easy to think that these events did not happen. "It really sheds light on the absurdity of racism and white supremacy," he said.

The tables with the artifacts were set up like a timeline, with artifacts from history that lined up in order to show what influenced what events. Hakim stated his favorite artifacts are the signed historical documents. In his collection, el-Hakim has documents signed by MLK, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Rosa Parks, and Frederick Douglass.

In his discussion of the museum, el-Hakim also shared why his affinations are so important. Starting at the earliest of his artifacts, the depictions made by white people of black people were unnecessarily exaggerated and unjust. "We say Black is Beautiful and Black is Power because these affirmations did not exist," el-Hakim said. "We say Black Lives Matter because there has been a constant struggle of the oppressed and the oppressor involving social justice and liberation," he said.

el-Hakim also explained that he loves when people who look at his collection are inspired to respond to it. What he is doing is activism, as the artifacts spark discussion. The question el-Hakim asks however is, "How do we sustain this conversation?" Advice el-Hakim offers is to do self-check and reflect on your own relationships. "There needs to be authentic friendships and space where honest conversation can happen," he said. "Let this be a starting point."

"In this period of racial tension, you must ask yourself which side you want to be on when it comes to social justice," el-Hakim said. "Be on the right side of history."
Wonder Women of PC Speak at Friarcon
Panel of Female Leaders Discuss Their Super Powers

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ON CAMPUS

This past Friday during Alumni and Family Weekend, the Providence College events department and the Office of Institutional Advancement put on the campus’ first ever Friarcon, an event that showcased student performance and involvement.

The night kicked off with a panel titled The Wonder Women of PC, where the leading ladies of five major on-campus organizations discussed their super powers. The panelists included Marcie Mai ’18 of the Board of Multicultural Student Affairs, Phanna Chantana ’18 of Students of Southeast Asianorigin, Madhmani ’18 of Friars Club, Marla Gagne ’18 of The Cowl, and Elizabeth Jancsy ’17 of the Board of Programmers.

This is the first time in the College’s history that all presidents of the major organizations on campus are women.

The panelists were guided through their discussion and given questions by Karen Monti-Flynn ’80 of the National Council. The first question the female students were asked was what is their superpower, or more specifically what character trait helped lead them to their success.

Claude, president of the Believers of Words Club and head resident assistant, attributed her success to her personal ability to connect with a wide range of people on campus. “I am grateful for my personality, and being able to communicate well,” she said. “It has helped me get to where I am today.”

Jancsy shared that she is proud of her compassion as her background in theater. She is on the all-women’s A capella group and has participated in a wide variety of performances. “You’ll always catch me singing or dancing,” said Jancsy. Jancsy shared that she is proud of her implementation of the slogan “Caring is Cool” on BC and believes that this mindset gets her far in life.

Just as superheroes have superpowers, they also have nemeses, and the ladies were reflective on the aspects of themselves they wish to continue
to grow and learn from. For example, Madhmani, a student worker in the Office of Institutional Advancement, discussed the value she has found from being extremely involved, but also making time for herself.

When asked about sidekicks, Madhmani was quick to explain that she is appreciative of her fellow executive board members, and thanked them for being her perfect team.

Gagne also shared that she was very thankful for her associate editor-in-chief, Paige Calabrese ’18. She explained that the nature of The Cowl involves long nights and even weekends, and Calabrese has been the perfect companion to getting each issue out. Gagne also explained she is proud of making The Cowl a fun environment to work in by celebrating birthdays and creating bonding events to get the staff together.

Mai, a resident assistant in McNicoll Hall, was first to answer a tough question involving what aspects of her executive board she wished she possessed. “It’s good to have each executive board member on BMSA (which is also composed of all women) and the whole board. She explained she is very proud of the work her club does.

When asked about hobbies and what the panelists do when they are not “saving the world,” most of the ladies in particular are very busy. “I don’t necessarily have time for hobbies, but something I am trying to do is spend more time with my family,” said Mai. “One thing I am doing each time I go home is cook a traditional Vietnamese meal with my mom.” She shared that the next time she goes home will be for Lunar New Year, and is looking forward to cooking with her mother.

Other highlights of the evening included an exhibit on the past mascot heads of Friar Dom, performances by student groups such as Dance Club, Step Team, and A cappella. Adam Hanna ’18, Wonder Women of PC, performed a concert for those in attendance. The night was filled with PC spirit.

At the end of the Wonder Women of PC panel, the audience in attendance applauded the leading ladies. “We know you are going to each go very far,” Fr. Ruane Flynn said. “These ladies are stellar, and represent the good of our college.”

CONGRESS

This past Tuesday, Father Brian Shanley, O.P., came to speak to the College Congress and field any questions or concerns from its members. He opened by speaking about construction projects on campus now and in the future. He spoke of his relief in the fact that the new sciences building is developing on time, but still has a long road ahead of it. If the new additions are ready by next fall, they can begin “phase two” which includes renovating certain portions of the building. The Ruane Friar Development Center’s steel work is almost completed, and they hope that the basketball team will be able to utilize it by next September, according to Fr. Shanley.

After that is completed, they plan on installing a atrium between Slavin and Alumni as well as renovating ‘64 Hall. Providence College is also looking into adding a second story to Slavin in order to give Career Services more space to expand. Fr. Shanley then shifted his focus to the question, “what next?”

Apparently, the College has set its sights on improvements to residential housing for the next building plan. A plan in the process of being hired to come in and evaluate the housing currently on campus. Fr. Shanley assumes that Aquinas Hall and other underclassmen dorms will be the main focus of any projects as well as the area “behind the business school,” which is very outdated.

It then opened the floor to questions. Students asked who would be allowed to use the Friar Development Center, and if tuition money is going to it if we are unable to utilize its facilities. Fr. Shanley was unsure of the numbers as far as the tuition question was concerned, but the facility will be solely utilized by athletics and predominantly the basketball team. However, Fr. Shanley believes this will allow a multitude of facilities more available to the student body for club or intramural sports.

Shanley was also hinted at the school attempting to cover a field for rainy days so that sports practices and other activities can still take place. Student asked if the school planned on making changes to food options on campus in any upcoming plans, but Fr. Shanley believed changes to Ray and alumni to not be as important as some of the plans he had previously discussed. Another member stated that as the College makes residential changes, more study areas should be added as the library and Ryan Center are often full of students and it can be tough to find an area to work. Father Shanley then spoke briefly about his upcoming sabbatical and talked about Father Kenneth Siccard, O.P., taking over his duties while he is away.

One student talked about having spoken to trustees who were unhappy with the College’s work in completing its Catholic mission statement. He answered that it took many years to rework the current mission statement. Also, there are people who believe the College is doing too little, and some who think they are doing too much. According to Fr. Shanley, this is a sign that a mid-life crisis has been found. He was also asked about the school increasing its environmental practices utilized on campus. He said that in the last few days they have made an agreement to use more solar energy on campus. Many questions followed regarding the increase in tuition and room and board implemented by the College.

Shanley was also asked why classes were not cancelled to allow students to attend Dr. Bernice King’s Convocation speech, and he stated he wished he could have but the preparations for the event happened too late. The Congress would like to thank Fr. Shanley for attending and fielding the student bodies questions.

For the rest of this week’s minutes and for legislation updates, please visit thecowl.com.
The stock market experienced a severe dip on Monday, February 5 as the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 1,175 points, or 4.6 percent. A drop of this magnitude has not been seen since the Index dropped by 778 points in September 2008, in the course of the Great Recession. Specific macroeconomic factors precipitated the stock market's oscillation. “This is a correction in the stock market,” noted Dr. Christopher Limnios, assistant professor of economics at Providence College. “As economists, we have to ask ourselves why this occurred,” added Limnios.

On Feb. 2, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the United States' economy added 200,000 jobs in January. According to the report, this addition marked the 88th consecutive month in which the economy added jobs to the market. Average hourly earnings rose to $26.74, with an annual growth of 2.9 percent—an increase not seen since June 2009. In conjunction, the unemployment rate currently stands at 4.1 percent. Altogether, the growth in the labor market, and the previously steady bull market, prompted investors' fears over the likelihood of further interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve, or “Fed,” as well as the prospect of higher inflation. As reflected in the volatility in the Dow Jones index and the S&P 500, among other equity indices, the drop off was attributed to investors' panic that a loss in real value of the dollar could lead to additional interest rate increases by the Fed. “We have had prolonged low interest rates since 2009, so many investors reacted to the prospect of higher inflation by hastily betting on what the Fed will do,” stated Limnios. As a side note, analysts have examined trends in the Fed Funds futures market, and projected three interest rate increases for this year. Yet since the recession, inflation in the United States' economy has not deviated from its 1 to 2 percent level. “While we do not have a sure handle on inflation, many investors reacted to the signal of labor market inflation last week,” declared Limnios. In addition to the perils of rising inflation, the Federal Reserve's interest rate strategy moving forward will also take into account the recent $1.5 trillion tax cut passed on Dec. 20, as well as the passage of a two-year spending deal for the federal government approved by President Trump on Feb. 9. Also, on Feb. 14, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released a monthly report revealing that prices rose across sectors, more than expected in January. This surprising jump in prices was reflected in a 0.3 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, excluding food and energy, two uniquely volatile categories typically omitted in order to better determine the inflation trend. This revelation will play a key role in stock market volatility over the coming weeks.

So, how does this turbulence affect people's daily spending habits? According to Edward Wolff, an economist at New York University, 84 percent of all stocks are held by the richest 10 percent of Americans. In contrast in 2001, “the richest 10 percent owned only .77 percent of all stocks,” noted Wolff in an interview with NPR on Feb. 12. Despite this concentration, consumer spending, particularly on durable goods such as appliances, houses, and cars, is impacted. This "psychological effect from a decline in markets," according to Limnios, could prompt a recoil in consumer spending. While the United States' GNP diminished a great deal during the Great Recession, there has been tremendous recovery in a variety of sectors since then. Prior to the stock market's descent last week, the Dow Jones yielded a 25 percent return over the last year. For the most part, the stock market is essentially back to where it stood in December 2017. "These are growing pains," acknowledged Limnios. "We are going to see further growth in output, but people jumping the gun on the Fed's decisions will lead to dips in the stock market.”

Breaking News: Valentine’s Day Shootings

Shooting at NSA Headquarters

by Brian Garvey ’20

NEWS

On Wednesday, February 14, a vehicle attempted to force its way into the front entrance of the National Security Agency Headquarters in Maryland. After stopping the vehicle, the driver was taken into custody, with the driver currently in the hospital due to injuries sustained during the crashing of the car.

An NSA police officer and a civilian onlooker were injured as well, but no serious injuries or fatalities related to firearms were reported. Three men were taken into custody, with the driver currently in the hospital due to injuries sustained during the crashing of the car.

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OPINION

Ladies Celebrating Ladies
Galentine's Day Empowers Women, Promotes Friendship

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Social Issues Are Not For Selling Cars

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From January to mid-February every year, we are reminded (whether we like it or not) that the season of love is upon us. While many view Valentine’s Day as a romantic opportunity for couples to celebrate their love and relationship, most would agree it also forgets about the rest of the romantically uninvolved segment of society—leaving them alone to eat heart-shaped chocolates sent by relatives, scroll through Instagram posts of cute couples, reflect on their single relationship status, or utilize any of the countless coping mechanisms to simply get through this day of “love.”

From Valentine’s Day cards and chocolates filling the aisles of convenience stores, to restaurants promoting couple’s dinner deals, escaping this over-advertised, consumer-driven celebration of romantic love can often seem impossible, and for many singletons the rest of the romantically uninvolved segment of society—leaving them alone. And within a larger societal context, the movement towards empowering women in all parts of society intensifies the significance of this growing holiday.

Social movements such as #MeToo and Time’s Up, championing the importance of uplifting women, and all individuals, giving a voice to the voiceless, and combating the social inequality and injustices have previously long been silenced and ignored. Galentine’s Day is one small but important example of the pressing need for women to recognize their own strength as individuals and the power of female friendship.

On the 16th episode of Season 2 of Parks and Recreation, Leslie Knope pioneered the observance of Galentine’s Day. In the same speech that was used in an ad to market a Ram truck, Dr. King specifically mentioned automobiles.

Dr. King’s words still ring true. “Recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That’s a new definition of greatness.” With Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Black History Month at the forefront of everyone’s mind, Dr. King’s words still ring true.

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The commercial shows various circumstances of human suffering, such as a person doing push-ups, as well as heroic acts, like a firefighter saving a young child. None of these images seem to be related to the one of the Ram truck at the end. Dr. King’s words are used as a voice-over throughout. Undoubtedly they meant well, having received permission from Martin Luther King Jr.’s estate. Nevertheless, the Super Bowl commercial strung a nerve for many viewers—and rightfully so.

The aim of the company appeared to be to generate an advertisement that included a positive social interest in social issues, it is important to recognize that we cannot simply promote equality and diversity for the sake of attaining credibility. Social advocacy is not merely a political or economic concern; it is a fundamental matter that everyone should be invested in.

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Come for the Food, Stay for the Experience

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If there is one thing that will convince a Providence College student to come to an event on campus, it is free food. If that food is PVDonuts, it is basically guaranteed that they will be making an appearance. So when the College’s Inside Out Week events involved a “Set Your Intention” workshop including PVDonuts, students did not hesitate to mark their calendars.

This event required pre-registration, as one of the organizers explained, because they did not want students simply showing up for donuts and leaving. Students, of course, laughed at the thought of doing such a thing, yet felt guilty in the back of their minds because they had come to the workshop aiming to do just that. But when students took the time to slow down and really appreciate the rest of the activities, they found that the break from work and studying was exactly what they needed and that they should appreciate campus events for more than just the free food.

The important donuts were present at this event, but the main objective was for students to create vision boards to “set their intentions,” as the name of the workshop suggested. There was an array of pretty colored scrapbook paper, stickers, inspirational quotes, and glittery washi tape that students could use to decorate a little canvas and uplift them during a time when everyone is starting to really stress about classes and work.

We all have busy schedules and between classes, papers, reading, and extra-curriculars, it seems like there is no time to take time out to do arts and crafts. But those 20 minutes do not impact someone’s schedule very much, and students can then return to work with more energy and ability to focus. In the end, students have a much more productive break than they would have if they had just snatched a donut then and procrastinated later by scrolling through social media.

This does not just go for Inside Out Week events either. Between the colorful cards littering the tables in Ray to overstuffed bulletin boards and the Morning Mail emails we get every day, there are clearly a plethora of different activities happening around campus all the time. It is easy to simply dismiss them either because the sheer number is overwhelming or because our schedules are jam-packed. But these four years are a chance to attend some great events for free.

There is no shame in attending campus events because of free food. Anyone who plans events on campus will tell you that having snacks available is a great way to boost attendance. But while you are there grabbing pizza or donuts, try to appreciate the event itself. Not only did someone put in a lot of effort to put that hour or two together so you could go enjoy the culinary offerings, but you might find the experience is a lot more enjoyable and beneficial to you than you originally thought.

It is not only a deepened love and appreciation for donuts, but a little inspiration to get you through your day as well.

Abstain and Gain: the Benefits of Lent

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SOCIETY

As a Catholic institution, we recognize that Providence College students observe Lent and have probably learned a thing or two about the religious season throughout the years. There are many traditions that people often overlook or even struggle with during this season, such as deciding what to give up. Attempting to follow these customs and avoiding these difficulties is both important and challenging.

Putting in effort and making the right choice can positively impact your life and others, especially on the Providence College campus, as there are many benefits to giving something up for Lent.

Lent begins each year on Ash Wednesday. This means that this is the start of giving something up, if you choose to do so. Although it may seem like a loss on a surface level, giving something up can be a very healthy, effective, and meaningful experience.

Is it only if you are making a difference in your own life or as a Catholic, but depending on what you choose to give up, you could make a difference in other people’s lives as well. For example, what if every student at PC gave up gossiping for Lent? Just imagine how much of a better place campus would be. There would be less drama, less hurt, and less time spent on futile conversations.

Beyond doing this for others, give something up for yourself as well! To be completely honest, I always feel better about myself when giving something up for Lent. Even trying makes you feel good inside. This may sound self-absorbed, but at the end of the day, do you not want to like who you are? Therefore, giving something up for Lent will not only change the people around you, but who you are as well.

Of course there are always the choices that seem to have no meaning at all, such as chocolate or junk food, but even these options go a long way, as they are unhealthy. Giving something up that will encourage a healthy lifestyle in terms of diet is always a good idea. There are also the options of social media or alcohol, which are also healthy choices in their own way with regards to mental and physical well-being. Ultimately, you cannot go wrong.

There is also the option of making this decision based on religious significance. After all, it is the season of Lent. One option is to give up cursing, which is actually one of the Ten Commandments, asking to not take the Lord’s name in vain. Therefore, not only are you choosing something that could positively impact those around you and your individual persona, but this is also directly connected to Catholicism.

However, this does not mean that if you are not a Catholic, you cannot abide by the traditions of Lent. Giving something up during this season is a good idea for anybody, regardless of faith or religious affiliation. Helping others in any way you can is a custom we should all strive for, regardless of the time of year, as well. In fact, it may turn into a permanent change.

Most importantly, it is crucial that you put thought into this decision. Make sure it is realistic or something that will actually stick. Ask yourself if it is really doable for you or something you are going to give up for a few weeks and then call it quits.
Is Education Changing for the Better?

by Kelsey Dass ’18
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“Common Core is a disaster,” said Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos at the American Enterprise Institute conference on Jan. 16. “At the U.S. Department of Education, Common Core is dead.”

For the past eight years, the Common Core State Standards have been the guidebook to educating the youth of America. All programs and curriculums created have been tiered to meet the needs addressed by the initiative.

The Common Core State Standards were designed with the thought of achievement scores, numbers, and rank for all learners. With the anticipation of its extinction, the teachers of America are asking, “what comes next?”

Countries across the globe are constantly in competition, ranging anywhere from inventions to governmental policies, yet the U.S. insists on being defined as the best. In order to be the best, we must be the smartest.

The question: how do we become the smartest?

The answer is education.

The Common Core State Standards are, as stated as its initiative, “preparing America’s students for success.” In order to do so, they provide a clear set of expectations of what needs to be learned in the areas of English language arts and mathematics per grade level. Ranging from kindergarten to high school, teachers must create, design, and implement lessons that are geared towards meeting these standards.

In addition, it is not just what the children are doing, it is also how they are doing it. Listening and oral and written communication are all standards for success, and the quality of their ability to do so is seen as either proficient or not proficient.

DeVos believes the Common Core no longer serves a purpose, and more importantly, never has.

Fifteen people created the Common Core State Standards and none of these creators had more than three years of classroom teaching experience. Many of these people support the profitable testing industries, such as The College Board.

The list could go on and on, and it consistently reflects the idea that we are not thinking of students as human beings. Could a machine or robot succeed at all of the standardized expectations brought forth by the Common Core? Of course! However, we are human beings, and the reason why we are not “racing to the top” is the clear disconnect between the core curriculum and varying abilities of children.

DeVos has called for change and will further focus on pursuing individualized instruction, which is essential to the development of learners, especially in the area of special education. Individualized education plans (IEPs), have created a world in which all children can learn and succeed.

DeVos makes valid points in that area; however, her idea of individualized instruction is directed towards technology-based learning. Therefore, instead of walking into a classroom and watching children interact and converse, their eyes will be glued to a computer screen. While this allows for each individual child to focus and achieve in their own way and at their own pace, is this truly the most effective route to take overall?

Melissa Gavin ’18, who studies elementary and special education, said, “In a diverse classroom, technology can help to differentiate lessons and tier them towards student’s individual needs. Math programs like Zearn and IXL are helping my students master concepts that they might miss in a whole group lesson.”

On the other hand, there is immense fear that the growing use and push for technology will not only eliminate teaching jobs but could also immensely change the nature of teacher-student relationships.

Allison Woodruff ’18 notes this fear, saying, “I believe education should be used as a tool to enhance teaching such as Chromebooks for text to speech and iPads for close point models. However, we should not completely rely on technology to the extent that teachers are not needed as much.”

Going forward, how will the sole use of technology in education transfer to college? Providence College prides itself on its meaningful use of discussion based classroom settings. Every week for two years we spent two and a half hours discussing and analyzing historical, literary, philosophical, and theological texts. What will happen to the art of discussion, and how will PC approach the monumental change we are going to see in education?
The Kardashian-Jenner family has managed to break the internet—again. On Feb. 1, Kylie Jenner and rapper Travis Scott announced the birth of their first daughter, Stormi Webster, in an 11-minute-long YouTube video titled “To Our Daughter.” But why do people care so much? Maybe it’s because Jenner’s pregnancy was never officially confirmed by the family, despite heavy media speculation. Perhaps it is because people were able to see how loyal, supportive, and enthusiastic Travis Scott has been throughout Jenner’s pregnancy (how sweet, right?). Or maybe it is because people are fascinated by Stormi’s name (“Stormi” with an “L” not Stormy with a “Y”). Yet why do we care so much? They are just people, right?

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-Katherine Tokar ‘20

No More Stressful Saturday Nights

Once sunlight begins to fade on a Saturday night, only a few pockets of students try to lighten up the heavy library. Motion sensors begin to shut out the lights in empty areas, leaving lone bulbs shining over the remaining students like stage-lights. Only the sound of clattering keyboards echoes through the library halls, as students race to finish papers before the dreaded midnight deadline.

Looking back to their dorms after writing a small paper, the irony begins to set in. Their Sunday and Monday nights were turned upside down and they do not even have that class until Tuesday! Frustratingly, had the deadline been the start of class, they could have spread out the work over the three days. Saturday night could have been relaxing. Instead it was spent nervously racing to meet the deadline in the dimly lit library.

Exhausted from a week of lectures and papers, burnout is at its worst on Saturday. Eyeging a break from the workweek, weary students typing in the library are not doing their best work, nor will they feel recharged for the next week, as the workweek seemingly never ends. Yet by moving the deadline to class-time, rested students will have an energy boost and craft better assignments.

-Nicholas Moran ’19

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Under the Kardashian Spell

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Shaky Stage Set for PC Dancers

Dancing on elevated surfaces is great, but not in front of Providence College alumni and students. Friday’s Friarcon festivities offered guests some great food, a beer garden, live music, and a wonderful showcase of student performances. A number of campus dance groups performed, including PC Step, Dance Company, Dance Club, Irish Step Club, and Motherland Dance. Perhaps it is because people were able to see how loyal, supportive, and enthusiastic Travis Scott has been throughout Jenner’s pregnancy (how sweet, right?). Or maybe it is because people are fascinated by Stormi’s name (“Stormi” with an “L” not Stormy with a “Y”). Yet why do we care so much? They are just people, right?

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Geting the Gold at PC

by Marla Gagne ’18

February 15, 2018

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games, held Feb. 9-25 in South Korea, was a time to amaze and be inspired. We are amazed by the young athletes, such as snowboarder Red Gerard and Chloe Kim, who claimed gold at their first Olympics and at the age of 17. We are amazed by returning champions that continue to train and stay motivated—Jamie Anderson just became the first female snowboarder to win two Olympic gold medals. And we are amazed by athletes setting records, like Shaun White. In just four events, the first snowboarder to become a three-time Olympic champion and claimed the U.S. historic 100th medal in Winter Olympic history.

Each Olympic season, I am always eager to watch and cheer on a variety of athletes from different countries, cultures, sports, and the skill and devotion of these athletes. And while I may not be training to make it down the half pipe or to perform a triple axel, I think we can all be our own Olympian by getting out of our comfort zone, advancing our skills, and all around bettering ourselves. February is the perfect time to attend different events and learn something new. This week’s issue features events surrounding Black History Month, including mobile museums, faith-based talks, and movie reviews. Join conversations and learn something new about people’s culture, accomplishments, and struggles.

Challenge your mind with Opinion articles—what do you think about attending Providence College events and do you support the newest Super Bowl commercials? Or are you confident with A&E and go visit the local bands mentioned in “Let’s Rant” or explore new artists and Archbishop Brown’s art and architecture. See what our own devoted and talented athletes are doing in softball, tennis, and so much more. Do we have any future Olympians here at PC?

The campus is filled with opportunities to do whatever you love or find something new to love. Take February to explore interests, meet new people, and live like an Olympian—fearlessly.

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Spring Break Essentials

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1. You take this to help combat the aftermath of Thirsty Thursday.
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3. You need this if you want to keep your technology alive.
4. A necessary product for those who need extra UV protection.
5. What you need after you wear those cute heels for the first time.
6. Outfit of choice for hitting up the beach or pool.
7. Necessary in order to travel outside the country.

Down
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ABOVE RIGHT: Ricardo Guzman ’20 writes ideas on how to be a better LGBTQ+ ally based on his group’s discussion at the How to Be A Better Ally Workshop, sponsored by SHEPARD.

RIGHT: Nick Hatzipetrakos ’19 dodges defenders as Providence College faces off against The College of the Holy Cross. The Friars won 9-5, with Hatzipetrakos scoring five of the goals.

LEFT: Alise Parker ’18 performs at Love Your Melanin. The annual event, sponsored by Believers of Word, celebrates Black History Month by providing a stage for students to express themselves through poetry and other mediums.

BELOW: Providence College students rush the court after the Providence College Men’s Basketball Team beat Villanova University 76-71.
If you were a winter olympian, what would your sport be?

“Skiing and figure skating.”
Andre Rogers ’20 and Magnoly Maria ’19

“Ice hockey.”
Erin O’Rourke ’21 and Laura Cerulle ’21

“Curling.”
Alex Shute ’20

“Figure skating.”
Daniel Nguyen ’21

“Bobsledding.”
Onassis Valerio ’18

“Ski slopestyle.”
Dan Clark ’20

“Snowboarding.”
-Chloe Kim
Honoring Black History Month Through Film

by Patrick Fuller '21
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ON CAMPUS

Lawyer Thurgood Marshall an outstanding United States lawyer, won 29 of 32 Supreme Court cases in the 1938-1941 period, and was successful in desegregating schools. He won the Spingarn Medal in 1946 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1993. As Solicitor General, Marshall won 14 of the 19 cases put before him, until he served as the nation’s first African American justice on the national supreme court from 1967-1991. Elizett Pires, Assistant director of Student Activities and Cultural Programming, made sure to pay homage to this American legend in Moore Hall on Feb. 8, showing a screening of the 2017 film Marshall. Directed by Reginald Hudlin, producer of Django Unchained, and written by Michael and Jacob Koskoff, the film put actor Chadwick Boseman, into Thurgood Marshall’s shoes in the year 1941.

In the film, Marshall teams up with an unqualified, inexperienced insurance lawyer named Sam Friedman, played by Josh Gad, to defend African American farmer Joseph Spell, played by Sterling K Brown. Spell is accused of raping an affluent white woman, Eleanor Strubing, played by Kate Hudson, in Bridgeport, Connecticut. It finds itself up against the forces of prejudice, deception, and social pressure. When the white judge refuses to allow Marshall to argue the case, claiming it is because Marshall was not licensed to practice in Connecticut, but likely to send Spell to prison Marshall was not allowed to speak in court and can only work on the case behind the scenes. The life of the defendant, and the rights of African Americans everywhere, rest on the reluctant, originally unmotivated shoulders of Sam Friedman. This film not only follows the development as a lawyer and a human being, but also supports Marshall’s fame in history and sheds light on African-Americans’ long struggle for equality in the justice system. During this Black History Month, Marshall’s example is not one to be observed and remembered just by a select few. No matter your skin color, language, ethnicity, or belief system, Marshall proves it means to be a virtuous human being dedicated to securing justice for the innocent, no matter the cost.

He was regularly insulted, physically beaten, and separated from his wife as he traveled throughout the country, fighting for the legal rights of African Americans. Marshall courageously stated for the first time that in the film that, “the forces of tyranny have united under the decisions of a master race…from now on we claim the Constitution as our own.”

In the United States and Canada, the movie ended up making 3 million dollars, in its opening weekend and over 10 million dollars total, finishing 11th at the box office alongside Happy Death Day, The Foreigner, and Professor Marston and the Wonder Women. Rotten Tomatoes gave the film an 83 percent approval rating based on 125 reviews saying, “Marshall takes an illuminating, well-acted look at its real-life subject’s early career that also delivers as an entertainingly old-fashioned courtroom drama.” Rolling Stone critic Peter Travers also praised the film “Marshall, directed by a filmmaker under the age of 13, is difficult to describe, never mind analyze. Yet this film encourages viewers to notice not only the art form and focus on the history. The brilliance of the actors and actresses, the realistic costumes, cars, accents, and the beautiful cinematography merely lay the foundation for the celebration of one of America’s greatest citizens and the resilience of African Americans which continues to this day.

Avon Cinema Hosts Annual Providence Children’s Film Festival

by Blaine Payer ’18
A&EE Staff

Grab your kids, grab your wife, because they are showing all of the movies this weekend! It is Oscar season, which means it is the perfect time of year to get together with all of the youngsters and head over to Avon on Thayer Street. This year, they will be holding their ninth annual Providence Children’s Film Festival (PCFF) between Feb. 16 and 25. After a meal at one of Thayer Street’s many eateries, get your tickets and prepare for 10 days of activities, filmmaking workshops, short films, and feature films made by local and international talent.

It seems as though there is never a shortage of fun things to do in the most artistic city on the East Coast. Whether you are in the mood for art exhibits, old-fashioned movie-going experiences, walks in the park, or eating at the best food trucks on the planet, Providence has got it all. It is the perfect size for an art-lover; big enough to hold major, mainstream events, but also small enough to indulge in things like the PCFF. Alex Pollan ’18, a Rhode Island resident and avid moviewgoer, said, “It’s good to see a local business giving back to the youth of their community,” and that “hopefully the services provided by the festival will inspire kids to pursue their dreams.”

Given the current tumultuous political and social environment, it is likely that some of these films will serve to educate both kids and adults alike. However, not all of the films are gracing the silver screen for the first time. Beloved classics like Snow White and the Seven Dwarves and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang will also appear in the lineup. Snow White will hold a dual position, serving both as a throwback that every family has bonding over at least once, as well as the main event for a workshop entitled “Deconstructing Snow White.” The most interesting event, arriving at the tail end of the festival, is the “2018 Youth Filmmaker Showcase,” which will display short films made by kids, for kids. The feeling of pride, joy, and accomplishment of the filmmakers having their work shown is difficult to describe, never mind watch. Stop by any night between Feb. 16 and 25 for great fun and even better movies. Just don’t expect the film’s movies does not mean that they are just for kids. Invite your younger siblings and cousins, grab a burrito, and enjoy an evening of films made by some of the best artists in the world.
Let's Rant: The Providence Music Scene

by Ryan Cox '18
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Travel and Leisure ranked Providence the second most cultured city in America, behind New York City. In 2015, Thrillist ranked it the second best city for college students in the United States in 2016, behind Austin, Texas. Mondele placed it among the most underrated travel destinations in the United States in 2017, along with Albuquerque, Sacramento, and Atlantic City. So what is this mysterious city others describe as remarkably artistic?

The city is Providence, Rhode Island, the one we call home for nine months of the year. For us Providence College Friars, it is no surprise that Providence stands tall alongside these big cities. Events like WaterFire, destinations like Westminster Street, and venues like the Providence Performing Arts Center have made Providence one of the art capitals of the country.

This reputation draws many big-name acts of all kinds to its historic venues. The Dunkin’ Donuts Center, the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, and the Strand, formerly Lupo’s, draw some of the top names in music year-round. In addition to drawing in headlining acts, Providence also supports local talent seeking to enter into the music business.

The Met, just north of Providence but still in the Providence metropolitan area, hosts both rising acts and local artists. The venue is known for musical diversity; the Met will host local jazz, funk band Brass Attack and former pop star Aaron Carter within three days of each other in February. PC’s own Adam Hanna ’18 has performed at the Met on a number of occasions as well, proving the Met’s commitment to supporting local artists.

Until it switched to a low-power station, Brown University’s radio station WBRU, 101.1 FM, formerly 95.5 FM, hosted the Rock Hunt, an annual summer battle of the bands in which local rock bands performed for a chance to headline the WBRU Summer Concert Series at Waterplace Park in downtown Providence. For many of the acts, the Rock Hunt was their chance at local stardom, and scores of bands vied for their shot on the finals stage at the Met, and again at the Summer Concert Series. It is unknown if the Rock Hunt will continue now that WBRU is no longer a statewide radio station. WBRU also features local acts in a segment they call “Home BRU’d,” most recently featuring Providence-based “art rock,” band Rox and the Rice Cakes in October 2017. These are just two examples of the way Providence and Rhode Island as a whole supports its rising musical talents. Bars and restaurants statewide host local acoustic musicians and full bands almost nightly. From Point Street Dueling Pianos to G Pub, Providence’s local, unique businesses recognize and support the same kinds of musical talent that help breathe life into one of the most artsy cities in the United States.

In a business where talent has to constantly fight for performance opportunities, Providence welcomes its rising musicians with open arms, giving them some opportunity in a dog-eat-dog world.

Embracing the Arts: Brown and PC’s Newest Art Additions

by Catherine Goldberg ’20
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Constructing monumental statues on college campuses has become a widespread tradition throughout the United States. They tend to take on a life of their own as they represent cherished traditions, school pride, and big accomplishments. These iconic features to liberal arts campuses are prevalent here in the city of Providence.

Brown University’s “Untitled Lamp/Bear” sculpture has become an iconic piece of art up on College Hill. Some of the Ivy League students love the big blue bear, while others are completely turned off by it, calling it distracting, untraditional, and stupid. Urs Fischer is the artist behind Brown’s bear sculpture, which depicts a Bakelite desk lamp extending from the head of a teddy bear, symbolizing Brown University’s mascot, the Kodiak bear. It is meant to be both bold and humorous, bringing a sense of nostalgia, hard work, playfulness, and a lazier-than-life presence to the school’s campus.

This past fall, Providence College added a new sculptural art piece to its campus. Located on Slavin Lawn, the sculpture of a torch symbolizes a beacon of light and truth. The giant torch glows at the center of The Calabria Plaza for people to sit and observe. “The construction of the torch and plaza during the centennial year marked the end of our first century and the beginning of new opportunities at Providence College,” said John Sweeney, the chief financial officer at the College, “It [serves] as a place to remember as well as to inspire.” Surrounding the bench seating inside the plaza is a wall of black granite containing the names of various inspirational Dominican saints, notable PC alumni, and important quotes. The donation of the statue came from the Calabria family.

The location of the statue was rather obvious, for Slavin Lawn has always been a popular space for public gatherings and student hang-outs. Now, with the addition of the torch, PC has a space to come together as a Friar Family and reflect upon the torch as a symbol of light and truth. The Calabrias hope that as students reflect on famous names and inspirational quotes inside the plaza, they will be inspired by grace to be the best that they can be. If one were to compare the big blue bear statue at Brown with PC’s Calabria Plaza, one may note the immense differences between the two. However, both serve as important symbols of tradition and truth for their communities. While many students may find both sculptures to be ostentatious forms with no importance, others are touched by their symbolism and meaning for the campus.
Nintendo Develops New Mario Kart iOS App

by Julia Vaccarella '20
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Nintendo announced in late January that they are currently in the process of making their well-known video game, Mario Kart, into an app for iOS users. It has been speculated that the game will be accessible on the iPhone and other devices including iPads, as well as Android phones and tablets. The game’s parent company, Nintendo and web company DeNA, will be the main developers for the smartphone version of the popular game. Nintendo’s first version of Mario Kart was released in 1992; in the 26 years since then, several variations have been released for six different game consoles. The most notable versions are Mario Kart 64, DS, and Wii. Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, the version for the more recent console known as the Nintendo Switch, has also become popular. Gamers join go-kart style races, choosing to play as famous characters like Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach, and Yoshi, among others. There are also powerups within each set of courses that players can use to move closer towards first place and potentially slow down opponents. Particularly for the Wii, Mario Kart has been available for both single player and multiplayer options.

It was announced that the mobile version of the game will be called Mario Kart Tour. An article from The Wall Street Journal has also explained that the game will be “free to start,” implying that users will eventually have to pay in order to access all of the features included on Mario Kart Tour. It is possible that Nintendo will release a game that is free to play, with in-app purchases that help with certain tasks. Nintendo has utilized this strategy in the past and continues to do so today. The mobile version of the popular game Animal Crossing, called Pocket Camp, was released as “free to start” and is offered on iOS devices. Similarly, according to the website for Super Mario Run, interested customers “can download and enjoy a portion of Super Mario Run for free.” Techradar suggests that the free version of the game will include a limited number of courses and characters. Customers could then purchase a separate version that will include access to the full game. As for the logistics behind the game, Nintendo has not revealed how Mario Kart Tour will operate, but it is possible that players will be able to race against real opponents just as they can with the Wii console version.

Many people within a varied age range have reacted positively to Nintendo’s announcement of a Mario Kart app. For many college students and young adults, this game will ignite the nostalgia of playing on a Wii or Nintendo DS console. With the rise of iPhones, Android devices, and other smartphones, this feature will certainly make the game more easily accessible. Nintendo confirmed that the app is still in development and will be released sometime before March 2019.

“Quote of the Week:

“My mama always said life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.”

- Forrest Gump (1994)
There is nowhere to hide from death. This is the administration’s motto.

How did this become their motto? Short answer—overpopulation. Every three years, the population kept creeping over another billion. Another three years would go by, and another billion or so people would find an uncomfortable, administration-licenced death. When our population was inching its way to nearly 20 billion, people got scared, food got scarce, land got congested, and the administration felt that something had to be implemented. So they decided to play God.

It was about 100 years ago when the administration first announced that everyone would be assigned an expiration date. The date cannot be private or hidden. They believed it was best to plaster the date onto people’s foreheads. Why? Because you cannot hide it nor can you hide from it.

You do not receive the expiration date when you are born. Instead, you have to wait until you are 16 years-old to get the expiration date. That is when people got stamped like how cattle are tagged. By now, it has become some kind of coming-of-age event like someone’s Confirmation or Bar Mitzvah. On your 16th birthday, you have to report to the administration’s local branch first thing in the morning, 9 a.m. to be precise, and sit on some little chair, veiled by a thin, gauzy curtain, and get your death date confirmed on your forehead. If you refuse to report there on your birthday, they will find you.

The phenomenon with the stamps is not global. The administration argue that the countries that do not enforce the stamps are in “calamitous disrepair,” with no agriculture, food getting scarce, land getting congested, and a whole death-knocking-the-administration, because you know, the whole death-knocking-on-your-door joke. It is a little silly and too tongue-in-cheek, but it somehow found a way to steep itself into our everyday language. But, the reaper’s arrival is still completely unforeseen since the stamp only divulges the month and day, not the year of your death.

The date is October 11, my 16th birthday. I am in a line, about to find out what date will permanently be known as my death date. The line I find myself standing in is pretty humble in size. There are only about two hundred of us here. Some states have lines consisting of over a thousand or more 16-year-olds. The lines vary depending on where you live, and the size of your state.

The wait shouldn’t be too long. The procedure takes a minute per person, though there is unfortunately only one lady administering it today.

As the clock drags, I eventually find only two boys remaining in front of me. They have the same exact cinnamon hair color and green eyes. Twins, I assume.

“I heard that they now make birthmarks. That is when they get you. They wipe you out immediately!” one of the boys says.

“Nonsense. Dad knows someone that has the day after his birthday pressed on his forehead and that man is now 50 years-old!”

“I said they do now it. Also, how come last year that sophomore boy never made it back to class after his birthday weekend? He hasn’t been seen since. “Eh...uh...he’s probably just the ultimate prankster,” the boy says shakily.

“I guess he is Andy Kaufman then,” his twin scoffs.

“Next!” a worn, smoker’s voice calls out behind the white curtain. One of the twins steps towards the curtain. “Don’t flinch! They will botch it!” his brother calls out. The other twin responds by rubbing his eyes and vanishes behind the curtain. A minute or so passes and the twin exits the curtain, revealing a reddened forehead with the date 10/25 newly etched on.

“Hey!” his brother catatonically responds before going behind the curtain himself. I wait patiently for a minute before I hear the lady screech, “Next!” from the curtain. I lift my way over there, knowing my face will never look the same again. I unhurriedly tug the curtain out of my way. Fluorescent lights soils the area with brightness like someone is viciously burning an ant with a magnifying glass. The station consists of a stool, a folded table with alcohol pads and a rectangular device laying on it, and a lady who fully materializes everyone’s vision of a reaper. Her eyes are so sunken in and blurred with dark circles that they resemble the hollow sockets of a skull. Her twiggly arms poke out of her baggy, pastel-colored smock. The bones under the sheer, veiny skin of her hands flex as she grabs one of the alcohol pads. She irons my forehead with the frigid pad, and promptly peels it off before she snatches the rectangular device.

“Longing for your forehead?” I crane my neck up and before I know it, the strange rectangular device is cemented to my forehead at a slight angle. The liquid is pure white and the labels say “October 11.”

I hear the lady say, “Remember. Don’t touch it!” She pauses. “Remember. Don’t touch it!” she says in a school teacher’s voice. I let my arms stick to my sides and force myself to refrain from picking at my forehead. Smudged forehead stamps are never pretty.

The lady tugs at the curtain and barks, “Next!”

I get up from the rickety stool and tear the curtain out of my way. I wonder if there is a bathroom somewhere so I can get a glimpse of the date forever etched on my forehead, but knowing the administration, they probably have no public bathrooms.

It is now a mission to exit the labyrinth so I can run home and peek at the first mirror I can find. The elevators are too slow and always mobbed, so I stick to the stairs. Smudged forehead stamps are never pretty.

My desire to dash home is fierce because reaching the front entrance took all of a millisecond. Ever so slowly I step out the door, I realize that the gleaming, freshly wiped down glass has a faint reflection. I drop my hand from the doorknob, and peer through the peephole. The reflection is barely discernible, but the markings on my forehead are so bold that you can even see it through a foggy mirror. I squint. A boldface 11 is pressed on my forehead, separated with a dash and followed by 01. I read the date backwards and it hits me. The date is October 11.
A Brother's Love

by Marisa Gonzalez '18

Fiction

The war raged on, and Henry was in the middle of it. Guns exploded. Smoke filled the air, and Henry’s vision was cut off. His father always warned him about going out into the war zone unprotected. But he had to. His baby sister was out there. The only one he had sworn to protect. The one who just had her sixth birthday and was so full of life. The one who was now helpless and alone. He had no choice, he had to find her.

Henry stumbled over some debris and balanced himself against a fallen building. His breathing was heavy, and his face stung from the smoke, but he couldn’t think about that. His pain was nothing. He was strong; his little sister was not. He wiped away some sweat from his face, took a deep breath, and continued his search. The air had cleared a little bit, and he could see the outlines of soldiers. He wanted to speak to them. To ask them about his sister, but he knew he could not distract them. They needed to be alert. They needed to survive, and the path was clear. He made it halfway when a tank came barreling down. Henry quickly rolled out of the way, cutting his hands and knees in the process. Again, he couldn’t think of the pain. Pain was nothing, and his sister was everything. Another tank passed by, and he ran for cover as guns began to explode around him. More smoke filled the air causing Henry to choke. He tried to calm himself down but the loud noises made it impossible.

Suddenly the ground began to shake. Gunfire ceased. Henry, still trying to catch his breath, looked out from where he took cover and saw a dark shadow approaching the soldiers.

Feeling more panic rising, Henry took off, not looking back when he heard a terrible noise—like a roar that had been cut off. He ran across the road when he thought the path was clear. He made it halfway when a tank came barreling down. Henry quickly rolled out of the way, cutting his hands and knees in the process. Again, he couldn’t think of the pain. Pain was nothing, and his sister was everything. Another tank passed by, and he ran for cover as guns began to explode around him. More smoke filled the air causing Henry to choke. He tried to calm himself down but the loud noises made it impossible.

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It was 5:26 p.m., and the sun it became cool. We were traveling through France with my dad, uncle, aunt, and uncle, and two of my cousins. My dad has always been fascinated with history and when he heard about this museum, he knew he had to see it. As for me, the topic piqued my interest. To hear about such a tragic situation was one thing but to be able to walk through it and see it first hand was much different.

We arrived at the museum early afternoon and began first in the inside area where we read much of the history and eventually made our way outside to walk the streets of this untouched village. It was silent, no one said a word. The vibe was eerie and as I looked at the building remnants and churches, I could see the children pounding on the church walls and the screams, and I smelled the fire.

It was getting dark now, we needed a phone and we needed one quick. All we had to do was drive into town and ask a local shop to borrow a phone. Too bad I also forgot the only cars they drive in Europe are stick shifts and the only people who knew how to drive a stick were the three inside, once again. This was a disaster. That’s it; they were stuck inside this haunted town forever.

We had to act and it had to be now. My brother jumped into the car. Just before this trip my dad had only briefly taught my brother how to drive stick shift, but he was no pro. The car was also parked on a hill... Yet he somehow pulled himself together and got us to the closest town nearby. We frantically ran inside and tried to call them, although the phone system didn’t match up as nicely as we thought. Finally, finally! We got a hold of them and found out they had safely left the eerie village. The local French people must’ve thought we were crazy Americans. My dad said he’d call the local police and have a gunshot noise while inside. I believe him; what happened in that village should most definitely stay in that village.

Stuck In A Crime Scene

by Sam Pellman '20

Fiction

It was closing time. The gates were starting to be secured and locked up. Our group had split up about halfway through, but it would be fine, we’d meet up with them outside the car. At least that’s what I thought. It was what any normal person would think. It’s definitely not what happened though.

The air was warm but without the sun it became cool. We were in France. At a museum, but not your average museum. We were in a village called Oradour-sur-Glane in Haute-Vienne.

The history of the place is remarkable. This village was destroyed by a German Waffen-SS company on June 10, 1944. The Nazis wanted to use the village as an example. Six-hundred and forty-two of its inhabitants were massacred all in one night. The scene was traumatizing as women and children were locked in churches that were set on fire.

Men were led into barns and sheds and shot with machine guns. Only a few people were able to survive, but the majority of the village was completely wiped out in only a few, short hours. During the time, a new village was called to be built nearby, but the French president, Charles de Gaulle, ordered the original to be maintained as a permanent memorial and museum.

I had been on vacation, traveling through France with my mom, dad, brother, aunt, uncle, and two of my cousins. My dad had only briefly taught my brother how to drive stick shift, but he was no pro. The car was also parked on a hill... Yet he somehow pulled himself together and got us to the closest town nearby. We frantically ran inside and tried to call them, although the phone system didn’t match up as nicely as we thought. Finally, finally! We got a hold of them and found out they had safely left the eerie village. The local French people must’ve thought we were crazy Americans. My dad said he’d call the local police and have a gunshot noise while inside.
Snow
by Erin Lucey ’20
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Snowflakes fall from the generous sky,
Blanketing the grateful ground
with their grace and charm.
They cover each fear,
they hide every regret,
they mask every drop of pain,
and reveal only the sparkle of the frosted, silvery night.

Snowflakes fall from the resentful sky,
covering the sorrowful ground
with their culpable disgrace.
They slaughter each flower,
they massacre every butterfly,
they drown all the laughter,
and reveal only the hateful chill of their presence on the buried world.

But soon enough spring returns again,
along with each fear, each regret, and all the pain,
along with every flower, every butterfly, every echo of laughter.
And the snow slowly melts away, fading from the colorful earth
to remind us that:
Nothing beautiful can last forever;
and nothing terrible will stay for long.

The Empty Crowded Room
by Marelle Hipolito ’21
Portfolio Staff

POETRY

Dear boy in this crowded room,
Do I dare sit next to you?
Will you pause your video, and say hi
Or will you refuse me a second of your time?

Dear girl in this crowded room,
Do you see me looking right at you?
Will you pause writing that post and look up
Or is my gaze not strong enough?

Dear mister in this crowded room,
Do I dare say hi, and nice to meet you?
Will you be impressed by a face-to-face introduction
Or will you be too worn down by your device dungeon?

Dear miss in this crowded room,
Do you hear me compliment you?
Will you remove your blasting headphones and say thank you
Or is your music too loud for my voice to break through?

Dear people of this crowded world,
Do you hear my screams, do you hear my hurt?
Or is the light of your screens so bright
You didn’t see me give up, and wave goodbye?
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Sports We Wish Were Held At The Winter Olympics

Jacuzzi Diving
Hibernating
Ice Cream Scooping
Snowman Building
Dog Sledding
Busting My Ass On Icy Sidewalks
Hot Chocolate Drinking
Layering Clothes
Shoveling
Ice Fishing
Brushing Snow Off Of Your Car
Cutting Out Paper Snowflakes
Ice Sculpting
Karaoke

Dear Tiff and Earl,

Why do professors make us print so much? I shouldn’t be out of PC Prints before midterms!

Sincerely,
Low on Ink (and Patience)

Dear Low on Ink,

Here’s a tip: just don’t print any of it. Then, when asked why you didn’t do the reading, say you have the flu. I know that’s lying and lying is bad, but enough people have been sick lately that no one is going to notice if you are telling the truth or not! You have at least two weeks to use this excuse so take advantage of it! I know that’s what I would do.

Also, for the record, I actually do a lot of my printing for class (surprising, I know) and I never actually run out of printing money. You’re fine. Stop being so dramatic.

All the best,

Dear You Guys Made Me Ink,

I haven’t printed for years. I switched to cursive years ago and haven’t looked back. It doesn’t seem to matter much that I can’t read my own notes, but I guess that’s why I’m still here at PC!

To prove a point, I suggest using large feather quills to take scripty longhand notes in your classes. I will endorse ostrich or peacock, depending on your aesthetic.

Also, I don’t know who this “PC Prints” is or why you’re out of him, but I can only imagine it’s yet another scam by our autocratic oppressors. They’ll take any chance they can get to milk another dollar out of the deep pockets of our Patagonia fleece jackets.

All the best,

The World

You grow on me like a coat of fur, but offer me no warmth.
And sometimes all I would like to do is shave you off,
But I cannot, for you are my children.

Before, when I was whipped by fire and scarred by ice,
When my skin blistered and burned and burst open with molten sores,
The pangs of birth that brought me out from the bowels of the void,
I thought of you, and could endure that pain.

For you were going to save me, improve me
Take what little I had and make it new,
Like the acorns that spawn new forests
After fire has devastated them.

But instead of building, you burn,
Instead of feeding my beauty, you consume it.
Instead of loving me, you take me for granted.
Instead of giving me Life, you bring me closer to Death.

I wish, sometimes, that I could be rid of you,
That I could return to the torments of my youth, and forget you.
But I cannot, for you are my children.
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Senior Night in Friartown

by Sam Scanlon ’19

Men’s Hockey

When the Class of 2018 first stepped on the ice at Schneider Arena four years ago, they would never have expected their college careers at Providence College to go the way they did. This year’s senior class celebrated their Senior Night in style last Friday as they defeated the University of Maine 3-2 in overtime. As their season draws to its end, along with their college hockey careers, the 2015 national championship banner still hangs high in the rafters. The final wave of National Champions, the upperclassmen on the Friars’ roster. Thus, in games ice—a role that is sometimes lacking on the Friars. He plays a physical role when on the ice—standing at 6’2” and 212 lbs., he is one of the biggest defensemen on the team. Reed made his collegiate debut last season versus Hockey East foe Northeastern University. He plays a physical role when on the ice—he loves to play the body and block shots. As another top scholar on the team, Hennessey has made the Hockey East All-Academic Team in each of his first three seasons and is well on his way to a fourth. His high speed and energy on the ice will be missed. Friar superstar and team captain Pinho was the last honoree this past Friday night. Pinho has been nothing short of spectacular throughout his four year career at PC. He has appeared in 144 games thus far and has registered 108 points on 38 goals and 70 assists. Among his many awards and other accolades, he was named the 2016-2017 Team MVP.

Along with his dominant play on the ice, Pinho has demonstrated his outstanding leadership qualities as captain of this year’s team and assistant captain last year as a junior. “I think being a leader of this team is a great honor, but also a huge responsibility” Pinho said. “I try to keep everything fun at the rink, while also bringing some intensity and competing hard everyday.” His leadership has allowed a young team to excel and exceed all expectations. Now that his four years have come to an end, Pinho offered some advice for the underclassmen and future Friars. He said, “My advice to the younger guys is to cherish their time here because it flies by. Also, I would tell them to never take anything for granted because this has been the best four years of my life.”

The Class of 2018 has been through a lot in their four years, including winning the program’s first National Championship. Pinho reflected on his career and explained, “My favorite memory was definitely winning the National Championship, but also having a really good group of guys my entire time here.”

Congratulations and best of luck to the Class of 2018, but before you go, bring back another championship.

All four seniors stand with their families during a pre-game ceremony.
The Providence College Women's Softball Team traveled to the University of Central Florida's "Friends of Jaclyn" Tournament on Feb. 9 to 11. Facing four tough opponents, the Friars went 0-4 the first two days of the tournament. However, Brittany Veler '18, stirred up some momentum her team needed to get the season going. With her impressive RBIs and variation of hits, the team was inspired on their last day of the tournament, just in time for the match-up against the University of North Carolina.

The game started off quiet, two innings passed and both teams still had a zero under their names on the scoreboard. Emma Lee '19 began the third inning with a leadoff single. After a few more pitches, Lee made her way over to third, stealing two bases. Vanessa Portillo '19 brought her teammate home with an RBI single. The Tarheels did not take long to respond to the one run deficit. In the third inning with a leadoff single, the Tarheels tied the game.

Miranda Trinidad '21 provided the outfielder with a head coach that was once a stud pitcher at Providence. "Veler hopes to beat this team at least once before she has to hang up her cleats. Other match-ups the outfielder is looking forward to include games against DePaul University and Villanova University. Although she loves beating a team on the competition's turf, she tells me there is nothing better than the comfort of a Ray breakfast and the walk to Clay Field for a big game. Veler only has a few more walks to her home field before she graduates in the spring. Veler has been playing softball since age six, and she is both sad and excited about her transition into the real world." She said that "it is much more than saying good bye to the sport, there were so many ups and downs, so many places it brought me, and so many emotions that are all wrapped together." She has a few different paths in mind for after graduation. Whether it be a career within the organization of Major League Baseball or in the field of health policy and management, Veler is excited to find out.

As for the rest of the season, she is not losing focus. Veler tells me the key to success for her team is to "stick to the PC way." She has faith in her coaches to keep pushing her team forward and to keep reminding them that no matter what field they are on, "they own it."

Tennis: The Providence College Women’s Tennis Team is patiently waiting for the snow to stop and for the wind to die down so they can start practicing for their 2018 spring season. This past fall, the Friars defeated teams from Johnson & Wales University and the College of the Holy Cross. The team lost two close matches, 4-3, against Fairfield University and Assumption College. When they participated in the Quinnipiac Invitational, the Friars displayed promising talent on the second day. In a complete transition from the first day of tournament, three PC players played their way to the semifinals in their respective brackets. Due to the Friars' younger roster, this inconsistency in performance can be expected. However, with the fall season under their belts, the team has matured together and have high expectations for their spring season. There are a total of six underclassmen on the team, three freshmen and three sophomores. Katie Marvin '18 and Risa Takenaka '19 will lead their younger teammates with their experience and talent.

Takenaka explained how she led her teammates by example during the fall season. "I think I was able to set an example for the team on how to be a competitor on the court when playing tough players," she said. Since the spring season is filled with tough competitors, the team will need to prepare. Head Coach Jakob Kleanoson will return for his third year at Providence College.

Saturday, February 3 marked the season opener for the team against Saint Peter’s University where the Friars faced off against a tough Siena College team in Albany, New York. The Friars fought hard but ultimately lost 5-2 though many of the matches were tight until the end. Takenaka was the only player to pick up a win in the single matches for PC.

Other opponents the team will face this season include Butler University, Dayton University, College of Charleston, Harvard University, Villanova University, St. John's University, and Brown University. Takenaka is already looking forward to the matchup against Harvard. She said, "They have a really strong lineup, and it's always a fun time playing against them."

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PCI: Which Spring Sport Will Have The Best Record?

Lacrosse

by Max Anderson '18
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PC Sports

I believe this is the breakout year for the Providence College Men's Lacrosse Team, which leads me to believe the team will finish as the spring sport squad with the best record.

As a senior, I have watched the lacrosse team progress every year. The 2015 season saw the team have a final overall record of 5-9, with a 1-4 tally in Big East play. The team improved in 2016, finishing with a final record of 7-9 and again finishing with a record of 1-4 in conference play.

It was last year’s finish, however, that has me confident in the lacrosse team this year; the team improved by three wins to finish with a final record of 10-7, including a 3-2 mark in Big East play, making it the first time that the team finished with a winning record since the 2005-06 season. Perhaps most impressive, however, is the fact that the team was able to advance to the Big East Championship game, where they lost by just one point to Marquette in a 10-9 nail biter.

While the 2006-07 team regressed after the superb 2005-06 season, I do not see that being the case with this year’s team. The team lost just 10 players to graduation last year, meaning a large portion of those who finished with a winning record for the first time in over a decade will be back. Among those returning are Brendan Kearns '19 and Nick Hatzipetrakos '19, the Friars two leading scorers from last year, who both finished the season with over 40 points. Along with Kearns and Hatzipetrakos, the Friars are returning nine of their ten leading point scorers from last season, meaning there will be no shortage of offensive power for the Friars this year. Along with the superb offense, the Friars also bring back goalie Tate Boyce '19, who started all 17 games for the Friars last season and finished with over 1,000 minutes logged for the year. Boyce finished the season with final tallies of 176 saves to go along with a 56.9 percent save percentage.

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Softball

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The Friars kicked off the season last week down in Florida, where they proved through their win against the University of North Carolina that they are on track to having a successful season. Though they currently sit at a record of 1-4, they have already shown some flashes of good things to come while playing some pretty difficult teams. When the Friars kicked off their Big East season, the Friars are returning nine of their ten leading point scorers from last season, meaning there will be no shortage of offensive power for the Friars this year. Along with the superb offense, the Friars also bring back goalie Tate Boyce '19, who started all 17 games for the Friars last season and finished with over 1,000 minutes logged for the year. Boyce finished the season with final tallies of 176 saves to go along with a 56.9 percent save percentage.

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With so many returning faces, I can easily see the Friars topping their 10-win mark from last year and picture them being the most successful team on campus this spring.

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Friars’ Win Creates Big Upset

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February has come at last, and for the Providence College Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Team, this marks the end of a rigorous six-months of training and competition that began back in early September. The Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving teams travel to Geneva, Ohio on Feb. 21 for four days in the pool in a six-way battle against Big East conference rivals Seton Hall University, Georgetown University, Villanova University, Xavier University, and Butler University for the Big East Championship.

For a few Friars, this competition marks the last of their collegiate career. Alexandra Kartsounis ’18 shared her thoughts on what it will take to find success in Ohio, “Definitely working together, staying together, keep each other in a positive situation because this is a four-day-long meet and we have prelims in the morning, finals in the afternoon. It is just a lot going on and chemistry. I think is really important.” Leadership is an important aspect of any sports team, and as freshmen go on to become seniors, their roles change. When questioned about how her responsibility on the team has changed, Kartsounis had a few words to add about her fellow teammates, saying, “It definitely puts you in a leadership position. I am not captain this year. My captains are Erin Cunningham ’18 and Katie Fallon ’18 and they both do an excellent job leading the team.” She went on to note that leadership can be found across the board. “I think it is important for all the seniors to kind of take that leadership role, and I think everyone does a pretty good job doing that. Mostly just lead by example and keep a positive attitude, I think is really important.”

The Friars are trying to use the championship to rebound from a disappointing loss in their last competition, a tri-meet against Georgetown and Seton Hall. “We are all raced pretty well, but we lost to both teams. I think that meet is pretty difficult for our team just because it is so close to our championships so we have all been beaten down by training really hard. But overall I think everyone pulled through and had some pretty good times.”

When asked if a single team stood out from the rest going into the competition, Kartsounis, who specializes in backstroke and butterfly, pointed to one school in particular. “Butler is our closest competition; all the other schools are pretty strong but we always go and race our hardest.”

Not forgotten is the impact of assistant coaches. “I also want to give note to Ken Reall, we got him my sophomore year I believe and he has a great swimming background, great resume, and overall just a really good person and great motivator. I definitely think he has had a big impact on my swimming career here,” Kartsounis added.

The Friars have high hopes for the week ahead. For some athletes, the event marks the beginning of more to come. For this group of seniors, it presents the opportunity to put an exclamation point on an eventful four years.
This past weekend, Providence College hosted its Alumni and Family Weekend and many former Friars made their way back to campus. While many met up at the events hosted by the college, a group of friends found themselves at McCormick & Schmicks, a seafood restaurant in downtown Providence. This group of friends, or brothers if you asked any of the men in attendance, make up the Friends of Friar Football.

While Providence College has not had a club football team on campus since 1998, the Friends of Friar Football is comprised of former members of PC's club football team, known as the Fighting Friars, which started in 1967 and was active up until its last season in 1998. From Paul McGuire ’70, the team's first QB, to Tom Allen ’88, a member of the first PC team, there were players named Spider, Weasel, Skunk, and Bear, the team that Movessian said was made up of “20 people who were so close that they would even share the logo. Any of the men who played for PC are quick to say it was the best logo in all of college football. The team had its place in the school's history or even Boston College, every player had his own stories to share and every team had its place in the school's history that is just as important to the College. None of these men played with future glory in the back of their heads, but rather to play their hearts out for the game they cherished.

Friends of Friar Football

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FRIAR SPORTS

The best was the fastest or who was the toughest player, the alumni made their way outside to take their yearly group photo on the front steps of City Hall. Afterwards, Marzilli presented Granato with a banner, a key to the city by Mayor Moynihan ’79, Steve Lamendola ’79, and Bob “The Bear” Peters ’78, to recognize them for creating the Friends of Friar Football.

Even as years pass, the gathering has not lost any of its allure for any of the men. As each former player entered the restaurant, all of them were just as excited to see their former teammates as if they were getting ready for game day. Jim Murphy ’70 said that football at PC “has forged a friendship for over 50 years.” Murphy was one of the key contributors to starting the football club back in 1967 as he oversaw raising money for the team. While many of these teams are no longer around, the club takes time to remember the men who brought football to Providence, by looking back at the old photos and share the stories of the alumni. Harding shared one story of former player Hank Soar ’37, who played for the team in the 1930s and was excited to see his club return. Granato even said, “We didn’t know any other girls who played,” Brown-Miller stated, “Growing up…I didn’t know any other girls who played,” Brown-Miller, a Michigan native, stated, “There were not a lot of opportunities back home. PC opened the doors and just as the doors were opening, I was able to step through.”

The Golden Standard

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OLYMPICS

It has been 20 years since a women's hockey team from the United States has won a gold medal. And this past weekend, on Saturday, February 10, three members of the 1998 Women's Olympic Hockey Team were present at Providence College to speak on a panel called The Golden Standard.

“I wish I could be there,” Cammi Granato ’93 as she kicked off the panel in a prerecorded video that was part of the panel's introduction of the women's hockey topic and gave [her] goosebumps. "On it being 20 years since winning, Granato, captain of the only gold-medal winning, commented, "I can't believe it."

So, why did PC put together this panel during Alumni, Family, and Accepted Students weekend? The answer to this question is that the first ever Women's Olympic Hockey Team consisted of seven PC alum, and there were able to speak on behalf of their team and the remarkable feat they accomplished: Vicki Movessian ’94, Sara DeCosta ’00, and Brown-Miller. “Thank you to PC College for inviting us back to remember the memories,” Brown-Miller said. Granato stated that the panel's message was to "tears" and "give them the gold medal round game."

As mentioned, the 1998 women's hockey team, a team that Movessian said was made up of “20 people who wanted so badly to do well for each other and competitively win,” was one of the first ever female hockey teams to compete in the Olympics. They also remain the only U.S. women's team to ever win a gold medal in the Olympic Games.

Prior to 1998, outside of New England, women's hockey was still almost unheard of. "Growing up...I was always aware of what women's hockey...was at the time," she said. However, Movessian, a Massachusetts native, had a different experience with hockey growing up, stating, "There were tons of opportunities in Mass to play girls and boys hockey. But even with all of her opportunities, Movessian said, "We didn't know about the Olympic Games and the efforts to put a female team together." We weren't playing for that reason; we were playing because we loved to play!

Twenty years after the victory that started a hockey phenomenon, DeCosta stated, "[It has been] an amazing experience to see the growth of women's hockey...amazing to see the skills and the talent."

The talent that they spoke of, can be seen in the current PC Women's Hockey Team, which is currently ranked second in the nation and won the 2018 Women's Olympic Hockey Team. As for this year’s Olympic team, Granato is convinced that the women “are riped to win.” Of course, it has been 20 years since the U.S. has won a gold medal, but Granato stated, “I have a strong feeling this year’s team [will win],” and her sentiments were echoed by all three of her teammates.