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Us. We. Together. In. Quarantine. New COVID Variant Traces Roots to PC

by Dan Pemick
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CAMPUS

The Center for Disease Control announced Monday, March 22, that a new variant of COVID-19, called the Providence College Variant, has been identified in the United States. The variant, named after its point of origin at Providence College, has been traced back to several large gatherings held on Eaton Street by PC students throughout the month of March.

"Amazingly, it seems that COVID-19 spreads so quickly at Providence College that it was able to fully mutate into a new variant within eight weeks of a

semester," the CDC said in a published statement. According to the CDC, the Providence College Variant, also known as the Natty Light Variant, the Friartown Variant, and the Darty Variant, shows similar symptoms as previous mutations.

It is, however, reported to spread quicker and more easily than any variant previously recorded. Experts say that this can be attributed to a number of factors scientifically associated with the source of the variant, including improper and/or insufficient mask wearing, drink sharing, and general carelessness.

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Warning! Things Are About to Get Weird

by Gossip Gorl
Editor-in-Chief

DISCLOSURE

Welcome to this year's issue of *The Scowl*! *The Scowl* is our special April Fools' Day edition in which we publish satirical articles and comical graphics. Our staff creates articles that might sound real, but every article in *The Scowl* is satirical and designed to approach the events of the past year in a fun, lighthearted way.

Content in *The Scowl* is not meant to offend anyone or cause discomfort, but is instead intended to offer a break from a news cycle that sometimes feels depressing and overwhelming.

Many of the articles you will find in this issue are based on real experiences, events, and problems, but they are written in a way that we hope will add some humor to these aspects of life both on and off campus.

All of us on *The Cowl* staff had fun this past week thinking up stories, designing these pages, and embracing our creative sides, so we hope that you enjoy reading! *The Cowl* will be back to normal on April 15 after Easter Break. We'll see you all soon, and until then, stay safe (and watch out for fake news)!

Cooley Pegs Dot for Head Coach Position PC Legend Expected to Lead Team to New Heights

by Fran
Meatballs Staff

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Being the head coach of a Division I NCAA basketball team is a tall task that very few can live up to.

Coach Ed Cooley has been at the helm of the Providence College Friars for the last decade and has given his fans countless memories during that time.

However, all good things must come to an end, and that does not exclude Ed Cooley's tenure with PC.

The 2021 NCAA basketball season was less than satisfying for the Friars and their coach, and the COVID-19 pandemic only added another level of stress. A devastating loss to the DePaul University Blue Demons wrapped up the Friars' campaign for the year. It turned out to be the final straw for coach Cooley, who has always expected a high level of play from his team.

Storming off the floor and refusing to address his or the other team's players, Cooley decided to

hang up the whiteboard and call it quits. The city of Providence will always cherish its time with coach

Cooley and will continue to sing his praises. The next move for Cooley was to select a successor for his

storied basketball team. His choice was obvious: Dot Marcello.

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Many anticipate that Dot will be the team's savior next season, explaining that it would be difficult to imagine anything other than an undefeated season under her leadership.

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PC Administration Strategizes How to Handle Newest COVID Variant

Darty Season

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The Providence College Variant is expected to travel quickly throughout the United States. With this in mind, many countries have begun to close their borders to American travelers and are preparing to begin strict lockdowns reminiscent of the ones in place in March 2020. The United Nations has recommended that citizens prepare for a global shutdown in response to the spread of the Providence College Variant.

In light of this news, Providence College students have assured officials that they do not intend to change absolutely anything about their behavior.

"Why should I have to change?" said Jack Longislander '23. "This is my social life we're talking about—if I want to spread a deadly virus to innocent families in the neighborhood, that's my own personal business."

"It's a constitutional right, really," said Chad Chaderton '22, adding that "if the Founding Fathers were alive, they would want me to play 'Doses & Mimosas' 12 times in a row at the highest possible volume on a Tuesday morning."

Providence College released a statement Tuesday, including an outline of their updated COVID-19 response following Monday's CDC report. The plans include promises of the addition of several new quarantine and isolation centers for students, new testing protocol, and updated guidelines for social gatherings, but do not list any specific details as to the practical application of this response. While criticized by some for lacking in substance, the statement offered a positive and optimistic viewpoint, assuring students that Friartown will pull through this crisis "with the powers of prayer and positive thinking."

In addition to the statement, Providence College announced that it will be offering free hand sanitizer to students, both on campus and remote, to show appreciation for their work and resilience throughout the semester.

"We recommend that students use hand sanitizer before and after parties," an administrator said, "to ensure that they protect themselves from the spread of this new variant." The administration has not provided any comment as to whether the students responsible for hosting and attending the large gatherings that caused the mutation of this variant, an international panic, and a global lockdown, will face any consequences from the College.



PC has been making national headlines this March despite yet another absence from the NCAA tournament.

New COVID Vaccine Shows Absolutely Zero Promise

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An Untrained Professional

HEALTH

The race to find an effective vaccine to limit the spread of COVID-19 has been accelerating at an historic pace. Companies such as Pfizer and AstraZeneca have produced their own vaccines in record times as the world anxiously awaits the return to normalcy, even if it can never unsee the countless hours of Tiger King and synchronous TikTok dances that it consumed over the past year.

Although vaccines are hitting the shelves in many states across the country, some corporations continue to produce what they believe is the superior solution to preventing the spread of the virus. One such entity is MeanLeanClean, who have proposed what many are considering to be an unorthodox method of turning the tide in the fight against COVID-19.

MeanLeanClean is not a leading pharmaceutical brand in the traditional sense; in fact, this effort is their very first attempt at entering the vaccination scene. However, their project, which they have named "Stop the Spread," appears to have the total backing of leading board members within the organization.

"It doesn't seem very hard to do at all," explained one executive from MeanLeanClean. "I mean, if a baby shampoo company can come up with one, why can't we?" Despite the opportunity to protect themselves against the spread of COVID-19, many American citizens have been hesitant about receiving the "Stop the Spread" vaccine instead of the other brands. The most cited reason for this lack of confidence has been the fact that the dosage is not like other vaccines; it's just pure bleach.

MeanLeanClean had been one of the up-and-coming names in the household cleaning industry when nations first began to implement lockdowns a year ago. The fear

which many people felt in leaving their homes to grocery shop threatened to push the business into bankruptcy. Their luck would soon change, however, following messages from the federal government offering potential ways to stop the spread of the virus during the early days of the pandemic. Said one official, "I see the disinfectant where it knocks [the virus] out in a minute. One minute. And is there a way we can do something like that, by injection inside or almost a cleaning?"

Enter MeanLeanClean and their "Stop the Spread" disinfectant; unlike other vaccines that have taken a year to develop, the company was already sitting on what they believed was a goldmine of a product that would fly off the shelves after the controversial interview went public. "I told my wife it was like we had invented air," recalled the CEO. "These doses would pay for themselves and then some. We were a leg up on the entire response team and we still have plenty of doses to spare."

When asked whether the surplus of doses was the result of a lack of interest, the CEO declined to comment and instead stated that anyone who did not take their vaccine "might as well have Oral Roberts beating Ohio State in their brackets. They're stupid, plain and simple."

It remains to be seen whether MeanLeanClean's vaccine will attract the endorsement of the scientific community and international governments.



MeanLeanClean executives believe sales have dwindled due to the vaccine's unlikely appearance.

Dot Returns From Retirement to Work at McPhail's

by Bartender Betty '21
Raymond Dining Hall Alumnus

CAMPUS

For years, Dot Marcello graced Raymond Dining Hall by greeting and swiping in students for their daily meals. In 2020, the Providence College community was distraught after learning about her tragic, but well-deserved, retirement. Dot, however, just announced that she will be coming out of retirement to join McPhail's as a barback for the remainder of the year.

Dot took a few months of break time for herself, vacationing in tropical locations like Aruba and Jamaica, but she knew she wanted to rejoin the PC community. "Being away for so long, I missed seeing the kids every day," she said.

After learning about McPhail's reopening, Dot got the first plane out and went to Father Kenneth Sicard, O.P., who welcomed her back with open arms. While she loved working at Ray, she knew she wanted to switch up her role and asked to be placed in McPhail's. The entire PC administration resoundingly agreed.

Dot had her first shift last Saturday, where she served PC students with her typical smile and question of how everyone was doing. Students kept talking to her from their tables, happy to see she was back. "We all missed Dot," said John Kinger '21. "It was amazing to see her back at PC where she belongs."

Despite working at Ray for so long, Dot was a surprisingly great barback. Although McPhail's does not serve cocktails, she showed off her bartender skills, juggling shakers and glasses as a professionally trained bartender would. "I mean, I had fun in college, too," Dot responded.

"I know, as seniors, we were all happy to see Dot at least one last time," said Kelly Ann Gelato '21. Every senior in McPhail's that day agreed with these sentiments, as they would chant "DOT!!" each time a reservation ended.

Not only were the seniors in McPhail's that day excited to see Dot's return, but so were the other PC students. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors lined the windows throughout the day just to catch a glimpse of Dot. Just like fans would do at a concert, students made "WE LOVE YOU DOT!!" posters to place on the windows and walls. "It's been so nice to be back and receive such a warm welcome," said Dot.

While she has not said how long she intends to stay, students are hopeful she will continue to work in McPhail's for the remainder of the year. "I want to work at least once a week, I think," said Dot.

No matter how long Dot decides to stay, the entire PC community is just happy to see her return.

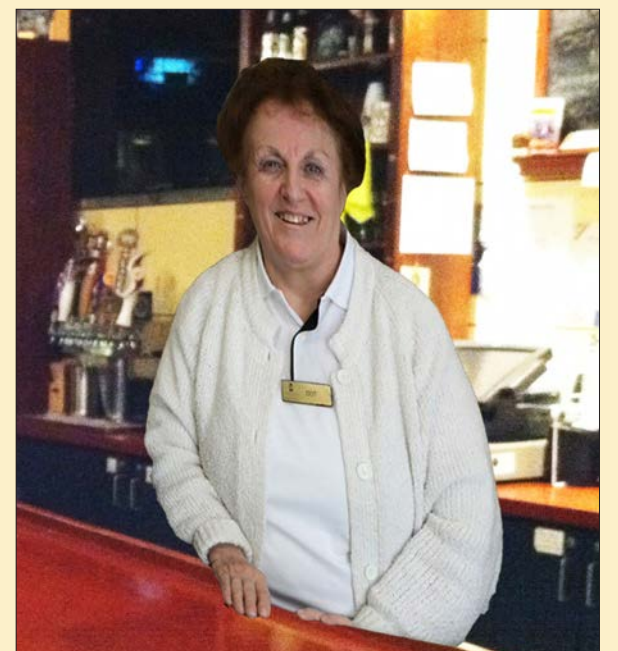


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Dot has become extremely comfortable behind the bar.

Providence College to Get New Name

Administration Uses Shortcut to Build a Beloved Community

by Auntie Ray Siss
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CAMPUS

Just five years after Providence College celebrated its 100-year anniversary, members of the PC community received an email from College president Father Swisschard, O.P., that the College would be renamed to better reflect the mission and values of the College. According to Fr. Swisschard's correspondence, Providence College will officially become Beloved Community College on May 21 of this year. Fr. Swisschard explained that the decision to change the College's name on the day after graduation was to avoid any difficulties the change may make for members of the class of 2021, who, unfortunately, will never have been part of the beloved community.

"The reason for renaming the College is simple," stated Fr. Swisschard in the email. "Myself; my Cabinet; the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; the Board of Trustees; and the Corporation of God have been working tirelessly to create a beloved community on Providence College's campus since we read Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Strength to Love in our book club last year. While students and faculty have offered several suggestions, we felt those recommendations would take too much time and too much work." Fr. Swisschard is probably right. It takes at least a year to write a diversity statement



The College hopes its new, more lowkey name will target more students and improve its reputation.

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and at least 10 to implement actual changes.

Additionally, changing the school's name happened to be the first suggestion drawn from a hat in the most recent Beloved Community Committee meeting. This is a common decision-making process used by College administration, as it ensures all important decisions are the product of divine providence.

"By renaming Providence College 'Beloved Community College,' all students will automatically become members of the beloved community, and no one can accuse us of not being a beloved community," said I. M. White, a member of the President's Cabinet.

In addition to renaming the College, it appears that Fr. Swisschard and his Cabinet want to rebrand Providence College so that it will truly look like a beloved community.

In his email, Fr. Swisschard highlighted some of these changes. The friars' habits, which are currently white, will be more representative of the U.S. population. Therefore, 13 percent of all habits will be black and 76 percent of all habits will be white. The other habits will be rainbow-colored to reflect the races outside of the black-white binary. Furthermore, Beloved Community College will see a new mascot and logo in place of Friar Dom and the Veritas flame. Huxley, a black-and-white dog, will become the College's mascot, as he represents the school's ideals of diversity. The logo will see the burning torch replaced by a burning cross, representing God's burning love.

Some members of the PC community are skeptical of the College's decision to rename and rebrand the school. Anne R. Kist '23 stated, "I believe this is a marketing ploy by the College to trick students into thinking that they will be attending an affordable community college, not an overpriced private school."

Elizabeth "Lib" Rowl '22 agreed with Kist's comment and explained, "The College has been emphasizing the words 'community college' rather than 'beloved community,' which I see as representing

a Sisyphean appeal to members of the surrounding community."

Indeed, Beloved Community College will still be a private, four-year institution despite any confusion which may result from the placement of "community" and "college" in the name. PC's chief financial officer, Cache Munny, has clarified that tuition will not be reduced for the 2021-2022 school year, the first year of the Beloved Community College. In fact, Munny stated, "Tuition of BCC will likely be greater than that of Providence College to account for expenses such as reparations for white students who have to take time out of their busy schedules to complete anti-bias and diversity trainings."

Fr. Swisschard concluded the email by highlighting the people who will be involved in the process of renaming the College. "Working with me on this crusade are the Beloved Community Committee, Committee to Establish Principles on Renaming, Committee on Renaming, School Names Advisory Committee, Committee on Change, Committee on Change (the currency kind), Think Tank on Anti-Bias and Diversity Training, Committee on Committees, Committee on...

We're All in This Together

A Message From Fr. Adam Endeeve, O.P.

by Cister Ally
A member of the church

RELIGION

On Monday, March 22, The Very Reverend Adam Endeeve, O.P., prior provincial of the Province of St. Jofuss, released a statement in response to the increasing number of violent attacks against transgender and gender non-conforming people in the United States. Below you will find the statement from Fr. Endeeve.

Dear siblings in Christ (shoutout to my non-binary friends),

I write today in acknowledgement of the escalating violence being perpetrated against members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, specifically against transgender and gender non-conforming folk. I, on behalf of the Province of St. Joseph, condemn all acts of violence against trans and non-binary people, physical or otherwise, because all those who commit acts of violence "will be covered with shame; you will be destroyed forever." (Obadiah 1:10).

While the Dominican Order loves and supports all members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, trans and non-binary folk hold a special place in our heart. Dominican friars, like transgender and gender non-conforming people, are uniquely vulnerable to being called by their birth-given names, often referred to in trans and non-binary communities as "deadnaming." Before a novice can be clothed in

his habit, he must choose and receive his religious name. After which, this becomes his new name and, more importantly, his new identity. Referring to him as his birth-given name is a serious affront. Similarly, trans and non-binary people who abandon their birth-designated names and choose a new name must not be arbitrarily and insultingly referred to by their dead name. Deadnaming contributes to the violence and harm perpetrated against transgender and gender non-conforming people.

Allow me to offer some examples of the similarities between the Dominican friars and the trans and non-binary communities. The other day, I ran into an old friend who repeatedly referred to me by my birth name, even though I told them my religious name several times. Eventually, I had to say, "I am Adam. There was no man by any other name before me." Trans and non-binary folk have to deal with this on a regular basis, but they have the added trauma of being regularly misgendered, intentionally or not. Additionally, I have heard from many Dominican friars, transgender people, and non-binary people that they are often called by their birth names while in waiting rooms at their doctor's office or when pulled over by the police (remember, speeding is a sin).

It is my position, as well as the position of many members of the trans and non-binary community, that deadnaming is an act of violence which allows for and encourages other acts of violence. We do not refuse to call someone by their married name simply because we knew them before they were married. We do not call someone John if they go by Jack. Doing so would be disrespectful and unnatural. Following

this same logic, why is it appropriate and common to deadname transgender and non-binary people who choose new names?

We must not stand by as transgender and non-binary people's "blood cries out to [God] from the ground" (Genesis 4:10). We must love them as we love God and all of God's creations, for "God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). This verse suggests rather obviously that God transcends our socially constructed ideas about gender. Moreover, like God's creations of light and dark (which meet at dusk and dawn) and seas and dry land (which meet on tidal plains), a gender spectrum—as opposed to a gender binary—is woven into the very fabric of creation.

All Catholics and Dominicans must unite to condemn the violence which is being committed against our trans and non-binary siblings. We express our solidarity with the transgender and gender non-conforming communities and, more generally, the LGBTQIA2S+ community. As members of God's community, please join me in praying for our trans and non-binary siblings and the families of those who have past. Saint Lucia, Saint Wilgefortis, and Saint Liberata: pray for us.

God bless and #blessed,
Fr. Adam Endeeve, O.P.
He/him/his



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PC, Keep Banning the Vagina Monologues *The Best Thing to Do for Women on Campus*

by Rosie the Riveter '21
Cold Hard Facts Staff

SERIOUS ADVICE ONLY

Providence College's previous president, Flat Stanley, banned *The Vagina Monologues* back in 2006 and has likely not gone a year without being reminded of this ban. Despite the message of the monologues, a group of PC students still puts on the show each year and is still able to garner substantial audiences of students, faculty, and staff.

But you know what? A Catholic institution run almost entirely by white men is definitely the proper authority to have the audacity to ban such a controversial event. That makes a lot of sense in the year 2021.

For those that don't know, *The Vagina Monologues* is a play that was written by Eve Ensler and has not only had its time on Broadway, but also has been performed by many liberal and progressive colleges and universities across the U.S.

The play documents the following: "consensual and nonconsensual sexual experiences, body image, genital mutilation, direct and indirect encounters with reproduction, vaginal care, menstrual periods,

sex work, and several other topics through the eyes of women with various ages, races, sexualities, and other differences."

For a Catholic college, it is absolutely sensible for the discussion of consensual sexual experiences of women to stand as a valid reason for the monologues to be banned from occurring on this campus.

The very few monologues that discuss positive sexual experiences throughout the whole performance, of course, outweigh the other issues of gendered oppression, gendered violence, and the female body that are discussed.

PC is, of course, far beyond the need to discuss any of these issues because it does not have any problems with violence directed towards specific genders or races. The College is easily exempt from any discussion of such matters given their perfect track record.

The one class that the women's and gender studies program offers on Violence Against Women is acknowledgement enough by PC that violence against women is at epidemic proportions. The handful of classes that deal specifically with the issue of race at PC is



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Providence College should continue to ban *The Vagina Monologues* on campus due to the discussions about consent, violence against women, and other related topics it brings up.

acknowledgement enough of racial violence that runs rampant across the U.S (but definitely isn't present at PC). The zero classes on LGBTQ+ experiences at PC are acknowledgement enough by the College of violence against members of this community (which also definitely doesn't happen on campus).

Flat Stanley is right—some episodes of the play are too vulgar and reduce women to their vaginas. A thoughtful conversation about women's sexuality and encouraging women to feel liberated by their bodies and sexualities is far too much for a Catholic institution to take on.

Not only that, but the fact that profits from the performance of *The Vagina Monologues* were originally sent to the V-Day project, which raises money to help women impacted by domestic violence and encourages education on the subject, is all the more reason to keep banning the program—and instead PC will continue to send a lump sum to a similar organization each year (if they're still even doing that). Since apparently V-Day being connected to *The Vagina Monologues* makes it too controversial to donate to, PC will continue to select different organizations that aid women that experience domestic violence.

In sum, PC, just remember that you are absolutely correct in taking on this position against *The Vagina Monologues*. You are absolutely not sending any sort of hurtful messages to the Survivors and women on your campus.

Women Deserve It All

Why Men's NCAA Tournament Players Should Be Stripped of All Amenities

by Miss Madness '22
Cold Hard Facts Staff

EQUALI-TEA

Welcome to March! Obviously most college students know what comes with March: the NCAA Women's College Basketball Tournament. So, how come the men's teams got so many more amenities this year?

The NCAA claims that because the men get more "views" they should be treated differently than women. Clearly, the NCAA has not considered the importance of TikTok. Several female basketball players in the NCAA tournament not only play basketball, but have exciting careers on TikTok as well.

The real question, then, should be why are the women not the only ones getting these amenities? They are putting in a lot of great advertising work for the league, while the men are not, so they should be treated like the champions that they are.

The men's teams are, in a word, upsetting. There have already been so many upsets that not even a single person has a perfect bracket. How is that worthy of a gym? Why should that allow them to have better food than the women? Seems backwards.

Plus, shouldn't the men be given the wide open room for their various interviews and press junkets? They're constantly being put on television, so they should probably have a place to do their little podcasts and interviews. The space could be perfect for ring lights and mirrors which they'll need to make sure they look camera-ready for their Zoom calls.

How about in an attempt to pay back some of the damages done to women in terms of the gaps in pay, the lack of advertising for female teams, the less expensive tickets to female games, and all other forms of gendered oppression, the NCAA

just gives all the amenities to women and leaves the men high and dry like the women are typically left?

Title IX says to treat men and women equally in similar sports, but since the NCAA has never cared about that in the past, why start now? Instead, they can make up for their past mistakes by repaying the women for everything they have stripped them of in the past. Then, when the men complain, it's like they're getting a taste of their own medicine!

As radical as it may sound, treating men the way that women are usually treated—with little to no funding and help—should be quite simple. They are supposed to be equal, right? So this equality would just come from a simple role reversal, where women get the spotlight that is constantly taken from them!

Clearly these women have got some major abilities to make their voices heard, so why not amplify that noise by treating them like the gods they are so that they can show the world that, in

fact, the NCAA does care about them! At least appearing to be conscious of gender could be a fantastic PR move for this organization—but they would have to keep it up and not drop the ball every year.

The female NCAA players made so much noise with their social media content that the NCAA has no choice but to create the radical concept of compensating women for the losses that they have accrued over their thirty-plus-year history in the league. Rather than evening out the playing field, the NCAA should flip the switch and have men suffer through funding cuts and low media attention while the women get their chance to show off their talents in the exact same sport.

So, NCAA, you should really consider giving women all of the amenities that were given to men and you wouldn't even have to pay the difference—just strip the men of all amenities to give women extra. You'd be sending quite the message to the world if you did!



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To achieve true equality, the NCAA must reallocate all amenities so that the men's players have nothing.

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The Need for Straight Pride

Coping in the Aftermath of Pope Prancis's Announcement

by **Karen '21**
Cold Hard Facts Staff

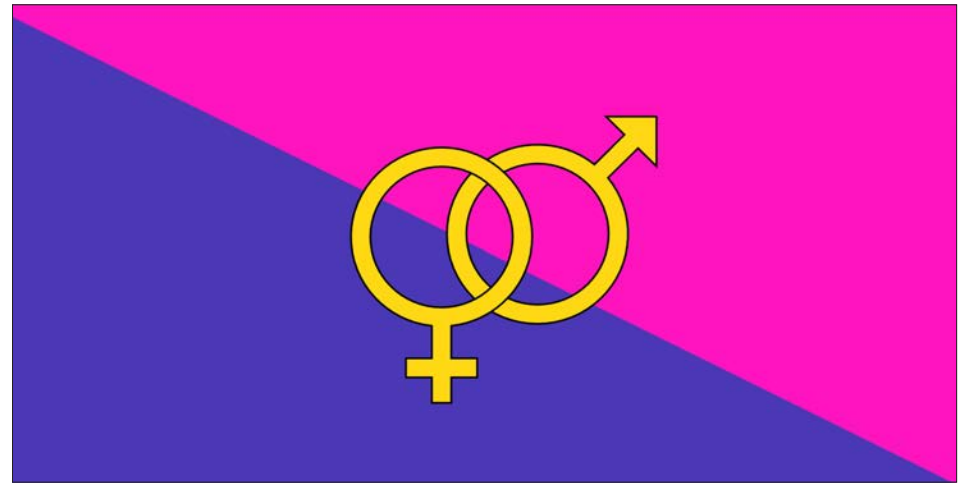
THE SILENT MAJORITY

Last week, Pope Prancis's refusal to bless opposite-sex unions came as a blow to the heterosexual community. Prancis, who has been historically more progressive than previous popes, inspired a hope for monumental change in the Church's policy towards heterosexual couples. While the Church does not outwardly condemn heterosexuality, it is still viewed as a sin among many priests and adherents.

In light of Pope Prancis' decision, the heterosexual community reaffirms the need for straight pride and visibility. Especially for religious heterosexuals, the refusal brings back memories of years of religious trauma for many—being told that their sexuality is unnatural, will cause eternal damnation, etc.

Straight pride attempts to combat historical oppression and modern prejudices and discrimination. The celebration is held annually, often featuring parades and parties with fellow members of the heterosexual community. This week is not just a celebration, but also a form of healing and catharsis; gathering together with others who accept heterosexuality is crucial for the mental health and safety of straights.

As a Catholic institution, Providence College upholds the doctrine that only



With Pope Prancis's recent condemnation of the heterosexuality, it is more important than ever to show straight pride.

homosexual marriage is valid in the eyes of God; as a result, the College refuses to allow a straight pride week on campus.

Like Pope Prancis's announcement, the College's refusal to host a straight pride is damaging to the heterosexual community on campus. SHEEP, Straight Heteros Expecting Equality and Peace, is the resident heterosexual club on campus, whose existence and inclusion provides a refuge for many heterosexuals and allies on campus.

This week, SHEEP released a statement regarding Pope Prancis's words and the College's response: "SHEEP is disappointed at the College's refusal to hold a straight pride week as well as the decision of Pope Prancis to deny blessings of straight couples.

These incidents only serve as painful reminders of historical oppression against heterosexual people, which have no place on a college campus. SHEEP wishes to remind heterosexual students that they are loved and celebrated despite evidence to the contrary."

The College has a responsibility to the wellbeing and safety of all of its students, especially those most marginalized—straight students especially. Because of this fundamental responsibility, the refusal to host a straight pride event actively harms its heterosexual students and perpetuates prejudices and oppression. While Pope Prancis and the Catholic Church may condemn straight marriage, as an educational institution, the College must allow a straight pride week.

TANGENTS & TIRADES

Don't Be a Fool. Choose Unlimited.

The Brads and Chads of Providence College

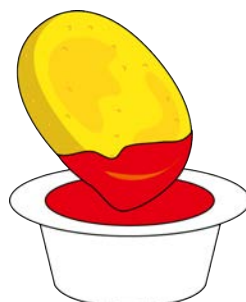
One of the smartest decisions Providence College makes annually is requiring freshman students to buy into the unlimited meal plan at Ray Dining Hall. While this predetermination makes an otherwise difficult decision rather simple and thoughtless for freshmen by not forcing them to blindly choose between the 75-block, seven per week, 11 per week, 15 per week, or unlimited meal plans, it also generously provides students with limitless five-star Michelin cuisine.

Ray's cafeteria is known worldwide for Thursday afternoon's lightly breaded and battered chicken wedges—often referred to as "chicken nuggets" by less cultured PC students—but the dining hall also offers a number of lesser known mouth-watering delicacies.

Your local pharmacy's top of the line laxative cannot work magic like Ray's chorizo white bean soup, and no Italian spot on Federal Hill could ever match the authenticity of Ray's pasta al formaggio, carefully drowned in a steaming orange nacho cheese gravy. During Lent, Ray Dining Hall makes the wise Catholic decision not to serve meat on specific holy days of fasting as well as Fridays.

Now, if you are lucky, you may come across a seafood option on these days instead. Serving hot and cold options like salmon, cod, and shrimp, this dining hall truthfully provides students with the full-on New England eating experience.

Sorry moms and dads, but this Easter's home cooking won't be able to cater the same delicious comfort it once could, before Ray. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, make the decision as easy as it was freshman year. Choose unlimited.



—Miss Limitless '22

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It is during the warmer spring days here at Providence College that one gets a better idea of who actually goes to this school. Nearly every student is coerced out of their musty dorms by the sunlight and 60-degree temperatures.

It is also on these days that one realizes that an odd but strikingly true comparison can be made between observing the student body and watching a nature documentary. After all, there are distinct types of student groups that we inevitably find ourselves a part of.

Look over to the sidewalks leading to Concannon Fitness Center, and one can see a couple of lone gym rats with protein shakes going to lift weights. Over on the other side of Slavin, a pack of athletes in their varsity jackets walk by. And on the lawn in front of Aquinas Hall, there is a dominant species known to many as Brads and Chads; a species quickly recognized by their white vans, backwards hats, and herd mentality.

This species of students constitutes a fairly significant portion of the student body here at Providence College and can be found anywhere there is Spikeball, White Claws, or "dalties." Similar to our primate ancestors, there is a complex dominant hierarchy within this group, which is established by all but not limited to: a number of women's phone numbers, popularity, and the reliability of their fake ID.

When walking the PC campus on these spring days, it is easy to feel intimidated by these groups, but rest assured, like in every ecosystem, there is a niche for every student here at PC.



—Steve Irwin II '22

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Charli D'Amelio's collaboration with Dunkin'.



Kamala Harris being elected President of the United States.

C Continuity Friday
 [pc-2021] Tailgating Chairs Availabl... Inbox
 Dear Students, A fresh supply of the popular Friar tailgating chairs – ideal... 📧

C Continuity Thursday
 [pc-2021] Fake Vaccination Invitati... Inbox
 Dear Members of the Providence College Community, We have receiv... 📧

C Continuity 3/16/21
 [pc-2021] Vaccination Eligibility an... Inbox
 Dear Students, As more members of our community are getting COVID-1... 📧

Continuity. That's it.



The Marriott Hotel.

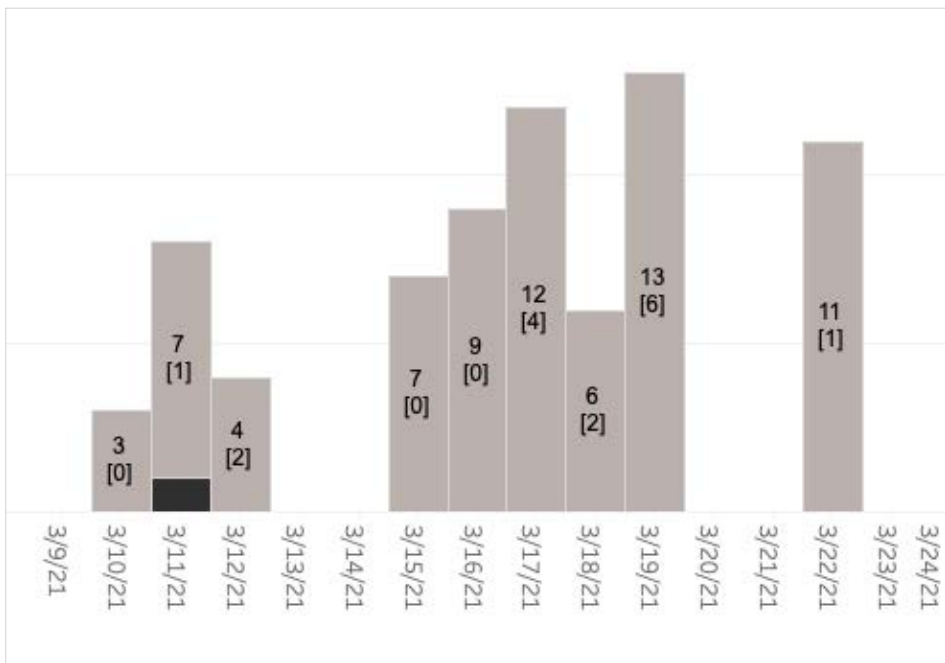


Tom Brady celebrating his Super Bowl win.

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These daily text messages.



The Providence College COVID-19 Dashboard.



Harry and Meghan's tell-all interview with Oprah.

FAUXTOGGRAPHY

Prince Phillip I at age 99 vs. Friar Dom at age 120



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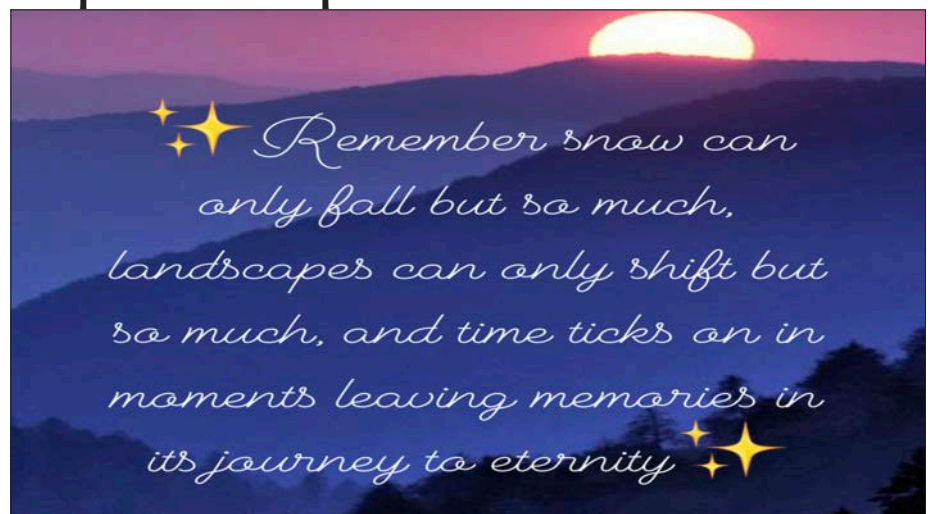
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Me: I want Tony

Things Dean Sears has said as an inspirational quote



BOP's pitch for Spring Concert



When your professor asks everyone in the class to turn on their cameras



St. Joe's and the Dorms: Watch Out World The Newest Legendary Band Has Arrived at PC

by Rob Sheffield '23
Kidz Bop Staff

SMITH BASEMENT

Providence College is, unfortunately, something of a dead zone when it comes to bands. Unlike the University of Rhode Island, which is teeming with bands of all genres, PC hardly has any musicians on its campus, aside from some producers and solo artists. However, for a brief period, this was hardly the case.

The heyday for music at PC, if not the entire world, was on March 3, 2021, the day that a legendary band came into existence, then promptly dropped out of it. That band was none other than St. Joe and the Dorms. The Dorms were founded by musical visionaries Griffin "Griffin May" May and Jack "Johnny Providence" Downey (no relation to the author of this article). While the two could play any instrument with ease, the most well-known version of the band saw May on vocals and guitar, with Downey on drums and backing vocals. There was no bass involved because, let's be honest, bass is a superfluous instrument that no one needs. Seriously, just buy an octave pedal or run a guitar through two amps, with the low end turned all the way up on one of them. Why pay someone to just play root notes? But I digress.

Downey and May met in August of 2020. Some say that the sun shone twice as bright as usual

during those fateful 24 hours. After establishing a sturdy friendship, the two began to jam at Smith Center for the Arts. The building had lost its luster, but as Downey and May began to frequent its grand halls, the vast castle returned to its former glory. Eventually, the inevitable happened: on March 3, 2021, the two friends decided to form a band. Downey suggested the name, and May quickly accepted. On that same day, they created a song. That song was none other than the smash hit "Go Friars Go," also known as "Roll Friars Roll" and "Friarside Chat." Written in the key of G major, the quick but catchy song debuted at No. 1 on every single chart before it was even released. The praise for the song was universal, with notable music critic Dr. Dre quoted as saying, "I thought the vocals were flat." Paul McCartney was so inspired by the song that he traveled back in time to start The Beatles. The reason for going back in time, he said, was to avoid competition with St. Joe and the Dorms.

Poised for fame, the band was about to go on a tour that would even include Antarctica, a feat accomplished by no other band. However, 20 minutes into their career, tragedy struck: St. Joe and the Dorms broke up. The egos of the two musicians, combined with Downey's crippling glue addiction, shattered their friendship. "Go Friars Go" was never released officially, and the band slipped into obscurity.

However, with the music scene of PC primed for a grand revival, there have been whispers amongst



The band in the flesh.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. JOE'S & THE DORMS

the students and the rest of the world that St. Joe and the Dorms might be returning. Students and faculty have caught glimpses of the band within the mighty halls of Smith, but those are often dismissed as simple apparitions. Occasionally, one can hear a faint "go friars go!" floating through the air, but no one can pinpoint the location. Either way, the legend of St. Joe and the Dorms lives on in the hearts of the true fans and, someday, they might reawaken.

Ridin' With Biden: A Summer Playlist

by Corn Pop '21
Kidz Bop Staff

AIR FORCE ONE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and after a contentious presidential election, the United States of America has been in desperate need of something positive to look forward to. Since President Joseph Biden has been elected to office, the American people have hoped for change and positivity. As for his first action as the 46th President of the United States, Biden decided to release his summer 2021 playlist, likely to spread summer vibes across the nation. This is my insight into an exclusive interview with the president.

The first song on the playlist is "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen. Since this song is a classic, Biden likely wants to get the metaphorical party started on a high note. While standing on Delaware's Route 1 highway, I asked Biden to explain the reasoning for putting Queen first on his playlist. He simply responded, "Go Hens, baby. But in all seriousness, that song is a heater." When asked to clarify what he meant regarding the temperature of the song, he said, "Can't believe someone would go to Delaware State University. Who wants to be a Hornet when you can be a Blue Hen? Blue Hens listen to Queen; Hornets listen to REO Speedwagon, which is super weird. I loved the '80s, man."

The next few songs on the playlist are, frankly, confusing. "Idaho" by Train is second on the list. The president explained, "I just really love songs about fictional places. Whoever came up with Idaho really has a wild imagination." Eager to move on, we touched base on the next three songs, which were all by George Ezra. He

added "Shotgun" and "Blame it on Me" first. Biden apparently wanted to take a jab at England in the playlist, stating, "I wanted to make Great Britain feel like they are a part of our country. After all, they did blow a 13-colony lead back in the day, which can really take a toll. It's the least I could do."

The third song by Ezra was "Budapest." Biden stated, "I love the country of Hungary, especially their fearless leader Viktor Orban. I think we all can learn a few things from his fair and entirely democratic approach to holding the office of prime minister." Oddly enough, he immediately invited me to continue the interview while walking at a brisk pace on the shoulder of the busy roadway. Biden seems to love walking...a lot. The conversation started to get a bit more serious at this point.

The sixth song on the playlist is "Falling Up" by Dean Lewis. "I

wanted to point out the fact that I regularly struggle to walk up stairs. I fell three times on the way up to Air Force One. Millions of perfectly capable people struggle every day walking up the stairs, and I want to let them know that I feel for them." This was clearly a heartfelt message from the president. Without me asking, he then immediately started discussing the final song, "Gangsta's Paradise" by Coolio. As this is the final song on the playlist, I had to ask the president what his thought process was. The response was simple: "They say I gotta learn, but nobody's here to teach me, if they can't understand it, how can they reach me...I miss Barack, man. How did I even get here?"

The president's playlist can be found on Spotify, using the link below. Party on, but wear your mask and socially distance!

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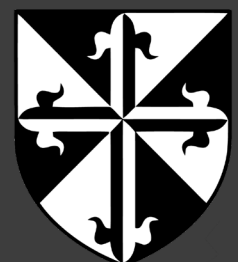
Golf Cart Friars Go Big

by Hillbilly Thom '22
Kidz Bop Staff

THE TORCH

When Providence College announced a two-week stay-at-home lockdown last semester, there was one thing that gave us a little bit of joy. You heard them ringing bells and playing the guitar outside your dorm or house: The Singing Friars are an acoustic singing group consisting of four Dominican Friars, Fr. Peter Gautsch, O.P. and Fr. Justin Bolger, O.P., Fr. Patrick Briscoe, O.P., and Fr. Peter Martyr Yungwirth, O.P., who perform on golf carts while traveling around campus.

The group was so popular in September that they have been asked by Providence College administrators to perform at the 2021 Spring Concert! The event will be held on April 1 at various spots on campus. Instead of throwing out dollar bills as Cheat Codes did in 2019, they will have buckets of holy water to bless the students. The Singing Friars will be accompanied by the Hillbilly Thomists, a bluegrass band composed of Dominican priests and student brothers. To buy tickets, head to the student ticket office today!



Arson on Eaton Street: MondoZ Case One Year Later Reflecting on One of the Earliest Local COVID-19 Losses

by Little Tony '21
Kidz Bop Staff

LOCAL ARSON

As we approach one year since the infamous day that haunts Providence College students and their late night munchies, mystery continues to revolve around the true cause of the May 22, 2020 MondoZ Pizzeria fire. As if the COVID-19 pandemic had not been bad enough, the local community had to grapple with the loss of its most prized wood-fire stoves. Students could only watch in horror from their homes as Snapchat stories were flooded with flames and memories of mouth-watering buffalo chicken slices. The legendary pizza producer on Douglas Avenue had become an iconic destination for stumbling students with its quality Italian eats pairing perfectly with its party atmosphere, but it was taken from us far too soon...

With the one-year anniversary of the fire approaching, the Friartown community cannot allow the perpetrators of such an act to sneak away from the crime scene unnoticed. Although official reports from NBC 10 News from the very week said, "The cause of the fire remains under investigation," the case appears to have gone cold since and there is no clear answer as to how the fire started. It is our duty as proud patrons to reopen the case and to dive deeper into some of the possibilities for how this tragedy could ever have struck.

One hypothesis that has surfaced yields slanderous implications of insurance fraud. Co-owner Monty Mondo told reporters that the COVID-19 pandemic had been such a hit to the business, making the fire all the more difficult. Some have suggested that the timing of the business closing appears a tad bit fishy. With the vast majority of students having been sent home to study remotely for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester, sales numbers could not have been



The Providence Fire Department could not help but notice the bold Big Tony's advertisements plastering the scene before they even arrived.

what they once were when disc jockey remixes turned the pizzeria into a better postgame than most Eaton Street parties themselves. If the Douglas Avenue site was strapped with insurance, a quote-unquote accident could have stopped the bleeding in preparation for a return to come with more students on campus.

Such a nefarious suggestion against our benevolent MondoZ is preposterous when we should be turning the magnifying glass towards a different pizza oven. As your local expert in the field of Italian food and mobster antics with my pedigree of years of research on *The Sopranos*, *The Godfather* films, and countless Scorsese classics, it seems to me that anyone with the true answer or evidence of it is likely to be swimming with the fishes in the Providence River.

When MondoZ stole the show as the hottest go-to late night snack for Providence students, who lost out more than the don himself? Although I lack any hard evidence for my suspicions, the combination of authorities never finding a culprit along with the Italian mobster theme of the rival pizzeria, who is to say it could not have been Big Tony himself who ordered the Baddabing Special on MondoZ?

MondoZ was the new kid on the block potentially refusing to cough up payments for Tony's protection, and the hard times of the pandemic may have just been the last straw to break the camel's back to get them whacked. I am not saying this idea is coming from me, but if we want our beloved MondoZ back on the streets slinging pepperoni like they used to, it might be time to do some digging and see if Big Tony went too far.

TDF Department Hosts Adam Sandler Hamilton Use Framework to Highlight Actor's Harrowing Career

by Cut Gems '21
Kidz Bop Staff

BROADWAY

How does an actor, comedian, born and raised in Brooklyn, dropped in the middle of a forgotten spot on the SNL stage...grow up to be a hero and an idol? This is not the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of this nation, but of Adam Sandler. To honor Sandler's legacy, a group of Providence College students within the theatre, dance, and film department rewrote the critically-acclaimed musical *Hamilton*, but switched the lyrics to make it all about *Adam Sandler Hamilton*.

"We knew that we wanted to do a parody based on a musical," said Aaron Washington '21, one of the seniors who co-wrote *Adam Sandler Hamilton*. "When one of us saw a TikTok making a joke about singing 'Adam Sandler' every time they sang 'Alexander' in the show, we knew we couldn't miss 'our shot.'"

The show opens with Sandler in New York City, getting ready for his first audition at *Saturday Night Live*. Lorne Michaels greets him on the stage for the first time, and the show then follows many of Sandler's infamous skits and songs, such as the Hanukkah and Thanksgiving songs. Following the SNL stage of Sandler's

life, he then embarks on his first movie project, *Billy Madison*, which becomes a hit in the comedy world.

From there, Sandler would go on to create his own movie studio, Happy Madison Productions, and create films like *Happy Gilmore*, *The Wedding Singer*, and *The Waterboy*.

Later parts of the show move through the rest of Sandler's movie career, showcasing films such as *50 First Dates*, *Grown Ups*, *Hotel Transylvania*, and more. The students used Sandler's prolific movie-producing and acting career to write a parody of the song "Non-Stop."

As Sandler's movies progress, we see him develop relationships with different actors and actresses, who would become recurring stars in his movies. These include friends such as Kevin James, Rob Schneider, David Spade, Chris Rock, Steve Buscemi, Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Aniston, and more.

The show not only follows Sandler's movie career, but also showcases Sandler's marriage to Jackie Titone, who met Sandler through her acting career. After appearing in Sandler's movie *Big Daddy*, Titone sings a beautiful ballad about how she knows he is the one, similar to Eliza Hamilton's rendition of "Helpless." The musical also showcases Sandler's two daughters, Sadie and Sunny Sandler.

The show ends with Sandler's role in *Uncut Gems*, where he attempted to take on a more serious role. The movie received mixed reviews, leaving Sandler discouraged, but it also encouraged him to continue writing comedies.

The PC students decided to write the end of the show not in the present, but from a potential future perspective. "We wanted the end of *Adam Sandler Hamilton* to end the same way the original show and history do. We wanted an epic duel," said Peggy Burr '21, one of the writers of the show.

The show ends with an epic duel between Sandler and James, who was offended for not being asked to be in Sandler's most recent movie. The pair sing an adapted rendition of "The World Was Wide Enough," ending with James's realization of his mistake, as well as Sandler's wife and friends rejoining the stage to reflect on Sandler's legacy.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, PC students could not attend the show in person at the Smith Center for the Arts, but they could watch on Zoom. "I loved it," said Angie Skyler '22. "The whole idea was so creative and was extremely fun to watch."

Because the show was live streamed, members of the PC community can still watch the show via the College's YouTube account.



Adam Sandler Hamilton culminates in a duel between Adam Sandler and Kevin James over the Safdie Brothers leaving James out of *Uncut Gems*.

Third Time's the Charm: Taylor Swift's *woodvale* Trilogy Complete With Another Unprecedented Album

by Swiftie 4 Life '22
Kidz Bop Editor

THE FOLKLORIAN WOODS

Just when fans thought that they had found each hidden Easter Egg and decoded every secret message, Taylor Swift has once again done what she does best: surprise the world with an incredible album.

On Wednesday, March 24, Swift took to Instagram to share that while she knew fans were anxiously awaiting the April 9 release of her remastered 2008 Grammy-winning album *Fearless*, titled *Fearless (Taylor's Version)*, she wanted to show her appreciation for her fans' years of support by

giving them a little something to tide them over until then.

"As you all know, I made *folklore* with absolutely no intention of creating its sister album, *evermore*, let alone releasing them within months of each other. It's completely unlike anything I've ever done as an artist," Swift explained. "It's been one of the most freeing and rewarding experiences in my career, so I'm overjoyed to share that I've ventured even further into the folklorian woods, and my tenth studio album, *woodvale*, will release at midnight tonight."

Swift also shared that her *folklore* and *evermore* collaborators, Jack Antonoff and Aaron Dessner, lent their talents to the creation

of the third member of what fans are calling the "folklorian family."

In a follow-up detailing the album's tracklist, Swift noted that she imagines *woodvale* as "the 'little brother' to *folklore* and *evermore*," even though the album consists of a far-from-modest 31 songs.

Although *woodvale* has only been out for a matter of hours, fans and critics alike are already describing it as a "masterpiece," suggesting that it might even top its critically-acclaimed siblings. Full of call-backs and clever references to Swift's earlier works, *woodvale* is the perfect precursor to the remasterings of Swift's first six studio albums.

"Dear Kanye," for instance, sees Swift revisit one of the more enduring and troubled relationships in her professional life, recalling how the artist left her "wondering which version of me you might record on the phone" and asserting that "you'll add my name to your raps about traitors who don't understand."

On "31," Swift expands her discography of age-centered songs as she muses about the triumphs and hardships that come with life in one's thirties, with lines such as "it feels like a perfect night / to be in bed by midnight" and "tonight's the night we need to meet our work deadlines."

"Into the Woods," which features Harry Styles, tells the tale of a pair of former lovers whose conversation at an awards show years after their breakup sends the internet into a

frenzy and prompts the two to ask one another "are we into the woods yet?" as they attempt to gauge how long their mundane interaction will be fodder for celebrity gossip columns.

If *woodvale* isn't enough to satisfy Swift's most devout fans, they need not worry—in a matter of weeks, they will be able to re-experience the magic of *Fearless* and, in the months to follow, remastered versions of Swift's other early-career albums.



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Taylor Swift's tenth studio album, *woodvale*, released at midnight on Wednesday, March 24.

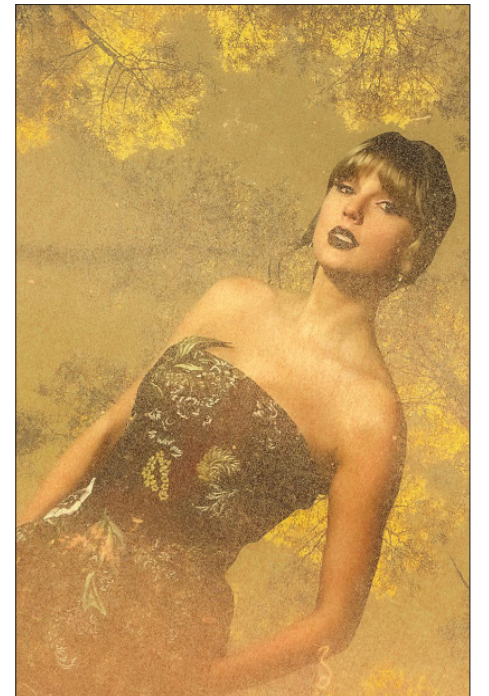


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The cover of *woodvale*.

Shocking Ending to the "Most Dramatic Season Ever" Matt James Learns to Kiss With His Eyes Closed

by A Proud Member of Bachelor Nation '22
Kidz Bop Staff

MATT JAMES'S GARAGE

Matt James, star of this season of *The Bachelor*, has decided to leave the show altogether in order to start his own version of the show, where contestants audition to teach him how to kiss with his eyes closed. In the final episode, Michelle Young told James, "I hope you move on with kissing with your eyes closed," after being sent home. This hit him hard, and he soon realized that he needed to leave the show



PHOTO COURTESY OF ABC.COM

Matt James kisses finalist Rachael Kirkconnell with his eyes open.

in order to become the best kisser that he could be. When saying goodbye to the final *Bachelor* contestant, Rachael Kirkconnell, James told her, "Yeah, I've realized that I need some space and time to find myself as a kisser and as a man."

Kirkconnell could hardly believe her ears, but she knew that him leaving was what would be best for the both of them—he needed to find the ability to be able to kiss without leaving both of his eyes open to look into the depths of her soul. Kirkconnell said in an interview, "Honestly it really did creep me out. I tried to ignore his eyes staring into my soul while making out, but it just became too much. She also said that with his growing beard, 'Closing my eyes can't stop me from knowing there are pieces of salami stuck in it.'" Kirkconnell also said, "After this experience I definitely am going to need some time as well. The feeling of being watched by the person you are making out with just becomes too much at a point, you know? Honestly, imagine if I had married that. He would have constantly been able to see all of my pores covered by mass amounts of foundation, as well as the residual food in my teeth."

Matt James is now living at home with his mom, hosting *The Bachelor Kissing Games* in the garage of his house. A *New York Times* reporter said that when interviewing contestant Lauren Number Three, Lauren said, "his kissing is still bad. Sometimes I peek an eye open and I feel like I jump out of my skin—it's the most chilling experience that I have had up to this day."

Hannah Brown, friend of James, is in support of his new venture. She told a reporter, "I hope that he is able to get the help he needs to learn to kiss with his eyes closed. I had my friend Heather make an appearance on the actual show *The Bachelor*, but she told me that she had to leave because he kissed her and she ended up fainting at the sight of his eyes staring at her." To stay up-to-date with James's journey in learning how



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Matt James and Heather Martin prior to her exit from his season of *The Bachelor*.



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Michelle Young confronts Matt James about his unique kissing technique.

to kiss, make sure to download the app Video Star and check in every week (YouTube and ABC both denied his request to have the show broadcasted on their platforms). Hopefully, James will learn to kiss with his eyes closed so that he can find the woman of his dreams.

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International Waffle Day

GOD STAR: A HOLY PARODY TO "ALL STAR" BY SMASH MOUTH

by Lil Wit '21
Unemployed Singer

OUR RISING STAR

Psalm 91 told Him the world ain't gonna know Him
They put a crown of thorns on His head.
He was preaching kingdom come, kind of hinting He's the One
Who was sent by the One and True Godhead.

Well the Lord is loving and He don't stop loving
Born as a man, the Jews knew of His coming
Didn't make sense not to be the Son
He came to talk about kingdom come.
So much to do, so much to preach
So what's wrong with telling a story?
You'll never know if you don't go
You'll never die if you follow.

Hey now, he's the Savior, get a move on, go pray
Hey now, he's the Savior, take your cross up, get saved.
And all the teachings are told
Open up your heart, free your soul.

It's a cruel place and they say it gets crueler
Nailed to a tree by a few Roman soldiers.
But Jesus Christ and death tend to differ
Judging by the holes that the three nails delivered.
The life you live is getting pretty grim.
But the Son of God came to save you all from sin.
My soul's on fire, how about yours?
It's all thanks to our Savior and the cross he bore.

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Somebody once asked could I spare some time for Mass.
I need to get myself to the sacred space.
I said yep what a concept.
I could use the Eucharist myself.
And we could all have our souls be saved.

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The Best Day

by W.B. Yeats '21
Unemployed Poet

NOT A MAJOR HOLIDAY

Today's the very best day, the best day,
Sweeter than sweet tea with lemonade.
Even though the sky is gray,
The sun will come and brighten the way!

I will take a coffee to go, the usual,
Some caffeine to fill my skull,
Of course they'll remember me,
I always bring exact change,
Counted every fee!

Then I will go to work,
Work a little overtime,
That employee of the month
Award, it will be mine!

& lunch! Oh lunch! I cannot wait
For seared salmon, it's a date!
Fresh caught fish eases the
Palette and it'll be on my plate!

Then I will go home,
An early day for me,
To watch Game of Thrones,
And eat ice cream!

Well, today did not go quite as planned,
It rained and rained and rained
And rained.
I was soaked all day.

At the coffee spot,
I forgot my cash,
And they forgot my name,
And forgot my order,
I come here every day; can't I catch a break?

Work was fine, I guess,
My hours were cut and I got fired.
I should take myself
To the unemployment line.



Lunch did not go as planned,
My salmon was cod,
And I hate cod.
Oh gosh.

I did make it home,
Much earlier in fact,
But those folks at HBO,
Ruined my favorite show.

We all credit ourselves, too much,
With whether our days will be rough,
Sometimes life just gets in the way,
We have no control, even on our
birthday!

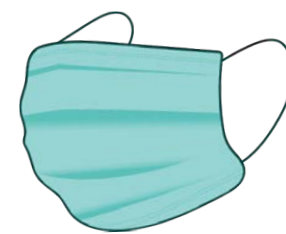
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The Day of the Darty

by Dot's #1 Fan '21
Unemployed Editor

A TOTALLY TRUE TALE



The day is September 26, 2020. Weather outside feels like day drinking. The student population has engaged in a darty dedicated to Vineyard Vines and White Claws on Weaton Street. Everything appears normal, until one student hears another cough. The events to follow were recorded by one of the few students who made it out alive.

2:03pm

The cough was heard nearly an hour ago. Everyone has fled the scene of the infection. The cops arrived, but they were no match to the student; they were forced to flee as well. I am currently with my suitemates. We plan to head back to campus where everything appears to still be normal. Hopefully news of the cough has not traveled...

3:11pm

Everything is quiet. We tried to go to Ray, but they won't let us in. It appears the news has spread fast. We are thrown some leftover chicken nuggets and told to go back to our room. Some students have begun camping outside of Ray hoping it'll open again. The darty has left them hungry for mediocre food. My roommate pulls out a granola bar that has been in his pocket since his 8:30 on Thursday. The students perk up at the sound of a wrapper. To avoid trouble, I chuck the half-eaten bar across

the sidewalk. My roommates and I race back to our suite.

3:52pm

The gates to the campus have closed. Rumor has it, the kid who coughed is on campus somewhere. We are not allowed to leave Suites until the student is found and reported to the health center. The school is offering a reward of \$1,000 PC Cash for whoever turns him in.

4:08pm

The drinking has continued. To suppress our fears of lockdown, we share liquor and beer with our neighbors down the hall. My roommate suggests we play a round of Wii Bowling to pass the time. From the hallway we hear, "THERE HE IS!" Everyone runs to look.

4:12pm

It is him. He's surrounded on the stairwell. He threatens to cough on anyone who approaches... No one moves. In the distance, sirens roar.

"Who called them on me?" We all stay silent. Next to me, I see my roommate has 911 pulled up on his phone. He has saved us.

5:01pm

We are in a standoff. Security is not allowed in or else the kid will infect us all. We have been standing for nearly an hour. No one knows that it was my roommate who

called. If the kid knew, we'd all be done for. We try to convince him that it is better for us all if he goes with security. He says he refuses to go to the Marriott. It is either the Omni or nothing.

5:22pm

Security has called the Omni and secured him a room. He is not satisfied. He demands a week-supply of General Tso's as well, and for Dot to personally deliver it.

"Leave Dot out of this!" The girl from 504 cries. Everyone is crying at the mention of Dot. She doesn't deserve to be brought into this. The kid won't stop demanding until the person who called security speaks up.

I turn to my roommate. "I love you," I whisper before I raise my hand. "It was me!"

The kid looks at me, eyes filled with rage. Before anyone can move, he pulls down his mask and coughs. Everything goes black.

7:38pm

I awake in my bed. My roommate is holding my hand. "What

happened?"

"You saved us."

"And Dot?"

"Is completely fine."

It is the best news I've heard all day. I cry tears of joy. I have saved Dot.

"All of Suites has to quarantine, but at least we're together." I let out another sob. He is right. At least we're together.

"Guys! Come look at this." We run to the hallway to see what everyone has gathered to see. On the lawn, we see Dot and Coach Cooley. They hold a sign that reads, "Our Hero." Around me, my friends raise a White Claw in my honor. The day has been long, but I know it is now over. Soon, I will get to hug Dot again, and everything will be okay.



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To the Guy Who Yelled at Me in Ryan

by Ryan's Room Best Gal '23
Unemployed Writer

LETTER TO THE A**HOLE

I drive back and forth from school to home,
the commuter life is not one I would've chosen.
But a room, a magical room, brings me back,
opens its arms wide open.

Sometimes I have to be the bearer of bad news,
and kick someone out and stifle their hurt.
They hang their head low, for not reserving it sooner,
I extend my gratitude in the form of a smile and compliment their shirt.

Usually, people walk away and keep their honor,
but one time, this whiny cry baby boy yelled at me in front of everyone.
I sat there and listened and watched how he stomped his foot.
It was shocking to watch someone come undone and want to throw me into the sun.

All he had to do was ask nicely to stay inside,
I am not a monster; I would've let it slide!
But instead, he was super mean and totally uncool
this guy made me cry, made me feel like a fool!

But what could I have expected from a short finance major?
A bit of respect and human decency?
I guess it wasn't something he could fit into his calculations,
didn't have it in him to leave the room peacefully.

I learned something valuable on this day.
When you take something from a boy (let's face it, he wasn't a man),
they'll throw a tantrum and try to make you feel bad.
Call it karma, this time it was me taking your land.

So, to the guy who yelled at me in Ryan,
you made me cry in the room I won.
I messed up my makeup, my eyeliner was smudged.
And because of that you have compact energy, so small, almost none.

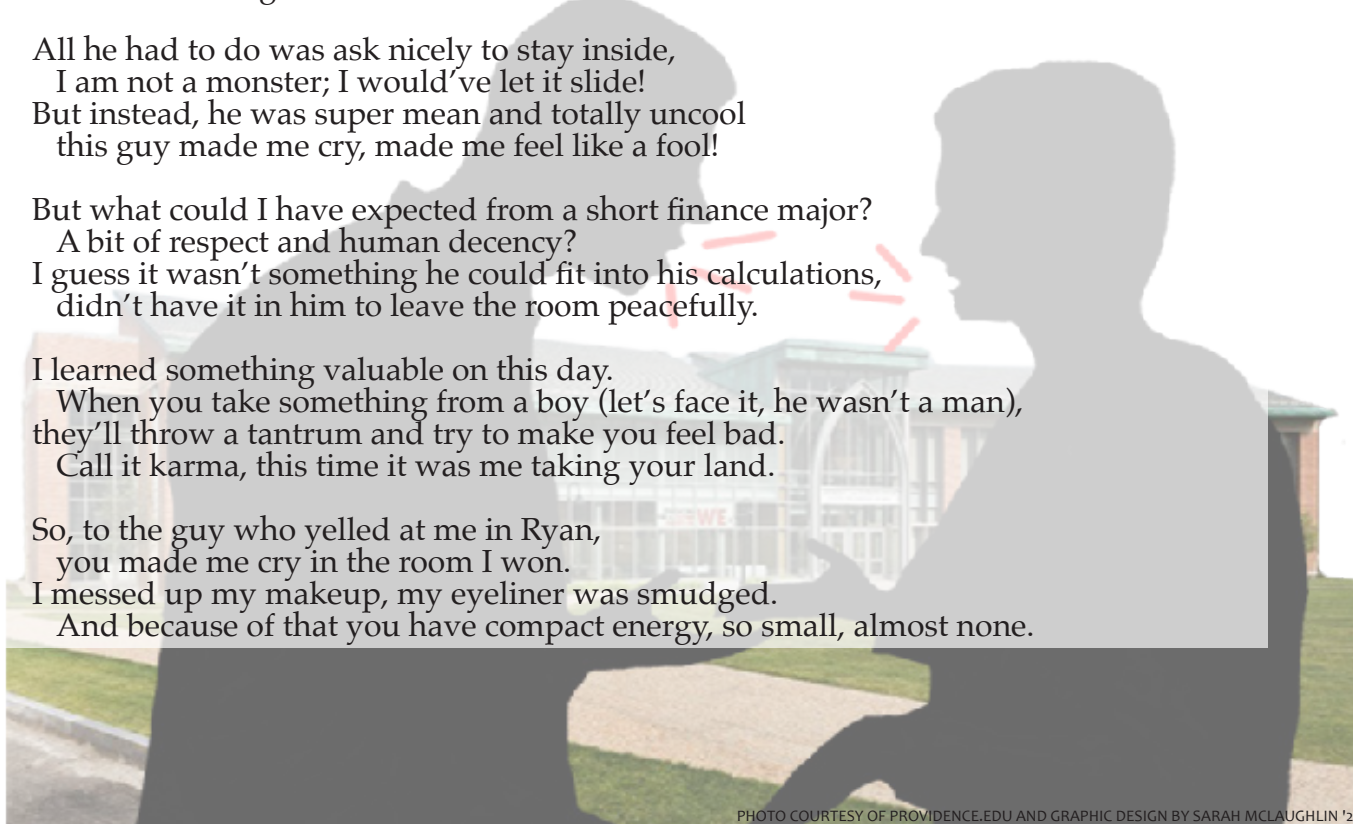


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Tiffany & Earl

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

Dear Tiff & Earl,

We know no one reads this section. What is the craziest advice you can give without getting caught?

Sincerely,

Your Only Fan

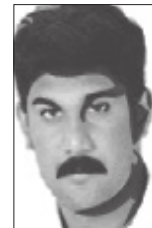
Earl, are we going to stand for this insult?

Tiff



Absolutely not. We're boycotting.

Earl



Listomania*

Best Ways to Raise Your Midterm Grades:

- Turn your grade upside down
- Convert it to the metric system
- Threaten to expose your professor on SugarDaddyMeet
- Give your professor a little gift *wink wink*
- Cram on your Wellness Wednesday
- Give an expository interview to Oprah about your professor
- Round it up to an A
- Send your professor a death threat
- Have Daddy pay your professor off
- Perform a ritual to the flame
- Give your professor your experimental COVID-19 vaccine
- Ask Paul Rudd for help
- Sign up for a late night tutoring session
- Send tasteful nood(le)s
- Just don't. Drop out of school and start an OnlyFans page instead

*Listomania and Tiffany & Earl are both satirical pieces that do not reflect the views of Providence College or The Cowl.

BREAKING NEWS!

After her third hit parody, Lil Wit has been noticed! "Weird Al" Records was blown away by the newest parody "God Star," and was eager to sign Lil Wit. Unfortunately, being that Lil Wit is going to get paid, she is no longer unemployed and must be relieved from our staff. The writers at the Unemployed Office wish her nothing but the best on her new adventure with capital greed. Hopefully "Weird Al" Yankovic is worth it.



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Cooley Names Dot Marcello as Successor *Dot Takes Talents From Dining Hall to the Dunk*

Dot

Continued from front page

Dot will have big shoes to fill as she steps into her new role. The impact that coach Cooley has made on Providence College as well as the city of Providence cannot be measured by wins and losses. He has been active in helping out the community at large since the day he was named head coach, and his recruiting skills have brought the Friars some of the best talent in the country, producing several NBA players over the years. Nonetheless, Cooley expressed confidence in his choice of successor.

"Dot challenged me to play her one-on-one the other day after chicken nugget Thursday. I said fine and expected to absolutely destroy her...let's just say I went home that night with two broken ankles and an extremely damaged self-esteem."

- Dean Steven Sears

"In all my years at Providence College, I have only met one person who has a higher basketball IQ than myself," said Cooley. "She is one of the fiercest competitors I have ever met, and I know that she will do just fine in filling my shoes. Please welcome your new head coach: Dot Marcello." Cooley made this announcement to the press just days ago, naming Raymond Dining Hall veteran Dot Marcello as his replacement.

Although this announcement came as a shock to many in the media, PC alumni, students, and staff could not think of anyone better for the job. When asked about the new coach, Providence College's Dean Steven Sears commented on her basketball ability and knowledge: "Dot challenged me to play her one-on-one the other day after chicken nugget Thursday. I said fine and expected to absolutely destroy her...let's just say I went home that night with two broken ankles and an extremely damaged self-esteem."



Many people on campus have been shown up by Dot on the basketball court. In her heyday, she was known for her surgical jump shot and playmaking ability. The Friars hope that coach Marcello will be able to adapt her skills to the coaching side of men's basketball and create a Big East powerhouse for years to come. With the confidence entrusted in her by Ed Cooley, she should be a perfect fit for the new-look Friars in 2021.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN A. SMITH

Securing the head coaching title brings Dot one step closer to cementing her status as one of PC's all-time legends.

Tennis Team Finds New Home Ten Stories Up *McVinney Hall Set to Host Team's Next Match*

by Serena Williams '21
Tennis Junkie

AGGRESSIVE EXPANSION

This just in, the Providence College Women's Tennis Team is to move their home matches to the roof of the freshman dorm McVinney Hall. The home courts of the Friars' tennis team were not cutting it this year, so after their match against Fairfield University, the decision was made to move all remaining matches to the



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Plans are in place for Friar Dom to lead the team onto the tennis courts before every match.

highest point in the city of Providence.

In order to do so, there are three steps that need to be taken beginning with all tennis athletes must move to the 10th floor, also known as the penthouse. Number two: the mayor of Providence, Jorge Elorza, has to approve of having flying tennis balls into the city. And finally, Father Sicard has to allow for construction to begin.

To begin this process, all tennis players must move, even those seniors who live on Eaton Street. McVinney has been a freshman girls' dorm since it was built, but because of this change, it now welcomes students of any class year. It may very well shake up the housing lottery and make McVinney a top contender for the place to live.

While some of the players are not too happy about moving into the tiny shoeboxes of dorm rooms, it is being done for the convenience of being right below the courts. There is a spiral staircase being put in that will lead right to the top, which will limit the amount of time the players usually spend hauling all the way to the courts from various points on campus. This is just one of the few amenities that are being put in for these athletes who are moving to the penthouse.

In terms of the second step, talking to the mayor of Providence to have a new law put in place that allows for tennis balls flying off of a tall building, several things are being done. PC tennis head coach, Jakob Klaeson,



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The rooftop tennis courts are the latest and greatest addition to PC's long line of facilities renovations.

had a conference call with the mayor. Klaeson had to craftily explain his reasoning for the odd law to be put in place, but eventually Mayor Elorza granted approval. The law that now allows for tennis balls to fall from the sky is known as "The Flying Tennis Ball Law." One thing Mayor Elorza made coach Klaeson promise is that if a ball ever reaches The Dunkin' Donuts Center, the player who hit it gets to be mayor for a day. This was a done deal.

Third and final step: pushing Father Sicard to get the ball rolling

on construction. One of the hardest parts about this construction is space. A regular-sized tennis court, which is necessary for NCAA requirements, is 78 feet in length and at least 36 feet wide. There needs to be some expansion on the roof to fit the necessary number of courts for the team. So, this will be the first step in construction. Indeed, the top of McVinney may look a little different next time you walk by it.

Make sure to grab tickets and make your way to the McVinney roof for the Friars' next home match against Merrimack University on March 28.

Should Intramural Athletes Get Paid?

Providence College Investigates: Intramural Sports

Back up the Brinks Truck

The debate about whether intramural athletes should be paid has been going on for quite some time now, and it seems that more and more evidence is being presented in favor of paying them. Far more is demanded of the intramural student-athlete than the average student. While regular students only need to focus on their classes, intramural student-athletes need to balance classes, practice, and games.

Many intramural athletes spend countless hours perfecting their craft on their own time so that they can perform well in their respective sports. Considering that these intramural athletes have so much to balance, it seems only fair that they should be paid.

Intramural athletes are some of the hardest workers on campus, yet they receive little recognition for their work, especially in comparison to student workers. Most student workers use far less physical effort than intramural athletes. In many cases, student workers show up to their position, work their shift, and head home.

The story for intramural athletes is far different. The dedication required of intramural athletes is incalculable compared to most student workers, yet they receive no form of compensation. These athletes attend meetings for their respective sports, practice with their teams, and play in games where they endure tremendous levels of hustle to win an intramural championship. And even for the athletes who are fortunate

enough to win a championship, all they are awarded is a t-shirt.

For too long we have been ignoring the mistreatment of intramural athletes. How can it be that intramural referees, who are also students, are paid, but the athletes who sacrifice far more time and energy receive nothing for their work? Something has to change.

If one were to calculate the time and energy exerted by a random intramural athlete and compare that to an intramural referee or any student worker for that matter, it would be clear that the efforts exerted by the athlete are far higher. The fact that this additional time and effort exerted by intramural athletes is not accounted for does not seem fair.

Now that I have established that intramural student-athletes work harder than most student workers, one could argue that the intramural student-athlete should be rewarded with at least equal pay to that of the student worker. It is unfair for intramural athletes to receive no form of pay or compensation other than t-shirts for champions. At the very least, intramural athletes should be compensated equally to the student referees who share the same fields as them.

-Isaiah Thomas '23
Greedy Athlete



No, This Is Absurd

We all know and love watching Providence College intramural sporting events. Nothing else combines the athletic and academic prowess of the average PC student as well. Nor is anything else nearly as exciting. In an intramural game, quite literally anything can and will happen. Anyone can sink the game-winning shot, hit a walk-off home run, or get to 21 in cornhole.

Whether or not intramural athletes should be paid is currently a hot topic. Simply put, it would ruin the integrity and fun of the events if we began paying intramural athletes.

First, I think it should be noted that students who play intramurals are being paid in education. While, yes, they may have to pay a small tuition fee to the College to even be enrolled, PC offers these kids something that nowhere else can: a diploma. Anyone can play flag football in a local rec league, but can you dominate on the field while also setting yourself up for future success? I do not think so.

Intramurals allows these athletes to compete and continue following their passions while preparing them for the real world. Additionally, they are achieving an education that will look attractive to employers, the people who will be paying them an actual salary. So, in a way, PC is already paying these athletes.

Any talk about a real, weekly salary for these players just seems illogical.

Firstly, where would PC find the money to pay them? It does not just grow on trees. But more importantly, it takes away what is so entertaining about intramural games in the first place. Anyone can pay to watch boring professionals play dodgeball, but what makes intramurals exciting is the thrill of the unexpected hero.

It is about the common student, like the kid who sits next to you in Development of Western Civilization, taking on the rowdy kids from across the hall freshman year. Anyone can show up and do anything. You start paying these players and all of this goes away. The volleyball games are no longer about obtaining that illustrious t-shirt and become all about the money.

Students will start acting like the pros, and the reason we gravitate to intramurals—to escape the stuffiness of the pros—will be lost. The league of the common students would be no more. This is why we absolutely cannot pay these athletes, as it will take away everything that makes intramurals so amazing in the first place.

-Bad For Business '22
Sports Purist



Duke, Watson to Headline *Space Jam 2*

by **Scottie Pipen '24**
Overlooked Sidekick

PROFESSIONAL ACTING

Big news from the box office. The second installment of the classic 1996 movie *Space Jam* is set to be released this July. LeBron James is headlining the film, stepping into the big shoes of Michael Jordan. Fans of the original movie have been hungry for a sequel for quite some time, making the film one of the most highly anticipated movies of the summer. For Providence College fans, the anticipation has increased drastically. Recently, Providence College men's basketball players, David Duke '22 and Nate Watson '21, have been asked to join the cast of *Space Jam: A New Legacy*.

Watson and Duke were standout players for PC in the 2021 season. Both players earned spots on the All-Big East Second Team. Additionally, David Duke was named an All-American Honorable Mention. Now director Malcom D. Lee is bestowing another honor on the two hoopers: offering them a place to star alongside LeBron James.

James is most likely the best, but certainly the most well known, basketball player of this generation. He has a very compelling argument for being the greatest player of all time. There is no surprise that he is headlining the film. But it should also be no surprise to Friar fans that David Duke and Nate Watson have been recruited. Both players have NBA draft buzz and are feared throughout all of the Big East. To add to their impressive basketball talents, much like James, Duke and Watson are quite popular on the internet.

Watson knows how to captivate an audience, as he has accumulated over 500K followers on the popular social media app TikTok. Duke has become quite the Providence icon himself, modeling for several local companies. There should be no debate, David Duke and Nate Watson were born to be on the big screen.

In terms of the movie, we already know LeBron



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If James wants to leapfrog Michael Jordan as the G.O.A.T., he will need to prove he can win when it matters most.

is on team Toon Squad. LeBron, Bugs Bunny, Lola Bunny, and the rest of the Looney Toons will look to take down the big bad Monstars. It is not yet confirmed, but it has been reported that Duke and Watson have been asked to lead the Monstars. This is fitting as Nate Watson himself is a monster on the court. Fans should expect to see all 6'10" 260lbs of Watson go to town on the Toon Squad. He and Duke make quite the alley-oop combo. The two teammates will have a tall task going up against LeBron James, but PC fans know how devastating the duo can be.

Friar fans should not assume that Duke and

Watson will be the only PC-affiliated players in the movie. The Monstars or whichever team the duo are thrown on will need all the help they can get to defeat LeBron and the Toon Squad. An appearance from Kris Dunn, coach Ed Cooley, or even Friar Dom is very possible.

Congratulations to David Duke and Nate Watson for adding another accolade to their already very impressive resumes. Don't forget to catch LeBron James, David Duke, and Nate Watson in *Space Jam: A New Legacy* on July 16 on HBO Max.

A Look Around Friartown

Food Trucks:

3/23 vs. Yuck Truck, loss 1-0
(Big East Tournament First Round)

Beer Die:

3/20 vs. University of Rhode Island, win 21-0
(NCAA Tournament First Round)

Crying in the Shower:

3/20 at McDermott Hall, win 6-1
(Big East Tournament Quarterfinals)

3/21 at Suites, loss 2-0
(Big East Tournament Semifinals)

Wellness Days:

3/23 at Homework, loss 1-0

3/23 vs. Anxiety, loss 4-0

Upcoming:

4/28 at Meaningful Rest (N/A)

02908 Club:

3/22 at Predatory Rent Prices, loss 8000-0

Upcoming:

3/29 vs. Cornering the Market

McPhail's:

3/23 vs. Four Dollar IPAs, win 4-0

3/23 vs. Three Dollar Bud Lights, win 3-0

Upcoming:

3/26 vs. Popcorn

3/26 at The Basketball Toss

Phillips Memorial Library:

3/21 vs. Studying, loss 10-0

Upcoming:

3/27 at Staring at Phone for an Hour

3/28 at "I'll Finish It Tomorrow Morning"

IMLeagues App:

3/19 vs. Crashing, loss 3-0

Upcoming:

3/24 vs. Actually Getting Gym Time (N/A)

PROVIDENCE

PC Announces Intramural Bubble

by Adam Silver '23
Future IAB President

INTRAMURALS

The wait is finally over: intramurals are now fully back at Providence College. Rec Sports is bringing back the likes of flag football, three-on-three basketball, five-on-five basketball, soccer, kickball, and team handball. Students have been craving this return to normalcy, and finally, the administration has given the green light for students to compete with their friends on the field and court to fight for an intramural championship.

To accommodate the intramural program, PC has coordinated with the downtown Marriott to rent out all rooms in the hotel from April 12 through May 14 to house the athletes. Athletes will be required to quarantine from April 12 to April 18 and will be tested every day to ensure the safety of both their teammates and opponents.

Once the athletes complete their quarantine period, they will be allowed to room with their teammates and interact with them within the Marriott. Unlike students in quarantine or isolation due to positive COVID-19 cases, athletes will have access to both the Marriott weight room and pool. However, they are prohibited from leaving the Marriott property. During this time in quarantine, the athletes will be forced to take their classes fully remote; however, given that most classes are already remote, this will not be much of a change from the academic status quo.

For the outdoor sports, teams will be bused back onto campus and will compete either on Hendricken or Lennon Field during the evening or night. Fans are allowed to watch the game and cheer on their friends as long as they are following proper COVID-19 guidelines. Because athletes have been in an isolated bubble, they are not required to wear masks while they compete, which many intramural athletes are elated about.

The indoor sports will take place in the Peterson Recreation Center, where fans can also be in attendance. However, all interaction between the fans and the players must be at least six feet apart. After each game concludes, the players are required to return directly to the Marriott.

Winning the most coveted prize that Providence College has to offer, an intramural t-shirt, will require a lot of sacrifice and commitment this year more than ever, and the administration recognizes the hardships that these athletes will face. They are rewarding all teams that qualify for the playoffs with an open bar celebration at McPhail's following the season, which all students with a real or fake ID can enjoy.

Students will also be allowed to have visitors for the final playoff week. These visitors, who can be friends, family members, or anyone else who the athletes desire to see, will all need to receive seven straight negative tests in the week leading up to their stay at the Marriott. Once there, they

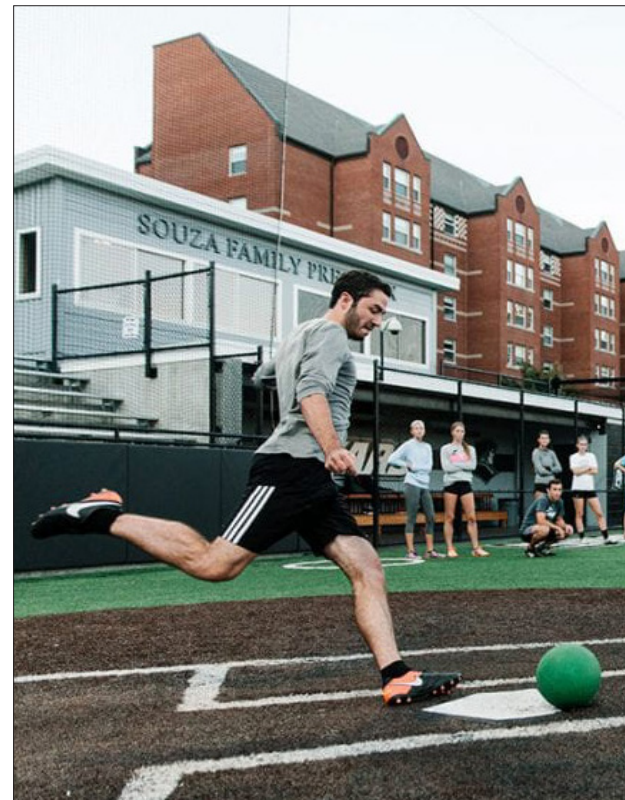


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Friar athletes everywhere are ready to sacrifice Ray dinners and long nights in the library to pursue their dreams of being crowned as the best athletes PC has to offer.

can remain as long as they want and have the opportunity to attend all competitions.

Furthermore, the championships for both intramural three-on-three and five-on-five basketball will be located at the Dunkin' Donuts Center. Given that this is the last intramural game for both teams and that the school year is winding down, all students will be granted access to watch the games. This should be a fantastic experience for both the athletes and student body, who were deprived of watching the Friars play at the Dunk for an entire season.

While many are excited about intramurals coming back, some students are calling into question whether this extravagant plan is truly necessary for intramural sports to make a return. Considering that students are tested twice a week and vaccinations are on the rise, many are arguing that this plan is a waste of money. However, others do appreciate the precautions the administration has in place, for both the students and the surrounding community. They also have expressed excitement around some of the freedoms athletes can enjoy within the confines of the Marriott bubble.

Regardless, the fact that intramurals are returning is a point of celebration across the PC community, and the fact that it can make a return yet again proves why PC is the number one college for intramural sports in the entire country.

Signups for the sports will begin on Sunday, April 28, on IMLeagues at midnight.



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The Intramural Athletic Board is looking forward to giving their world-class athletes a chance to finish out their seasons for one more chance at a championship.