



## Good Luck on Finals! CU in 2017!

### University Mourns Loss of Law School Student

By DUANE PAUL MURPHY  
Tower Staff

The Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America mourns the sudden death of a sophomore legal student from Arlington, Virginia named Benjamin Fendler. Fendler died on November 20th, 2016.

Faculty and staff members at the Columbus School of Law expressed their own condolences and memories of Fendler.

"We were deeply saddened by the loss of a beloved member of our CUA Law community, Ben Fendler," said Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Katie Gamelin Crowley. "Ben was a friend to many in this building and always ready to participate in class discussion with great insight and humor."

"Ben was a special person with a big heart, a lot of humor, a real appreciation for the interests of others and a great deal of legal talent," said law school professor David A. Lipton. "We have all lost a colleague, a friend and someone who made our days a bit brighter. It will be hard for me to go into the classes in which he was a student of mine without thinking about him."

Born and raised in Louisiana, Fendler graduated from the University of

Virginia in 2008 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in political science and government. During his own time as an undergraduate, he worked as an intern and then eventually as a campaign assistant for former Louisiana governor and Republican presidential candidate Bobby Jindal. After graduation from the University of Virginia, he worked with a variety of political organizations that emphasized economic development such as the National Association of State Workforce Agencies, the National Council of State Housing Agencies, the Urban Institute, and the Rockefeller Foundation.

While attending and studying at the Columbus School of Law, Fendler participated in the Securities Law Program and was recently awarded The Securities Law Program's Scholarship for 2016. He also received the George P. Smith Honorary Scholarship in both his first and second years of law school.

Many members of the university community attended a Catholic mass in Fendler's honor on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 at 12:15 pm in the Columbus School of Law's Mary, Mirror of Justice Chapel. A memorial service took place that same day at 5:00 pm in the school's Slowinski Courtroom with members of Fendler's family in attendance.

### Spinning Trend Takes Students From Kane

By NATALIE HURST  
Contributing Writer

On Sunday evening, after a long holiday weekend filled with overbearing relatives, traffic jams, and one slice of apple pie too many, ambitious Washington residents flocked to Flywheel studio in Dupont Circle. By 4:50 p.m., the sixty-three-person spin studio reaches mass capacity. Eight minutes later, the lights dim and the background music grows louder. At 5 o'clock

exactly, instructor Christine McDonough, 26, snaps her shoes into the pedals of her black and blue bike, located on a boxed podium in the center of the crescent-shaped room. After reminding riders of the studio's motto to "never coast," McDonough blasts Katy Perry's California Girls and instructs riders to turn up the resistance on their bikes.

Forty-five minutes, eleven songs, and twenty miles later, sweat drips from the forehead of every rider in the room. After stretching,



PAIGE WEARMOUTH, TOWER STAFF

Managing Editor, Alex Huntley (left) and Editor-in-Chief, Angelica Sisson (right).

### The Tower Elects 122nd Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor

By PAIGE WEARMOUTH  
Tower Staff

The Tower Student Newspaper elected a new set of leaders on Thursday night after the current Editor-in-Chief's term came to a close.

Angelica Sisson, a senior Classics major with a Philosophy minor, was elected Editor-in-Chief.

Sisson began her time with The Tower as a writer at the start of her sophomore year. This was her first semester at Catholic University after transferring

from the University of Arizona.

In her second semester with the newspaper, Sisson became a copy editor, and several semesters after became the News Editor.

"The Tower has always been my favorite organization on campus. I can't wait to start this position," Sisson said.

Along with Sisson, several other members of The Tower gained new positions on the staff.

Alexander Santana, a freshman politics major, was nominated as News Editor to

fill Sisson's former position. Stephen Calandrino, also a freshman politics major, was nominated as Website Editor. Duane Paul Murphy, a sophomore politics major, became Quill Editor. Lauren Ferraro, a sophomore finance major became the organization's Business Manager.

Sisson said she is eager to work with so many new editorial members, and help teach the next generation of the newspaper's staff.

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### SGA Proposes Extended Hours in Mullen and Pryzbyla

By EMILY JOHNSON  
Tower Staff

On December 5th, the Student Government Association met for its final time of the semester, discussing a variety of topics, including three resolutions, while also reflecting back on the fall semester.

The meeting began with general questions and comments from the student body, as well as faculty members that were in attendance. During this time, Sean Calabria, a junior Political Science major, spoke on a new organization he is starting on campus, called

"CUA Homefront."

"CUA Homefront is dedicated to the advocacy and appreciation of our servicemen and women. We intend to cultivate a culture of patriotism and gratitude among the CUA community for our troops through charitable donations and events designed to engage student's interest in national defense," Calabria said.

Also brought up during this time was a question regarding the status of the Student Government resolutions that have been passed or are in the process of being reviewed, of which there are five.

Their first requested

that Election Day be granted as an official university holiday in future years in order to facilitate high voter turnout among students and faculty. It is currently being looked into by The Catholic University of America administration, although members of the Student Government Association recognize that this resolution may take years to be put into effect.

The second resolution regarded naming streets and updating signs on campus, and is currently under consideration, with The

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# NEWS

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Nov 22-Dec 21  
Happy birthday, Sagittarius! Get ready for a lot of venmo transfers from friends who are too distracted to buy you a present.
- ♎ CAPRICORN**  
Dec 22-Jan 19  
Your soulmate is wearing an Apple Jacks t-shirt today. Buy them a drink, or some cereal.
- ♊ AQUARIUS**  
Jan 20-Feb 18  
Your ex-man brought his new girlfriend and she's oh my god but you just gotta shake it off.
- ♓ PISCES**  
Feb 19-Mar 20  
Drink some chamomile and take a bath, your angstiness is starting to effect everyone around you.
- ♈ ARIES**  
March 21-April 19  
Mercury isn't in retrograde, stop blaming it for the fact everyone is mad at you.
- ♉ TAURUS**  
April 20-May 20  
Buying your professor a Starbucks before your exam isn't bribery technically, it's just supporting a caffeine habit and maybe it'll give a bump on your test. No guarantees though.
- ♊ GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
Venus is covering the moon, make a list of everything that has to be done or else you may forget.
- ♋ CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Go order some pizza. This is me, giving you permission, to order pizza for yourself. Eat in your room and don't share with your roommates.
- ♌ LEO**  
Jul 23-Aug 22  
I know you're tempted, but don't take adderall, just drink coffee. It's not like caffeine is a drug.
- ♍ VIRGO**  
Aug 23-Sep 22  
As Saturn moves into the light of the moon be sure to study hard for your third final because things are not looking up.
- ♎ LIBRA**  
Sep 23-Oct 22  
Neptune know you've been eyeing that person in your philosophy class, better make a move, semester is almost over.
- ♏ SCORPIO**  
Oct 23-Nov 21  
Set five alarms the morning of your trip home, the stars say you're going to be hitting snooze a lot.

## THE POLITICS CORNER

BY CHRISTOPHER MOTOLA AND DUANE PAUL MURPHY, TOWER STAFF

### Transition Team of the President-elect

Courtesy of cosmopolitan.com



In the weeks since the election, President-elect Donald Trump has begun to lay the groundwork for his Presidential Cabinet. So far, Trump and his transition team have nominated former investment banker and hedge fund investor Steve Mnuchin for Secretary of the Treasury, retired General James Mattis for Secretary of Defense, Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions for Attorney General, former banker Wilbur Ross for Secretary of Commerce, CKE Restaurants C.E.O. Andy Puzder for Secretary of Labor, Georgia congressman Tom Price for Secretary of Health and Human Services, 2016 Republican Primary contender and Neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, former Labor Secretary Elaine Cho McConnell for Secretary of Transportation, billionaire Michigan education activist Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education, and retired military general John Kelly for Secretary of Homeland Security. Speculative candidates for Secretary of State include former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, former Governor of Utah Jon Huntsman, and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Trump is expected to finish making cabinet appointments before the end of the year.

### 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." These were the chilling words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt uttered to a joint session of Congress the day after the tragic and devastating attack that left 2,403 American servicemen killed and 1,178 wounded. Hours after President Roosevelt finished his speech to the nation, the United States Congress declared war on Japan which in turn resulted in Japan's two allies, Nazi Germany led by Adolf Hitler, and Fascist Italy by Benito Mussolini, both declaring war on the United States of America. Thursday we observed the 75th anniversary with great sympathy and solemnity. We honor those who were viciously killed and all those who later fought to defend this great nation from the nations of evil. After Pearl Harbor, the United States was able to stand united with Great Britain and the Soviet Union and later "set free a suffering humanity" as President Roosevelt would later say in his D-Day prayer on June 6, 1944. The greatest generation fought and sacrificed not only to save the world from the armies of darkness but also to "preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization." We must always thank and honor those who have, are currently, and will in the future fight to preserve, protect, and defend the United States of America and freedom everywhere.

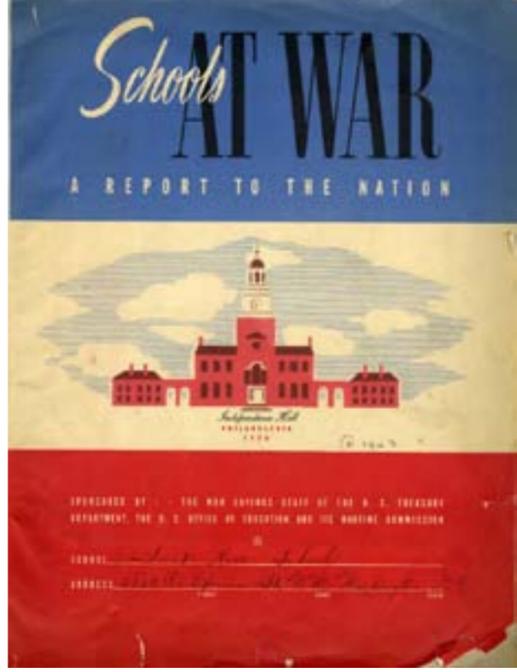


Photo taken from Catholic University's The Archivist's Nook. Depicts a report from St. Rose Technical School filed with the Office of Education and the Wartime Commission during the war.

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- The person in your group project that you're *kind of* in love with...wine glass.
- The name you drew for Secret Santa whom you have never heard of...brownie mix. Everyone loves brownie mix.
- That friend who posts too much on Facebook...a journal.
- For your token Philosophy major friend...a Starbucks giftcard, so they can feel important while reading Nietzsche in front of people.
- The roommate you started out loving and now kind of want to murder....tell them materialism isn't your thing.
- Your mom...the White House Christmas ornament, or a candle.
- Your dad...another shirt.



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# NEWS

## Kane Center Adds New Classes

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unclipping their shoes, and high-fiving McDonough, riders leave the Flywheel studio feeling ready to conquer the week ahead.

Promising workouts that are innovative, energizing, and body-changing, it is no wonder that students at The Catholic University of America are ditching the campus gym and venturing into the city to get their sweat on.

The most popular fitness studios attended by Catholic students in Washington include SoulCycle, FlyWheel, and Sculpt DC. SoulCycle and FlyWheel's are best known for their high-intensity, 45-minute cycling classes. Both studios also offer cycling sessions for sixty or ninety minutes.

Sculpt DC is another fitness studio in Washington. Like FlyWheel and SoulCycle, Sculpt also offers cycling classes.

The costs of these fitness classes do not come cheap. One, 45-minute cycling class at FlyWheel costs \$28. A single ride at SoulCycle costs \$30-\$34 depending upon whether or not riders have their own spin shoes. Unlike SoulCycle and FlyWheel, Sculpt DC does not offer a single class purchasing option. Instead, participants must buy a package of classes. The fee for five classes of yoga at Sculpt DC costs \$90 or a package for five cycling classes costs \$110.

In order to help fund her passion for fitness classes, Caitie Whitford, a junior at the university, has recently picked up a part-time job at Urban Outfitters in Georgetown.

"I got really into Sculpt last year. The first class I went to was so hard I almost blacked out. It was an incredible workout," Whitford said.

Whitford believes the \$34 cost is well worth the physical and mental health benefits she gets from taking a SoulCycle class.

"I feel like I'm more inclined to spend money on working out because it's an inspiring environment which makes me want to better myself," Whitford said.

Jacqueline Drexel, 20, is another SoulCycle fanatic. Drexel went to her first class SoulCycle during the fall of her sophomore year of college. Drexel disliked the environment of the campus gym, which she described as being too loud, bright, and crowded. Drexel likes that the SoulCycle studio room is dark. She likes that she is unable to see the faces of the others in the class.

"No one is looking at you or judging you so I'm truly focused on the workout rather than the distracting lights of a treadmill or elliptical monitor," Drexel said.

Drexel attends at least one class per week, calling them her "special treat." In this semester alone, Drexel has attended more than 15 classes at SoulCycle. Like Whitford, Drexel works a second job at a restaurant in Georgetown in order to help fund her spin craving.

"To me it's worth it. I don't care if I have to work a

few extra hours. It's something I love to do. It's a stress reliever, it's fulfilling, and I leave every class feeling motivated to go to the school work week ahead," Drexel said.

In an attempt to keep up with the competitive city classes, Catholic's student gym, most commonly referred to as the Kane, has added more classes to their weekly schedule.

"As a student run fitness center, we work hard to provide fitness classes and trainers to the students of CUA to help them exercise at a free cost right here on campus," student worker Riley Hawblitzel said.

In addition to free personal and group training, the Kane also offers cycling, yoga, zumba, as well as several high-intensity circuit classes. All of the Kane's instructors are certified in the classes that they teach. This is a requirement of the gym established to ensure that students receive the maximum benefit from the classes they take.

While they might not have a separate spin or heated yoga studio, Hawblitzel believes that the Kane's classes that are challenging and comparable to those offered downtown.

Devon McElwaine, a junior at university, considers cycling and yoga to be her favorite workouts. As a freshman and sophomore, McElwaine attended classes at the Kane regularly. This year, McElwaine has started attending FlyWheel and Sculpt classes because her class schedule conflicted with the fitness classes offered at the Kane.

"I like to workout in the morning and all of the classes I wanted to take were scheduled at night this semester," McElwaine said. "The city classes might cost more, but my performance definitely increased by taking them."

Amy Werbitsky, a current senior at Catholic, has worked out and attended classes at the Kane since her freshman year.

"I've pretty much given all the classes a try," Werbitsky said. "I always did the campus classes because they were convenient and free."

This year, Werbitsky attended her first cycling class at FlyWheel to see how it compared with classes at the Kane and was impressed by the workout she received.

"The difference was crazy," Werbitsky said. "Don't get me wrong, I always leave the Kane sweaty, but when I left my first FlyWheel class, I was sore in muscles I didn't even know existed."

Despite the Kane's attempt to compete with the Washington D.C.'s fitness studios, Catholic students do not seem willing to give up taking classes in the city, at least any time soon. Jon Paul Weiss, 20, a SoulCycle regular, captures the general attitude of Catholic University students.

"The reason I travel downtown and spend \$30 on a class is because in the end, I feel like I'm getting a great workout and I'm getting my money's worth," Weiss said.

## SGA Proposes New Prayer Space to Mixed Reviews

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Catholic University of America administration looking into hiring a consulting firm for the project.

The third resolution that was passed authorized the purchase of t-shirts for every member of the Student Government Association. This bill allowed for \$900 to be spent on the t-shirts, for the purpose of visibility and unity at school events. The t-shirts were ordered and are being distributed.

Lastly, the fourth resolution proposed a tuition guarantee, and is still being reviewed in a committee.

Turning to current business, the Student Government Association moved to hear about resolutions 005, 006, and 007. Resolution 005 regards the modification of the hours of the John K. Mullen of Denver Memorial Library; resolution 006 concerns the construction of a non-denominational meditation and prayer room; and resolution 007 proposed an extension of the hours of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center.

Resolution 005, which would extend library hours on Sunday evenings, passed unanimously. The resolution,

if adopted by The Catholic University of America administration, would allow for a quiet place to study, as well as increased time to print and use university-provided computers.

Kate Hornburg, a freshman education major, hopes that the administration listens to the students and extends the hours of the library.

"My family lives a few hours from campus, so I often find myself coming back to my dorm on Sunday nights after a weekend at home and realizing that I need to print a paper or an assignment for my Monday classes. The [library] is much closer to my dorm than Leahy, so it would be great if it was open past the current time of 7:00 p.m.," Hornburg said.

Resolution 006, which proposed a non-denominational meditation and prayer room, received equal amounts of support and criticism.

Father Jude provided an alternative idea, where instead of a meditation and prayer room the university would add another chapel. As opposed to other chapels on campus, however, there would be no altar and the blessed sacrament would not be present.

"When you're dealing with The Catholic University of America, we're bending, bending, bending, but we cannot break," Father Jude said.

Finally, resolution 007, proposed by Brianna Howard, would extend the hours of the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center Sunday through Thursday. Currently, the Pryzbyla Center is open until 12 a.m. on these nights, but if the resolution is adopted by The Catholic University of America administration, hours would extend until 2:00 a.m. This resolution passed and will be passed on to the administration.

Emily Earley, a freshman Biology major, doesn't think that the change will make much of a difference.

"Personally, most of my friends and I don't hang out or study in the [Pryzbyla] past midnight as it is, so I don't think it would really impact me at all either way. If other people want the hours extended though I think the administration should be aware of that, so it's good that the [resolution] was brought up," Earley said.

The Student Government Association will not meet again until January of spring semester.

## The Tower Welcomes New Leadership For Upcoming Year

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"A lot of the staff are seniors, so I think a major focus will be put on training the underclassmen," Sisson said.

During the group's election process this week, the staff decided to create the position of Managing Editor in order to improve the graphic design of the newspaper and help alleviate some of the responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief position.

Elected to this position was Alex Huntley, a sophomore Studio Art major with a concentration on photography and digital design. She also holds a double-minor in Philosophy and Psychology.

Huntley said she is hoping to accomplish a "smoother integration of text and pictures with the paper's design."

Huntley hopes that the addition of this position to the

editorial board will add to the aesthetics of the newspaper.

"This will help make *The Tower* more visually pleasing and help to eliminate graphic errors," Huntley said.

Sisson said she already has plans for her time as editor.

"If there's one thing I really want to accomplish it's trying to get back in print," Sisson said.



PAIGE WEARMOUTH, TOWER STAFF  
Managing Editor, Alex Huntley (left) and Editor-in-Chief, Angelica Sisson (right).

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
**AA MEETS ON THURSDAY AT 7:30 P.M.**  
**CALDWELL HALL 325**

# A&E

## A View From The Bridge: A Review

By Maria Rodriguez  
Tower Staff

Simple theater is powerful.

Stripped of any trimmings, the actors have just the words of the playwright to work with – it's like Shakespeare. Remember, actors had props, costumes, and not much else – such was the case in the run of Arthur Miller's *A View From the Bridge*, played at the Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater throughout most of November. Directed by Tony Award winner Ivo van Hove, this production was eagerly anticipated by the theater literati and was glowingly received by the city's critics.

The Story

A man raises a girl, and his affection grows to proportions inappropriate. How could such a thing happen? The audience isn't given much room to wonder, and that's not the point. We're supposed to watch what happens as a result.

The action takes place, as most things do, in New York City, in the home of an Italian family. There's a husband and wife, who have taken in an orphaned niece. It becomes clear that there is an odd dynamic between the husband and his orphaned ward – the hugs are too intimate, the caresses too warm. It's disturbing to watch, and the wife recognizes it as so. But the parties involved don't, or at least don't want to, recognize it.

Suddenly, immigrant cousins arrive on a ship, illegally, and the young, beauti-

ful, blonde, degenerate immigrant cousin falls in love with the orphaned niece. Drama ensues.

To help the audience along, a narrator appears; a lawyer. Opening the play and commenting throughout as though relaying a story, he breaks at one point in a discourse on natural law. Perhaps these words are too dense, too confusing to be easily relatable in the lines of play, and yet his point is simple: consistency. In all the unsettling action that takes place onstage, the narrator appears to remind you, these characters are what they appear. And the staging of the play mimics that.

I was once told by a playwright that film tells you where to look, but a playwright tells you what to hear. There's no telling where your eyes might wander onstage. Even in all your wanderings, the lines are still spoken, and plugging your ears is rude. Words, words, words, as Eliza Doolittle mourned, they can be a bit sickening if they're meaningless and overabundant.

But under the direction of Ivo van Hove, Arthur Miller's sentences and silence are pregnant with purpose and they are the action. It wasn't the visual of the stage – empty, caged-in, and lit with unflattering, The Office-type lighting – but was the performances of the actors of the characters that enlivened the play. Just as good theater is meant to do.



PHOTO BY JAN VERSWEVELD  
ALEX ESCOLA AS MARCO, CATHERINE COMBS AS CATHERINE, DAVE REGISTER AS RODOLPHO, AND FREDERICK WELLER AS EDDIE.

## Getting in the Spirit with *A Christmas Carol*

By Antoinette Cea  
Tower Staff

Michael Wilson's adaptation of Charles Dickens' "*A Christmas Carol*" performed at Ford's Theatre is a Christmas delight for even the coldest of hearts.

Craig Wallace played the role of Ebenezer Scrooge wonderfully, and audiences are truly able to witness the growth of the character as he meets with the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, played by Felicia Curry and Barbara Pinolini.

Curry and Pinolini also

played vendors in the market place, and successfully switch roles frequently.

Director Michael Baron had those in the audience feeling exactly what he intended them to feel. At times, we cried with Scrooge at his memories, and laughed with the vendors in the market place. At other times we questioned our own morality and the true meanings of Christmas and charity.

The delightful performance is truly enhanced

by the experience of watching a play at Ford's Theatre, directly across or below the famous box-seat of the Lincoln Assassination, still adorned graciously with American Flags and his seat. Audiences are permitted to feel like active and participating members of history as they witness a fantastic show in a place that housed a watershed moment in American history.

## The King Returns: J. Cole's New Album Releases Today

By Piero Filpi  
Tower Staff

On December 9, 2014, J. Cole released a masterpiece of an album titled, *2014 Forest Hill Drive*. His third, breakthrough studio album had no big names, no diss tracks beckoning for publicity, and no corny, mainstream beats. J. Cole stuck to his North Carolina roots, and rapped what he knew about: the town he grew up in, his family, and the people that surrounded his community. J. Cole stayed close to home with *2014 Forest Hill Drive*, and the reality portrayed in each and every song of that thirteen track album oozes through speakers, forcing people to listen to his powerful words. The originality of Cole's beats and lyrics is the reason why the man went double platinum, and took his album to sell more than one million LPs without a guest appearance, the first LP to do so in twenty-five years. *2014 Forest Hill Drive* was the glimmer of hope the rap community needed, because it showed aspiring artists that rapping about drugs, fornication, and money was a stale and unoriginal route that only lead to the creation of commercial nonsense.

Now, exactly two years later, Cole has shocked the rap world by announcing his new album, *4 Your Eyez Only*. On December 6, Cole released the song "False Prophets," to tease the album's release, and yet again, Cole's rap flow, original beats, and real lyrics blast through your speakers, and leave you wanting oh so much more. "False Prophets" is a promising look into the future of Cole, and although he said at the Meadow Music & Arts Festival that he would take a long hiatus from performing at shows, the album release avvid rap fans have been waiting for will probably turn that statement untrue. Fortune seems to be in Cole's favor for the moment, but time will only tell if *4 Your Eyez Only* will reach the heights *2014 Forest Hill Drive*. Our bet is it won't. *4 Your Eyez Only* will surpass his last double platinum album.



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# SPORTS

## Men's Basketball Wins Conference Opener, Now 5-1

By Jimmy Cassidy  
Tower Staff

The men's basketball team at Catholic University began its defense of the Landmark Conference crown on Saturday, December 3rd, with a win over the Rangers of Drew University, 84-81. In a game that featured 9 ties and 14 lead changes, the Cardinals were the ones to come out on top in front of their home crowd at the Raymond A. DuFour Center. The victory gives Catholic a 1-0 conference record to begin Landmark play, and their current record now stands at 5-1.

The high-scoring contest called for proficient scorers from both teams, and Catholic's two main leaders came up big to lead the attack.

Senior sharpshooter Louis Khouri led all scorers in the game with 27 points. All six of the shots he knocked down came from behind the three-point line, and he also got it done behind another line, the free throw charity stripe, shooting 9-11.

Junior Landmark pick for player of the year, Jay Howard, followed close behind with 24 points on the evening. Drew had no answer for the 6'3" forward all game long, so the best it could do was foul him. Howard attempted 21 free throws, converting 16 of the attempts. In addition to 4-9 shooting, Howard also added 7 rebounds and 7 assists to contribute a great sum to the CUA offensive effort. Sophomore forward Andrew

Wade came up just short of a double-double in the game, finishing with 15 points and 9 rebounds against the Rangers.

As they have all season, Howard and Khouri shouldered most of the weight to put up numbers for Catholic. They average 19.3 and 17.5 points, respectively, so far this season, and will likely be called upon to do more of the same as conference play progresses. Without the likes of the now-graduated Bryson Fonville and Kevin and Kyle Phanord in the backcourt, coach Steve Howes and his squad will have to look to other outlets for scoring and leadership.

There are a number of players who look to fill those roles this year to make

another run at winning the Landmark Conference. They include freshmen Brandon Easton and Ross Gerber, sophomores Wade, Jimmy Golaszewski, and Andre Mitchell, and juniors Billy Barnes, Jeff Holland, and Matt McKinnon. Mitchell and Easton have alternated time at the guard position, while Golaszewski recently impressed with a 21-point performance off the bench in a win over DeSales College.

CUA battled all evening long to get the best of Drew. The Rangers shot an impressive 58% from the field and held the advantage in points in the paint, 36-22, and bench points, 28-4. The only true category Catholic had the upper hand in was free throws, as they shot 27-35 compared to Drew's 9-14 on the night. The visitors, though, carried a slim 44-40 lead into halftime, led for most of the second half, but never got out in front of the Cards by more than five points. Catholic lurked throughout the game, and kept it close to make a late run in the second half.

With just under two minutes in the second half of play, Drew knocked down consecutive shots to go up 81-77. Mitchell answered with 1:24

to play with a layup to bring the lead back down to two. A game of strategy ensued as Drew called timeout with little time left to draw up a play. Coach Howes won the battle as the defense forced a turnover and called a timeout of their own to stop the clock. With 40 seconds left, the ball went to the top of the paint to Howard, who drew multiple defenders. Howard kicked it out to Khouri who took the shot from deep. The three-pointer was good, and Catholic took a 82-81 lead with 30 seconds to play.

A final defensive stop allowed the Cardinals to seal the win with some free throws. The team was victorious in its first Landmark action, by a final score of 84-81.

The team will be back in action on Saturday, December 10th, in an away game against Neumann College at 5 PM. CUA's next Landmark action does not come until 2017, as the squad is set to take on Elizabethtown on Wednesday, January 11th. In between, though, Catholic will host the CUA-Holiday Inn College Park Classic during the weekend after Christmas.



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Senior guard Louis Khouri attempts a three point shot against the Drew Rangers. He made 6 threes in the contest.

## Women's Basketball Defeated by Salisbury, 64-59

By Jared Prenda  
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The Catholic University Women's Basketball team suffered its first defeat of the season on Wednesday, December 7th when they took on the Salisbury University Seagulls. The Cardinals fell 64-59 and dropped their formerly perfect record to 6-1 overall.

The Cardinals had a rough beginning to their away bout against Salisbury, falling behind 8-2 with in the 1st 4 minutes of the game. The Birds' early struggles continued throughout the 1st quarter, falling behind 24-16 by the end of the first 10 minutes. The team managed to turn the ship around in the second quarter by matching points with Salisbury so that they went into the half with only 8 points down at 39-31.

Following their slow 1st half, the Cards managed to take control for most of the second half with a late surge to take the lead. CUA managed to outscore the Seagulls 12-10 in the 3rd quarter to put

them within striking distance of the lead. The 4th quarter was a hard-fought bout with Catholic managing to not only close the gap, but take the lead twice late in the game.

The 4th quarter was fought to the end by Catholic, with only 8 minutes left to play the Cards managed to battle their way back to a tied game following a 6-point run led by senior point guard Michelle DeSantis and freshman Mollie Reynolds. Following this junior Peyton Smith hit a lay up to give Catholic their first lead of the night at 53-51.

These players were just a few of the leaders on the team whose performances were crucial for the team's comeback. Senior Bernadette Launi recorded her 1st double-double of the season with a season high 16-points and 11 rebounds. DeSantis added 19-points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals to the team's effort. Reynolds also contributed to the effort with 7

points, going 5-for-5 from the free throw line, with 4 assists coming off the bench.

That lead was short lived as the Seagulls managed to instantly tie the game back up, but the Cardinals were not done yet. With only 3-minutes remaining in the game, DeSantis managed to bury a crucial 3-pointer to regain the lead. Unfortunately for CUA this would prove to be too little as Salisbury would go on to hit a clutch jumper and 5 free throws as time would expire to seal the game.

Despite falling 64-59, the Cardinals remain one of the top teams in the Landmark Conference and look to continue their out of conference dominance as they return to action Saturday, December 10th against Neumann College. The Cardinals' will only have 5 more games to tune up before facing the bulk of a strong in conference schedule.



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Senior forward Bernadette Launi dribbles down the court. She scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds in the game.

## CUA Cardinals



### Upcoming Events

#### Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving

at Washington & Lee	Sat., Jan. 14	1:00 PM
at Randolph-Macon	Sat., Jan. 21	1:00 PM
at Howard	Sat., Jan. 28	1:00 PM

#### Women's Basketball

at Neumann	Sat., Dec. 10	3:00 PM
vs. Wesley	Sun., Dec. 18	2:00 PM
vs. Wash & Jefferson	Thurs., Dec. 29	3:00 PM

#### Men's Basketball

at Neumann	Sat., Dec. 10	5:00 PM
vs. Elmira	Sat., Dec. 17	4:00 PM
vs. Gettysburg	Sun., Dec. 18	4:00 PM

#### Track & Field

Women's @ Lebanon Valley	Fri., Jan. 20	3:30 PM
Men's & Women's @ Chris. Newport	Sat., Jan. 21	
Men's & Women's @ George Mason	Sat., Jan. 28	

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# THE REAR END

## The Song of Finals

On the 2nd week of Xmas my teachers gave to me  
 5 all-nighters  
 4 hrs of crying  
 3 mental breakdowns  
 2 thoughts of dropout  
 & a month of anxiety

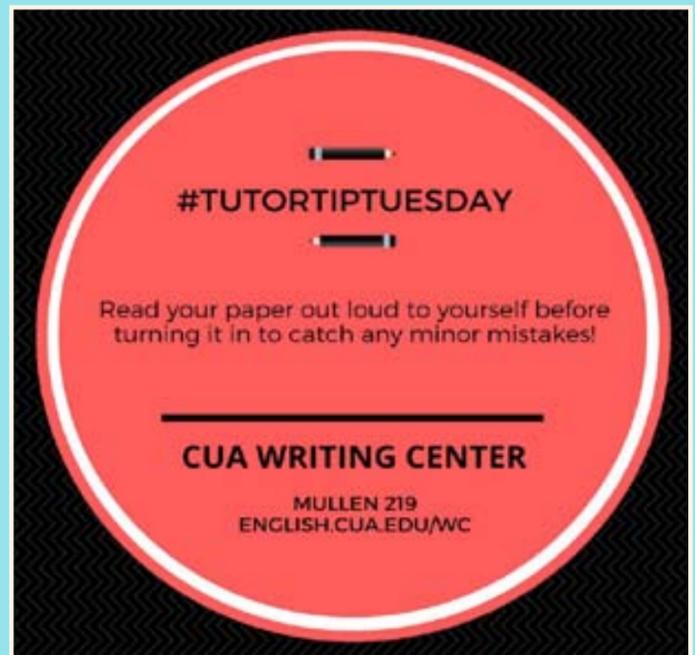


### Good Luck on Finals!

## Top Tweets

"I really relate to the eraser my professor just dropped on the floor #cua"  
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## CUA Petting Zoo

