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Student Government Association Votes on Contentious Resolutions

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At the Student Government Association meeting on Monday, the group did not vote to pass two resolutions, one regarding the formation of an LGBTQ group on campus and the other regarding the restrictions currently imposed on consensual sex between two people over the age of eighteen who are not married. The Student Government Association did vote yes on a resolution regarding the creation of new emails for executive members of the club in order to promote the professionalism of the organization.

Senator Matthew Finley and Senator Marjan Koffa presented the legislation on the creation of an LGBTQ group on campus with hopes that such a club would "benefit social climate" and "create a welcoming and safe campus." The senate meeting was highly attended and one senator commented that "[the crowd] is the largest we've had this year." Many of the spectators were members or supporters of CUAllies, the LGBTQ support club that is currently not recognized by the Office of Campus Activities.

After more than an hour of debate and various motions to table the topic, the senate voted. 13 senators voted yes, 6 voted no, and 7 abstained and since a majority was not reached, the legislation was rejected.

The Student Government Association President Kristina Pinault commented on the meeting and stated, "Senators are wholeheartedly entitled to vote the way that they deem fit; however, I do believe that last night was an example of the abuse of the Senators' power to abstain."

"While I have the utmost respect for a lot

of members of SGA, including many senators, we were extremely disappointed with the senate's ruling," said Carly Tomaine, the president of CUAllies, after the meeting. "This was a minor setback, but CUAllies is no stranger to adversity."

CUAllies has struggled to gain recognition for many years as an official campus organization. While the organization has not been rejected by the Student Government Senate in the past,

the club has continuously struggled to gain the support from university representatives. Currently, Dean Jennings provides CUAllies space in the Office of Campus Activities to conduct meetings. However, due to their non-club status, they are prevented from having funding for their events and are also prevented

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The Senate of Student Government Association Gathers to Vote on Resolutions

Taken by Cari Firrioli, Tower Contributor

Panel Held to Discuss Catholic Response to the Alt-Right

By DUANE PAUL MURPHY
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The Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies at the Catholic University of America hosted a small conference on the new political conservative movement, the alternative right, commonly called the alt-right. The event was held in Great Room C in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center on Thursday and was co-organized by *Millennial*, a Catholic online journal founded in 2012.

The event started with opening remarks by Maria Mazzenga, the Institute's Assistant Director. In her opening statements, Mazzenga briefly summarized the history of the alt-right or alternative right, which is a political group that exists within the realm of far-right conservatism. The group that first gained prominence online mostly consists of those who promote white nationalism, anti-semitism, nativism, xenophobia, and homophobia. Figures of the alt-right that were mentioned

at the conference included white supremacist Richard B. Spencer and current White House chief strategist, as well as former Breitbart editor, Steve Bannon.

Mazzenga also stressed similarities between the nationalist, exclusionary sentiments of the political movement with certain figures in the Catholic Church such as Father Charles Edward Coughlin, who publicly issued anti-semitic commentary as well as sympathies towards Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini during the 1930s.

After the opening remarks, the keynote speech was made by *National Catholic Reporter* journalist Michael Sean Winters.

"They are primarily interested in acting out," said Winters about the alt-right's tactics and motives. "This is really a movement we are talking about and it may be small, may be known mostly

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Black Student Alliance Hosts "The Black and White Tie Affair"

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The Catholic University of America's Black Student Alliance will host a unifying event on Saturday, February 25th named "The Black and White Tie Affair" in the Pryzbyla Great Rooms. The event is being held in February, which is Black History Month, to showcase the various cultures of the students who make up the Alliance, and to promote a vital awareness of the diversity in our community.

"Going to a school like CUA that is a predominantly white institute, it can be hard to find a sense of identity as a student of color," said Samantha Rubin, the current president of Black Student Alliance, a junior nursing major. "BSA offers students that sense of identity, a sense of comfort, and a

community to build with."

The Black Student Alliance strives to enable the formation of an accepting environment between students at the Catholic University of America. The event is to be a semi-formal affair similar to those held by the Student Organization of Latinos (SOL) annual Noche de Gala or Program Board's Founder's Day and Mistletoe Balls.

"Students will have food options from several African and Caribbean dishes, along with performances such as poetry readings and cultural dance groups," said sophomore Briah Baker, secretary of BSA and a media and communication studies major.

"The night will also feature

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Duane Paul Murphy and Chris Motola, Tower Staff

Day Without Immigrants in Brookland

Nationwide protests and boycotts called "Day Without Immigrants" took place last Thursday in response President Trump's potential plans for policies to build a physical border wall along the country's southern border with Mexico and deport millions of undocumented immigrants. In Washington, D.C., more than 50 restaurants were closed. In D.C.'s Northeast neighborhood of Brookland, a community that includes the Catholic University of America and Monroe Street Market, popular restaurants, such as Brookland Pint on Monroe Street Northeast and Brookland's Finest Bar and Kitchen on 12th Street Northeast, were among the many establishments that closed last Thursday. John Andrade, owner of the Brookland Pint, posted the following statement on the company's Facebook page, "As a Latino business owner I stand in solidarity with all of my immigrant staff. Therefore, we will close our kitchen this Thursday in support of our immigrant staff's desire and right to protest the evolving state of immigration policies in our country."



Courtesy of Brookland Pint

Milo Yiannopoulos Controversy

Conservative journalist and public speaker Milo Yiannopoulos faced heavy criticism this week over comments he made on both the Joe Rogan and Drunken Peasants Podcasts, where he appeared to endorse sexual relationships with boys as young as 13. As a result, Yiannopoulos was disinvited from the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, where he was scheduled to speak. CPAC, which is being held this week right here in Washington, D.C., features prominent conservative speakers including Senator Ted Cruz, Governor Scott Walker, Vice President Mike Pence, and President Donald Trump. In addition, Yiannopoulos resigned from *Breitbart News* on Wednesday, where he acted as Senior Technology Editor. Yiannopoulos also authored a book, titled *Dangerous*, which was slated to release later this year. The publisher of *Dangerous*, Simon & Schuster, announced on Monday that they would be cancelling publication of the book.

In a statement published online, Yiannopoulos said that "I am a gay man, and a child abuse victim... My relationship with my abusers is complicated by the fact that, at the time, I did not perceive what was happening to me as abusive. I can look back now and see that it was. I still don't view myself as a victim. But I am one." He went on to rescind his comments, stating that "My experiences as a victim led me to believe I could say anything I wanted to on this subject, no matter how outrageous...I would like to restate my disgust at adults who sexually abuse minors. I am horrified by pedophilia and I have devoted large portions of my career as a journalist to exposing child abusers."

The revelations regarding Yiannopoulos's comments have received split reactions from the Catholic University Student Community. Senior Psychology Major Victor Esposito told *The Tower* that he believes "Modern Day Conservatism is on the brink of an identity crisis. What I mean by that, is, the Alt-Right has proclaimed a lot of conservative rhetoric. Milo has lead this charge, while he speaks on many conservative ideas, he takes on an adversarial relationship with the left and the Alt-right has hateful ideas on what it means to be American. Milo, has made obscene remarks that involve Pedophilia, the wake up call should have come sooner in my opinion. From here on out, if conservatives wish to be taken seriously we must engage in conversation and denounce Milo and the Alt-right. they have set a low bar on political engagement, and political character. They do not represent the interests of all conservatives, they represent the views of some very backwards people. The voice of the true conservatives must unite to show both Milo

and his Alt-Right followers, as well as the left, that their negative ideas have no place on the conservative platform."

Senior Politics Major Julio Herrera expressed a similar sentiment, saying that "I find it so hypocritical that the same people who crucified Milo about this are the ones to call "PizzaGate" fake news without any investigation about it...They'll torch anyone who disagrees with them, it's disgusting."



Milo Yiannopoulos, Courtesy of KnowYourMeme.com

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CRIME BLOTTER

When: 2/20/17

Where: Kane Center

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 placed 2-rings and one necklace in a "Pigeon Box". Upon her return, her jewelry was missing. The jewelry was turned in to lost and found by a patron.

When: 2/18/17

Where: 7th & Mich. Ave. Entrance

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 stated a passing motorist who was, posing as an Uber driver, grabbed her. C-1 does not wish to have an investigation of this incident. She does not remember any details of the event.

When: 2/12/17

Where: McMahan Hall

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 reported she was notified by M&T Bank that credit cards she assumed to be lost, were used in Northwest Washington, D.C. MPD Det. Michael Milochik has obtained an Arrest Warrant for a Suspect.

When: 2/12/17

Where: McMahan Hall

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 reported she observed S-1 standing over her purse which was on the floor behind her desk. S-1 fled the building in an unknown direction. (See also DPS 17-119 same suspect)

When: 2/16/17

Where: Pangborn Hall

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 reported he placed his Black and Red Beats headphones on a table inside room 308 in Pangborn Hall on 2/16/17. At 2200 hours, secured the door and left. Upon his return on 2/17/17, at 1230 hours, his property was missing. MPD was not notified.

NEWS

Resolutions Fail to Pass Student Government Association Senate

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from opening a financial account through the Office of Campus Activities. As a result of this, all funds donated to CUAllies are managed by Tomaine.

If the Senate of the Student Government

Association had approved the resolution regarding the need for an LGBTQ organization on campus the legislation would have been moved up to higher authority to be dealt with by the university's administration.

Currently, CUAllies is circulating a petition to demonstrate the support behind their initiative. At the time of printing, the petition has 1,226 signatures from current Catholic University of America students, alumni, and various others.

The next piece of legislation was introduced by Senator Aaron Mackisey and proposed changing the code of conduct to abolish punishment for people found having sexual relations while on campus. When the

legislation was voted on, it failed to gain a majority with a total of 13 yes votes, 6 no votes, and 7 abstentions.

The meeting continued with the discussion of Senator Nicholas Procino's legislation aiming to create a website that would be accessible to students. Such a website would help students with homework assignments in which they have to watch a show or a movie and it would prevent the student from having to buy or rent the program. After a few minutes of discussion the legislation it was unanimously voted upon to be examined further by the Academic Affairs Committee.

The final piece of legislation was also introduced by Mackisey. This second piece of legislation proposed to create a new email account for executives in a club. This email would be used to reach out to people and would give off a more professional look. After the proposal, the legislation was immediately called to a vote in what was the only legislation to pass Monday night.

The next Student Government Association Senate meeting will be on March 13th in the Caldwell Auditorium.



Students Await Decisions on Resolutions

Taken by Cari Firriolo, Tower Contributor

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

Students React to Political Panel

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living on the internet, but it is trafficking a set of ideas that are considered deeply dangerous and I do not think it can be ignored."

After the keynote address by Winters, the panel was introduced. Moderated by Daniel Petri, the Institute's graduate fellow invited panelists for the round-table discussion and Q&A section included Catholic University assistant professor of history Julia Young, Georgetown University's Bridge Initiative research fellow Jordan Denari Duffner, and co-founder of *Millennial* and a senior fellow at Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good Christopher Hale.

During the discussion, a variety of topics regarding the

beliefs and existence of the alt-right including the group's core views regarding Islamophobia and xenophobia were discussed. Julia Young, whose expertise includes Latin American history and global migrations, correlated xenophobia and nativism of the early twentieth century, such as the era of the Great Depression and Operation Wetback, with the rise of anti-immigrant hate in modern times. Additionally, Hale believes that the economy, especially free trade, must benefit most working class and middle class workers in order to deter economic nationalism with sentiments of xenophobia.

As the event ended, many of the attendees

expressed positive sentiment about the entire event.

"I though it was interesting event overall," said university teaching fellow and PhD candidate David Sollenberger. "Especially since sometimes you do not hear a lot from the Christian Left on these things and I thought all three speakers had a lot of really interesting perspectives on these things."

Throughout the conference, the speakers also brought up recent controversies with the alt-right, most notably the recent comments made by former Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos.

Black Student Alliance's Community at CUA

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a DJ and plenty of time for dancing" said junior psychology major and vice president of Black Student Alliance, Ashley Duffoo.

Black Student Alliance provides a community of comfort and an acceptance of diversity. Various students on campus have experienced this on a personal level, and many of these same students make up the leadership board of the organization.

"I personally am passionate about BSA because when I first came here I struggled with finding a sense of self here. I made connections here and there with other students but did not feel like I had built a community that really understood me all around," said Lubin on her personal ties to the organization. "When I found BSA, I found that sense of comfort and familiarity in them and it definitely helped me grow as an individual here at CUA."

"BSA planned this event to be the culmination of Black History Month," Duffoo said.

Student Alliance has been especially busy with various other events as well over the past few weeks, such as their Soul Food Dinner.

"On February 12th,

BSA had another event to celebrate Black History Month. It was our annual Soul Food Dinner and Gospel Mass where we enjoyed traditional soul food and then attended a mass at St. Vincent de Paul. Trinity University's gospel choir did the music for mass. It was a great event, we enjoyed good food and our community," said Baker.

When asked about her feelings about the organization, Lubin said "I've noticed that my other friends felt as though because they were not a student of color that they were not welcome in BSA, but in fact it was the complete opposite. We encourage community and offer people an opportunity to learn and engage more in diversity."

Baker summed up the Black Students Alliance's mission and the atmosphere of their events by saying "We're an open community of people on this campus who talk about and discuss important issues affecting our community. We also just enjoy hanging out together!"



QUILL

TOWER EDITORIAL

Spring is upon us, CU! Time to ditch the tights, switch to iced drinks instead of hot, and try to make CUAllies a university-recognized organization. Again. But hey, at least they're tenacious.

While CUAllies trying to become an OCA-recognized organization is a tale as old as time, we'll rehash it for the new kids anyways.

CUA used to have a group that supported LGBTQ+ issues but it was disbanded in the early 2000s. Since then, the latest iteration of the group, is CUAllies and they're currently under a process to be recognized as a school sanctioned organization.

But, alas, being *The Catholic University of America* means there are some problems with that. After all, we'd hate to be Georgetown.

The Catholic Church has acknowledged that people feel sexual attraction to those of the same sex and that such attraction is unavoidable, it is the acting upon such sexual attraction that conflicts with the Church's teachings.

No one can pretend to know the ins and outs of Theology, nor pretend to know the ins and outs of the politics that are concerned with governing a Catholic University. However, in the question of legitimizing CUAllies,

we have to sort our priorities. CUA hasn't yet declared CUAllies a club because drawing a line between supporting a cause and advocating for a cause is extremely difficult.

CUA continues to weigh support and advocacy against each other yet at the root of this issue is CUA ranking the Catholic Church's sexual teaching above its social teaching.

Now let's turn the tables and look at what CUAllies can do differently. CUAllies is given space in OCA to have their meetings and while they can't request any speaker they want or pay for speakers through the Student Activity Fee, they can put in requests to have OCA bring a speaker and they can partner with SGA to put on events.

Really, the only reason they aren't a club is because of the image it would present to the outside community if *The Catholic University of America* had a club that supported LGBTQ+ issues. But what about the difference between support and advocacy? If CUAllies had a written constitution, they could more clearly convey their mission. If CUAllies wants to be a club they should follow the procedures required of all other clubs on campus. Write a constitution, and based on a stated mission appeal to the university, instead of appeal-

ing to the university based on a mission that hasn't yet been fully defined.

The fact of the matter is, CUAllies is going to exist whether or not the university decides to recognize them. As concerned as CUA is with public image, the administration should start worrying about how it's going to play in the papers when the story is spun that CUA is denying support and denying love from the very students it's supposed to protect.

Also, if CUAllies is an officially recognized organization OCA will be able to track their finances and seeing how donations to the group are currently being held in members' private accounts, having OCA involved with their financial standing could help prevent any coming issues.

The administration needs to recognize that CUAllies isn't going away and that the need to create a space for LGBTQ+ students isn't going away. CUAllies needs to recognize that the mission of their club—to support those students in need—is more important than getting Buzzfeed to tweet their petition.

Both sides need to work on understanding the motives of the other so that a compromise may eventually be reached and we can stop this yearly tradition.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Duane Paul Murphy
Class of 2019

Lately in the news, we, the American public, have been hearing about the gradual decay or delicate balance of our democracy and our republic due to the state of President Trump's executive administration as well as Republican majority rule over the majority of states, including in the Heartland, the Southwest and the Deep South. Even though our politics, society and culture are historically and currently democratizing one way or the other, our national economy, on the macro and micro level, is greatly authoritarian as well as centralized.

For example, before the ratification of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 by the Republican majority congress and neoliberal President Bill Clinton, there were just 50 corporations or more controlled about 90% of the media, which appeared to be competitive in our capitalist society. After the bill was signed and enacted into law, massive deregulation activities resulted in only six nationally based corporations, Comcast, 21st Century Fox, Walt Disney Corporation, Tim Warner, CBS and Viacom, controlling more than 90% of the media, including certain major platforms on the internet. If there is a lack of competition and if consumers rely on very few companies, fiscal as well as innovative stagnation may occur. Not mention a greater of concentration for those on top. While greater monopolization or economic centralization is an obstacle to greater prosperity for all, the current business model of a

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few bosses or executives calling the shots in order to maximize profits rather than being greatly concerned about the worker and the consumer. In order to resolve such a hyper-centralized authoritarian economic system, we need to implement massive economic decentralization in which prosperity, innovation, and competition for all working and consuming Americans. Enforcing anti-trust laws and regulations can break up big business and greatly increase market or product competitiveness. Supporting worker cooperatives, in which all workers own the company and share the profits, and other forms of profit sharing can increase wages as well as overall socioeconomic mobility. In fact, productivity in worker cooperatives is higher than productivity in corporatized companies. Additionally, fair trade policies and an increase in labor unions can also become positive factors. If these solutions are being dialogued and enacted into our economy, globalization may be viewed less controversial and neoliberalism can be defeated.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Charles Busch
Class of 2018

RIP Michael Novak: A Great Mind

On Friday, a giant in the Catholic intellectual community passed away. He was, of course, Michael Novak. Mr. Novak's biography is extensive and impressive. He has advised presidents and popes, he has written over 50 books, he has taught at several leading universities, including our beloved Catholic University. Articles highlighting his many accomplishments following his death have been published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and many Catholic news sources. However, I will attempt to shed light on the man I knew as Professor Novak.

Unfortunately, I cannot say that I had a long friendship or that I even took a semester of his course. In fact, I only had three classes with him before his health took a turn for the worse. I was given a front row seat to his genius for all of seven hours in total. Yet, those seven hours were amazing. This great intellectual, whom Pope Saint John Paul II called "his friend," presented himself as humbly as the lowliest adjunct. Personal stories about his friends and family were interspersed with firsthand accounts of the great leaders he met. From Ratzinger to Reagan to Thatcher, the names were added to the course as if they were people everyone knew.

In class, he spoke softly, but we all hung on every word. While his body was ailing, his mind remained sharp, and he flawlessly recounted statistics and stories to defend and promote the morality of the free-enterprise system. His books, which were the assigned reading for the course, read simply and yet were still packed with great wisdom and insight. Now, reading

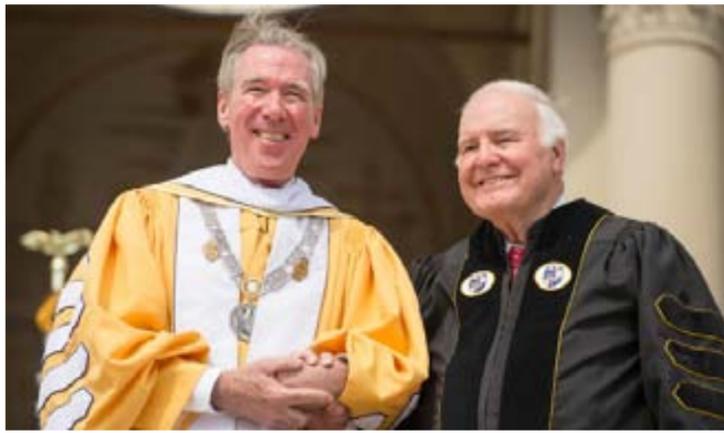
them brings an eeriness into the classroom. A few days ago, I was discussing these pages with the very author himself, and now he is no longer with us. A void has been left both in our classroom as well as in the entire world of academia.

Throughout our chats, he would pepper in jokes he was told by cardinals or professors which always garnished a laugh. His eyes shone through with the optimism and eagerness of a freshman, new to the college world, but his words spoke with a timeless truth that fit a great scholar. Frequently taking detours in his lectures, we became better acquainted with the man he was. He was less of a professor and more of a grandfather or wise-sage imparting the knowledge he has gained from a long, well-lived life on our young minds.

Every day, he began class with a Hail Mary. Afterwards he would regularly remark about the last line of that prayer: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death." He said throughout his life this portion of the oration rarely struck him, but now — as he soon faces the hour of his death — a great peace persists. If only we had the incite to appreciate that man whose last class we were privileged to be in.

Requiescat in pace, Prof. Novak.

President Garvey with Professor Novak



Courtesy of Catholic University of America News

GUEST COMMENTARY

Luke Cocchi
Class of 2019

Teddy

"Oh you're a politics major! Who's your favorite President?" I have no doubt that if I have heard this question at least five or six times so does everyone else in my school. In all honesty for the longest time I had no true answer to it. I would often just list different facts I liked about each one. However, the questions' repetition eventually made me look to find answer.

Due to his ability to overcome personal loss and fierce establishment opposition, Theodore Roosevelt is my favorite President. Theodore, as a child, was born with several ailments which often left him bed ridden and weak. One day, his father pulled him aside and told him he would never reach his potential if he let the ailments get the better of him. In response, Teddy said, "I will make my body." Despite his sickly nature, the young Teddy took up gymnastics, boxing, and started hiking. He willed himself forward to success against odds and illnesses which would have hindered most other human beings. His physical prowess would go on to be reported on well into his presidency. Before becoming president, Roosevelt had built himself a fantastic resume after a life of public service. He served an NY State Assemblyman, the Police Commissioner of New York, Assistant Secretary of Navy, and, after a brief hiatus to fight a war, he ran and was elected Governor of the state of New York. In all of these fields, Roosevelt exhibited and developed qualities which he would bring with him to the Oval Office. As an assemblyman, he took up a vow to safeguard the American working family from corrupt and abusive employers after seeing. As NYPD Police Commissioner, he moped up dirty cops and replaced them with men with no political

strings attached. As a governor, he learned the ins and outs of economics and he had his first show-downs with monopolies and trusts. After the assassination of President McKinley, Roosevelt was sworn in as the 26th President of the United States of America. After an idle Vice-Presidency, Roosevelt hit the ground running. His achievements and actions earned him the distinction of the "First Modern President."

One of the many distinctions of a 20th and 21st century presidency is a powerful military and strong executive power. Roosevelt started his presidency with the construction of the "Great White Fleet" which catapulted the U.S. Navy out of the 1800s and into the mechanized future. The expansion of executive power and influence can clearly be seen in how he handled businesses and the environment. He made strides to conserve nature using executive orders and, with his "big stick" personality and the "Square Deal", he strong armed businesses and Congress to protect the American worker. Roosevelt was indeed a true American: unafraid to go up against the norms of his time, or his party. From taking on the Spaniards in battle to businesses in court Roosevelt always stood by the United states and her people. This is why Theodore Roosevelt is my favorite president.

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A & E

Spotlight: D.C. Brau Brewing Company

By: Piero J Filpi
Tower Staff

Everytime you walk into a D.C. bar, there's always one thing you can be sure of: when you get to the bar you'll run into a draft handle with a small plastic Capitol at the tip. That handle is D.C. Brau's handle, and the beer that comes out from the other end is even better. Luckily, the small brewery doesn't just focus on the beer. They cater to the customer all the way down to the experience you have in their brewery located right by CUA. The brewery is tucked away on Bladensburg Road NE, keeping the NW after work happy hour crowd out of the picture.

The brewery is nothing special from the outside. Like any brewery, it looks like an industrial factory, but once you step into D.C. Brau, you can see where the brand takes itself seriously. T-shirts, hoodies, patches, glasses, and anything else one can imagine to produce as merchandise can be found at D.C. Brau. The brand takes pride in the city and has become an important role in shaping the identity of the growing, young culture in D.C. Their website says: "Yes, the capital of the United States of America now has a beer to call its own. A beer brewed within the city limits and available citywide. A beer representing a delicious and uniquely American



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blend of North American and European techniques and ingredients. A beer that looks just as inviting in a pint glass at the neighborhood bar as in its handsomely designed can on a picnic table at an Appalachian campsite. A beer that pairs just as well with summer's barbecued bounty as with a hearty winter stew. A beer crafted in our nation's capital that reflects the great state of brewing in the United States today."

The bar area of the brew-

ery is quiet and relaxing if you want to have a beer in the middle of the day, but also a nice crowd of people on nights like Friday and Saturday. Tours of the brewery are available for free on Saturdays all day, where they show you everything down to the cans coming in. Murals painted by local artists and friends of the owner are all over the walls of the D.C. Brau, offering a neighborhood vibe to the microbrewery. Their prices are cheap and

their beer is fantastic. They have wide spectrum of beers on tap at the brewery, including Corruption and The Public, two of their more common beers, which are seen at bars around the city. Pints will run from 5-7 dollars, but on Fridays happy hour runs from 3 P.M. to 11 P.M., with all beer marked down to half price. Along with the beer, the staff is great. The bartender Stu is a great presence at the bar who is always ready

to pour you another one without delay. The service at D.C. Brau is minimal but on point. They are hospitable and never make anyone wait for another beer, which is the most important thing for a bar. If you ever have a friend in town who wants to see the real D.C. and not the same statues they saw on their 8th grade trip, take them to D.C. Brau. You'll have nothing but a good time with people who care about more than just politics in this city.

Selfies and Pop Art Meet

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Following up on last week's publication about Yayoi Kusama's recently opened exhibit at the Hirshhorn museum, here is more information as to why this rooms are trending and can't be missed. It's all over D.C.'s to do lists from the *Washingtonian* to the *Washington Post*, making it a top priority in your future plans.

Starting from the fact that she is one of the most iconic contemporary pop artists of the time, to plain social media pressure to post the perfect Instagram picture, the exhibit promises nothing but an amusing and enlightening experience. Get ready to let your creativity loose with your picture-taking skills and to experience a great moment for the arts in our city.

Tickets for the first two weeks sold out quickly, and the Hirshhorn will be packed with art fanatics and selfie taking millennials. But, due to the popularity of the exhibit and the relevance of such opening, the museum has promised to release free timed passes every Monday at noon for the 14 weeks the exhibit

will be in the District. Tickets are running out, so don't miss out and hurry to get yours as soon as possible. Besides, with the Hirshhorn's free pass promise, there is no excuse as to why you should not experience Kusama's mirror rooms.

You've probably seen some of Kusama's work since her fame has surprisingly risen, thanks to the help of the very much loved, Instagram. Her work, "Infinity Mirrors", has mixed Instagram selfie favorites: mirrors, cool compositions, and artsy color schemes, to create the ultimate paradise for Instagram users. This is the reason the *New York Times* declared the pictures posted from her exhibit, "the ultimate selfies."

The last time Kusama opened an exhibit in the U.S., it started its tour in New York and was back in 2013. This year the exhibit starts right here in D.C. and is promising six rooms plus a new room that the artist created using LED lights. This room is set to be "the Instagram you're going to see everywhere," according to the *New York Times' The Cut*.

The artist's work is of course not intended to attract such a superficial approach as touches on important subjects, such as mental illness and various social issues. Kusama mentioned in her autobiography that she suffers from pain, anxiety and fear constantly and that through her mirror rooms and her art, she has found peace within her struggle with mental illness. Yet, the Hirshhorn's curator for Kusama's exhibit Mika Yoshitake, said that social media is "part of the experience" and "it's in line with her vision of communal engagement."

So, feel no shame in attempting the perfect selfie and being a part of the Instagram trend that the mirror rooms have created. This is a major event for the arts in Washington and as D.C. locals, we must embrace with open arms Kusama's breath taking rooms. Instead of observing the rooms from your Instagram feed (which you will), get tickets and get going to the Hirshhorn.



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SPORTS

Men's Swim and Dive Wins First Landmark Title

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The Catholic University of America men's swimming and diving team captured their first Landmark Conference title in school history this past weekend. The team racked up 806 points over the course of the weekend, a staggering 220 points more than runner ups University of Scranton.

The Cardinals kicked off their title run by defending their title in the 200-freestyle relay. The team was compiled of two freshman, Olivier Nguyen and George Isaacs, and two seniors, Nick Haas and Joe Cihak. The foursome combined for a time of 1:26.10 in their first-place effort.

Junior Joseph Soraghan also had an impressive performance on the first night in the 3-meter diving event. Soraghan managed to set the program record for the 3-meter 11 dive record at 322 in the preliminaries. Then raised the bar to 341.85 in the finals to earn a silver in the event. Sophomore Daniel McInerney earned 4th place in the event with an aggregate score of 341.85 over his 11 dives.

The Birds continued their dominant run in the 500-free-

style event, where sophomore Sam Hicks earned a 2nd place finish with a time of 4:48.97. He was joined by freshman Brian Aberle whose time of 4:53.19 earned 6th place.

The Cardinals concluded the opening night of the 3-day tournament in the 200-individual medley, where freshman Michael Taylor hit a time of 1:59.30 for a 4th place finish. Also, racing for the Cards was fellow freshman Chris Crafa, who came in 8th at 2:02.71.

The 2nd night proved to be just as fruitful for Catholic as the first. Senior Guido Saccaggi managed to capture 3 of his four individual titles on the night starting with the 400-individual medley. The time of 4:09.61 earned the Duluth, Georgia native his fourth consecutive title in the event.

Saccaggi was not the only swimmer to dominate in the event and Catholic swimmers earned third, fourth, and fifth places respectively. In order: junior Peter Bajorek with a time of 4:15.61, senior Tyler Hammett finished at 4:19.12, and freshman Kevin Jay came in less than a half second behind at 4:15.55.

Later in the evening, Saccaggi grabbed his second victory on the night with a time of 53.05 in

the 100-yard backstroke. Haas (54.32), Crafa (54.51), Nguyen (55.13), and fellow senior Ryan Nicklous (54.64) all competed in the final flight, but narrowly missed the podium.

Saccaggi's final win was a team effort, as it came in the team's title defense of the 800-free relay. The senior combined with Haas, Bajorek, and Hicks for a winning time of 7:05.47.

Hicks also earned himself a bronze in the 200-freestyle later in the night, completing the event in 1:45:03, while junior Patrick Jones finished in eighth (1:48.97).

In the final events of the meet, Soraghan set his second school record with a score of 384.35 in the preliminaries of the 1-meter diving event. He would earn a second-place finish, with a final score of 367.35. McInerney finished in fourth place once again, placing a final score of 225.40.

In the final day of competition, the Cardinals looked to finish strong and defend their first-place spot of 556 points. The team started the night strong, with Saccaggi (1:54.68) earning his fourth and final victory in the 200-Backstroke. Nicklous took bronze in the race at 1:58.34, while Crafa (1:58.55) and Haas (1:58.68)

took fourth and fifth narrowly behind the senior.

Sophomore David Lanetti took home a gold in the 1650-freestyle, completing the marathon in 16:43.88, while freshman Luke Nicholson finished seventh at 17:16.41.

In the much shorter 200-yard butterfly, Catholic earned yet another victory with Bajorek finishing in 1:55.70, only finishing one hundredth of a second faster than silver medalist Lanetti (1:55.71). Alberle (2:00.15) narrowly missed the podium, while teammates Nicholson (2:00.39) and Hammett (2:02.55).

In the final events of the tournament, CUA sealed their victory with authority. In the 100-freestyle, Cihak finished fourth at 48.13. In the 200-breaststroke classmates Taylor (2:16.64) and Jay

(2:20.15) came in fifth and tenth respectively.

The Landmark Championships capped off a dominant season for the Cards, whose members earned plenty of individual honors as well. Head Coach Paul Waas earned Men's Coach of the Year for the conference, while fellow coaches Drew Peterson and Meaghan Abelein were also honored following the meet. Saccaggi also earned a plethora of honors in his final meet, becoming the only male swimmer in Conference to earn both Rookie of the Year and Swimmer of the Year his senior year. He finished his career as a 12-time Landmark Conference, and as a member of the All-Landmark team. Bajorek, Cihak, Haas, Hicks, Isaacs, Lanetti, Nyugen, and Soraghan were also named to the All-landmark team.



Senior Joe Cihak Celebrates after placing in an event

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Baseball Cruises in Season Opener

By Jared Prenda
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The CUA Baseball team had a dominant showing in their 14-1 blowout victory over St. Mary's College in Maryland in the Tuesday, February 21 season opener. The Cardinals look to improve heavily upon last seasons .513 win percentage (20-19 overall record). They looked to be in good form, only surrendering 1 run and showing utter control on offense.

The Card's wasted no time getting on the board, with junior Paul Burmester hitting a 2-run single in the first. The next batter, fellow junior Brennan Cotter, drove in another run with a RBI double.

After a runless second from both sides, Catholic struck again in the third. Burmester re-recorded his 3rd RBI of the day on a double that drove in sophomore Bailey Lewis. Cotter drove in his second on a sacrifice-fly that scored junior Anthony Ferlise. Sophomore Ryan Tracey gave the Cards a 6-1 lead at then end of the third on an RBI that scored Burmester.

The Birds continued their scoring effort throughout the next 3 innings. In the fourth, Junior Jake Cist hit double to drive in a run. In the fifth, Tracy managed to steal home on an error by the St. Mary's catcher. The sixth had a run of its own on a single from Ferlise, giving the team a 9-1 lead after 6.

The offensive shelling con-

tinued into the seventh with 3 more runs scored. 2 of these came off of a double from Cist.

the eight inning saw the final two runs for Catholic, giving them a 13 run lead. One of which came on a bases loaded walk from freshman Jeff Guike to score fellow classmate Eric Moore. Junior Jack Hennessy hit into a fielder's choice to score Cid Porter for the final run of the game.

Despite having an electric game on offense, the CUA side showed dominance on the mound. The team went through 8 separate pitchers, who recorded 11 total K's, and only 6 hits.

The win was credited to sophomore Jon Miezwa, who started the game for the Cardinals. He only surrendered one single and earned a strike-out in his showing.

The sophomore was replaced by junior Josph Prego, who gave up St. Mary's lone run and 3 hits in his 2 innings pitched.

Sophomore Collin Brown was on the rubber for the

fourth, and was replaced the next inning by freshman Ross Dean.

The Cardinals went through junior Sean Carroll, sophomore Colin Cunningham, and and fellow junior Mark Duffy until the ninth.

The Birds then called in senior closer Joseph Salzano. Salzano was named First Team All-Conference, and Third team All-Region last season.

The senior finished the game with pure dominance over the batters he faced. Of the four he faced, he managed to strike 3 out looking and close out the game.

The Cards annihilated St. Mary's 14-1, and carrying plenty of momentum into a double header at Hood College. The games will be played Saturday, February 25. The team hopes to use the remainder of their games as a challenging warm-up as they head into the Ripken Experience tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina over Spring Break.



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Junior Paul Burmester at the plate in the 14-1 victory

CUA Cardinals

Upcoming Events



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vs. Scranton (Landmark Championships)
Sat., Feb. 25 4:00 PM

Tennis

at Salisbury Fri., Feb. 24 3:00 PM
at Randolph Sun., Feb. 26 11:00 AM

Track and Field

at Landmark Championships Sat., Feb. 24

Men's Lacrosse

at Arcadia Sat., Feb. 24 12:00 PM
at Marymount Wed., Mar. 1 7:00 PM

Women's Lacrosse

vs. Arcadia Sat., Feb. 24 1:00 PM

Baseball

at Hood (Double Header) Sun., Feb. 26
at Washington Wed., Mar. 1 2:30 PM

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at Gallaudet (Double Header) Fri., Feb. 24
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