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Debate Among Student Government Association Candidates

By RACHEL GALLAGHER
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Candidates for Student Government Association president and vice president debated Monday night about issues facing the future of the Catholic University of America. The topics included diversity, representation, and the inclusion of all students on campus.

Close to one hundred students gathered in the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center Food Court to watch the debate hosted by CUA Debate Club, WCUA, and *The Tower*. The debate first hosted

vice presidential candidates Harrington, Knight, and Weiss; followed by presidential candidates Aaron Mackisey, Andrew Elder, and Brianna Howard. The debate was held in preparation for the election, which will take place on Wednesday, April 5th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Students will be able to vote both on the Nest or in person on the 3rd floor of the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center.

Sophomore civil engineering major Owen Salyers found the evening informative, and said, "While they all do have platforms posted on their Facebook pages or websites, they are very broad ideas. This debate gave [the candidates] a chance to go into the specifics of their different plans."

"Everyone did reasonably well, I don't think there was a particular standout and that is probably because they are all so different," said current Student Government Association President, Kristina Pinault.

The presidential portion of the night's debate commenced

with an open-ended question: what is the most important issue facing the Catholic University of America? For Mackisey, it is diversity. His campaign focuses on a Center for Diversity and Inclusion to create "honest conversations" surrounding not only cultural diversity but also sexual and gender diversity. Howard's answer was student representation on campus. She emphasized the need for the Student Government Association to reach out to "niche groups" on campus who do not feel they are represented at Catholic University. Rounding out the group, Elder emphasized community, "growing together," and the necessity of respect for this growth.

A recurring topic on the Catholic University campus is the status of CUAllies, the unofficial LGBTQ+ student organization. While both Mackisey and Elder emphasized their past and ongoing support for the group's official recognition by the university administration, — Mackisey, his running mate Harrington, and Elder all voted in favor of formal recognition of CUAllies in the Student Government Association Senate — Howard stated that she did not believe it was their place to support the creation of an official organization on campus. She elaborated, saying that CUAllies "has a good thing going on" and that her ticket stands with students to find a solution that fits the needs of both the



The candidates assemble on the debate stage. Rachel Gallagher/Tower Staff

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Metro Raises Fares, Cuts Hours

By SARAH DONOFRIO
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Metro fares will increase as hours are shortened in the new budget, hindering students who use mass transit for off-campus jobs, internships, and various activities.

The 2018 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority fiscal year budget was approved on Thursday, January 23. Starting July 1, the Metro will cost students \$2.10 to travel to Union Station on the SmartCard fare and \$3.10 for paper fare during peak hours. The basic fare will rise from \$1.95 to \$2.10 during the peak hours of 5 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, and 12 a.m. to closing hours on the weekend. The rail system will close at 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and close at 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; the rail system will run 8 a.m. through 11 p.m. on Sunday.

The Brookland-Catholic University of America Metro stop is

frequently used by students to travel to work, internships, and events in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. The stop has been servicing the Brookland area of Northeast Washington and The Catholic University of America since 1978, and serves as a primary source of transportation for students traveling off-campus.

The impact of the 2018 Metro budget will affect off-campus life and hinder students who use the system to travel off-campus. However, some students have already stopped relying on the Metro.

"It's crazy," said freshman Maria Josefina Montez. "Honestly, it is so much cheaper to take an Uber if you're riding with two or three other people. I rarely take the Metro as it is, except when I have to travel to work in which case my workplace pays for me."

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She's the First Hosts Panel with Women Leaders

By MAKENZIE WINTER
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Hoping to gain insight in using their education in their future careers, female Catholic University of America students attended the panel, With my Bookbag: Where Women Can Go with Their Education event, hosted by the Catholic University of America chapter of She's the First. She's the First is a not-for-profit organization that sponsors girls' education in low-income countries. The independent Catholic University of America chapter of She's the First is organized by female student-leaders around campus. The panel recognized three women professionals and how they have used their education, but also to inspire young female college students in their years of education and future careers to

use their "bookbag" to make a difference in the world.

The panel was lead by Jo-Ellen Darcy, former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and Senior Environmental Advisor, Brianna Keilar, former National correspondent, White House correspondent, and Congressional correspondent for CNN, and Patricia Andrasick, licensed architect, Fulbright Scholar, and educator with international experience of practice and teaching green architecture to governments, NGO's, and universities, and currently an assistant professor of architecture at the Catholic University of America researching building performance analytics and design of sustainable housing,

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D.C. Instagram Bucket List

1. "Candidly" laughing in front of the hearts at Union Market
2. Paper lanterns at City Center
3. 21st birthday with your first "legal" drink at Brookland Pint
4. Cherry blossoms at sunrise by the tidal basin
5. #Basiligram
6. Brunch at Ted's Bulletin
7. A bookshelf at Capitol Hill Books in Eastern Market
8. Holding the Washington Monument in the palm of your hand
9. Standing on the Speaker's Balcony in the Capitol (just to remind everyone that you intern on the Hill)
10. #DartySzn

THE POLITICS CORNER

Duane Paul Murphy, Tower Staff

California's 34th Congressional District Race

While there is supposed to be a total of 435 members of the House of Representatives, five congressional seats remain vacant. This April, three out of the five vacant seats in the House will have special elections. The first special election to fill these seats will occur on April 4th in California's 34th Congressional District, which includes most of the city of Los Angeles. Former Congressman Xavier Becerra resigned from Congress to become the state's attorney general after Kamala Harris was elected to the U.S. Senate to replace Barbara Boxer. More than 23 candidates, most of them Latino or Hispanic, have declared their candidacy. Even though the district is heavily Democratic, the election will decide which wing of the party will be prominent in future elections. State assembly member Jimmy Gomez, seen by some as the establishment candidate, has been endorsed by Senator Kamala Harris and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Former Bernie Sanders presidential campaign staff member Arturo Carmona has been endorsed by actor Danny Glover and the National Nurses United labor union. Because of California's top two jungle primary in which the top two candidates advance in the general election, a runoff is expected on June 6th.



Courtesy of LA Progressive



Courtesy of @JimmyGomezCA

Virginia Governor Vetoes Religious Freedom Bill

Democratic Virginia governor and potential 2020 presidential candidate Terry McAuliffe vetoed a "religious freedom" bill that would have allowed legalized discrimination against LGBTQ individuals or couples. Senate Bill 1325, proposed by Republican State Senator Charles Carrico of Galax and Southwest Virginia, would not require any individual or religious institution to officiate any LGBTQ marriage and prohibit state officials from punishing people or organizations that refuse to take party in a homosexual marriage due to their own personal religious beliefs. Republican State Delegate Nick Freitas of Culpeper County introduced a similar legislative proposal in the Virginia House of Delegates, the lower chamber of the bicameral state legislature. States such as Indiana and North Carolina have similar laws on their state legal books.



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Commencement Speaker Announced

Peggy Noonan of the Wall Street Journal has been announced as the commencement speaker for Catholic University of America's 128th Commencement.

Commencement Exercises will take place on May 13th, 2017 at 10 a.m. on the Basilica Lawn.



CRIME BLOTTER

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When: 2/25/17

Where: Caldwell Hall

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 reports S-1 harassed him in a menacing manner, which cause him to fear for his safety.

When: 3/26/17

Where: Millennium South

What: On the listed date, time, and location, C-1 reported fraudulent purchases were made using her credit card number on the internet.

NEWS

Students React to Metro Fare Hikes

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The Washington Metropolitan While the fares have increased, and the Metro will only arrive every eight minutes, rather than the current six minute system.

In late fall 2016, the MetroRail system was temporarily shut down due to the SafeTrack accelerated track work plan, hampering off-campus transportation. From October 29 to November 22, the infrastructure was repaired in order to adhere to safety requirements. During this time, students used other means of transportation, in hope that the completion of the plan would offer an improved system.

"Following the completion of the SafeTrack program, it was my hope that WMATA would work harder to engage the customers but it seems that they are only doing the opposite," said sophomore politics major Isaiah Burroughs. "A significant amount of Metro riders are students from some of the best universities in the world, including CUA, and these students want opportunities to safely go out and enjoy the nation's capital."

In January 2016, Burroughs proposed a program that would offer unlimited riding on the Metrorail and Metrobus systems for Catholic University of America

students, costing students about \$100 per semester. The program requires the approval of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority or the University's Board of Trustees and university administration. Additionally, the program must be approved by the WMATA's budget and signed by university President John Garvey.

While the proposal was not approved last year, Burroughs continues to support the program.

"With fares increasing and hours being shortened, now is the best time to continue working on the University Pass program so that my fellow students can explore this beautiful city where so much happens."

The proposal is similar to current programs existing between other institutions of higher learning and state governments. The Maryland Transit Administration cooperates with the Department of Transportation in order to provide \$50 monthly passes for students attending classes at Maryland universities, technical schools, and community colleges. With the increasing fares and truncating of hours, the passing of the University Pass program would help to ameliorate transportation costs.



Sarah Donofrio/Tower Staff

Campus Survey on Sexual Assault

By MARY MARGARET OLOHAN
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The Catholic University of America's Title IX Coordinator is offering a survey to undergraduates in an attempt to better understand the nature of sexual assaults here on the Catholic University campus. This is the second survey administered by the Title IX office; the first survey was completed in the fall of 2015.

Title IX Coordinator Frank Vinik said that the results of the previous survey were "groundbreaking" since there had never before been data on this issue at Catholic University. The first survey revealed that Catholic University experiences typical rates, types, and underreporting of sexual assaults in comparison to other universities.

"Every university wants to believe that these problems are not as serious at its campus," Vinik said, "but we now have concrete data showing it does happen here."

Vinik said that the survey is crucial to the future of programming at Catholic University, especially considering that the results from the 2015 survey showed gaps in student awareness of confidential resources and how to report an assault. As a result, the new student orientation in 2016 was tailored to fit these issues.

"We significantly changed freshman orientation to address these gaps," Vinik said. "We have also provided significant training on sexual assault since the last survey and are hoping this survey will shed light on whether that training is having an effect. If not, we will need to explore new approaches."

Vinik, who received his juris doctorate at the University of Virginia, has served as the coordinator for Title IX for the past two years at Catholic University and previously spent twenty years dealing with sexual assault and sexual harassment on college campuses.

According to Vinik, the 2015 survey has prompted significant

change in Catholic University students' attitudes towards this issue. "Student protests are very rare on this issue or any other issues," said Vinik. "However, the lack of protests does not mean that students at CUA are not engaged."

Students at the Catholic University of America also take initiative to promote awareness and prevention of sexual assault such as the organization Peer Educators Inspiring Respectful Students, a group led by Dean Stephanie Davey.

While freshmen are a particular focus of the goals of the Title IX office, Vinik hopes to expand prevention programming beyond freshman year, as well as to "understand the dynamics of sexual assault in study abroad programs" and "expand training on sexual violence prevention to every employee of CUA."

Similarly, Vinik has noticed better support services for victims that include twenty-four hour access to counselors and sexual assault survivor support groups, as well as the attention of top university administrators.

In order to better target the goals of the Title IX office, another survey is being administered this year. As incentives, the Title IX office is offering multiple prizes that range from Nationals tickets to a \$100 giftcard to Bus Boys and Poets.

"We need as many students as possible to take the survey so that we can obtain an accurate picture of the campus climate," Vinik said. "Hopefully the results will show improvement over the last survey. If not, the university will need to explore new approaches so that we can make progress on this important issue."

The survey regarding the campus climate of sexual assault and sexual violence has been emailed to students.



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Student Screens Senior Thesis Film "Token"

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With support from the Student Government Association and the Black Student Alliance, Marjan Koffa, a senior media studies and communications major, presented a documentary film which highlighted racial issues on college campuses on Wednesday, March 29th.

The film, entitled "Token," was approximately 11 minutes long and explored the perspectives of black students who attend PWIs or predominantly white institutions. The film, which was submitted as Koffa's senior thesis, focused specifically on the experiences of black students at Catholic

University, which is considered to be predominantly white.

The event, held in the Edward J. Pryzbyla Student Center Great Room B, had a showing of over 100 people and filled a large majority of the seats. Before showing the documentary, the student government president, Kristina Pinault, gave brief welcoming remarks, followed by an address from Koffa explaining the purpose and inspiration for her documentary.

In her introduction, Koffa used her experiences from her childhood to explain the inner conflicts she has had with her race.

Referencing the 2008 election of Barack Obama as the President of the United States, Koffa said that around her peers she often had to diminish her support of Obama even though she believed he was an inspiration to many young black people. Koffa, who is from Owings Mills, Maryland, also spoke about how growing up in predominantly white environments damaged her self-image, and the subsequent journey she undertook to regain confidence.

Finally, Koffa relayed her personal experience as a black student at Catholic University. While she did say that she has faced many challenges

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NEWS

Women Leaders Share Advice with Catholic University Students

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including RESTive Housing for refugees in Iraq.

During the panel, each panelist described her educational journey. For Jo-Ellen Darcy, she was part of the first class to graduate with women in the department of Arts and Sciences at Boston College. After graduating from college and earning her master's degree, Darcy developed various environmental government legislation, such as the Clean Water Acts, and was later appointed to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

For Brianna Keilar, being rejected from the University of California, Berkeley wasn't an option. After making an appeal, Keilar was accepted to University of California, Berkeley, where she majored in journalism and psychology and decided to pursue a career in news. Although she has a great appreciation for her education, Keilar said that her work in the field gave her a better background for working as a correspondent.

Patricia Andrasick knew she wanted to become an architect from a very young age. Andrasick came from a family of immigrants, spent her spring breaks working with Habitat for Humanity, and studied architecture at the University of Oklahoma. After college, Andrasick became a licensed architect and worked on

designing government buildings before educating and working overseas with refugee families.

When asked to describe their experience of being a woman within their field, Patricia Andrasick said that she experienced other contractors asking questions such as:

"What are you doing? We are waiting for the architect."

Andrasick noted that the question no longer bothers her because the reward comes in the finalization of a project, rather than at the beginning of the work. Brianna Keilar also highlighted the importance of women in journalism. When covering a case concerning sexual assault, Keilar said:

"The men in the room listening to the tape heard lurid language, but the women picked up on the aggressor's forceful tone."

For Keilar, if women were not a part of her field, the story would not have been covered in the same way.

Student in attendance asked the three panelists for advice concerning career and education paths. Each panelist shared their moments of adversity in their career path, and told the students in attendance to give things that are difficult—such as a class or job—a chance, and to believe in themselves. They

encouraged the students to do more than the minimum requirement during their internships because it reveals that they are passionate about their work and could lead to a future job within that company. Another piece of advice the women offered students is that there are people in the world who want to help young students succeed, so they should ask questions and get to know the people in the field in which they wish to pursue.

"I personally know one of the panelist's, Brianna Keilar, and I know that she has influenced my life because of her strength and independence as a woman in her field. I think these women are wonderful examples for us," said Isa Martinez, a freshman and a member of the Catholic University of America's chapter of She's the First.

"The panel really inspires me to do more with my education. I find these women truly inspiring," said Molly Delorey, a freshman business major.

The Catholic University of America's chapter of She's the First's advisor, Julie Lau, closed the panel with a quote from a friend, who is one of the heads of the Campus Department of Public Safety:

"Don't let any fool scare you off of your dreams."

Presidential and Vice Presidential Candidates Present Ideas

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administration and the students.

Questions as to the candidates' actual engagement with minority student groups were brought forward, as well as how Mackisey's "Center for Diversity and Inclusion" would differ from the preexistent Center for Cultural Engagement. Mackisey said that it would not replace the Center for Cultural Engagement, but merely build off of it to encompass sexuality and gender. Elder made a point of saying that he is the only candidate who is active in the Center for Cultural Engagement and has worked with BSA, SOL, and FOCUS. Howard emphasized her experience with intercultural assistance working in the Office of Campus Activities.

The vice presidential debate was unique in that two of the three candidates—Basira Knight and Jon Paul Weiss—have never been a part of Student Government at the Catholic University of America. The two candidates presented this in a positive light, both emphasizing a "fresh perspective."

"I thought it was interesting that, in the vice-presidential debate, Jon and Basira were critical of SGA this year considering

...they have each come to maybe one Senate meeting," said Pinault.

When asked about their impressions of the debate, each candidate thought the evening went well, overall.

"[The debate] was really informative and as you can see we had a lot of students come and that's something important to us," said Andrew Elder. "People car[ing] about the future of SGA and about who will lead it. That's exciting."

Aaron Mackisey believed the debate was "really able to show that Jimmy and I are a campaign not just throwing out buzzwords but that we have big ideas and we have the plan on how to get them done."

However, Brianna Howard is focusing on the final stretch prior to the election.

"A lot of things were talked about but I think there are still issues that we need to talk about and that's my goal throughout the rest of the campaign," said Howard.

Voting will take place on April 5, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., on The Nest.

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"Token" Thesis Screening

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at Catholic due to her race, she also said that she was proud of the university for helping her grow and did not regret choosing to attend. Koffa attributed much of her growth to the community she found in Catholic University's Black Student Alliance.

Koffa developed the idea for her documentary and the title of the film, "Token," through her social experiences at Catholic University specifically.

"I was a lot of peoples' token black friend," Koffa said. "To them, I wasn't really black I just had black skin."

Koffa explained that since she felt that their culture was being neglected by white peers, she had the need to share the stories of her fellow Black Student Alliance members in order to increase awareness of cultural divides and insensitivity across campus.

The film featured stereotypes often encountered by black students, footage from a round-table discussion about cultural issues, and personal accounts from several Catholic University students. Koffa and "Token" received a standing ovation from the audience at the conclusion of the screening.

Following the viewing of "Token," a panel of Black Student Alliance members including Blair Davis, Samantha Lubin, Basira Knight, Sherman Abrams, and Zaniya Lewis, answered questions regarding their personal experiences with racial prejudice on and off

campus. Topics included self-image, how they adjusted to life at Catholic University, and why they chose a predominately white university over a historically black college or university.

Koffa said that she hopes her film will be a catalyst for social change at Catholic University and that she is happy she had the opportunity to start a narrative.

"The only way to bring about change is to begin the conversation," Koffa said.

Students who attended the event expressed support for Koffa and her goal of getting more students involved in the discussion of racial issues.

Freshman social work major John Rullo echoed Koffa's idea that an important step to finding change is to "start a conversation."

Sophomore musical theater major Marilyn Lopes said she attended the event because she likes "seeing things from a different point of view." She said the event helped her to see, as a non-black student, what she "takes for granted."

QUILL

TOWER EDITORIAL

Remember the 2016 election? How hyped up everyone got, how excited and dedicated people became? Well the Democrats and the Republicans ain't got nothing on SGA. For those of you who don't follow *The Tower* on Twitter or Instagram (@cuatower), a debate was hosted Monday night by CUA Debate Club, WCUA, and *The Tower*, in association with SGA. At the debate many important issues were brought up such as dining services, Cardinal pride, and SGA transparency.

However, the one topic that dominated all conversations was diversity. Whether it be a discussion of CUAllies or the Center for Cultural Engagement, every candidate made sure to posit that he or she was well-versed in the matters of diversity at CUA.

Ignoring the fact that the Center for Cultural Engagement has never received as much attention as it did on stage Monday night, it seems diverse is the thing people want to be. At the debate, the candidates faced questions from students of a wide variety of student organizations. Their answers all showed the standard support of diversity with some standout ideas present.

While it's easy to see that SGA has a lot more work to do in terms of supporting diversity on campus, it's possible that the administration has even more work to do on the same issue. If the organization members

who are meant to represent the entire student body are incapable of doing so, it reflects that the administration has not done enough to develop an inclusive community.

If the university was serious about actively fighting the campus' lack of diversity and racial sensitivity, they would educate students on the issue. Some students have taken it upon themselves to inform their classmates, from personal perspectives, about this need at CUA. These students should be applauded for their efforts and their work should be integrated into the fabric of CUA.

We need to stop making surface level changes and we need to start thinking about what defines our CUA identity and how we can better express that in the changing times. BSA, SOL, FOCUS, Gaels and the Arabic Club are some of the most involved and dedicated student organizations on this campus and they host some of the most dynamic events.

People at this school are dedicated to expressing diversity and making sure CUA properly presents the identity of its students; it's time we as students, we as the administration, and we as CUA support what already exists.

Science and Gender Ideology

GUEST COMMENTARY

Daniel P. Riordan
Class of 2018

It is no secret that the American political left is captivated by gender ideology. Its supporters will call it "Gender Theory", but that name is untrue. For it to be a 'theory' it would have to be at the very least a coherent supposition, but it is not. Pope Francis also sees past the smokescreen of "Gender Theory".

In *Amoris Laetitia*, he decried "An ideology of gender that 'denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society without sexual differences, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family.'" (AL, 56) All this will probably be called empty insults by some, so let me explain as best I can in this short article.

Gender ideology makes the claim that biological sex (or as they say "sex assigned at birth") has no bearing on the expression of the gender/s of a person or their feeling of conformity to established norms of gender. This claim is valorized in society today as a groundbreaking expression of a novel liberation of the human spirit from the rigid structures of yesteryear, but this is all a whimsical fantasy. This dualistic conception of a human being is ancient, and nearly prehistoric. From the Pre-Socratics, through Plato, and all the way to Descartes, this idea has led astray both ancient philosopher and contemporary social justice warrior alike.

Implicit in the aforementioned claim about the nature of human sexuality is a deeper claim about the nature of man and of reality in general. In relation to man, the central claim implicit in the assumptions of gender ideology is that the physical body is not a vital expression of who we are, but is merely an object that "I" inhabit, and the "I" is buried deep down inside, like a ghost in a machine. In very short order, this conception of man, instead of exalting the human person, turns into a destructive force. If the body is not a vital expression of the truth of who we are then it loses all its dignity. The body can be used however I want, I can hack pieces of it off – Body Integrity Identity Disorder – I can instrumentalize it to the very limits of my caprice. Fundamentally, this dualistic idea is one that ends up demeaning human dignity. But, proponents of gender ideology would

have you believe the lie that it is the supreme exaltation of human dignity.

More foundationally – and more dangerously – gender ideology implicitly assumes a doubt in the intelligibility of the world around us. If physical things like my body, are not vital expressions of what the thing is, then reality eludes me. Only in an integrated anthropology that sees the soul and body united together does the possibility of knowledge of human existence and of reality in general, open up to us. Still worse, though, gender ideologues on the left promote a radically incoherent set of assumptions.

On the one hand, we are told that empirical science has adjudicated the question of God and that empirical science is now the place where man can find true meaning. And what does empirical science necessarily entail? That the world is imbued with deep intelligibility that we are able to grasp, quantify, and measure.

On the other hand, we are asked to hold in gender ideology – if we hope to be logically consistent – that the physical world is not intelligible, that the real meaning of who we are lies deep within and even against the truth of our physical make-up. Thus, the completion of the system leads to an absurdity that can only be avoided by either dispensing with gender ideology, or abandoning the empirical sciences – a demand of reason the left seems uniquely unwilling to satisfy.



The Case for DPS Modernization

GUEST COMMENTARY

Aaron Mackisey
Class of 2019

In 1996, while President William Jefferson Clinton was campaigning around the country for re-election, he would often ask his audience to join him by helping to "build a bridge to the 21st Century." Admittedly – I am no Bill Clinton. Yet, the help I am seeking from you is not dissimilar.

Currently, our Department of Public Safety runs on paper. Our officers punch in on paper time clocks; they fill out paper parking ticket violations, and they fill out paper incident reports. This practice, while giving the appearance of efficiency on the outside, does not allow for the proper turning of gears one on the inside.

Yes, we have made some advances with DPS. In the past two years alone, the Student Government Association has successfully advocated for longer and more advanced training for our DPS officers, as well as an increase to the amount of firearms that DPS has at their disposal, and a push to give more DPS officers the proper training to use those firearms in a life or death situation. Yet, this is not enough, not nearly enough.

We, as students, get out of DPS what we give into it. We need to give our Department of Public Safety all the necessary tools for our mutual success. We do this with something my father (who served 22 years as a Rhode Island State Trooper) calls a "Help Me, Help You" Policy. Our goal is mak-

ing the Department of Public Safety 100% paperless within the next 7 years, and we must give them the tools to make this a reality.

The Mackisey-Harrington plan fixes current issues with DPS. It cracks down on those who use parking pass loopholes to their advantage. But, it also motivates them to buy the parking pass, to follow the rules, and to alleviate the burden on their wallet. We can streamline our DPS, and at the same time, make it less costly for the average student to have a car on campus.

At a time when our University is facing budget cuts due to losses in bad financial investments and low admission rates, it is up to all of us to find ways to help. Our plan not only fixes problems in our Department of Public Safety but also is a more cost effective alternative to save money over time without having to make large sweeping budget cuts into critical student resources.

We, as students, always need to remember one thing: we pay to attend this University. We are the customer. If we are not satisfied with the quality of service we are getting, it is our job to say something. We get as much out of our four years here as we put into it. I encourage everyone to go to www.yourvoiceyourcua.com/dps to read our comprehensive plan on how to modernize our Department of Public Safety at CUA.

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A & E

Did Dave Chappelle Come Back Too Soon?

By: Jared Prenda
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"Ladies and Gentlemen, man the f*** up or you're not going to make it to the end of the show." This memorable ad lib came after comedic legend Dave Chappelle needed to ease the tension in the crowd after one of his jokes went too far.

Few figures in the world of comedy have been as polarizing as Chappelle, and the titan made his long-awaited return after his sabbatical leave to South Africa and to his farm in Ohio. Chappelle is infamous for his dark sense of humor which shows his opinions of the world, many of which were highlighted in his now revered sketch show, *The Chappelle Show*.

His first special, *The Age of Spin: Live at the Hollywood Palladium*, was the 42-year-old's first show in Los Angeles in 10 years. Chappelle delivered a meticulously planned special featuring jokes about gay superheroes, the misadventures in his life since his last appearance, racial profiling, the rape allegations against comedic legend Bill Cosby, and why he attended the 2016 Oscars, which was boycotted by many famous black actors.

The special made it feel like the legend had never left. He wasn't afraid to cross the line or join in on the roars of laughter of the crowd. The irreverent comic calmly paced the stage while delivering his jokes, perfectly transitioning between jokes with the tales of how he met the infamous O.J. Simpson. The special was the standard for Chappelle and he nailed it, but his second special showed us a new side to the comedian.

Deep in the Heart of Texas: Dave Chappelle live at Austin City Limits started similarly



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to its precursor, but soon transitions to the comedian to open up about his family life, something the D.C. native rarely does.

This transition began halfway through the special when Chappelle stopped mid-joke and asked the crowd for a cigarette as he sat down on a stool. This point differentiated the stand-up stand from others in the genre. Chappelle welcomed us into his mind, telling us how he can easily be inspired with a series of gags about the rapper Lil' Wayne. The comedian also discussed his sons and his relationship with his wife, particularly following an unimaginably embarrassing case of blackmail.

Unfortunately, the unapologetic jokes involving racism (a case of police brutality in LA), sexual assault (the Bill Cosby Rapes), and LGBTQ+ community sparked out-

rage in the various communities and brought what was supposed to be a joyous return into controversy.

One joke in *Deep in the Heart of Texas* was a story of a transgender woman who had too many drinks whom he expressed concern about. When asking if "he" was ok, the friends of the women turned on him for his misuse of pronouns, spawning the punchline of the joke. This angered many members of the transgender community, and they took to various forms of media.

One such article was published on the online news source Buzzfeed.com, titled "Dave Chappelle is Back and So is His Transphobia" by LGBTQ+ activist and transgender man Tiq Milan. He berated the comic for his jokes and boiled it down to how he reflects how all "straight cis men" think and act.

Milan went on to criticize the comedian for his disparaging remarks, saying "If Chappelle is clutch-my-pearls offended by incidents like this, it's not because of our demand to be respected, but because of what that demand says about his own fragile gender identity. The one thing I've learned about masculinity as a transgender man is that its power and definition relies heavily on how well it performs away from femininity."

The article continues to discuss the plights of the transgender community, including how transgender woman account for 72% of hate-based homicides. Milan told of how he does not like how his identity was belittled, despite praising the comic later for his takes on racism, politics, and stereotypes.

Despite the reasoning behind the outrage, it has left many confused as to why

people are so passionate. Chappelle's career has always been steeped in controversy, including the examples found in his hit show which debuted in 2003. The series premiere featured a skit about the character Clayton Bigsby, a blind African American who thinks he is white and becomes a prominent figure in the Klu Klux Klan.

The list could continue forever, showing that Chappelle thrives off the politically incorrect. Unfortunately for him, the world today is full of social justice warriors and politically correct zealots. People are quick to be offended and lash out, which Chappelle has experienced heavily, despite him making his brand of comedy known. The world is too sensitive for the brutal honesty of the comedian and his stand ups, which should be celebrated, but are now being admonished.

Burgers Galore at Red Apron

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There is no denying that D.C. has mastered the art of crafting great burgers. On nearly every street, it's guaranteed there's a spot where you can find a juicy burger. At the same time, D.C. has become a place where healthy eating and organic produce have become central to the city's culture. All restaurants search for a way to advertise the fact that their ingredients are local and recipes are gluten free. Here's where the crafty Dupont Circle restaurant, Red Apron Burger Bar, manages to combine both.

The restaurant's chef, Nathan Anda, has managed to keep meat lovers as well as the environmentally conscious happy and most importantly, healthy! Anda's restaurant has a unique detail that has become very hard for any patty chef to claim: it can tell you where all its

ground beef originated.

The chef uses beef from Virginia. One burger's beef comes from Black Angus cattle fattened on grass and grain, and another from Ancient White Park cattle raised exclusively on a grass diet.

According to *The Washington Post*, most beef experts and lovers are not fascinated with the idea of only grass fed cows; they claim that the meat tastes better when the cow is fed grains. A diet of only greens makes the beef taste "gamy" and "less buttery" than regular ground beef.

Yet, the newspaper also claimed that once you tried Red Apron Burger Bar's burgers, "it's like training your palate to shift from Yellow Tail wine to fine French Burgundies."

Despite the green take on a meaty burger, the place itself does not at all feel like the

savage, lumberjack, meat-lover, burger establishment you expect to find. Although serving "junk food" is what the place does in a sense, the space has been lightened and decorated in a way that you don't feel junky at all. The combination of clever aesthetics and green produce has created a different experience when enjoying a burger.

Anda has managed to transform a guilty pleasure into a well-deserved delight. The options are countless in this burger joint. You can order anything from double stacked to even triple stacked burgers and there's also a vegetarian option. The vegetarian option's patty is made with mushrooms, cashews, and rice. The regular burgers include classics like onion and pickles, plus favorites like avocado and chimichurri. There's also a chicken patty which is marinated



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with yogurt with whipped feta and harissa mayo.

All the burger options plus all the great reviews should be enough to get on the Red Line to Dupont Circle and go try this burger paradise. They

also offer a variety of sandwiches if you're not a burger person, but it is a definite must try when living in D.C. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$14.35.

THE REAR END

Pryz Food Hacks

Chili Cheese Fries

Grab a plate full of Pryz fries (one of the few safe things to eat in the pryz). Go over to the soups and dump some veggie chili onto those fries, make sure you drain some of the liquid substances from the chili otherwise your fries are going to be extremely soggy and that's gross. Then, add a bunch of cheese and some sour cream. Bam you just created chili fries, which are vegetarian friendly!

Want some veggies on your sandwich?

You sick and tired of the same three veggies? Here's a way to add some more veggies to your sandwich. It's real easy, all you have to do is grab the veggies you want from the salad bar and bring them over to the sandwich station. Politely ask if they can put the veggies onto the sandwich. Tada! You just spiced up that boring turkey sandwich! Warning: Don't do this during Pryz rush hours, if you do you're kind of a jerk.

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A Wrong Conception

Excerpt from The Tower
March 3, 1932

The following editorial is reprinted from a university publication. It is a refutation of a portion of an editorial which appeared under the title "To Whom It May Conern" in the columns of this publication. We are led to deduct, or infer, if you like, that the caption of the editorial led some to conclude that it pertained to them, and inasmuch as a comment follows, we are flattered.

A WRONG CONCEPTION

"For some unknown reason many people today are of the opinion that there exists among the student bodies of all universities a group of students who are concerned only with the social life of their university. They are described as individuals who believe that college is a four-year furlough for the purpose of acquiring a 'social education' to become a 'bachelor of society'.

"Reference to such a group has usually been attributed to those unfamiliar with college and its requisites by the college student or graduate.

"It appears now that such is not the case. Representative college publications, in editorial comment, credit the actual presence of these loafers in generalized statements that can not be interpreted as indictments against their individual schools yet persist in keeping alive this myth that a student may loaf through a college course.

"We know that such conditions do not exist at this university and are doubtful as to whether they are permitted at the very universities these publications concerned with the question claim to represent. To philosophize without an accurate knowledge of the facts may result in a very harmful 'filler' for the editorial columns of any publication, particularly a student publication."

And now we ask is the utopia of institutions of higher learning found at last? Or is it the Utopia that Sir Thomas More had in mind-where no lazy individuals or hedonists are to be found? The realization of the dream of Sir Thomas More! Or is the author of editorial completely negligent of the conditions which exist within the sanctum of his Alma Mater? Have we found Newman's conception of the "Ideal University"? Do we use filler in our editorial columns? Was it not wasted effort to comment on this "filler"? Enlighten us as to the institutions at which these conditions do not exist, and we will gladly admit that we are cynics at best.

Youth and Politics

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At a time when youth movements are manifesting their interest in government, and all composed of young men outside of college, our collegians have shown a pathetic lack of interest in questions of national importance,

A democratic form of government has the admitted weakness of giving to the uneducated classes, and the unintelligent, an equality of power in deciding political issues. When therefore, our university students manifest no interest in government, know practically nothing concerning the issues of the day, and seemingly care less, it speaks ill for the political future of the nation. No field of government in all the world is so corrupt as that of our municipalities, cities and towns. One explanation may be that the machinery of administration has fallen into the hands of politicians where it has been allowed to remain because graduates of our higher institutions of learning have no interest in what they consider to be an off-color profession. As long as such an attitude exists, we shall continue to have corrupt government. It is not necessary that college and university students plan to make politics a career—it is only required that they become interested to such an extent in governmental questions that after graduation they can join hands in community government forming a spear head of education and intelligence; under whose leadership and influence the evils of corruption, graft, and crooked politics may be lessened.

Situated in the heart of the nation, the focus of all political attention, in the very midst of a revolution of political and social thought, students of Catholic University have an opportunity to feel the very pulse of the nation and to enjoy the stimulation of interest brought only by the sight of a magnificent project of government well under way, moulding; the lives of one hundred and thirty million people, influencing the thought of the entire world, restoring order from chaos, prosperity from ruin. Here is the ideal place then to inaugurate an active student interest in government.

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