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Catholic Announces \$6 Million Donation to Finance New Dining Hall

By RACHEL STEVENS
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On Tuesday, January 23rd, 2018, Catholic University announced exciting news about a \$6 million donation from an anonymous couple. This generous and large contribution to the University will go towards the creation of a new state-of-the-art dining hall to be completed by 2020.

As it stands, the new dining hall will be double the size of the current facilities at the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center. Students

and faculty have expressed discontent with the traffic flow in the current student restaurant. Facilities are not large enough to accommodate Catholic's growing student population. Undergraduate and on-campus students are most likely to use the student restaurant on a daily basis. With jam-packed schedules, the lines at the Pryz can be time consuming and frustrating. Fortunately, the new dining hall will "enhance the undergraduate experience" according to Jonathan Sawyer, Associate

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students.

Plans for the building show its future location in what is now Centennial Village. With a prime location near freshman housing, the goal is to ease crowding and expand food

options. It will feature contemporary space with display cooking, ample seating, and informal student gathering spaces.

"The generosity of these donors directly benefits our undergraduate

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COURTESY OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
An artist's rendition of the new dining hall, which promises a "welcoming open area."

SGA Senate Works to Open McGivney Hall 24/7 During Finals Week

By JIMMY CASSIDY
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In its first Senate meeting of the semester, Catholic University's Student Government Association (SGA) convened to discuss study spaces on campus during finals week and student safety in the McMahon parking lot.

In the first resolution proposal of the evening Monday, January 22nd, senators stated that students need more places to study on campus during final exam weeks in addition to Mullen Library. Sponsored by junior Jimmy Harrington and senior Alexa Schimp, the resolution requested that McGivney Hall be open

24 hours a day during the finals period. McGivney, the senators cited, has been recently updated and contains computer labs, group study spaces, and classrooms. It could be an additional location for students to use during the week in which Mullen is the most crowded.

While there was not much debate on the matter, one senator asked if the computer lab in Leahy Hall was not sufficient enough for students to use, as it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as well. The response was that McGivney would serve as another additional

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COURTESY OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

McGivney Hall will likely serve as an additional study space during finals week.

Catholic University Students Attend Women's March in DC

By LIZ FRIDEN
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Over one million people from across the country attended the Women's marches this past Saturday, January 20th. Last year's women's marches were held the day after President Trump's inauguration in response to his controversial election, and the momentum was kept up this year as marchers continuing to raise awareness of women's issues. Thousands of those people were a part of the Women's March on Washington, including nearly one hundred Catholic University students.

The nationwide Women's March in 2017 was one of the largest single-day protests in the history of the United States. This 2018 Women's March was significantly smaller

than last year's, but it had a different focus. 'Power to the Polls' was a main slogan of the event, which was all about bringing women to the polls to vote more women into office.

The speakers discussed how much had changed in the year before, from Donald Trump's election on November 8th to the March in 2017 and the most recent government shutdown. A few local politicians from Virginia spoke about their own experiences of empowerment from the year before when they decided to run. The speakers consisted of members of Congress and D.C. based advocacy groups as well.

This March was more

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CRIME BLOTTER

1/09 - 1/25

When: 1/09/18

Where: Ryan Hall

What: On the listed date, time and location, C-1 reported she left a wallet, driver's license, items of jewelry and \$200. cash in a desk drawer in her residence. Upon her return, her property was missing. C-2 also reported items of jewelry were missing from her desk draw.

When: 1/20/18

Where: Caldwell Hall-Lot

What: On the listed date, time and location, C-1 reported she was assaulted by S-1.

When: 1/25/18

Where: C-1 reported that on 1/24/18 at 2330 hours, he placed 1-fitted sheet, 2 top sheets, and 4-pillow cases in a washing machine in the laundry room in Millennium North. Upon his return at 0115 hours, on 1/25/18, he discovered his property was missing.

THE POLITICS CORNER

President Garvey's Term Renewed Through June 2022

By Alexander Santana
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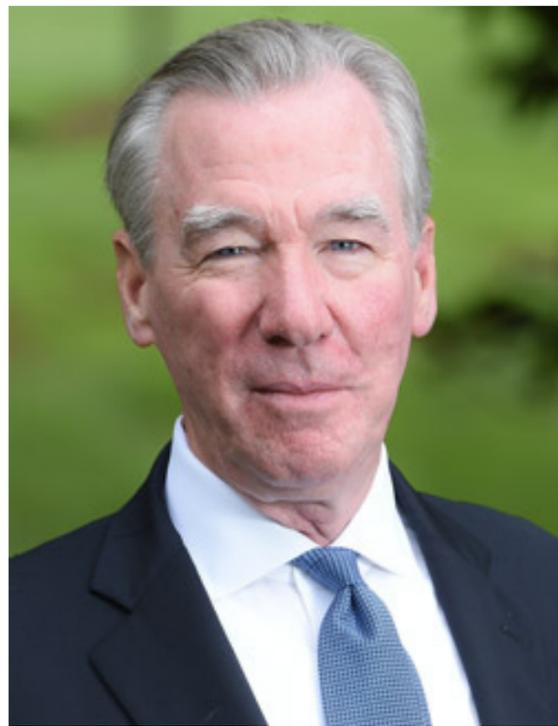
The Catholic University of America's Board of Trustees announced on Tuesday, January 23rd that University President John H. Garvey will continue to serve as president through June 2022. Garvey assumed the role of University President on July 1, 2010. Before arriving at Catholic University, Garvey was serving as Dean of Boston College Law School.

Joe Carlini, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a graduate of Catholic University from the Class of 1984, said in a statement released by the University's Office of Marketing and Communications "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am delighted that John Garvey has agreed to continue to serve another term as the President of Catholic University." Carlini continued to say that "John has demonstrated academic leadership, commitment to core Catholic values, and significant investment in the student experience during his time here. The trustees are looking forward to joining him in transforming the campus and growing philanthropic investment in our future."

Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington and University Chancellor also had remarks about Garvey's reappointment. He stated, "As Chancellor of Catholic University, I am pleased that John Garvey will continue to serve as one of the nation's key spokespersons for Catholic higher education in the United States." Cardinal Wuerl also stated that

"His commitment to ensuring the academic excellence and Catholic identity of this great institution of higher learning will certainly continue to sustain the effort to shape the culture and the future of the Church in our nation."

As a response to the decision by the Board of Trustees, Garvey stated "It is an honor to continue serving Catholic University at such an exciting time. Though higher education is experiencing significant changes, I am confident that the University's leadership will continue to build upon our strengths and grow investment in our University, not only for this present moment but for our future."



Courtesy of Catholic University

President Trump to Deliver State of the Union on Tuesday, Jan 30th

By Alexander Santana
Tower Staff

On Tuesday, January 30th, President Donald J. Trump will deliver his first State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. The speech is scheduled to begin at 9:00 P.M. EST. So far five Members of Congress have announced they will not be attending the president's address. Those five democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives include Representative John Lewis (D-GA), Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA), Representative Frederica Wilson (D-FL), Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), and Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).

In his address, President Trump will reflect on his first year in office as well as his vision for the next three years. Important issues like trade, the economy, immigration, and infrastructure are expected to be discussed. The President will likely also mention the tax reform bill known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which passed through both chambers of Congress and was signed in late December 2017.

Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA) has stated she is encouraging female members of Congress to attend the state of the union wearing black clothes to show solidarity with those who have suffered from sexual assault. Representative Speier stated she was once a victim of sexual assault herself when she was in her 20s working in a congressional office. When she was working for Representative Leo Ryan (D-CA), she stated the Representative's chief of staff grabbed her and kissed her.

In a statement to USA Today, Representative Speier said "I hope we see men and women across the House floor wearing black and embracing the concept that we do not tolerate sexual harassment. Whether you're in Hollywood or in politics, we will show sexual harassment will not be tolerated."



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Senate Proposal Deems McMahon Parking Lot Unsafe for Students

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resource, centrally located by Mullen for both on and off campus students to take advantage. Harrington also pointed out that this decision would not be a costly one, but would just involve a slight adjustment for Catholic's Department of Safety (DPS) officers who monitor the area already.

"McGivney is a recently updated building that has both group and individual study spaces for students," Harrington said. "But what's also important is its location between Mullen and Gibbons Hall that allows it to be on a current DPS route, so they could control the area without needing any additional officers."

According to the sponsoring senators, both the office of the Provost and Public Safety are on board with the proposal, suggesting the legislation should move forward to be in effect for this semester's week of finals.

"According to our conversations with both Associate Vice President for Public Safety, Thomasine Johnson, and University Provost Andrew Abela, it seems very likely this will take place this May after they saw it as very feasible and approved," Harrington said.

The other resolution aimed to designate a crosswalk through the McMahon parking lot to enhance student safety. The sponsors, freshman Alexandra Kilgore and sophomore Weston Kirby, asserted that the McMahon lot lacks any kind of traffic control, making it dangerous for both walking students and those driving in cars to park. The resolution requested a crosswalk to be marked, extending from the end of the ramp at the Pryzbyla Center patio to the entrance of Campus Ministry in Caldwell Hall.

In between classes especially, the McMahon lot becomes very hectic and difficult to navigate to weave in and out of tight parking spaces on their way to buildings like the Pryz, Caldwell, Leahy, and McMahon Hall. The senators say the parking lot's organization is a safety hazard for pedestrians and drivers, and even presents risks of damage to parked

cars.

Kilgore noted that the University Master Plan proposes to replace McMahon lot with an open quad area for students to enjoy, but that "there is nothing in the plan about taking your life in your own hands in the meantime."

According to a graphic presented at the meeting, the marked crosswalk would remove about six parking spaces. Kilgore addressed subsequent concerns saying that there is sufficient space in the parking garage underneath the law school, and that a meeting with university architect Margaret Carney is in the works to discuss logistics.

"I think the university parking garage is underutilized because not as many people are aware of it," Kilgore said. "This may be because it's slightly farther from the center of campus, or because its parking isn't as visually obvious as the McMahon lot."

Both of the resolutions were met with little questioning, and were passed by the Senate's votes. To move forward, the legislation must be signed by the SGA President Brianna Howard, and then they go to the appropriate university department to be discussed further. Here, the administration will ultimately decide if and to what degree the school will implement the Senate's suggestions.

The twenty-five student senators present also voted to make amendments to their own senate bylaws in the meeting. The main result of the edits was the addition of an article dedicated to the allocation appeals process for student organizations. After considerable debate between senators on some of the language and checks on power in the added section, the edits were passed. Student organizations may now formally appeal an allocation decision from the Treasury Board and the matter will be analyzed by a special committee on the appeal.

The next Senate meeting will take place on Monday, February 5th in Great Room B. Legislation can be tracked on SGA's website for the student body to stay up to date.

State of the Art Dining Facility Announcement Excites Student Body

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student population," said University President John Garvey.

The University itself is thrilled with the plans. Positive reactions about the new dining hall speak about the generosity of the donors and focus on the improvement of campus life. Maria Holschbach is a current freshman psychology major and will be on campus when the facilities are up and running in 2020.

"I think that the new dining hall will be a great advancement for the university. It isn't just a building, it's a reflection of the generosity from those who love this school and what it has done for them," Holschbach commented.

Many students feel similarly and are focusing on possible improvements to their future campus experience. However, the announcement has brought mixed reactions from some students. Amongst the student body are different thoughts and questions surrounding the logistics of this project. Many questions are about the construction of the facility and displacement of some freshman dorms.

In addition, the

general consensus among the student population is a push for better quality dining food.

"If the new dining hall is going to be another Pryz with complicated hours and no variety of healthier options, I don't know if it will actually improve the student experience. It might just ease traffic flow of the cafeteria," said Sophia Ferraro, a freshman nursing major. "I just think the quality of the food should be improved, I have no idea if they'll change vendors."

The University has not commented yet on whether or not it would switch food service providers. In regards to construction, the University would need to knock down multiple Centennial Village dorms. Unanue, Magner, and McDonald may fall victim to the wrecking ball. There has been no formal announcement from the University concerning the start date of construction nor logistical information to any potential residence building changes. One thing is for sure, students and faculty alike are interested in what the campus will look like in 2020.



COURTESY OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

An artist's rendition of the new dining hall, which looks to be adjacent to the Pryzbyla Center and on the edge of Centennial Village.



COURTESY OF ALEXANDRA KILGORE

The graphic of the proposed crosswalk in the McMahon parking lot.

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NEWS

Author George Weigel Shares Thoughts and Stories on Pope John Paul II in Book Q&A

By THOMAS DOMPKOWSKI
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Acclaimed Catholic author and NBC News Senior Vatican Analyst George Weigel addressed a group of about one hundred students, faculty members, and visitors about his newest book on Pope St. John Paul II, *Lessons in Hope*. The lecture, Q&A, book signing, and reception took place on Monday, January 22nd, at 6 PM in Heritage Hall, and was sponsored by Catholic's Institute for Human Ecology

Weigel, best known for his acclaimed biography of Pope St. John Paul II, *Witness to Hope*, wanted this new book to tell the stories of the saint rather than provide another analysis of his life and teachings. Weigel, however, never intended to write the book he discussed before the audience. As the pope's biographer, Weigel became the closest of friends with John Paul II and the two had an annual Christmas dinner. On December 15th, 2004, the last dinner he shared with Pope John Paul II passed away, Weigel promised the pope that he would continue to tell his story. This book, Weigel hopes, is the fulfillment of that promise he made to the pope more than thirteen years ago.

As a completely anecdotal work, *Lessons in Hope* is meant to "illuminate facets of this extraordinary life." The book itself is divided into two sections based on statements by the Holy Father. The first section of the book is organized around what Weigel calls "an extraordinarily rich interior life." In March of 1996, Pope St. John Paul II and Weigel were discussing a book about the history of the pope's pontificate. In a fashion Weigel described as "whimsical," the pope said to him, "I can only be understood from the inside."

Weigel told the audience that all of Pope John Paul II's actions and decisions were the fruits of his powerful prayer. The pope's

bold ecclesiastical appointments and his proposal of a World Youth Day, which is attended by many Catholic University students annually, were just some of these fruits. The pope could not just be understood by looking at his actions and prayer life, so Weigel needed to seek out John Paul's friends to fully understand the pope's "inside."

While the pope was a priest in Stalin-era Poland, he befriended young Catholics from his area. He took them into the mountains so they could discuss Catholicism, away from the ever-listening Communist authorities who were determined to stamp out religion from the culture of Poland. It was in this "network of friendship" that some of the pope's major ideas and initiatives were born, some of those being *Theology of the Body*, the book he would later author called *Love and Responsibility*, and the concept of World Youth Day. Weigel summarizes, "as he formed them, they formed him."

The second section of the book came from a statement by the Holy Father to a gathering in Fatima, Portugal, on May 13th, 1982, exactly one year after the assassination attempt in Rome which almost took the pope's life. Pope John Paul II stated, "In the designs of providence, there are no mere coincidences." This was a direct reference to the assassination attempt, as the Holy Father believed that one hand fired the shot, but another hand, that of the Blessed Mother, guided the bullet; if the bullet had been mere millimeters in a different direction, the pope would have died. Weigel states that the pope viewed the attempt on his life as a "facet of divine providential plan."

Weigel closed his lecture with advice to students and the need to reject the "tyranny of the possible," the restriction that people feel to accept the status quo.

"Trust the instincts that seem right and after you've prayed over them, still seem right," Weigel said. On the topic of vocations, he tells young people not only to pray, but to seek the counsel of friends and family. He ended the evening with a question and answer portion that involved questions about the current state of the Catholic Church and the role students can play.

COURTESY OF KATIE WARD

Author George Weigel answers questions from the crowd in Heritage Hall.

Women of CUA Organization Convenes to March

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political than last year's March. Last year's March was about unity against the presidential administration, this one was to bring down the administration by taking back Congress in 2018 and the White House in 2020.

Thirty-three Catholic University students representing the Women of CUA student organization attended the March, the largest group of Catholic students which was present. The group met in Millennium South to make signs on Thursday night before the Saturday morning March. With some upbeat music in the background, the young women of CUA scribbled away at their poster boards.

Raelyn Schnappauf, the president of Women of CUA, stressed the importance of nonpartisanship in the club when discussing her expectations for this year's March. While Women of CUA and College Democrats share some values, Schnappauf stressed they are "open to women and the equality of them," not closed to any woman of a certain party.

"The first Women's March sparked and served as a catalyst for so many other women's movements around the country and then women to run for office, which is what leads us to this March," Schnappauf said.

Alexa Routolo, the vice president of the club,

expressed excitement for new members to march for the first time.

"A lot of our members are freshmen, so I think it's really cool to see them get excited about this and be able to be activists for the first time in D.C.," Routolo said.

At the March, there was some anti-Trump sentiment in the air, but Catholic students had a lot of optimism for the upcoming midterm elections and for women in general. When asked about the March and if she felt it would be as big had Clinton been elected President, Routolo explained, "This has been coming for a long time. This was something that was ready to happen."

With less people at this march, there was more of a direction. It was more organized. It had similar chants, including "this is what democracy looks like", similar pink hats, and a lot of the same people marching. But this March was more political. Participants wanted to bring more women to the polls and into office.

Women of CUA came as a more organized group as well. They represented a small community of Catholic University students in a huge march with people of all ages and backgrounds.

"The fact that we can go as a group, an organized officially recognized group for the school and as a community is really great," Schnappauf said.



COURTESY OF WOMEN OF CUA TWITTER

Thousands took to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool during the Women's March on January 20th.

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TOWER EDITORIAL

How Far Will \$6 Million Go?

The announcement of a large donation and new or renovated building on campus is becoming the new norm here at CUA. The new business school in Maloney Hall, now the Tim & Steph Busch School of Business and Economics, and Murphy's Bar & Grill in the Pryz are two of the most notable. This week, almost right on schedule, the University announced the latest improvement coming to campus: a new dining hall. We won't even get into the argument that this money could have been used for a thousand better projects on campus because, truth be told, it's not even up to the University where this money goes. It's the donors' prerogative where they want their gift to be allocated. However, the news has sparked many questions among students, including the chosen location, the future of current buildings, and if the food will also get a \$6 million upgrade. In the released digital renderings, it appears that the new dining hall will be right next to the current dining hall. This begs the question: what will become of our beloved "upper" and "lower" Pryz? Early speculation suggests

that the Pryz may transform into more of a student union building with additional office and event space. After all, what would be the purpose of having two dining halls practically touching each other? If the Pryz is to remain a dining facility, then the new dining hall should be built closer to the residential neighborhoods so students do not have to walk across campus just to get a box of fries and an ice cream cone (when the machine actually works). While it may be exciting to have additional buildings on the university's campus, certain logistical issues should be taken into consideration. The new dining facility appears to be taking the place of one of the Centennial Village dorm buildings. Is this a sign from administration that the next large donation will be put towards new housing in place of CV Circle? As exciting as this new development is, this announcement creates more questions than it answers, in true Catholic U style. With the current quality of dining hall options, we would just be happy with nuggets more than once a week and food court that doesn't close at 8PM.

Flying High in the Sky:

Plane of a Tuskegee Airman



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GUEST COMMENTARY

Duane Paul Murphy
Class of 2019

Rainy Days From the View of a Clear Window

Water Drips down the Glass

Starts to traverse through walls

Until it finally touches grass

I see rainy days from the view

of a clear window

Grey and dreary

Sometimes I wish I was a drop

of water bringing life to a fresh

green meadow



GUEST COMMENTARY

Carrie Kirby
Class of 2018

Thoughts on the #MeToo Movement

"Me too." You've probably seen these words all over social media, signs, and posters lately, due to the recent popularization of a movement of solidarity, healing, and empowerment. The necessity of this movement cannot be overstated, for in this day and age of incredible opportunity and development, we cannot still be allowing the gross mistreatment of women to pass by unnoticed as if it were "okay." It is not "okay," and it will never be "okay" that I cannot count the number of my female friends and acquaintances who have posted "me too." I refuse to tell my little sister she should be afraid of men; instead I will tell her how to stand up for herself if her dignity is threatened. I refuse to accept the humiliation, degradation, disrespect, and abuse that is handed to me and my friends simply because we are women. Instead, I will uphold the worth and value of over half the world's population. I refuse to remain silent when I am told to be quiet, that I don't know what I am talking about, that I have no right to speak, all based on a prejudice towards me because of my gender; instead I will learn as much truth as I can about issues impacting our world and attempt to educate my peers in what is a truly fair and feminist viewpoint that stands for the good of all people. The fact

that our current president also has blatantly and carelessly degraded countless women including his wife, his daughters, and women of dignified positions, yet somehow manages to retain a following of many people who claim to be Christian or feminists is astounding to me. It is not Christian to degrade, disrespect, and mistreat fellow beloved children of God, and it is not feminist to support a violent and pointed assault on the dignity of other women, no matter their social status. There are so many injustices in the world today, how can it be acceptable that disrespecting women is seen as the norm, and proper treatment seen as a "gift" or a "reward"? A massive part of the women's rights movement centers on the independence and autonomy of women, which must be protected no matter their age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender identity, or social status. We have the gift of living in the greatest country in the world, while tragically millions of others live in destitution, terror, and near-imprisonment for the crime of being a woman. It is time, it is always the time, to do something to change that culture to make the world a more safe, empowering, and uplifting place for all women to flourish. The future is bright, the future is fair, and the future is female!

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A & E

The Wing, a Women's Club, is Opening in D.C.

By: DANIELA SOL
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This is a time where women are speaking up and demanding to be treated the way they deserve. This is why it was necessary for New Yorkers to come up with *The Wing*, a co-working and hangout space designed specifically to fulfill all womanly needs deserved. It is a multi-purpose space created to make the life of women easier and better.

The Wing opened in New York City October 2016 and it has been a success since day one. Why would it not? With its velvet pink couches, golden mirrors, and eclectic light features the space, both online in Instagram and in the city, has women from all over New York City fishing for a way to get a membership.

It's not just the mixture of mid-century vintage décor plus the modern architecture that has lured women but it's been the comfort created by a club exclusively dedicated for women that's made it a favorite.

It was so successful in New York that since 2016 two other locations have opened in the city. And now, it is coming to D.C.; making it the fourth location the company has opened.

It will open in Georgetown sometime in March and it's the first one to open outside New York. The company has not yet announced where exactly in Georgetown they will be opening. Many people are surprised about *The Wing* choosing D.C. to be its first location outside New York, yet D.C. is the perfect place to start the expansion nationwide.

The Wing has been very political throughout its short period as a women's organization. It helped during election season by opening voting booths in its locations, it offered its offices as headquarters to organize the Women's March in NYC, plus other political involvements.

After New York (or even more than New York?) D.C. is a place where women's issues are key and always part of the political discussions. It is a city filled with young, vibrant working women who desperately need a space specifically designed for their relaxation.

"As for the list of members, like other markets, the Wing's DC location promises to attract a who's who of prominent female residents. For notable politicians or businesswomen who may not be able to regularly uti-

lize such a public space, there are plenty of opportunities for collaborating on events through *The Wing's* programming. In the past year alone, *The Wing* has racked up appearances from Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, Amy Klobuchar, and Heidi Heitkamp, activists Ilyse Hogue, Michelle Jawando, and Alyssa Mastromonaco, and journalists Katy Tur, Annie Karni, Kasie Hunt, and Maggie Haberman," said Hayley Garrison Phillips, a writer for the *Washingtonian*.

This is clearly a space where intellect and issues that matter to the prosperity of women's

equality will be a priority. As a space very much involved with the political issues surrounding womanhood, The District was a top candidate for their next location.

Get ready to be showered in Chanel #5 while getting a blow-out in a club dedicated to soothing your womanly self. And if all goes wrong with the admission, get ready to enjoy a cup of coffee in a space dedicated just for female enjoyment.

Check out *The Wing's* Instagram to get a feel of what's to come.



COURTESY OF THE WING NYC

A Jazz Trilogy Comes to D.C. This Weekend

By: DANIELA SOL
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This weekend D.C. is going to be filled with a jazzy atmosphere. D.C. has proven, again and again, its jazzy vibe. From jazz in the garden during the Summer at the Sculpture garden to the random trumpet and saxophone players in the Chinatown streets, this is a city that enjoys some good old jazz. It continues this weekend as, from Friday to Monday, local jazz legends will be getting up on stages and performing.

This Friday, January 26th, musician and vocalist Aaron Myers returns after a two month break. Born in Texas, Myers started playing the piano when he was just three years old

and is now a favorite amongst jazz enthusiasts. He has made his name shine here in D.C. since being voted "Best Singer" in the Washington City Paper Readers' Poll in 2015 & 2016. In 2016, Myers was awarded "Jazz Artist of the Year" by the International Music & Entertainment Awards (IMEA). His performance is said to be impressive as he loves to take his audience a kick with every ballad. He will be performing Friday at 8 PM at Mr. Henry's on Capitol Hill.

Another D.C. jazz legend will be returning to the scene, by the name of Benito Gonzalez. Gonzalez, a Venezuelan piano

player who has performed in D.C. for years and has won the hearts of the District's music fans, will perform this Saturday, January 27th. After his debut in D.C., Gonzalez moved to New York for ten years and is back this weekend to perform in the city where he developed as a jazz player. His style is said to be splendid, with his Latin flair that clearly transcends his music. He will be performing at Twins Jazz in U Street from 9-11 PM and tickets will be \$15.

To finish the weekend of jazz, Ron Sutton Jr. and Reginald Cyntje will perform Sunday, January 28th at 6 PM at the freshly reopened Alice's Jazz and Cultural Society, 2813 12th Street, Northeast. This should be a special jazz concert as both performers have birthday's coming

up in the end of January, meaning that this show will be full of birthday excitement! Plus, these two artists are faithful to this city. They've performed in D.C. for many years and have dedicated their musical careers to the city. Tickets will be \$10. For anyone interested in enjoying a

trilogy of local jazz talent, this is your weekend. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity of all these artists' comebacks to sit back enjoy a brandy, with a cigarette as the blues take you away on a cold winter night.



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SPORTS

Men's Basketball Takes Down Scranton and Susquehanna

By Jared Prenda
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Catholic University's men's basketball team is now winners in 4 of its last 5 outings as the Cardinals pulled out two strong conference victories this past week. These wins moved the squad up to second place in the Landmark Conference, and advanced Catholic's record to 11-7 overall and 5-2 in conference play. The team easily handled its rival Scranton at home on Saturday, January 20th in a 76-52 victory. The Cards then put on a stellar defensive performance to defeat Susquehanna 73-55 on the road this past Wednesday, January 24th.

Catholic dominated Scranton from the opening tip-off, taking a swift 14-5 lead in the first few minutes. The scoring was kicked off by Scranton who hit a short-range jumper on the game's first basket, but junior guard

Andre Mitchell answered immediately with a 3-pointer and the Cards never looked back. The team would go on to take a 20-point lead at the half, 37-17.

The three-headed monster of senior Jay Howard, junior Jimmy Golaszewski, and sophomore Riley Hayes lead the way for the Cards in their win over Scranton. Howard posted a game-high 26 points and a team-high 8 boards in his performance. Hayes match Howard with 8 rebounds and finished second on the team with 15 points. He also led the defensive charge with 3 blocks and 2 steals. Golaszewski scored 12 points and grabbed 7 boards in the effort.

CUA hit 7 more shots than Scranton, and shot 79% from the line, as it built its lead to the widest margin of 27 with only one minute left to play. The Cards also outrebounded Scranton 46-32.

The Catholic team over-

whelmed both of its opponents with tenacious defense in the matchups. CUA only allowed Scranton to hit 5 field goals in the first half of their game and held the Royals to only 32% shooting from the field and 28% from deep. The River Hawks did not fare much better against Coach Steve Howes half court press, shooting marginally better with 33/23 splits.

Despite this defensive proficiency, the matchup against a much worse Susquehanna team (6-11, 3-4) was a different story for the Birds. The team was lead in scoring by Mitchell with 18, who went 6-7 from the field and a perfect 4-4 from deep. He also posted 5 assists and 4 steals in the game. Hayes and freshman Justin Pryor each scored 11 in the game, while the team's top two scorers, Howard and Golaszewski, combined for only 14 points.

Despite this one poor performance, Howard has still

capitalized in his senior season by becoming the Landmark Conference's all-time leading scorer this past week. Howard now has 1,925 career points and only needs 75 more to become only the 3rd player in program history to reach 2,000. Beyond this, Howard earned his 4th Landmark Conference Honor of the season when he was named Conference Athlete of the week following Saturday's game, and has averaged 23/7/2 on the sea-

son in the power forward position.

The Cards next game will be this Saturday, January 27th on the road against potential playoff rival Juniata. CUA came out on top over the then 23rd nationally-ranked Eagles 82-70. CUA will need its stars to produce if they wish to prevail once again and they must continue their defensive dominance against a team shooting 52/37 splits on the year and only turning the ball over 14 times a game.



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Junior guard Andre Mitchell looks to move the ball down low. He posted 18 points in Wednesday's win over Susquehanna.

Women's Track and Field Encouraged by First Performance of 2018

By Jared Prenda
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The Catholic University of America women's track and field team kicked off the 2018 part of its indoor season this past Saturday when the team traveled to Collegeville, PA to compete in Ursinus' Collegeville Classic. The team placed ahead of 8 other teams and 11th overall.

Freshman Abby Grabowski has been a breakout star for the team in the first few meets of her career. In her first meet a few weeks ago, she set the school record for the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.82. This past meet, she came .02 seconds shy of her own personal record with a time of 9.84, which earned her a top ten finish in the event at 6th.

Fellow freshman Victoria Carlini also posted a top-ten performance in the 800-meter dash as she finished with a time of 2:35.69, placing her 7th

overall in the event.

The team is filled with excitement over the early success of these prospects. Sophomore distance runner Emily Schubert commented on their addition to the team.

"We're going to have a very successful season because of our freshmen, Abby and Vicky, who have had very strong performances and we're still early in the season," Schubert said. "If they keep this up we will have a very strong team going into conferences at the end of the year."

Senior Kiera Lyons had a standout day for the Lady Cards as she won the 3,000-meter race by more than ten seconds with a finishing time of 10:57.37. Lyons also finished 4th in the mile with a time of 5:25.40. Her efforts earned her Landmark Conference Athlete of the Week in track and field. Sophomore Alex Filiault

also ran the event in 5:58.86, which was good for 15th overall.

The entire squad is looking to improve throughout the year and are happy but not content with its early season success.

"This meet was definitely a good assessment meet, especially for the freshmen," Schubert commented. "But if we keep up our training and working hard at practice, we will definitely have a strong indoor season and we're going to go places this year."

The team will return to action this Friday and Saturday, January 26th & 27th, when it competes at George Mason in nearby Fairfax, Virginia for the George Mason Patriot Games. The team looks to improve throughout the year and carry its success with them into the outdoor season.



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Senior distance runner Kiera Lyons won the 3000-meter (10:57.37) and finished fourth in the mile (5:25.40).

CUA Cardinals

Upcoming
Events



Women's Basketball

at Juniata	Sat., Jan. 27	3:00 PM
at Goucher	Wed., Jan. 31	7:00 PM

Men's Basketball

at Juniata	Sat., Jan. 27	1:00 PM
Goucher	Wed., Jan. 31	7:00 PM

Swimming and Diving

Howard	Sat., Jan. 27	1:00 PM
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Indoor Track and Field

at George Mason Pat	Fri., Jan. 26	3:00 PM
at George Mason Pat	Sat., Jan. 27	10:00 AM

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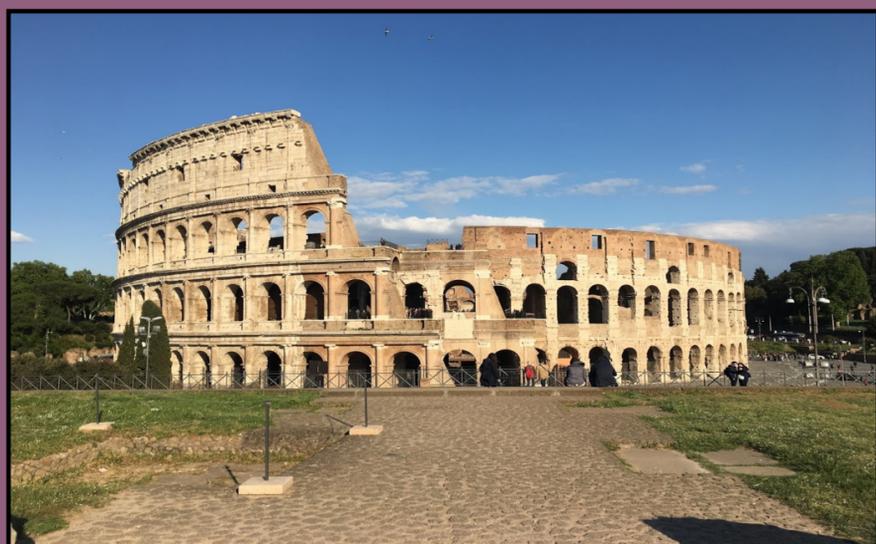
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