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### Media Department to be Retained in School of Arts & Sciences

By DUANE PAUL MURPHY  
Tower Staff

The Catholic University of America's provost and Academic Senate have decided to keep the Media and Communication Studies department within the university's School of Arts and Sciences. The decision to keep the department came last week Thursday, April 12th. Originally, the Provost proposed the consolidation of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music and the Departments of Art, Drama, and Media and Communication Studies into a new university school. This school would have been called the School of Music, Visual, and Performing Arts. Under the proposal, the school will be up and running for the fall semester of the 2018-2019 academic school year.

In a statement published on Facebook last week, Student

Government Association Vice President Jon Paul Weiss announced that both the provost and the Academic Senate accepted a proposal by the SGA Senate where the department will remain part of the university's liberal arts and sciences program.

"I want to commend all of you who voiced your concerns," Weiss said in the statement. "It was an honor representing you all in this process."

Several Senate Ad Hoc Committee meetings will take place next Wednesday, April 25th, at 12:30 PM in Hannan 108, for participating undergraduate and graduate students, and at 3:00 PM on the same date in Gowan 126, for all current faculty, staff, and students. These members of the community will be able to further discuss the university's Academic Renewal

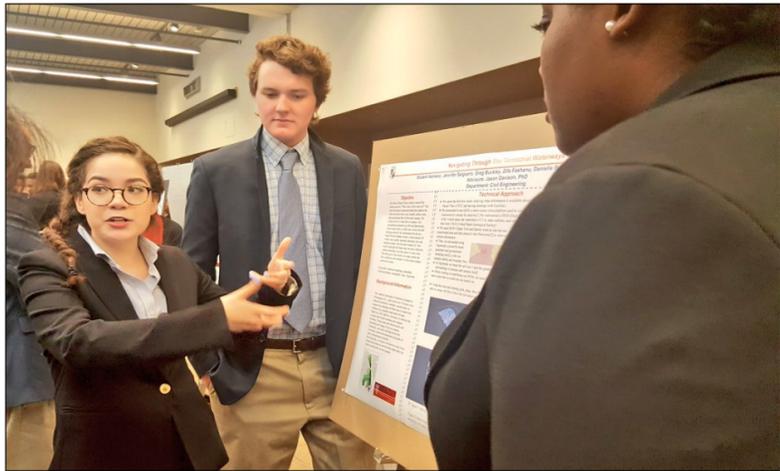
proposal. The proposals include increased investments and support for teaching development, improved support for faculty and student research, and upcoming renovations of science laboratories, classrooms, and performance and rehearsal spaces. The termination of 50% of the Media and Communication Studies department faculty has also been proposed.

Stephen McKenna, chairman of the university's Media and Communication Studies Department,

praised the efforts of students voicing their concerns to the administration in a variety of organized efforts.

"I felt deep pride in and appreciation for our students," McKenna said. "I've never been so proud or moved in over two decades of teaching here. These students are amazing--smart, passionate, articulate, and able to make a persuasive case in the interests of their own community. That's a big part of

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RESEARCH DAY 2018

Hundreds of students got the chance to present their research to fellow classmates, faculty, and staff on the university's third annual Research Day on Thursday.

### University Announces Speaker for 129th Commencement Ceremony

By JIMMY CASSIDY  
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In an announcement Monday, April 16th, the university announced Archbishop of Los Angeles José Gomez as the commencement speaker for this year's graduation ceremonies. Gomez will address the class of 2018 at Catholic's 129th annual Commencement Ceremony on May 12th.

Gomez, who will receive an honorary fine arts doctoral degree, currently serves as archbishop of the largest archdiocese in the United States and as the vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

(USCCB). Born in Monterrey, Mexico, he has been a prominent supporter on behalf of immigrants, encouraging Catholics to advocate for an extension to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in recent months. Gomez is a member of Catholic's Board of Trustees, and will be the first clergy member to deliver the commencement address since Cardinal Timothy Dolan spoke to the class of 2012.

In the announcement, university

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Archbishop of Los Angeles José Gomez will deliver the commencement address on May 12th, 2018.

### Founders Day and Odyssey Day Considered a Financial Success

By ABBY ANDERKO  
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This past week, the university hosted two big events, Founders Day Challenge and Odyssey Day. Both of these events generated publicity for the university, but more importantly, they also helped the university with its future in financial status and enrollment goals.

On Tuesday, April 10th, the university celebrated its annual Founder's Day, commemorating the 131 years since the university was founded by Pope Leo XIII in 1887. Initial estimates show that the university raised \$562,746 with 1,465 donors, according to Patrick Davey, director of the CUA Fund. This is significantly higher than what was raised last year, \$324,678 with 967 donors.

However, this year, this fundraiser was about more than just raising money, according to Davey.

This year was about "much more than gift size or record-

breaking totals," Davey said. "This challenge is all about participation and support from the community."

All throughout the day, there were many different ways in which one could donate. One was in person at the many table locations all over campus. At these table locations, students could donate with cash or use their Venmo money-transfer app, which offered an easier method for students not carrying cash to contribute. A new effort this year, Venmo donations accounted for 10% of the number of people who donated. A second option of online donations totaled for a big sum of the money donated. Donors could give any amount of money to a specific academic program, athletic team, or student life initiative. They could also donate to an unspecified option called the CUA Fund that will distribute the money raised to areas in need. The

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# NEWS

## The Tower

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## CRIME BLOTTER

4/17

When: 4/17/18

Where: Pryzbyla Center

What: Indecent Exposure & Voyeurism

The Department of Public Safety (DPS), was notified of two incidents that occurred in the Pryzbyla Center's female restrooms.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., a female reported that an unidentified male entered the restroom and exposed himself at the lower portion of the stall occupied by the complainant. The suspect then fled.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., a complainant reported to DPS that she was in the female restroom on the second floor of the Pryzbyla Center when an unidentified male entered the restroom and displayed an iPhone under the stall she was using. The suspect fled the restroom.

## Cuban Dictator Raul Castro Steps Down

By Duane Paul Murphy  
Tower Staff

Cuban president and brother of the late Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, has recently stepped down as the Caribbean Island country's leader after seven years of rule between 2011 and 2017. The 86-year-old's successor, 58-year-old vice president Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, will become the communist country's first head of state and government not under the Castros' rule. However, Raul Castro will remain in his own partisan position as First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba. After fighting in the Cuban Revolution against the Batista regime between 1953 and 1959 alongside

his own brother and Che Guevara, Raul Castro held several positions of power while Fidel Castro rule the island such as Minister of Defense, First Vice President, Second Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, and Secretary of the Non-Aligned Movement. While president for seven years, Castro opened up housing markets that would eventually allowed citizens to buy and sell their own homes, create wi-fi zones to become connected with the internet, and initiated the short-lived thawing of U.S.-Cuban relations while Barack Obama was president.

## THE POLITICS CORNER

### Former First Lady Barbara Bush Passes Away

By Alexander Santana  
Tower Staff

America lost a much beloved and admired first lady with the tragic passing of Barbara Bush, the wife of the 41st President George H.W. Bush and the mother of the 43rd President George W. Bush. Barbara Pierce Bush passed away on Tuesday, April 17th at the age of 92 surrounded by her family at her home in Houston, Texas. President George H.W. Bush's spokeswoman, Jean Becker, stated that he "is broken-hearted to lose his beloved Barbara, his wife of 73 years. He held her hand all day today and was at her side when (she) left this good earth." A few days before her passing, a statement was released from a Bush family spokesman, Jim McGrath, saying that Mrs. Bush was in "failing health" and had been in and out of the hospital recently. The statement read in part that "following a recent series of hospitalizations, and after consulting her family and doctors, Mrs. Bush, now age 92, has decided not to seek additional medical treatment and will instead focus on comfort care."

Known by many as the matriarch of the Bush family, Mrs. Bush was always there to support and defend her husband and children when criticized. Besides being only the second first lady to have both a husband and son be president, Mrs. Bush was also the mother of six children, George, Jeb, Marvin, Neil, Dorothy, and Robin who passed away of leukemia at the age of three in 1953. Karl Rove, President George W. Bush's deputy chief of staff, wrote in a Wall Street Journal article that "the children she raised are testimony to a mother who taught respect, integrity, hard work and faith and gave unconditional love." When Mrs. Bush passed away she and President Bush had been married for 73 years, the longest-married couple in U.S. presidential history. She married President Bush in 1945 when she was just 19 and he was 20.

As the constant companion and confidant of her husband for over 70 years, Mrs. Bush witnessed him go on to hold several important positions in American government including President from 1989-1993, Vice President to Ronald Reagan from 1981-1989, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) under Jimmy Carter, U.S. Ambassador to China under Gerald Ford, Chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC), U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) under Richard Nixon, and U.S. Representative from Texas from 1967-1971. She would meet her future husband at a Christmas dance in 1941 at the Round Hill Country Club in Greenwich, Connecticut where President Bush had been

raised. President Bush was the son of Connecticut's future U.S. Senator Prescott Bush. At the time they met, President Bush was a senior at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. They became engaged 18 months later and shortly thereafter President Bush enlisted in the U.S. Navy as the United States entered World War II. In 1943, as President Bush was serving as a young naval aviator and engaged to his future wife, he wrote a now famous letter displaying his love for her. The letter reads "I love you, precious, with all my heart and to know that you love me means my life. How often I have thought about the immeasurable joy that will be ours someday. How lucky our children will be to have a mother like you."

During her years as First Lady and even after the White House, Mrs. Bush's main cause in her life after her family was literacy. She founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in 1989 and continued to stay involved in its work even after her husband lost his 1992 re-election bid to then Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. In her famous 1990 Wellesley College commencement address, Mrs. Bush stated "Believe in something larger than yourself... Get involved in some of the big ideas of our time. I chose literacy because I honestly believe that if more people could read, write and comprehend, we would be that much closer to solving so many of the problems that plague our nation and our society."

She is survived by her 93-year-old husband, five children, fourteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. The American people will be able to visit Mrs. Bush when she lays in repose between noon and midnight on Friday, April 20th in St. Martin's Church in Houston, and a private funeral service will take place on Saturday, also at St. Martin's Church. First Lady Melania Trump as well as former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton and former First Ladies Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton will be attending the Saturday funeral service. Former President and First Lady Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter will not be able to attend because he is on an overseas trip and she is recovering from a recent intestinal surgery. President Donald Trump will not be attending the service "to avoid disruptions due to added security, and out of respect for the Bush Family and friends attending the service" according to the White House. Mrs. Bush will be buried in a family plot beside her late daughter Robin at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum near Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.



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## Provost, Academic Senate Vote to Leave Media Department in Arts & Sciences

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what we teach them to do."

McKenna also said that the administration took the students' opinions into consideration more than those of faculty or staff members affected by the proposed changes.

"Without question, students made all the difference," McKenna said. "As a faculty member, my protests and arguments were ignored or dismissed until students made their position known."

Students in the Media and Communication Studies department expressed gratitude regarding the department's status as an independent entity within the School of Arts and Sciences.

"When I heard the news about keeping the Media and Communication department in the Arts and Sciences, I was really happy and quite surprised," said sophomore media major Caroline Firriolo. "I was proud of my peers because I knew it was the students of this department, and also the students from the departments of Drama, Music, and

Art, who made this happen. I thought it was impactful to know that our voices were heard."

Other students have expressed similar sentiments.

"I am happy and relieved to see that the revised proposal keeps the Media Communication Studies where it rightfully belongs, in the school of Arts and Sciences," said senior media major Alycia Monaco. "This department has done so much for me, other Media and Communication Studies students, and alumni. It was amazing to witness students in the program advocating for themselves and others, while promoting the best interest of the program."

After taking thoughts from students and faculty in the ad hoc committee meetings, the Academic Senate will again convene to produce an updated version of the proposal. The third and final Academic Senate meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 9th. The final vote on the proposal will come from the Board of Trustees on June 5th.

## Past and Future Cardinals Contribute to Important Financial Week for CUA

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most popular designations from Founders Day included Campus Ministry, Catholic University Scholarships, the Mullen Library, and the Dean of Students Office.

Social media played a big part in the success of the challenge, with people posting pictures in their Founder's Day t-shirts and sunglasses, prompting others in the community to donate to either the university in general or their specific team or organization. In getting the word out there, the challenge was spread to more people and encouraged more donors to help CUA reach its goal for the challenge.

More than 190 faculty members and 100 students supported the challenge, with their total money raised exceeding \$22,000. Davey said that although it was incredible to receive large donations, "it means a great deal to be able to have support from a significant number of people from our own community," which is why the event was considered a successful venture for the university.

In terms of financial success, another important day for the university was Odyssey Day, an all-day admissions event hosted for accepted students as a time for them to come visit campus before their college decision deadline on May 1st. Almost 500 families

attended the event that took place on Friday, April 13th. Forty-five students officially committed to Catholic, placing their deposits that day.

According to Katherine Fainer, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Admission, there was a greater amount of students than in the previous two years.

Days like Odyssey Day give students the ability to come to campus and get a feel for the university as they make their decision on where to attend in the fall. All factors including students, staff, and even weather can affect a student's decision.

"We got so lucky with the weather," Fainer said, "because that can both literally and figuratively dampen the experience for the students."

Since Odyssey Day, 117 new students have put down their deposit to be a part of Catholic's class of 2022 and attend the university. This year's Odyssey Day may have convinced some still-undecided high school seniors to choose Brookland as their home for the next four years. During a year in which enrollment numbers were cited as a cause for the university's financial challenges, the success from both Founders Day and Odyssey Day projects a healthier fiscal future.

## Graduating Seniors React to Commencement Speaker Announcement

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President John Garvey expressed delight in the prospect of the archbishop speaking to this year's graduates.

"His efforts on behalf of immigrants, in particular those in the DACA program, are significant," Garvey said. "It's important that our graduates and their families will hear from such a prominent voice in the immigration debate."

The announcement was met with varying reactions from the senior class of 2018. Some are excited to hear the archbishop's inspiring story and message, and others seem a bit underwhelmed at the choice.

Senior politics major Zanas Talley is happy that a leader and man of faith will address the graduating class.

"I'm looking forward to whatever charge he gives to our class, but I hope he can speak to the importance of private citizens working inside communities to bring about change," Talley said. "I hope he doesn't just speak to the religious aspect of our lives but to our lives in this world."

On the other hand, senior Brianna Howard feels that many seniors were hoping for a bigger name to come and speak this year.

"Although Archbishop Gomez is very obviously an accomplished member of the Catholic community and will deliver inspiring remarks, he has also been a speaker at earlier campus events," Howard said. "Students would have been more excited to have a fresh name as our commencement speaker."

This will not be the first time Gomez will serve as the commencement speaker, nor the first time he will address Catholic University students. The archbishop spoke to the 81 graduates of Thomas Aquinas College's class of 2011, warning them of an increasingly secularized society, and reminding them of "the important duty to confront this culture with the power and the promise of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Last March, Gomez spoke on the topic of immigration at a CUA on Tap event sponsored by Campus Ministry. Having been a U.S. citizen since 1995, he noted how personal an issue it is for his family.

"For me and the Catholic Church, immigration is about people," Gomez said. "We're talking about souls, not statistics."

The choice comes during a year in which the university has shown much support for foreign students and those potentially affected by DACA. Last September, Garvey issued a statement responding to the ending of the DACA

program, noting that elimination without comprehensive reform would be a serious harm to the country and the thousands affected. Then last November, the university decided to waive a semester's worth of tuition and fees for up to forty Puerto Rican students who wished to continue their own education on the mainland. Students commented on Archbishop Gomez's background and thoughts on this ongoing situation.

"At this time, it will be important for all of us to hear a reminder about what our Church teaches us about the just treatment of immigrants," said senior Thomas Doyle. "I am looking forward to hearing what Archbishop Gomez has to say on the subject."

"I like that he always speaks about the central role of the family in society and that he clearly sees simplicity as a way to be close to the Lord," said senior Maria Flores. "He is also Mexican, as am I, so I am looking forward to hearing someone who has a similar background to me speak!"

Senior Justin Andreani hopes the address won't be too political.

"I believe the story of his life will be very inspirational and what he discusses will probably carry a great message," Andreani said. "I do worry a little, though, that if he talks about immigration that might spark a political debate among families who have divided opinions."

As a peek at the comment section of the university's Instagram post about the announcement might suggest, there are some seniors who feel let down about the pick. Students had spent the past few weeks guessing who the university could have invited, including names like Gary Sinise and Joe Biden.

"Because of the delayed announcement of this year's commencement speaker, students had hopes of a large name speaker that required extra time to confirm," Howard said.

"I would say that I am a little disappointed with the choice after reading about who he is," said senior Heston Priestley. "I kind of feel like President Garvey just chose someone he would be interested in and not us."

"I found it interesting that Archbishop Gomez is on the Board of Trustees here at CUA," said senior Kim Myers. "I think it would've been nice to have a member outside of the CUA community come to speak; however, I'm sure he will have an empowering message for the graduating class."

Gomez will speak the morning of Saturday, May 12th outdoors on the east steps of the Basilica, weather permitting.



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Pope Francis kisses a relic of Blessed Junipero Serra presented by Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles at the Pontifical North American College in Rome in 2015.

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## TOWER EDITORIAL

### A Year in Review

As another school year at Catholic University comes to a bittersweet close, students in all majors are both looking forward to beach days and looking back on fond memories shared with their classmates. It was a great year for the Cardinals in the field, in the classroom, and at the Hill, and a great year for the ever-growing collection of Basilicagrams on social media! Non-official (but like... pretty official) stats for this year include the average amount of Pryz fries eaten by students (25 pounds a semester), most popular Uber destination (darty house... RIP), and the most popular search on the catholic.edu search bar ("Helpppp", four p's).

Looking back on some of the year's biggest moments, there were definitely some highs and some lows. The #MeToo movement, mumps, and Super Bowl LII fanfare were all present on campus. CUA students welcomed the Plain White T's, Charles Koch, and Carly Fiorina, among other famous politicians, businessmen, speakers, and performers. Students criticized yet another tuition increase and wave of faculty layoffs, but welcomed the idea of a new dining hall and the opening of Murphy's.

With almost four months of break in between this school year and next, it's important for students not to lose momentum. Enjoy the warm weather (if it ever gets above 50 degrees), long hours of sleep, and visits with friends from home, but come back to school next fall ready to hit the ground running. Bring your passions and opin-

ions back to campus with you -- look how it worked out for the Media and Communication students who took a stand over something they believed in. The 2018-2019 school year could be a rough year for Catholic, with the current financial state of the university and lower enrollment, but if students bring the same passion and ideas with them that they flock to Twitter with every time the administration does anything, the future of the university will be in good hands.

Reports of CUA's imminent death as a university have been greatly exaggerated, but there are still so many ways that Catholic could be better in order to overcome so many challenges ahead. Students find it hard to walk anywhere on campus without noticing or being obstructed by construction projects, and it doesn't seem like it will end any time soon. They receive dozens of emails encouraging them to donate to a university that simultaneously informs parents of 3% tuition increases for the following year. And while changes to the curriculum may be a sign of modernity, major terminations of tenured faculty could threaten the quality of small classroom sizes and teacher-student relations during office hours.

As we've seen this year, it is ultimately up to the student community to become more aware of everyday situations going on around campus. It's been a great year, but we need to speak up, stay alert, and get involved as much as we can to sustain the best qualities of this university.

#### GUEST COMMENTARY

Bo Williams  
Class of 2018

## Empty Nests

When a child goes off to college, it is not simply just returning to school after summer break. Whether it is going off to a four year university or a junior college, it is an important transition into adulthood. Legally speaking, an adult is anyone defined as anyone over 18 years old; but is usually considered as being able to be independent and responsible for themselves.

Despite this definition, college students are usually dependent on their parents in one way or another. This dependence can either be in the form of an economic, emotional, instrumental, or informational form of support. In an economic or financial form of support, parents support their child by providing funds for their schooling, housing, and food usually. While emotionally, parents make sure that their child feels cared for; valued, encouraged, understood, and validated as a person. On average, parents give around 380 hours of support per year to their children, which is about 9 weeks of a full time job. Throughout college and into adulthood, parents provide invaluable support and advice about life to their child; which is why a positive parent-child relationship going into college is so important for the transition into adulthood.

For young adults, their moods are largely based on past family experiences. This means that the more social support a child has, their higher their self esteem and chance for success. In a sample of 18 to 25 year olds, over the course of seven years there is an increase in self esteem, and a decrease in the levels of expressed anger and depression. However, the transition into adulthood can be very stressful regardless, and can cause an increase in anxiety in young adults. Parents are there to support their children, to get them through all of the low times. Parents are able to make the transition into adulthood the easiest if they provide support, the necessary resources, and have a positive relationship with their children.

While a parent should never stop

supporting their child at college, they need to shape a new appropriate relationship with them. Parents relinquish control of day to day activities when they send their kids off to college. In college, kids are learning about themselves, and who they are as a person. In order to keep a positive relationship, parents must respect their children as adults. If parents respect their kids as adults, then they can better effectively use problem solving skills to find mutual solutions. There is a balance in the relationship because the parents' responsibility is to still monitor their child's progress and safety, but they must also respect their child's individuality. At the same time while kids may think they are adults, some may be more mature than others. Some kids need more emotional support than others; so it is important that parents are able to read their child's needs.

Parents are the strongest available support system for a child transitioning from an adolescent to a young adult. A healthy parent-child relationship promotes positive growth, and a reduction in high risk behaviors. As parents provide the necessary stimulants for their children to grow, some tips to make the transition to college easier include giving your child time to adjust to their new surroundings or the semester, don't call early on the weekends or call them excessively, look for signs of unusual behavior, these could be symptoms of depression or anxiety, giving your child more independence when they are home, and please treat them as an adult knowing that they can take care of themselves. Some tips for young college students to make the transition for their parents include setting up a clear and concise line of communication, be careful about expressing too much negative feelings because your parents may still excessively worry about you, and always respect the house rules when you are home on holiday or for vacation.

#### GUEST COMMENTARY

Tim Jones, Luke Cocchi,  
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## It's Not Easy Being Green

Earth Day is this upcoming Sunday, April 22nd. On this day, many of us in our campus community will take some sort of action to help our planet. Maybe we will plant a tree, maybe participate in a river clean up, or maybe even take a pledge to reduce our own carbon footprint.

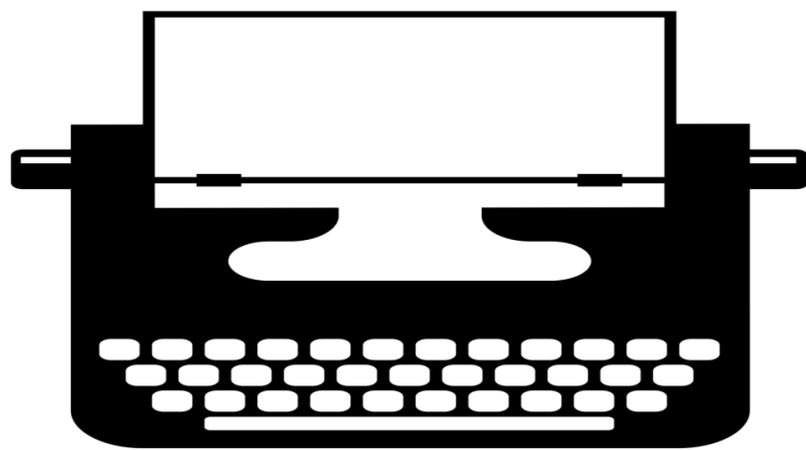
All of these are noble actions and should be applauded. However, we need to question how we can extend this awareness of our own impact on our planet to last year-round. At the risk of being cliché, we need to make Earth Day every day. We are lucky that our dining hall currently allows us to take meals to go. It is a convenience that many students at other universities don't have, but we must stop and wonder about the impact all of these disposable containers have. The cost of a single container may be negligible, but over a four year college experience and thousands of take-out meals each month, these costs can rapidly grow to account for thousands of dollars; this cost is partially reflected in the high cost of our meal plans here at CUA. This alone should justify the initial cost of the reusable container program. These containers can be used hundreds of times over many years and

only need to be washed using equipment the school already owns.

We must also think of the environmental impact disposable containers have. Although the paper containers are an improvement over the Styrofoam containers we used to have, these containers still represent a huge waste of resources. Countless other prominent universities have tackled this issue by implementing a reusable container policy that works much like taking out a library book. Harvard, the University of Michigan, and the University of California system are all rapidly expanding these policies.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis urges us to reject the throwaway culture and wastefulness we see in today's culture. Therefore, CUA, as the official university of the Roman Catholic Church, should be the first university to bring this program to Washington, D.C. Catholic social teaching is rich in aspects of environmental justice that we can draw upon to make our campus more environmentally friendly. Implementing a reusable container program would be an excellent way to live out Catholic teaching everyday.

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## A &amp; E

## KANYE 2020: Thoughts on His Twitter Rants

By: Daniela Sol  
Tower Staff

After one long hibernation, Kanye West has made one heck of an appearance back on good ol' Twitter. On April 12th, the rapper braced his followers with a masterpiece of a tweet.

"Often people working with the existing consciousness are jealous of those who are more in touch and they become hard-core capitalist in hopes of creating the illusion that the value of money is worth more than the value of time and friends," West tweeted, and all there is to say about this is: welcome back, you son of a gun.

Last spring, West decided to take a leave of absence from the social media network where he has in the past communicated to the world an array of epic tweets. But now he is coming back with a clean slate. He has deleted all his previous tweets and is showering us all with words full of Kanye wisdom.

Some of the tweets include beauties like this one: "Some people have to work within the existing consciousness while some people can shift the consciousness." Also, "When you first wake up don't hop right on the phone or the internet or even speak to anyone for even up to an hour if possible. Just be still and enjoy your own imagination. It's better than any movie."

I mean, GOLDEN.

This is what most of his comeback tweets have looked like: a rant of advice for creatives. One of these existentialist breakouts went on like this: "You have to protect your ability to create at all cost. Try to avoid any contractual situation where you are held back from ideas."

Is Kanye West our creative sovereign now? I believe so.

He also brought to life these wise

words:

"Distraction is the enemy of vision. Sometimes you have to get rid of everything. Everything you do in life stems from either fear or love. Fear often causes people to be manipulative. Be transparent as possible. Stop setting plays. Stop playing chess with life. Make Decisions based on love not fear," West tweeted. Boom! Mic drop.

It is apparent from West's tweets he is embarking on a variety of creative projects and he is inspired by this Mr. West awakening.

West has also posted a bunch of sneak peeks of upcoming Yeezy merchandise and has even shared with his followers tattoo ideas related to his son, Saint. Safe to say this comeback has been nothing boring and nothing but eventful. The rapper also announced in his iconic Twitter comeback that he will be dropping not one, but two albums.

He announced an album he described as including 7 songs and that it might be coming out June 1st. Shortly after, West clarified and announced that he and Kid Cudi, under the group name "Kids See Ghosts" will team up for an album to be released June 8th.

Although President Trump has kept Twitter entertaining and alive while West was taking his sabbatical, the Twitter fan base welcomes Kanye with open arms and is excited for what the aspiring philosopher has to say. Thank you for coming back Kanye, thank you.

"Don't follow crowds. Follow the innate feelings inside of you. Do what you feel not what you think. Thoughts have been placed in our heads to make sure everyone assimilate. Follow what you feel." -Kanye West



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## Monroe Street Welcomes Farmers Market Season

By: Daniela Sol  
Tower Staff

This weekend marks the beginning of the the Monroe Street Market Farmers Market. The market is opening its doors to visitors this Saturday and all Saturdays hereafter, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Arts Walk in Brookland, D.C.

Although spring this year has pretty much been a tease, going from 80 degrees to 50 degrees from one day to another, this in no way has stopped the farmer's market enthusiasts. With whatever weather D.C. decides to throw this weekend, D.C. local vendors will gather around to start Farmers Market Season.

Starting halfway down the Arts Walk, the farmer's market includes a variety of baked goods and local produce, plus the artist's studios will be open for visitors to come! Locals from D.C. and around the D.C. area are bringing all their fresh produce, including, but not limited to, squash, tomatoes, kale,

apples, strawberries, and more.

They also have honeys with different exotic flavors, plus freshly-baked bread that pairs up great with the locally made olive oil that is also sold. And this is not all, there is always something new and interesting to enjoy!

Fresh flowers are also found in the Farmer's Market, plus sweet treats are always included in one of the booths. From brownies to interesting cookies to different types of banana breads, there are no sweet limitations. Market vendors include 78 Acres, Bonaparte Breads, Bun'd Up, The Compost Crew, Diaz Berries and Vegetables, Girardot's Crumbs Bakery, Groff's Content Farm, MetroBark Bakery, Number 1 Sons, Pearl Fine Teas, PinUp Preserves, Zeke's Coffee of DC, and more!

Also, the farmers market is always paired with a live performances to enjoy some tunes as you're shop-

ping for some ripe locally sourced tomatoes!

It is a great place for kids since the space where the farmers market is held allows kids to run and play with freedom, yet it is not too big to lose sight of them. Plus, sometimes there are fun activities or interactive displays with the food being sold for kids (and grownups) to enjoy!

Farmers markets are always a great idea to support local vendors and small businesses trying to thrive and succeed. Plus, it is a great way to start getting greener and healthier! The benefits of buying whatever works best for you from your local farmer's market positively impacts your wellbeing, mother earth, and your community.

All this, while at the same time enjoying fair prices and a breath of fresh air surrounded by music and (hopefully) nice spring weather!

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# SPORTS

## #17 Women's Lax Secures Playoff Berth With Blowout Win Over Goucher

By Jared Prenda  
Tower Staff

The Lady Cards remain perfect in the Landmark Conference following their fifth straight league win. The 20-1 home victory over the Gophers of Goucher College brings the team's records to 9-6 (5-0) overall.

It took the Catholic team less than a minute into the game before rookie Sydney Hartman found the back of the net. The rookie would kick off an 11-0 run for CUA, which would take a very comfortable 14-1 lead at the half.

The 17th ranked team in Division-III had 11 different goal scorers; chief among them being sophomore Holly Regan, who posted game highs with 7 points on 4 goals and 3 assists. Regan now has 52 total points on 24 goals and 28 assists while shooting 53.3% (84.4% SOG) on the year. Classmate Katie Bradbury scored three times with 1 assist. Junior Molly Kelly also recorded 4 points

on 2 goals and 2 assists. Hartman, classmate Bridget Beck, and sophomore Ally Criscuolo all scored a goal each.

Catholic won the draw controls battle on the day, winning 19 of 21. Freshman Emily Bynoe led the game with 10 victories. Kelly, Bradbury, and sophomore Casey Ryan all recovered 4 ground balls. Classmate Wendy El forced a team-high 4 turnovers while scoring once. Senior Nicolette Crisalli scored twice and had 1 assist, while sophomore Nicole DiFabio also recorded a goal and an assist each.

CUA has won 9 of the past 10 Landmark Conference Championships and has made deep runs in the Division-III NCAA Regional Tournament. The team looks to continue that postseason success, but needs to finish out the regular season strong with two Landmark matchups to come. The team is currently sitting atop the conference table, but only one

game ahead of Scranton and Moravian. The Cardinals defeated the Scranton Royals 18-15 when they faced off at the end of March, but are slated to play Moravian this coming Saturday,

The Cardinals will host the Greyhounds on Saturday, April 21st at 1 PM at Cardinal Stadium. Moravian sits at 10-3 overall, with a 4-1 record in the conference and will likely be the Cardinals' opponent in this year's conference championship. Catholic fans can rest easy however, since four of the squad's five losses have come against nationally-ranked teams and as many were decided by 4 goals or less. The team has also picked up huge wins over tough competition including a 16-10 win over #21 St. Mary's (Md.) at the top of the season. The team has two more conference games, but a win on Saturday will secure the top seed in the postseason.



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Freshman Emily Bynoe had a game-high 10 faceoff wins against Goucher.

## Late Game Comeback Lifts Cardinals Over Stevenson, 10-6

By Jared Prenda  
Tower Staff

An eighth inning rally helped the Catholic University baseball team overcome three run deficits and brought its record to 22-9 (9-6). The team sits on top of the Landmark Conference thanks to a tie-breaker over the Moravian Greyhounds, whose overall record sits at 16-15 (9-6). The Cardinals triumphed over the Stevenson Mustangs 10-6 in the road non-conference matchup, making it their 3rd win in their last 4 games.

The Cards got behind early in the game, giving up one run on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning. They managed to jump out to a one run lead of their own at the top of the second inning, when catcher Will Pyne drove in sophomore Connor Cozad on a fielder's choice and then scored on a single to center from second basemen Ryan Tracy.

Tracy would go 5-for-

5 on the day, hitting two doubles, driving in 4 RBIs, and scoring twice.

Stevenson managed to regain the lead by scoring 3 runs in the bottom of the third to make the game 4-2. Catholic would go on to grab one more run in the fourth before Stevenson scored 2 more in the fifth to make the game 6-3 until the fireworks of the eighth frame began.

Cozad began the inning with a walk off single to right, forcing the first of 2 pitching changes made by the Mustangs in the inning. Classmate Connor Sullivan reached first on a bunt and ran safe to second on a throwing error by the second baseman, which allowed Cozad to score from first. Junior catcher Sean Dempsey also reached on a bunt to set up a 2 RBI double from Tracy. A single from senior Jake Crist drove in 2 runs to give Catholic the go ahead

lead of 8-6.

Tracy was not the only standout batting performance for CUA as Crist and junior outfielder Bailey Lewis each had 2 RBIs on the night while Sullivan went 3-for-5 at the plate.

CUA would score twice more in the top of the ninth when Tracy scored his final RBI on a double and was scored on a single from Lewis, making the final score 10-6.

The Cardinals' baseball team returns to action this coming weekend as it hosts Juniata College for a three-game series. The Saturday, April 21st game is set to begin at 12:30 PM while the final leg on Sunday begins at noon. This is the final Landmark Conference series of the season for the team and could secure homefield advantage throughout the post-season with multiple wins.

## CUA Cardinals



### Upcoming Events

#### Tennis

Moravian	Sat., Apr. 21	1:00 PM
Elizabethtown	Sun., Apr. 22	12:00 PM

#### Track and Field

at Gallaudet	Sat., Apr. 21	10:00 AM
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#### Softball

at Juniata (DH)	Sat., Apr. 21	1, 3 PM
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#### Baseball

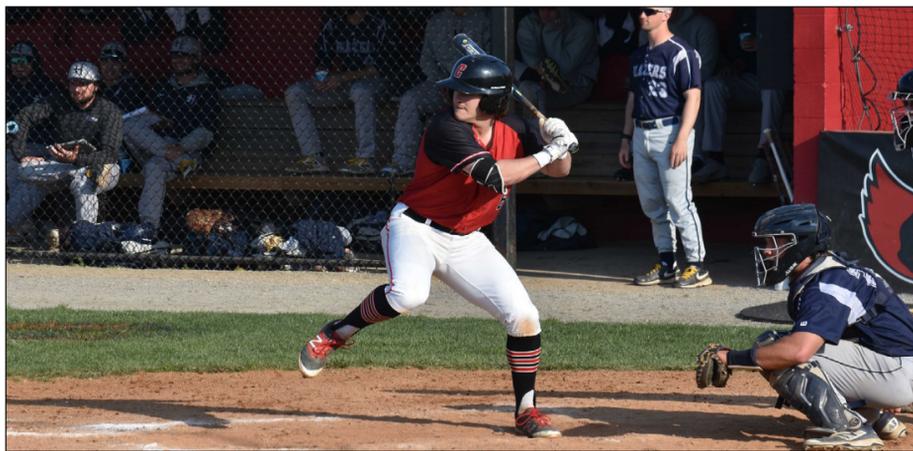
Juniata (DH)	Sat., Apr. 21	12:30, 2:30 PM
Juniata	Sun., Apr. 22	12:00 PM
Marymount	Tues., Apr. 24	4:00 PM
Randolph-Macon	Wed., Apr. 25	4:00 PM

#### Women's Lacrosse

Moravian	Sat., Apr. 21	1:00 PM
Mary Washington	Wed., Apr. 25	7:00 PM

#### Men's Lacrosse

at Moravian	Sat., Apr. 21	1:00 PM
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Second baseman Ryan Tracy went 5-of-5 on the day with 2 doubles and 4 RBIs.

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# THE REAR END

## GLOBE TROTTERS:

### AN EVENTFUL WEEKEND IN THAILAND

By Isabella Galenas '19

I am currently studying in Melbourne, Australia. Apart from doing some trips around this country, I had the opportunity to visit Thailand a couple weeks ago. It was definitely a culture shock! The tour started in Bangkok, which is such a busy, crazy, and amazing city. We spent three days there where we got to experience street markets, delicious Thai food, tuk tuk rides (their version of a taxi but more fun), a cooking class, multiple temples, and the exciting nightlife. On our night out, I even ate a grasshopper... it was disgusting! One of the best parts was seeing the giant reclining Buddha at Wat Pho. We went from one extreme to the other – upbeat city to a serene national park.

We said goodbye to Bangkok and boarded an overnight train to Khao Sok National Park. Our own private boats were waiting for us to transport us through the turquoise lake to the floating bungalows we would be sleeping in that night. It was just a relaxed day of swimming, kayaking and hanging out. It was amazing to be sleeping in the middle of the park, on water, surrounded by mountains. Unfortunately, we only got to spend one day there so we were

on the move again. We took a boat from the bungalows, a van to the ferry, a ferry to the island of Koh Phangan, then another van to our resort. The resort was such a beautiful, “Instagrammable” spot. It was a group of white bungalows right on the beach. My favorite part of this place was either relaxing in the infinity pool that looked onto the ocean or laying in the hammocks on the bungalows enjoying the view. The second night there, 90 of us painted our faces and bodies with glow in the dark paint for a beach party. Our whole group took over the beach and spent time dancing and watching fire performers. The tour guides made sure to continue showing us some Thai culture. One of the days we got a Thai massage on the beach, and the next we went to a Muay Thai (Thai boxing) class. The trip was the perfect mix of learning about the unique culture of Thailand and relaxing. On top of gaining some awesome memories, I also gained some great friends! This was my first time visiting anywhere in Asia, and now I can't wait to back to see what other countries have to offer. It was certainly an experience of a lifetime that I would recommend to anyone.



COURTESY OF ISABELLA GALENAS

Catholic junior Isabella Galenas traveled to Bangkok and the Temple of the Reclining Buddha during a weekend trip to Thailand.

#### CUA GLOBE TROTTERS

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#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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## Top Tweets

“It’s 2038. You visit your kid at CUA. The Pangborn hill is still under construction. Ms. Alice won’t let you in the upper Pryz w/an underclassman’s guest swipe. Rumors on Thursday is still as crowded as St. Vinny’s on Sunday. Leahy is even nicer inside but even uglier outside.”

- Erin McNulty  
@McNultyErin

“Loving the torrential downpour this morning on my way to LCs #cua”

- Mike Dreitlein  
@Mike\_Dreitlein

“Fr Jude is a low key hunk #cua”

- Max Dreitlein  
@Dreitlmax

“Looking forward to my friend Iain Higgins presentation on Thursday! #CUA #ResearchDay2018”

- Alison Cusack  
@AlisonCusack100

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