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Facilities Maintenance and Operations Announces All Construction Progress Will Be Undone

The university's Office of Facilities Maintenance and Operations announced on Friday that all the prior construction progress made since the launch of the second phase of the energy project would be "immediately undone."

"It's so crazy actually," said Connor Struction, the head engineer of the private construction company hired to finish the project. "But four days ago, Jim looked at the label of the pipes we've been installing and realized that they were the wrong ones! The wrong ones! Isn't that hilarious?"

Struction continued to explain that the kinds of polyvinyl-chloride (PVC) pipes being used should have been 80 PVC instead of the 750 feet of 40 PVC already installed. The walkway between Pangborn and McCort-Ward, which was almost completed and set to open next week, will now be

torn up and redone. The roads around Crough, Mullen, and McMahon will also be torn up so that proper piping can be installed.

"We're just gonna go ahead and start undoing everything we've done so far," Struction said. "We were already four months behind on schedule, so by the time we've ripped everything up and redone it with the correct pipes, it'll probably be another three years from now. We're so grateful for the university community which has been so patient with the whole process."

The office expects that all the construction will be done by Fall 2034 at the latest. Students have had mixed reactions to the news, which was sent out via a University Communications email early Friday morning.

"I'm honestly sick of all the construction," said senior Criss Fotter. "The fences and

blocked-off areas have added an eighth of a mile to my walks to classes every day, and the calf muscle I've gotten as a result completely throws off my perfect muscle proportions. I've had to start drinking an extra protein smoothie every morning to compensate for my torso muscle, and frankly, I don't have the money to pay for it."

Sophomore Alotta Nappin has used the construction outside her Gibbons dorm as a tool for falling asleep earlier. "I used to try to fall asleep with ASMR in

my headphones," Nappin said. "But the headphones would get all tangled, and I actually broke one pair one night. So this construction right outside my window for the past few months has been wonderful as I'm going to sleep. I cancelled the white-noise machine I had ordered on Amazon and saved \$42!"

Students currently enrolled in kindergarten classes are expected to have a construction-free campus, if everything else goes according to schedule.



Housing Next Year Will Be Determined By Underground Fight Club Rankings

CUA Housing Services announced last week that the housing selection process for the 2020-2021 academic year, which will begin next spring, will change from the random lottery assignment process currently used to one based on the rankings of the underground fight club which over 80% of undergraduate students partake in.

"We've been hearing a lot of complaints about the current housing process used," said Howie Singgye, the Director of the Office of Undergraduate Housing. "The randomly-assigned lottery numbers and frantic time-sensitive selection days were giving students way too much stress. It's much better to adopt the organized system of the clandestine violent match-ups which take place every Tuesday and Thursday night in the basement of McMahon."

The fight tournaments began as a stress-reliever for Latin majors during the

spring semester last year, but quickly expanded to other departments. It is organized in the same way as other intramural athletic activities. The ranking system used is a complex algorithm of an individual's placement in fight brackets and their percentage of correctly predicted fight outcomes.

"I'm happy that the school is finally moving back to a merit-based selection process," said freshman Anita Dormruum. "The random assignment was so unfair. This new way makes so much more sense— now all the best and most strategic fighters will be at the top of the selection list, exactly as God intended."

Several current high-school seniors who have already committed to the Catholic U Class of 2023 have already started taking up the hobby of boxing, hoping to get a suite in Opus with their friends for their sophomore year.

University President Announces Creation of New Institute for Pouring Cereal Before Milk

Catholic University of America President John Garvey has announced that the new Institute for Pouring Cereal Before Milk (IPCBM) is set to open in May of 2019.

"At the Catholic University of America, we are proud of the twenty-nine research centers and institutes we support and host on our campus," he said. "Lately the administration has been noticing a hole in the coverage of important academic causes for which we advocate, so we are excited to make it an even thirty with the opening of the Institute for Pouring Cereal Before Milk."

Garvey noted that the new institute will function in an interdisciplinary way with the Institutes of Astrophysics and Computer Sciences, Sacred Music, and Human Ecology.

The process for approving a new institute or research center first starts with the approval of the Board of Trustees and then moves to raising donor support. For the IPCBM, this process moved quickly— the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the founding of the institute, and donor support exceeded the reach goal of \$900,000 within three hours of its announcement.

Undergraduate students reacted positively to the news.

"It's honestly humiliating

that some people in our country still pour their milk before their cereal," said junior Minnie Wheats. "I'm glad that some selfless workers will be evangelizing to those poor souls, and spreading the good news that cereal before milk actually makes so much more sense."

"I came to the Catholic University of America because I'm not afraid to stand behind causes that I know are morally right like this one," said freshman Ray Sinbrann. "This new Institute is long overdue. I see students every Monday before LC's pour the milk into the Pryz bowls first, so I hope this Institute will be able to counteract some of that."

"The research that we're going to start doing is, honestly, groundbreaking," said IPCBM Director Reese Chrispies. Chrispies received a Bachelor's degree in Breakfast Etiquette in 2011 from St. Joseph's University, and a Master's and Ph.D. in American Cereal Consumption, with a concentration in Count Chocula, in 2014 from the University of Notre Dame.

This research includes brain scans of cereal-eaters who pour their milk first and examinations into the misleading logical arguments of secular media which encourages children to pour the milk first to help with "portion control".

NEWS

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THE POLITICS CORNER

FOX News Releases List of People Who Would Be a Better President

The leading conservative news source released earlier today the list of top-ten American citizens that would be a better president than Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), who announced last month that she would be running for 2020 executive office.
The Towel does not endorse these candidates.

1. Any of the members from Big Time Rush
2. Former child actor Macaulay Culkin
3. The guy from the "You want a french fry? Eat a french fry." vine
4. 2008 Taylor Swift
5. Any quality Dr. Doofenshmirtz impersonator
6. Chase from Zoey 101
7. Mary Berry from The Great British Bake Off
8. Progressive's Flo
9. An old Tickle-Me-Elmo in your mom's attic (for when she has grandkids)
10. Creator of My Little Pony Lauren Faust

HOROSCOPES

Why Trust Politicians When You Can Trust This B.S.

Yeah, so astrology doesn't exactly agree with Catholic dogma... but it does agree with your weekend plans with bae!

Aries (March 21-April 19)-- The time of the Rams is here. Celebrate with some Chipotle (possibly your third time this week) and more procrastination of that philosophy paper due in two days.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)-- Your Venmo account will receive a sizeable payment. Good on your dorm mates for paying you back for that New Amsterdam from last weekend!

Gemini (May 21-June 20)-- You're going to sleep through all of your alarms before your 8 AM presentation tomorrow morning, and in your sprint to get to O'Boyle, you'll wipe out in front of a tour group. Maybe text your bestie to have a venti mocha frap waiting for you when you meet up... you'll need it.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)-- That cute guy from your German class is definitely checking you out... but he also got a 17 on the last exam. Maybe swipe left on that one. Auf Wiedersehen, Prince Charming!

Leo (July 23-August 22)-- Yikes... don't eat the upstairs Pryz pork roast today... or there'll be more vomiting in your future than there already is (while you're at it, maybe skip that Turf visit this weekend too).

Virgo (August 23-September 22)-- Your TA has taken pity on your Macroeconomics class and is giving a generous 25-point curve to your class on your exams. Make sure to send an email with a Parks and Rec thank-you gif.

Libra (September 23-October 22)-- Be extra nice to your roommate the next few days... she's going to pay for your uber back home on Saturday, and she's totally not going to post a picture of your ugly drunk-crying face on her story (or so she says).

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)-- Wow, aren't moms the best? Make sure to give yours a call tomorrow, you're probably out of Dining Dollars.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)-- Yikes... maybe try studying for a few more hours for that statistics exam you have tomorrow... the probability of you having to withdraw is looking within one standard deviation of the mean at the moment.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)-- This week, your favorite table at Mullen is always going to be open right when you get there! Probably because of the juice stain that's starting to get sticky... you could clean that up, you know.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)-- Looks like it's your lucky day! Your first LC professor came down with the flu Thursday morning and cancelled your 9 AM class today... looks like you have time to sit down to eat breakfast this morning! (Or to shower to sober up after last night?)

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)-- Better leave early this morning for your internship... your metro card doesn't have enough money on it so you'll have to refill it, and you don't want to miss the last train before-- oh, it just left the Brookland-CUA platform. 22 minutes until the next one, friend!

NEWS

President John Garvey Announces Combination of all Non-Busch School

President John Garvey announced after a Board of Trustees meeting his intention to combine all twelve academic schools into two major schools on campus: the Tim and Steph Busch School of Business, and the Pope Leo XII Miscellaneous School of Undergraduate Studies, which will go into effect in the fall semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

"This was a tough decision to make," Garvey said in the press release to all students on Monday. "But we think it's a good move for all the University students, for them to honestly know where our priorities are going forward, and honestly, where they've been for the past five years since the establishment of the best darn school this university has ever seen."

Garvey said that the Board of Trustees and the administration has been trying in vain since 2013 to hide their true feelings, that the Busch School is superior to the other eleven academic schools at the University. He added that the Board is relieved to let its true loyalties be known.

Garvey further explained that in addition to the combination of the other eleven academic schools, the consolidated Miscellaneous School would lose about 75% of its faculty and staff, and most of the courses previously offered in the schools would no longer be taught.

To account for the smaller course catalog available for non-Busch students, more on-campus job positions, like dishwashing, lawn care, and parking garage monitoring, would be created to offer unique workplace experience to students not enrolled in international business, marketing, or finance majors.

"This might sound harsh, but we're just preparing them for the

workplace in a few years," said William Bowman, former Dean of the Busch School. "Because if you don't graduate from the Busch School, did you even graduate from Catholic University at all?"

Positions as personal assistants to all undergraduate and graduate Busch School students are also being offered, to prepare the Busch School students for the CEO positions Bowman "guarantees they will be occupying within six months of their graduation from this excellent program."

The eleven other schools are not the only ones that will undergo changes next year, however. The home of the Busch School, Maloney Hall, will also face more renovations over the summer before being opened to Busch students in the fall. The 29 toilets in the building will be replaced with solid gold versions, and a Dunkin' Donuts will be opened on each floor. Garvey also announced that starting with the class of 2019, all Busch School students will graduate debt-free.

"We thought it wouldn't be possible, but thanks to our generous benefactors in Koch Industries, we can now offer zero-debt options to all Busch students," said Garvey. "He just offered to pay every cent of the debt incurred by any business students, and all they have to do is pledge loyalty to his corporation, and also for the Catholic Church to begin his beatification process early."

"It's definitely a bit of a stretch," said one Busch student, who refused to be named unless The Towel paid a hefty fee to use his soon-to-be-copyrighted name. "But I heard the Koch brothers have promised to donate like \$160 million to the new Busch School if we just get rid of everything else. Plus, who even cared about any of those other schools anyway?"

Despite Warnings from Administration and OA's, Freshmen Are Still Drinking

Shockingly, it seems there are a few freshman still participating in underage drinking. This population, although small, is still present on campus and is a pressing threat. Knowing that freshman come to college anticipating their first college party, the Orientation Advisors, along with the administration at Catholic University, have started to take preventative measures.

One of the most important goals of the OA's was to impress on the new freshman class was how lame partying and underage drinking really is.

"No one even has fun at parties," said OA Joe Shmoe. "The only reason people even go is because they have FOMO (Fear of Missing Out), and they are only pretending to have fun so they can have something to talk about later."

The OA's reasoned that if they could somehow convince the freshman to believe only losers go to parties, they would trigger those deep rooted feelings of insecurity and the desire to be cool, which exists in every teenage heart, and they would stay away. And in case this tactic didn't work, the OA's employed a wide variety of others. They used both fear and guilt tactics, focusing on the repercussions of drinking and warning the freshman that any one of them might have to face the consequences.

Despite all the OA's and administration's efforts to reform and educate, these unruly freshman proved to be exactly the same as every freshman class that has come before them. Every

Friday and Saturday night, John McCormack Road is littered with boys and girls stumbling back to their respective dorms.

When asking juniors and seniors for a comment on this epidemic, many have observed that it has become a rapidly increasing trend with each incoming freshman class, and with each class, proper drunken etiquette has completely vanished.

"Just a few days ago, on Friday night, I saw a freshman girl from my Psych class making out with a homeless man in front of Pizza Boli's," said Senior Marti Mooper. "I never would have done that as a freshman."

The administration at Catholic continues to face the difficult problem that all colleges across the country, and because their initial warnings did not work, they are looking for harsher, more effective consequences. One idea proposed was to repeal medical amnesty.

"Medical amnesty only perpetuates the problem of underage drinking," said a spokesperson from Department of Public Safety. "It encourages drinking without consequences."

Overall, underage drinking is an epidemic on this campus and must be stopped at once. Although it seems impossible to eradicate, there are some tangible solutions like taking away medical amnesty. Students need to be held accountable, and perhaps the solution may also be to give out free ginger ale. All ailments can be solved with ginger ale, even addiction.

University to Appoint New Admissions Staff Person for "Right Outside Philly" Geographic Area

Officials from the office of undergraduate admissions office have just created a new position that will focus on recruitment from the "right outside Philly" geographic area.

"If I had a penny for every time I've heard a student say they were from 'right outside Philadelphia', I wouldn't need to beg the Board of Trustees for more money to buy the office more clicky pens," said James Dewey-Rosenfeld, dean of undergraduate admissions. "So it makes sense that this position has been created. It will work really well with our Pennsylvania and New Jersey representatives, to fully encompass the three biggest geographic areas around the Delaware River."

When asked how the office would hire someone for the position, Dewey-Rosenfeld said there would be a panel that will oversee the process of testing whether the

applicant truly understands the spirit of Philly. The applicant will probably be offered a choice of a ham and cheese sub or a Philly cheesesteak, with the correct answer being a correction of the word "sub" to "hoagie", before accepting the cheesesteak. The applicant will probably be offered coffee and bagels, and the response must include the Philadelphian dialect's pronunciation of each word. And, of course, applicants will be asked to provide pictures of them before, during, and after Super Bowl LII.

"The ideal applicant would be someone who doesn't live in Philadelphia, or even Pennsylvania, for that matter," Dewey-Rosenfeld explained. "A South Jersey resident, preferably with a slight Italian-American articulation, would be best. Any region of South Jersey would be fine, as long as the applicant introduces themselves as coming from 'just outside Philly'."

A&E

Pope Francis Announces His Personal Netflix "Must Watch" List



10. *The Great British Baking Show*

Ranking first on the Pope's list of must watch Netflix shows, *The Great British Baking Show* constantly inspires the Pope. He claims to feel refreshed after watching the show and always craves a carrot cake cupcake after watching an episode.

9. *New Girl*

Many of the Pope's close followers had recommended he watch *New Girl*, but he didn't really come around to it until last lenten season. He said he gave up everything that wasn't approved by Jessica Day, thus becoming an enthusiast

of colorful buttons, soft yarn, and bold bangs.

8. *The Crown*

The Pope was not always into period pieces until he started watching *The Crown*. He gained a new appreciation for monarchs, and decided to befriend the queen. Rumor has it they were drinking tea on the upper level of the Eiffel Tower last week.

7. *Queer Eye*

Despite the stigma in the church around homosexuality, the Pope believes the Fabulous Five from *Queer Eye* are a force to be reckoned with. The power they have to change people's

lives can only be challenged by the Holy Spirit itself. Being a big fan of food, he believes Antoni is an inspiration for culinary enthusiasts everywhere.

6. *Jane the Virgin*

Being from Argentina, the Pope absolutely adores the narrative *Jane the Virgin* explores. He relates very personally to the Catholic imagery of the show and loves the constant drama. He has officially stated that he is indeed team Michael.

5. *National Treasure*

After watching *The Crown* and discovering his deep affinity for history, the Pope decided to watch the all time American classic *National Treasure*. He has privately visited the Library of Congress and retraced all of Nicholas Cage's steps to absolute perfection.

4. *Narcos*

Once again, wanting to explore the history of yet another country, Pope Francis decided to binge *Narcos*. Although he does not condone drug use, he thinks it is important to understand the struggles of those in third world countries which are present in this show. He also thinks Wagner Moura's Colombian accent is incredibly impressive.

3. *Total Drama*

In an effort to relate to his younger demographic, Pope Francis sought out a relatable tween series, and TD was the perfect fit. His favorite season is *Total Drama Island*, he loves the tropical vibes and the summer camp atmosphere, which he longed to experience as a child. He also has stated that his favorite charac-

ter is Owen because he loves Canada.

2. *Legally Blonde*

The Pope is definitely a sucker for finding philosophical meaning in films. He has decided that *Legally Blonde* explores such profound topics that Ariana Grande could never even begin to address in a five minute and thirty second music video. He loves Bruiser and thinks he should have a dog scarf.

1. *Stuart Little*

Ranking number one on the Pope's top Netflix picks is *Stuart Little*. This option might shock some, but this movie supports the Pope's unwavering and very Catholic stance on why all life is sacred. He loves the lighthearted manner of Stuart, and even says he has shed tears watching the film.

Pryz Fries Win Michelin Stars, Specialty Fry Chef Position to be Created

Catholic University of America Dining Services proudly announced on Wednesday that the fries by the grill have just earned the Student Restaurant the rating of three Michelin stars.

The "home fries", as listed on the ARAMARK on Campus website, are only 143 calories per serving size of ½ a cup, and have the warmth, crispness, and home-cooked goodness of about 20 of your Aunt Peggy's homemade apple pies on Thanksgiving.

"We really pride ourselves on those Pryz fries," said one upstairs Pryz worker. "We try to always make sure that fry tin is never empty. Sometimes that results in sacrifices, like the vegetarian section, or the refilling of the cream cheese or barbecue sauce containers.

But we're here to serve the students, and provide them with what they want and need."

"One time I saw a senior lacrosse player tackle someone for six Pryz fries," junior Theo Majorre said. "The worker behind the grill said it would be at least five minutes before the next batch was ready, the lax player saw his friend reaching the tongs in to grab the last few fries, and he just took him right out. It was really intense, but I don't blame him. Those things are good."

"I actually came to this school because of the fries," freshman Dum Jacques said, sitting in front of a heaping plate of salty potato goodness at a Pryz booth. "My tour guide brought me into the Pryz and within two seconds I could smell them, all

the way from down the stairs in the lobby. She said she didn't have any meal swipes left for the week and couldn't take me upstairs, but I knew that I just had to try them for myself. So I went home and told my parents to put the deposit down, I was coming here next year. And, boy, was it worth it. Probably the best decision I ever made."

A previous attempt to introduce waffle fries to the student body was not met with favoritism. Marketing officers are being consulted to decide, currently, if a "cheese fries" option would bring too much chaos to the restaurant or if it could be afforded. It is important to note that the hash browns and tater tots alternately offered at breakfast hours are a big hit among students.

With the new rating of three Michelin stars, Dining Services executives have plans to bring in several French chefs to create a Lyonnaise potato dish, and are looking to soon expand the menu to include more fatty potato-based dishes. Latka, hutspot, and samosa dishes have also been proposed and met with differing sentiment in focus groups.

Students are excited that their favorite dish is finally getting

the recognition it deserves.

"Yeah, after months of writing long emails to the head of dining services saying how great they were, the fries are finally being recognized for how great they are," said one freshman girl. "I definitely put on those Freshman-15 pounds just because of these, and I'm not even annoyed."



SPORTS

Ms. Alice Winning Faculty and Staff March Madness School Deans Reluctantly Hand Over Money From Losses

After a thrilling Duke vs. Michigan State game on Sunday night, the Student Restaurant's favorite scowling card-swiper has moved into the winning place in the faculty and staff March Madness pool.

Ms. Alice gave an exclusive interview to The Towel about her climb to success, how she made her way in the sports industry, and what she plans to do next.

"What, you had North Carolina beating Auburn? Sucker," said Ms. Alice, with her iconic half-frown, as she swiped in a small group of fresh-

man basketball players who lost before even getting to the Elite Eight.

Ms. Alice woke up at six in the morning every day for a month before the start of the Big Dance.

"I checked the expert's polls, I watched all the 'Players to Watch' videos, and I studied the past twenty years' worth of March Madness, completed brackets," said the Pryz worker. "Hard work beats talent, losers. This is a money game and I came to play."

With her studious research, Ms. Alice correctly pre-

dicted the Kansas State loss, the Michigan State upset against Duke, and the 17-point gap between UNC and Auburn in the Sweet 16.

Cardinal cards aren't the only thing Ms. Alice is swiping these days— she has also taken away over four hundred dollars from single bets against the Deans of Students, tenured professors, and Starbucks workers.

"They think I don't know basketball enough to compete against them," Ms. Alice said of her perceived underdog-status. "But I've been sitting here swiping

kids in since LeBron James' rookie year, baby. I know basketball. I've had tons of time to watch the college games in between the breakfast and lunch rushes."

"I'm not too humiliated by my embarrassing loss to an elderly woman," said one of the school's deans, who wished to remain nameless. "I just don't know how she does it. I've offered her money for the past three years to give me some advice on my bracket, but she says I can't afford her. Well you know what I can't afford, Ms. Alice? I can't afford to not pay my

kid's tuition bills. That's what I can't afford. Please, Ms. Alice. Please don't take my money."

The dean tearfully asked The Towel to redact his quote, before the on-the-record policy was explained to him.

Ms. Alice is also expected to win over three thousand dollars at the conclusion of March Madness, a week from today, from bracket pools she entered. She is considering taking a trip to Aruba with her winnings, to take a relaxing, swipe-free vacation.

Men's Lacrosse Bests Ranked Foe By Getting More Points

The Catholic University of America men's lacrosse team pulled off a shocking upset over nearby and third ranked program in Division I, University of Maryland. The Cardinals took to the road and played in nearby College Park, where they managed to nearly silence then entire packed stadium except for the 10 total CUA students, faculty, and alumni in attendance.

The team credits this Cinderella story to the brazen strategy

of head coach Brooks Singer, which was to simply score more goals than they conceded.

"In any sport, and in life, If you are able to score more than you are scored on, you're going to win," said Springer in a postgame conference. "Ever since the first practice this year I have been preaching this 'score goals and don't allow any' philosophy, and the boys have both grown as men and players because of it. I'm very proud of them."

Singer first dialed up this revolutionary early in the first quarter, when the strikers each passed to each other until one shot it and scored a goal to put CUA up 1-0. The team, in a truly daring move, spent not one more second on offense. Instead the Catholic squad decided to have all 10 men, including attackers, stand in front of the goal and block any shots on net.

This tortoise strategy worked magnificently, as the

team combined for 60 blocked shots. Due to this strategy, CUA was outshot 66-2, and held possession of the ball for only five out of the 60 minutes. Despite all of this, they dominated the only statistic that mattered, the final score, winning 1-0.

The Cardinal fans were in abundance, with 10 total people showing up compared to the average five in attendance. Their roar was heard all throughout the single row of bleachers they occupied

after the final whistle blew. One member of the press box even commented that their rowdiness put church mice to shame.

CUA hopes to rally off this massive upset as they return to action this weekend against their regularly scheduled Division III opponents. When asked if he planned to return to the "tortoise shell" strategy Singer stated that three is three times one, and therefore is three times likely to work.

DuFour Center to Start Requiring Football, Rugby Players to take Ballet Classes

The Raymond A. DuFour Center has recently opened more time slots in the dance studio, to increase availability for the football team, which now has a classical dance requirement in order to play on the team.

All current and incoming football players for next season will be required to clock in two hours of ballet a week, in addition to their training, lifting, and practice schedules.

"It teaches them, you

know, humility, and promotes team bonding," the head football coach explained to The Towel. "But mostly, I'm just sick and tired of having half my team sitting in ice baths after light practices because they're too inflexible to do some scissor kicks during our cardio circuit."

The coach said that no player on his team would step one cleat onto the field unless he could perform "a satisfactory plié on command".

He added that leotards and ballet shoes would be provided, free of charge, to all the athletes, but tutus and ribbons would come out of the player's pockets.

"I actually don't mind it," said senior football captain Joe Smith. "It really helps me tap into my emotions more. I haven't started shouting at any of the guys on the field in a while. Whenever I start getting stressed, I start doing brisés up and down the twenty

yard line on the field. It really calms me down."

Smith said that the only intimidating part of the situation are the ballerinas who have not taken well to the forty football players taking up the dance studio more and more lately.

Two players have already realized their passion for ballet, and have quit the team as well as transferred majors to fully immerse themselves into their new major of dance theory. But

their coach supports their decision.

"Oh, I've already bought season tickets to all their recitals," he said. "I think this support for the arts, and for football players finding a love for ballet, is what makes this athletic program so great. Also, now I know some people I can bring to the Nutcracker performance my wife and I go to every year, and they can explain what everything means."