

Go Cards, Beat Irish!



Eman Mohammed gives a lecture about her work as a photojournalist in Palestine.

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CUA Arabic Club Presents Photo-Journalist

By EMILY JOHNSON
Tower Staff

The Catholic University of America Arabic Club, in cooperation with a number of other organizations and departments on campus, hosted an event on Tuesday, November 2nd entitled “Breaking Taboos: A Lecture with Eman Mohammed.

Eman Mohammed is the first female photojournalist from the Gaza Strip in Palestine, and has been published in *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, and several other news sources. Mohammed is known for her work in

documenting the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and has been an advocate for women’s rights both regionally and across the globe. In 2014, Mohammed was named a Ted Fellow, and has since spoken throughout the United States and Canada.

With students, faculty, and community members in attendance, Mohammed addressed the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, while also speaking about her experience as a female photojournalist in a male-dominated field.

Mohammed began by speaking about her childhood and upbringing, connecting it to the issues of today.

“Being a refugee means that I was born wrought. That my basic pride in decent life was taken away from the very beginning,” Mohammed said.

Throughout her speech, Mohammad referenced photos she had taken, highlighting the diversity of stories that can be found within the Gaza Strip and showing the hope that can be found even in war.

“In war, nothing defines you but the people who tell you their stories. [...] Through their hidden stories, there is a lot that the media has always been missing,”

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CUA Hosts Literary Conference for Scholars, Critics, and Writers

By ANTOINETTE CEA
Tower Staff

From October 28th-30th The Catholic University of America hosted the 20th Annual Conference for the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers (ALSCW).

The conference featured a series of lectures and panels by professors and graduate students from around the country, speaking on various literary topics. Some topics included writer Robert Penn Warren’s use of time in his literature, comedy

in works of literature, and Irish Poetry.

Other events of the conference included a poetry reading by Rosanna Warren, the daughter of Robert Penn Warren, a banquet hosted in Caldwell Hall, and a musical performance by Grammy Award winners Mike Mattison and Scrapomatic.

Current president of the ALSCW is Catholic University English professor, Ernest Suarez.

Suarez said that The Catholic University of America’s hosting of the ALSCW’s Annual Conference

was a wonderful experience and opportunity for the University.

“It works on a few different levels,” said Suarez. “We’ve had all these incredible prominent people from all over the country and abroad come here and become aware of what a vibrant intellectual literary culture we have on this campus.”

Suarez claims the Annual Conference, attended by many Catholic University of America English

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Floor Opened to Students at Annual Debate

By ALEXANDER SANTANA
Tower Staff

The Catholic University of America’s Debate Club hosted its 2nd annual student debate on November 2nd in the Great Room of the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center in collaboration with Catholic University College Republicans, College Democrats, and Students of the American Enterprise Institute.

Maura Drumm, a senior politics major and the president of College Democrats thought the debate went very well.

“I thought Donuts and Debate was an amazing success. Having events of this nature on campus is a great way for students to have serious political conversations with those who have views that differ from their own,” Drumm said.

Attendees of the debate were able to listen to opposing views on issues of national importance. Topics that were discussed included the economy, national defense, education,

and immigration; each discussion was organized by a moderator. The moderators, Cavan Hagerty, Paul Burgholzer, Joel Desmarais, and Caroline Kovacs were all members of the Debate Club’s executive board.

The debate’s format was a four-minute argument for each the Democratic and Republican teams of two students followed by a two-minute rebuttal for both teams. After both teams finished their speeches students from the audience had three minutes to ask questions.

Matthew Skros a junior politics major and president of Students for the American Enterprise Institute at Catholic University thought the debate was a great experience for everyone.

“I thought the debate was an excellent way for students to engage in political discussions with each other, and to be challenged to defend their position in the rough and tumble of debate,” Skros said.

Anne St. Amant, a

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Politics Panel: Citizenship, Civility, and Catholicism

By STEPHEN CALANDRINO
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On Tuesday, November 1st in Father O’Connell Hall, The National Review Institute co-sponsored a panel discussion with the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, as well as Catholic University of America College Democrats and College Republicans titled “Citizenship and Civility: The Role of Catholics in Rebuilding the American Political Culture.” The panel discussed the 2016 presidential election through the lens of Catholic social teachings. The panel was moderated by Kathryn Jean Lopez, the Editor-at-Large for the National Review Online. The panelists included

USA Today columnist Melinda Henneberger, Professor of Theology at Catholic University, Chad C. Pecknold, Ph.D, Director of the Institute for Policy Research and Catholic Studies, former Co-chair of Catholics for Barack Obama and professor of politics at Catholic University, Stephen Schneck, Ph. D and finally, Executive Director of the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Jonathan Reyes.

Lopez began the discussion by asking the panel about their thoughts on the lack of civility shown in this election. Pecknold was the first to speak, and said

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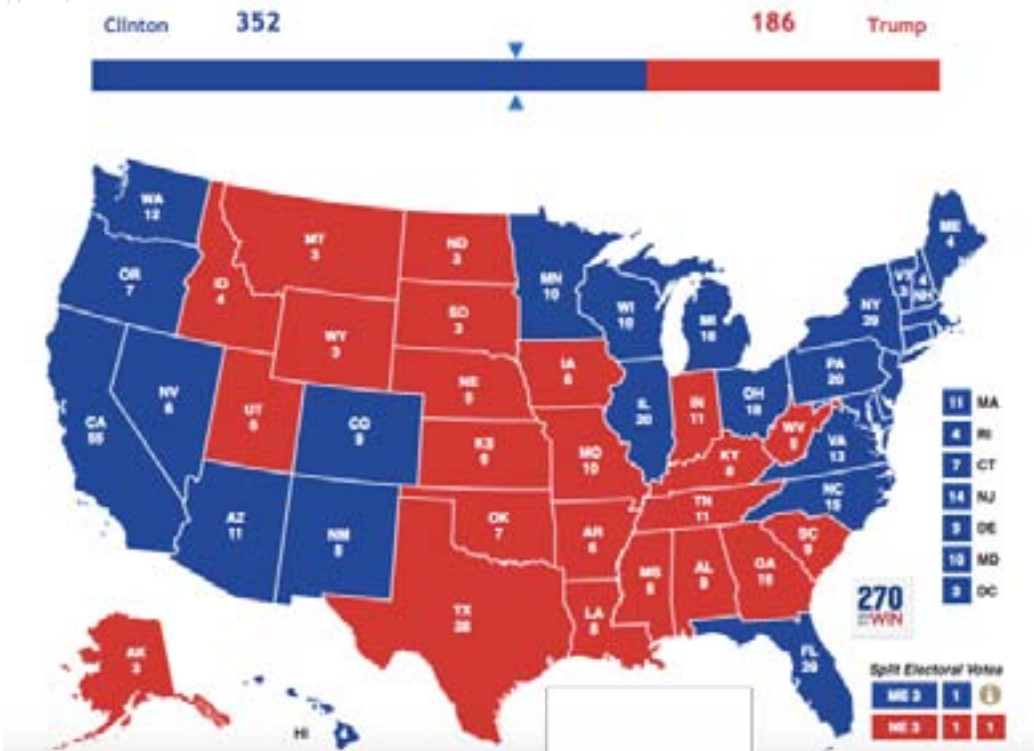
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One Week Out- Electoral Map Predictions

From the summer of 2015 to this week, our country has gone through one of the most heated election seasons in United States history. With the Presidential Election only four days away, the writers of The Politics Corner decided to make some predictions about how it would turn out:

Duane Paul Murphy
Politics, Class of 2019

With less than 5 days away from November 8th, the polls are tight. However, due to immense ground operation tactics and resources in most swing states, Hillary Clinton is likely to win and maintain her electoral college numbers based on most key poll aggregates and models such as Moody's, *The New York Times*, *Huffington Post*, and FiveThirtyEight. Also, she is likely to gain support and turnout mostly from younger people, college educated people, women, religious minorities, sexual and gender minorities, and key racial and ethnic demographics such as African Americans, Asians, and Latinos, especially in states like Florida, North Carolina, Nevada, Virginia, and Arizona.



Chris Motola
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I predict a Trump victory 275-263. Trump will win Ohio and Florida easily, as well as hold Utah against third party challenger Evan McMullin. Trump will pull out a surprise victory in New Hampshire, and win one of Maine's electoral votes. Trump's strong messaging on trade (getting tough on companies that outsource or leave the U.S.) will play well in the Rust Belt, especially in a state like Michigan where the exodus of car manufacturers out of the city crippled once vibrant Detroit. Over the course of the campaign, Trump has been able diminish Clinton's lead in a solid Blue State so much that he is now within striking distance. More than anything, this election will come down to turnout. I believe that Trump voters are more motivated and enthusiastic about their candidate than Clinton's especially in the wake of the new revelations regarding her email scandal. Depending on how much the turnout factor impacts the race, you may very well see this map turn more decisively towards Trump, with states like Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Wisconsin also going red.



Happy end of election season, CUA!


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You know that friend you pretend not to notice when you walk past each other on the sidewalk? Smile next time, maybe they have an extra wristband for an upcoming darty.

♏ CAPRICORN
Dec 22-Jan 19
Don't forget the people who helped you get where you are today. Make extra time to be around family this Thanksgiving.


AQUARIUS
 Jan 20-Feb 18
 This is your time, Aquarius! This upcoming month will be a breeze. But don't be too quick to blame your roommates for the mice infestation.

♊ PISCES
Feb 19-Mar 20
You deserve a break, skip class and go take a walk on the Mall enjoying the last few weeks of nice weather. And hey, hit on a Hilltern or two.

♈ **ARIES**
March 21-April 19
This semester is coming to a close, time to flirt with the cute kid in front of you in Theology. Maybe this time he or she won't be discerning.


♈ TAURUS
April 20-May 20
Look out for yourself this month, Taurus, and be careful of flu season. While your roommates might make fun of you for always bringing hand sanitizer along just wait until you're the only one not sick at Thanksgiving.

♊ GEMINI
May 21-June 20
Watch those dining dollars, Gemini, you're running a bit low. Time to cash in on all those Starbucks drinks your friends owe you.

CANCER
June 21-July 22
Crying in Starbucks? Again? Come on, Cancer, you don't want to be a stereotype. Call your parents back and do some deep breathing exercises.

LEO
Jul 23-Aug 22
You're enjoying alone time a little too much, Leo. Reach out to some friends this month and don't always eat dinner alone (even if you prefer it that way).

VIRGO
Aug 23-Sep 22
Nearly winter break, Virgo,
don't start taking your friends
for granted or else you might
end up standing alone at the
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Ditch the finsta, Libra. It's
not a good look for you.

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News

Annual Student Debate Gets Mixed Reviews

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senior politics major and Co-President of the newly created Debate Club was very happy with the entire event.

“I thought the event last night was very refreshing. In this election cycle, we have seen nothing but sloppy and uneducated debate from our presidential candidates,” St. Amant said. “Not once last night did the debate become disrespectful or out of control. It gives me hope to see that our generation can come together and talk about the important issues that face our society in a fun, civil, and informative way.”

Some students thought the debate could have involved more dialogue and been organized better.

“I thought the debate was run well, and the clubs running it did a great job putting it all together. I do believe that the debates failed

in trying to allow a fluid discussion between the teams; they should’ve been allowed to have a dialogue with each other and the audience,” said Zanas Talley, a junior politics major.

The President of College Republicans, and a junior politics and theology major, Brianna Howard, thought the debate showed how students at Catholic University can have respectful disagreements about important issues facing our nation.

“The student debate really highlighted what is so amazing about the student body at CUA. Students who have totally different beliefs came together to have a constructive conversation and healthy debate which really exemplifies how special our school is. I am very proud of everyone who debated and look forward to future student debates,” Howard said.

Panel Discusses Role of Catholics in Politics

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that while it is easy to blame Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump for their divisive rhetoric, the fact of the matter is both were nominated by the people, who willingly allowed this all to happen. He said that this election cycle has become less about substantive issues and more like a high stakes reality television show.

“We’re amusing ourselves to death,” said Pecknold.

Next to speak was Henneberger, who has reported on politics since 1988, and said she has never seen an election as shocking as the one this cycle. What was more disturbing than the shocking nature of the race, she said, was the impact it has had on civility in every aspect of public and private life.

“This has become the ‘unfriend me now’ election,” Henneberger said.

Henneberger went on to say that it is the responsibility of everyone, particularly Catholics, to help steer public discourse in a more civil direction. Schneck, however, offered a different perspective. As a pro-life Democrat, Schneck has faced ridicule from both conservative and liberal voices. However, he believes that while the high level of conflict can certainly

be upsetting for some, it is a net positive for society as long as it causes discussion.

“We’re not going to solve our differences by sitting around and saying kumbaya,” said Schneck.

He went on to state by today’s definition of civility, the Founding Fathers themselves would be considered obscene, and that conflict is necessary for any healthy debate. Reyes echoed Schneck’s sentiments, saying that the term civility has now become “annoying.” Reyes said the concern that civility is often used as a pretense to shut down debate, which causes frustrations on both sides that manifest in unhealthy ways. Reyes said that instead of civility we must focus on humility, and be willing to admit when we are wrong. He also called out the self-righteousness of the left and right, saying that it has led to intellectual isolation that harms the quality of debate in America.

Despite the panelists having opposing views on this topic along with a wide range of other issues, they unanimously echoed Pope Francis’s call to end the divisiveness in politics. They suggested this could be done by simply listening to someone who you would normally disagree with.



COURTESY ANNE ST. AMANT

Annual Student Debate in the Edward J. Pryzbyla Great Rooms.

Students Respond Positively to Photo-Journalist’s Message

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Mohammad said.

After Mohammad’s speech, there was a student-driven question and answer portion, where students were able to ask questions relating to gender issues, the Gaza Strip, and overcoming personal and professional obstacles, among other things.

Over the course of the evening, over 200 dollars was raised for the Diocese of Arlington’s Migration and Refugee Services Program, which will be used to purchase blankets for refugees as the winter months approach.

Udochi Esomonu, a freshman politics major, was excited to have been able to hear Mohammed speak.

“She was amazing! She was able, through her talent in photography, to document and tell the stories

of those who don’t have the opportunity to tell their own stories to the world. She did an exquisite job, and I’m grateful to the Arabic Club and other organizations for planning this wonderful event” Esomonu said.

Rosemary Townsend, a senior history major with a minor in Islamic World Studies, was very glad she was able to attend the event.

“I really enjoyed the event! It’s refreshing to see such a dynamic and outspoken woman come to our campus and speak about a very relevant topic. I am very glad the Arabic Club brought Eman to share her story with us!” Townsend said.

Basira Knight, the Arabic Club’s social media chair, commented on the success of the night.

“On behalf of the Arabic Club I want to thank

all the departments that sponsored the event, along with all the faculty and students that came out and supported us. The event went over better than expected. The turnout was amazing, with almost 200 attendees. They hung on to Eman Mohammed and Mr. Colecci’s every word and were mesmerized by her photographs. [...] Eman’s story and the stories that she captures on camera should be told and shared throughout college campuses. We can get so bogged down in the here and now of what we do in our lives, that it is important to receive a reality check once in awhile. The Arabic Club hopes that those who were able to attend the event left a little bit different than when they came in, not only as a student but as a citizen of the world,” Knight said.

English Students Attend ALSCW

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students, allows students to experience a conference first-hand.

“This conference exposes our students incredibly rich experience. They were able to spend time and listen to some of the best creative writers and literary critics in the world. Yet another thing that it does is promote the value of your degree, honestly, to be practical because all these people now know Catholic University in a way that they did not know it before. It resonates with quality, the name Catholic University,” Suarez said.

“The ALSCW conference was incredible,” Woo said. “The presenters covered a wide variety of topics, and it’s always wonderful to hear experts talk about their interests. Watching the seasoned literary scholars comment and interact with

their ideas was a treat. The dialogue fostered by the conference was stimulating.”

Woo says that one of her favorite parts of the Conference was meeting Rosanna Warren.

“Hearing Rosanna Warren read her poetry was an indescribable experience,” Woo said. “I had the pleasure of sitting at her table for the closing banquet and she was just as elegant and engaging as her work.”

Woo also said that the annual conference was a great experience for anyone considering graduate school.

“I got to see two graduate students present their papers, which was great. As someone considering graduate school, it inspired me,” said Woo.

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Tower Editorial: Life After the Election

The time is finally approaching for this politically-charged campus, and city for that matter, to reach the end of a very important race, and with that, hopefully gain some feelings of resolution. The 2016 presidential election has been not just a race, but a civil war of sorts. We see the discord on a national level every day on the news, Twitter, Facebook, and everywhere in between. Where we should look for it most, however, is on our very own CUA campus. Of course, either College Democrats or College Republicans will be celebrating on Tuesday night, while the other sulks bitterly in a corner of Murphy’s, but it is important to remember that just because a decision has been made, it does not mean that our lives go back to some former pre-election state. We should ride the political momentum we gained during this tumultuous and dramatic election in order to stay involved and informed. It’s time to read all of those *New York Times* articles you bookmarked and then forgot about. Living with America’s decision, even if you don’t get the president you want, is the only choice we have. At the very least, we can all rejoice the fact that there are no classes on Inauguration Day.

Beyond the Beverage



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GUEST COMMENTARY
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Grande caramel Macchiato, three pumps, soy, extra whip.

Personalized orders like this one buzz from the Pryz’s Starbucks cafe from morning pre-classes espressos to late night insomnia-fighting Red Eyes. Students and faculty alike not only find their caffeine cravings satisfied, but are warmed by the friendly people who provide it as well. Curt McKeiver is one of Starbucks committed baristas, pouring thousands of complex concoctions to the CUA community since 2012. And like the other café team members, Curt greets every customer with a welcoming smile and likely knows their coded order before they get a chance to say it. His attentiveness to customers goes beyond their orders, Curt cultivates lasting relationships with students one beverage at a time.

“I get to talk to everyone,” Curt says. “Everyone is cordial and nice, even students who are little stand-offish at first. With me speaking to them every day, smiling at them, they come around.”

Curt brought his positive attitude to campus nearly five years ago when he was recommended, applied, and was quickly hired for the job. His impact has continued ever since and along with the other baristas, Curt has become an integral part of the university experience reaching beyond the boundaries of campus life. Last summer a student traveling home to Ireland returned to campus and presented him with a T-Shirt. “After talking to her about Ireland, she was surprised I knew as much as I knew.” His influence even draws former students back to the café. “People who graduate come back just to say hi,” he says smiling.

Curt made his way to the DC area from Philadelphia and now lives in Maryland, where he enjoys raising his 17-year-old daughter. Outside of work, he likes basketball and his favorite hobby, barbecuing. “I love cooking on the grill,” he says. “You name it, I can cook it. Raw meats, that’s all I need and I’m on it.”

As one of the shop’s more experienced employees, Curt understands the challenges students face and his insight allows him to offer patient

advice, often brightening patrons’ days by simply caring. “I don’t know what goes on in everybody’s life, but I try to give kind words to everyone.”

Enthusiasm for Starbucks is a multi-generational weakness, one which university staff are not immune. Is there a difference between student and faculty regulars? “The students are a little more carefree,” Curt admits. “They’ll tell me they have a class across campus in five minutes, but not to rush, they’ll make it on time.” Staff are a little different. “Faculty definitely have a job to do and they come here to do it. They will walk in, see a long line, and turn around and say, ‘I can’t.’”

Regarding the future, Curt appreciates the value of education. “I would like to see my daughter walking across the stage to receive her college degree. Other than that, I’m pretty much at peace.” The next time you place an order in Starbucks Curt may have a kind word for you too. “I have something different for everybody. An individual message.” A message as personalized as your beverage order.

What Are We to Do as Young Catholics?

GUEST COMMENTARY
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For many current college students, the 2016 presidential election will be the first time they will be eligible to vote. Donald J. Trump represents the Republican Party in this election, and Hillary Rodham Clinton represents the Democratic Party. At a place like The Catholic University of America, these two candidates are far from perfect, especially in light of our religious affiliation.

Prior to the sexual revolution of the 1960s, which normalized the use of contraception and abortion, Catholic were staunch members of the Democratic Party. Today, because contraception and abortion have become permanent markers of the Democratic Party, along with practices such as euthanasia, many Catholics identify as Republicans. However, Catholics truly fall no where. Many Catholics belong to both parties, but realistically neither party fits the theological ideologies of the Roman Catholic Church. Sure, the Republican Party identifies typically as pro-life, which is a number one cause for many, however, the Republican Party is also typically anti-union and anti-worker’s rights. The Republican Party also typically denies global warming -- a topic Pope

Francis recently affirmed and addressed in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*. The Democratic Party may typically identify as pro-choice and pro-contraception, however, the Party supports causes such as welfare and housing projects. Both parties have ideologies that fit perfectly within Catholic social teaching, and both parties, at the same time, have ideologies that counter. The Catholic University of America experiences this difficulty first hand constantly, recently with the debate of donors to the university. The Koch Brothers have been feeding our university millions of dollars with a silver spoon, which is wonderful for various reasons, but terrible for others.

What are we to do? Our parents and grandparents have been experiencing this tug-of-war for Catholic votes for decades now. They are already firm in their beliefs. It is our turn now. This is the first time many of us have the ability to affirm our party stance. Where do we stand as young Catholics? Are we forced to vote for candidates that are pro-choice, against worker rights and welfare, or support euthanasia? No matter who we choose to vote for, they will never perfectly fit our beliefs.

Firmly being against or with anyone in this election is, frankly, wrong. If one is going to identify as a Catholic, a real Catholic, neither of these candidates suffice.

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A&E

Basilica Performance Reprised At Kennedy Center

By Maria Rodriguez
Tower Staff

Play a wrong note on the Basilica of the National Shrine's organ upstairs and it will hang in the air for seven seconds. The mistake won't live forever on Facebook – but it will stick around long enough for the entire church to notice...and notice, and notice.

Organ performance takes great talent – and so too does composing for it. (See: everything Bach ever wrote)

The National Symphony Orchestra next week will perform a piece which is performed with orchestra and organ, Maurice Duruflé's Requiem. Connections: this month is a month of remembrance for the dead (Día de los Muertos, All Saints, All Souls, every mass is offered up for souls in purgatory in November), the Requiem is a mass for the dead.

Last time the NSO performed this piece it was July 2000, and they were at the Basilica.

"This work needs... an intense quiet," wrote the Washington Post in their review of that concert. "An intense quiet that ultimately...wedges open the gates of Heaven."

The concert in 2000 was not the first time Duruflé's music whispered in the Shrine's vast nave.

In addition to being a composer, Duruflé was also prolific and celebrated organist – so too his wife. In 1967



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Maurice Duruflé

they traveled together to DC, and played both organs of the Basilica at the same time in concert. The hulking Basilica was still new, and the organs played by Duruflé had only been installed a couple of years before. Still, it didn't stop the husband-wife organ duo from awing their audience.

"Organ Recital Is So Dazzling It Will Be Discussed for Years," ran the headline for the Washington Post's review.

"It's a safe bet that most of those organists there last

night," said the Post reviewer, "will cancel their luncheon appointments to stay put and practice tomorrow."

That concert was recorded, and you can find it on Spotify.

While Duruflé and his wife Marie-Madeline did not perform bits of his Requiem in that concert, you can hear the orchestrated version live for yourself when the NSO performs it.

The work has been compared to the Requiem composed by Fauré, another famous French composer, but

what makes this one stand out in particular is the way in which the organ is used. It makes eerie melodies, not with trumpets of Halloween-y themes, but with rich emotion of the French impressionists (into which category I'm not even sure Duruflé falls, but that's what he sounds like to this pedestrian's ear). The organ and the orchestra play together, and the organ doesn't overwhelm, but the two meld together for a solidified and fluid interpretation of the ancient texts of the Mass for the Dead. You like Debussy or Ravel? Try this Requiem.

Prefer the considered and precise expressions of the Baroque or Classical? Or hate Latin (and yes it's Ecclesial)? Give it a try anyway, but fair warning – this piece swoons over itself.

Side note: the NSO's concert is split in half, with the first half being Debussy (Four Preludes, orchestrated by Colin Matthews, and Trois Nocturnes), and the after-intermission part with this complete Requiem.

But this article is about the organ; the organ, which has never really received a ton of love. It's the instrument the old lady with a cardigan and cat glasses plays wearing bizarre block shoes that shouldn't be seen on anyone else but certified hipsters. Played well, however, the organ can cover more territory than most other instruments. Some pipes on organ

start as small as a pencil to as large as the chunky towering behemoths seen at the back of the Basilica. You want flutes and trombones in the same instrument? Done. Horns or *vox humana*? Done.

Hans Zimmer's spectacular *Interstellar*'s soundtrack was exceptional because of the use of the organ. This one works its way into your bones. With the organ, the film's moments were given an urgent feel that was fresh, without thrumming and nervous strings. Cameron Carpenter, organist extraordinaire (Google him for images of his signature Swarovski encrusted shoes and a Peaky Blinders haircut), tours with his electronic "International Touring Organ" reasoning that if other musicians get to develop relationships with their instruments, so too should organists.

Organ students on campus, all three of you, go cancel your luncheon dates to practice tomorrow. We're waiting to hear more dazzling virtuosity. (See: Peter Latona or Benjamin LaPrarie at the Basilica for lowkey spectacle)

And while you're at it, go hear the NSO. It will be worth it.

The National Symphony Orchestra performs Duruflé's Requiem November 10-12, 2016 in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15-\$89, but you can find discounted tickets for \$10 on the Kennedy Center's Facebook page.

Catholic University Hosts The ALSCW

By Piero Filpi
Tower Staff

Last Thursday kicked off Catholic University's first year ever holding the Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers' annual conference. Catholic University's very own, and now president of the association, Dr. Ernest Suarez, spearheaded the move for Catholic University to be the hub for the conference and a prominent member of the literary community. Over 200 participants met on Catholic's campus on October 27 to engage in discussion, lectures, and debates about literature that spanned work from the Ancients to the Contemporaries living today.

The ALSCW however remains a community like no other, with members that range from scientists to creative writers. The conference's purpose is to be accessible in order to allow this wide array of literary-savvy members to understand and give feedback. Dr. Suarez spoke in regards to the ALSCW as "designed to promote an ongoing conversation about literature, literary history, and the arts. We try to make sure nothing is rushed. Plenary panels and seminars each run for two hours and offer ample opportunity for



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discussion. Participants move back and forth from seminars (four at a time) to plenary sessions (one at a time) to social gatherings, performances, and readings in the evening. The goal is to provide space for a constant cross pollination of materials, ideas, and personalities. We feel there's great benefit to exchanges between well informed people who may not share a specialization. We are proud to have a very distinguished membership and part of our tradition involves mentoring younger members."

The ALSCW does not try to exclude anyone from participating in the ongoing discussion of literature because they value difference and promote change. Famous poets like Rosanna Warren were reading their poetry – some unpublished – and after, casually walking around the room with a welcoming smile, inviting everyone and anyone who wanted to ask questions to do so. The community felt whole in the three short days on campus because of the diverse range of people attending. The Saturday evening banquet

concluded the annual conference with live music from the band Scrapomatic, and allowed for everyone to gather in the same room one last time before ending the busy weekend. People danced, drank, and ate, all while enjoying interesting discourse on their favorite subjects in literature.

It is conferences like the ALSCW's that keeps the culture and art of literature alive, and with last weekend already in the books, Literature's ICU monitor reads steady.

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SPORTS

CUA Volleyball Fights It out in Conference Semifinal

By *Jared Prenda*
Tower Staff

“The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.” This quote was delivered by the great political leader and orator Robert G Ingersoll, and proved to be a more than fitting description of the Cardinals’ Volleyball team’s 3-0 loss Wednesday.

The Catholic team traveled to play the Susquehanna River Hawks in the semifinals of the Landmark Conference playoffs with everything on the line in the winner-take-all match. The November 2nd matchup was the Cards’ ninth straight playoff appearance and a testament to how they dominated this past season. Catholic finished the season with an outstanding 26-11 record, going 4-2 in conference play to earn the 3rd overall seed in the playoff.

Susquehanna proved to be an equally potent force as a number 2 seed with a 30-6 record entering the game. Catholic lost its only prior matchup with Susquehanna 3-0 as well, but the team entered this match with a chip on its shoulder.

The Cardinals matched their opponents point for point for the entirety of the

first set, never allowing the River Hawks to gain more than 4 points of separation. Unfortunately for the Cardinals, most of the set was playing catch up after jumping out to a quick 3-2 lead. Catholic managed to stay in the fight and pushed its way to a 24-24 tie, with both teams trading kills regularly. Catholic looked to finally retake the lead and get out on top but dropped 2 quick points to the River Hawks, and lost the set 26-24. The team’s inability to finish was a theme of the night that would prove to cost them.

The Cardinals battled once again for a tight second set. CUA went down by a 7-point margin to the River Hawks early in the set, but found the fortitude to rally back and take the lead all the way until the set was tied 23 all. The Cards once again were unable to put the final nail in the coffin, and Susquehanna won the next two points for a 25-23 win.

Junior setter and co-captain Michelle Seals was one of the leaders of the Cardinals valiant efforts Wednesday night. The Danville, California native led the team in assists with 32 of the teams 37 total

assists, as well as posting 5 digs and 1 block assist on the night. The 3-season starter ended her season with 1186 assists, a career high and her 3rd 1000 assist season.

Seals mentioned the heart that her team put on display after the match.

“We were always down by about 4 or 5 it felt like last night, but at the end we fought hard to come back. That was something we were never able to do this season,” Seals said.

The final set proved that the Catholic team had no desire for their phenomenal season to come to an end. The Cards once again found themselves falling behind the River Hawks’ onslaught. The team managed to rally to overcome a 5-point deficit to get themselves back into the fight. The Cardinals unfortunately proved to have gotten themselves in too deep by the end of the game. They fell back 7-points and were not able to string together the points necessary to overcome the gap.

Despite the heartbreak of a loss like this, the team still was proud of its performance. Senior libero Michelle Bouchard led both teams on defense with a total of 27

digs and 3 assists on offense. Fellow Senior Mary Paige Nesfeder had a team high 13 kills, and barely missed recording a double-double with 8 digs and 2 blocks.

Seals mentioned the character of the team and how they plan to turn this loss into motivation for next season.

“I definitely think we are going to carry this into next season. The chemistry on the team has never been better and every player is motivated to do their best. We are definitely going to feel the loss of our seniors, but it is a great opportunity for other teammates to step up and take

more of a leadership role on the team,” Seals said.

Though the Cardinals endured the sour taste of defeat, they had one of their most dominating seasons to date. At 26-11, they finished 9 games ahead of the 17-17 record they held a year prior. The Cardinals also boasted multiple tournament wins on the season with a relatively young team with only 4 seniors. With most the team returning next season, and a new sense of teamwork and dedication, the Catholic University Cardinals are looking to be a force to be reckoned with next season.



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CUA volleyball comes together after winning a point.

Field Hockey Defeated in Overtime, 4-3

By *Jimmy Cassidy*
Tower Staff

The Catholic University field hockey team’s season came to a close Wednesday, November 2nd, in an overtime loss to the River Hawks of Susquehanna in the semifinal game of the 2016 Landmark Conference tournament. The Cardinals hosted the visiting River Hawks at Cardinal Stadium under the lights in the 2 seed vs. 3 seed tournament matchup. After coming back multiple times to tie the game, the Cardinals gave up the goal in the overtime period to end their season.

Catholic’s loss brings their overall record to 10-7 for the season, with a 6-1 conference record. A difficult out of conference schedule of games prepared CUA for a postseason run, but Susquehanna ended those hopes early along. The River Hawks’ dominant season continues, as they move

to 15-3 overall. They will try to give Elizabethtown its first conference loss of the season in the Landmark championship.

The Cardinals were led on offense by sophomore Molly Crowley. Crowley came into the game with just three goals all season, but in the semifinal game she scored all three of the team’s goals. Senior Morgan Druce assisted on each of the goals too. Catholic outshot Susquehanna by a 16-9 margin, but the River Hawks had the only three shots in overtime, including the goal.

After the first half ended at 1-1, Susquehanna was the first to score in the second thirty-five minute period to go up by one goal. Crowley then answered with her second goal of the game in the 55th minute. Just three minutes later, Druce found Crowley for a third time on the night, and the sophomore found the back of the

cage to put Catholic up 3-2 with just 12 minutes to play.

The River Hawks finished strong, however, as they received a penalty corner in the 68th minute. With under three minutes to play, Susquehanna capitalized on the corner and scored to tie the game. All zeros showed on the clock at the end of regulation, and more field hockey was needed to decide a winner.

Five minutes into the extra period, Susquehanna scored on a short cross that was tipped in for the game-winning goal. The goal ended the game with a 4-3 goal in the River Hawks’ favor. The season ended earlier than the team had hoped, but the Cardinals’ field hockey team once again had an impressive showing in the Landmark Conference. They look to come back next year for another solid performance.



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Sophomore Molly Crowley gets by a defender. Crowley had a hat trick in the game against Susquehanna.

CUA Cardinals



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at Elizabethtown	Sat., Nov. 12	1:00 PM
vs. Goucher	Sat., Nov. 19	1:00 PM
at Randolph-Macon	Sat., Dec. 2	10:00 AM

Women’s Basketball

vs. St. Mary’s (MD)	Tues., Nov. 15	7:00 PM
at St. John Fisher	Sat., Nov. 19	1:00 PM

Men’s Basketball

at Notre Dame	Mon., Nov. 7	7:00 PM
at Hamilton	Wed., Nov. 19	7:00 PM

Track & Field

at Ursinus	Sat., Dec. 3	11:00 AM
at Christopher Newport	Wed., Jan. 21	9:00 AM

Football

at Emory & Henry	Sat., Nov. 5	1:00 PM
vs. Bridgewater	Sat., Nov. 12	1:00 PM

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“When you realize you spent 4 hours in the library last night and have another 5 ahead of you”
@seanayymiller
(Sean Miller)

Globe Trotters

By: Kathryn Carter

This past weekend, I had the opportunity to visit Bologna on a school trip for the weekend. Home to the earliest university in the world, which was founded in 1044, this ancient city offered many different opportunities for exploration during the weekend. After arriving in the afternoon on Friday, everyone walked around the city until dinner. On our way to the restaurant, we stopped at an older church and, after some of us began asking questions in Italian, one of the sacristants showed us around the entire church, which was an experience that not only I, but the entire group as a whole, thoroughly enjoyed. Dinner that night was also quite pleasing; we were served course after course of various regional meat and cheese before moving onto two traditional pumpkin and then ragu pasta before being overwhelmed with a platter of desserts than ranged from tiramisu to brownies with handmade, rich and thick cream-like pudding to put on top of the brownies. My taste buds were singing by the end of the night.

Saturday was mainly a day of exploration, which is what everybody did. After taking a group tour of the Music

Museum, we all split up to different activities. My roommate went to climb an over 500-step tower while my other friend and I wandered to St. Dominic’s. As the name implies, St. Dominic’s is the basilica where the body of St. Dominic is buried. It was an amazing experience to see not only St. Dominic’s but the cathedral, or “duomo”, of the city and some other churches. The churches were each astounding and beautiful in their own way. My personal favorite from Bologna is still St. Dominic.

Along with the churches, Bologna offered a plethora of museums to explore, which is what I did Sunday morning. Finding the Museum of Medieval Society, I spent the entire morning and early afternoon their before grabbing a quick lunch and meeting everyone to head to the train station. Inside the museum, there were actual jousting lances that had to be at least twenty feet long, if not longer. The armor collection was incredible but what I also found interesting was the Christian selection of art, which ranged from stain glass to elaborate memorial sarcophagi. I could have spent all day researching and exploring the museum. It was definitely the highlight of the trip.

