

Catholic University Reacts to President Trump’s Executive Order

By DUANE PAUL MURPHY
Tower Staff

The Catholic University of America’s student community and faculty, including university president John Garvey, showed their support for immigrant and refugee students impacted by President Trump’s recent executive orders. Garvey released a statement on the university’s website on Monday in the wake of Trump’s recent executive orders to indefinitely ban Syrian refugees from entering the country, suspend refugee admissions into the country for 120 days, and block citizens from several Mus-lim majority countries, such as Iraq, Iran, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen, from entering the United States for 90 days. “At this time we cannot know with certainty how recent executive orders will affect people seeking education, refuge,

and citizenship in our country,” Garvey said in the statement. “Nor do we know yet how they might affect our University community over the long term. We are reaching out to our students and visiting scholars who are directly affected by the measures to assure them of our support and our commitment to help them navigate this uncertain period.” The university president further said that the school will communicate with the impacted students directly through the Center for Global Education as more information is made available to the university’s administration. Garvey also stated that he hopes the Trump administration will seek a path to “promote the common good of our citizens, including our national security, without departing from our na-

tion’s great tradition of welcoming persons of good will who seek to make a better life here.” The university’s Student Government Association hosted a public event on the Pryzbyla Patio called “Solidarity Gathering” to support those affected by Trump’s executive orders. Speakers included student government president Kristina Pinault, student government vice president Lauren Werling, and Pre-Law Society member Noor Laith. A member of College Democrats expressed disappointment in College Republicans’ lack of presence at the event. “I was very sad that the College Republicans did not take part in the event,” said sophomore politics major John Connolly. “This wasn’t about politics or one party’s view on this ban. It was about one community standing together with each member.” Connolly further expressed positive attitudes towards the event. “I was very moved by tonight’s gathering,” said Connolly. “Seeing so many in our community come together makes me so proud of our student body. Tonight’s gathering wasn’t



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Student Government Association President Kristina Pinault Speaks at “Solidarity Night”

about politics or political beliefs. It was about once common belief in the care and safety of every human being. I went to show I stand with all people, regardless of who they are.” Other students at the event discussed their support for Trump’s policies. “It’s never easy

to balance security and freedom, but as a nation we must protect our citizens first,” said sophomore politics major Wes Krol. “That must be a top priority. I believe that a lot of people are buying into a media narrative that does not tell the full story. People need to allow President Trump

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Chinese Club Hosts Celebration for Chinese New Year

By KC DOMAN
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This year’s Chinese New Year celebration, hosted by the Catholic University of America’s Chinese Club, was held on Tuesday, January 31st 2017 in the Edward J. Pryzbyla Center, Great Room B. The event drew a crowd of students because of the various activities and food. Students and faculty alike were greeted at the door by members of the Chinese Club and their sponsors, who were all fittingly dressed in traditional Chinese outfits. Various activities were offered to attendees at the celebration, including arts

and crafts and trivia centered around Chinese culture. Two dancers put on a lion dance -- a tradition thought by Chinese societies to drive out the bad of the past year and bring in happiness and longevity for the new. The dancers were accompanied by a set of drummers and a pair of men with cymbals. Other happenings at the event included members of the Chinese Club presenting their costumes for the audience. “I’m dressed as a traditional high-ranking officer of the Zhou dynasty. The Zhou dynasty



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Students Enjoy the Celebrations

took power from the Shang under the Mandate of Heaven. One of the significant accomplishments of this dynasty was the fact that they modernized writing,” said Michael Klein, freshman political science major.

Beside the food and activities that were offered, the Chinese New Year celebration highlighted the cultures of two nations. “This is just one of the ways that CUA bridges the gap between different countries

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University Response to New Immigration Policies

On Friday, President Trump signed an executive order that prohibited immigration and visa entry from seven nations: Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen, for a 90 day period. In addition, the order places a 120 day freeze on refugee acceptance into the United States, as well as an indefinite ban on refugees from Syria. This action was met with controversy and protests around the country, including large demonstrations at John F. Kennedy, Dulles International, and Los Angeles International Airports.

In a statement to the student body, Catholic University of America President ,John Garvey, published a statement in reaction to the executive order: "At this time we cannot know with certainty how recent executive orders will affect people seeking education, refuge, and citizenship in our country, nor do we know yet how they might affect our University community over the long term," Garvey said. President Garvey went on to discuss how the executive order would impact students and faculty at the University, saying that "we are reaching out to our students and visiting scholars who are directly affected by the measures to assure them of our support and our commitment to help them navigate this uncertain period. We will continue to communicate with them directly through the Center for Global Education as more information is made available to us."

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This story is still developing. The Tower will continue to provide updates and thorough coverage as we learn more about the impact of President Trump's executive order on the Catholic University community



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NEWS

Catholic University Celebrates Mass of St. Thomas Aquinas

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Members of the Catholic University of America community gathered on January 31, 2017 to celebrate Mass in honor of University Patron, St. Thomas Aquinas. The Mass was celebrated in the Upper Church of the The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by Reverend Thomas Joseph White, O.P., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the Dominican House of Studies and Director of the Thomistic Institute. The Mass was also broadcast live on both The Eternal Word Television Network and CatholicTV.

The Mass in Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas is celebrated annually by the Catholic University community at the start of the spring semester, close to the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, which is on January 28th. St. Thomas Aquinas was a Dominican friar and is the patron saint of education and of Catholic Schools.

During his homily Rev. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. spoke on St. Thomas Aquinas, specifically St. Thomas' devotion to knowledge, truth, and to God. He called the congregation to consider the "Little Church of the Mind."

"The University also is a kind of church of the

mind, where we are invited to worship at the altar of truth. This is an altar before which we learn to live with our intellectual vulnerability in the face of realities we don't fully comprehend, and subjects we do not master," said Rev. White. "We should stop to worship, then, at this altar of God's truth at the heart of the university, so that we may become what we are called to be."

Rev. White referred also to contemporary culture that is "characterized by conflict, restlessness, profound discontent, and violence, be it spiritual or physical," and implored that the congregation embrace the love and nonviolence of God.

Rev. White's homily embodied Thomism—the theological and philosophical school which follows the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas—as he spoke of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the necessity of "something ever ancient, ever new: a university consecrated to the truth, a university that is Catholic. The Catholic University."

"It's important that as a community we come together to the Eucharistic table," said Pamela Tremblay, Associate Campus Minister for Women's Ministry and Pro-Life Ministry at Catholic University. "This

table gives us strength and nourishment, as well as gives us a sense of responsibility to how we are called to act as we enter into a new semester and school year."

Also speaking of community was Matt Cipriano, senior History major and member of the Knights of Columbus. "As a Knight, community means the most," said Cipriano about participating in the Mass in Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas. "One of our pillars as knights is to bring things back to charity. Being a part of this mass is a way to give back to Catholic."

This past week, January 29th through February 4th, marks National Catholic Schools Week. John Garvey, University President, spoke briefly at the beginning of the mass.

"May the example of the angelic doctor be a source of inspiration for all of those involved in the important work of Catholic Education," Garvey said. National Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 and serves as a celebration of Catholic Education, a product of prominent Catholic intellectuals like St. Thomas Aquinas.

Student Government Association Sponsors Solidarity Night

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the opportunity to work, and actually look into the policy, and not just an article headline. I came to this event to see what people had to say, and I understand their concerns. However, I believe that much of these concerns are due to media spin. Times are different now, the world is different now and we must put the nation, and its citizens security above all else. So, I urge people to not just read an article headline, but to look deeper into the policies and allow the President to do his job."

While certain student officials from College Democrats were present for the event, some student officers from the College Republicans were not present.

"President Trump signed an Executive Order halting immigration from a select number of seven countries in order to review and reform current security policies," said College Republicans president

Brianna Howard. "These seven countries were previously identified under the Obama administration as sources of terrorism. As the CUA College Republicans, we pride ourselves on informed beliefs, freedom of speech, and freedom of thought. There are many in this club who do not agree with the Executive Order and there are many who see the reasoning behind the Executive Order. When asked to participate in the Student Government Association's "Solidarity Gathering", we opted out. As a student organization, we represent a large number of young Republicans with a certain set of ideals and while we support the efforts of the Solidarity Gathering, we did not believe that our presence in an official capacity was necessary."

The event ended with a performance by the school's acapella group.

School of Arts and Sciences Hosts Meet and Greet with New Dean

By ALEXANDER SANTANA
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The Catholic University of America School of Arts and Sciences hosted a meet and greet with the recently appointed Dean Aaron Dominguez, Ph.D. Undergraduate and graduate students were able to meet and speak with Dean Dominguez as well as with the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, Kerstin Gaddy, Ph.D. Pizza and refreshments were served and all attendees introduced themselves and some spoke about their experiences at Catholic University so far. Several students asked questions about the Dean's vision for the School of Arts and Sciences whether he was going to improve the core curriculum and distribution requirements.

"I think it was an excellent event" said Cavan Hagerty, freshman politics major. "Dean Dominguez is clearly genuinely interested in students' thoughts and feelings regarding the betterment of the school of Arts and Sciences. I look forward to more of these events in the future."

Dean Dominguez said at the event that he thought of himself as a freshman since he had just started working at Catholic University six months ago. He comes from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he served as Associate Dean for Research and Global Engagement and professor of physics and astronomy. He also talked about how at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln he led a team of researchers from the university as well as eight other universities to work on particle detectors at the CERN laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland.

"I see Dean Dominguez being a great resource for us in the School of Arts and Sciences," said freshman politics major Elise LaFleur. "I look forward to seeing what he will accomplish as the new Dean."

Dean Dominguez stated that he wants to listen to the concerns and suggestions of students and also wants to create more research and experimental opportunities for those



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Hispanic Innovators of the Faith Lecture

By ANALUCIA FRANCO
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On Monday in Caldwell Hall's Happel Room. "Hispanics and the Remapping of American Catholicism in the 21st Century: Reading the Signs of the Times," was presented by Hoffsman Ospino, Ph.D., an assistant professor of theology and religious education at Boston College.

The hour-long lecture focused on presenting Ospino's research and findings from the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry on the Hispanic Catholic experience in the United

States. These findings, according to Ospino, give an understanding of U.S. Catholic life today.

At the start of the lecture, Ospino presented his own experience immigrating from Colombia to the United States and gaining a Hispanic identity.

Ospino said that U.S. Catholic ministry cannot "take for granted" the strong presence of the Hispanic Catholic population. According to the National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry, 40% of

U.S. Catholics are Hispanic. Ospino referred to "reading the signs of the times in light of our faith" as the appropriate approach to discovering "where we're heading." He called for a stronger investment in the Hispanic Catholic ministry, especially in areas, such as the West Coast and South of the U.S, which are not traditionally Catholic but are seeing a growing Hispanic Catholic presence.

Ospino said that the current U.S. Catholic Church's structure was developed to serve society in the 20th century. The

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Welcome New
Dean

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in physics and the other sciences. He also talked about how he looks forward to having more discussion on how he and professors can make the educational experiences of students better. He also talked about how Catholic University has the opportunity to combine the Catholic faith with the pursuit of knowledge and truth unlike other universities.

“For Dean Dominguez to hold an event for the School of Arts and Sciences was phenomenal,” said Andrew Elder, a junior in the politics department. “He made the event more personal by showing us who he is and what he plans to do. He allowed us to voice opinions and openly discussed issues we, as students, may be having.”



KC DOMAN, TOWER CONTRIBUTOR
A View of the Lion Dance

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and cultures. I love that China and the United States can be brought together for an event like this.” said freshman biomedical engineering major Bernard Barillo, who is a member of the university’s Filipino Organization of Catholic University Students (F.O.C.U.S.).

Right from the start, the event was admirably culturally aware. Everyone who entered was given a red envelope or “Hong Bao” which in Chinese societies is a monetary gift given during social and family gatherings such as weddings or on holidays like the Lunar New Year. The color red symbolizes good luck and is supposed to ward off evil spirits. Inside the envelope was a chocolate golden coin. Although the event was mostly student-run, the students were definitely not the only ones excited about the celebration.

“It’s a great combination, presenting the traditions of China along with the food and games. Students love it,” said Valeria Garino, a professor of Italian Studies in the Department of Modern

Languages and Literatures who is as a sponsor for the Chinese Club.

“I researched the character I am impersonating, the Empress, and I found a picture of her wearing a dress with a very similar pattern to the one I am wearing. It’s really authentic!” said Garino when asked about her costume.

“The costumes presented are actually original Chinese material, and are loaned to the professors by the Embassy of Taiwan for these types of events” said Ms. Jessica Cappellini, who lectures in the Italian Studies Department. Of her students, she said “they are very involved, and it’s great to see them presenting and doing things in class and then applying it in a big event like this.”

The evening, put on by the members of Chinese Club, was a memorable way to start off the Year of the Rooster. Ms. Cappellini summed it up, saying: “It’s intense, but it’s very nice.”

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Hispanic Innovators of Faith Lecture

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services provided were mainly developed where most of Catholic populations where located during this time: the Northeast.

The National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry shows that most Catholic ministerial programs and schools are found in the Northeast. The reality that Ospino presented is that with the growing presence of Hispanic Catholics in the Southern and Western parts of the country, there must be a “remapping” of the present pastoral initiative.

Ospino presented a map showing the growing presence of Hispanic parishes in the South and West compared to the Northeast. According to Ospino, the problem is not the lack of Hispanic presence in parishes, but the lack of structured programs available to Hispanic Catholics in the areas where

they are mostly living. According to the National Catholic Reporter, 2/3 of Catholic schools in the U.S. are found in the Northeast and 83% of Catholic colleges and universities are found in the Northeast and Midwest.

64% of Hispanic people in the United States were born in this country, according to Ospino’s findings. Nevertheless, there is a shared cultural experience between most Hispanic people in the United States.

Ospino said that it is important to consider the many “dynamics” with which many Hispanic people in the U.S. are “wrestling.” These include socio-economic issues that affect much of the Hispanic population in the U.S. The lecture presented a high percentage of Hispanic children attending underperforming public

schools, with only 4% educated in catholic schools. Ospino spoke about the importance of catholic schools, catechism, youth groups, and apostolic movements in preventing a loss of religion within Hispanic youth.

“Mostly, youth groups that I’ve seen are comprised of Latinos who come from their home countries, who bring their practices and [ways of] worshipping from their home countries,” said Leticia Rivera, a Catholic University of America alumni who graduated in 2015 and now works at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, speaking of the lack of Hispanic-U.S born youth involvement in their religion.

Ospino spoke about several ways to “better build the Catholic community to include everyone’s gifts.” These include

paying increased attention to where Catholicism is growing, learning “skills and attitudes” to live as a community that is “relocated and dislocated,” changing pastoral approaches to cultivate parish life, working with Hispanic youth, looking at the Hispanic community as a “gift” and not a “problem needing to be resolved,” and participating in the Fifth National Encuentro on Hispanic Ministry (V Encuentro).

The Fifth National Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry is a four year initiative that began January 2017 to discover ways to better engage and “respond to the Hispanic/Latino presence” in the U.S. According to V Encuentro, 175 dioceses, 42 catholic organizations, and 13 lay Ecclesial Movements are participating in the Encuentro.

“He suggested great ways to meet the challenges of Hispanics, or Hispanic needs: Catholic Schools and grupos juveniles [youth groups],” said Jeison Cortes, a senior Philosophy major.

“There is a huge need in the church today and we can meet this challenge, or this need, by not ignoring it, but facing it face-to-face.”

“Latinos are the church,” Ospino said, referring to the need for a communal American church that does “not just serve Latinos” but “that is Latina.” Ospino referred to the Church becoming who she serves, similarly to how Pope Francis has asked for a “poor church for the poor.”

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TOWER EDITORIAL

It’s easy to care about national politics, because that’s what we’re most widely exposed to. It pops up constantly in the form of CNN updates and Facebook videos. We sometimes forget that we live in the hub of it all.

It takes more effort to care about things we have to seek out, to care about information that is not immediately provided to us with no effort on our part.

This is not a problem unique to college students, but it is applicable to all college students. We

at Catholic University are a population of D.C. transplants; and while yes, most of us are from just outside of Philly, some of us are from farther reaches of the nation, and many of us aren’t even from the United States.

Yet, while we attend CUA we are residents of D.C. While the district sometimes seems like it belongs to the politicians and to the newscasters, it’s our home too. We have our favorite coffee shops, our favorite museums, and our favorite wine from Wardman’s.

It’s easy to get trapped in a cycle of yelling at MSNBC and texting our roommates *Politico* articles, but it’s important to remember that D.C. isn’t just the capital of the nation, and it’s not just national politics we should care about. D.C. is a true college town and our home, and we should treat it like such.

So this week, let’s start thinking of ourselves not just as CUA students but as D.C. residents. So what do we, as residents, want to see change in our city?

To the Left: The GOP’s Anti-Democratic Streak

Are elected Republicans becoming allergic to the fundamental principles and processes of democracy as well as human rights? Apparently, in this century, they seem to be from sea to shining sea. After the North Carolina gubernatorial election of Roy Cooper, a Democrat and former state attorney general, the Republican majority in the Tar Heel State’s legislature passed a series of laws that would reduce the governor’s power by requiring his cabinet picks to be approved by the legislature and reducing the number of statewide officials he can appoint. Recently, one state lawmaker wants to propose and pass a law making yelling at present or former state officials illegal after a group of posters followed and shouted out former Republican governor Pat McCrory over the anti-LGBTQ bill his government passed last year. In fact, according to the online publication *The Intercept*, Republican state legislators in states such as Michigan and Iowa have proposed a variety of laws that would essential criminalize and increase legal penalties on peaceful, non-violent protest as well as civil disobedience. Since the gutting of Voting Rights Act of 1965, states such as Wisconsin and New Hampshire have implemented new voting restrictions, including draconian voter identification laws. These laws are known or meant to reduce turnout and registration for ethnic and racial minorities, young people, and working class or poor people. Not only voting restrictions are on their legislative agenda, but also anti-labor “Right to Work” laws, anti-reproductive regulations such

as Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers or TRAP laws, and preemption laws that would ban localities from raising the minimum wage or protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination. Democracy is meant to be for, of, and by the people.

Our political parties must respect this principle or our country further transitions into a flawed democracy. The Republican Party must respect the civil rights and liberties of the democratic populace or they will face electoral decimation at a gradual or imidiate pace. As a matter of political history, when Peter Wilson, former Republican governor of California during the 1990s, tried to advocate the passage of Proposition 187, which prohibited undocumented immigrants from using public services such as healthcare and education, the state’s Republican Party have lost their prominence on the federal, state, and local level. The state legislature has a Democratic super-majority and the congressional delegation is more than 50% Democrats. So when one political party violates the rights of the populace, especially women, workers, and people of color, their legacy is ingrained in theirdwindellingh positions in power. So the GOP must respect liberal democracy as a center-right party or their right-wing attitudes will translate into dissolution.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Rania Abousleiman
Class of 2017

Around the Table, We are All Family

I am a first generation citizen who was born and raised in the United States of America. A land where freedom, democracy, and equality bleed. A land of opportunity for those born and raised, traveled near and far, and for those who will be coming. I was raised in a household with immigrant parents coming from the same region, but from completely different worlds.

My father is from Lebanon and was raised Catholic, while my mother is from Iran and was raised Muslim. The two worlds met, fell in love, and had a family. They raised me and my siblings with no religion attached, but as decent people with open hearts, kindness, and good ethics. Although I was not raised with religion, my extended family on both sides were raised as Catholics and Muslims. They go to church or mosque, they pray to the same God, and they are all some of the best people I have ever known. There is no divide in my family, just equality and acceptance. Imagine living in my world. My world where Catholics and Muslims sitting at the same dinner table, talking the same politics, and sharing the same love for their family and the world they live in.

I have been living in my world for 22 years and have felt fortunate to have experienced the love between these two worlds. Some may say I have been blinded or gullible to

believe that my world is similar to the real world. Others may not even be able to relate to the sorrow I feel. But my world is still worth sharing. My heart is heavy with sorrow because people from seven predominantly Muslim countries, will not be allowed to enter the United States of America for 90 days. My heart is heavy for my family in Iran who are not able to come to the land of opportunity and freedom, for the refugees who have been suffering far too long, and for the people who do not realize the impact this decision has. As I continue to receive updates about the policy, I cannot help but wonder how it all came down to this. I cannot understand how a country that was founded on the ideal of freedom can close their doors to people who are seeking the same exact freedom, from war infested zones they have been calling home.

I am disappointed in the place I call home. I am disappointed that the country I have stood for and by has turned its back on me, my family, and my people. For those reading this, I urge everyone to ask questions, be open-minded, and sympathize for the many innocent people caught in the cross-fire. For my fellow Arabs, Muslims, and Middle Eastern family, please know that you are not alone and that I stand with you.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Stephen Calandrino
Class of 2020

The Real Fake News

Ever since the historic election of President Donald Trump in November of 2016, we’ve all heard the term ‘fake news’ tossed around by members of the mainstream media, at least a couple of time a day. I must admit. I was initially skeptical of the impact of fake news and saw it as little more than a phony excuse for why Hillary lost; like Russian espionage, global warming, or Stonewall Jackson’s ghost. Yet now I have seen the light, and see the true danger fake news poses to us all. But I’m not talking about those spam emails claiming Hillary Clinton was operating a pizza parlor made of gingerbread to lure lost children. I am talking about the real source of fake news, the mainstream media itself.

While the mainstream media has a rich history in fake news that began long before the term’s conception, it appears they have given up trying to hide their bias since President Trump. It all began shortly after the election when former co-host of “The View” and self-described “comedian” Rosie O’Donnell began to spread a malicious rumor that Barron Trump, the youngest child of President Trump, had Autism. Rather than backing up this outrageous claim with any real evidence, O’Donnell shared a video which ‘diagnosed’ the youngest Trump by his zoned-out expression and slight fidgeting during President Trump’s 3 A.M. acceptance speech. After initial resistance, O’Donnell was eventually forced to take down the video due to public outrage.

There were also the falsely reported hate crimes against minority groups following the election. The most covered two both involved two young Muslim women, one in Louisiana and another in New York, who both claimed they were harassed and threatened by white

men wearing ‘Make America Great Again’ hats for their head coverings. While the media immediately catapulted both stories to the national stage, it didn’t take too long for the police to discover these incidents were complete lies and arrested both women for filing false police reports.

With President Trump’s temporary travel ban on people from Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Syria, Libya, Somalia, and Yemen. The media has repeatedly claimed that the executive order singles out Muslims, which indeed would be unconstitutional. However, the executive order covers citizen of the previously mentioned seven countries with no mention of Islam. The media has also made accusations that Trump refused to add other nations to protect his business interests, which was immediately proven false when the administration pointed out that the seven nations Trump named were singled out in former President Obama as “At Risk Nations”.

There are even more examples I can name. Sally Yates, golden showers, Rosie O’Donnell’s Autism theory, etcetera. Whether it’s lazy journalism, a malicious attempt to undermine the Trump administration, or anything in between; nothing can justify the media’s abhorrent behavior. It is their job to present us with the facts, not to scare us into believing that their point of view is right. So next time you hear one of your friends panicking about something someone said on CNN or wrote in the *New York Times*; take a page from our President’s playbook and tell them that hey are fake news.



“How is it week five already?”

By Angeline McCrory



The Age of Jazz at the National Portrait Gallery

By: Piero J Filpi
Tower Staff

A rivetting and exciting sound the world had never heard before: jazz. The music defied traditional teachings that stemmed from Europe. When taken seperately, the use of “blue” notes, that is, a minor sound where a major note should be expected, improvisation, and deep emotion that came out of the musical genre, can be felt as chaotic. But just like chaos became the roots of the created world, arranged musical chaos became jazz.

So in 1948, when jazz was hitting New York harder than a drummer hits his snare, a photographer by the name of Herman Leonard opened up a small studio in Grenwich Village. His landscapes became the jazz clubs of New York and his mode of capturing these landscapes was the photography from his Speed Graphic camera.

It was necessary for someone to capture the smoke, dimness, and passion of the jazz scene in New York towards the end of the 1940’s, where, if you wrung out a jazz musician after a performance, more sweat would ooze out than your shirt after an Iron Man marathon. The music was sexy, differ-



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ent, and daring. Leonard’s photography captured all of this. So much so that his photos began to surface on the covers of albums and even in pages of Downbeat and Metronome Magazine. Faint glimmers of this booming American musical history can still be studied and appreciated with the help of the National Portrait Gallery’s exhibit titled: *In the Groove: Jazz Portraits* by Herman Leonard. The exhibit defines 20th cen-

tury jazz culture with images ranging from D.C.’s very own Duke Ellington, to other greats like Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzy Gillespie, Billie Holiday, and America’s first pop star, Frank Sinatra. Each portrait offered a distinct character within every musician: Frank Sinatra’s back facing the camera, and his classic left hand held high while he sways his head from side to side, Ellington, with his apologetic face, simply leaning on his piano

with his right index finger massaging his right temple, and Ella Fitzgerald, giving a smile that seems larger than her voice is all at the National Portrait Gallery. Entering February and with that, Black History Month, it is important to remember the culture that brought on this new wave of music – a music that will go on to defy Western European conventions, and add onto the diverse and incredible range America contains within her

own identity. The power, sex, and evocative sounds jazz is able to conceive are unparalleled, and Leonard’s exhibit displays exactly what the music was: freeing. The exhibit runs until February 20th and is a must-go for any music history lover. Herman Leonard’s portraits are bigger than Dizzy Gillespie’s cheeks and shine brighter than his trumpet.

The Harlem Renaissance Through Portraits

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In accord with Black History month the exhibit *Harlem Heroes: Photographs by Carl Van Vechten* at the Smithsonian American Art Museum promises a unique portrayal of the great minds that emerged from the Harlem Renaissance in a composition of intimate portraits.

Carl Van Vechten was a photographer that emerged and submerged in the cultural awakening that was the Harlem Renaissance, as he captured the lives of the various musicians, painters, writers and many more artists that arose in such time. Available in this exhibit is a collection of thirty-nine pictures from his time in New York City selected by art curator John Jacob. The pictures belonged to the SAAM’s private collection and Jacob is the McEvory family’s art curator, the previous owners of the pictures.

Van Vechten was obsessed with the art of photography. In this collection of portraits, he not only captures the essence of the artists but

manages to show the artistic awakening that Harlem brought upon the 20th century. Amongst the installation you will find portraits of artists such as: James Baldwin, Ossie Davis, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ella Fitzgerald, Althea Gibson, Langston Hughes, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, Bessie Smith, and others.

What is unique about the exhibit is that the installation is composed of both the portrait of the artist plus a work or a phrase belonging or related to the artist. The pictures are not just simple portraits of the artists on the cusp of their success, but also exemplars of the struggles and adversities they had to go through to become such legends. As you walk around the exhibit you are not just surrounded by the faces of revolutionaries of the art, but their work itself is alive and vibrant, creating an ongoing conversation between viewer and artist; making the visit all the more special.

A portrait that stood out was Zora Neil Hurston’s. The

sophistication and elegance of Hurston is beautifully captures by Van Vechten and paired up with her famous poem “How it Feels to be Colored Me.” The portrait captures Hurston sideways with a glamorous hat and pearl necklace as the lines “When I set my hat a certain angle and saunter down Seventh avenue” complement the apropos portrait for such line.

This exhibit was opened to, first, honor Black History month but most importantly to celebrate the grand opening of the African American History and Culture museum which took place last year. This is the first-time Van Vechten’s photographs are installed all together to compose a work as a whole. Not just in a museum exhibit, but since they were first purchased by the McEvory family.

You can find *Harlem Heroes* on the second floor south of the Smithsonian American Art Museum on 8th and F street NW, and is displayed until April 2, 2017.



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SPORTS

Men’s Basketball Survives Second Half Comeback

By Jared Prenda
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The Catholic University of America men’s basketball team managed to keep their playoff hopes alive following a dominant 66-54 victory over Goucher College. The Wednesday, February 1st victory keeps the Cardinals at a 6-3 record in Landmark Conference play, and to 14-6 overall. The conference victory keeps the CUA squad only one game out of first place with the post-season rapidly approaching.

The Cards jumped out to an immediate advantage over the Gophers, and never trailed throughout the entire game. The first half was pure domination for the Cardinals, thanks to a tight defensive effort that allowed the fewest points all season. The team entered halftime with a 20 point, 35-15 lead, which was capitalized by a layup as time expired by junior forward, Jay Howard.

The team was lead in their efforts by starting senior guard Lucas Khouri, who recorded a double-

double on the night. The Alexandria, Virginia native also held game highs with 19 points, 10 rebounds, 3 treys, and 6 free throws. Khouri was only one of three double digit scorers, as Howard notched 14 points and 7 rebounds in the game. Freshman starter, Brandon Easton, added 11 points, 5 rebounds, and snagged a steal in the effort.

The game held the appearance of a blow-out as play resumed after the break, but the Gophers unleashed a 25-8 onslaught to open the half and pull within 3 of the Cards. The Catholic squad managed to hold off the Gopher attack, and a three from Khouri swung the momentum back into the Cards’ favor. This crucial bucket started an 8-0 run for CUA to close out the game and seal the 12-point victory.

The team showed real grit in their performance on the night, by not only holding off a comeback but also by displaying a tenacious defense. The team’s effort held Goucher to only shooting 31-percent from the

field, and notching 8 steals. Despite giving up a large lead, the Cardinals made the difference on the free throw line with 11 more points than their opponent, and a 7-rebound advantage.

The crucial victory came just in time for Catholic, who had previously dropped 3 straight conference games with the Landmark Conference playoffs looming at the end of the month. The Cardinals look to use this as a shift in momentum in their season, especially with the bulk

of their remaining games being against strong opponents. The players understand this significance and look at each game like it is their last.

“I think we all played very hard, we understand that every game in conference really matters so we try to approach every game in that way,” says Howard. “It just so happens we lost three games straight prior to beating Goucher, so beating a quality opponent was a great way to bounce back.”

The 3rd seeded Catholic

team looks to finish strong with only 5 games remaining in the season before the start of the playoffs. The team returns to action on the road against the Drew Rangers on February 4th, 2017. The Drew team is only 1 game behind the Cards with a 5-4 record, and will play with tenacity to steal a playoff spot of their own. The Cardinals look to carry the 66-54 victory over Goucher with them and prepare for the post season.



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Senior Louis Khouri dribbles down court

Lady Cards Dominate Goucher

By Jared Prenda
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The Lady Cardinals Basketball team continues their season long run of dominance as they obliterate the Goucher Gophers, 75-46. This victory marks the 25th ranked Cards ninth straight win, and brings the team to an 18-2 overall record and a flawless 9-0 in conference play. The number one team in the Landmark Conference looks to carry their momentum throughout the final 5 games of the season before the playoffs.

The CUA team set the tone for the game early, by going on a 14-4 run on the opening 8 minutes of the first quarter. The Cardinals hit one final 3-pointer from junior forward Samantha Cowan in the final moments of the opening 10-minute period to take a 17-8 lead into the break. The Birds continued their path to victory on an opening And-1 from freshman starter Megan Stafford to start the 2nd quarter. The Catholic team continued to cruise against Goucher and entered half time with a commanding 13 point, 36-23 lead.

A story that has lasted all throughout the season for the Lady Cards is a dominant presence from their bench players. The reserves contributed 29 points in the team effort, led by Cowan with 13 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 steals. Freshman Sydney Poindexter went 6-of-7 from the field to tally a

career high 12 points.

The Cardinals lost no momentum entering the beginning of the 3rd quarter, as Mellisa Errico a senior forward, scored on 3-straight jump shots to open the half. This led to 11-6 run for CUA to close out the period with a 54-32 lead.

As they have with every other game this season, the Birds showed no sign of easing up in the 4th quarter. Catholic scored 21 points in the final period of play, which was the team’s highest scoring quarter.

Many familiar faces had stand out efforts in the stellar victory. Starting senior Bernadette Launi grabbed 9 rebounds and denied 2 shots on the night. Errico, a former Landmark Conference tournament MVP, lead the team with 22 points, snagged 5 rebounds, and swatted the ball 3 times.

In addition to these individual performances, a lot

of the Cardinals success is due to their team efforts. On Wednesday, the team did what it does best by turning defense into offense by turning 21 turnovers into 22 points. The Lady Cards also dominated the boards by grabbing 18 offensive rebounds, which translated to 22 second-chance points. Finally, the Cardinals used their speed to score 12 points off the fast break.

The 25th ranked Catholic team returns to their quest to the playoffs on the road this Saturday, February 4th. The team will take on the 5-4 Drew University Rangers in their quest to attain a perfect in-conference record as the Landmark Tournament approaches at the end of the month. The 75-46 victory puts the team to a .900 winning percentage on the season, and puts the team one game closer to sealing the number 1 seed in the playoffs.



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Freshman Megan Stafford readies to take a free throw

CUA Cardinals

Upcoming Events



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at Susquehanna	Wed., Feb. 8	7:00 PM

Women’s Basketball

at Drew	Sat., Feb. 4	2:00PM
vs. Susquehanna	Wed., Feb. 8	7:00PM

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Susquehanna	Sat., Feb. 4	2:00 PM
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