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Progress Made to Change Course Curriculum for the First Time in Years

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The Catholic University of America is on the verge of major curriculum changes for the future incoming class of the 2018/2019 academic school year, which includes new concentrations and course requirements. Catholic students that are currently enrolled will not be affected and will continue to follow the current curriculum policies. This could become the biggest modification to the university’s overall core curriculum in more than 15 years since the introduction of the mandatory First Year Experience core curriculum for all attending freshman students.

On Thursday, October 19th, the university’s Academic Senate approved new changes to current academic policies and curriculum. These proposals were first passed by the university’s Undergraduate Board as well as the university’s General Education Curriculum Committee and recently the Academic Senate with a majority vote.

According to various documents obtained by The Tower, a wide variety of proposed changes will aim to achieve an “organic vision of reality” regarding core liberal arts curriculum based on inspiration from Ex Corde Ecclesiae, a 1990 apostolic

constitution issued by Pope John Paul II that refines and defines the status as well as purpose of Catholic institutions of higher education all over the world. This particular encyclical emphasizes the holistic value of a liberal arts education in supporting one’s studies. One excerpt was highlighted to embody the vision with the new curriculum: “While each discipline is

taught systematically and according to its own methods, interdisciplinary studies, assisted by a careful and thorough study of philosophy and theology, enable students to acquire an organic vision of reality and to develop a continuing desire for intellectual progress” (Ex Corde 20).

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Basilica Hosts Celebration for 100th Anniversary of Miracle in Fatima

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The 100th anniversary of Mary’s apparition in Fatima was celebrated in grand fashion on Friday, October 13th at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hundreds gathered with many more watching via the Eternal Word Television Network to witness and participate in a communal rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and the consecration of the United States of America to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady of Fatima. The basilica

lights dimmed, the people lifted up their candles, and lovingly held their rosaries as Monsignor Walter Rossi, the rector of the Shrine, went to a pulpit to begin the candlelight rosary procession. The rosary, the following prayers, and reflection were all led by His Eminence Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of the Diocese of Washington.

In Fatima, from 1916 to 1917, Our Lady made many appearances to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. Mother

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The famous statue of Our Lady of Fatima was processed to the altar area of the Basilica.

SGA Senate Discusses Arts Curriculum and Extended Student Restaurant Hours

By KATIE WARD
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The Catholic University of America SGA Senate had its second meeting of the year on Monday, October 16th, in the Pryzbyla Center Great Room B. Further discussions concerning the arts curriculum reform and a resolution to increase the Student Restaurant operating hours were the main matters on the agenda. The meeting touched on open spots in committees as well as expanding hours for the dining hall.

The chairs of each committee — Rules and Administration, Academic Affairs, University Services, Student Resources, and Campus Life — spoke for a few minutes about any open spots they had and what they hoped to accomplish during the upcoming academic year.

One notable potential legislation came from the Academic Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Aaron Mackisey of the School of Music.

During the opening committee reports, Mackisey

mentioned that in the past, the Academic Affairs Committee focused on curriculum reform and study-abroad options for students, and they will now be focusing on the university budget.

“At a time when the University is going through a difficult budgetary time, by the Provost’s own admission, we really should be playing our part to see if we can help provide some positive changes,” Mackisey said.

Vice President Jon Paul Weiss, who presides over all Senate meetings, added that Mackisey represented the Senate last Wednesday during the meeting of the Undergraduate Board, led by Dr. Lynn Mayer. At the meeting, the motion to change the curriculum was passed and will now move on to the Academic Senate.

“It was the first time the curriculum has been voted to be adjusted in four years,” Weiss said. “So if you think about that, we’ve been following the same curriculum for quite some time.”

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THE POLITICS CORNER

Next U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Confirmed

By **ALEX SANTANA**
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On Monday, October 16th the U.S. Senate confirmed President Donald J. Trump's nominee to serve as the next U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See, Callista Gingrich. Mrs. Gingrich is the wife of former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Republican presidential candidate, Newt Gingrich. The vote was 70-23 with more than twenty Senate Democrats joining all the Republican senators present in supporting Mrs. Gingrich's nomination. Seven senators did not vote.

In her July 18th Senate Foreign Relations Committee Confirmation hearing, Mrs. Gingrich "voiced her commitment to fight human trafficking and promote human rights and religious freedom. She had said that immigration and protecting the environment are both issues that the Trump administration is taking seriously, although taking a different approach from the previous administration" according to the Catholic News Agency.

Mrs. Gingrich currently serves as the president of Gingrich Productions which is located in Arlington, Virginia as well as the Gingrich Foundation, a charitable non-profit. She worked between 1988 and 2007 at the U.S. House of Representatives first as an intern and then Congressional aide for Representative Steve Gundersen (R-WI). In 1995, she began working at the House Agriculture Committee as chief clerk until leaving at 2007.

Outside of her professional activities, Mrs. Gingrich is a member of the choir of

the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception which she has been a part of for twenty years. Callista married Newt in 2000 and helped her husband convert to Catholicism in 2009. Regarding his wife's new role, former Speaker Gingrich stated in a Politico article published in August, "I'll be the person at the front door saying, 'Hi, I'm Newt Gingrich. The ambassador will be down shortly. It's a great new role. Callista supported me in '12 when I ran for president; I get to support her now. And I get to join the spouse organization."



Callista and Newt Gingrich. Courtesy of Politico.

When: 10/13/17

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When: 10/14/17

Where: Opus Hall

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When: 10/16/17

Where: 3600 McCormack Rd.

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CRIME BLOTTER

10/13-10/18

When: 10/18/17

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Senators Express Desire for Longer Hours in Student Restaurant

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Senator Cavan Hagerty of the School of Arts and Sciences, chair of the Student Resources Committee, was the sponsor of the only resolution on the evening’s agenda, which proposed that Dining Services should keep the Student Restaurant open later.

Last year, the Student Restaurant was open until 10:30 PM Sunday through Thursday, and until 1 AM on Fridays and Saturdays. This year, the Student Restaurant closes its doors at 9 PM on weekdays and weekends.

After speaking with Dining Services on the issue, Hagerty said the reasons for the change were that the budget is tighter, very few students ate there after 9 PM last year, and the Metro’s shorter hours did not allow commuting staff to get home after they closed.

Hagerty said that between last year and this year, the price for a meal plan went up while the hours for dining were cut. When Hagerty and Weiss raised the issue to Timothy Carney, Director of Dining Services, Carney responded that there were dining options on Monroe Street that were open past 9 PM, where students could purchase dinner.

One key concern Hagerty raised was that the schedule these students operated on were “university sanctioned.” These include students taking late-night classes, participating in drama productions, and playing on sports teams. This group represents approximately six percent of students with meal plans.

“Which, to myself and other students in the room, was, quite frankly, a silly answer, given the fact that we’re already paying for a meal plan on campus,” Hagerty said.

To pass the resolution, Weiss mentioned some negotiation proposals that Dining Services had given the senators, including limiting dining hours at other times, giving less options during extended hours, and the discontinuation of the expensive to-go containers

Dining Services had previously expressed that if the student senators agreed to get rid of to-go boxes in the Student Restaurant, they would probably “stay open until 1 AM”. Due to the popularity of the convenient option, the to-

go boxes cost Dining Services an estimated \$125,000 per year. The senators hoped that this resolution would encourage Dining Services to focus more on the student’s needs.

The resolution originally called for the Student Restaurant to be opened until 9:30 PM. Some senators, including Mackisey, mentioned that an extra half hour would not help the students the resolution was trying to reach, and motioned that it be amended to 11 PM.

“We’re talking about feeding the students; that’s one of the most basic needs. I’m simply dumbfounded that we have to explain that it’s important to feed the students,” Mackisey said.

After a little over half of the senators voted to amend it, the motion was carried and the resolution was changed to request that the Student Restaurant close no earlier than 11PM.

The resolution was changed again to petition that the Student Restaurant be open until 11PM only Monday through Thursdays. When School of Music Senator Lizzy Andrew criticized the change, saying that the Senate shouldn’t limit themselves when they already have no regulatory power, Hagerty replied that they want to come off as reasonable when petitioning Dining Services.

After much debate, the resolution was passed, and members of the Senate sponsoring and co-sponsoring the resolution, including Jimmy Harrington, Alex Santana, and Elise LaFleur, look forward to meeting again with Dining Services to discuss the change.

“At the end of the day, whether it’s six percent, twenty percent, or fifty percent, I think it’s the University’s job to provide three meals a day, at a reasonable time, given the University sanctioned schedule, to all students required to buy a meal plan,” Hagerty summarized.

The next Senate meeting will be on November 6th at 8 PM in the Pryzbyla Great Rooms. The meeting is open to all university students and staff.

Reporter Katie Ward covered this story.

New Structure for Course Curriculum Might Take Effect Next Fall

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The new curriculum proposallaysoutasetofrequired courses and concentrations for students depending on their major. Students obtaining professional degrees, must take the 10 foundational courses. Students taking non-professional degrees, such as Bachelors of Arts and of Sciences programs, must complete five additional courses with a total of 15 courses in addition to a required focus area. Students obtaining a professional degree will be going to take only two philosophy courses and two religion courses. Students obtaining a nonprofessional degrees will have to take only three theology courses and three philosophy courses. Newly added, all undergraduate students seeking either a professional or nonprofessional degree will be going to take a fine arts course as a requirement.

The proposed changes mandate that the students complete a focus area of study in addition to their major. The newly-established mandatory focus areas contain an assortment of concentrations within the university’s liberal arts, and completion of a focus area will result in a designation of the title, Cardinal Scholar. For those students who select the Liberal Studies Concentration, one elective course must be taken in each category such as philosophy, theology, mathematics, social sciences, and humanities. For those students who choose the Enduring Questions Concentration, a total of five elective courses must be taken across at least three categories in one thematic area, which include human condition,

knowledge and wisdom, freedom and justice, the good life, and God. While students are going to be required to select a focus area along with their major, they will have a selection of alternative options to meet that specific requirement, which include a double major or dual degree, a disciplinary minor, a certificate, an honors track, and more.

Many currently enrolled students on campus, especially upperclassmen, have expressed positivity regarding proposed changes to the liberal arts curriculum.

“I value the liberal arts education I have received so far at CUA and definitely think that the theology and philosophy courses I have taken have provided me with a well-rounded education on faith and reason,” said junior politics major Katie Troilo. “However it would be nice to have more flexibility to take classes within my major interests.”

Other students have shown satisfaction with the minor reduction in theology and philosophy courses.

“I think it’s great. Especially for theology,” said senior business management major Jimmy Tomic. “We shouldn’t be forced to take theology if we aren’t religious, and philosophy isn’t for everyone. I do recommend a philosophy course because it causes us to have to think in a different light.”

The next step is final approval from the university’s Board of Trustees.

Reporter Duane Paul Murphy covered this story.



COURTESY OF CUA CAMPUS DISH

The Pryzbyla Student Restaurant closes its doors at 9 PM this year, prompting concerns.

NEWS

Hitchhiker’s Guide to Culture: Roots of American Music Performance

By LINDSEY VALANCIUS
Tower Contributor

A group of roughly thirty honors students and faculty members, including the director of the Honors Program herself, Dr. Jennifer Paxton, crowded into the McDonald lounge for the annual performance by the band Wicked Olde on Friday, October 13th. Headed by the beloved honors philosophy professor Dr. Timothy Noone, Wicked Olde is a band composed of four multi-talented, older individuals who are still young at heart.

Everyone in the band plays a multitude of instruments that they switch between depending on the song. Noone, a philosophy professor here at Catholic, excelled on the harmonica, but also sang and played the guitar and banjo. Ray Sheehan, a retired attorney, played the guitar and was one of the lead singers. Brigitte Dehaven, a former teacher, played the keyboard and percussion and was the other lead singer. Heather Butler, the current Director of the Newtown Music Center, showed her vocal skills and played the violin and mandolin.

Wicked Olde was founded by Sheehan and Noone in 2013 “as a vehicle for exploring all of our musical influences,” as the band’s handout read. By the band’s own admission, its sound is “very, very, eclectic, and old.” The concert featured songs from nineteenth and twentieth century American genres, including blues, folk, Celtic, country, old-time, and bluegrass.

The songs chosen were played together according to genre. The concert started off with a “Wicked Olde special,” an Irish medley of “Star of the County Down” and “Red-Haired Boy,” which kicked off a selection of Irish, old-time, and bluegrass songs. The group then

moved on to more soulful tunes with a progression of songs that particularly featured the sound of the harmonica. To wrap it up, the band played a series of folk songs and the finale was a piece composed by Sheehan himself.

The concert was a big hit among the students who attended. Although there were only a few people when the concert began, by the end nearly thirty students had crowded into the lounge. Many sat on the floor, others stood, and the few that had come early were able to sit in seats. The applause after each song was enthusiastic and the students were engaged throughout; some tapped along to the beat with their hands and feet while others bobbed their heads along to the tunes.

Freshman education major Brittney Reder appreciated the different sound of the event.

“It was music you don’t always hear,” Reder said. “Yet it was nice to appreciate it.”

Probably the biggest hit of the evening was the train-sounding “Lonesome Railroad” medley song. The first half was a harmonica solo in which Noone played train-like sounds on his harmonica. This impressive display of talent elicited quite the applause and cheering.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the evening for some students was to see their professors outside of the classroom. As Reder commented, Noone had performed with his harmonica on his birthday for his classes, yet seeing him in a band with his musician friends was eye-opening.

“It was awesome to see what he loves to do outside philosophy, and it made him seem like a cool normal guy,” Reder said.



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Above: The Band Wicked Olde. Below: Images from the Fatima Anniversary

100 Years Later, The Crowds Gather for Mary

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Mary gave three major requests to them, and, by extension, to all the people of the entire world: repent for your sins, pray the rosary, and express deep devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

Mary told the shepherd children: “Men must amend their lives, and ask pardon for their sins . . . They must no longer offend Our Lord, who is already so much offended.” Even one hundred years later, Mary is still calling the people of the world to repent for the wrongs they have committed.

Sister Lucia, one of the children to whom Mary appeared at Fatima, emphasized the importance of the rosary.

“My impression is that the rosary is of greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fatima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God.”

On her second apparition to the shepherd children on June 13th, 1917, Mary said “Jesus wishes to establish throughout the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart.”

Rachel Wood, freshman english and theology double major, was eager to attend the commemoration of the 100th anniversary.

“We are extremely blessed to be able to celebrate one of the greatest Marian apparitions of our time at the largest church dedicated to Mary in our country,” Wood said. “Mary appeared to the unlikely individuals, three shepherd children, and gave them an incredible role in her mission and promised

to console them in their suffering. Fatima is meaningful to me not only as a testament to her motherly love, but also because the message she delivered is just as crucial for our times as it was one hundred years ago.”

Grady Connelly, a freshman business management major who was an altar server during the consecration, expressed similar gratitude to be present at the event:

“It was a beautiful opportunity to come together with the DC community and celebrate Mary on the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady’s apparitions.” Connelly said. “It is an honor and special privilege to serve at the Lord’s altar in Mary’s House. This is a wake-up call for partaking in prayer.”

Lindsey Valancius, a freshman english and biology major, noted the importance of the theme of going to Jesus through Mary present throughout the event.

“The statue of Mary was positioned with Jesus behind her overlooking the Basilica. The rosary, the prayer of Mary, preceded Eucharistic adoration, the prayer to Christ,” Valancius said. “Both illustrate how as Catholics, we go to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.”

For these three students, the most impactful moment was the entrance of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, dressed in white and dazzling gold, with her pierced Immaculate Heart in stark contrast to the white. The statue was decorated with vibrant flowers, and accompanied by a call of trumpets. As it was carried up to the main altar, it was followed by the blast of the organ and the singing of beautiful Marian hymns.



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TOWER EDITORIAL

First World Problems on Campus

Students had a particularly rough Monday this week after buildings across campus had their water shut off. At 4:30 PM on a Monday afternoon, University Communications sent out an email to the student body that the water in the Pryzbyla Student Center, Columbus Law School, Centennial Village, Ryan Hall, Regan Hall, and Millennium North and Millennium South had been shut off due to a water main break in D.C.

Students in the affected residence halls were unable to use their kitchens, laundry rooms, and bathrooms for over twelve hours, as they waited in uncertainty for any official word about the status of their water. Freshmen girls in Regan Hall were offered the use of bathrooms in Flather, a proposal that was met with varying reactions of gratitude and disgust. Students hoping to study in the third-floor Pryzbyla Starbucks were met with a sign expressing condolences for the inconvenience. Upperclassmen in Millennium South ate an ordered dinner of pizza to make up for the closure of Pryzbyla dining options.

Certainly the water outage was a huge inconvenience to faculty and staff across campus— the lack of prepared food, cold water in the fountains, and flushing toilets was a rev-

elation about how much we take advantage of and depend on the smallest comforts.

But for the people of Puerto Rico, who were struck by two major hurricanes this fall and have yet to see clean running water, this revelation is weeks late.

Heavy winds from Hurricane Irma wiped out the electricity in Puerto Rico for days in early September, and Hurricane Maria caused widespread destruction less than two weeks later. The loss of clean water, electricity, and product supply to homes, schools and hospitals is still affecting the island on a massive scale. The electrical grid is estimated not to be repaired for at least another four months.

So, Catholic University students, on behalf of the people of Puerto Rico that we have been tirelessly praying for, baking for, and holding benefit concerts for, grab a bottle of water (or a bottle of something stronger, if you want to forget about that traumatizing Flather shower) and a Clif bar to hold you over for the night. Reflect on how blessed we are to even be offended at the idea of going without water for one night, and offer up this experience for those who are still living without basic necessities.

Editor's Note:

The Tower's editorial on 10/6 fell short of our editorial standards. We did not do adequate research on the topic, and have apologized to the SGA. The piece has been pulled online.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Joseph P. Ryan
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On Gun Violence in the U.S.

Ten minutes. Fifty-nine dead. Over five hundred injured. In the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in American history, the issue of gun control is once again at the forefront of our national conscious. For too long, the issue of gun control has been diluted and derailed by a small faction of the public supported by the National Rifle Association and other corporate interest groups. The views of these powerful special interest groups are not those of the nation. While most Americans do believe in the right to bear arms, a right established by our Constitution, over 60% of Americans believe that our current gun regulations need to be revised to protect our citizens from the dangers of mass shootings and everyday gun violence.

Many in opposition to gun control assert that the free possession of such weapons is an inalienable right of any American and that any effort to protect against guns falling into the wrong hands is a part of an effort to completely dismantle the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution. This, however, is not the case. The text of the 2nd Amendment itself contains the phrase “a well regulated Militia”, which establishes that the authors of the amendment recognized the need for regulations to oversee the possession of arms in the nation. The Constitution may prohibit the Government from outlawing and confiscating firearms—an unpopular idea on both the left and the right—, but it certainly permits it to determine what kind of person may possess what kind of weapon. This constitutional prerogative should be utilized by the Congress to enact commonsense gun legislation for which there is already widespread public support, reaching over 90% support on certain proposals.

The proposals for commonsense gun legislation are not complex schemes to end American gun ownership. However, they are not impossible or even impractical.

Laws that would end the gun show loophole or require universal background checks would make it harder for those wishing to do ill to possess a high-capacity weapon. Similarly, permit-to-purchase laws have shown in several states to lower gun violence without causing a substitution counteract, wherein criminals, rather than using a firearm, will resort to other weapons. These proposals have had great impacts in the states where they were enacted like Connecticut, which saw a 40% reduction in the state's firearm homicide rate and a 15% reduction in firearm suicide; bringing them to the national level will stop people from simply having to cross state lines to find less stringent gun laws and, perhaps, prevent future tragic mass shootings like Las Vegas, Sandy Hook, or Binghamton.

Being the only civilized nation on Earth to experience these large scale attacks annually and equally brutal small scale gun violence daily, when will our lawmakers act on the public's call for gun control that still honors the American traditions of freedom and liberty? The data shows that the solution is clear. The easiest way to stop a bad guy with a gun is to prevent him from having that gun in the first place. No reasonable person is seeking to confiscate Americans' guns, for our nation has a strong cultural connection to these objects. But that is all they are, in the end, objects that can end one or many human lives. Surely the latter is worthier of protection than the former.

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A & E

Welcoming: *The Wharf*

By: DANIELA SOL
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This month, a new area called The Wharf opened in Washington, DC. This new hangout in the city by the Potomac has opened with a selection of restaurants, shops, markets and much more! The District Wharf is meant to take advantage of the water landmark the District has the opportunity to be next to, the Potomac River.

This new area is rapidly growing and developing its own culture and spice. With a market that has all the best seafood from around the area, to local retailers that are bringing their business into the spot, The Wharf has aspirations to become a great hangout in the District. From its website, “The Wharf is reestablishing Washington, DC, as a waterfront city and destination. This remarkable, mile-long stretch along the Potomac River is coming to life with restaurants, retailers, residences, and businesses—all complemented by monumental views and a vibrant culture.”

The area has a selection

of great seafood restaurants, off course, but it also has other various cuisines to offer. With a selection of over ten gourmet restaurants you can enjoy from Caribbean food, to Italian, to French, to American. Plus, there are great cafes and ice cream shops for a coffee or dessert after eating. There are also various options for after work drinks, boozy Sunday brunches, or just a place to hang out with friends and enjoy a beer.

Concept stores are also found all around The Wharf, with various local artisan stores opening. From clothing stores to a basic CVS, this newly added area to the city has options to satisfy any shopping needs. The retail stores include art shops, clothing stores, fine wine and liquor stores, markets, home décor, and more.

This is also a place full of Washingtonian history. The Southwest Waterfront was settled by Native Americans who fished and farmed along the shores of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers. It was later claimed by the famous, Captain John

Smith in 1608. DC’s designer L’Enfant planned the city’s layout with the purpose of DC to be a maritime center with the Southwest as its main anchor place. Today, designers wanted to take this space back and develop it to the modern urban space it’s becoming.

One of its main attractions, The Main Avenue Fish Market, has technically operated here since 1805 selling fish and other goods. After 50 years since its last renovation, the Southwest waterfront has now become The Wharf and is slowly but steadily becoming a new up and coming urban development.

The Wharf hosts events and activities as well. This weekend it will be hosting a Pumpkin Palooza, for example, involving pumpkin bowling, a pumpkin pie-eating contest, a Halloween costume contest for pets, live music, and fall brews in its Waterfront Beer & Wine Garden. Consider visiting DC’s newest addition this weekend located in Southwest Washington, DC.



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Puerto Rican Relief Efforts On Campus

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During this time of devastation in Puerto Rico due to the effects of Hurricane Maria, the Catholic University community has come together in several ways to do its part in helping those affected by the crisis. The Benjamin T. Rome School of Music did this in the form of a benefit concert. The concert, Salon to the Theatre, was part of the Latin American Music Series and was hosted Sunday, October 15th in Ward Recital Hall.

The program included performances by Carlos César Rodríguez, hailing from Venezuela and acclaimed by The Washington Post as a “virtuoso pianist.” Rodríguez holds the title of Guest Artist in Residence of the National Chamber Ensemble based in Arlington, Virginia, but made his way to Catholic for this event supporting a cause close to his heart. Rodríguez performed works by Argentine composer Carlos Gardel, Cuban composer Ernesto Lecuona, and more, showcasing the stylistic beauty of authentically Latin American pieces.

Other performers included soprano Sol Pennance Acevedo, a vocal performance Master’s student here at Catholic and frequently a soloist in her home country of Puerto Rico. She gave a beautiful rendition of Manuel Ponce’s famous “Estrellita,” among other pieces. Baritone Gustavo Ahualli, one of the CUA Rome School’s own vocal faculty, presented a haunting performance of Piazzolla’s “Oblivion,” as well as Gardel’s “El Día Que Me Quieras.”

Finally, pianist José Ramos Santo, originally from Puerto Rico and the host each year of the Puerto Rico International Piano Festival (also a piano faculty member at the Rome School!) performed “Ausencia” by Puerto Rican composer Juan Morel Campos. The concert was delightful and surely the donations from all audience members will be greatly appreciated in Puerto Rico!

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SPORTS

No. 11 Field Hockey Wins Eighth Straight Over Ursinus

By **Jennifer Brown**
Tower Contributor

This past week the nationally-ranked Catholic University of America field hockey team earned its eighth-straight win, beating Ursinus 6-2. Sophomore Alexa Guittari started the game off by scoring the first goal for #11 Catholic, and she would later score another goal in the first half. By the start of the second half, senior Kerri Shallow scored her third goal of the season, bringing Catholic’s lead to 3-1. The field hockey team was just warming up, though. Senior Rachel Baca, junior Molly Crowley, and junior Lane Adams all scored goals off of penalty corners. Senior Marisa Martinelli assisted on all three of the goals scored. Senior midfielder Rachel Baca was asked

how she felt after the win over Ursinus. “It was a challenging game, even a little spooky at times, but we managed to pull out a great win,” Baca said. Catholic started off the season ranked 18th on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Coaches Poll. Since then, they have moved up in the rankings, while defeating teams ranked higher than them. Once Catholic defeated Elizabethtown 4-2, its rank jumped up six spots to number 12. The most impactful game of the season was against, at the time, #7 Salisbury, and Catholic came out on top 3-2. This jumped the team’s rank up one spot to become number 11 on the poll. Catholic is currently 12-2 overall and placed second in Landmark Conference with a perfect 5-0 record.

Senior captain Kelly Cousoulis has also had a great season so far. The National Field Hockey Coaches Association has selected Cousoulis to play in the 2017 Division III Senior Game in November at Bellarmine University in Kentucky. She is one of the 60 participants selected. Cousoulis received Synapse All-American and Landmark Defensive Player of the Year honors last season. This past week, she has received Defensive Athlete of the Week, which is a title she is familiar with. Cousoulis has started every game and played almost every second of action this season. Even against #7 Salisbury, Cousoulis performed with three defensive saves and one assisted goal. When asked how she felt to be selected to play in the 2017 Division III

Senior game, Cousoulis responded humbly. “It is a very exciting opportunity that I would love to be apart of and I’m very appreciative that I have been selected,” Cousoulis said. “In all honesty, the only reason I would want to be in Kentucky that weekend is to be playing in the final four with my team.” This weekend Catholic is away at Drew, who is in 8th place in the

Landmark Conference standings. Catholic will be playing against the top team in the Landmark conference, Scranton during Homecoming Weekend which will be an important match-up as the conference play-offs loom on the horizon. That game, which is also the team’s senior night, is set for October 28th at 5:30 PM at Cardinal Stadium.



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The team celebrates their 6-2 win over Ursinus. Cousoulis and Martinelli lead the lines. Martinelli assisted on 3 goals on the night.

Volleyball Sweeps Shenandoah at Home

By **Jared Prenda**
Tower Staff

With its fourth win in the past five competitions, the Catholic University of America’s volleyball team brought its record back to .500 at 14-14. The Lady Cards had a clean sweep over the Hornets of Shenandoah University, advancing their home record to 6-2 on the year. The team was rolling offensively, with three members posting 11 kills or more. Senior hitter Brynn Cooley lead the game with 12 kills and added 8 digs, 2 aces, an assist, and a block to her stat line by the end of the night. Cooley was joined by fellow senior Amy O’Connor who posted 11 kills and a game-high 5 blocks. In addition to the senior leadership, the rookies on the team also posted impressive numbers in the win. Freshman Patricia Martinez tied O’Connor with 11 kills, but posted a double-double with her 12 digs. Classmate setter Maria Gonzalez also recorded a double-double on the night by assisting on

37 of the Bird’s 47 kills, and notched 14 digs and 3 aces on the night. The Cardinals have had a tough showing in the Landmark Conference this year, with only a 1-3 record in Landmark play. Fortunately for the Birds, the top 3 teams are all tied at 4-0, leaving the team tied for the fourth and final spot with Moravian. The two squads will face off in the final Landmark weekend next week and the Cards will have to win out to secure the playoff spot. Cooley, an outside hitter from Athens, Ohio commented on the pressure. “That is going to be a big weekend for us. But all the seniors know what this pressure feels like because we were in the same position our sophomore year,” Cooley said. “We know what it takes to make the playoffs so we have been pushing ourselves harder in practice and I think our competition this weekend will help prepare us and fix any problems we are hav-

ing. We definitely are going to have to play sharp and come out strong which I am confident we will do next weekend.” The Cardinals will be heading into its final invitational of the season, as they travel to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the Wilkes Invitational. There they will face off against Wilkes, Morrisville State, and Kean over Friday and Saturday. The following Wednesday, October 25th will be the last home game of the season, and the team will honor its 7 seniors before the match. O’Connor summarized what all of the players will be feeling before their last match on Franny Murray Court. “It’s bitter-sweet for sure,” O’Connor said. “It’s definitely one of those things that will hit us later once we realize we are pretty much done playing volleyball forever, but I’m really glad we get the opportunity to play in the new renovated gym a few times before we graduate.”



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Seniors Brynn Cooley and Amy O’Connor prepare receive the ball in their 3-0 sweep over Shenandoah.

CUA Cardinals

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Volleyball		
Wilkes	Fri., Oct. 20	6:00 PM
Morrisville State	Sat., Oct. 21	10:00 AM
Kean	Sat., Oct. 21	12:00 PM
Marymount (Senior Night)	Wed., Oct. 25	3:30 PM
Swim and Diving		
at Salisbury	Sat., Oct. 21	1:00 PM
Men’s Soccer		
Drew	Sat., Oct. 21	3:30 PM
Gettysburg	Tues., Oct. 21	4:00 PM
Women’s Soccer		
Drew (Senior Night)	Sat., Oct. 21	12:00 PM
Field Hockey		
at Drew	Sat., Oct. 21	1:00 PM
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at Springfield	Sat., October 21	1:00 PM

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THE REAR END

GLOBE TROTTERS: A FAITH EXPERIENCE IN PORTUGAL

By William Deatherage,
Class of 2020

Greetings from Rome! On behalf of your Cardinals in Rome, I can say that we are having an absolutely fantastic time here. I must admit, though, many of us do miss the ambiance of Mass in St. Vinny’s, the coziness of the House, and the solitude of the Basilica. There is something special about being surrounded by hundreds of Catholics from across the country, back home on campus. But you know what is even cooler than that? Thousands of Catholics from across the world!

This past weekend, on October 13th, three fellow sophomores and I attended the centennial anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. Fatima is a humble Portuguese village in which Mary appeared in, performing dozens of miracles and begging humanity to remember to pray the Rosary for world peace.

The ceremonies surrounding the event were epic. Catholics from every country prayed together. The remarkable thing is that no matter where we came from, or what language we spoke, we all understood one another, as the Catholic Mass is the same everywhere you go in the world. Another remarkable aspect of this occasion is the procession of the statue of Fatima. This precious sculpture of Mary was designed to the exact specifications of witnesses who saw her in Fatima. Every year, dozens of reports flood in regarding miracles associated with the statue, to the point where many claim that the statue contains Mary’s true essence.

As I scrambled to the front row to see the statue for myself, thousands of surrounding crowd members sang to

our Blessed Mother as she processed through the crowd. The expression on the statue of Mary is said to have the ability to bring audiences to tears. Staring into her sorrowful expression, I felt Mary touch my heart as her message from one hundred years ago echoed even stronger today. There is still much work to be done for unity in the world. As a politics major, that message especially resonated with me.

My fellow sophomores also felt a strong spiritual presence. Social work major Lauren Revay reflects, “At a young age, it can sometimes feel like you are all alone in your faith. But when you go to Fatima, you can see how alive our faith is. You realize that there are so many other people who are trying to live out their faith, too. You are not alone.” Mathematics major Casandra Abgrab added, “I especially enjoyed the candlelight procession, since people from around the world stood together singing and praying in unity. Together, we are the light of Christ.”

This truly has been the trip of a lifetime. And there is so much more to explore! Studying abroad in Rome, we’ve received opportunities to visit Assisi, Venice, Tuscany, and many countries outside of Italy. Soon, during Fall break, many of us will be travelling to locations, such as France, England, Germany, and many more! If you’d like to keep up with our activities, my YouTube channel is “DefenderofFaith01.” Mary is watching over us every day. Let us return the favor and remember to pray the rosary together!



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CUA students William Deatherage, Patrick Pallisco, Lauren Revay, and Casandra Abgrab enjoy their time in Fatima, Portugal.

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