

Happy April Fools!

CUA Announces Another Reorganization

By The Strategic Planning Team

CUA has announced another round of reorganization, with this one being the most wide-ranging so far.

The university announced that the College of Arts and Sciences will be disbanded and replaced with a College of Global Studies, which will include Languages, Classics, History and Anthropology, Politics, Sociology, Education, and, of course, the Rome School of Music, Drama, and Media Studies.

Most other schools will be cut, with the Busch School of Business and Conway School of Nursing remaining completely intact due to their “financial, I mean mission-centered, role here at Catholic,” according to a university official. The College of Engineering, Computing, and Physical Science will remain but due to copyright issues it has been renamed the College of Artificial Intelligence. It will be led by Taylor Black, the university AI czar, and staffed by various other adjuncts who have real jobs elsewhere.

The School of Philosophy, School of Theology and Religious Studies, and School of Canon Law have been combined into the College of Supernatural Studies. They will be led by newly-hired Dean Peter Thiel, who will spearhead the new Center for Defense Against the Antichrist. The new center will be jointly funded by Palantir and Anthropic and is expected to yield absolutely no Department of War contracts, much to the disappointment of several university finan-



cial managers. However, Vice President of the United States JD Vance will serve as a Distinguished Fellow, which sort of makes up for it I guess.

Sources say the school had planned to cut the School of Professional Studies, but then realized it is running the Summer School program, which is supposed to make a lot of money, so they left a skeleton crew over there in Gowan. Not so lucky was the National Catholic School

of Social Service, which was cut after university leadership told its faculty, “No one really cares about people anymore, so this is literally just wasting money we could be using on AI programs.” The same fate was met by the Psychology Department and the English Department, whose leaders said it is no longer relevant given the impending foreign takeover of the US following the invasion at the southern border.

The Law School apparently still exists, although it, too, seems slightly irrelevant given the distaste for the rule of law that society has developed as of late. Probably too nice a building to let sit empty, though. The science stuff is all gone, and their facilities have been turned over to the AI studies college, which is allowing AI to take care of the nuclear waste they keep up in Hannan Hall. What could go wrong?

Washington Post Hires Staff of *The Tower* to Replace Journalists

By The Tower/Washington Post Editorial Staff

Due to recent layoffs at *The Washington Post* and *The Tower's* impressive coverage of local events in the past year, *Post* owner Jeff Bezos announced that he will be hiring the staff of *The Tower* to run the *Post*.

“It was really a no-brainer,” Bezos said in an exclusive interview with *The Tower* (and the *Post*). “These young journalists show a lot of promise, and they’re significantly cheaper than all the guys I just fired.”

Members of *The Tower* were initially surprised at this announcement, with many expressing concern about being able to balance working full-time for a professional newspaper and taking classes.

“This is simply too much work,” *Tower* managing editor Elliana Arnold said. “I just want to graduate already.”

Other *Tower* staff members were much more open to the changes.

“My press badge is going to look so much cooler,” Politics Editor Patrick D. Lewis said.

Bezos mentioned that Lewis was a central figure in his decision to acquire *The Tower's* staff; his article regarding a



death at the Brookland-CUA Metro station a few weeks ago was cited by several other D.C. media outlets (this is actually true, look it up). He also mentioned that the sports coverage by *The Tower's* Sports editor Griffin Cappiello and sportswriter Sam Bergstrom was another key factor in his decision, particularly because he recently fired most of the *Post's* sportswriters.

“I’m just happy I’m getting paid,” Cappiello said. “And that he’s giv-

ing me tickets to March Madness.”

Some members of the D.C. community were upset with Bezos’ decision, particularly the staff at Georgetown’s “newspaper of record” (whatever that means), *The Hoya*.

“I mean, come on,” *Hoya* staff member Pri Tentious-Jerk said. “*The Tower*?! Everybody knows that we’re so much better than they are. Bezos messed up big time. I’m writing a sternly worded editorial about this.”

Other opponents of the changes included several prominent members of Congress.

“We’ve seen their coverage of SGA meetings,” one Senator said. “We’re so screwed. There’s no chance I’ll get re-elected if they’re the ones holding me accountable.”

The Tower/Post reached out to members of the SGA for comment, but they declined, claiming they were drafting a resolution to consider banning Bezos from SGA Senate meetings for associating with *The Tower*.

University administrators generally had positive reactions to *The Tower's* new responsibilities.

“This is a really good look for the school,” one admissions counselor said.

“Maybe they’ll finally get off our backs about the whole advising thing,” another University official said.

As the staff transitions into their new roles at *The Washington Post*, avid readers of *The Tower* may see a decline in the quantity of content in the upcoming weeks. Conversely, regular readers of the *Post* may see an increase in the quality of content. Growing pains are to be expected, but the *Post* is in good hands.

CUA Permanently Closes Due to Extreme Weather

By Van-Strauzenberg

The weather this semester has been most unkind to the CUA campus. Between the ice, many inches of snow, and constant rain, our facilities on campus have been unable to catch a break. Even when the storms concluded, snow still found a way to interrupt campus operations as it posed danger when it began melting and falling from the roofs of our academic buildings.

Dear readers, it seems that the CUA campus has had enough. Between the tornado watch, the extreme rainfall and winds, and the snow in March, the students and faculty are in agreement that something needs to be done.

Even our beloved mascot, Red the Cardinal, has joined the geese and has flown south for the spring. For Red the Cardinal, the final straw was when the gusts of wind blew his nest off the roof of the Pryz. Red has fortunately found his nest; however, it needs repairs, which the University will be unable to cover.

Another student reportedly twisted an ankle after tripping over a twig—with a leaf—lying on the sidewalk. Multiple students report on the dangerous conditions: “It is just too unsafe.” One student put it plainly. Another writes, “Between the minefield of goose excrement, the slippery Garvey stairs, and the poor drainage, I have had enough with this semester and this campus!” Finally, one student noted, “I have only been to my classes a quarter of the time this semester! Half of the time they are canceled, and the other quarter I overslept!”

Many faculty members and students have sought refuge in the various CUAbroad programs. Multiple students have flown off to Rome, with one student saying they are “tired of the constant pre-

cipitation plaguing the DMV.” Junior Meteorology major, Ken Gettem, said, “My allergies cannot handle this weather! It was 80 degrees one day and flurrying the next.”

As more students and faculty go abroad, CUA has decided to permanently close its D.C. campus and move all operations to Rome.

Many students are unsure of their next steps as they face the closure of the CUA Campus. As a university spokesperson put it, “The roads have potholes, the lights on campus don’t work, and Marist is crumbling down; we just don’t have enough funding to fix this campus. We urge students to begin their relocation process to the Rome campus.”

In one final attempt to keep the CUA D.C. campus open, many students instead propose the closure of certain buildings (Marist) and have petitioned the SGA Senate to propose a bill for new campus infrastructure. Students hope that a cell tower can go in place of the Marist building, and the remaining funds can be used for new drainage systems. Both students and faculty alike are tired of the poor reception, which is exacerbated by the poor weather conditions. If the bill is unsuccessful, there is speculation that CUA will sell the ~173-acre campus to Amazon Web Services (AWS) for a new data center, right in D.C. Neither Amazon nor CUA has confirmed this potential deal.

Hopefully, our beloved campus does not close, and once warmer weather returns to the DMV, hopefully, so too will Red the Cardinal.



CUA Unveils New AI Administration, Promises Students a “Seamless Error Message Experience”

By Automated Red the Cardinal Messaging

Students at The Catholic University of America have just received word that the university is going digital wherever it can streamline office work. After boldly removing academic support advisors last year (a move widely credited with introducing students to the thrilling new sport of “Guess Your Graduation Requirements”), the university has announced the next phase of its master plan: eliminating Career Support Services, the Dean of Students Office, Housing Services, and Disability Support Services.

Cutting-edge AI automation services will replace these offices. Now, if a student needs help, they can simply log into Cardinal Station, click “talk now” or “schedule an appointment,” and get connected to a highly advanced algorithm that definitely understands their feelings and absolutely won’t suggest “Have you tried turning your life off and on again?” President Kilpatrick reassured students with a statement saying, “We haven’t tested the AI, but we hope that it will work.” He added that internet compatibility issues may arise, but the university plans to “cross that bridge when we get there,” presumably after the AI has already enrolled everyone in FU 103: Underwater Basket Weaving at 3 a.m.

The changes don’t stop there. Student conduct, previously handled by

the Dean of Students’ office, will now also be managed by AI. In the past, cases could take up to 4-6 business weeks for review; so, with an analysis from DOGE, it was suggested to move completely to AI assistance for efficiency. Students can now look forward to a more efficient system where an algorithm scans reports, generates a list of charges, and assigns punishments instantly—kind of like a vending machine, but instead of snacks, you get disciplinary probation.

An anonymous university source expressed mild concern, noting that while the previous system was slow, it at least involved human beings who are historically always responsible and reliable. “Now,” they said, “The AI will just... decide.”

On the bright side, appeals will likely be processed much faster, because the “Appeal” button doesn’t just reroute you to a human; it brings you to a helpful message reading: “Request denied. Have a nice day.”

Student support services will also be handled by AI bots, which will assist students in real time using advanced techniques such as keyword detection, vague encouragement, and the occasional inspirational quote generated by Google or a Pinterest Board from 2016.

The University plans to imple-

ment these changes immediately and will “modify the AI as problems arise,” suggesting a bold new strategy of building the plane while it is already in the air—and possibly being flown by the plane itself.

This is a developing story. Or at least, it will be once the AI finishes writing the next update.

If you want, I can adjust the essay for a specific word count, grade level, or add quotes and analysis for a higher grade.

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Garvey Hall Renamed to Bipartisan Bites: A Trump-Biden Collab

By Van-Strauzenberg

This NEVER BEFORE SEEN bipartisan collaboration is occurring right here on the CUA campus.

Dear reader, are you tired of Garvey Hall? Do you think it needs a bit of pizzazz? Perhaps you are tired of the food. Maybe it is too loud in Garvey between the DJ and the obnoxiously loud conversations. Are you just trying to enjoy your dinner?

Well, look no further!

Welcome to Bipartisan Bites. By the time you get your food from the Filibuster Food Court, all issues in your life will have disappeared! The historic dining facility will be opening on campus once a funding bill is passed. You can expect all sorts of new tasty menu items such as Trump's T-Bone Steak, Biden's blueberry pie, Biden's chocolate chocolate chip ice cream, and Trump's gold leaf "Big DJT," a play on the famous McDonald's Big Mac. These savory treats are coming to YOUR campus next fall!

Well, I ought to mention the holdups. Of course, everything good must come at a price—a long wait, in this case. The Biden Administration and the Trump Administration are unable to reach a deal on who will cover the project. The original proposal, which was agreed upon by both parties, was quickly thrown out the window by the Trump Administration after declaring it void due to Biden's use of the autopen. Bernie Sanders and Marco Rubio have tried to restore peace between



the two parties, but they are unable to fit a scheduled meeting in between Biden's ice cream trips and Trump's golf outings.

Trump refuses to give way on the gold-encrusted utensils, and Biden refuses to make the ice cream bar smaller; Biden insists upon a truck, available 24/7. The estimated cost for the project right now is 177.6 million dollars.

In another newfound collaboration, business and politics students have been meeting to bring a bill to the student senate for a revised version of the new dining facility. BUS X99 credit has been offered to students willing to participate in this endeavor! Faculty within both schools are supervising the collaboration. The hope is that a bill will pass the Senate

by the time your pickup order is available from the Filibuster Food Court!

When will Bipartisan Bites be opening?

How would I know? I do not have a crystal ball! Not even Nancy Pelosi can predict this! Political Analysts are optimistic that an agreement can be reached by next April. Take this, like all food you order from Garvey, with a grain of salt.

President Trump Eyes Marist Hall for Remote Ballroom Site



By CARD'S Demolition Crew

Marist Hall. The building on campus that serves more as a landmark than as a building with purpose. The building looks old and the facade is crumbling, yet it still stands, representing its former glory. Between the rat infestations, the falling bricks, and the expensive payment that would be necessary to refurbish the decrepit building, many are wondering what will happen to this century-old structure. What will go in its place?

Perhaps a new dining hall? Numerous Instagram accounts have already

expressed their dissatisfaction with Garvey Hall, which is the main dining option on campus.

Perhaps a new residence hall? Between the leaky radiators and struggling AC units, students are looking for a new place to go.

Perhaps the Architecture school? We all know it used to be a gymnasium.

Well, maybe the Conway School of Nursing could build its classrooms there! Although the current building is absolutely beautiful, everyone knows that 40% of Conway is just study bubbles and

couches anyway. Has anyone made sure that there are any classrooms?

Today is your lucky day, dear reader. I have a secret to let you in on. I have an idea of what will replace Marist. It is not Conway, nor a new dining hall. Think bigger. If I tell you, you must promise not to tell anyone, so lean in close.

Donald J. Trump—the 45th and 47th President of the United States of America—is now eyeing this location on the CUA Campus for a remote ballroom site. That's right, a remote ballroom site! Below is a transcribed phone conversation between President Trump (PT) and President Kilpatrick (PK):

PK: Mr. President, we are delighted to hear your interest in making capital improvements to the CUA Campus.

PT: We LOVE CUA. Frankly, and I tell everybody this, it is the greenest and most vibrant campus in D.C. Everybody always thinks about GW and AU, but they are so modern! The people WANT the HISTORY of a great, strong campus.

PK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I am glad to hear your enthusiasm for CUA. Now, what do you have in mind for the space? Perhaps a new academic building? A dining hall? Maybe a new fitness center?

PT: Such a strong leader you are, Kilpatrick. So strong, running such a tight ship here at CUA. We are going to build such a big, beautiful building. I call it the BBB. Nobody names buildings better than I do, frankly. Everybody is saying such

things. There are so many smart experts, so many American scholars commending me. Just the other day, I received a prize. Did you know that? Such a large trophy. It read "Donald J. Trump - Real Estate Baron." I love that, I really do. Such a strong title, Baron. I named my own son after that title.

PK: Your plan, Mr. President?

PT: There is SO MUCH speculation about what is going to go here. You even have SLEEPY JOE BIDEN awake and WONDERING. He is always wondering; frankly, he never knows what is going on. We are going to build a BIG BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM. So TALL AND GRAND. It will TOWER OVER the CUA Campus. The beautiful CUA Campus. The students, thousands of them, they're writing to me and saying, they really are, by the way, they're saying, "Please, President Trump, get rid of this building." As the President of PEACE and of my PEOPLE, I just have to listen to their cries for help. We are building a new EVENT VENUE to RIVAL Heritage Hall.

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This never-before-seen phone conversation hints at big, beautiful things for the CUA Campus. The bidding for Marist takes place in a few weeks! If you think you can outbid President Trump, bring your wallets, your CUA ID cards, dining dollars, and anything else you can scrounge up. Maybe we can see a new dormitory on campus after all.

College Republicans Host Chappell Roan for Religious Experience

BY LATRICK P. DEWIS

Students at The Catholic University of America witnessed history Saturday night after the College Republicans club hosted pop artist Chappell Roan for what was originally described as “a casual social event,” which quickly evolved into “a full-scale confrontation with the concept of self-expression.”

The booking reportedly stemmed from a misunderstanding.

“We were expecting a different type of music,” said club secretary Daniel Reeves. “No one clarified that her first name didn’t have any ties to the Church.” Roan took the stage at 8:30 p.m., descending through a haze of pink fog that one facilities manager later confirmed was “not pre-approved.” Dressed in an outfit best described as “if a disco ball had a personality,” she opened with “Pink Pony Club,” a song widely understood to be about leaving restrictive environments—making it, according to several attendees, “a bold opener.”

The audience response was mixed. This included several Dominican priests, who were promptly escorted out via EMS.

Witnesses reported approximately 120 students reacting with what



one might call “controlled confusion.” Some nodded politely, while others questioned when the Q&A portion of the event would begin. The rest of the crowd clapped on beat with the careful precision of people unsure whether rhythm had ideological implications.

“I support live music,” said sophomore James Morrison, standing

completely still. “I just didn’t expect it to...address me directly.”

Since the student newspaper was barred from entering, Roan’s presence on campus became known via Fizz midway through her set. Students then rushed to the Caldwell parking lot to see the pop princess.

Things escalated during the

third song, when Roan encouraged the crowd to dance. A determined group near the back complied, moving with what observers described as “a tentative but bipartisan energy.” Their efforts were later praised by peers as “brave” and “definitely career-ending.”

The event reached its peak during an unscheduled moment in which Roan shouted, “You’re allowed to take up space!” prompting several attendees to instinctively check if they were blocking the aisle.

Not everyone was on board.

One junior left early, citing “sensory overload” and “a sudden need to call my parents.” Another attendee and College Republican member speculated that it might be time to reorganize the e-board.

In the aftermath, the College Republicans released a statement on their Instagram announcing their new President and calling the event “a valuable learning experience,” though they did not specify for whom. The College Democrats also came out with a statement, saying, “Once we figure out how to recruit enough members to hold events, we will host our own in response. Though for now, whatever the CRs did, we disagree.”

Disaster Strikes as Muppets Host Upcoming 100th Academy Awards

BY STATLER AND WALDORF

In all of our years of heckling, we have not seen anyone hit rock bottom...until now! It was just reported by the Muppet Newsman on ABC News that Kermit the Frog and the rest of those idiotic Muppets will be hosting the upcoming 100th Academy Awards show! It was bad enough that the Awards had to go without a host for two years in a row. But honestly, that sounds more like an upgrade compared to this guaranteed disaster we’re bound to get.

Not too long ago, the Muppets celebrated 50 years of The Muppet Show, which is basically a cheap knock-off of Saturday Night Live. The only difference is that they couldn’t afford to hire real people, so they let these bozos take the stage instead. 50 years later, they were desperate for a comeback and held a live showcase in the original Muppet Theater, and even managed to drag in pop star Sabrina Carpenter in the process.

As if that “comeback” special wasn’t enough, now they’re gonna be hosting one of the most disreputable award shows in Hollywood. To make matters even worse, they’re going to have Electric Mayhem perform the music for the event and play covers of each nominated song. It’s bad enough these artists get nominated already, but having them be subjected to this band is cruel and unusual punishment! The last time we



heard them play a song that made our hearts sing, we realized it activated our pacemakers, so we’re not too enthusiastic about them playing for this upcoming awards show.

For some odd reason, this news garnered so much praise from many so-called “fans” online. Famous Muppet Superfan, ILoveKermie23, posted to her DudeTube account, “This is the greatest thing that ever happened to the Oscars! The Muppets are finally getting their dues, and it’s about time.” She added,

“We’ve waited over 50 years for a day like today, and I am beyond grateful that the Academy finally recognized what the fans really want: More Miss Piggy! And don’t forget, we love you, Kermit!!”

The current president of the Academy of Muppet Pictures and Sciences, Hugh Mann, recently opened up about this announcement. On Good Morning Vietnam, Mann commented, “I totally forgot I told those bozos they could host the 100th Oscars. In all honesty, it was St. Patrick’s Day, and I wasn’t watching how

many bar bets I placed that day. Last time I’ll ever put my money where my mouth is.”

The 100th Oscars are currently scheduled to debut on April 1st, 2027, and boy, we wish that this would be a joke. If the Muppets can host the Oscars, then I guess the Academy has truly lost whatever little shred of dignity they had. God rest their souls.

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CUA Adopts New Sport: Intramural Field Swimming

By SIKH ZEVEN

At long last, The Catholic University of America announced last Saturday that it would finally adopt a highly anticipated new sports program: Intramural Field Swimming!

Student fundraising over winter break initiated the final push to make Field Swimming an official sport at the university. Sophomore swimming major Mya D'Leif has worked tirelessly for the past two years to organize the project. During an exclusive interview, D'Leif cites her upbringing in Minnesota—the land of 10,000 Lakes, for those unfamiliar—as her inspiration for the sport. D'Leif explains, “When it came to sports, the frozen lake meant playing hockey, but in the summer, we swam!”

D'Leif reportedly noticed the lack of lakes in the DMV area during her first semester at CUA and decided something had to be done to bring the joy of lake swimming to undergraduate students on campus. Noticing the field outside of the Pryzbyla Center, D'Leif settled on utilizing the empty space for a man-made lake.

“We’re not putting a lake outside the Pryzbyla Center,” said CUA enthusiastic President Kilpatrick when D'Leif presented the idea to him, “We don’t have the funding for that, and besides, it’s a stupid idea, because we already have a swim team and a pool.”

Unswayed by the unwillingness of the University to aid in her plan, D'Leif resolved to form the swimming club regardless of whether there was, in fact, a



lake. Advertising during the 2025 Fall Semester led to more than 1,000 students from different majors pledging to fundraise over winter break. After successfully raising twelve thousand dollars, D'Leif spent the money on matching uniforms, including goggles, swim caps, and bathing suits for the teams.

Overwhelming student interest urged CUA to officially adopt the sport. Collaborating with D'Leif over details, an announcement in January publicized that there would be two teams. “Not separated by gender,” D'Leif explained, “Because we all move equally as fast and far while swimming in the grass. The two teams will be made up of people I like, and people I don’t like.” When questioned, she re-

fused to give further information on what that might entail.

Despite D'Leif's dedication to bringing the love of lakes to D.C, she was not the inventor of Field Swimming, nor was she even the first to implement field swimming in a D.C. college. Georgetown University is the most prestigious institution in D.C, so obviously, they thought of it first. Their Intramural Field Swimming (IFS) team, the Fish out of Water, meets every Thursday and Saturday for rigorous training on the Shaw Field, but is currently locked in a controversy over whether the Fish out of Water or the soccer team has scheduling priority. Gallaudet University also adopted the sport alongside Georgetown, but chose to host meets in

the computer lab due to a lack of available field space.

“It’s an excellent idea,” says Maisie Dubleau, junior nursing major and captain of the other rowing team (not the team your friend is on, the Other Rowing Team). “We’re so invested in the idea, we’ve decided to switch from practicing in the pool to practicing with the IFS team outside the Pryz.” The Other Rowing Team was spotted last week sitting in a canoe on the Pryz lawn in preparation for the IFS team’s first meeting and going “absolutely nowhere,” according to one witness.

Yesterday was the IFS team’s first official event, with thousands of CUA students and alumni flooding the Pryz field for tryouts, judged by D'Leif herself. Any spectator could feel the buzz of excitement in the crowd as the first line of swimmers took their marks on the sidewalk. Despite the overwhelming enthusiasm of the crowd and the athletes’ honorable attempts, even D'Leif looked slightly dismayed when the swimmers belly-flopped on the grass and swam approximately six inches toward the other end of the field by wriggling around a bit, before giving up completely.

A guest coach from Gallaudet University is scheduled to visit the university next Saturday to impart instructions on how, exactly, one should field swim. Until then, the Intramural Field Swimming team is on hiatus, and D'Leif has conveniently disappeared. When asked about her whereabouts, one of her former friends commented, “Swimming isn’t a major. She doesn’t even go here.”

Carlini Field Announced As 2026 World Cup Semi-Final Match

By JUSTIN CASE

FIFA has finally announced the venue location for the 2026 World Cup Semi-Final, and it’s right in CUA’s backyard! Carlini Field will feature one of the semi-final matches scheduled for July 13.

After the final location was announced early last year, fans took to social media to publicly criticize FIFA’s decision on MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Located in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, the 82,500-seat stadium is home to the New York Giants and New York Jets.

Following the announcement of Carlini Field chosen as a semi-final location, fans online were shocked and confused. Specifically, North Texas has been in uproar following this news, eerily similar to when the final location was announced last year. When we reached out, sources at FIFA and CUA confirmed the accuracy of this announcement.

Financial sources at CUA estimate an expected revenue of at least \$300 million in the Brookland and DC area during the event in July. After offsetting the cost of expansion, CUA is set to financially benefit from this event, likely reversing the \$30 million structural deficit announced in late 2024 following lower tuition revenue despite rising operational costs. It is unclear where the additional one-time revenue will be allocated in the future.

Modifications to Carlini Field



will add 70,000 seats to the stadium to accommodate the expected influx of spectators. Work is set to begin following the conclusion of the lacrosse season in late April. This ambitious expansion plan has a strict timeline of two months.

“I am not sure how we are going to get this done in time for the game,” one of the lead engineers for the project said in an interview. “Logistics are always a challenge. But adding such a large capac-

ity will require a coordinated effort from many boots on the ground. If any students are looking for a summer job, my boss is hiring.”

Catholic students are encouraged to reach out to FIFA’s field expansion team if they are willing to help with this expansion project. It is unclear what the compensation package and working conditions will look like.

The expansion renderings fea-

ture a massive overhaul of the stadium’s seating configuration, notably leaving the entire field untouched. Demolition day is scheduled to begin just after the final lacrosse game of the season. Designed by a CUA alumni, the expanded stadium will feature state-of-the-art technology and specially designed hospitality services, including concession stands, restaurants, bars, and restroom facilities strategically placed near seating.

Following the expansion, Carlini Field will have 20 times the capacity of Cardinal Stadium, CUA’s premier football stadium for its Division III team. It is unclear if the athletic games will transition permanently to the expanded Carlini Field or remain in Cardinal Stadium.

The other semi-final match will occur at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia.

Team USA returns to the World Cup in Group D, making their 12th appearance in the tournament. The team aims to reach further than they did in Qatar 2022. The young U.S. squad achieved its goal of reaching the knockout stage, but fell to a more experienced Dutch side. Maybe being a host nation will be an advantage to propel the team further in the tournament this year.

The 2026 World Cup will kick off at Mexico City Stadium on June 11. To view the full schedule or purchase a ticket, visit [fifa.com/en/tournaments/mens/worldcup/canadamexicousa2026](https://www.fifa.com/en/tournaments/mens/worldcup/canadamexicousa2026) today.

Pope Leo Makes Generous NIL Contribution to Catholic Athletics Location

BY JUSTIN CASE

After only seven Catholic schools made the March Madness tournament, avid basketball fan (and Catholic school enthusiast) Pope Leo XIV has announced that he will divert a portion of the Vatican's significant financial resources to The Catholic University of America's Athletics Department.

"Only seven Catholic schools in the tournament?" the Holy Father reportedly said. "This is a disgrace. Everybody knows that basketball is God's favorite sport. In fact, on the third day of creation, he shot a three, and it was good!"

This newfound financial flexibility has skyrocketed the popularity of the Catholic University basketball team, with several college basketball superstars eyeing a transfer to the Washington, D.C. school. Duke's Cameron Boozer, widely considered to be a future top-3 pick in the 2026 NBA Draft, has announced that he has decided to continue his education and play college basketball for at least one more year.

"I'm a really big fan of the project they've got up there in D.C.," Boozer said. "I just think this is a better opportunity for me than whatever they'll pay me in the NBA."

The pope has also sent his top canon law scholars to join Catholic's legal team in order to find loopholes in the NCAA's eligibility rules.

"We've been doing some digging, and we think we found a way to get LeBron James a couple of years of eligibility," one canon lawyer said. "All



it took was some prayers (and a fat check to the NCAA)."

In addition to Boozer and James, the Cardinals' projected starting five will also include Arizona's Bryce James, three-time NBA MVP Nikola Jokić, and current Catholic senior CJ Ruoff.

"You just can't make a successful run in the NCAA Tournament without the Landmark Conference Player of the Year," head coach Aaron Kelly said in an

exclusive interview with The Tower. "I fully expect CJ to lead the team in scoring again next year."

"I'm really excited to return to Catholic for a fifth year," Ruoff said. "It will be a great experience to have LeBron as a teammate, but honestly, he's got nothing on Jamie [Ntiamoah]."

Due to Title IX regulations, the Catholic University women's soccer program will also receive significant funding

from the Vatican.

"I'm not really a soccer guy myself," the Holy Father said. "But Pope Francis was. This is what he would've wanted."

The Cardinals were picked to finish first in the Landmark Conference Preseason Coaches Poll. Scranton also received one first-place vote.

The Stars Have No Idea What You're Doing Either

BY YOUR LOCAL ETSY WITCH

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

This week, you will confidently start an assignment you misunderstood entirely. The stars admire your boldness but cannot help you.

Lucky Number: 0 (your current understanding of the assignment)

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

You will spend \$28 on a "little treat" after a minor inconvenience. This will happen three times. Financial recovery is unlikely, but emotional satisfaction will briefly peak around Thursday.

Lucky Number: 28.47 (after tax)

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

You will have a brilliant idea at 2 a.m. and absolutely no motivation to act on it at any other time. The stars suggest sleep.

You will ignore them.

Lucky Number: 2:13 a.m.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

You will reread a message approximately 17 times before sending it, only to still regret it immediately. Someone will say, "We should hang out soon." You both know this is a lie.

Lucky Number: 17 (drafts written of the same text)

Leo (July 23 – August 22)

You will thrive in attention this week, especially during a class discussion where you did not do the reading but will speak anyway. Confidence will carry you. Accuracy will not.

Lucky Number: 100 (percent confidence, 0 percent preparation)

Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

You will reorganize your entire life instead of doing the one assignment that actually matters. The stars support your color-coded planner but gently suggest opening the document labeled "Final Paper."

Lucky Number: 12 (tabs open, none helpful)

Libra (September 23 – October 22)

You will spend 45 minutes deciding where to eat and end up at the same place you always go. Balance is important, but so is admitting you were always going to choose Chick-Fil-A.

Lucky Number: 45 (minutes wasted deciding)



Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

You will overhear a conversation not meant for you and immediately assume it is about you. It is not. Or is it? The stars refuse to clarify. Blame Red the Cardinal.

Lucky Number: ???

Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

You will impulsively make plans that require waking up early. You will not wake up early. Growth is about recognizing patterns. You are not there yet.

Lucky Number: 7:00 a.m. (a time you will not see)

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

You will judge everyone silently while being the most stressed person in the room. A professor will say, "This should be easy," and you will take that personally.

Lucky Number: 3 (hours of sleep)

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

You will tell two different people two different versions of your weekend plans and accidentally have to follow through on both. The moon encourages honesty, but you will not choose that path.

Lucky Number: 2 (your personalities, your plans, your problems)

Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

You will romanticize your life while actively avoiding responsibilities. A walk at sunset around the Basilica will fix nothing, but it will feel like it might; and honestly, that's enough for now.

Lucky Number: 1 (main character moment per day)

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Editorial: We Need More Censorship

By ED ITORE

We live in an era of censorship. Oftentimes, it feels as though our freedom of speech is heavily limited; we are not permitted to say or write what we truly feel. Both sides of the political aisle seek to turn the media into their own propaganda machines. Nobody wants to hear the facts anymore; people just want state-sponsored media that agrees with all of their thoughts and opinions. Journalism is dying, and highly opinionated, clickbaity slop is all the rage. This is a good thing.

In fact, we need more of it. Journalists suck. Nobody likes them. I mean, do you really care about what I have to say? I'm willing to bet that you don't. I know I'm writing under a pseudonym and everything, but I could slap my real name at the top of this thing, and I doubt it would make a difference. In fact, you're probably not even reading this article. I could write anything I want, and nobody would know. I hate my major. Red the Cardinal sucks. Peanut butter. Seventy-two. Sfohewfhqew. See, nobody can stop me. I have so much power. This is precisely my point. We need to put an end to this. I shouldn't be allowed to write whatever I want. Censor me. Please.

Just think of a world in which any self-righteous asshole can get an ar-




ticle published in his (or her... but let's be real, probably his in the current climate) shitty school newspaper. What kind of society would that be? Nobody needs to hear another politics major ranting about issues that he has no control over or spilling the hot gossip from his hill-

ternship. Nobody wants to hear another architecture major complaining about how much work they have to do and how little they have slept. And please, for the love of all things good in this world, absolutely nobody wants to hear about how amazing Rome is this time of year (Are

you planning on studying abroad?? You just have to go!! I LIVE LAUGH LOVE ROME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!).

People need to learn to shut up. And until that happens, censorship might be our only option.

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