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SLEEPING WITH NUNS

BY JOLIE HOPPE

This past summer I spent doing bioethics research at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. However, since Georgetown does not provide housing for "visiting scholars" for the summer, I turned to the Centro Maria Residence at the Catholic University of America, only a few short Metro stops from everything DC has to offer, including Georgetown. Centro Maria was significantly cheaper than subletting an

apartment for the summer and provided breakfast and dinner as well. There was only one catch: Centro Maria Residence was run by nuns, the Sisters of Mary Immaculate. I will admit, my first reaction at the thought of living with nuns for the whole summer was not entirely positive. The response I received when I told people I was living with nuns was varied from disbelief to amusement to the favorite, "Are you going to become a nun?" However, the allure of an inexpensive place to stay that provided room and

board was too much, and after sending my application and deposit to Sister Clara, I was in.

Living with nuns turned out to be nothing like I expected. From cookies and peanutbutter-apple-and-cheese toasted sandwiches for breakfast, to meeting amazing girls from across the US who were doing internships, research, and studying in DC, it was an amazing experience. The nuns themselves were also much more caring and allowed us more independence

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Nuns in the Convent

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SPC MAKES LATINO GAME SHOW DEBUT

BY NOEL BORGES

Who is known as the Great Liberator of Latin America? What year was the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signed? Who was the first democratically elected Governor of Puerto Rico? These were some of the questions asked to the SPC Latin American Student Organization (L.A.S.O.) members as they participated in the first "Know Your Heritage: Hispanic College Quiz." L.A.S.O. went up against students from seven other private and public colleges and universities

the Latin American Studies and Latino Studies Program, Dr. Alex Trillo all traveled to Chicago in early April to participate in the program. The L.A.S.O. team consisted of Alex Rivero '09 (Cuban), Stephanie Galvis '09 (Colombian), Daisy Vargas '11 (Mexican), Daniela Villacres '11 (Ecuadorian), and Noel Borges '10 (Puerto Rican). Trillo said that the trip was a "great example of the kinds of activities we should get our students involved in; things that are fun but also have them (students) learning a lot." Although the SPC students



Dr. Trillo and the Team

Photo By Dr. Trillo

throughout the country. The Saint Peter's College team, consisting of five students and their coach, Director of

missed out on \$15,000 worth of Scholarship prizes, they made it to the semi-finals. They lost

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PEACHES GOES TO WASHINGTON

BY PEACHES DELAPAZ

Most Saint Peter's students spent their summer traveling, working, studying, or just staying at home. As for me, I was lucky enough to do all of that and much more.

This past February, I was accepted into The Washington Center for the summer of 2008. TWC is a program through SPC where students can apply and be placed in an internship in their chosen major. My internship was at the National Library of Medicine (NLM), which involved giving tours and doing research for a future museum exhibition.

Thanks to The Washington Center Program, I lived in an amazing apartment on the 17th floor, met other college students from around the country, and had a chance to spend the summer in our nation's capital. The campus where I worked was huge. The Clinical Center located next to us is the second largest federal

building after the Pentagon (where I also took a tour this summer). At the NLM I specifically worked for the Exhibition Program, and the main exhibition at the Library was on Global Health. When



Peaches gives a tour

Photo By Peaches DeLaPaz

visitors came, I spoke about many topics such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, when HIV/AIDS was first discovered, the first community health center, ways to get involved in the community today, and many

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Dear Readers,

We are pleased to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the 2008-2009 Pauw Wow. Before we continue any further, we must dispense with a few points. First, we are not objective nor will we try to be objective, because any claims by any medium to be objective are simply false. We are not giving you the facts; we are giving you the facts as we understand them. We hold no pretension of omniscience or infallibility. Second, we do not want you to trust the paper. Rather, trust the quality of our work, such as it is. Question, criticize, and commend us as you see fit and we will respond in kind. We feel it is altogether fitting and proper for a Jesuit Newspaper to hold such positions. Now on to our promises to you (hopefully we can keep them):

To be a medium through which students of this college can express their opinions, their interpretations of the facts, and polish their ability to express themselves in a manner consistent with the Jesuit Ideal of *Cura Personalis*.

Now to the second promise: to encourage, and if necessary, incite dialogue among the college community. Dialogue is vital for true learning to occur and it is our responsibility as this college's newspaper to serve as the lyceum for this community.

In order to properly follow through on the last promise, we strongly encourage you to send articles to the editors of each section, just look to your right for their information. It is our third promise to print any article of substance and quality submitted by a Saint Peter's student where deadline and word count allow.

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BOOZE, BOOKS AND BRUTE FORCE

BY JUSTIN ROBERTS

Hope is reborn in the 129 current and former college professors calling for renewed consideration of the clever bit of extra-Constitutional extortion that is the National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984. There is the Amethyst Initiative, Hallelujah! But wait. Where is the increased public perception and the insightful debate?

Sorry, wishful thinking on my part. At the corner of American idealism and the liberal arts' sensibility, you'll find me, brooding in a puddle of frustrated naiveté. But while, I am here!

First, kudos to all of those high-minded intellectuals forced to deal with slobbering, stumbling and vomiting underage undergraduates. Bravo for putting up with this nonsense for so long and bravo for trying to kindle real debate around an issue all too easily ignored.

It is a fact that the euphemistically nicknamed "10% highway fund incentive" has lowered the incidence of underage drunk driving fatalities along with young adult and adolescent drinking. It is also a fact that, true to the national fad of disregarding the nuances of complex issues, supporters of the "incentive" fail to appreciate the difference between progress and real solutions. Underage

binge drinking persists, I can personally attest to that. And evidence provided by Ruth Engs, Professor of Applied Health Sciences at Indiana University, indicates that the incidence of college binge drinking has increased since the "incentive" was put into effect.

However, despite their good intentions, the apparent heuristic flaws of both the Amethyst Initiative and the age-limit supporters are hindering their common cause. While both are trying to neutralize the dangerous drinking behavior of young adults by spreading information, the age restriction supporters are trying to strangle the culture by restricting opportunities to drink. Meanwhile, the Amethyst Initiative is advocating a shift to a culture of responsible personal choice. Unfortunately, the Age-Restrictionists have not been very receptive to the call for renewed debate and the Amethyst signatories have provided far too few suggestions for how to replicate the less restricted responsibility culture similar to many European countries.

Both sides display a reluctance to acknowledge and work within the complexity of the issue. The Amethyst signatories should not mistake the limits of the age-restriction's success as ineffectiveness, and should also understand that the restriction's eradication

alone will probably not be sufficient to change youth culture in America.

If lowering the drinking age did destroy binge culture, it would do so as the result of increased drinking-related youth deaths. The higher incidence of drinking deaths did not stop dangerous behavior before the age restriction was raised nationally in the first place, so why would it be different now? Secondly, very few voters are likely to accept creative destruction as a new parenting method. On the other hand, the Restrictionists should realize that the 21 rule is not a silver bullet and the adoption of other methods will be crucial in resolving this problem.

With that said, the age restriction is not inherently good. In trying to escape the tyranny of the sovereign, the Framers created a Republic. To avoid the tyranny of the majority, they created checks and accommodations to protect the rights and voices of minorities. They never anticipated the development of the tyranny of the minority using their protections, though. Now, despite the fact that most Americans view teenage drinking as a rite of passage, the Federal Law championed by the minority activists has restricted my liberty in just this way. At this point, I cannot help but ask how keeping me, a person who cannot drive

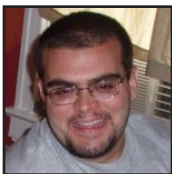


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a car, from drinking help lower drunk-driving fatalities.

The age restriction is not inherently good, but I still favor it. The law is often, unavoidably, ham handed and illogical, as in my case, and also a vehicle for injustice. Yet, human beings have a disturbingly predictable tendency to take the most ridiculous, irresponsible, and destructive courses of action. Dumb kids in their teens and early twenties hurt themselves and others with alcohol all the time. Let's face it, even adults trying to curb this destructive

behavior have been unable to avoid bickering over minutia. Societies usually work when they restrict naturally occurring, chaotic human behavior and, regrettably, our species has not come far enough to avoid the necessity for limits on our personal liberty. Remember to distrust the politicians who would steal your liberty, but also keep in mind that it is your intrinsic capacity for needlessly destructive behavior that provides the necessity for the positions from which they exploit you.



A Brief Guide to the 2008 NFL Season

By Chris DePizzo



East

- 1) Patriots (Belichick is terrifyingly good and Brady is still the best)
- 2) Jets (Favre just isn't enough to let them overtake the Pats)
- 3) Bills (D looks good, next off-season work on the O...and hurt Tom Brady)
- 4) Dolphins (The ship has finally stopped sinking-because it has hit rock bottom)

North

- 1) Steelers (Same great D + constant O = division crown)
- 2) Browns (Schedule is just too tough, plus run game is suspect)
- 3) Bengals (3 injured receivers to start the year, plus a lackluster D and running game lands them at no. 3 in the North)
- 4) Ravens (With a defense that is a year older and a brand new QB they still have a shot to escape the cellar if the Bengals under perform)

AFC

South

- 1) Colts (Offense is still awesome and D is consistent)
- 2) Jaguars (Got a taste of the Playoffs last year. This may be the year for them to win the division with Manning being ...rusty? While at least the Jags can hope)
- 3) Titans (Vince is still not a true passer [9TD-17INT] and until he is, they will be stuck here)
- 4) Texans (Andre Johnson is fun to watch – I was told to say only nice things in this column -)

West

- 1) Chargers (This is their year, division is in the bag but the Super bowl is what they want)
- 2) Broncos (Poor D, inconsistent O)
- 3) Chiefs (No QB = Fighting for last place)
- 4) Raiders (Al Davis is senile, seriously just look at the roster and tell me I'm wrong)

East

- 1) Cowboys (Romo, T.O., Pac-Man....)
- 2) Giants (Trent Dilfer won a Super Bowl too, doesn't mean he is better then Peyton)
- 3) Eagles (One heck of a Super Bowl hangover, going on 4yrs now I believe)
- 4) Redskins (4 years and 4 new offensive coordinators for Jason Campbell puts the Skins here)

North

- 1) Vikings (Only QB play can stop them)
- 2) Packers (Is the D for real? Can Aaron Rodgers take over? Is..... etc?)
- 3) Lions (Calvin Johnson is fun to watch {look to Texans})
- 4) Bears (There are Arena quarterbacks better then theirs)

NFC

South

- 1) Saints (Is Shockey the missing piece, I think so)
- 2) Buccaneers (If only they had Favre)
- 3) Panthers (Question marks plague them on O and the D just isn't good enough to make up for it)
- 4) Falcons (Ugly)

West

- 1) Seahawks (Retooled running game and a solid D will be enough to win this division)
- 2) Cardinals (If Kurt Warner can right the ship they could push the Seahawks)
- 3) Rams (If O-line stays healthy they could be fun to watch, but my money says the D lets them down)
- 4) 49ers (Some young talent but their situation at QB lands them here)

LESSONS FROM THE EVIL EMPIRE

BY ED HENNESSY

As Russian tanks rolled through Georgian cities, Western leaders condemned the invasion of the small ex-Soviet republic as an unwarranted act of aggression not unlike Nazi Germany's expansionist campaigns in the years before World War II. And yet, despite the real threat a militarily active Russia possesses to the West, a real-politic analysis leads one to wonder: How do empty condemnations serve the West's interests?

Initially, it is hard to fault with Westerners for rushing to defend the sovereignty of a westernizing democracy newly emerged from the shadow of centuries of Russian domination. The promise of NATO membership, given to Georgia earlier this year, is certainly a testament to the West's confidence in the former Soviet satellite. But the West forgot that, like gambling, foreign policy is often a game of chance where wise players plan their moves around probability and never forget that the chips they bet with no longer belong to them. Once again, the West is throwing more chips behind a hand they cannot win.

In 1991, NATO was confined to the territory west of the border between East and West Germany. However, in 2004, NATO countries bordered Russia itself. Many in the West have interpreted this expansion as the product of capitalist and democratic views having taken firm roots

in former communist countries. However, the Russian government views NATO's expansion as a Western attempt to weaken and isolate it.

Still reeling from the economic and societal chaos brought on by the collapse of the Soviet Union, it is not difficult to understand why the Russians would feel that way. NATO was, after all, an alliance designed to counter the Soviet Union, formed in indirect, but clear opposition to it. Also, let's face it, if Cuba began attacking breakaway regions the same way the Georgians did, how would the U.S. respond?

Of course, yielding to Russia's demands will not help the West's position, and NATO's expansion was aimed at both confining Russia to its borders and securing an alternative petroleum source in a Georgian pipeline. These goals, while not dead, must be altered if they are to fit into the new world Russia has created. Compromises and alternate strategy must be considered where raw force cannot prove conclusive.

Russia may never fully accept Western ideology, but friendly relations may convert them into an occasional ally. For instance, Russian cooperation could be instrumental in shoring up the wavering anti-nuclear proliferation movement and keeping states like Iran from bulking up with WMDs.

For those claiming that Russia is not interested in working with the West,

consider: When the U.S. announced its desire to construct missile bases in Eastern Europe to protect its allies from Iranian missile attacks, Russia offered to establish a jointly controlled missile base in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan. Doesn't this proposal, barely covered by Western media outlets, display Russia's willingness to compromise in the face of common threats?

Russia seems to have internalized the lessons learnt from the American victory in the Cold War whereas, the United States and its allies failed to do so. Most contemporary scholars, when asked to identify the most effective U.S. initiative, identify the Marshall Plan. Stable societies with working infrastructures and healthy economies create peace, not uncompromising, oversimplified moral designations, and grand military efforts.

Even the Soviets, after directly threatening the U.S.'s safety by installing nuclear missiles in Cuba, offered America a way out. The removal of U.S. controlled missiles in Turkey neutralized a threat to the Soviets. Is the West so infatuated with an antiquated international alliance that it refuses to accept reality and act in its people's best interests? Or is it just so convenient to fight the Evil Empire that we will shelve pragmatism and practicality to flatter our vanity?

SOUR GRAPES OVER RUNNING MATES

BY JONATHAN BRANTLEY

Speculation about who Barack Obama's running mate would be began as soon as he clinched the Democratic nomination. Few expected him to pick Hilary Rodham Clinton, but some clung to the hope assuming that an alliance with his old rival would help heal the fissure which developed among the Democrats during the heated and often venomous primaries. However, these hopes were shattered when Obama announced Delaware Senator, Joe Biden, as his choice for the Vice Presidential candidate.

unproductive, terms in the Senate are not particularly impressive. Finally, there is also the instinctual recoil many Americans feel when considering that another Clinton in the Presidency would have the Executive Branch dominated by two families for 24 years.

Similarly, the Clinton supporters distrust Obama's greater lack of experience and resent him for stealing their cause in clinching the nomination. Petty though it may seem, the death rattle of the dream of the first female president may galvanize many women voters against him.



Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE)

Photo Courtesy of CNN

Pundits and news anchors began gossiping about the possibility during the primaries, but the idea was never practical. While Obama and Clinton still claim that they are good friends outside of politics, their political ideologies are usually at odds. In the Senate, they have been on opposing sides of debates no less than 40 times, disagreeing over energy policies, congressional ethics, relations with Cuba, and the right to bear arms.

Though a working White House need not always include tranquility between the President and the Vice President, the polarizing tactics and the ad hominem attacks of the primary seem to have convinced each candidate's supporters that the other candidate is not fit for office.

Some in the Obama camp characterize Clinton as no better than Evita Peron. Although she is a respected lawyer, her political career was launched by her husband's election to the public office and never her own. Some also scoff at her claims of tremendous experience, citing that eight years as the First Lady, and another one and a half controversial, but

Joe Biden has almost 60 years of experience in politics and has served as the chair on the subcommittees of Crime and Drugs. He also served as the co-chairman of the International Narcotics Control Caucus. As a longtime member and current chair of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, he can help shore up Obama's international affairs weakness. Biden also took a leading role in urging President Clinton to intervene in the Balkans, helping put a halt to human rights abuses. He is nowhere as controversial as Clinton.

Angry Clinton supporters are threatening to vote for McCain over Obama in the coming election as an expression of their distaste. They hope to penalize Obama and the Democratic Party for not representing their interests. While none of the Democrats have identical beliefs, their ideologies and issues are certainly more alike than McCain's. By sabotaging Obama, Clinton supporters may only deepen the divide within their party and assure that their voices express only howls of rage and not as vehicles of true expression.

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than I had first expected after hearing some of the horror stories my dad told me about going to Catholic grade school. Despite the independence that I was granted, I never forgot that I was living with nuns. For example, we had a board at the bottom of the stairs with the names of all the young women living in the residence for everyone to mark whether they were in or out. My first night there, I simply forgot to move my magnet from “out” to “in.” At 11:45pm, fifteen minutes past our curfew, I received a phone call that went something like this: “Hello?” (quite groggily) “Jolie, this is Sister Clara, where are you?” “I’m asleep in my bed...” “Oh, I knocked and you didn’t answer” “Oh, sorry, I’m here” “Goodnight”. At least, that’s what I remember from the conversation. I had signed a contract of rules with the sisters earlier that day and one of them was that “sleeping out without informing the sister-in-charge” was grounds for expulsion. Thankfully, I was not expelled that first night, and you better believe

that every night for the next 7 weeks, I made double sure that next to my name it said “IN”.

But despite the curfew (11:30 on weeknights and midnight on the weekends) and the “Jesus Lockdown” as my friend Kate (a fellow resident) called it, I enjoyed my experience with the nuns. From Sister Corazon, who was 90+ to Sister Lena, the head boss of the residence who always wanted us to go on retreats with her, and Sister Estelle, who led adoration services every Tuesday night, they were sweet ladies who always made sure that we were well cared for. And despite my initial shock at the phone call from Sister Clara that first night, I realized that she was probably worried for my safety and wanted to make sure that I made it home ok.

At the end of the day, I saved a few hundred dollars and someday I’ll be able to tell my children about the summer when I lived with the nuns. Or, as my friend Kate described it, living with 7 moms for the summer. And who can make you feel more loved than a mom?

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other solutions created by scientists and doctors around the world to give locals access to health care. As a history major with little inclination for science, I was fascinated with the topics that are relevant not just to scientists and doctors, but to everyone.

The best thing about my internship was the balance I kept between my interaction with the visitors and doing my research. One of the topics I chose was about the short story, “The Yellow Wallpaper.” If you haven’t read this short story yet, read it. It’s a chilling story about a woman who goes insane after being ordered by her husband not to work and simply rest at their summerhouse in order to get “better.” She becomes so preoccupied with the wallpaper

in her room that she believes it to be alive and eventually locks herself in the room until she takes down every last bit of it.

The short story was written by a feminist of the 19th and 20th century, Charlotte Perkins Gilman. She wrote this story in protest of a doctor who gave her orders to lead a domestic life without working or writing. This doctor, Silas Weir Mitchell, was a famous scientist who served as a surgeon in the Civil War and was the first to write and research phantom pains. Among the two, Charlotte Perkins Gilman was far more fascinating. She divorced her husband at a time when divorce was severely frowned upon, moved to California, ended up marrying her first cousin, and died by inhaling chloroform after she was diagnosed

with incurable breast cancer.

I had a lot of fun conversing with the hundreds of high school students who came to see the National Institutes of Health while I was doing my internship this summer. But at the same time, I also did research on a chosen topic that was highly interesting, to me anyway. My internship this summer did not include making copies, going out to get coffee, or sitting around browsing the internet like most entry level internships do. I, in turn, learned about science, history, the feminist movement, and graduate programs offered for history majors. I got to meet a host of interesting people at work, through The Washington Center, and made the most out of my summer in Washington, D.C.

SUMMER IN CHINA

BY JACOB HAYDEN

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to travel to China with the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP). ISLP is a program that gives nominated college students the opportunity to travel to different global locations to attend a seminar on a topic related to their area of studies.

To inquire more about which destination I should go to, I turned towards my professors. I went to Dr. O’Neil who told me hands down that China was the way to go and then walked me over to Fr. DeStephano to get a full briefing on why China was the only good option. To paraphrase the hour conversation that Fr. DeStephano and I had: China is the best choice because of its developing intrigue in the international community.

After my talk with Fr. DeStephano, I was definitely going to China.

The ISLP delegation on Diplomacy and International Relations had, as its primary mission, the goal to provide undergraduate and graduate students applicable real-life experiences of foreign relations and diplomacy. For this particular goal, China is by far the most interesting country to visit. On this trip I was granted the opportunity to be briefed by Chinese diplomats, listen to Americans working at the embassy in China, and talk to Chinese college students!

The opportunity to talk to people who dealt with international relations was truly amazing, especially because it was in the rapidly growing and still very secretive country of China. Talking to

Americans who are assigned there for foreign services can give a traveler a better perspective on the society and culture they are traveling in than just being amongst the people and struggling to communicate. The foreign services officers get a chance to interact with the native people on a daily basis, live within the actual culture for an extended period of time, and still be connected to America and the world’s perspective.

The China which has been portrayed is one of growth and controversy. This was heightened because China recently held the 29th Olympic Games. China was portrayed itself to be a large developing country which is getting ready to take its place on the world’s stage. On the other hand, China has also been portrayed as a nation having severe human rights issues, and as an irresponsible stakeholder in world politics.

These portrayals of China are partially true. The real truth of China is that it’s a rising power without a sustainable economic base. Because of China’s perceived growth, we worry about China growing into a world power which will soon rival the United States. Two important facts must be considered: One is that China is not an open society...to anyone. Two, China’s economic base is providing cheap labor. Due to the fact that China is a closed society, any numbers provided by China should be held under close scrutiny, because the fact of the matter is that 10 percent annual growth might be forged higher or lower than the actual

number in order to present the appearance of stable and sustainable growth. Simply put, a country that makes its money by providing the cheapest labor possible will not stay strong for long, because there will always be other countries that can do it cheaper.

Once the bubble bursts, the Chinese Communist party will face their first big test post-Mao. If they figure out a way to transform their economy before that, then they have the potential to remain in complete control of its people. As for anyone who doubts the government’s control over its people, I recommend you go there and experience total government control for yourself. For the three days that I was there, all “entertainment” TV channels were blocked because of the three day mourning period ordered by the government. Thus all that was on TV was the Chinese state TV. What’s more, just try googling Tibetan independence and see what results you get. I’ll give you a hint: this page cannot be displayed.

After visiting China, there is no question in my mind that the Chinese government is able to maintain control on the majority of its population. Its information must always be questioned. The Chinese have a very different way of viewing the world, and thus go about things in a different way. It is this difference that often scares Americans. However, I encourage you to take advantage of any opportunity to travel to China now, while it is rife with change and international attention.



The Great Wall

Photo By Juan Cardenas

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to City Colleges of Chicago, who went on to win first place.

“The City College ladies were great girls,” said Rivero, adding, “They had a wide cast of supporters. They were very humble about it, not at all flashy; they handled it professionally. To a certain extent, I’m glad they won.”

The participating teams were all from member institutions of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), schools with at least 25% Latino student enrollment: East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles, CA.; San Diego State, San Diego, CA.; Whittier College, Whittier, CA.; University of Houston, Victoria, TX; New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM; Our Lady of

Lake University, San Antonio, TX; and City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

According to the producers of the show, the intent of the series was to promote positive images of Latino students on television and to foster a greater knowledge of Latino culture by sharing information about it. At the same time, the producers hoped to inspire people of all ages to appreciate the contributions made by Latinos in the United States.

The game was hosted by NBC news anchor Zoraida Sambolin and will air across the country during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15.

And, by the way, the answers to the questions above are Simon Bolivar, 1848, and Luis Muñoz Marín.

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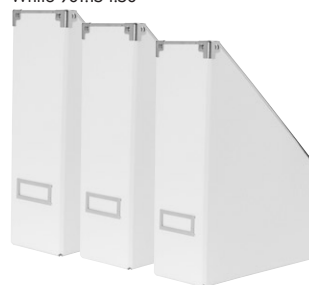
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SUMMER MOVIE REVIEW

BY MARTHA VARELA

There were high expectations for this summer's movies, set to be filled with highly-anticipated event films and hopeful blockbusters. By and large, it did not disappoint. Iron Man was the first major hit, due mostly to Robert Downey Jr.'s charming, lovable-jerk performance as Tony Stark. The fourth Indiana Jones was fairly successful, though that can only be attributed to nostalgia because it was decidedly underwhelming. I would love to have been at the meeting where Steven Spielberg decided it would be a good idea to have Shia LaBeouf swing on vines through the jungle like Tarzan. (Really, guys?) Several comedies fared well: Step Brothers, which reunited Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly with their Talladega Knights director Adam McKay, and the Judd Apatow-produced stoner-comedy Pineapple Express. Most notable was Tropic Thunder, a scathing, uproarious satire of Hollywood vanity and egotism. Speaking of which, there was nothing funnier than watching Mike Myers' career die a painful death following The Love Guru. Perhaps there is such a thing as karma.

And then July 18 arrived. There was no avoiding the juggernaut that was The Dark Knight. First, it broke the opening weekend record previously set by Spider-Man 3. By now, it has made over \$500 million domestically making it the second highest-grossing domestic film ever. So if you hate Titanic, do your part and go see The Dark Knight a few more times. Worldwide, it has earned about \$920 million, putting it at #13 in all-time grossing movies. For four weeks, it held first place at the box office, until Tropic Thunder. Within a few days of its release, IMDb members had voted it the #1 film, knocking The Godfather out of the top spot.

The anticipation for this sequel was enormous, fueled by insiders' claims that Heath Ledger's final performance was unparalleled, its dark tone, and how it pushed the boundaries of a PG-13 rating. As is rarely the case, it actually lived up to its hype. By the time it was released it was already a global cultural phenomenon.

The Dark Knight is as close to "real" as a comic book movie can get. Director Christopher Nolan drew on

gritty, intelligent crime thrillers like Heat for inspiration and gave moral quandaries and characterization as much attention as action sequences. It dares to reach deeper by seeking what is actually familiar, that is, the depths of human nature and the frailty of morality. The film has essentially set a new standard for comic book movies by transcending what they had been before. Instead of outlandish schemes of world domination and extraordinary acts of super-heroism, it focused the battle on its true source: within.



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The Joker is an absolute revelation. He has about 20 minutes of screen-time total, yet he completely dominates the movie, enough to make the audience eagerly wait the rest of the time for him to reappear. He is that magnetic and exciting to watch. Let's face it; this was The Joker Show. Seriously, who didn't love the pencil trick?

He was right when he said, "This town deserves a better class of criminal," and he is exactly what the new series needed, namely, a villain that goes beyond just dirty deeds, malice and greed. Those things are irrelevant and entirely inconsequential. They are means to an end, done for personal gain. This time, it's pure chaos, pure madness. It's anarchy for the sake of anarchy, an entirely different brand of lawlessness. Why kill someone or blow up a building? Why not?

This is what makes Heath Ledger's Joker so unique as well as dangerous and terrifying. Justice, injustice, right, wrong—those are just concepts and suppositions we

all base our lives on and by extension, society itself. Give it one push and it all comes crashing down like a house of cards. The Joker knows what a farce it all is and how easily it can be destroyed. He calls himself THE agent of chaos because he understands that the world is chaos and ultimately devoid of purpose. Unpredictability is the worst possible thing to throw into the midst of an ordered world. Someone who doesn't follow rules is the ordered world's greatest threat because he represents what is the worst in it

and what happens when those rules are flouted. How do you threaten someone with nothing to lose? How do you intimidate someone who thinks destruction is a game and will laugh right back in your face? You don't, because you can't. You're not dealing with something you can reason with anymore. Those ideas are long gone.

This Joker hasn't just taken Batman or comic book villains to the next level; he has raised the bar for all villains, redefining them entirely. He goes beyond good and evil. He knows the world is not just black and white. Instead, he chooses to paint it in his own colors, preferably bright red.

Even preceding its release, there was talk of Heath Ledger potentially receiving an Oscar nomination, perhaps even winning one. The studios wait until the end of the year to unveil their award-bait, so it is too early to make any guesses. Yet if he were nominated, anyone who has seen his performance can attest that it is, at the very least, deserving of the highest praise. It was so memorable that it became instantly iconic. Ledger left us with something extraordinary and fitting to his memory, akin to James Dean and Rebel Without a Cause. My heart nearly broke when The Joker said, "I think you and I are destined to do this forever," because I knew the truth. To leave such a mark and be remembered in this way has to be, ultimately, the greatest reward of all.

FALL MUSIC PREVIEW

BY ALEXIS KALLERT

Though summer has sadly come to an end, things are heating up this fall on the music scene. The fall is a great time for bands to hit the road, especially if they have new music to promote. Here's a preview of just some of the many acts you can catch on tour these upcoming months.

Metro Station had a breakout hit this summer with the single "Shake It". Now that they have finished up the "Boys of Summer" tour with Boys Like Girls and Good Charlotte, they are ready to embark on their own headlining tour. The lineup for this show is quite unique. Opening for Metro Station is Shwayze, the duo known for their songs "Buzzin'" and "Corona & Line", as well as their MTV show "Buzzin'".

Also opening is Decaydance rapper Tyga, known for his summer hit "Coconut Juice", which features Travis from Gym Class Heroes. Check out this tour when it hits the Nokia Theater on October 29 or the Starland Ballroom on October 30.

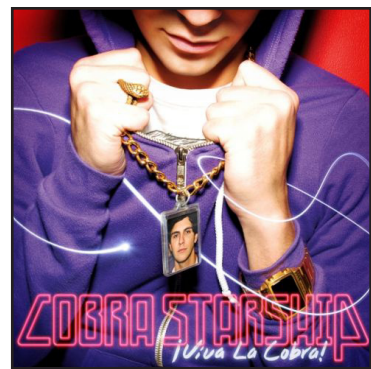
The Academy Is... have been missing in action for a while, but will be embarking on the "Bill & Trav's Bogus Journey Tour" with We The Kings. Both of these pop-rock bands are full of energy and will surely provide viewers with a fun night. Supporting acts include Caroline Liar and Hey Monday. You can catch this tour at the Roseland Ballroom on Wednesday, November 19.



Fresh off of Warped Tour, Cobra Starship are heading out on a headlining tour entitled the "Sassy Back Tour." If you didn't get a chance to catch them on Warped Tour or their last tour this past winter, I definitely recommend. Their shows are always packed full of fun and silliness. Heading out with them this time around are Forever the Sickest Kids, Hit the Lights, and Sing it Loud. The "Sassy Back Tour" will be at the Nokia Theater on October 11, as well as the Starland

Ballroom on November 20.

For those who are fans of heavier music, then perhaps you'd be more interested in catching Underoath's upcoming tour. In support of their new album Lost in the Sound of Separation, the band will be touring with Saosin and The Devil Wears Prada. The tour will be stopping at the Starland Ballroom on October 25 and Terminal 5 on October 26.



If pop music is more your thing, then I'm sure you already know all about Madonna's upcoming tour. Her "Sweet and Sticky Tour" will showcase tracks from her latest release Hard Candy, as well as some old classics. Madonna's tours are always big, extravagant, and definitely something fun to check out. Nonetheless, your wallet may not be able to afford that kind of extravagance, with ticket prices ranging from \$55 to \$350. If you don't want to miss out on the opportunity, however, she will be performing multiple dates at Madison Square Garden and the Izod Center.

The last tour on the list is the Rock Band Live Tour, sponsored by, of course, the video game Rock Band. This is a co-headlining tour featuring Panic at the Disco and Dashboard Confessional. Supporting acts include Plain White T's and The Cab. Each of these bands has a unique element, so though you may not like one band, there's a good chance you like one of the others. IT's definitely a good tour to check out with some friends. It will be hitting the Prudential Center on November 2.

If none of these tours appeal to you, then I recommend doing some research. There are tons of awesome tours this fall, so check out your favorite artist's MySpace or simply go to ticketmaster.com and see if any tours that interest you will be coming to the area any time soon!

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LADY PEAHENS PUMPED AFTER SOCCER WIN

BY M. AWADALLAH

The Saint Peter’s women’s soccer team defeated the New Jersey Institute of Technology Highlanders, 1-0 at the Jaroschak Field. Saint Peter’s heads to Saint Joseph’s University on Friday, September 5th at 7:00 PM to play the first of three straight away games. They return to the Jaroschak Field to host Wagner College on Friday, September 19th at 4:00 PM. The team still has 16 games to go followed by the MAAC tournament.

Freshman Courtney Sundstrom was the key player in the win against NJIT. Courtney scored her first ever career goal in the 1-0 shut-out victory. The Saint Peter’s (1-1) defense put on a

much improved display from Tuesday’s 5-0 loss to Farleigh Dickinson University. Head coach Shawn Tarquinio claims, “We talked about a fast start, getting organized, and having the proper attitude to be on the positive side of the ball”. This year’s team has 8 freshman starters.

There is still along way to go in the season and the lady Peahens are ready for the games ahead of them. The team lost their opener to FDU 5-0, but didn’t show any sign of disappointment in the game against NJIT. Coach Tarquinio said, “Our eight freshman starters know that we have a lot of trust and faith in them, and now it’s their time to take the initiative”. Sophomore Leigha Ashmen

had a great game by posting her first shut-out of the season.

It was a team effort against NJIT. The Peahens had more shots on goal compared to the Outlanders with the Peahens having 19 shots at goal compared to 4 by the Outlanders. The Peahens did not allow a single shot at goal until the 57th minute of the game. The Peahens will travel to Philadelphia for two away games against Saint Joseph’s and Temple after which they travel down to Maryland to face Mount St. Mary’s in an important game. This team is young but poised to make a run at the MAAC tournament at the end of the season.



Photo Courtesy SPC Athletics

Goal Keeper Leigha Ashmen shuts out NJIT

STUDENT ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



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Coach Scolamieri gives Gramatica tips for domination

BY M. AWADALLAH

Jay Gramatica is a student athlete at Saint Peters College, playing for the tennis team. There are two different tennis seasons at SPC, one during the fall and another during the spring. Gramatica participates in both the seasons and is also a full-time student at Saint Peters. The fall season began Saturday, September 6.

Jay believes that all matches are important but, the most important one is against Rider University. The game against Rider University is the team’s only conference game this season. Jay says, “The team is just going to try and whoop everyone this year”. Gramatica doesn’t like to make friends with opponents, although, his coach prefers him to get along with members of the other team. He mentions, “Opponents are our enemies and they should watch their backs.”

Gramatica started playing tennis at the age of four. Jay states that he was forced into the sport by his father. Jay’s dad used to be the best tennis player in Thailand before he came to America. His dad was the biggest

influence on his career, but Jay enjoys playing basketball more. He says, “Tennis is his moneymaker and he enjoys it”. He also loves watching tennis on television. His all-time favorite player is Andre Agassi and Jay likes to learn by watching his old matches.

His proudest moment in Saint Peters is when he made it to the finals of the ECAC his freshman year. Last year, the men’s team made it to the semi-finals of the MAAC. Gramatica is a proud student and has enjoyed academic success at school. He is majoring in business management and hopes to go into sports business when he graduates. Jay is a commuter and hates the parking situation around the school.

During the summer, he works at a tennis camp along with his father. Jay is one of the few who don’t find juggling academics and athletics that difficult. Aside from school and tennis, he plays basketball and often goes to the gym. Jay seems to always be busy, always occupying his time with a variety of different things around campus.

PEACOCK MEN GEARED UP FOR THE SOCCER SEASON



Photo Courtesy Jersey Journal

Men’s Soccer prepares for battle

BY M. AWADALLAH

The Saint Peter’s College Peacocks men’s soccer team lost 5-2 to the Seton Hall Pirates. This brings the Peacocks record to 0-2. Although the team has started off rough, the men have not given up. Player Jereri Edwards says, “The team has high hopes for this season. We are expected to win the MAAC and also do well out of our conference”. Their next game is a very important one against Rutgers.

Player Scott Tarazona is really excited about this season. He says, “Our team is different then last years, a different style of play with the different players we have this year”. The toughest teams the Peacocks will play in the MAAC this year will be

Loyola, and Fairfield. Player Hernando Santamaria says, “As a team, we are prepared to have a better year than last year. We would like to compete for the MAAC regular season title and win the MAAC championship. To end the year we would like to have a great presentation at the NCAA tournament. Personally, I would want to end my career at SPC by winning a second MAAC title for the school”.

The Saint Peter’s men’s soccer team is a vivid example of the school’s diversity. All the players come from places all around the world. They have players from Latin America, The Caribbean, Canada, Israel, Europe, and from the United States. This mixture of people has been a good combination when it comes

to the team’s unity. Hernando also says, “The team has great potential to be an outstanding team. Everyone brings passion on to the field in order to see the team be successful”.

Noel Mendoza is ready to make a run at the NCAA championship. He said, “I believe that every match is important. No matter who we play, we have to play hard and leave it out on the field, and earn a good result”. Player Dmitri Pelts states, “One of our advantages is that we are a family and everyone supports and cares for each other. We have a wonderful and an extremely supportive coach, Guy Abrahamson”. The team still has 19 games followed by the MAAC tournament. That is enough time for them to make a run at something big.