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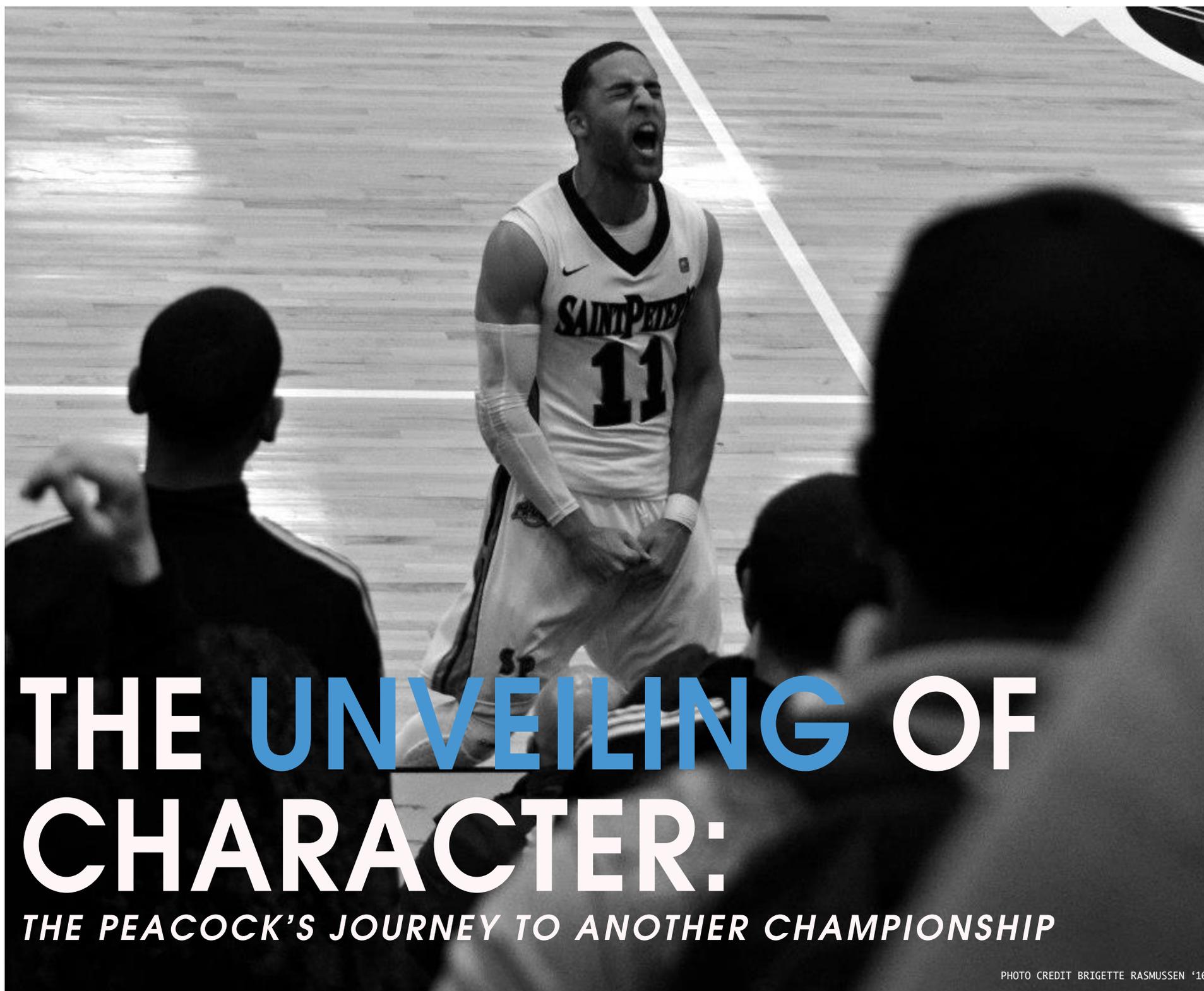
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THE PEACOCK'S JOURNEY TO ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP

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LESSONS LEARNED IN THE FALL

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For anyone who's forgotten, we've had a rough time of it since September. Between high turnover rates within the university, the ever-looming specter of student debt and the fear of being unemployed at graduation, as well as perhaps most notably Superstorm Sandy and her little brother the Nor'Easter, many students and university personnel feel like we're limping towards the end of the year.

If anyone asked me to repeat this semester, I would certainly and instantly turn them down. It's cliché to say that you learn the most important things outside of the classroom, but clichés start out

as truisms. I have learned the past few months, along with my course work in literature and communications, that reporting the news makes you unpopular, that people can be very difficult to work with, and that for every person you can rely on, you must be infinitely grateful -- even if the only person you can rely on is yourself.

That's what we're in college for, though, to learn. So although I wouldn't go back and live through the various storms of the past semester, I wouldn't trade the experiences. I wouldn't wish, as I might have done in high school, that I didn't have to come back after

break. And I certainly wouldn't wish that the world would end.

The most important thing we can learn is that life always goes on, really, no matter what. Science says so, in words way too complex for me to understand. Theology says so, as does (most) philosophy. Literature and journalism are both created and studied in the hope that it will go on. All areas of study are done either in an effort to preserve life or to enrich it. No one of any real substance walks around being aware of their demise and preparing for it.

That's particularly important to remember, whether you're trying to

A letter from the Editor

endure the last few days of a less than enjoyable class or trying to live it up before you're shoved out of college and into the real world of work. The world isn't going to end, not in our lifetimes.

Take a deep breath, get through your finals, and spend the time off with your family, friends, or even with yourself. As an old friend reminds me every day, "It's really going to be okay, I promise."

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THE PEACOCKS STRIVE TO MAKE UP GROUND

MEN'S BASKETBALL From Page 1

By LAURA REINHART
Sports Editor '14

"The returners had a bad taste in their mouth," Head Coach John Dunne expressed as he explained this year's transition from last seasons losing record. The Peacocks ended last year's season with a 5-26 record. Last year the squad was not only playing against their competitors but also injuries, a lack of size, and a small roster to begin with. This year the Men's Basketball program was ranked last in the Pre-Season MAAC poll. However, this is beginning to seem like a rather inaccurate ranking considering the big wins against Rutgers, Central Connecticut, and Cornell.

A huge impact this season will come from contributions from the new recruitment class. The recruitments this year bring talent, size, and depth. Coach Dunne mentioned the additions of Desi Washington, Chaz Paterson, Pat Jackson, and Elias Desport as strong

competitors for the Peacocks this season. Another point made by Dunne was the efficiency of the offseason as well as preseason. Head Coach Dunne said that the 2012 spring season was the best they have ever had and it was the first summer that they could have summer workouts due to NCAA regulations as well. This preseason has shown that the team is beginning to "mesh as a group, which sometimes takes time." The team chemistry is something that was also missing from last year's season as well.

Keyplayer, Desi Washington, also spoke to the importance of the team chemistry on and off the court as well as the spring season. His biggest tasks in the off season were "weightlifting, plyometrics, and individual skill sets." Washington also notes the importance of the preseason matches in terms of winning another MAAC championship when he said, "We will see where we stand and know how we have to come along as a team and make improvements."

While the last two games, Binghamton and Seton Hall, have not ended on a positive note, it is clear that the Peacocks have established themselves as a team to be reckoned with. "We learned from last season. I think you learn a lot about yourself and you see the character of the group when you go through a poor year. A lot of people say sports create character but I think it reveals it. When you're winning, character gets masked. Losing reveals it. The way we responded in the spring showed toughness and great character. We weren't content," said Dunne. The resilience the Peacocks have shown this year is impressive both athletically and mentally. The MAAC competitors may be in for a surprising taste of what Peacock basketball is all about.

For more information on the rest of the season for Men's Basketball, check out PauWow.com and SaintPetersPeacocks.com, where you can comment and share opinions with other peacock fans.



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Date	Opponent	Result
Nov. 9	at Rutgers	W, 56-52
Nov. 12	Central Conn. St.	W, 64-61
Nov. 16	at Cornell	W, 68-64
Nov. 18	at Binghamton	L, 62-54
Nov. 25	at Seton Hall	L, 76-61
Nov. 28	Fairleigh Dickinson	L, 66-61
Dec. 1	Boston U.	L, 74-66
Dec. 5	Iona *	W, 64-62
Dec. 8	Loyola (Md.) *	L, 61-55

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MEET THE ATHLETE

JAMEL FIELDS

By FRANCESCA RIZZO
Contributing Writer '14

• How long have you been playing basketball?

The first time I picked up a basketball was when I was 10 years old, and ever since then I haven't put it down. I didn't actually think I could play basketball in college, until I received my first scholarship after one my high school games.

• Who is your biggest role model as an athlete?

My biggest role model has

to be my grandmother. Sometimes I think she loves basketball more than me. Half of the time, she is telling me what's going on in the basketball world.

• What made you decide to come to Saint Peter's?

I felt like my career in basketball at Saint Peter's, with the coaches, teammates and teachers around me, made my future in life look bright, so I decided that Saint Peter's was where I wanted to be.

• What are some of the



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goals you have, both individually and for the

team?

My individual goal is to try and lead the country or be top five in steals and charges. As for my team goal, I just want to make everyone around me happy on and off the court, and WIN A MAAC CHAMPIONSHIP!

• If you could describe your team in three words, what would they be/why?

Ambitious, Funny and Dedicated - I've just never been around a bunch of guys who are all different and unique.

FAVORITES

• **Favorite movie:**
Love & Basketball/ A Walk To Remember

• **Favorite pre-game ritual:**
Take a shower as I listen to R&B before the game

• **Favorite quote:**
"I am glad I started from the bottom, so the only way I can go is UP!"

SGA GET ON THEIR FEET FOR FIRE AND ICE BALL

By ROSEMARIE DRISCOLL
Editor-in-Chief

SGA presidents are, but rather took the place of Damaris Medina, who stepped down from the position. Because of his late arrival, Miller missed early planning for SGA's events.

He also had to find a replacement Vice President. The position was taken by Greg McFadden after interviews by the organization's executive board, resume searches, and a vote in student senate.

Although winter semi-formal is the biggest event for SGA, their further plans include the winter tree-lighting ceremony on December 13, the Presidential Open Forums and involvement with the "Class Wars." Miller also expressed hopes for the Student Government to expand, "event-wise."

Students and key administrators put on their fancy dresses, ties, and dancing shoes on November 30 for the Winter Semi-Formal. Held at Puccini's Restaurant on West Side Avenue, the Winter Semi-Formal gave students the opportunity to enjoy fine dining, a photo booth, and of course, a DJ and a dance floor.

"The event was a success," said Student Government President Scott Miller. "Everyone had fun, especially while dancing, and they liked the food."

This year saw what was technically the first "Winter Semi-Formal," which replaces the "Presidential Ball" that the SGA has hosted for the last six years.

"It was called the 'Presidential Ball' when Dr. Cornacchia was first inaugurated," said Miller. Although essentially the same event, the formal dinner dance was then held to honor the school's new president. However, President Cornacchia asked for the name of the ball to be changed to what Miller admits is a less-catchy but more appropriate "Winter Semi-Formal."

Laura Reinhart, SGA secretary, says, "Cornacchia is all about the students. He's all about SGA."

His credit is not misplaced. Despite the weather-related setbacks that everyone on campus faced, SGA was able to pull the event together with as many attendees as they'd hoped for. According to Miller, most of the planning took place directly before and after Sandy.

Another challenge for SGA to overcome was that Miller was not elected last spring, as most



SGA Officials Laura Reinhart, Scott Miller, Tracy Sorriano, and Matthew Feeney

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Students dancing their butts off

PHOTO CREDIT DEAN ANTHONY SKEVAKIS

WE WILL NOT BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

By JOSE GOMEZ
Contributing Writer '13

It's that time of year again when loved ones will be reuniting around the Christmas tree. Memories and dinner will be shared and gift wrapping will be torn apart. Unfortunately, others will not have that chance this year. Work, distance, and family dysfunction sum up why Christmas will be different this year.

Stephanie Campian, 22, a front desk clerk for The Marriot Hotel in New York City, will be working late at night instead of heading home for Christmas.

"Most likely, I'll be getting out of work super late, buy a bottle of wine and spend it with my cat," said Campian. "It's the

hotel industry and seniority plays a big role. It's not like a restaurant or retail store. I'll get fired. Christmas is special to me, but as a full-time worker, my responsibilities come first."

Campian is not the only one with responsibilities. Tierra Eddy, 21, a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman, just switched duty stations so that left her little time to apply for leave.

"I'm a little sad, but I know there's nothing I can do about it," said Eddy. "It is weird because this will be the first time I'm away for Christmas, but I haven't spent the last two Thanksgivings with them, so I know I will be okay."

Between commuting from Crane, Indiana to Atlantic City, Virginia, and despite the

unfortunate news, Eddy will strive to find something to do on Christmas.

On the other hand, Sherrise Mollyk, 21, a student at Union County College, will not be celebrating Christmas at all.

"My family doesn't celebrate these holidays anymore, so I try to do something myself. We aren't close," said Mollyk. "I feel bummed because I see everyone celebrating as a family and I won't be able to have memories like that. I might watch movies in my room or I might go to the city and enjoy the view."

Christmas is a holiday to be shared and it is upsetting to see that many holiday goers will not be able to celebrate the holidays as they want to. But let's not forget that Christmas

is about hope.

Wherever anyone is, there is love and hope for all of us. Molly Delancey, 22, an alumna and part of the last graduating class of Saint Peter's College, is currently living in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. She is an example that happiness can be found anywhere during the holidays.

"I do not feel that bad about not being home for Christmas because I plan to go to the beach all day long!" said DeLancey. "It is not weird not being able to celebrate with my family this year because I like where I am right now. I don't know who I will be with on Christmas yet, but I assume I will be with friends that I have on the island."

Being away for Christmas

is not the end of the holidays. Make the most of it. Even though Christmas has changed for some this year, gift exchanges will still give warmth to a few hearts. Campian will be receiving and sending her gifts via email, but Eddy and Sherrise have different points of view on gift giving.

"I'm not sending gifts this year as well as I asked to not receive any gifts," said Eddy. "It's not as personal or special through the mail."

Mollyk will not be receiving any gifts this year. Her dog, Kiba, will be right by her side.

"My dog is all I'll need this Christmas," said Mollyk.

BUSINESS PEOPLE GET SOCIAL TO DISCUSS SOCIAL BUSINESS

Co-founder of Facebook Presents Keynote at Saint Peter's Business Symposium

By GARVEY POTTER
Staff Writer '14

Social media is a force that is reshaping not only the way that people are interacting with each other, but how businesses are interacting with their customers. It is no surprise that it was the topic of Facebook co-founder, Chris

Hughes', keynote speech and the central topic of the 41st Annual Regents Business Symposium, which was postponed for a month by Superstorm Sandy.

The Regents Business Symposium is a considerably large, annual event organized by the Saint Peter's Board of Regents to hold forums concerning topics of business. These forums are designed for audiences involving people of many backgrounds and it also serves as a networking opportunity for Saint Peter's students. This year, students, business people, and faculty crammed the Manhattan Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency to learn about social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, which have revolutionized how both big

and small businesses conduct their affairs in a society dominated by the Internet.

The speakers presenting along with Hughes were Patton Boggs LLP's Elissa J. Glashand, marketing strategist David Meerman Scott, and host of MSNBC's Your Business and co-founder of GoodSearch.com JJ Ramberg. Ernabel Demillo, current Journalism Professor at Saint Peter's University and a former host of Good Day New York, served as moderator for the event.

Hughes delivered the keynote presentation entitled "Social Business: It's More Than Just Facebook." In his speech, Hughes discussed the development of Facebook and the dramatic inaccuracies represented in the box office smash hit "The Social Network"



Facebook Co-Founder, Chris Hughes

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released in 2010. He also talked about how the social media site he created with Mark Zuckerberg and his other friends at Harvard was a project of great ambition and a simple, yet revolutionary idea that changed interaction on the internet to how we know it

today.

"I characterize it as the second most important revolution in human communications ever," said Scott, who has 10 years of studying social media to back him up. "The first most important was 547 years ago with invention of the printing press."

JJ Ramberg, an expert in

small business, finds social media to be an "incredibly important" element in any businesses plan to succeed. "If people aren't using it then they should take the time to learn how they can effectively use it," he said. "I think it's here to stay."

Along with discussing the biggest of the social media websites, less popular and

untapped networks, like Tumblr and Pinterest, were also brought up.

"I felt like the theme has been done before," said sophomore, Stephen Kenny. "But noticing who the speakers were and then coming to (event), my thought was reaffirmed that it was going to be a really in-depth, really mature look at it."

Following the theme of the

event, there were volunteer tweeters walking around with iPads that could help spectators at the event ask Chris Hughes and other featured panelists questions via Twitter and the hashtag "#RBS41."

Law firm Patton Boggs and United Way of Hudson County were among the dozens of sponsors for the event.



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SO... HOW WAS YOUR FIRST SEMESTER OF COLLEGE?

By DYLAN SMITH
Online Editor

The Pauw Wow asked four members of the Class of 2016 to share their thoughts on just how their first semester of college went. Through hurricanes and triumphs, here's the Class of 2016's thoughts on Fall 2012:

"[Saint Peter's] is an overall good school, academically [and] in terms of business. [I was able to experience] a lot of socializing and lots of networking. It's a very good school."

- **Donya Green, Class of 2016**

"After Hurricane Sandy, it was so horrible. I relied on upperclassmen for help. The Freshmen dorms felt like jail... I don't think the school was prepared. I mean, backup generators! Food! Come on!"

- **Ijeah Brown, Class of 2016**

"I can't complain... The CALL My freshmen year was good. Center [was helpful], with being able to get help with classes anytime you need [and with Professor] Barbara Melchione."

- **Amina Mustafa, Class of 2016**

"It was better than I expected... [I commute], so I just think there are ways the campus could be more entertaining for students."

- **James Stewart, Class of 2016**

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TOP 5 HOLIDAY FILMS YOU

By YARLEEN HERNANDEZ
News Editor

It's that time of year again! Time to dish out money on lavish gifts for your loved ones and get dragged to boring, holiday parties. Before the festivities officially commence, take some time out of your busy schedule to indulge in some holiday movies that will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit. I have compiled a list of highly-acclaimed, family-oriented holiday movies that everyone should watch this season and, coincidentally, make the perfect holiday gifts under \$10.

5. Love Actually

A Christmas-themed British dramedy that follows ten different stories whose lives are all intertwined. The film is comprised of a British ensemble cast that include Hugh Grant, Keira Knightley, Liam Neeson and Andrew Lincoln. The film's major focus and theme is love of all kinds (unrequited, family, romantic, etc). With scenes of grand gestures and heart-breaking moments, this Christmas movie will leave you wishing you lived in England along with all the other characters.

4. The Santa Claus

'The Santa Clause' begins with Scott Calvin (Tim Allen), an advertising executive for a Chicago toy company, enjoying Christmas Eve with his son, Charlie. After Santa Clause falls off the roof, Scott begins to inexplicably gain a massive amount of weight, grows a beard that cannot be shaved off and his hair turns white. Despite all of his efforts to avoid the transformation, Scott becomes Santa Clause and eventually warms up to the idea. Scott

tries to convince his ex-wife and new husband that Santa does exist. 'The Santa Clause' will bring back childhood memories and make you believe in St. Nick once again.

3. Elf

One of the funniest movies you'll ever see! Elf stars Will Ferrell and Zooey Deschanel as Buddy and Jovie. Buddy (Will Ferrell) believes to be an elf until he is told he is actually human. Buddy embarks on an adventure to find his father Walter (James Caan) in New York and has several setbacks along the way. Walter is skeptical when he first meets him. Buddy faces more tribulations when his child-like behavior causes issues for everyone around him. He flees from his father and runs into Santa whose sleigh has crashed in Central Park. Buddy and Jovie are able to attract a huge crowd who all begin to sing 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' and everyone's Christmas spirit reignites Santa's sleigh. Full of laughs and classic Christmas songs, 'Elf' makes the perfect holiday movie.

2. Home Alone 2



The movie 'Elf' can be purchased for under \$10 at Bed, Bath & Beyond

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DVDs on sale during Christmas

PHOTO BY YARLEEN HERNANDEZ

'Home Alone 2' exemplifies the perfect Christmas film with scenes in Rockefeller Center, Duncan's Toy Chest, Central Park, Carnegie Hall and Times Square. 'Home Alone 2' stars Macaulay Culkin reprising his role of Kevin McCallister along with Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern as the 'Wet Bandits'. Once again, Kevin's parents wake up late for their flight and rush to get to the airport. Kevin gets left behind again and he mistakenly takes a New York flight. Kevin's ingenuity allows him to get out of sticky situations but he continuously runs into the 'wet bandits' who have escaped from prison. He sets up his trademark booby traps to get away from the bandits. Kevin goes to the Rockefeller Center to make a wish at the tree and

he is reunited with his mother who knew that Kevin's love of Christmas trees would lead him there. 'Home Alone 2' is a heart-warming comedy that will bring out the kid in you.

1. It's A Wonderful Life

'It's A Wonderful Life' is a holiday classic directed by Frank Capra. The film stars James Stewart and Donna Reed who play George Bailey and Mary Bailey. The movie follows the life of George Bailey; a man who has always sacrificed everything for others. When George is fed up with everything in his life, he decides that he wants to commit suicide on Christmas Eve. Clarence, his guardian angel, saves him and shows him what life would be like without him for the people in

his life. George has an epiphany and realizes that he has made an impact on everyone he has ever encountered. He wishes to be alive once more and is grateful for his wonderful life.

Highly-acclaimed, 'It's A Wonderful Life' has become a traditional film to watch during the holidays.

As we await the 'prophesied' apocalypse, cozy up to a marshmallow hot-chocolate while watching one of these Christmas classics. Happy Holidays everyone!

*All of the movies mentioned are available at Wal-Mart, Target or Bed, Bath & Beyond for under \$10.

GALLERY OPENING:

STUDENT ARTISTS SHINE DOWN IN RANKIN

On November 29, Saint Peter's students put together a photography show in Rankin Hall, featuring Alan Binstock, Barry Schmetter, DB Stoval, and Christopher Brady. The front of the gallery takes viewers on a short journey through their own perception of how each artist sorts through what life presents them.

The interplay of color between Binstock and Stoval's pieces is an unexpected pleasure. While Binstock's work is luminous, multi-layered, and sometimes shattered, Stoval's is sharp and hyperclear, creating a quirky connection that is a lot of fun. Schmetter's more pensive black and whites moved viewers deeply. Brady's work is a group of photographs that celebrates the beauty of the human form.

There are some knock-out works in this show. As you who walk by the gallery in the back of Rankin, appreciate what you can see behind the large glass windows.

Photos and Text
- Cynthia Kwarula, Class of 2014





RISE OF THE GUARDIANS: A REVIEW

BY EMILY ALEQUIN
Arts & Lifestyle Editor

'Here comes Santa Claus', and about five other legendary characters that make this more than just a holiday movie!

Dreamwork's latest movie release, Rise of the Guardians finally came to theaters on Wednesday, November 21st and while there are worries over its box office profits and losses it does not fail to make an impression, in more than just one form, once you've seen it.

Following the book series The Guardians of Childhood by William Joyce, Rise of the Guardians has brought together 'The Big Four'; Nicholas St. North (Santa Claus) E.Aster Bunnymund (Easter Bunny), Toothiana (The Tooth Fairy) and Sanderson Mansnoozie (Sandman) and now the newest addition, Jack Overland Frost (Jack Frost)

After a short beginning sequence that shows the awakening of Jack Frost, the movie jumps 300 years into the future to modern day and at the famous North Pole where Nicholas St. North is preparing for the Christmas season less than a year away. A menacing omen soon interrupts his work, coming in the form of a dark



and haunting figure that is able to convince North of his fears that the terrifying 'Pitch' (or Boogeyman) is going to soon appear and wreak havoc and nightmares upon the children of the world.

A signal to call upon the other guardians is sent out by North and soon, the easter bunny, tooth fairy and sandman are all gathered to discuss how they're going to deal with Pitch, but not until a new guardian has been chosen to join them: Jack Frost,

only problem is that Jack has no interests in becoming a guardian or protecting anyone.

The movie's main concept can sound a little weird or even silly to many people who first hear about it, especially when they have to get passed the fact that the easter bunny is a six foot tall, boomerang throwing australian rabbit or that the tooth fairy is part hummingbird with millions of little fairy helpers who collect teeth for the memories of the child that it holds; but it is

actually a little deeper than that.

Jack Frost is practically the main character of this tale, but each of the other four legends definitely stand on their own when their entire existence begins to become threatened by Pitch's actions of bringing great fear back into the hearts and minds of children. Each character was able to present themselves as more than what the children believe them to be and despite the fact that they are guardians, they are just as

vulnerable when belief in them begins to falter.

Even the antagonist, Pitch, was not the usual completely cold-hearted villain of children's stories but instead broken and lost after having been long forgotten by the world during the turn of the dark ages. It's not just a story about fairytales fighting the boogeyman; it's a story about questioning, doubt, looking for a purpose and wondering if one is even welcome among others that claim to be just like them. All themes that sound like huge cliches' in the movie world but don't let that stop you because the animations of sequences like a battle of shadows and sand in the night sky or just the blowing of the icy, arctic winds through deep clouds will definitely keep your attention.

'Rise of the Guardians' is visually stunning and has such amazing attention to details in even the seemingly simplest things like sand, ice, feathers, clothing and yes snow. Overall, the movie is a feast for the eyes and more than effective in recreating the legends of childhood on the big screen in new ways, it's another one of those movies that aims at making you feel like a kid again while trying to keep your

WRAPPED IN A BOW: A GIFT GIVING GUIDE FOR THE SEASON

BY MICHELLE RAGHUNANDAN
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The holidays' are here, it's a time to spend your days with family and friends. Experience new holiday memories and reminiscence on old ones. The holiday season is the busiest time for shopping; getting a gift

for a neighbor, boss, friend, or family member might be tricky. Here are three of our gift ideas.

Savoring the Sweet Tooth

(Lee Sims Chocolate located on 743 Bergen Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306.) Everyone needs to Eat! From delicious chocolates to caramelized

popcorn, most students say they love something sweet to eat and Lee Sims is just the place to get a scrumptious treat.

Keeping Them Warm

Clothing has always been a gift from one to another. But what should one get? The weather for this season has

been anything but typical. Something such as a traditional cozy sweater makes for a practical gift. Show school spirit, by purchasing a school sweater for a fellow classmate or friend.

Being Thoughtful

Giving a gift to someone in need is always good. It could be

donating your time to a shelter, or participating in a fundraiser. Students and faculty alike are encouraged to go to Campus Ministry where the Angel Giving tree resides. Take an ornament from the tree and buy a gift for a child.

BILL COSBY COMES TO SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY

By JACQUELINE ALGARIN
Contributing Writer '13

It was a damp Friday night as people stood outside St. Aedan, the Saint Peter's Church, waiting in line to see Bill Cosby. The audience was filled with excitement and did not let the rain ruin the amazing show to come. Those who attended included many long-time fans, ecstatic to see Bill Cosby. The audience was diverse, spanning a wide range of age, race, and

culture.

The ambiance of the cathedral was more wholesome than in a typical stand-up comedy show. The room was filled with jazz music as well as people. The audience greeted Mr. Cosby with a standing ovation.

Saint Peter's University's President Dr. Eugene J. Cornacchia introduced Cosby, who wore a Saint Peter's College sweater. Cosby honored Dr. Cornacchia as well, admiring

the work Cornacchia has done with Saint Peter's University.

"When students enter Saint Peter's University they will not only receive a fine academic education, they will receive an education in spirit raising," said Mr. Cosby as he applauded Cornacchia.

During Cosby's hour and a half performance, tears of laughter rolled down the faces of audience members. Cosby spoke about love, marriage, and the battle between husband and

wife.

"I love him," said one audience member. She had been laughing throughout the show and praising Cosby's comedy.

Organizers say Saint Peter's Performance Art Center is an asset not only for the university but also for the surrounding community. Cosby's performance is a prime example of what will hopefully be a successful part of Saint Peter's life.

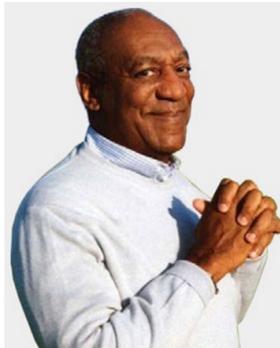


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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON: FROM CHRISTMAS LIGHTING ADDICTION TO ACCEPTING TERRIBLE GIFTS

By ROSEMARIE SUAREZ
Contributing Writer '13

Candy canes, family, greeting cards, blinding neighbors with decorative lights, fighting with the 89-year-old for the 50% off UGG boots, ahh.... the competitive spirit of Christmas.

Studies have shown that the holiday season brings out the best and worst of us. For example, there is the study by psychologist John M. Groho who spoke about "Christmas lighting addiction." Groho explained the addiction to be caused by an abundance of inexpensive lights and competition. Another factor is that it does not take a mastermind to put up lights. A cursory YouTube search of Christmas decorating shows not only a home whose Christmas lightning is synced, as if to cause a seizure, to the song "Gangnam Style," but also 4,250 videos of Christmas lighting displays.

Michelle Oh, a sophomore student, said, "We usually don't decorate our homes for Christmas due to laziness and simplicity. However, when I

was younger, our family bought a few decorations to bring out the holiday spirit. This also answers that we do not have a lighting addiction but rather now lack the Christmas spirit in us."

"I feel like gathering together and eating and just hanging out for Christmas is the holiday spirit. Usually everyone has their own thing, own business to take care of these days that a lot of people choose to do other things on Christmas day. It feels very heartwarming and nice to sit around talking and laughing all together."

If one cannot spend time with the ones they love or close friends, sending a greeting card has been seen as just effective. A study by Karen L. Fingerman and Patricia C. Griffiths showed that those who received large amounts of greeting cards had increased feelings of being socially wanted. The cards received were from peripheral ties, which were defined as those who were not family nor close friends, but daily acquaintances or those they have not seen in a year.

Though all adults showed emotional reaction, younger adults acknowledged their greeting cards merely as a form of maintaining social ties. Older adults received their greeting cards as a sentimental reminder of the past. The adults that were in the study were also characterized from their religious beliefs: Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, other, or none. No matter what religion one is in, being acknowledged results in a great feeling. So send a card to your professors or even give a card to the maintenance man at work; you never know how a simple card can impact a person.

Finally, we hear all the time that "it's the thought that counts". But scientists have found that terrible gifts and terrible relationships go hand and hand.

A study by Elizabeth W. Dunn and colleagues revealed that females who received terrible gifts from their partner were more likely to accept it with a positive outlook. Males who received terrible gifts from their partners lost the connection to their partner and told their partners they

did not like the gift. The males who did not like the gifts were more likely to lose interest in the females, due to the loss of similarity. So ladies, if you feel that the person you are with are "the one," make sure you know what "the one" likes, because they might not be "the one" next holiday.

"I feel that it is a time where the bond between people is the strongest, not mostly about gift, but mostly about spending



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time with the ones you love," said a senior who asked to remain anonymous.

The holiday season is about spending time and acknowledging the ones you hold close to your hearts. No matter what religion, gifts or addiction, the holiday season represents the best quality any human can have and that is love. No study needed to back that up.

END OF THE WORLD: DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SCIENCE AND PSEUDOSCIENCE

By PRAJWOL NIRULA
Science and Tech Editor

Among the oldest human civilizations, the Mayans built great architectures that surprise modern archaeologists. Their knowledge of astrology was great. Yet unfortunately in our times, their expertise of astrology, instead of fascinating us, has been used to instill fear - fear that the world is going to end on December 21, 2012.

The idea that action of human beings can have an impact on the global environment, or that an asteroid caused dinosaurs' extinction, is less than a century old. The awareness of the dangers from atomic warfare, population growth, global warming and biological warfare has materialized over the same period. Yet some claim Mayans shared this concern with us, and on the top of that, apparently predicted thousands of years ahead when the world would end. Though Mayan knowledge of multiplication and division remains contestable, Mayan calendar brought speculations

that the world is going to end.

The scientific community has been fighting back the popular reaction of fear generated by the prediction. It became imperative to take the necessary actions to save vulnerable populations, such as children, from this piece of misinformation. In order to put forward a strong case, every potential catastrophic event has been explored, and was consequently shown to have no danger on the scale required to destroy the world.

For instance, it has been convincingly affirmed that the possibility of a meteor hitting the Earth is nil, as with the help of thousands of telescopes scattered around the globe, we know of every astronomical objects that are near the Earth. Similarly, the 11 years solar cycle, related with sunspots and solar winds striking earth's atmosphere, is not in its peak in this month, and will not cause any serious effect. In addition to exhaustively disproving every case suggested, experts have even that the Mayan calendar does not end on December of

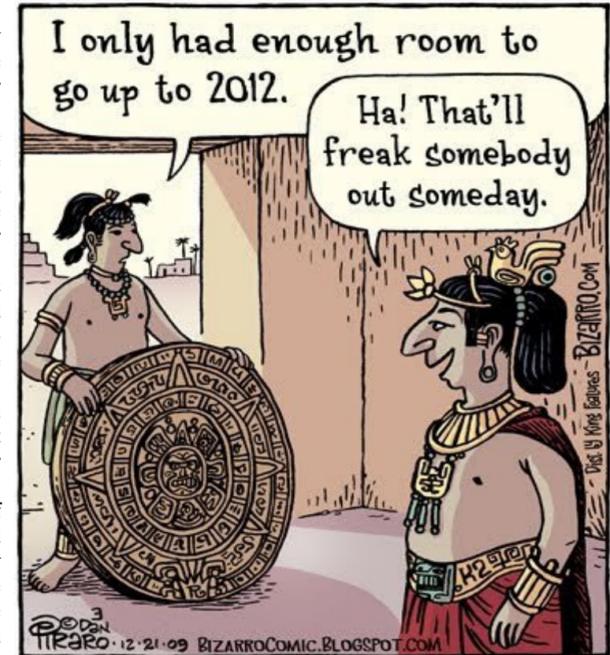


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2012, but rather continues and begins a new cycle.

The reactions to the prediction of end of the world is revealing about our society. The popularity of cataclysmic

prediction aside, the panic reaction shows a lack of ability to distinguish science from pseudoscience. In fact, decorated with data, Mayan prediction appears another

scientific claim.

What distinguishes the dangers of global warming from the prediction of the end of world is the purpose - science fundamentally aims to raise the awareness of individuals while pseudoscience exploits the irrationalities present within us.

Some businesses are using the opportunity to make their fortune in this process. They are selling comfortable underground bunkers, supposed to be safe during the time of catastrophe. It is rather sad to see how some people remain close to rational arguments, and allow themselves to be exploited.

Sheila Rabin, professor of history department in Saint Peter's whose interest lies in science history, said, "For me a true prophet is one who looks at the past, and says what must be changed."

Indeed, we have issues at hand that need more guidance than two-thousand-year-old, inconclusive Mayan speculation.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GADGETS OF THE 2012 HOLIDAY SEASON

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Do It Yourself: Electronic Design & Projects Kit

Projects Included:
Create a 5 volt power supply
Resistance for LEDs
Create a light sensitive noise maker
\$49.99 thinkgeek.com

Bio Lite CampStove

The portable camping stove/device charger converts heat from fire to electricity. The electricity is used to recharge USB-connected phones and other devices.
(\$129.00, biolithestove.com)

Mr. Roboto Kit

Mr. Roboto kit is a learning tool that teaches the process of Arduino programming.

What is included:
Mr. Roboto PCB with surface-mount components
1 x Mini LCD Screen
1 x6- Pin Right-Angle Header
1 x16- Pin Straight Header
2 x Super Bright Red LEDs
2 x 1kOhm Resistors
1 x miniature Photocell
1x TMP36 Temperature Sensor

1x Piezo Buzzer
1 x 2-Pin JST Connector
2 X AA batteries
1 x AA battery holder with power switch
(\$39.95, sparkfun.com)

Roxio: Game Capture HD pro
Captures : 1080 30p/60i
(\$139.99, microcenter.com)

Belkin Bluetooth Music Receiver

Music from your iPod or iPhone can wirelessly play through stereo or stand-alone speakers
(\$49.99, Belkin.com)

WE HAD A GOOD RUN

BY NICHOLAS MEDEROS
Managing Editor

As I'm sure you all know, the world is going to end in a few weeks. I know there are some of you who don't think that's true because there's no "scientific proof" or whatever, but there's no scientific proof that the next "Twilight" book will be bad, but we all know it's going to happen. Besides, I happen to have good information that proves that the world will end on December 21, 2012.

A friend of a friend of a cousin of mine once went to Mexico for vacation and, as we all know, the Mayans (who predicted the world would end) based their entire civilization in Mexico. Anywho, that person saw a rock that said "2012" on it so there we have it. Actual proof that the world is going to end in 2012. Who needs scientific proof when you have a sixth-hand account of what someone posted on her Facebook wall! Besides, who needs scientists? You know who was a scientist? Walter White from "Breaking Bad". Do you know what Walter White from "Breaking Bad" does in his spare time? He makes meth. Do we really want to get our sciences from people who make meth? I didn't think so.

According to what the Mayans predicted, with the help of some people with access to blogs, an object about the size of the planet is going to collide with the Earth and destroy us all. I know what you're thinking: "Nick, wouldn't we be able to predict something that big coming towards Earth?". Of course we wouldn't! All of the people who are usually looking into space for us have spent the last five months staring at live footage of Mars. I can't really blame them! Who wouldn't want to stare at the same dunes of red sand for hours on end with no



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change whatsoever!

So technically the Mayans didn't predict the end of the world. They made a calendar that stopped on December 21, 2012. Now a logical person would say that they either ran out of space or that they thought that making a calendar for the next several thousand years is enough. That's the problem. You can't use logic in this situation. When you're talking about the end of the world, logic doesn't make any sense! It's a life or death situation so you need to rely on instinct and panic!

Honestly, I think

this world is overdue for an apocalypse. All of the Twinkies are gone. Someone's named their baby Hashtag (#seriously). Honey Boo Boo is a thing. New York Police Officers are giving homeless people boots. The world is topsy-turvy as it is. If we don't get wiped out as a civilization now, we could see something insane happen like nuclear war or another Korean pop song making it onto Latino radio stations in America.

I, for one, am looking forward to the apocalypse. I don't have to buy any Christmas presents since I'm sure Santa

will be joining the Mars rover to avoid the giant "something" we haven't seen yet that's going to hit the Earth. I won't have to see the next episode of The Walking Dead (if they kill off Daryl, I'm ending the world myself). I've decided I'm going to teach my grandmother how the internet works, in Spanish, on December 22nd, and the best part of it all? I won't have to pay any student loans! It's hard to drown in debt when the planet is emptier than that feeling in your stomach when you see your old MySpace page.

I say embrace your last few hours! Tell loved ones

that they are loved. Tell hated ones... Actually, don't talk to the hated ones. Let them find out about the apocalypse the hard way... Watch that TV show you've always wanted to watch! Do your impression of Bane from The Dark Knight Rises on a subway car until other people join you! Personally, I intend to leave this world the same way I entered it... In a suit. Happy Holidays, Everyone! See you on the other side!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor:

The Pauw Wow encourages discussion, but does not guarantee its publication. We reserve the right to edit or reject any letter or feedback.

Send your letters to rdriscoll@mail.saintpeters.edu. Letters 500 words or less are more likely to be accepted and must include names, phone numbers, major and/or group affiliation and year in school of the author or authors. Phone numbers and addresses will not be published.



An important part of being a Catholic school is being committed to promoting abstinence instead of birth control. If Saint Peter's promoted birth control the way public colleges promoted it, I would personally feel cheated

Having read the latest issue of the Pauw Wow, I have to say that the only disappointment I found was in hiding respectable writing from the entire team behind two pages of what I consider to be charged, hostile tabloid. And I am also surprised to hear the publication dismissing criticism of it behind the phony veil of "We are the truth."

Nobody expects you to

as a Catholic. Fitzgerald's article makes the school's refusal to give out birth control as a negative, when to me, and possibly other Catholics who are committed to abstinence, it is a positive aspect.

Also, why wasn't an article promoting abstinence featured? While abstinence is likely not the first choice of college students, they at least have the right to information about the Catholic Church's official position on sex, especially since they attend

print ONLY positive articles in the paper. However, you are expected not to be anti-university either. Your articles should be fairly neutral. And your anonymous testimonies and occasional diagram are not the "truth" as much as filler material. Contrary to whatever you may believe, "my hands sweating on the steering wheel of my mother's borrowed car" is not news. It's drama.

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This issue attempts to address a major social problem but rapidly falls to phrases such as "[the campus's] hands are tied by the Church" and "the difficulties of receiving both birth control and a Catholic education." Surprisingly, very little of the article focused on those problems beyond comparing us to Rutgers. Nothing flows from it; it's stagnant. Just that we're being

a college affiliated with the Catholic Church. Living in a culture infatuated with sex, an article about abstinence would be a refreshing change. Another point to consider is that the sexual practices that the Catholic Church promotes

stymied by the Pope since we're Jesuit. And what did you seriously accomplish by stating that we don't have statistics on how many SPU students have STD's? Should we be concerned?

I refer to your 2008 archived publications as a sign of how the Pauw Wow now is lacking. If your articles were "issues" rather than "news," there would be less of a problem.

in the Humanae Vitae wasn't just a random decision, but one that was carefully considered.

*Anonymous,
Class of 2016*

However, keep in mind that you are a campus publication, and the majority of your readers work or learn here. We don't appreciate it when a small group of individuals appears to be depreciating what we've paid for.

Sean Block



SEE YOU IN THE SPRING (HOPEFULLY)