Class of ’04 Arrives at CUA

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The Orientation program commences today as an expected 600 new students arrive on campus for the 2000-2001 academic year. According to Director of Undergraduate Admissions Michelle Petro, The Catholic University class of 2004 is made up of about 550 students, which is a 33 percent decrease from last year’s freshman class of 816.

Petro said they expect about 50 transfer students to arrive this week as well, constituting an almost 50 percent drop from last year’s expected 96.

Petro noted that the majority of the students (about 350) are enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences. A little over 50 new students will join the School of Architecture, while 60 are in Engineering, 51 in Music, 13 in Nursing, and nine in Philosophy.

According to Petro, there are about 80 “open” majors in the class of 2004, and most students in Arts and Sciences are enrolled in the traditionally popular majors—business, politics, history, and communications.

The male/female ratio of the class of 2004 is not quite 50/50, according to Petro. She said the ratio is closer to 47/53.

The average high school GPA and SAT scores for the class of 2004 are slightly higher than that of last year’s incoming freshman class. The average GPA is 3.35, which is up .03 points from last year. According to Petro, the average SAT score is between 1160-1165, which up from last year’s average of 1158.

This is the first year that the Admissions Office used a “personal assessment” ranking system in the enrollment process. Petro said that this type of assessment has allowed them to “learn more about the individuals” who applied to the University.

The whole person assessment considers such factors as club involvement, leadership See Freshmen, page 7

University Fears Union Protests at Orientation

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The University is locked in a year-long labor dispute with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), who represent CUA maintenance and custodial workers. Worried that the union might organize demonstrations this weekend, the University has sent letters to the incoming freshmen and their parents, according to Victor Nakas, the University’s new public relations director. The workers’ contract with the SEIU expired 14 months ago.

The University maintenance and custodial employees have been represented by Local 1 of the SEIU. According to Nakas, the representation dispute began after the University received a letter of correspondence from former Local 14 President Shirley Grasty, indicating that University employees were being transferred from Local 14 to the larger, more powerful SEIU Local 82.

Nakas said that employees approached the administrators saying the transfer had occurred without their consent and questioned its legality.

“[The employees] asked us, ‘Can they do this?’”

said Nakas. The University directed the employees to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the agency that enforces federal labor laws.

According to SEIU Union Representative Kathleen Hanedy, “The employees were not transferred... That can’t happen unless the workers decide.”

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O’Connell Appoints Persico to President’s Office

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University President Rev. David O’Connell has appointed Frank Persico as Assistant to the President and General Secretary of the University. In his new position, Persico will take on many of the responsibilities that were previously fulfilled by former Vice President and General Secretary of the University Vincent P. Walter, who passed away earlier this month.

Persico, a CUA alumnus, has been at the University for 30 years, serving various positions such as Executive Director for Academic Relations, Dean of Students, and most recently as Associate Dean for External and Student Affairs at The Columbus School of Law.

Persico said he is “excited about Rev. O’Connell’s leadership of the University” and that he is looking forward to joining the President’s Office. He said he hopes to have a lot of contact with students in his new position, and that he intends to help “present the University in a good light.”

O’Connell spoke of Persico’s experience in a CUA press release. “He has always impressed me as a representative of the very best of CUA. His many years of service here have equipped him well for working with all the thousands of students who seek or require the attention or involvement of the President of the University in their activities,” he said.

Persico earned his bachelor’s degree in speech and drama and master’s degree in higher education administration from Catholic University. Persico noted, “One of my greatest assets is that I’ve been here so long.”

This past spring, O’Connell also appointed Victor Nakas to the position of executive director of Public Affairs and University spokesman. He replaces former director Anne Smith, who retired last year.

Nakas, who joined the University on May 15, earned his bachelor’s degree in political science and history from the University of Michigan and his master’s degree in Russian/Soviet history from George Washington University. He most recently served as communications manager for the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Of his new position, Nakas said, “I am delighted to have joined the Catholic University community. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work for a

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See What Brookland Has to Offer

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DC offers everything a student could want, but sometimes what you need is right under your nose. Sure there's Georgetown and Dupont and Pentagon City, but before you get too overwhelmed don't forget the Brookland neighborhood. You don't have to travel far for last minute supplies, a bite to eat, or a place to shoot the breeze.

Brookland, also labeled the "Little Vatican" for its many houses of religious study, acquired its name from the Brooks family who owned a large portion of the surrounding area. Colonel Brooks, a government agent and local legend, built theBelair mansion for his wife.

Today, pictures of early Brookland hang in the Colonel Brooks Tavern, dubbed "Brooks" by CUA students. "Brooks," now a popular watering hole and restaurant for students and faculty alike, has been both a storefront church and a bookstore in years past.

Colonel Brooks Tavern is not the only place for eats and evening entertainment. Ellis Island, Island Jim’s Tiki Bar and Crab Shack and Johnny K’s are several popular CUA hangouts. Occasionally, live music can be heard drifting through Brookland’s sleepy streets.

Just a few blocks over on 12th street is the heart of the Brookland neighborhood, sitting with many small establishments. A CVS drugstore provides toiletries, snack foods, and other necessities. Or if you’re in the mood for a good book, BookMarkIt carries a wide range of used books from classics to philosophy. BookMarkIt is a great place to browse on a Saturday afternoon or pick up a few bargains on books that may be out of print.

For a quick bite, try Subway or Pizza Matt located also on 12th street. CUA students can be found here late after a night on the town or early in the afternoon for a noontime meal. Students can also walk Taylor Street where a 7-11, Chinese take-out, and Domino’s Pizza are located near the DuFour Center.

The Pizza Quest
All I wanted was a piece of pizza. That’s what got me into this mess.

It was the first week of school of my freshman year and I was feeling extremely discombobulated from the surplus of new faces, new places and the plethora of other "new" options I had acquired since arriving at Catholic. Frankly, I was exhaust- ed from it all. They had made going to college seem like some great adventure, but all college was was a major headache. I felt lost in the crowd.

So, I was incredibly desperate and searching for meaning in life as I trudged up the steps to Spellman 5, where in the stairwell I spied a poster advertising “Free Pizza.” I have to admit, after sampling the dining hall cuisine, it caught my eye. Then I read the fine print. "I have to go to a newspaper meeting!" The picture just changed.

The truth was, I had always been very involved in theatre in high school, and I wanted to try my hand at something different. I was definitely not the only one that I climbed the steps to The Tower and found myself in a room full of other nervous fresh faces, and a bunch of waiters that called themselves the "Ed Salad!. They were goofy and loud, but the thing was, they looked like they had a lot of fun. Before I knew it I was signing a piece of paper saying I would write an article.

I was so excited, I was going to be famous. I worked really hard on my story, "New Vans for Safe Ride and Campus Ministry," an oh-so-exciting topic. So come Wednesday night when I turned it in and watched people watch the mirror as I passed it up, the sign in the stairs will have changed my college experience.

So as you enter this University keep in mind that things WILL be different than they were before. But in the effort of exploring new territory, take the time to get involved and discover who you want to be here. You just might get more out of it than free pizza.

-Lisa Frailing
University Community Mourns Vincent Walter

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Vice President and General Secretary of Catholic University Vincent P. Walter, jr. was killed when struck by an automobile on Wisconsin Avenue on Thursday, August 3. In response to his tragic death, the University held a memorial mass on Friday, August 4, which was attended by more than 300 people, according to a press release issued by the Office of Public Affairs. The standing room only mass was held in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Many members of the University were stunned by the news of 62-year-old Walter's death. He had worked with a great deal of the University community during his 28 years of employment at CUA.

Upon hearing of Walter's sudden death, University President Rev. David O'Connell issued a statement saying, "The entire University community mourned the tragic passing of a man whose presence will leave a void that cannot be measured in words. I can only say that he was unflagging in his dedication to his beloved alma mater, a relationship that began during his childhood years at the campus school."

Construction for University Center, Res. Hall Underway

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Plans for the construction of the new university center, the Prybyla Center, are on schedule, with completion of the building still expected for the fall of 2003.

According to Dean of Students Margaret Higgins, the plans for the Prybyla Center are still in the design phase, which is where Higgins expected to be at this point in time. The design phase will last until December.

If plans stay on schedule, the design of the Center should be finished by Christmas. Higgins hopes to have an idea of the costs of construction around the same time. Depending on the costs, the design may or may not be altered after that date.

Construction on the building is expected to begin sometime in February or March. Community meetings, which included administration, staff, faculty, students and alumni, had last February to provide suggestions for the design of the Prybyla Center, named after long-time benefactor and alumnus Edward "Eddie" Prybyla. Bohlin Cwyinski Jackson Architectural Firm, the Wilkes-Barre, Pa. firm selected to design the Center, is expected back on campus around the third week of September for another community meeting to go over the designs for the Center and to hear suggestions for improvements.

Construction of the new residence hall complex on North Campus is now moving into phase two as workers begin building on the front side of the Regan and Ryan halls. According to Director of Housing and Residential Services (HRS) Maeghan Brune, phase one of the project, which consisted of putting in sidewalks outside of North Dining Hall running to the backs of Ryan and Regan, has been completed on schedule.

Because of the construction on the front lawn of Regan and Ryan, the card readers and access points have been moved to the back areas of these buildings, where the fire emergency doors will serve as the main entrances until construction is completed. "We want to keep all student traffic in the backside of the buildings," Brune said.

During the construction this summer, a water main break caused back-ups in Centennial Village (CV), specifically in Engelhard House. According to Brune, the water damage in some rooms slowed the renovation process. However, she said that the new carpets should be installed by today.

and that there was no "substantial damage" to the rooms in Engelhard.

During the summer, students living on the east sides of Ryan and Regan halls were offered the option of moving to avoid the noise and dust that will be occurring on that side of the buildings. Brune said that some, but not all, residents chose to move.

Brune said that construction will continue through next summer, as the residence hall complex is scheduled for completion by the fall of 2005. The Sherman R. Smoot Corporation was chosen to handle construction of the new complex.

The new residence halls will provide apartment-style housing for approximately 345 students. HRS also made improvements in other residence halls and areas of campus this summer.

Call boxes are currently being installed outside of each house in CV. Brune said she hopes this change will reduce instances of propped doors in CV.

Other housing improvements made over the summer include new carpets and repainting in Lingelhard, Camilita, and McDonald, all new furniture in Walton and Magnier, new windows in Gibbons, and new lounge furniture in various residence halls throughout campus.

HRS Changes Parental Notification Policy Regarding Alcohol Violations

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The Office of Housing and Residential Services (HRS) has implemented a new policy regarding parental notification of alcohol violations.

In the past, HRS would notify the parents of a student after his/her second or third alcohol violation, or after a serious violation of the HRS alcohol policy. Now, according to Director of HRS Maeghan Brune, parents will be notified by mail after the first offense in all cases.

Brune said that the policy was changed because by the time students reach the second or third violation, their housing status may already be in jeopardy. She said that HRS felt that parents should know initially, so that if a student's housing status were to become jeopardized, the parents of that student would be prepared.

She also mentioned that some parents in the past have expressed to HRS that they would have preferred to know of their child's violation early on instead of after the second or third time.

According to Brune, notifications will be sent by mail after a student is found to be responsible for the first violation. Parents will also be notified by mail for every violation after that. In rare serious cases, such as those involving the hospitalization of a student, parents may be notified by phone.

According to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the University may disclose student record information to a student's parent(s) if the student is claimed as a tax dependent of the parent.
Univ. Sells Computers Directly to Students

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According to the Center for Planning and Information Technology (CPIT), Catholic University's efforts to sell computer directly to the students has yielded positive returns in its first two and a half months of operation.

Last April, CPIT announced its plan, called the Student Computer Acquisition and Support Program (SCASP). The program was designed to give all CUA students the opportunity to purchase Compaq or Apple computers (either desktop or laptop models) through the University that are better equipped to use the University network than the average home-bought model.

Since the program was first offered, the University has sold almost 1,000 units, according to Vice Provost for Information Technologies Peter Murray.

According to information published by CPIT last April, the computers offered through the program include extra software programs purchased by the University, as well as preconfigured hardware which is compatible with the University's residential computing network.

Students who purchase a computer through the school have been promised on-site service from either University staff or technicians from ComputerWare, a Sunnyvale, Calif.-based computer retailer which is also providing the computers in the sale.

According to Murray, if something goes wrong with a computer bought through the program and the computer problem can not be fixed at home, a "loaner" computer will be provided until the problem with the student's machine can be resolved.

Students who purchased a computer over the summer break had the option to have the machine delivered to either their home or on-campus residence. At press time, the CPIT staff was hoping to set up the computers on the desks of the students who chose to have their machines sent to campus before they arrive this weekend.

According to Murray, computers are still available and students are directed to visit http://computing.cua.edu for more information.

University Maintenance Workers Respond to Union Controversy

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Local 14 Trustee Emilie Jung said that "the University jumped the gun" and that the transfer of the University employees was "under discussion... We were proposing a transfer.

According to Jung, the former president of Local 14, Granny, was "incompetent," misunderstood the situation and contacted the University. Granny, a union appointee, has since been removed by SEIU.

After CUA administrators directed the custodial and maintenance workers to the NRLRB, two petitions were filed by a "substantial number" of employees to "decertify," or end their relationship with the union.

University employee Dan Weir said, "I personally feel it's the fault of the local to begin with... The University has been supportive of me... I don't like the union."

Nakas said that over 80 of the 130 affected employees sent memos and letters to the University Human Resources Department, asking that union dues no longer be withheld from their paychecks. Both the petitions and the letters occurred "without any prompting or urging by University officials," according to the letter drafted by Nakas and Vice President for Administration Sue Perini to Orientation participants.

Handry said that employees filed the petitions of decertification in the mistaken belief that they were merely asking that their union dues no longer be withheld. "They want the union, they just want an account of where the money is going."

In The Tower's interviews with several University employees, none were willing to talk about the petition.

Because of the petitions filed by the maintenance and custodial workers and the written requests to the Human Resources Department, the University no longer recognizes SEIU as representing the employees and refuses to negotiate until the matter is settled by the NRLRB, Nakas said.

"We could not recognize 82; that would be to break faith with our employees and a possible violation of the law," said Nakas.

Representatives of the SEIU say that there was no transfer between locals, and Local 14 still represents the CUA custodial and maintenance workers.

Handry said that even though the contract expired last month, it remains in effect.

"The University is trying to treat it as if there is no union and there is," said Handry. "All the University administrators have to do is come to the table." SEIU representatives tried to contact the maintenance and custodial employees on campus, but the University has told public safety officers to escort the representatives off campus for trespassing.

The University said in a press release that "no private employer is required or expected to conclude a labor organization—particularly one with which it has no relationship—to enter its property to engage in solicitation activities without its consent."

The release said that the labor union representatives "are free to contact CUA employees... so long as the employees and the Local 82 representatives are on public property."

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DPS Introduces New I.D. Cards

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New identification cards will be issued to all returning and new students, faculty, and staff members in order to comply with a newly computerized I.D. system instituted by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

According to Director of Public Safety James Forney, DPS has been looking into making this change for about two years. He said that the transition to the new system is very expensive, and therefore the final decision had to come at a time when "the budget was right."

According to Forney, the budget allowed DPS to make the switch at the same time the University administration decided to use new identification numbers in its Cardinal Students database.

Therefore, the new I.D. system will no longer use a student's social security number for identification, but will rather use the same seven digit number used in the Cardinal Students system.

Forney said that because social security numbers will no longer be used, the new student identification system should provide more security and privacy for students.

Of the new cards, Forney said, "It's a very good system. We are able to produce the I.D. cards much more easily."

The cards will serve the exact same functions as they did before, providing student access to their meal plans and the library facilities, among other things.

DPS has established a schedule for distribution of the new cards, which will take place in Leahy Hall. Incoming freshmen and transfer students are scheduled for August 24-26. Returning students can replace their old I.D. cards over the summer, and faculty and staff distribution will begin on September 15.
Enrollment for Freshman Lower than Expected

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The incoming freshman class consists of about 550 students, which represents only 69 percent of the class size projected by the Office of Admissions. According to their estimates, 800 students were originally expected to enroll for the 2000-2001 academic year.

As of February 15, the Admissions Office had received approximately 3,000 undergraduate applications, which reflect an increase of about 45 percent from the previous year.

At that time, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Michelle Petro, told The Tower that about 78 percent (2,000) of the applicants would be accepted, and from that number she expected about 800 to enroll.

However, by the end of April, the University had received only 380 deposits from students intending to enroll, a sharp decline from the 500 deposits received by the same time the previous year.

Despite such a decrease, former Dean of Enrollment Management John Dolan still projected that about 750 students would enroll by June. He and Petro had attributed the low numbers to a delay in the mailing of financial aid packages to students.

Yet only 550 students, roughly 69 percent of the expected 800, now comprise the class of 2004.

Petro said that the projection of 800 students for the class of '04 was accurate for the amount of applications that had been submitted.

From past records, Admissions is usually able to estimate what percentage of applicants will accept admission. "We thought 800 would be an easy reach," Petro said.

However, noted that the number of applications for the 2000-2001 academic year may have been inflated because of the new "Cardinal Red" program.

In October, prospective students were given the opportunity to apply using a special "Cardinal Red" early action application, which waived the essay and application fee.

This application was sent to high school students with a GPA of at least 3.0 and/or SAT scores above 1100.

Petro said that because this application required neither a fee nor an essay, many students who applied were not actually interested in attending the University.

Therefore, the extremely large number of early applicants may have been somewhat deceiving in projecting the number of students who would enroll.

Petro said that Admissions most likely will discontinue the Cardinal Red program this year. She said that they would aim for higher enrollment for the next incoming class, but she also said that Admissions was not necessarily "disappointed" by this year's class size.

"We are thrilled that these 550 people are here. We know that they made the right decision," she said.

Petro suggested that the class of 2003's unusually high enrollment rate may have been an aberration, and that perhaps the University is "best suited for a class of about 600 students."

USG Exec. Board Sets Goals for the Semester

USG, from page 5

USG president Rashaun Martin said she would like to hold meetings for the various student organizations to provide them with strategies for remaining "fiscally on task." She said she hopes to prevent overspending and frivolous spending on the part of the student organizations.

The Academic Branch's main goal, according to Butler, is to finalize the Honor Code, which has been in the works for about two years. Butler said the final version should be ready sometime in October.

He also said that the Academic Branch would like to sponsor more "tangible" programs for the student body, such as field trips for individual majors.

Summer Protests Prompt University to Seek Injunction

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University was also concerned because they received complaints of harassment by SEIU representatives from University employees.

Handy said, however, that it is the University that "continually harasses and intimidates University workers and labor union members." SEIU representatives maintain that they should be allowed on campus, and that it is difficult to reach workers outside the University. "The SEIU representatives come up to me on campus and I tell them I am not interested...I do not want any of them coming to my house," said University employee and carpenter John Harris.

The SEIU held several demonstrations this summer protesting "poverty wages" paid by CUA to custodial workers.

The University sought an injunction to stop the largest demonstration held on Michigan Avenue in front of the University, saying it was concerned that the demonstrators would spill out into the road, block access to the University and disrupt rush-hour traffic. A federal judge denied the request.

"We didn't try to stop the demonstration." - Victor Nakas
University Spokesman

Nakas said, "We didn't try to stop the demonstration." He said the University was merely concerned about the traffic situation. He said that SEIU has also "indicated they would be back during Orientation."

Jung, however, said that the University spent upwards of $20,000 to stop a "completely legal demonstration...peaceful"

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Personal Assessments Show Interests of Incoming Frosh

Freshmen, from page 1 potential, church/volunteer activities, and sports. It also took into account the amount of advanced placement and honors courses a student took in high school, and the academic strength of the high school itself.

These factors were considered in the admissions process, in addition to GPA and SAT scores.

According to Petro, the personal assessments have allowed the University to have a better overall idea of the kinds of students making up the class of '04.

"This is a class that is filled with leaders," said Petro of the class of '04.

She said that many students were captains of sports teams, involved in student government, and held other leadership positions in their high schools.

She also noted that they are "really community service oriented."

However, Petro also said its recruiting efforts this year.

- The incoming freshmen's lower-than-expected class size has somewhat affected the on-campus housing patterns this semester, according to Director of Housing and Residential Service (HRS) Meghan Brune.

She said that during the room selection process last spring, HRS was very strict in making sure that enough space was left for the large projected number of incoming freshmen.

However, when they found out in May that the numbers were going to be much lower, Brune said that HRS sent letters to all returning students who were not planning to live on campus.

In response, about 150 additional returning students decided to live on campus.

Brune said that HRS also opened up some housing in Spellman to city interns. Some graduate students will be housed in Spellman as well.

Altogether, Brune said that the residence halls are filled "almost at their capacity."

Freshman residents are living in Unansa (the freshmen Residential College), Conaty, Spellman, Gibbons, Ryan, Regan, and Flaherty halls.

"This is a class that is filled with leaders."

- Michelle Petro
Director, Undergraduate Admissions

O'Connell Names Deans for Philosophy, Nursing

Appointments, from page 1 Catholic institution and to share the good news about CUA with various internal and external audiences.

"Academics"

Earlier this summer, O'Connell appointed two new academic deans.

Rev. Kurt J. Pritel, former interim dean, is now the dean of the School of Philosophy. Pritel had been serving as the acting dean until this summer, when he was appointed the official replacement for former dean Jude Dougerry.

"It's a big honor and I'll try to do my best," Pritel said of his appointment. He also said that he plans to continue teaching one course per semester, alternating between graduate and undergraduate courses. Pritel has taught in the School of Philosophy for 30 years and specializes in ancient philosophy, especially the pre-Socratics and Aristotle.

CUA alumna Ann Marie T. Brooks was appointed dean of the School of Nursing. She replaces outgoing dean Sister Mary Jean Flaherty, who will return to the faculty of the nursing school.

Brooks earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees in nursing from Catholic University, and she has a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola College in Baltimore. She also was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Award from the CUA Alumni Association in 1998.

O'Connell expressed his enthusiasm for Brooks' appointment in a CUA press release. "Dr. Brooks brings with her to the University excellent credentials, a wealth of experience and a commitment to the institution's Catholic mission," Brooks' experience includes leadership positions at The Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital in Baltimore, Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, the University of Rochester's School of Nursing, and King Fahal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Dale M. Herold has been selected to replace former Dean of Enrollment Management John Dolin, who left the University in June for a position.
College Finance 101: How to Survive First Year of Financial Independence and Still Have Fun

Mary E. Gorry  
Tower Staff

It is a familiar scenario: college student leaves for school with what seems to him to be a small fortune in his bank account, ready to face the world on his own for the first time in his life. It's not long before one realizes what is wrong with this scenario. First, about that small fortune. It's smaller than you think. In fact, it doesn't even qualify as a minuscule fortune, or any fortune for that matter. Second, facing the world on your own means that your bank account and the money in it is the only thing that is financing your first steps away from Mommy and Daddy and their much better bank accounts.

I, too, have been in this position. In fact, I'm in it again this year. Right now, my finances seem to be stretching comfortably from here until past May and the end of school. Experience, however, has taught me that a) unfortunately, money doesn't grow on trees, and b) also unfortunately, almost everything you could possibly think of and even some things that you can't, cost something. This means that along with making new friends, getting along with a roommate, living away from home, and learning to pace homework and reading assignments, college offers one other important lesson that before long, you will learn, like it or not: how to make do with limited funds.

A major temptation to spend and a contributor to the financially challenged state of college students is the credit card. While many college students handle their finances well, there are those who find that they are soon carrying a rather large balance on their card. If you have a credit card, save it for emergencies. Or if you use it often, keep good records of all your expenses, so that you know who you have to pay, when, and how much. A good rule to remember is, if you can't afford it, don't charge it.

If you find yourself getting overwhelmed, don't panic. The United States Student Association, an organization dedicated to helping students become smarter money managers, recommends that any student who feels they need help managing their personal finances should visit the website www.credittalk.com. This website is designed to assist college-aged credit card users with the tools that help them manage finances and avoid debt.

Aside from credit cards, there are still many other areas where living off limited funds can become a problem. If you're used to your parents paying for meals out, or lending you cash for that sweater you wanted or that movie you wanted to see, then you're going to quickly realize how many little luxuries you've taken for granted (a hard lesson I learned all too well).

At the same time, you will realize that a lot of little, inexpensive things add up: the change you spend on the residence hall vending machine, the movie you took in at Union Station last week, the metro ticket you bought to visit your friend at George Washington University.

My advice: budget, budget, budget. Make an outline of weekly or monthly expenses. Figure out how much money you have and what that amounts to spending every week or so. Decide how much you want to spend in a month, how much you want to still have left in your account by the end of the semester. You probably won't stick to it, but it will give you a better idea if you're spending excessive, by how and where to cut back, and prioritizing what you want to be spending your money on anyway.

You may realize at some point that your money is running low, and that there is still a lot you want to do. In that case, you may want to get a job. There are plenty of restaurants, stores and other establishments in the city where students can find work.

You may want to look for something close to the Metro or near to campus. Union Station would be a good place to start looking. Numerous job can also be found right here on campus.

For information, visit the CUA Career Services Office in St. Bonaventure Hall. For those of you, like myself, reluctant to spend any sort of free time in a place of employment despite the warp-speed dwindling of your bank account, there remain options whose only cost is that of a mere Metro ticket: concerts on the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center, every day at 6 p.m., are free events, and the Smithsonian museums, which in themselves you could take four years to explore and never see the same thing twice, likewise require no cash.

The important thing is to be aware of how much you have to spend, and what things cost. You may have to cut back. You may have to sacrifice. You may have to prioritize, but as you can see, there are many options for the financially challenged state of the college student, and you can still have fun. Don't let it overwhelm you, we're all in this together.

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Appointments, from page 7 at the University of Denver. Had been working at Fairleigh Dickinson University since 1990, where she held various positions in the Admissions and Financial Aid Office. She served as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Dean of Enrollment, Vice President for Enrollment, and most recently as Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. She will officially join CUA Admissions on September 15.

Housing
The Office of Housing and Residential Services (HRS) announced several personnel changes for the new academic year. According to Assistant Director for Residence Life and Judicial Affairs Jonathan Sawyer, two Resident Directors (RDs) have been hired to provide more professional support to certain areas of campus, and to allow for more direct contact with students.

Malinda Clatterbuck has been named RD for Central Campus and Ann Carey is the RD for Centennial Village. According to Sawyer, RDs have responsibilities similar to those of Area Coordinators (ACs), but relative to a smaller number of residents. Sawyer said that Elizabeth Varner is still the AC for Centennial Village, Ursula Heron has moved from Central to North Campus and Bill Fox is the AC on South Campus.

Campus Ministry
Campus Ministry added Father Brad Heckathorne to their staff in order to assist with graduate student ministry. According to University Chaplain Rev. Robert Schlaeger, the Campus Ministry staff felt that the graduate community needed more attention than they had been getting in the past. Schlaeger said they are now “very excited” to have a priest dedicated to graduate student ministry.

Heckathorne spent the last twenty years working with high school students and he said he is “really looking forward to working with an older age group.” He has already planned an evening of recollection for the students at the Columbus School of Law in early September.

Campus Programs
The Office of Campus Programs has hired replacements for the positions of Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations and Assistant Director for Programming and Student Organizations, that were vacated earlier this year by Sean Weaver and Tammy Ray, respectively.

- Brad Thomas is the new Assistant Director for Programming and Student Organizations. Thomas comes to the University from Georgia, where he recently completed the master of education in College Student Affairs Administration. Thomas has been very impressed with the talent and motivation of the students that he has met in the few weeks that I have been here, and I look forward to working with them to provide programming and leadership opportunities to the campus community,” Thomas said.

- Christopher Bruce, the new Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations earned his master’s degree in college student personnel at Loyola University Chicago. "I’m excited about the variety of responsibilities and challenges my new job offers," Bruce said.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

UP-COMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 24
Freshmen: Meet with your RHA Campus Presidents at your floor meeting.

Thursday, August 24
Granny Smith Game Night. Stop by the RHA soda table.

Sunday, August 27
Upper-classmen: Meet with your RHA Campus Presidents at your floor meeting.

Sunday, August 27
Sunday August 27
Get to know RHA at our open house.

Thursday, September 7
Kickoff DC Weekend with our Ben and Jerry’s Ice Cream Social

Check out our Fun and Exciting Website! http://housing.cua.edu/RHA

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Making a difference in campus living!

The Residence Hall Association was established to serve as the representative body of the resident students at The Catholic University of America to the Office of Housing and Residential Services.

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Clip and Save
University and Labor Union at a Stalemate

NLRB Investigating Unfair Labor Charges Against University

Labor, from page 6 and non-violent."

The University maintains that the only way to settle this dispute is to allow the employees to vote in a secret ballot conducted by the NLRB, so the employees can make a "free and uncoerced choice of who would represent them," said Nakas. According to the letter to the new students and their parents, the University "pledges unconditionally to abide by the results of a fair and free vote supervised by the NLRB."

The SEIU filed charges of unfair labor practices against the University last November, alleging it has "refused to bargain, refused to meet with union's bargaining representatives."

As a result of these charges filed with the NLRB, any actions concerning the decertification petitions, including a secret ballot vote by employees, is put on hold until the investigation by the NLRB is completed.

"We can't vote to say yes or no to the union's representation because they got it tied up in court," said Haws. According to Nakas, SEIU can allow a vote to occur while continuing to press charges, but has not done so.

"Why have they not called for an election? I think that is where Local 82 should be challenged. The reason they are not calling for an election is probably because they have serious doubts they are going to win," said Nakas.

Jung said, "These charges have indeed blocked the decertification petition because we believe that the petitions were fraudulently obtained and that the University has engaged in actions which destroyed the possibility of a free and fair vote."

According to Haws, a vote "would not be colored... The University has poisoned the well by threatening University and union workers.

Jung said the vote would take place in "an atmosphere of fear, because [SEIU] doesn't have total access to the workers and the University does." She said the University is attempting to "hide behind the NLRB process."

Nakas said that the NLRB election is a secret ballot and that the claim that there would be an "atmosphere of fear" is an "absolute falsehood." He said the labor union representatives could contact employees off-campus and that no action has been taken against those employees who are in outspoken support of SEIU.

An official in the NLRB Regional Office in Baltimore, who asked not to be identified, said that a petition of decertification is "normally" followed by a vote by the employees concerned. But because the unfair labor charges were filed in this case, there would not necessarily be a vote even if the SEIU requested one. The NLRB would decide whether to hold an election because the decertification petitions add the same issue as the unfair labor charges under investigation.

The NLRB official said that if the unfair labor charges are found to be invalid, then the decertification petitions would be dropped and there would be no need for a vote. But if they are found to be invalid, meaning CUA withdrew recognition properly, there would be no need for a vote either.

"With the nature of these charges, a vote is unlikely," he said.

He said that the investigation of the NLRB is in its final stages and will "hopefully" be completed in the next 30 to 60 days.

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Sure, in the biblical sense, it's the perfect date: free food, and nothing to lose for your time. That's not what we mean here, though. The Tower is CUA's best source for news on campus, and it's a whole lot of fun too.

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Times Change... So Should Your Newspaper
# Museum Guide

The museums on the National Mall are a great way to spend a day. The museums are free, and most are close to CU's campus. The Smithsonian Institution Complex is the largest museum and research complex in the world, holding over 140 million pieces.

The Information Center is located in the Castle. Hours are 9am to 5:30pm daily, except for Christmas day. For information, call 202-357-2700 or visit the Smithsonian's Website at [http://www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu). There are several Metro stations around the Mall.

## Smithsonian Castle

This regal, red building, houses the Smithsonian Information Center and many of the Smithsonian administrative offices. There are two orientation theaters featuring a 24-minute video overview of the Smithsonian, electronic wall maps, interactive touch-screen programs about the Smithsonian, and scale models of Washington and its famous monuments. The Smithsonian Institution's first building, the Castle was completed in 1855.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue or Orange)  
**Address:** 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Air & Space Museum

Most popular of the Smithsonian museums, the Air and Space Museum has numerous galleries where you can view hundreds of airplanes, spacecraft, missiles, rockets, and other flight-related artifacts. Highlights include a Mars Pathfinder model, the Wright Flyer, Spirit of St. Louis, Apollo 11, Command Module, touchable moon rock, and the Hubble Space telescope model. The restored Enola Gay, the plane from which the US dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima to end World War II, is also on display.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** L'Enfant (Blue, Orange, Green)  
**Address:** Independence Ave. & 7th, SW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Arthur M. Sackler Gallery

This museum's permanent collection includes art from China, South and Southeast Asia, ancient and Islamic Iran, Korea, Tibet, and Japan. Highlights include Chinese jade and bronzes, ancient Iranian silver, Persian manuscripts and modern Japanese prints.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue or Orange)  
**Address:** 1050 Independence Ave, SW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Hirshhorn Museum/Sculpture

This museum focuses on modern art, and is housed in an eye-catching cylindrical structure, with an adjoining plaza and sunken sculpture garden on its grounds. Highlights include large sculptures by Rodin, Moore, Matisse, Smith, and Cragg in the garden and paintings in the galleries by Hopper, Stella, Washol, Nusray, and O'Keeffe.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** L'Enfant (Blue, Orange, Green)  
**Address:** Independence Ave. at 7th, NW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Portrait Gallery

Trace U.S. History through representations of the men and women who contributed to its cultural, political, scientific, and military development. Portraits ranging in time from Pocahontas to President Bill Clinton are on display. The museum is located in the same building as the Archives of American Art and the National Museum of American Art. Visit the Hall of Presidents to see paintings by Gilbert Stuart and John Trumbull. You will also find portraits of famous performing artists and athletes.

**Hours:** Closed for renovation until January, 2003  
**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue or Orange)  
**Address:** 8th & F Streets, NW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Museum of Natural History

See examples of thousands of ancient modern and mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles, insects, and sea creatures. Learn about dinosaurs, marine ecosystems and Native American cultures. Highlights include the Hope Diamond, a life-size blue whale, an African bush elephant, and the Discovery Room.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** L'Enfant (Blue, Orange, Green)  
**Address:** Constitution Ave at 10th, NW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

## Museum of African Art

The only museum in the country devoted to the collection, exhibition, and study of African art, it includes traditional arts of Africa south of the Sahara and of Northern Africa, and the contemporary arts of the entire continent. A major research and reference center, the museum houses a photographic archive and research library.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue or Orange)  
**Address:** 950 Independence Avenue, SW  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300
MUSEUMS OFF THE MALL

Seemingly, there are two reasons to see the world famous museums in Washington: your first visit to the District, and when relatives come to town. Either way, D.C.'s museums are worth a visit. These museums are not located on the mall, and span from art, to criminal justice, and even the National Zoo. All of the museums are free, and most are Metro accessible. Call each individual museum for more information. The Holocaust Museum and the Newseum are the newest museums in D.C. and are very popular, so plan accordingly. Good luck!

**Corcoran Gallery**

Washington, D.C.'s oldest museum and one of the three oldest museums in the country, the Corcoran has an extensive collection of American and European art work. Located one block from the White House and a short walk from the Washington Monument, its permanent collection includes both European and American Art, contemporary art, photographs, prints, drawings, and sculptures. Introductory tours are given weekdays at noon, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2:30 p.m.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., $3  
**Address:** New York Avenue & 17th, NW  
**Metro:** Farragut West (Blue or Orange)  
**Phone:** (202) 638-1439

**National Archives**

You won't take a long formal tour here, but it's still worth it to walk through to see famous documents like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and Bill of Rights, which are on permanent display. You can also see the "American Originals" exhibit which showcases compelling and significant documents in American History. The displays change periodically. Currently on display is an original copy of the Magna Carta, signed by King John in 1215, outlining early British rights.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free  
**Address:** Constitution Ave & 15th, NW  
**Metro:** Archives/Navy Memorial  
**Phone:** (202) 501-5000

**Freer Gallery of Art**

Located on the south side of the Mall, this museum contains Asian art with pieces dating from the Neolithic times to the early 20th century. The gallery also houses art by 19th and 20th century Americans. Other highlights include Chinese paintings, Japanese lacquer, Indian manuscripts, Korean ceramics, and Islamic metalware. An underground exhibition gallery connects the building to the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery of the Smithsonian.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Address:** Independence Ave. at 7th, NW  
**Metro:** U Street (Yellow, Green, Blue)  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

**Museum of American History**

This museum, created by an Act of Congress in 1980, examines and interprets American achievements in building and exhibitions and public programs. See the permanent exhibit "Washington: Symbol and City," which presents a history of the district's buildings and architecture, including the monuments. Also, view another exhibit, "Between Fences," which gives a history of fences in America. Tours are given at 12:30 p.m. weekdays and 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. weekends.

**Hours:** Closed for renovation until January, 2003  
**Address:** Constitution & 14th, NW  
**Metro:** Smithsonian (Blue or Orange)  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

**National Cathedral**

Pierre L'Enfant first proposed a 'great church for national purposes' when he drew up his plan for the city of Washington following the American Revolution. More than a century later, construction of Washington National Cathedral began. The Cathedral is non-denominational, and is the second largest church in America. It is one of the last truly Gothic cathedrals built in the world, and integrates new images in the old Gothic style. Currently on exhibit is a display of President's relationships to the Cathedral. Guided tours from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., free  
**Address:** Mass & Wisconsin, NW  
**Metro:** Tenleytown/AU (Red Line)  
**Phone:** (202) 357-1300

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Get a first-hand look at how federal law enforcement investigations are conducted. See various exhibits laboratories and witness gun-shooting demonstrations. One hour tours are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Hours:** 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., free  
**Address:** 10th and E Streets, SW  
**Metro:** Metro Center (Red or Orange)  
**Phone:** (202) 633-9701

**Holocaust Museum**

Save a large block of time to visit this museum. A walk through the main exhibit can take anywhere between two and four hours. While small displays on the ground floor are open without securing advance tickets, it is worth your while to wait outside for advanced tickets. Distribution of free, timed-entry passes begins at 10 a.m. and continues until the end of the day. Each visitor is limited to four passes. Passes can be obtained in advance, for a small fee, through ProTicket.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Address:** 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place  
**Metro:** Metro Center (Red or Orange)  
**Phone:** (202) 488-0400

**Ford's Theatre**

View displays in the permanent collection of the famous theater where Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President, was shot during a performance in 1865. Walk across the street to the Petersen House where Lincoln died shortly afterward. Reenactors of Lincoln's shooting take place 15 minutes after every hour.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free  
**Address:** 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place  
**Metro:** Metro Center (Red or Orange)  
**Phone:** (202) 488-0400

**The Newseum**

With its interactive media center and exhibits commemorating the evolution of media, the Newseum is a museum not to be missed. Exhibits of interest range from Bob Woodward's notes about Watergate to one of the original Gutenbergs Bibles. The interactive media center allows visitors to be editors, reporters, or White House correspondents.

**Hours:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wed.-Sun.  
**Address:** 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington  
**Metro:** Rosslyn (Blue or Orange Line)  
**Phone:** (703) 284-3700

**National Zoo**

Approximately 5,000 animals of nearly 500 different species live at the Zoo, a 163-acre biological park. About one-quarter of the Zoo's animals are endangered, and many are part of international programs to preserve endangered species. "Amazonia," an exhibit surrounding species from South America, and "Think Tank," an interactive exhibition on animal thinking are currently on display.

**Hours:** 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., free  
**Address:** 3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
**Metro:** Woodley Park-Zoo (Red Line)  
**Phone:** (202) 673-4717
USG...RHA...you see their signs hanging in the residence halls, you read about them in The Tower, but who are the faceless people behind the signs. Here's a who's who guide to student government at the Catholic

The Undergraduate Student Government

**President**
- **Rashaun Martin**
  Official representative of the student body; liaison between students and administration.

**Academic VP**
- **Peter Butler**
  Official Spokesperson of the academic branch; liaison between the students and the CUA Academic Board.

**Judicial VP**
- **Joseph Montiero**
  Serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the Student Judiciary.

**Legislative VP**
- **Stephen Shatz**
  Presides over all meetings of the Legislative Branch.

**Treasury VP**
- **Sarah Mowatt**
  Liaison to the financial officers of the university; signs monetary requisitions; oversees USG's operating budget.

The Residence Hall Association

**President**
- **Keith Kozak**
  Liaison between the students and the Office of Housing and Residential Services.

**VP**
- **Robyn Eason**
  Holds the duties of secretary and treasurer of the RHA.

**NCC**
- **Megan Collett**
  Liaison between National Councils and RHA as National Communications Coordinator.

**Dining**
- **Shevon Scarafili**
  Addresses the concerns of students regarding the quality of food services as Dining Services Advisory Board Chair.

**Housing**
- **Stephanie Lorenzen**
  Addresses the concerns of the students regarding residential housing as Housing Concerns Committee Chair.

**Campus Presidents**
- **North Campus**
  - **James M Asci**
- **Centennial Village**
  - **George Sinnott**
- **Central Campus**
  - **To Be Announced**
- **South Campus**
  - **Elizabeth Crum**

Representatives of the respective campus residents' needs and concerns; responsible for encouraging and promoting RHA programs.
Metro's Best Bets

This is not New York, and our subways are not even close. METRO is one of the best ways to get around Washington. It’s quick, convenient, and cheap... that’s three things every college student looks for. So seize the day, grab a few bucks and utilize these Tower tips for METRO’s Best Bets.

Shopping???

You'll find socks, shoes, CD's, and all the other essentials of life at Pentagon City, a five story mall complete with movie theatre and food court. City Place is a haven for bargain shoppers with Payless and Nordstrom's Rack to name a few. And if you cannot live without the new Star Wars light saber, head to the FAO Schwartz in The Shops at Georgetown Park.

City Place: Red Line to Silver Spring
Crystal City: Blue/Orange Line to Crystal City
Filen's Basement: Red Line to Farragut North
The GAP Outlet: Blue or Yellow Line to King Street
Hecht's: Red Line to Metro Center
Pentagon City Mall: Blue/Orange Line to Pentagon City
The Shops at Georgetown Park: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom (walk into Georgetown)
Wheaton Plaza: Red Line to Wheaton

Let's all go to the movies!

Looking to catch the latest movie? If you are short on cash, try the movies at Union Station with their student discount price. Or, head to Georgetown and see a movie at the The Foundry which shows older movies for $2.50. Feel like splurging? Go to the Uptown Theatre with it's large screen and balcony seats.

AMC Courthouse: Blue Line to Courthouse
AMC Union Station: Red Line to Union Station
Cinema Odeon Dupont Circle: Red Line to Dupont Circle
The IMAX at the Air & Space Museum: Blue/Orange Line to Smithsonian
The Foundry: Orange/Blue Line to Georgetown
Kennedy Center's AFI Theatre: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
Sony Dupont Plaza: Blue or Yellow Line to Pentagon City
Uptown: Red Line to Cleveland Park

NEED A TRIM!!!

Let's face it, while some opt for the scruffy look, sometimes you have to get the bangs or the sideburns trimmed. These are two of the Tower's favorite spots to get our manes groomed.

Bubbles: Red Line to Union Station
Blue/Orange Line to Pentagon City
Harlow's: Red Line to Dupont Circle

Let them eat cake...

And drink coffee too.

You’re in DC now. Coffee is cool. When the caffeine attack strikes, don’t fight it. Stop by the Coffee Beanery or the Starbucks in Georgetown as you stroll along M Street. Or, for the end to a perfect evening, try The Cheesecake Factory.

Animal Crackers: Red Line to Woodley Park/Zoo
The Cheesecake Factory: Red Line to Friendship Heights
The Coffee Beanery: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
Cap'n Crunch: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
Food for Thought: Red Line to Dupont Circle
Kumma's Books and Afterhours Cafe: Red Line to Dupont Circle
Soho Two and Coffee: Red Line to Dupont Circle
Starbucks Coffee: They're everywhere... seek and ye shall find.

Politics and Prose: Red Line Cleveland Park (maybe you'll see the President)

Etc...Etc...Etc...Etc...Etc...Etc...

And here are all the random places that you'll want to go to to make yourself feel at home and places that will show you the less mentioned parts of D.C. From your drugstore needs at CVS to the often overlooked Einstein Memorial, there are places the Metro puts you in touch with. Have fun, explore the Metro and learn to navigate the city.

Barnes & Nobles: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
Best Buy: Blue or Yellow Line to Pentagon City
Borders: Blue or Yellow Line to Pentagon City
Buffalo Billiards: Red Line to Dupont Circle
Canoes of Thompson's Boat House: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
CVS: Red Line to Dupont Circle; Red Line to Silver Spring
The Einstein Memorial: Blue/Orange Line to Smithsonian
E. Scott Fitzgerald's burial site: Red Line to Rockville
Giant Food Store: Red Line to Silver Spring
Kemp Mill Records: Red Line to Dupont Circle
Kite Flying by the Washington Monument: Blue/Orange Line to Smithsonian
M Street Hsll: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom
National Zoo: Red Line to Cleveland Park
Tower Records: Blue/Orange Line to Foggy Bottom

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Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety employs over fifty officers to protect the different areas of campus. Students can take advantage of the campus bus as well as a campus escort service during the evenings and early morning hours when buses are not in service. Students can call x511 for a campus escort or emergency.

Members of the campus community should become familiar with the location of the security telephones on campus. Lifting the receiver connects the user to the Department of Public Safety.

Public Transportation

The Metro rail and Metros are an inexpensive, convenient means of getting around the nation’s capital. "Metro" provides a coordinated transportation system in and around the metropolitan area including Suburban Maryland and Virginia. Fares for normal hours are usually $1.00.

Metro Hours:
- Mon.-Thurs., 5:30am - midnight
- Friday, 5:30am - 2am
- Saturday, 6am - 2am
- Sunday, 6am - midnight

Peak (Rush) Hours: Mon.-Fri., 5:30-9:30 am and 3-7 p.m.
Off-peak hours are all other times and federal holidays.

Food Services

Sodexo-Marriott Services operates several facilities on campus. North Dining Hall serves all meals seven days a week. Cardinal’s Nest Food Court operates on a cash and meal basis from 7:30 am - 7:30 pm, Monday-Friday. Other services include: The Loft convenience store and the Raishkeller pub/cafes.

A valid CUA ID must be presented at each meal or admission will be denied. See the student handbook for complete meal schedule.

Identification Cards

Student identification cards are issued by the Department of Public Safety to all undergraduate and graduate students. The card is required for admission to most university events, athletic events, and libraries. The cards are also required to vote in most campus elections. Students should carry their cards at all times. The Department of Public Safety urges all students to safeguard your identification card at all times.
Welcome and congratulations on choosing The Catholic University of America. While no introduction could be entirely comprehensive, this guide will answer some frequent questions, highlight some things you may want to know, and help you get your bearings on campus.

**Athletics**

The Raymond A. DuFour Center is a modern fitness facility for students. The complex consists of four basketball courts, five handball/ racquetball courts, a sixty-three 25-meter swimming pool, three volleyball courts, Nautilus, weight training, and an indoor jogging track. The site also includes athletic fields and tennis courts.

**Hours of Operation:**
- Monday-Friday: 8am - 11pm
- Saturday: 10am - 6pm
- Sunday: noon - 6pm

**Tobacco Policy**

As of this year, all buildings on campus, non-residential as well as residential, are non-smoking buildings. Students should smoke in designated common areas outside of buildings.

**Cardinal Station**

CUA is the only university in the District large enough to have its own zip code: 20064. Cardinal Station operates a contract station of the United States Postal Service, a student mail room for pick-up services and a campus mail room. Packages delivered to students are kept in the mail room until the student picks them up.

**Hours of operation:**
- Regular window services: 9am - 4pm
- Parcel, accountable mail: 10am - 3pm
- Residential mail delivery: 10am - 5pm

**Alcohol Policy**

Students who are under the legal drinking age of 21 may not drink or possess alcohol in the residence halls. Housing and Residential Services staff will require individuals violating the alcohol policy to dispose of the alcohol. Any room whose occupants are both underage may not have alcohol in the room at any time (includes their guests). Multi-quart and other large containers (ie, kegs) are not permitted in the residence halls. Parents will be notified after the first offense. See Student Handbook for complete policies.

**CUA Libraries**

All students are entitled to use the facilities and services of the university's libraries. Students with valid CUA ID cards may apply for library privileges at the Circulation Desk in Mullen Library.

All students have the privilege, upon application, of borrowing directly from member libraries of the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRRC) using the ALADIN online catalog system. Online card catalog and free access to LexisNexis services are also included. Consult the Circulation Division, Room 108, Mullen Library for further details.

**National Shrine**

Adjacent to campus is the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Catholic church in the United States and seventh largest religious edifice in the world.

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**Campus Computing**

The Center for Planning and Information Technology provides computing services for CUA. Users areas are located in Leahy (24-hours), McMahon, Pangborn, Flatter, and Conaty Halls. ResNet allows for fast network connections from residence hall rooms.

CPIT has also launched home.cua.edu, a resource for students to find their class schedules, registration information, student accounts and more.

**University Center**

University Center is managed by the Office of Campus Programs. The center is a daily gathering and meeting place for the university community. Various programs and services are provided through the center including the Dean of Students, Disability and Commuter Services, and more. It is also the home of The Loft convenience store, Cardinal's Next Food Court, and the Main Lounge. UCUWest houses offices of The Tower, Cardinal Yearbook, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Assoc., WCUA, and other student organizations.
Editorial

Finish What We’ve Started

Once again, a new academic year is starting, and as we all know, it’s important to start off on the right foot.

For all the new freshmen, this year means a clean slate, a chance to start anew, to decide who you want to be and how you want people to know you.

For returning students, this is your chance to finish what you started here at CUA, to look at what you didn’t get to do last year, and to plan accordingly.

Even the powers that be at our beloved university are using this opportunity to set goals and make plans to better our school, as well as our collective experience during the next nine months. Already, plans are in the works for the new student union as the construction crew works on adding another residence hall.

To help deal with alcohol abuse problems on campus, university policy was amended and training is taking place to allow those enforcing the policy to be effective. Administration, faculty, and students are all working together to change our attitudes and perceptions about alcohol abuse and its effect on the CUA community.

While these projects are still in their early stages, the fact that they are being developed shows that the university is recognizing the need for improvement and acting on that need.

Making plans and setting goals are terrific ways to start off a new academic year. But if you are not truly committed to those goals and plans, if you do not act on them when the opportunities arise, then they will always be just another item on your “To Do” list for the year.

So for all the members of the CUA community, let’s start today to make this a year we can look back on and be proud of what we were able to achieve.
Margaret M. Higgins

I am privileged to be among the many who welcome our new undergraduate and graduate students, our returning students, and their families to the CUA campus. You have been invited to participate in an academic and personal environment which encourages success. For others I have yet to cross paths with, I welcome you to stop in (Room 252 UCE), approach me on campus, or email me at Higginsm@cu.edu.

I ask four things of you in the upcoming academic year:

1. Seek the services that will support your personal and academic growth. CUA is alive with activities and programs designed to support your holistic development. See if you are unsure of where to go, ask a Resident Assistant, Campus Ministry House Member, Computer Assistant, Graduate Student Association Executive Board member, refer to your Student Handbook (on the web or in print) or call the Dean of Students office at extension 5619.

2. Let us know how we are doing. As a student, you are the most important part of our work. As a family member, we are interested in assisting you as you support your student. So, if you receive great service, let that person know, tell their supervisor, and let me know. If you are not happy with your interaction, follow the same steps. Students: use your undergraduate and graduate student governments to channel your concerns. Parents: contact the Parents Council. You can assist us by becoming part of the solution.

3. Become involved. You will be bombarded with opportunities to join the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate Student Association, Parents Council, one of more than eighty student organizations, or a peer education effort. When you have experienced following, consider becoming a leader.

4. Give back. You only need walk in the door of Campus Ministry to be immediately flung into community service. People on campus also need you. If you are academically gifted, work at ATLAS and become a student tutor. Spread the word about CUA by becoming a tour guide. You can be a campus host for Admissions. Parents, consider becoming a Regional Representative. Or, simply do what is most important: thank someone, say hello to someone, or ask to sit with someone who is alone during a meal time.

In return, I, along with Maryse Horblit, Rose Queen, and the staff of the Dean of Students Area, am committed to joining you in making the most of your experience at CUA. We will listen to your feedback and attempt to incorporate your ideas into our planning. We will support your curricular involvement. Each day, we will work to assist you when you are challenged, when you get off track, have no idea what you are supposed to do, are just plain overburdened, or are just plain tired.


Margaret M. Higgins is the Dean of Students.

Your Home Away From Home...

Meaghan Brune

On behalf of the Office of Housing and Residential Services, it is my pleasure to welcome you to The Catholic University of America and the residence halls. We are excited to have new students joining our residential community and to welcome back our returning residents! This is a particularly exciting year for our office as we will watch the construction of the new residence hall on North Campus adjacent to Ryan and Regan Halls.

Your college years will be filled with fun, excitement, challenges, and memorable experiences. You will undergo a period of intense intellectual, emotional, and personal growth, not only in the classroom, but 24 hours a day. The Office of Housing and Residential Services strives to supplement and enhance your classroom experiences.

The staff of HRS is dedicated to complementing your academic experience by providing opportunities to participate in a variety of intellectual, cultural, spiritual, recreational, and social programs. Resident Assistants live on each residential floor and are trained to help you with your adjustment to campus. A full-time Area Coordinator and/or Residence Director is responsible for the management of each residential area. This staff is available to assist you with academic, personal, and social concerns. As a staff we are eager to enhance your experience in the residence halls positive and rewarding.

Living on campus will provide many opportunities to become involved in the CUA community. I encourage you to get to know other residents on your floor, in your building, and throughout campus and to begin developing new friendships. Explore involvement opportunities through leadership positions available with the Residence Hall Association or earn some spending money through employment opportunities available in our office. Both of these avenues will enable you to have an impact on improving residence hall living.

Remember, this is your "home away from home." Take advantage of the opportunities to become involved in hall programs and leadership opportunities. Challenge yourself to meet new and different people and develop an appreciation of the diversity of our community. Be open to learning new things. Do not hesitate to contact a member of the staff if you have any questions. I hope that you find living on campus to be a positive experience. Have a great year!

Meaghan A. Brune is the Director of Housing and Residential Services (HRS).

Seizing the College Experience

John J. Convey

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students. As you begin your academic year, I hope you will begin your new academic year. This is a special one in many ways. In addition to experiencing the beginning of the new millennium, a new freshman class and recent construction designed to serve students better bring an air of excitement to the campus. I wish each of you success in your academic program this year and during your entire time at the university.

I extend special greetings to our new freshmen, the members of the class of 2004. I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the opportunities provided on campus. In addition to applying yourself fully to your classes, participate as completely as you can in the intellectual, cultural, social and service activities that are offered by the various schools and departments, the Division of Student Life and the Office of Campus Ministry. Attend lectures, enjoy programs produced by the School of Music and the Department of Drama, get involved in the service program, join a campus organization, and take time to relax with your friends. These experiences will help you manage the challenges of your academic program and the transition to college life. Best wishes for a successful freshman year!

When you come to The Catholic University of America, you join a community of scholars and friends. You will meet a distinguished faculty who work hard to provide a challenging, but also friendly and supportive atmosphere to help you reach your potential. You will find here a community of people dedicated to the pursuit of truth, the fostering of values, and the promotion of service. I invite each of you to do your part to maintain that environment that will help each of us grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, aesthetically and ethically.

John J. Convey is the University Provost.

Crime Prevention: A Community Responsibility

Lt. Linda M. Vann

The Department of Public Safety would like to welcome all parents, freshmen, transfer and returning students. To explain a little about the direct concerns of the Department of Public Safety, the safety and security of personal and property of the CUA community is our primary responsibility.

For More Information... The Department of Public Safety
Visit: www.cua.edu/police
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The Department of Public Safety uses a community-oriented problem-solving patrol philosophy. Community-oriented policing is a philosophy of policing based upon the concept that police officers and citizens can work together in creative ways to solve problems related to crime and the fear of crime. The ultimate goal of community-oriented policing is the prevention of crime. Crime prevention is the tool to implement policing efforts. The cooperation of involvement and personal support of the campus community in campus safety and risk reduction programs is crucial to its success.

Campus Police provide patrol service 24-hours a day, seven days a week, along with other risk reduction services such as personal escort and shuttle bus services. Crime prevention/risk reduction programs are ongoing throughout the year. The CUA Annual Report and the DPS web site provide a complete description of all services provided by the department. DPS looks forward to working with the entire campus community for a safe school year. Crime prevention is everyone’s responsibility.

Lt. Linda M. Vann is the Crime Prevention Officer for the Department of Public Safety.
Starting the Year Off Right: USG Welcomes the Class of 2004

Rashaun Martin

Welcome to CUA andGreetings from the USG. As the President of the Undergraduate Student Government, I welcome you on behalf of your fellow studentsmates to our university family as the Class of 2004. Being a senior, I’m sitting here thinking, “Whoa! I remember when I was a freshman.” Let me be the first to tell you: Don’t worry! Be happy! I know it is cliché, but it’s the truth. You are in good hands and you picked a wonderful institution to further your education. You will meet people from all around the world. Some from small town America and others from major cities. There will be so much to learn and experience, you’ll be happy that you came. However, with change comes challenge. I know you have a million questions and are wondering how and if they all can possibly be answered. Like I said, don’t worry. We will do the best we can.

But, you know what? One of the best ways to learn about our university is to get involved. Our school and your experience will only be as good as your participation in its well-being. That is where the Undergraduate Student Government comes in! The USG is made up of roughly 100 students both elected and appointed, participating on four different branches in service to you, the student. As President, I will chair the Executive Board and serve as manager and facilitator of the USG and am the official voice of the students to the administration.

The Academic Branch is chaired by the Academic Vice President (AVP). Comprised of two senators, the class vice president and representatives of each of the respective schools, the branch addresses the academic concerns of the students. The Legislative Branch is chaired by the Legislative Vice President and has 24 voting members, elected from each class. This branch deals with all of the student life issues facing the students such as housing, safety, and the bookstore.

We also have a Treasury Branch, chaired by the Treasury Vice President, which has eight appointed members and an elected treasurer from each class. This branch is responsible for allocation of funds to student organizations collected from the student activity fee. They also help the organizations in fiscal matters during the course of the year.

Finally, we have the Judicial Vice President (JVP) who chairs the Judicial Branch. This Branch deals with student judicial matters when one breaks the Student Code of Conduct and handles disputes between organizations.

I realize that this seems a little overwhelming, but don’t worry! We are here to help you. So have fun, get acquainted, and GET INVOLVED! Just by being a student you are a member of the USG. Stop by the third floor of the UCW and check out all that USG has to offer. Our motto is God is Our Light. May He show you the way. Again, welcome to The Catholic University of America!

Rashaun Martin, USG President

Rashaun Martin is President of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG).

Involvement in the Graduate Community

Jennifer M. Garlan

On behalf of the graduate community at the Catholic University of America, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all incoming graduate students. In my time at CUA, I have found that this is a very special institution full of many academic challenges, opportunities and lasting friendships. I hope that all of you take advantage of all that CUA has to offer.

To the best ways to maximize your experience at CUA is to get involved with graduate student affairs by becoming active in the Graduate Student Association (GSA). The GSA is the official student government for graduate and law students at CUA. It serves three primary functions: It acts as a liaison between the graduate community and the university administration; it sponsors social activities for graduate students; and it acts as the administrator of the graduate student activity fee, providing funding to departments and organizations for events held on the whole graduate community. Funding is also available for individuals attending academic conferences, or the equivalent in their fields.

As a graduate student, you are automatically a member of the association. The decision to actively participate in the GSA is a personal one. There are several ways to become active. First, there are school Senators who represent their respective departments in the GSA Senate. If you are interested in becoming a Senator, please contact your dean or department chair. The time commitment at GSA Senate meetings is only about one hour every other week.

A second way to get involved with the GSA is to simply attend GSA Senate meetings. Even if you are not representing your school or department as a Senator, you do have a voice in the Senate and your input is greatly welcome, but vital to the pursuits of the organization. This year we will have a lot of interesting speakers at GSA meetings and other student life and academics at CUA. With enhanced student participation, these meetings will be more interesting and effective. Meetings will be held approximately every other Tuesday at 7:30 PM, the first meeting falling on September 15. For complete schedule of meeting dates and locations, please check out the GSA webpage or contact the GSA office.

One way to get involved is to sit on a GSA committee or represent the GSA on a university committee. There are currently several committee positions available to interested students. For example, we are in need of a GSA Social Chair. You don’t have to be a Senator to sit on a committee. If you are interested in this opportunity please either come to a GSA meeting, or contact the GSA office.

Another way to get involved in GSA is to serve as a GSA officer. Normally the positions of president, vice president, secretary and two academic senators are filled through spring elections. However, at the present time, the office of academic senator is vacant. If you are interested in serving as an academic senator please contact the GSA office.

The easiest way to get involved with the GSA is to simply attend its functions. The GSA sponsors a wide variety of activities on campus including academic lectures and social events. Your presence is always welcome and encouraged. Also, if you have an idea for a particular event which you would like the GSA to sponsor, please contact the GSA office.

With your ideas, energy and support we can enjoy many accomplishments over the 2000-2001 school year. I look forward to meeting you and once again, welcome to CUA!
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LOOKING FOR WORK? Disability Support Services looking for students to assist as readers, note-takers, and disability assistants to train students on new reading software and act as campus guides. WorkStudy or Non-Work Study. Contact B. McClellan or Rita Barretteau, x5618/5211; mccellan@cua.edu.

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Bargain Books Online: fact or fiction?

Jonathan Albright
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For many students, college bookstores are synonymous with long lines and crowded aisles, and they're a sinkhole for a significant amount of college budget.

But getting online and ordering your texts might not be as effortless as many sites advertise. There are a few points that can give students the power to make a better choice.

Not all companies are created equal.

They range from well-organized operations to ad-ridden spider webs. Prepare to take some time to compare sites. It's a good idea to become familiar with the features of several different retailers before deciding from which site to order your books.

A huge advertising campaign is in force by online textbook retailers to persuade students to get online and buy their books. Focusing on "huge discounts" and "significant savings," these retailers are attempting to steal some of the sales held by traditional college bookstores.

The OSU Bookstore, like many college bookstores, has been making changes over the past few years to adjust to the increasing competition.

"Last year we increased our percent discount to 7 percent for students to ensure that we were the low cost provider," said Steve Eckrich, General Manager of the OSU Bookstore.

Another thing we've done is expanded our book reservation program, which allows students at home in the summer to order their books online. Then we box up their books and have them waiting for them before the rush lines start," Eckrich said.

Students, on the other hand, give different reasons for taking their business to the bookstore.

"Since the prices are so similar, I don't see why you can't support your university by buying at the OSU Bookstore," See Online Books, page 26

Talk is Cheap: Summer Movie Mania Sinks to an All-Time Low

Tamara Weaver
Tower Staff

It started with Gladiator and ended with The Cell. So why did everything in between fail so short of the glory? Maybe Hollywood has dried up on the notion of the summer blockbuster. Are studios saving cash for later in the year? The time of year when the Academy's collective conscious has stopped vacating in the Hamptons.

It's no big secret that summer cinema has little to do with gray matter and more with gut pleasure. So if you were looking for a little excitement in those lazy days of summer, chances are you didn't find it at the local AMC.

There were three distinct high points in summer film, all of which oddly divide the season into beginning, middle, and end: Gladiator, The Juice and The Cell. Though they might seem strategically placed, these weren't the only blockbuster intentions.

Mission: Impossible 2, a "delightful" Tom Cruise showcase, reminded us that the only impossible mission was for Cruise to find some talent. (Oh, critics have worn down this pun but it's too irresistible.)

Yet we can't pin the blame solely on Tom. He certainly wasn't helped by director, John Woo's lack of restraint. Reaching for symbolism like a Conan major heart, Woo managed to throw in more white doves than the great book. Woo re-writes Newton's law but forgets to leave the "face-lifting" in his last film (Face Off). Sorry, Woo, we caught on to the mistaken identity trick.

Tragedy even struck adolescents and comic book fans everywhere with Bryan Singer's X-Men. Rumor has it Singer never read an X-Men comic until he got the gig.

See Summer Movies, page 26

Quotable

"They say to live in a dorm room, you have to be either mentally insane or a freshman."

-Eddie, Threesome

Frosh Don't Fret! I Survived

Mary E. Gorry
Tower Staff

To be completely honest, it seemed stupid at first. All frosh-odd freshmen girls milling about the front lawn of the residence hall, myself included, were to form two concentric circles, one moving in the opposite direction from the other. Our resident assistant would call out two body parts, at which time we were to stop moving and then touch both body parts with the girl we were standing across from at that time. Afterwards, when everyone stopped laughing at how ridiculous we all looked, we were supposed to introduce ourselves to each other.

Emarrassed as I was, positive this was not the first impression I wanted to make on the girls I would be sharing a room and floor with, I nonetheless found myself reluctantly obeying when my RA called out, "Elbow to elbow!"

Then, the introduction. "Hi, I'm Mary, I'm from New York and I'm a communications major.

"As the girl across from me introduced herself in return, I realized that despite the barely minimum information that we had just shared, something exciting had happened; we were no longer strangers. Sure, all I knew was a name, a place and a field of study, but here now was a familiar face, one I could put a name to, one that I knew three things about."

Even better was that on the next turn, there was another person who was no longer a stranger, and on the turn after that, yet another. I still felt foolish with my shoulder on some other girl's knee and yet another girl's foot in my hand, but with each awkward position that I found myself in, I found myself sharing more personal information, and I found the sharing easier. "I'm not exactly sure what I want to do with communications, but I know that I really love writing...You're from Japan! I can't imagine being that far from home...What made you decide to come to Catholics?"

As the game progressed, I realized something else; in many ways, we were all very different. We were coming from different places and lifestyles, with different experiences in our pasts, and different hopes and dreams in our futures, but at the same time, we were all after the same thing in common.

For the first time, each of us was going to a new school, away from our homes and families, and living together with many other people who not all of who were complete strangers.

The girls I was standing and laughing with were the girls I was going to be living with for the next year. It's an ideal situation for forging bonds and making friends.

Despite how silly I felt at the beginning, the game must have been successful in making me See Frosh, page 25
Thursday, August 24
International Undergraduate Orientation, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Learn the regulations affecting F-1 and J-1 students, meet staff, and make friends. 117 Caldwell Hall.

Sunday, August 27
International Graduate Orientation, 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. F-1 and J-1 students learn the regulations affecting your visa. Meet CUA staff, make friends. Lunch will be provided. 117 Caldwell Hall.

Wednesday, August 30
10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Office of Career Services’ First Annual CUA Campus Employment Fair. Meet prospective work-study and non-work-study students, share job descriptions, office information and application materials. Students will be able to submit all paperwork necessary for on-campus employment at the fair. Caldwell Hall Auditorium. For more information, contact Kate Wilson at 202-319-5623.

Thursday, August 31
Noon, University Mass of the Holy Spirit. Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Saturday, September 2
WCUA Kickoff BBQ, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Rathskeller, with music in front of the University Center at the Pry plunga Arbor. Music will be provided by Ebo and Smartbomb. This event is FREE to all CUA students.

Thursday, September 7
1:30 p.m., Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents the Cuenca Chamber Orchestra, Luis Torres, director. The program of Ecuadorian music is presented in collaboration with the Embassy of Ecuador and the Latin American Center for Graduate Studies at Ward Recital Hall. For more information, call 202-319-5414.

J-1 Scholar Orientation, noon-1 p.m. Bring your lunch. Drinks and dessert provided. Please RSVP to niederman@cu.edu. 309 University Center West (If you are unable to access this room space there is no elevator, please contact the Office of Multicultural and Special Services, 202-319-5616 or email niederman@cu.edu).

Upcoming
DC Weekend - Sponsored by the Residence Hall Association. See what Washington, D.C., has in store as a new school year begins. Join the Residence Hall Association (RHA) for a weekend of fun, beginning with a Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Social on Thursday, Sept. 7 and ending with jokes and snacks at Program Board’s Movies on the Mall. For more info, call the RHA office at x6632.

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On-Going
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The Real Live Kojak Zweby Productions performs Michael Anthony Williams’ play based on the television series Kojak. Kojak. District of Columbia Arts Center 2438 18th St. NW. Friday & Saturday at 7:30. $20 to $20. 202-386-4808.

Incident at Vichy Washington Shakespeare Company and Washington Jewish Theatre perform Arthur Miller’s play about a group of men waiting to be questioned by Nazi authorities in Vichy France. Clark Street Playhouse 601 S. Clark St., Arlington. Friday, Saturday, Monday-Thursdays at 8 p.m. $12. $20. 202-418-4080.

Nine Landless Theater Company performs Arthur Kopit and Maury Yeston’s musical based on Federico Fellini’s film “8½.” District of Columbia Arts Center 2438 18th St. NW. Friday & Saturday at 10 p.m. $12. 202-386-7833.

57 N Fine Art is showing “Rockwellian Times,” group show features works inspired by Norman Rockwell by 15 local artists. For info call 202-234-6451. To Sept. 2. 57 N St. NW.

Garden of Earthly Delights will present prints used to illustrate John Milton’s “Paradise Lost,” and sculpture by Hal McWhinnie. To Sept. 30. For info call 301-942-3554. 1011 Frederick Ave., Kensington, MD.

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feel more at home, because despite my initial disappointment at the stark barrenness of my room and having to unpack my car and lug an endless supply of boxes in the sweltering heat amid the chaos of what seemed to be a million other freshmen going through the same drill, I felt pretty good about college by the time I kissed my parents goodbye.

I soon learned, however, that orientation is not college, and college is not home. No matter how confident you are about college, everyone has to adjust, because there is a lot of change. Change isn’t always bad, but good or bad, it still takes getting used to.

Countless times I couldn’t take a shower or do my laundry unless it was five in the morning or eleven at night because those were the only times there was a free shower stall or washing machine. And if I had trouble sharing a room at home with my sister, how was I going to manage it here with a girl I had just met?

School was intimidating at first, too. Throughout high school, the most repeated phrase out of my teachers’ mouths was, “You think this is tough? Wait until you get to college!” I was on a scholarship, which meant I had to maintain a certain grade point average. Suddenly I was buying ten books for each class, of which almost all of them weighed fifty pounds or more (a slight exaggeration, but that’s how it felt), and my professors seemed to expect more from me than I could possibly give when it came to the amount of reading and papers assigned.

There were certainly a lot of adjustments I had to make, but before I even realized it, I was learning how to accept and deal with all the changes that going to college had thrown my way. I learned to pace myself when it came to schoolwork, stretching large assignments over long periods of time, not putting off important papers or readings to the last second.

I kept an open mind about people I met, being friendly to everyone, eventually making some good friends. I even got used to taking showers at one in the morning. I got involved in various student organizations on campus, and I went out and visited Washington’s sights and attractions, since this city was one of my main reasons for coming to CUA in the first place. Eventually, you can’t remember what it was like to not be in college, or what you were so worried about in the first place.

Eventually, CUA becomes home, and before you know it, it’ll be time to leave, not just for the summer, but for good. Right now, you are preparing to face the many new challenges that being at college will set before you, but sooner than you think, you will be preparing for graduation and life after college. Take it from someone who knows—I will be graduating in the spring, but freshman year, even freshman orientation, feels like it was just yesterday.

College is about change, there’s no question about that. It’s about learning to live with new people and deal with new situations. It’s about finding out what you want out of life and what kind of person you want to be.

It’s also, however, about getting involved, having fun, and making friends. College is an experience that will not last forever, but which you will remember forever, and freshman year is just the beginning, so make the most of it.

DC Off the Beaten Path

Kelley Schmidt
Tower Staff

Year after year, students list its DC location as one of Catholic University’s top sources of student satisfaction. And one of the highlights of DC is its music scene. All you need now is a point in the right direction and you’re ready to soak in all this city has to offer. From ska to indie rock, swing to punk, DC has it all.

The only problem is deciding which concert to go to this weekend. Should you choose an intimate concert at the Black Cat where you might have the honor of supporting the lead singer as he walks across the crowd? Or should you go a little more mainstream and head the other direction from the U street metro stop and hit the 9:30 Club? Maybe you feel like dancing in foam at The Nation. After all, we all know that you came to Catholic for the rock...or was it the trailers?

The 9:30 Club

What was once a small rat-infested club has become one of DC’s premiere pit stops for up and coming alternative bands. Metro accessibility increases the 9:30 Club’s appeal for college students. The recently renovated 9:30 Club is located on V Street in the northwest. By metro, take the Green Line to the U street stop and exit the metro on the Vermont street side. Although admission does not always come cheap, it is all ages all the time. If you want to find out more about the 9:30 Club, check it out online at www.930.com.

The Black Cat

Looking for character, the Black Cat is full of it. Everything down to the unofficial doorman who will fill you in on the latest gossip from the neighborhood screams friendly. The Black Cat, located on 14th St. NW, is also metro accessible by the U street stop on the green line. Smaller than the 9:30 Club, the Black Cat offers an intimate setting where the stage is only 2 feet off the ground and the performers are only an arm’s length (sometimes less) away. Along with up and coming musical artists, you can also check out the Black Cat’s independent film screenings or spoken word performances. For more information on upcoming shows check out the web-site, which you can get via www.washingtonpost.com.

Phantasmagoria

Not just your boring old record store, Phantasmagoria offers concerts, album release parties and nightclub. Although if you traveled there at day it may seem muddled, come back at night and you’ll see the difference. The shows are all ages all the time and range in price from six dollars for most shows to fifteen dollars for Phantasmagoria’s Elmkin Road location on the red line by way of the Wheaton stop. For more information check out the rockin‘ web site at www.phantasmagoria.com.

The Nation (formerly The Capital Ballroom)

Grab your dancing shoes, it’s time to get down. The Nation offers a wide range of entertainment, from their Velvet Nation Saturday night to live concerts to Foam parties. Under new ownership since 1998, The Nation has been completely refurbished to draw in its party seekers with plush and glitz. You must be 18 to enter. To find out more about what’s new at The Nation check out their web site at www.velvetnation.com.

Merriweather Post Pavilion

Gargantuan video screens and vibrant light shows are just a part of what makes this venue a top choice for concert-goers. Wander down the lighted brick pathways that wind through the beechn tree groves. Order a drink or a menu with a variety of different ethnic foods and daydream by the Serpentine Woods before you take your favorite band. The outdoor amphitheater contains 5,200 sheltered seats and approximately 10,000 lawn seats. Check out listings at www.washingtonpost.com.

The Garage

Located on 18th and Connecticut, this gritty, garage-band venue is one of DC’s locals’ favorites. A rolling garage door replaces the traditional stage curtain which comes up before every performance. This “rock club” is more than just live music, with its dramatic lighting effects, killer sound system and rock-out garage theme. You can contact the Garage at (202)331-7123 or check out listings at www.washingtonpost.com.

Don’t forget to check out the @CUA page for showtimes and listings.
Online Textbooks: User Friendly?

Online Books, from page 23

said Michael Peterson, a junior in the College of Science.

Several key factors come into play when considering online retailers - most importantly: Does the company even have the book needed in stock?

Many online bookstores, such as VarsityBooks.com, will bring up a text along with the prices and information, but the actual text may not even be in stock. When ordered, it may take days, even weeks before the book is shipped.

Another piece of the online puzzle is shipping. If the text is needed immediately, ordering online can be an expensive choice.

Look around at the companies' shipping policies before searching for the books needed, since it can be "free" and delivered in three days, or upwards of $50 for priority delivery. Some stores offer a "flat rate" which could save quite a bit of money if many books are ordered at once.

The last consideration in textbook shopping is buyback policies. If the book isn't going to be kept after the class is finished, sites like BigWords.com guarantee they will buy back the text.

Some sites offer cash only, but a few will pay more for buyback books when in-store credit is chosen.

New breeds of textbooks have also arisen to give students more options. For example, Atomic Dog Publishing of Cincinnati, Ohio allows students to choose between electronic and hard copies of books.

Although the company is just beginning and has very limited selection, the idea is novel. According to Alex von Rosenberg of Atomic Dog, this distribution process allows immediate and frequent product updates.

"Currency is very important for gaining a relevant understanding of the many topics students study today," Rosenberg said.

"Although many of the fundamental theories that students will study remain the same, they will grasp a deeper understanding of those theories if they are tied into something that happened yesterday rather than what a book says occurred three years ago," Rosenberg said.

It is important to note that many online retailers are powered by the quality of their service or the quantity of their stock, but by the efficiency of their marketing.

For instance, UZone.com has made T-shirts advertising textbook sales already - but isn't yet ready for online sales.

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Jigea what? Sadly, this feeds the whole Hollywood "devour of logic" theory. (Wait, that's not a theory is it?) The omission of a few characters left fans slightly troubled. Somehow Singer managed to stay true to the campy comic dialogue and basic plot, but the film failed to capture the unique character complexity for which this particular comic is reputed.

Speaking of tragedy, The Perfect Storm, meant to portray the real life story of the Andrea Gail, only confirmed that the ocean is a big scary place. (Who knew?) Was this movie supposed to be about the real personalities of the crew or George Clooney screaming at waves?

Surely it was not supposed to be about adventure and plot twist. Spoilers aside, guess what? The men die. Guess how? A really big wave hits. So what in must be a character driven story, sappy love monologues don't seem to cut it. The Perfect Storm "made the boat" back in 1996 (Twister) when natural disaster movies found their place in the American film mainstream.

This leaves pseudo-girl power movies about stamping around on bars (Coyote Ugl) which didn't even satisfy the male thirst for a "hottie" flick. Sorry guys, it's really a chick flick in disguise.

Then there's the cult film remake grand theft auto movie about realty pretty cars (Gone in 60 Seconds) Is that the film title or the amount of time it takes for the film to leave your head? And for our senior citizen contingent, a movie about old men going to space (Space Cowboys) Perhaps this "aging men with double majors from MIT" movie was meant to counter our "bored and brainless bar girl" movie.

There are so many others we could explore. Big Momma's House, Shanghai Noon and Nutty Professor 2 were a few that tried the comedy summer blockbuster route. Road Trip, surprisingly was my own personal favorite. Tom Green's antics are strangely more comforting than Jim Carrey's in

"Mr. Mead and Irne."

But before we become too thoroughly disgusted with Hollywood boshum, the underbelly of film should never be a last resort. In the neo-mainstream, Teen Code, Crawler, But I'm a Cheerleader and the re-release of Blood Simple reminded us that innovation and creativity have not been completely lost in technical evolution.

So although audiences are still talking to their therapists about The Cell, and Gladiator is just a distant memory, the summer has given growing birds of film students encouragement and inspiration to soar to greater heights or maybe sink to lower depths. Don't hold your breath, the year's only just begun.

Admissions is looking for people to represent our school as Tour Guides. If you're interested, stop in the office in McMahon Hall for an application or call Melissa Masino at 5724 for more information.

Applications are due Aug 30, so MOVE QUICKLY
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Athletic Center is a Valuable Resource

Sarah Vogley
Tower Staff

The Doof, Doofus, Doofur... Call it what you will, but the Raymond A. DuFour Center is one of the main attractions on Catholic University's campus. Located on John McCormack Road, and covering 40 acres, DuFour provides the training ground and resources for CUA's 21 intercollegiate varsity sports. In addition, the DuFour Center is home to intramural sports and the Office of Lifetime Activities and Leisure Studies, which offers classes in dance (including ballet, tap, and jazz), aerobics, fitness, step, yoga, and tae kwon do.

Now, if you happen to be one of CUA's 350 student-athletes, you will soon know DuFour like the back of your hand. Yet, whether you are an athlete or not, DuFour has much to offer. Feel like doing a few laps? DuFour's bottom level houses a six-lane, 25 yard swimming pool. Want to shoot some hoops with your friends? To the left of the main lobby in DuFour is the 2,000 seat arena where both the men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams play. The arena holds one full basketball court and two side courts. Weightlifting is also an option, as there is a weight room with Nautilus equipment and free weights.

Additional machines can be found behind the basketball court and across from the five racquetball courts. Can't think of how to avoid the Freshman 15? Feel free to jog a mile or two on CUA's six-lane, 400 meter track. You no longer can use the weather as your excuse not to exercise; DuFour also offers an indoor track above the basketball courts. And if you want to relieve some tension after a long day spent battling Philosophy, grab your racket and head for the tennis courts behind the DuFour Center.

So whether you call that large complex on the edge of campus the Doof or the DuFour, you will find a valuable athletic center and a place to keep in shape throughout the year.

The Catholic University of America
Benjamin T. Rome School of Music

Audition Announcement

- Open To All Qualified Students -

**CUA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Piotr Gajewski, music director
Mon., August 29 - Thurs. August 31
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Sign-up at the School of Music bulletin board. Auditions are in Room 120 Ward Hall

Audition requirements:
All: Solo selection of your choice.
All (except Tuba): Brahms Symphony No. 4, entire work.
Flutes: Brahms Symphony No. 4, Prokofiev’s Classical Symphony, 4th movement.
Tuba: Two etudes, one lyric, one technique.
Percussion: Brahms and one selection of choice to demonstrate; mallet and sticks.

**CUA WIND ENSEMBLE**

Robert Garafalo, director
Wednesday, August 30
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up Room 218 Ward Hall. Auditions are in Room 217 Ward Hall

Audition requirements: two selections of your choice to demonstrate musicianship and technique, sight reading

**CUA CHORUS**

Michael Cordovana, director
Tuesday, August 29
7 p.m.

Chorus Room, Ward Hall

Audition requirement: selection of your choice.

**CUA JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

Paul Scimonelli, director
Thursday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.
John Paul Rehearsal Hall - Ward Hall

Audition requirements: some previous experience in jazz or concert band, sight-reading.

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A Backward Glance at the ‘99-‘00 Year in CUA Sports

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Both teams took second place at the CAC outdoor track and field championships, an improvement from the previous year’s third place finish for the men and a fourth place finish for the women. Several members of the team were also named to the All-Conference team. Pole vaulters Sean Mullin and Kevin Hare took first and second respectively in their event, while freshman Denis Campbell and sophomores Chris Weis and Kennedy carried the team in sprints. McDermott led the distance runners by taking second in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

The women’s track and field team took fifth place at both the indoor and outdoor championships this season. Turning in impressive performances for the squad were freshman Patty Mallon and senior Katie Kramer in the sprints, while the distance squad was carried by sophomore Donna Flanagan.

BASEBALL

The men’s baseball team improved upon their previous 15-18 record and finished the season with a 23-16-1 mark. Seniors Drew Zachry, Shain Foggo, and Frank Massenzo, and junior Brian DiCicuoro led the team.

KellyAnne Creazzo grabs a breath while swimming the 200-yard butterfly in a meet last January.

Zachry set five season school records in seven events, including a batting average of .422, slugging percentage of .725, 61 hits, 49 RBIs, and 46 home runs.

A strong freshmen class proved to be a bonus for the team, with strong pitching coming from Chris Tiedemann, Adam Weiss, and Doug Sherry. Junior Marc Martini, sophomore infielder Brian Pietryka, and freshmen Justin Siller and Chris Perez were all-around assets to the team.

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LACROSSE

Both the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams, in their third year as varsity sports, established themselves as competitive programs.

The women ended the season with a 10-6 record, with the help of sophomores Krist Ambrosetti and Hanna Bissell on offense. Ambrosetti scored 53 goals and 12 assists, in addition to scoring seven goals against Division I Howard University. Bissell captured 62 points throughout the season. Senior Maddy Franklin and junior Kathy Dunn were co-captains of the young squad, which tied for third in the CAC.

The men, led by six seniors, posted a 6-7 record. Junior team captain and MVP Tim Lambert scored the most goals for the team with his 41 points. His younger brother Matt, a fresh-

man, contributed significantly with 30 total goals. Freshman Abelson Rob Jablonkski anchored the defense and finished the season with a .635 net percentage while freshman Chris Perez was awarded CAC Rookie of the Year.

TENNIS

Rounding out the spring season were the men’s and women’s tennis teams. The men finished 13-4 and placed third at the CAC Championships, while the women’s team ended with a 7-4 record and a fourth place finish in the conference tournament.

Junior Steve Balshi played at no.1 singles for the majority of the season and coach Martin Dowd was named CAC Coach of the Year. For the women, freshman Maureen Hagedus played no.1 singles all season; her efforts earned her a CAC Rookie of the Year spot.

At the end of the year, after all of the scores were added up, the end result was that the Cardinal teams captured three conference championships and almost every sport placed among the top three in the CAC. "It’s a golden age for CUA sports," said Tallen, who is currently in his ninth year as Director of Athletics.

As for the 2000-2001 year, Tallon said that he’s "really optimistic. I think all the coaches got some quality kids this year. We didn’t get as many as last year, and that might hurt us in terms of depth. But I’m optimistic a team or two will step out."
Improvements Made to DuFour Center Over the Summer

Sarah Vogley
Tower Staff

With a few changes in the coaching staff, renovation of the stadium playing field, and a new scoreboard, the DuFour Athletic Center is getting ready for a new sports year.

While there are no changes within Catholic’s head coaching staff, there have been various changes among the assistant coaches. Marty Favret, who spent six years as the football team’s offensive coordinator and assistant head coach, left CU to become the head coach at nearby Hampden-Sydney College.

Head coach Tom Clark will oversee the offensive coordinator training. Keith Conlin, former Director of Intramurals and tackles/tight ends/strength coach for the Cardinals, followed Favret to Virginia and will work as the offensive line and strength coach at Hampden-Sydney. Safeties coach Bill Harris is the new Director of Intramurals; he took over strength and conditioning from Conlin.

For the first time, a full-time assistant football coaching position has been created for defensive coordinator coach Bob Larson, who had previously been part-time. Additionally, women’s lacrosse coach Kristine Manning was given a full-time position. Director of Athletics Robert Talbot said, “She’s the first full-time women’s coach we’ve had other than [Associate Athletic Director] Jon Dowd. So, we’re very proud of that.” The women’s field hockey coach, Lisa Thomas, also became full-time this year. Thomas brings the total count of full-time women’s coaches to two; there are three full-time men’s coaches. “There’s one more slot to fill in the next couple of years,” Talbot said. The next full-time opening will be given to a women’s team because “we want to keep it even,” he added.

Near the end of John McCormack Road is the DuFour Center, Catholic University’s state-of-the-art athletic facility.

Outdoors of DuFour, much work has been done on the stadium playing field, where both football and lacrosse practice. Over the summer, a local landscaping company came in and used a procedure called Verti-Drain to drill six-inch holes into the ground. Verti-Drain creates a healthier turf by allowing air, water, and fertilizer to be dispersed throughout the soil. Talbot explained, “They were able to do the deeper aeration that our machines can’t do.” Verti-Drain then plugged the holes with Bermuda grass, a tougher grass than the previously used Kentucky blue-grass. The new Bermuda grass should promote better growth and improve the playing field.

Talbot is also hoping to renovate the practice field on the either side of the track when the football season ends. He said, “There’s plenty of space down there. I’d like to get field off of the softball field and in the spring, allow women’s lacrosse to practice there. Plus, it will be an intramural field.”

Lastly, the Athletic Department purchased an electric scoreboard for the soccer and lacrosse playing fields. Although it has already been bought, the scoreboard has not yet been installed. “It’ll get up shortly,” said Talbot. “Probably in the next couple of days.” Half of the $9,000 for the scoreboard came from Pepsi, while the other half came from rental use of the soccer fields over the summer. Talbot added, “My next project is to get electricity to the scoreboard.” However, funds are still being raised for that next phase and no time-frame has been set for the completion of the project.

Talbot’s future plans include acquiring scoreboards for all four fields.
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Year. Senior linebacker Brian Hee was also named first team All-American for the Cardinals after recording 83 tackles and six sacks.

SOCCER
Led by senior forward Anthony Caprio, midfielder Chris Wilson, goalkeeper Frank Callocchia and second team All-CAC selection Dino Bulutuian, the team posted an 11-7 mark. The team also boosted strong underclassmen depth, with sophomore Gregg McQuillan leading the Cardinals in scoring with 11 goals. The women's soccer team posted their best season since 1991 with a 6-8-2 record. Senior Mendie Hoffman was a second team All-CAC selection. The team graduated 16 seniors.

FIELD HOCKEY
Women's field hockey had its second consecutive winning season with a 10-9 record, thanks in part to the outstanding play of freshman forward All-CAC forward Andi Snyder. Snyder scored 32 points on 15 goals and two assists. The two other leading scorers from 1999 were junior Meredith McMahon and freshman Steph Roselle. Roselle made the second team All-CAC. The Cardinals, expecting their entire team to return, plan to continue their aggressiveness on the field in 2000.

CROSS-COUNTRY
The cross-country programs at Catholic this fall past proved that camaraderie and teamwork can overpower a lack in numbers. Both the men's and women's teams, which each consisted of only eight members, finished third at the CAC Championships. The men were led by sophomore All-CAC first team member Matt McHugh, who placed fourth at the CAC meet and junior Ryan McDermott, who took eleventh (2nd team All-CAC). The women were led by junior Nicky Bhalla, who was second team All-CAC, sophomore Hanna Kranian, and senior Caris Tidym.

BAKETBALL
Ranked as high as fifth in the nation, and posting a 24-5 record, the men's basketball team was led by senior captains Mike Lepeonska, Dan Harrington and junior point guard Pat Maloney. For the third consecutive season, the team went to the Big East and barely missed the Final Four after a 85-74 loss to Franklin and Marshall. Maloney and Harrington were both named to the All-CAC first team. Averaging 16.9 points per game, Harrington was also named CAC Player of the Year. Coach Mike Longirgan was heralded with a Coach of the Year honor.
On the women's team, senior captain Pam Canfield surpassed the 1,000-point plateau this season. The 1999-2000 Lady Cards,

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due with their second child in October.
The University at Albany's budget encompasses $115,000, as opposed to Catholic's $15,000. As per the budget, Lonergan noted, "I just didn’t think it would be that much of a difference."
The annual salary for the head basketball coach is $120,000, roughly three times Lonergan's current salary.
Two years ago, Lonergan was offered the head coaching position at Division I Colgate University and turned it down. "Money isn’t everything," he said, "but sometimes you wonder if you're ready for a new challenge."
He called his interview with Albany a "good experience. I prayed a lot and things just worked out."
1999-2000 Sports: A Year in Review

Jerry Reynolds
Sarah Vogley
Tower Staff

Six conference coaches of the year. Three conference players of the year. Three conference rookies of the year. And the list goes on and on. From August 1999 until May 2000, the athletes of Catholic University scored touchdowns and goals, crossed a thousand sand lines, hit homruns and spikes, and made many, many baskets. It was definitely a banner year for CUA Athletics. Director of Athletics Robert Talbot said, “I’m really proud. We had a great year last year. I don’t know if you can get any better.”

Volleyball

Backed by large crowds, the women’s volleyball team posted its best record in six years and placed second at the Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Championships. Sophomores Mary Ellen Ryan, Lii Carden, and freshman Bridget Guettel led the team.

Ryan was the team’s statistical leader, and was a first team All-CAC selection, while Carden was named to the second team. Guettel, the team’s setter, was named CAC Rookie of the Year while Coach Nagy Abdelaal was named Coach of the Year. The team achieved a 24-16 overall record, nearly doubling 1998’s win total.

Football

The Cardinal football squad reached the NCAA playoffs for the third consecutive year, finishing with a 9-2 record and winning the conference championship in their Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) debut. This year in the NCAA playoffs the Cardinals, who were ranked as high as tenth in the nation, had a heartbreaking 20-16 loss to Western Maryland. Last fall’s squad also featured some of the finest offensive and defensive players in school history. Sophomore Derek McGee started all eleven games at quarterback, while senior wide receiver Michael Hunter and running back Andrew Natarfrancesco provided the offensive spark that fueled the Cardinals. Hunter was a third-team All-American selection and finished second in CUA history with 2,726 receiving yards and 22 touchdown receptions. Natarfrancesco left CUA as the all-time leading point scorer and was the ODAC Player of the Year while Coach Tom Clark was named ODAC Coach of the Year.

Basketball Coach Interviews at U. at Albany

Sarah Vogley
Tower Staff

In late July, men’s basketball head coach Mike Lonergan interviewed with Division I University in New York for the position of head basketball coach, but he was not offered the job. Lonergan, along with six other college basketball coaches, was given an all-expenses paid trip to the schools.

Lonergan said he applied for the position after receiving encouragement from Dr. Lee A. McElroy, the current Athletic Director at Albany. McElroy was the former Athletic Director at American University. “He told me to apply there [Albany], so I sent him my resume,” Lonergan said. Each candidate spent a half day at Albany, interviewing with the Associate Athletic Director, taking a tour of the campus, and meeting with the Athletic Director and the President of the university.

Lonergan said he knew the six other coaches, including a former head coach from Fairfield University, and an assistant coach from the University of Pennsylvania.

“I’d be crazy not to fly up when someone body was paying my whole way,” Lonergan said. “I knew the Athletic Director there and I thought it was worth looking into. But if I had to bet on it, I’d probably be here [Catholic] for the rest of my life. When you look at another school you appreciate what you have here.”

In the end, the position was offered to Scott Bechen who, for the past three years, has been the associate head coach at the University of California-Berkeley. Previously, he was the top assistant coach at George Washington University under head coach Mike Jarvis.

When Lonergan received the phone call nearly a week after his interview, he said that he was “almost relieved. I really don’t know what I would’ve done if I were offered the job.” Lonergan said that the only reason he interviewed at Albany was because of his financial situation. “I want to have a pretty big family,” he said. Lonergan has an 18-month old son named Jack, and his wife is

Team to Play in D-I Tournament

On Friday, November 17, the men’s basketball team will be playing in the Mohagen Sun Classic in Connecticut against Columbia University, University at Albany, and Central Connecticut, all Division I schools. Catholic will play Columbia in the first round.

Although this tournament will not be the first in NCAA history between a Division III school and a Division I school, it is a “rare occurrence,” said Sports Information Director Chris McManus.

Head basketball coach Mike Lonergan commented, “We pride ourselves on playing the most challenging and exciting schedule in the country every year. We’re realistic about our chances, but really looking forward to our tournament.”

-Sarah Vogley