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The senior class in their senior citizens gear.

Homecoming, 2016

Dress-up days, dodgeball, carnivals, and more to celebrate Homecoming

by Giovanna Lastra

PHC's annual Homecoming festivities kicked off Wednesday, and while traditional events remain, this year the Homecoming committee has added more exciting activities to revitalize the week.

"I did not want to change things for the sake of changing them. I looked for ways to make it as fresh and as fun as possible," said Kent Hoshiko, this year's Homecoming Committee Chairman.

The dress-up competition and dodgeball tournament be-

tween classes were two of the traditional activities that were kept this year. The costume theme was "Generations," focusing in on the different stages of life from preschoolers to senior citizens. The amount of students who dressed up contributed points to their specific class.

"Walking around in pajamas all day, especially during a class day, was a great decision," said senior Caitlin Coulter, dressed like a senior citizen.

In the dodgeball tournament, the seniors ranked first, going to the championship

game undefeated, followed by the sophomores, the juniors, and lastly the freshmen.

In past years, class competitions were the focus of the homecoming festivities and classes battled against each other. But this year, class competitions are only in affect Wednesday and Friday.

"We wanted to have competitions but did not want it to linger or to define the homecoming experience," Hoshiko said.

Hoshiko also wanted to

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Stephanie Salomon

From History Major to Border Patrol

by Evie Fordham

Stephanie Salomon and four other Border Patrol agents met up with the two agents who had called them for backup. After hours trailing a group of aliens avoiding the border checkpoint, the two agents decided to close in. Salomon listened as they explained where they thought the group was hiding, and they split up. The sky was dark as she crept through the south Texas brush, her eyes scanning for any clues - a footprint, a broken branch - that could tell her where to find them.

The sound of a loud snore broke the still night. Salomon could tell it was coming from a nearby cluster of low-growing trees. Inside, she found four men sleeping. A heavys

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At the recent APAC Open Forum, all students who wished to speak publicly shared their opinions, arguments and exhortations about the alcohol policy. Arguments for change, against change, and general comments on campus culture and community were heard by the members of APAC. These opinions and arguments were very helpful to the committee, and we plan to include information from the various speeches given in our report. Thank you to everyone who spoke civilly and honestly. We encourage the student body to continue discussing these issues in a civil manner with one another and with the members of APAC.

*-Giovanna Lastra, Chairwoman of APAC and
Andrew Kelly, Student Body President*

We are looking forward to a successful election next week. Remember to vote on Oct. 4 and 5.

Alcohol Policy Assessment Commission Forum

by Beth Bergstrom

The Alcohol Policy Assessment Commission (APAC) held an open forum for students on Tuesday night, allowing students to voice opinions on the issues facing APAC.

"I think it [the forum] went really well," said APAC chairwoman Giovanna Lastra. "We got a lot of feedback from different, varying perspectives."

A variety of students discussed their opinions. Some discussed why they are in favor of change, some discussed why they think changes to the policy would bring harm, and some discussed the attitude on campus.

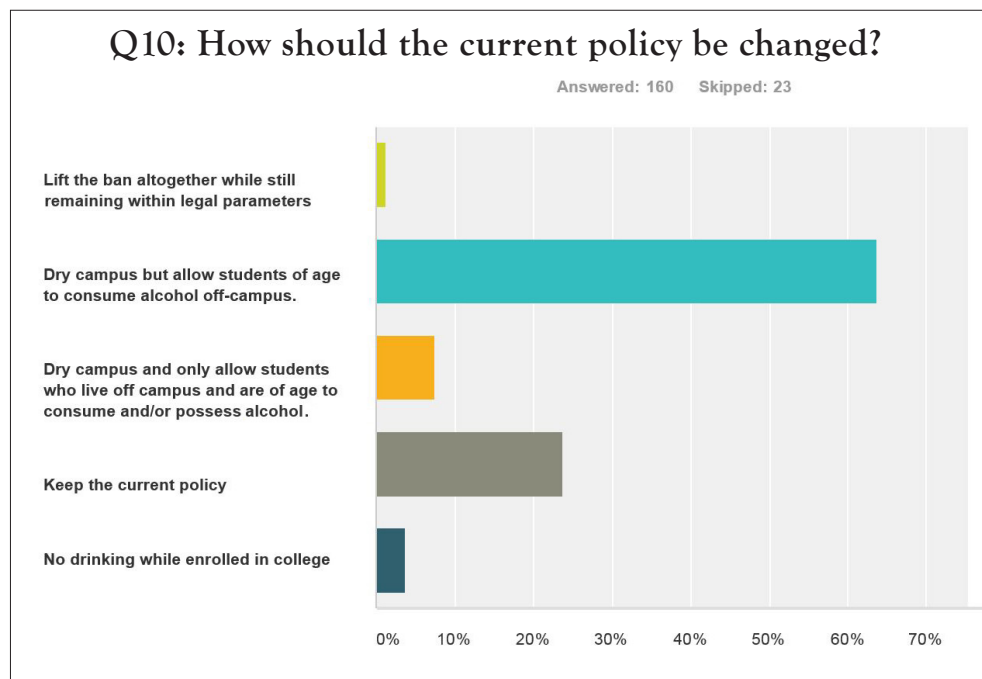
"It's not about sides. We should not see someone from the other 'side' as enemies," senior Santos DeBarros said. "We need to remember that on the other side of the conversation is a human being."

"I really want to thank everyone for coming to the forum," Lastra said. "I want to encourage this conversation to continue. There is a discussion about the people drinking and breaking the alcohol policy. And once we start to have that discussion, I think we will create a healthier atmosphere for people who are possibly struggling with alcoholism or who have a problem with the alcohol policy, and bring more unity and understanding to the community standards."

President Jack Haye requested that a commission be established to examine the alcohol policy. Student Senate responded by creating APAC last spring. The commission will end in December unless the Senate votes to extend it.

The forum came after two surveys were sent out to the PHC community. The first survey allowed open responses, while the second survey consisted of a multiple-choice questionnaire, with the potential answers based on the responses to the previous survey.

254 people took APAC's second survey. 37 were freshmen, 46 were sophomores,



48 were juniors, 52 were seniors, 29 were alumni, 20 were faculty, and 22 were staff members.

Of the students, 34 were APP majors, 15 were IPP majors, 14 were General Government majors, 14 were Political Theory majors, 40 were Strategic Intelligence majors, 17 were History majors, 22 were Literature majors, 22 were Classical Liberal Arts majors, 18 were Journalism majors, and 22 were Economic & Business Analytics majors.

132 of the responses were from men and 122 were from women. The age breakdown is as follows: 9 were under the age of 18, 109 were between 18 and 20, and 136 were 21 or older.

160 people answered question 10 of the survey, which asked, "How should the current policy be changed?" The most popular answer was: "Keep the campus dry, but allow students of-age to consume alcohol off-campus," with 102 votes (63.8%).

Other answers, in order of popularity, include: "Keep the current policy: the costs outweigh the benefits," with 38 votes (23.8%), "Keep the campus dry, and only allow students who live off-campus and are of age to consume and/or possess

alcohol," with 12 votes (7.5%), "Cut out all exceptions and simplify the policy: no drinking while you are enrolled in college," with 6 votes (3.8%), and "Lift the ban altogether while still remaining within legal parameters," with 2 votes (1.3%).

For more survey data, see Olivia Monroe's Tuesday email, subject "APAC Meeting Reference Data."

The commission will now start compiling their report. Members have divided up to begin discussing questions that President Haye requested be considered.

The end goal of APAC is to present a thorough report that evaluates the current alcohol policy. The report will be presented to Senate and, if Senate approves the report, will then go on to President Haye and will be present to the Board of Trustees.

While no formal plans have been made for a second forum, the APAC members are discussing the possibility. ♦

The recording of the forum can be found on the PHC Intranet at <ftp://chapel.phc.edu/Coffee%20House%20and%20Campus%20Wide%20Events/>.

Upcoming Student Senate Elections

by Beth Bergstrom

Elections for the upcoming Student Senate session will be held on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5. The election was moved up to prevent a conflict with October Break.

There are 36 students running and 24 will be elected.

Each student will be able to vote for four candidates. Voting is currently scheduled to open at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Below are submissions from the students running explaining why they are interested in being senators.

Tim Kocher: "My top priority is ensuring the Senate is effective at advocating for the student body, and working with the faculty and staff to adopt a grade policy where all assignment grades are posted online for students to view anytime."

Marjorie Pratt: "I'm running for Student Senate because I want to be a part of PHC's growth. I want to see our community improve. Not only am I eager to represent the freshman class, but also the student body as a whole."

Pierre du Plessis: "As a 21-year-old candidate, I seek to represent you through fighting for the standards that make us who we are: a Christo-centric community that stands for principle and not opinion. I am not running as a freshman, but as a PHC student."

Alan Iiyama: "I promise I will accomplish two things if I'm elected. 1) Increase communication and open discourse between the Senate and the student body and 2) accurately and faithfully represent the views of student body to the best of my ability."

Christian McGuire: "Last session, I authored 30 percent of all passed Senate bills—including open dorm events, ethical requirements for Senate funding, and shrinking sophomore curfew. My experience in fundraising will add to the discussion on PHC's growth. Visit falliblychristian.wordpres.com for more."

Thomas Siu: "I'm running for reelection because I want to use my relation-

ships with the administration to keep advocating for the student body."

Philip Bunn: "I am running for reelection in Senate because I care about this campus, its future, and the community we foster here."

Esther Katz: "Hey, fam!! I'm running because I want to sincerely understand what YOU think makes PHC "tick." How do we improve academic / student life? What should stay the same? Listening is key to accuracy - accuracy is key to advocacy!"

Abigail Salomon: "On a college campus with so much stress, and given the recent awareness of mental health issues, it is important to find ways to relax amidst all the academic rigor. As your senator, I propose to somehow find a way to get therapy dogs on campus. Vote Abigail Salomon."

Matthew Hoke: "If elected, I will work to advance the issues that you care about. I will also work to grow our school while remaining true to its founding ethos: a place where Christian faith is cherished and academic excellence is championed."

Peter Thompson: "I am running for Student Senate because I have come to care deeply about campus issues and I would be honored to be a part of addressing them. If you have any specific questions please reach out to me."

Kyle Permann: "My focus as student

senator will be to emphasize unity in the student body. My struggles in the PHC community will offer a unique perspective that will help the student senate pass legislation that will target areas that need improvement."

Mary Katherine Collins: "How do extremes help a community? They can drive change. Or, merely create tension by ignoring (or vilifying) "the other side." It's time to vote for genuine dialogue. Middle ground. Discussion. It's time to vote for Collins."

Elias Gannage: "I'm running because I believe we need senators who will actually listen to students and represent them; as senator, I would want people to know that they can share concerns or ideas without fear of feeling stupid or awkward."

Madison Cawthorn: "I am running in the hopes that we can all form an even better atmosphere and community within PHC so that we can all be happier, more prepared, and less stressed as we progress through school."

Jimmy Waters: "I am running to give you a reliable contact in student government, to determine alternative food options to the dining hall (such as a local food voucher program), to maintain PHC's current ethos, and to grow the student body."



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Student Senate

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Luke Thomas: “A good senator is not made by an aspiring platform or unwieldy vision but a comprehensive knowledge of, and experience with, campus and the many complicated problems that we face here. Elect someone who believes in the ethos of PHC.”

Chris Miller: “I decided to run for Senate because I believe that life experience is important. It can help one understand the larger impact of the decisions being made and brings unique perspective to discussions. Ultimately, that’s what I hope to do.”

Santos DeBarros: “Hey friends! I’m running for my fourth consecutive term. Over the past three years I have consistently and fairly represented the student body’s concerns. I love this school and want to see it improve. I would humbly ask for your vote.”

William Bock: “I’m running to keep the Red Hill basement open till the BHC closes. I’m running to help the Model UN team get academic credit for their activity. I’m running because I want a pug to attend a senate meeting.”

Cooper Millhouse: “Participating in almost every campus activity I can find, I understand what it takes to represent the students of PHC well. I will do what it takes to reach out and bridge the gap

between the students and their school.”

Andrew Bambrick: “Hello I’m Andrew Bambrick. I am running for the Student Senate because I want to work to grow PHC but utilizing students in the recruitment and admissions process. I want to work to make student government accountable to you.”

Morgan Conliffe: “My name is Morgan Conliffe, I am a sophomore, and I am running for Senate on three principles: practical and relevant policies, listening to all, and unity. These will be my guiding principles if you elect me for Senate. Thanks!”

Nathan Gray: “At this moment, PHC needs to make changes conservatively and deliberately, respecting our institutional ethos, and to carefully craft leadership structures and a sense of long-term identity for important standing commissions like the Community Involvement Commission. That’s why I’m running.”

David Rowland: “My goal as a senator is to encourage unity in the student body by mitigating unnecessary conflict over potentially divisive issues and promoting an environment that fosters communication and respect for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Calvin Pawley: “I was honored last year to serve as a senator. The communication at times was not the greatest between the Senate and the student body. That com-

munication needs to improve, and I have the experience and the knowledge to help fix it.”

Diego Lastra: “Fellow students, my goal is to represent the students with new ideas who come from unique backgrounds; encouraging a community of diversity and drive. I also will pursue making tangible improvements to the school, such as providing better food and snack options in the coffee shop.”

Joshua Trepiccione: “As student Senator I will make Lake Bob great again. I will begin by building a wall to keep out the geese that migrate from Canada. And Canada will pay for this wall. It will be YUUGE, folks! Believe me.”

Graham Jackson: “Standing for truth and willing to listen. It’s important to remember who we are and what PHC stands for.”

The following candidates did not submit statements:

J.R. Leslie
Josh Webb
Seth Shepherd
Daniel Thetford
Jason Long
Seth Lucas
Blake Harp

Contact members of the Election Commission with any questions. ♦

Loudoun Valley Baptist Church

by Harvest Prude

Jacob Baum, class of '10, came to PHC to become a campaign manager. After choosing a church his freshman year, he found that his true interest lay in full-time ministry. Now, he is the head pastor of Loudoun Valley Baptist Church (LVBC), a congregation that meets in a high school across the street from PHC.

PHC was always the plan. “It was kind of my idol,” Baum said. “I thought—I’m going there; that’s where I’m going to be happiest.” But Baum has since come to another conclusion. “The reason I came

to Virginia and stayed in Virginia was the Church.”

Baum started attending Gilford Baptist Church (now Sterling Park Baptist Church) when it was a tiny congregation of about 50 people.

“Little by little I started to see church in a different light,” Baum said.

Gilford placed an emphasis on seeking to bring glory to God and hearing the gospel within a tightly knit community of believers. During Baum’s time at PHC, the church grew from 50 to 150. Because several other PHC students attended as well, Baum got involved with the music ministry, and soon had an all-PHC music team.

During Baum’s senior year, he completed two pastoral internships with Pastor Mike McKinley. His last semester interning, McKinley asked if Baum would come on staff as a pastoral assistant after graduation. Baum started full-time at Sterling that summer.

Baum met his wife, Janice, at Gilford in spring of 2011. They married August 2012 and now have two children, Jackson and Sarah.

During Baum’s time at Sterling, Sterling sent out three church plants, two of

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Alumna Joins Border Patrol

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man in his thirties or forties was snoozing soundly, an ear-splitting snore emanating from his mouth every few seconds. Salomon suppressed a laugh as she and her partner handcuffed them.

The other agents had found more men in the group. Three or four had fled, but the seven agents arrested seven men. Morning light spread across the sky as Salomon and the other agents led them back to their vehicles.

Salomon joined Border Patrol in January 2016. She graduated from Patrick Henry College in 2011 with a history degree, and worked as an EMT and paramedic in Loudoun County for four years.

Over 6,000 women applied during the same window as she did. Only 54 were hired.

"One of the issues is that some of my male coworkers don't always treat me as equal," she said. "Not just because I'm new, but because I'm female. They have a stereotype of female agents and they automatically apply that stereotype to me."

Salomon is among seven new agents learning the ropes at a Texas Border Patrol station located 100 miles from the Mexico border.

"I miss the rolling hills of Virginia," she said. "Down here it's different. I'm getting used to the weather, to the town, to being halfway across the country where I don't know anyone, and then learning a new job."

Salomon grew up homeschooled in Whittier, Calif. She started at PHC in 2007. While earning her degree, Salomon took free classes through Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

"I gave back by spending time practicing as a medic," she said. "I enjoyed volunteering with the rescue squad and fire department while at PHC. That was a big part of my life."

After graduating, Salomon worked for Physicians Transport Service, a local company that moves patients between hospitals.

Salomon graduated from EMT to a

paramedic in March 2014 -- a change that put her in charge when pulling shifts at the rescue squad.

"You walk in on utter chaos and everyone looks to you to bring organization," she said.

Salomon volunteered for local fire departments and rescue squads while working at PTS, but most of her time was spent doing inter-facility transports.

"They aren't terrible exciting," she said. "When you're there to pick up that patient, you already know their diagnosis and vitals. I like 911 better because someone calls, you show up, and you don't know what you're getting into. It's more dramatic."

Salomon's love of excitement and challenging herself made her want something new. She applied to the National Park Service in 2012 but was rejected. She heard from a friend in paramedic class about Border Patrol in December 2014.

"He said Border Patrol was hiring, and they had a female-only announcement," Salomon said. "I didn't want to move to Texas, but I applied anyway."

The application was arduous and included a written test, physical fitness test, and polygraph. Salomon found out she got the job on Black Friday of 2015 while at the mall shopping for a Christmas Ball dress with her younger sister Abigail, a PHC freshman at the time. A little over a month later, she was in Artesia, New Mexico, starting her first day of Border Patrol Academy.

At the academy, recruits learned about everything from constitutional and immigration law to tactics and firearms. Monday through Friday, they attended class and did physical training. On weekends, the academy bused Salomon and her classmates to hike national parks.

"I wanted the job very badly and my prior experiences with firearms wasn't great," she said. "I was freaking out... and of course, that makes your shooting worse."

Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Crystal Portillo instructed Salomon.

"She reached out to me because she

was having trouble in firearms," Portillo said. "It helped coming from a female agent telling her everything was going to be okay and working through it. She's definitely a hard worker, someone that won't give up."

With help from her instructors and classmates, Salomon improved her technique. She spent hours dry-firing her .40 caliber, practicing her stance and preparing herself for the recoil. She qualified that March with the best score she'd ever received.

Salomon entered the field in June. She can't say where her Border Patrol station is.

"It's not necessarily safe to be on Border Patrol," she said, because criminals often target agents.

In her position, she rotates between three tasks: working in the processing center, manning a border checkpoint, and tracking and arresting individuals avoiding the checkpoint.

"It takes interesting skills I never thought I'd use," Salomon said. "It's all about little details... You have to outthink them when you find their trail, make up time, and figure out where they've been."

Salomon is counting down the days until Jan. 11 when she will be taken off probation and can become a Border Patrol paramedic.

"The reason I picked Border Patrol is because I can respond to 911 calls," she said. "Coyotes [human smugglers] are not nice people. If a guide sees trouble, he'll split, and he doesn't care about the people he's leaving behind because he's already been paid. Aliens call 911, and we find them."

Being one of the female agents at the station is tough, but Salomon is determined to push through. With every exhausting hike, late shift at the checkpoint, and dead end while tracking, she is proving herself to her fellow agents.

"With her now at the station being one of the only females - she's still trying, and she hasn't let that break her down," said her former instructor Portillo. ♦

Barbara Hodel: A Spiritual Giant

by Victoria Cook

Over a barbed wire fence and up a grassy expanse, a hill overlooked fields of swaying grass. “This is it. This is where the chapel needs to be, because it’s the highest place on the property, which will send the right message that we will lift him up higher above all that we do,” Barbara Hodel said to Dr. Michael Farris and Jack Haye, former Chairman of the PHC Board of Trustees.

Dressed in a crisp blue suit with her hair smartly pulled back, Barbara Hodel walked the acreage of what is now PHC’s land, praying with Farris, Haye, and others over where God would lead PHC in the future. Years later, Hodel’s legacy has left a lasting imprint on PHC on more than just the buildings.

Barbara Beecher Stockman was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Sept. 19, 1935. She grew up in Evanston, Ill., later moving to Salisbury, Md. When she went to Wellesley College, a women’s university, Barbara met Donald Hodel, an intelligent Harvard student who quickly became her best friend. In 1956, the two married while Barbara was finishing up her senior year. She graduated from Wellesley with honors.

As a married woman, Barbara had plenty to keep her busy. She and Donald moved across the country so that Donald could attend the University of Oregon, School of Law. After he graduated, Donald became the Republican State Chairman of Oregon. Meanwhile, Barbara gave

birth to their two children, Philip and David.

Donald continued to move up in the political sphere, with Barbara by his side to help. Two years after Donald became an administrator for the Bonneville Power Administration, the Hodels faced a great tragedy: the suicide of their oldest child, Philip. Their loss pointed them to their need for a Savior, and shortly after, the Hodels became Christians.

As a full time mother, Barbara raised her son and aided Donald as his career took off. Donald became the United States Secretary of Energy under the Ronald Reagan Administration. “Barbara was Donald’s best advisor,” Farris said.

The Hodels joined the Council for National Policy, where they first met Farris. When Farris founded PHC, the Hodels became donors. After talking with Barbara, Farris soon invited her to become a PHC trustee. “Barbara had a wealth of wisdom, and her commitment to the college was evident,” Farris said.

Barbara’s previous experiences in the political world and her relationship with Christ made her a valuable asset to PHC. “She was frequently reminding us that it was good to plan, but we would have to wait until the Lord gave us the sign to move ahead,” Haye said.

When the Board of Trustees was looking for a place to build PHC, Farris found the location, over which they extensively prayed. The plan to construct a second main building for PHC started in 2006. A year later, Barbara fell down the stairs and was left permanently paralyzed. When



Credit: Patrick Henry College

Farris and his wife went to visit her in the hospital, Barbara could not talk, due to the breathing tubes in her mouth. Despite the situation she was in, Barbara still smiled.

When the building was nearing completed, Farris had the idea to name the building after Barbara Hodel. The Board unanimously agreed and set the opening ceremony for Oct. 10, 2009. The Barbara Hodel Center was finished debt-free, an answer to much prayer.

For the BHC opening, Donald chartered a plane with doctors and nurses so Barbara could travel with as much comfort and care as possible. The ceremony portrayed a touching scene of love and new beginnings, as Barbara and Donald listened to Farris introduce the main speaker, Dr. James Dobson.

On Oct. 11, 2012, three years after the opening of the BHC, Barbara Hodel passed away. Despite her lack of independence, Barbara was at peace knowing that she was dependent on the Lord for strength.

“The life legacy she left, both in terms of a person of very high intelligence and accomplishment in her own right, pales in comparison to the legacy she left as a prayer warrior and someone who loved and was loved by her family,” Haye said.

In all the plans to expand PHC, the hill located behind Founders, on which Barbara stood, still remains the location for the future chapel. ♦



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Homecoming Kicks Off

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focus on having fun and fostering an environment for more student-alumni interaction. “The biggest difference I wanted to see at Homecoming was more natural interaction with alumni. I hope that the carnival on Saturday will create the atmosphere for this natural interaction,” Hoshiko said.

Alumni are also looking forward to this year’s festivities and the focus on student and alumni interaction. “Now that

I am an alum, Homecoming is more important and actually means something to me,” said Lanson Hoopai, graduate of the class of ‘16. “I feel like I am coming home in a sense, and the whole event has become a lot more compelling.”

The additions to the Homecoming festivities are a Guac & Talk that will occur Friday evening and a campus carnival on Saturday.

The Guac & Talk, modeled after Andrew Kelly and Josh Webb’s Walk & Talks, will take place in the student

lounge on Friday night and will feature plenty of chips and guacamole, along with rounds of *Quiplash* and mingling between students.

Saturday’s carnival will be the highlight of the week, with an adult bounce house, caricature drawing, and tasty barbeque. “The carnival will be really fun with a lot of fun things to do,” Hoshiko said. But I also think it will be rewarding for the alumni to see the way the student body is now and for the students to make connections with alumni.” ♦



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Fall Fun and Festivals

by Rebekah Jorgensen

Crisp mornings, pumpkin-flavored food on store shelves, and the comeback of plaid scarves announce that fall is finally upon us! Some students choose to ignore this joyous season of hot cider and corn mazes and instead use the colder days as excuses to stay inside and study for midterms. However, this is the time for you to get outside, marvel at the changing leaves, and enjoy the festivities all around you. Here are some of the best activities in the area.

1. Fairfax Fall Festival

October 8

This season marks the 39-year anniversary of this daylong extravaganza. Arts and crafts, food vendors, three stages of music and entertainment, and a variety of other activities provide the perfect study break.

2. Paxton Manor

Open every weekend in October

This haunted house, located just off Battlefield Parkway in Leesburg, will certainly scare you awake long enough to pull off an all-nighter or two. Dark corridors, interactive actors, and mysterious stories leave attendees wide-eyed and wondering. For the more faint of heart, "no scare" glow necklaces are also available. Admission is \$25.

3. Mount Vernon Fall Harvest Days

October 22-23

Whether or not you've had the chance to visit Mount Vernon before, these two days provide the perfect opportunity to stroll around the historic grounds. Enjoy a variety of autumn activities, including horse-drawn wagon rides, wheat-treading in the barn, a straw-bale maze, early-American games, music, and demonstrations.

4. Taste of D.C.

October 8-9

While not a specifically fall-related activity, this weekend event is the premier food event in D.C., featuring tastings from over 70 of D.C.'s best restaurants, food trucks, caterers, and purveyors. The event also sports a Farm-to-Fork



Students picking pumpkins during a wing event at Wayside Farm

zone and demonstrations from top chefs exhibiting their favorite recipes. Live entertainment will be performed on the main stage, as well as the Annual Ben's Chili Bowl's World Chili Eating Championship. General admission is \$10.

5. Wayside Farm Fun

Open Saturdays and Sundays, September 17-October 30

Whether you're looking for a wing event, a fun date, or just a day out with friends, Wayside Farms is the place to be. Their huge pumpkin patch offers multiple sizes of pumpkins, all just right for carving. They even offer a "Pumpkin Run 5K" on Oct. 23 around the farm. So take the 20-minute drive down Route 7 to get lost in the 10-acre corn maze, interact with farm animals, and participate in some good old-fashioned pumpkin smashing. General admission is \$10.

6. Historic Manassas Fall Jubilee

October 1

Historic Manassas, located in Northern Virginia, heralds the beginning of fall with its annual festival, featuring live music and entertainment, handmade arts and crafts, and a wide array of foods. The streets are lined with vendors, non-profit



Credit: Christine McDonald

organizations, and community information booths that hold raffles and drawings throughout the day.

7. Autumn Conservation Festival

October 1-2

Hosted by the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute, this festival is the only time each year when the one-of-a-kind breeding and research facility, located in Front Royal, is open to the general public. The festival features scenic views of the Institute's campus, where visitors may catch glimpses of bison, endangered cranes, wolves, and other animals. Staff is on hand to answer questions on caring for endangered species and to explain the cutting-edge technology they have on hand to save the animals. Admission is \$30. ♦

PHC Alumnus Leads New Church

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them Spanish-speaking churches.

"We see in the New Testament, especially after Christ has ascended, the way the early missionaries...spread the Gospel is [by] planting churches," Baum said. "The church gathered is a special and unique witness to the gospel. The way that we love each other will show that we believe in him, that we're his followers. The love that we show each other kind of makes Jesus visible and makes his love visible to the world."

Baum agreed to become the primary pastor for another church plant effort in Western Loudoun County. To prepare for the plant, he completed a church-planting residency, which involved a lot of logistical planning, reading, writing, and teaching two years before the actual plant took place. He also attended Reformed Theological Seminary in McClean part-time and completed part of a Masters of Divinity degree.

After an interest meeting last spring, 28 members committed to constitute the core group of the plant. After that, they met every week or two to pray, hear each other's testimonies, and do planning right up until the launch in August.

LVBC focuses its service around hearing Scripture. The service has Scripture readings, prayers that hinge on those readings, and worship both before and after the sermon. "The church grows spiritually through the work of the Holy Spirit. You hardly ever see the Spirit divorced from the Word of God," Baum said. "If we're going to grow, it's going to be through the teaching and preaching and hearing of the Word of God."

PHC senior Olivia Monroe's family planted a church years ago. Now she is involved at LVBC in its beginning stages by serving on the music team. "For PHC students especially, the tendency to not take church attendance/involvement seriously is easy because we're surrounded by

chapel and a Christian environment all of the time," Monroe said. "But God has ordained the local church to be the place where people are healed and strengthened through the preaching of the gospel. While the Christian community of PHC is a gift, it is not a church or a substitute for one."

Senior Jordan Hughes has attended Sterling since his freshman year, but was never very involved. "I think the Lord is calling me into some kind of full-time ministry, so when I heard Sterling was planting a church in Purcellville, it was almost too good to be true." He joined the core group from Sterling Park and attended the weekly meetings. Now, he's an intern at LVBC.

"LVBC's goal is to mature and multiply believers specifically in Purcellville; that's a goal I can get behind and be involved in," Hughes said. He helps with everything from leading worship, teaching children's ministry, and arriving early and leaving late to set up and tear down.

Hughes understands it's difficult to get involved when students are so busy. "For most adults, the primary body of Christ they interact with is their local church," he said. "For students at PHC, our primary body of Christ is the Christian community here on campus."

However, Hughes thinks church ought to be more for students than just growing in one's personal walk with God. Hughes thinks that finding mentor relationships is one of the best benefits of becoming more involved in church. "More than



Courtesy: Jacob Baum

anything, it has been a huge blessing to be constantly reminded that life is not all about PHC," Hughes said. "College is not a four year period that is totally separate from the rest of our lives. I've found it to be incredibly healthy to be involved in relationships that have nothing to do with college."

Baum cautions students against supplanting church by only fellowshiping with peers. "PHC can provide spiritual accountability and spiritual growth, but Jesus died for His church," Baum said.

"I would encourage [students] to join a church quickly and be fruitful in it," Baum said. "Not only do they need the church, but the church needs them." ♦



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Wing Parents at PHC

Wing parent program offers the opportunity for students and alumni to connect

by Rebekah Jorgensen

Nail polish, pumpkin cookies, trail mix, and chocolate wrapped up in a cute bag and left at the door of a Mount Vernon girls' wing indicated that the wing mom had come again.

Wing moms and dads are a long-standing tradition of PHC, uniting current students with alumni looking for a chance to give back to the campus.

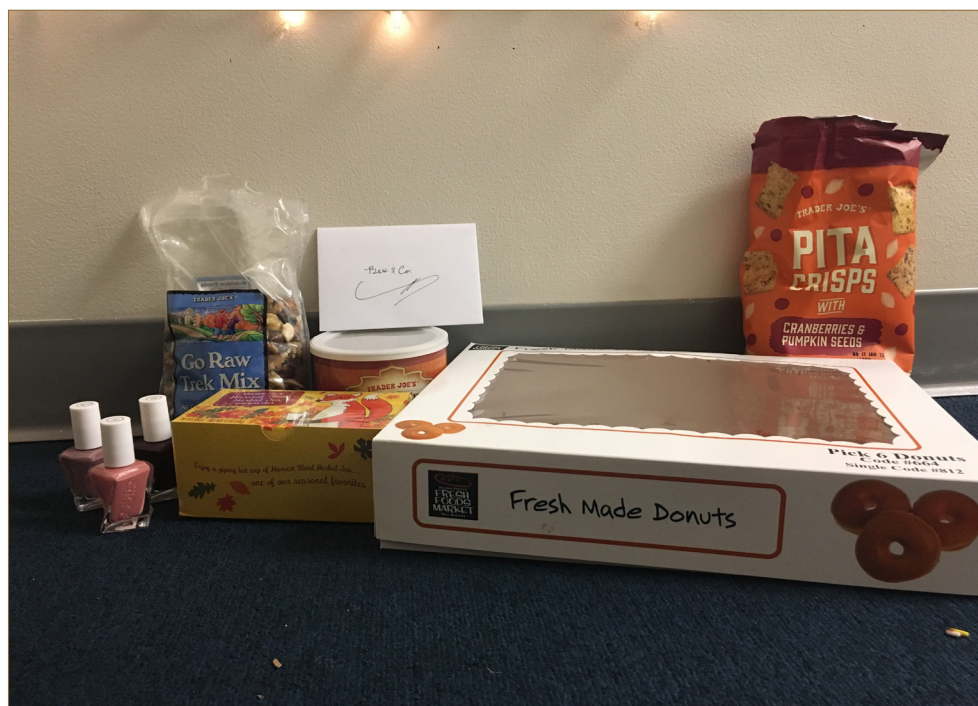
"I think that this real and honest interest in students from alumni they've never met can encourage and support them during the various rough times in college," said alumna Emily Mowry, coordinator of the wing parent program.

Mowry took over leadership of the program when Jenna Lorence, the previous coordinator, announced that she was looking for a replacement. This is Mowry's second year heading up organization of wing parents.

"The alumni I work with love the opportunity to minister to and mentor the current students of the school," Mowry said. "This program gives them the chance to connect with the campus environment and get to see some of the changes that have occurred on campus that they advocated for during their time."

Wing parents typically reach out to their respective wings through the primary love language of college students: food. Snacks, chocolate, Starbucks, and other treats are simple ways to provide encouragement to an entire wing.

Other wing parents have the unique opportunity to live in the area surrounding campus, and they will often invite



Wing mom Abby Berg's gifts to her adopted wing.

students over to their homes or come to campus to participate in wing chapel and other activities. Some have even begun mentoring students over coffee on a regular basis.

"My wing mom is my older sister who graduated from here in 2011," sophomore Abigail Salomon said. "My favorite memories of her are when she would drop by when she was working at the rescue squad and would just drop by to check on us. Even though she doesn't live in the area anymore, she still is our wing mom and sends us food."

Junior Josh Kavanagh, member of Stan Crocker's wing, organized a thank-you letter from the whole

wing for their wing parents, Cody and Emily Holt, after they dropped off food and cleaning supplies.

"My goal is that the wing parents in the program develop the ability to be a blessing to the students."

Emily Mowry

Coordinator of the wing parent program

"So far your parenting has been immensely successful," the letter said. "All of us, your kids, have successfully graduated, we're in a pretty good school, and most of us are growing up, so it's unlikely that you'll have to host us in your basement for the next twenty years. We love you so much!"

While some wing parents don't have the time to invest in their wings that they would like to, students enjoy whatever their "moms" and "dads" can offer, recognizing that one day, they, too, will have the opportunity to give back to this community.

"As alumni, we've gone through many of the same struggles and difficulties, and as a result, are equipped to provide current students with a bit of perspective and some advice on wading through four years of college," Mowry said. "My goal is that the wing parents in the program develop the ability to be a blessing to the students of Patrick Henry College in the manner that they are best suited for." ♦

Aaron Kamakawiwoole Releases Game

by Meg McEwen

Aaron Kamakawiwoole plans on marketing *Zurn*, a traditional role-play game (RPG), this October after two and a half years of creating and collaborative testing.

"In *The Warriors of Zurn*, you can find adventure, combat, social challenges, romance, and, if you're lucky, survival and glory from many soul-harrowing adventures... around every corner you will face questions about when to kill, when to run, when to fight valiantly, when to continue without hope, and when to show mercy," Kamakawiwoole wrote in the introduction to the first sourcebook. The first source book contained 167 pages of the storyline, races, magic, equipment, and laws found in the world of *Zurn*.

Sourcebooks may define the game, but imagination drives it, and the six-sided game die gives it strategy. The world of *Zurn* is not limited to a board game, screen, or ink; rather, the collaborative minds of players dictate and imagine the details of the story every session. After role-playing through other games, Kamakawiwoole decided to build his own RPG world, drawing both from his and his acquaintances' knowledge of role-playing, culture, literature, and cinema. "*Zurn* is not pitched as its own unique world. It is pitched more as a meeting of the mythos, a place where all worlds converge. If you find something in an anime TV show, you might find it in *Zurn*... If people happen to see things that they already know that they've seen before, they simply see it as an 'aha' moment," Kamakawiwoole said.

The world of *Zurn*, now with seven tested source books and 30 regular "Zurnians" on campus, began as a reoccurring dream world in the mind of 14-year-old Kamakawiwoole. In the first dream, he woke up in a medieval town with a wooden stockade wall situated next to an eerie forest. "I decided to do what I probably would never have done in real life, which is randomly go up to a stranger and

ask him what was in the forest," Kamakawiwoole said. "He told me, 'There's all kinds of things in there. But you're going to have to go in to find out.'" Kamakawiwoole ventured into the forest that night, meeting characters and encountering harpies, feats that his "real life" persona would probably have skirted.

Zurn stands out within the traditional tabletop RPG market of mainstream games like *Dungeons and Dragons*. The six-faced dice used rival the more common twenty-sided dice, changing the game mechanics.

Moral quandaries present another distinction between *Zurn* and other RPGs. Kamakawiwoole intended for the driving force of *Zurn* to be that actions have consequences. Characters move along a scale of light and dark that limits the success of their interactions with others.

These compelling features of *Zurn* hatched a niche community of storytellers and strategists at PHC. Every week, small groups of students meet together in the admissions center to sit back, roll dice, and become the characters that they have grown to know and love.

"I had originally built [*Zurn*] just as a means of making a hobby that I could share with my friends," Kamakawiwoole said.

Typically, the game master will scribble a map on a scrap of paper that outlines the objective and barriers of the quest. It is up to the players, through the personalities and varying skills of their characters interacting together, to complete the mission. "The biggest way [*Zurn*] has impacted me is in terms of the people I've met through it," Nathan Karnes said. "The people who are drawn to it across campus come from a lot of different areas. You can only be a fictional character for so long without exposing your real character."

As with all creative outlets, *Zurn* presents students at PHC with personal challenges and moral dilemmas. "The character that I have had the most trouble with is in Aaron's group. I play the dashing

rogue character, which is not me at all. I don't dash or rogue," Karnes said. Elisabeth Wilk, another player, determined one big rule for roleplaying: you have to be your character and not yourself, or else the story will be thrown off.

The danger for role players to morally and emotionally distance themselves from their character's actions still exists. One player, Elias Gannage, left his group because he realized that characters were becoming so overpowered that they could use time magic to erase the consequences of immoral actions. "It may be a fictional universe, but that doesn't change the fact that what is wrong is wrong. Obviously, if you have a character that's struggling with alcoholism and you realize that your character accidentally stepped into a bar, maybe you would decide to do a willpower test. If your character fails that willpower test, your character's going to start drinking and get drunk," Gannage said. He recognized that, because of the way his group played, they were able to "break the game," a power play that turned sour.

The startup capital needed to bring *Zurn* to the market ranges from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Kamakawiwoole set a monetary goal for *Zurn*'s kickstarter fund that would be open between May 6 and June 6. He reached that goal within 14 days. As a result, the first edition of *Zurn* will be available in hardcopy or PDF, for around \$35 in October. *Zurn* merchandise, such as Christmas cards and meme-styled T-shirts, is on the way. Kamakawiwoole began a scholarship foundation called *Zurn Foundation* for PHC students as a means of giving back to the students what they gave to the game. He is excited to see what the future holds for *Zurn* as he develops new sourcebooks and polishes the game.

"My hope is that future players will not be limited by what they find in the book. I hope that they keep adding their own things," Kamakawiwoole said. "I hope they keep giving me new ideas. That they take the world that I made and are good stewards of it by making it better." ♦

College Republicans Host Debate-Watching Party

by Carrie Durning

The PHC community came together on Sept. 26 to watch presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump in their first debate since the conventions.

Providing pizza and ice cream, the College Republicans hosted the event in the student lounge, creating a friendly atmosphere for students to watch the 90-minute debate. In the Red Hill lounge, a smaller number of students also organized a watch party, complete with pizza and popcorn.

"Watching the debate did not help me make a final decision on who to vote for," said Ian Frith, Vice Chair of the College Republicans. "I'm still on the fence between Clinton and Trump." This is the case with much of the PHC community, and this debate has not helped those that are uncertain about their vote.

The debate also failed to sway the students that are not on the fence from their firm beliefs on who they are planning to vote for. "Watching the debate did not change my opinions about the presidential candidates in the slightest," said freshman Madison Cawthorn. "I have been a Trump supporter since he was thinking about running in 2012, in the primaries against Mitt Romney, and I am still a Trump supporter today."



Credit: Ian Frith

Many of the students watching the debate were not impressed with either of the presidential candidates. "Trump and Hillary both definitely could have done better," said freshman Kyle Ziemnick. "Trump actually sounded like a normal presidential candidate for the first half hour, and then it all started going downhill from there." After the first thirty minutes, Trump began taking the questions too personally, and started ranting on off-topic issues.

"Trump didn't even need Hillary there to make him look bad," said Frith. "Trump just made Trump look bad, all on his own."

Although disappointed with Trump's performance, Cawthorn still plans to vote for him in the upcoming election. "I think what this country needs is a radical change," Cawthorn said. "Yes, I think Trump is sometimes extreme, and I don't agree with a lot of what he says, but I think we need someone to come out and break the mold and really change this nation."

Overall, both debate-watching parties were successful in bringing the students together to watch as a community. Although watching the actual debate did not help most of the students decide, or change any of their minds, most did not regret the time they spent watching. The amount of students that showed up to the event was more than expected, and the CRs are satisfied with how it went. "I was pleased with the event turnout," Frith said. "It's encouraging to see a lot of people interested in the debate, and seeing a lot of people come out to listen to what both candidates have to say." ♦



Credit: Ian Frith

Generation Joshua Recruits SAT Members

by Danielle Fife

This election cycle, Generation Joshua (GenJ) will deploy 1,500-1,700 students to campaigns across the country for their annual Student Action Teams (SATs). GenJ hopes to recruit approximately 150 team leaders, mostly PHC students, to lead teams of high school students.

Not only does SAT leadership look great on a resume, but this is also an opportunity to shape high schoolers' views of both the representative process and their lives in a profound way. "I get to see kids from all over the country who aren't even old enough to vote equipped to make a difference," said Jeremiah Lorig, Deputy Director of GenJ. "I have seen history made by the most unlikely heroes: teenagers."

GenJ recently expanded the number of teams that they are deploying and are in need of even more leaders than they initially thought. The SATs are tentatively slated to be deployed in states with critical elections: Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Iowa, and Virginia. However, these states could be subject to last-minute changes.

"Last minute flexibility is how GenJ pulls together the magic," said Daniel Heffington, GenJ's Communications Director.



Va. Delegate Dave LaRock addresses a group of GenJ students

These deployments focus both on electing solid conservative candidates and building awareness of important issues. When students knock on doors, they advocate for election of a particular candidate, and remind voters of the values that transcend elections.

The SATs will deploy for House and Senate races, and, in a few rare instances, gubernatorial races. "Amongst conservatives, the presidential election is still decisive," Heffington said. "No matter who gets elected, the House and Senate will be important because the executive is only part of the decision-making process."

However, the SATs are not just for students who foresee a career in campaigns.

"You don't have to be a government major, heck, I am a history major!" said senior intern Cory Gibbons. SATs teach leadership, problem solving, and many other invaluable skills that set their leaders apart in the work place and life.

Unlike most campaign experiences, SATs work from a decidedly Christian perspective. There is time for prayer and devotions, even in the midst of the fast-paced campaign environment, and team leaders have the opportunity to impact these high schoolers spiritual life. "An SAT is the most unique political experience you will ever be a part of," Heffington said. ♦

September 28, 2016, Named "PHC Day"

by Beth Bergstrom

"Happy Patrick Henry College Day!" echoed throughout campus this past Wednesday as students greeted each other.

Purcellville mayor Kwasi A. Fraser issued a proclamation on Tuesday night's city council meeting declaring Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, as Patrick Henry College Day.

The proclamation read as follows, "Proclamation in honor of Patrick Henry College whereas, the Purcellville Town

Council wish to recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements; and whereas, this proclamation honors Patrick Henry College faculty, staff and students who have and continue to exemplify exceptional character, unity, and community values which embody the spirit of the Town of Purcellville; and whereas, in July of this year, Patrick Henry College students won the 8th Annual Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Geneva, Switzerland; and whereas Michael Farris, Chancellor of Patrick Henry College, coached the team

of juniors, William Bock and Helaina Hirsch, to victory; whereas, this dynamic team brought home the College's 9th of the last 12 American Moot Court Association National Championship, cementing the smaller college as a legal debate powerhouse regularly facing larger and well recognized schools. Be it further resolved, that the Purcellville Town Council does hereby proclaim Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, as Patrick Henry College day in honor of this outstanding achievement."

Farris, Bock, and Hirsch were in attendance to receive the proclamation. ♦

Rain Saves Campus from Ugly Lake

by Bruce Truax

The rain may have drenched unaware students on Wednesday, but it finally fixed a major problem: Lake Bob. Recently, dirt banks appeared where lake waters used to be. Masses of green algae floated across the stagnate pond, making Lake Bob look more like the “Slew of Despond” from *Pilgrim’s Progress* than anything else. Even the friendly ducks that frequent the lake have looked depressed. Yet the rains that finally came this week brought hope once again.

“I think it is a crying shame,” junior Andrew Shepherd said. “I think it is the ugliest thing I’ve seen and it just reminds of a fallen world every day; sadness, mud... the lake is literally making me go bald.”

The lake shrunk further when the grounds crew pumped water out of the lake to water the grass because it was so dry. “It’s better to have a drained lake and beautiful grass than grass that’s dying because there’s no rain,” said grounds crew member Andrew Kelly.

The admissions department has also found the shrunken lake to be an obstacle. “All the mess on the lake and the 20



Credit: Beth Bergstrom

feet of beach all around [makes it] a little bit of an eyesore,” Stephen Pierce said.

“I was talking with a family and I pointed to the right and they asked, ‘What’s the slew over there?’” Aaron-Christopher Kamakawiwoole added.

As it turns out, Lake Bob falls under government jurisdiction, due to the Clean Water Act. This act ruled that “navigable water” is under Federal authority. Dubbed the “Glancing Geese Test,” one of the requirements states that, “If a migrating bird even glanced at a water-filled pothole it became part of interstate commerce.” Therefore, PHC could technically call on the Coast Guard to fix the dried-up lake,

an idea about which admissions and other campus departments have joked.

Several students felt concern for the ducks that live at the lake. Freshmen posted a poll on Facebook to decide the ducks’ names, with name suggestions like “Duckster Spinney,” “Eowyn,” and “Franz Ferdinand.”

Shepherd, however, said that he didn’t care about the ducks, “unless they are dead and on my plate. I would find them delicious.”

In the end the campus could only wait for the rain. “There’s not much you can do for an artificial lake,” Kelly said. ♦

Practicing Hospitality: Open Dorms

After the passing of the Open Dorm Act last semester, open dorms make a more regular appearance.

by Leah Greenwood

Chatter and laughter filled the wings of Montpelier and Red Hill as guys and girls welcomed each other into their living spaces during last week’s Open Dorm Night. Students practiced hospitality by preparing selections of cookies, chips and dip, chocolate, doughnuts, bacon, apple cider, and other tasty treats for their guests to enjoy. “I love the opportunity that [Open Dorm Night] creates for hospitality,” senior Olivia Monroe said.

Dean Sandy Corbitt introduced Open

Dorm Night several years ago during Homecoming. “[I] thought that alumni would want to come in and see their old rooms,” she said. However, hardly any of the alumni took part in the event. Instead, Corbitt said that the students were the ones who absolutely loved it, visiting as many rooms as they could, and going all-out in providing refreshments and activities for the visitors in their own rooms.

This year, Open Dorm Night will take place regularly, following the Grey Glove schedule. Opening the dorms the night after cleaning inspections should make it easier on students, assuming that their

freshly-cleaned rooms will not get too messy over the course of one day.

Corbitt also wants to make sure that, though Open Dorm Nights happen more often, they don’t happen too much. “You want people to want to participate in it; you don’t want people feeling like their dorm’s been invaded,” Corbitt said.

The popularity that Open Dorm Night has with the students surprised Corbitt. “It showed me that people do like the ability to exercise hospitality,” Corbitt said. In order to help further a better experience of hospitality, only one dorm per one-hour time-slot will be opened. ♦

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HOMECOMING EVENTS

Guac & Talk
Friday, Sep 30th
7:30pm
Student Lounge

**Homecoming
Carnival**
Saturday, Oct 1st
11am-3pm
Behind Founders

**Alumni vs.
Students Annual
Football Game**
Sunday, Oct 2nd
1:30pm-3pm
Frisbee Field

#trendingatPHC

"My favorite Homecoming memory is probably the student vs. alumni football game under the lights. There's nothing better than lining up with a bunch of nerds to hit a bunch of married, out-of-shape nerds."

-Jordan Hughes

"My favorite Homecoming memory was when my freshman class kidnapped Dr. Favelo and held him at ransom for Homecoming points. It was so different from anything ever done all four years and Dr. Favelo was a great sport."

-Matt Boles, Class of 2016



Homecoming Over the Years

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"I would be Hitler's dream child."

-Adam Johnson

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