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A chalk drawing on a free speech wall in Charlottesville, photo courtesy of Akira Michie

Reflecting on Charlottesville

| by Marjorie Pratt |

Only a few people visited Charlottesville's downtown mall night of Aug. 11, the first evening of the now-infamous Unite the Right rally opposing the removal of a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee. Walking to my car that night, I wondered how rain might affect the next 24 hours. Friday nights are generally the busiest of the week on walking mall. Tourists and locals alike gather for music at the amphitheater, drinks at the local bars, and stop for ice cream at Kilwins, the candy store where I work. No crowds showed up that night.

Charlottesville residents had known about the rally for weeks. I heard about it the same day as the Ku Klux Klan rally a month prior. As a supervisor, I received several pamphlets from local organizations like Cville Pride, encouraging us to refuse service to any known white supremacist and urging us to close our doors on Aug. 12.

Some people were terrified. Some people expected it to end quickly like the two earlier rallies had.

There had already been several pro-Confederate rallies. In May, a group of torch carriers had marched on Emancipation Park, formerly Lee Park, to protest the scheduled removal of the General Lee statue which had long resided there. Self-proclaimed alt-righter Richard Spencer led the rally in angry chants at the foot of the bronze sculpture. The protest ended in about ten minutes with no foul play.

A month and half later, members of the KKK flew in to protest to removal. The rally itself, once again, was peaceful. Store owners along the mall had braced themselves for impact, but the KKK members never left the park on the other side of the street. The only arrests were of angry and aggressive counter protestors who had gathered unlawfully.

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Break Dress Code, Pay a Fine

| by Kara Brown and Becca Samelson |

Double check your skirt lengths, put away your sneakers, or open up your wallets; students who repeatedly break dress code can now be forced to pay a fine.

On August 23, Resident Director Julianne Owens announced via an ASE that business-casual dress code violations will now be enforced. After three violations, students will meet with an RD; a fourth violation will result in a \$25 fine. Only repeated violations of the business casual dress code can result in a fine.

"The goal of the policy is to incentivize students to take the dress code seriously," Owens explained. "Because there haven't been consequences in the past, [some students]

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- Kim Estep

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Student Life Enforces Dress Code with Fines

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think that they don't have to abide by dress code anymore, and that's unfair to the students that do."

Students have mixed reactions to the new policy. "I'm glad that [Student Life is] systematizing things with a clear and articulate policy," said Christian McGuire, PHC senior. "It isn't the enforcement system I would have suggested, but I am glad they are instituting a system."

Sophomore Abi Carter appreciates the enforcement for someone who repeatedly violates the same part of the dress code. "But because there's so many different options for breaking dress code for women," she explained, "I don't think paying a fine would be warranted for someone who violated four different parts of the dress code."

"Sometimes girls get dress-coded for wearing a dress they've worn

many times before simply because an RA saw it at a different angle than before," sophomore Marina Barnes said. "When this happens, it is typically not because of disrespect for the professionalism of business casual - and I'm afraid that these are the sorts of incidents that will be fined."

"The way that you make people obey the dress code is not by forcing them to do it, by a fine, but by convincing them it's a good idea," Alan Illyama said.

Owens added that the new enforcement should allow students and student life to discuss the dress code less. "[If you put] something in place that causes everyone to know that if you break a rule there's a consequence," she said, "you don't have to talk about it."

Less discussion about dress code would come as a relief for most RA's,

who do not enjoy dress coding students. As RA Pierre du Plessis commented, "It's the worst thing in the world to go up to a friend and say, 'Hey man you have to go change that,' because you know that can affect your friendship."

Harvest Prude, Mount Vernon RA, notes that the entire RA team cares about helping the students. "If the RA job didn't involve investing in the students, no one would do it," she said.

Owens said the majority of students would not be affected by the change. "I really don't think there's going to be much fining- [and] I really hope that there's absolutely no fining," she said. "But [the new policy] does put something in place both to incentivize students to continue to uphold the dress code as well as to put some form of consequence in place for people who just completely write it off." ■

A Letter from the Editor: A New Look

Dear Readers,

Thank you for picking up a copy of the first issue of the 26th volume of *The Herald*! It's been a year since I last wrote for *The Herald*, but sitting in a blue swivel chair in the j-lab makes me feel like I've come home. I'm looking forward to editing the first PHC publication I ever read, *The Herald*.

We've made a few changes to the Herald's look, including adopting the typeface that all PHC publications use. But not everything is from the PHC style guide; *The Herald* is connected to our college but it's not a college publication. This paper always has been, and will continue to be, written by the students of PHC.

While *The Herald* is written by the students here, they aren't our only readers; campus visitors, faculty, alumni, and family members across the country often read our paper. *The Herald* finds its roots in PHC. However, because our readership is not limited to PHC students, and because

we students are not solely defined by the college we attend, our stories will sometimes reach outside of campus into the Purcellville area or even to national events. That's why our logo shows the H spreading beyond its blue banner; *The Herald*, though grounded in PHC, will reach beyond campus to include local and national news.

The new mission statement for *The Herald* is informing, engaging, preparing, and celebrating. Carrie, Marjorie, Vienna, and I are committed to providing stories that inform you about events or problems in campus or the community. We will engage with campus by writing relevant stories and publishing content suggested, written, or created by you. Our articles can suggest ways you can prepare for upcoming events in our community or for future internships off campus. Finally, we want to use *The Herald* to celebrate the successes of our students, alumni, and faculty in our physical paper as well our various social

media platforms.

Our name, *The Herald*, reminds me of Paul Revere, who rode through Massachusetts shouting, "The British are coming!" Revere couldn't insure that the colonists would prepare themselves to act. He simply delivered information that the colonists needed and left their response up to them. I can't make you change your actions, share your opinions, or help other people; but I can provide you with stories that are important enough to encourage you to respond. It's not Carrie's, Vienna's, Marjorie's, or my job to force you to do or feel anything. We're just here to inform you with issues that can help you engage, prepare, or celebrate.

We've heralded the news. You've heard it. What are you going to do next?

Sincerely,

Becca Samuelson

Student Provides Perspective On Charlottesville

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Charlottesville, home of the University of Virginia, is a liberal city that prides itself on peace and acceptance, despite its conservative history and surroundings. Some locals feel the Lee statue clashes with the city's 21st-century focus. Most locals, whether or not they supported the statue's removal, far from supported the beliefs of the white supremacists who continued visiting. The Downtown Mall, home of Cville Pride's annual festival, many "safe spaces," and the Free Speech Wall, is the pinnacle of Charlottesville's beliefs. Foreseeing so much hate spread through the center of my home was impossible before this summer.

Late Aug. 11, men trampled the UVA lawn, bearing torches, and chanting Nazi slogans. A series of fights broke out between protestors and counter protestors in front of the University's Rotunda after one man (which side he stood for is unclear) punched another and others jumped in to retaliate.

These activists completely undermined the beauty and peaceful nature of the campus' center. They ignored the two quiet gardens on either side

of the Rotunda and the serenity of the reflection pool; instead, they focused on their own goals, on drawing all attention to their hatred and aggression.

Clergy members from local churches gathered early the next morning on Market Street, the road between Emancipation Park and the mall. They continued to pray and sing hymns even after the protestors and counter-protestors began arriving.

Police set up a barricade to separate the alt-righters from any counter protesters. Though spit and insults flew back and forth across sides, the crowd stayed relatively peaceful until about 10:30 a.m., an hour and a half before the scheduled start of the rally.

Tensions had been rising steadily as more members from each side of the protest continued to appear. The park, only one square block, could not fit everyone. When anti-fascists (ANTI-FA) made their way down the streets, fights began breaking out.

By 11:30 a.m., after violent fights broke out, the city declared a state of emergency. The police soon after declared all groups unlawfully gathered.

If the protestors and counter-protestors had cleared out, like the KKK members had a month earlier, the afternoon might have turned into a normal quiet Saturday in Charlottesville.

Instead, at 2:45 p.m., people still flooded the area. Two vehicles rolled slowly down 4th Street, parting the crowds until they stopped at the Water Street intersection. The driver of at least one of the vehicles got out to take pictures of the counter-protestors who lined every inch of the road.



Street are found in Charlottesville. Photographer: Akira Michie

Some heard the tires screech. Some saw the silver Challenger turn onto the side road. No one expected the driver, reportedly a man named James Alex Fields Jr. from Ohio, to slam on the gas, headed straight toward the crowd and the two stopped cars. No one expected him to reverse back through the crowd and speed away down the one-way street.

The crash killed 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injured 19 others. The Downtown Mall became a crime scene. Restaurants did not open for dinner nor bars for the nightlife; I did not have to go to work. Stores across town closed early.

Early evening, the clouds rolled back in and the downpour arrived. City streets emptied. Rumors floated around through social media about random shootings around town. A man stopped me in a parking lot at dusk to tell me that a man had been driving around in an SUV, shooting at civilians. These rumors stayed unconfirmed. By dark, the nation had responded.

President Trump's response caused an uproar. "We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides," he said. He failed to condemn the white nationalists, leav-

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The Heather Heyer memorial, courtesy of Pratt

ing his wording vague. As a politician, he made many mistakes, but calling out both sides was not one of them. "I think there is blame on both sides," he explains later. Anyone at the rally knows that, though not every individual is to blame, people from both sides threw punches. Both sides displayed hate: hate towards minorities or hate towards hateful people.

Locals were stunned. Things like this didn't happen in happy little Charlottesville. This was a town whose name most either didn't recognize or

confused with Charlotte, North Carolina, but by dark, the nation knew us for something we did not want to be known for. Flowers already rested early the next morning at the block of 4th Street where Heyer lost her life. Reporters filmed as locals formed a heart in the middle of the road with bouquets, etched notes on the asphalt with chalk, prayed and burned incense.

The Paramount, an antique theater on the mall, held Heyer's funeral on the following Wednesday, an event open to the whole community. Fol-

lowing the funeral, the city shrouded the Lee statue in black. That night, a candle light vigil was held on the UVA grounds. Hundreds gathered in love to honor the lives of Heyer.

Today, nearly three weeks later, 4th street is still closed and the memorial still stands. Though the rally left little physical damage around the city, it left many memories. Charlottesville has honored the memories of lives lost, but refuses to be known for violence and hatred. ■

Revitalizing The Music Department

| by Vienna Jacobson |

Patrick Henry College's music program entered a new phase this fall with the transition of adjunct professor Dr. Kristina Tanner as full-time professor of music. Tanner will work more with current musical efforts, such as the Chapel Guild, and hopes to build up the college's academic music program.

Tanner has been at PHC since 2007, giving piano lessons and teaching Music History and Appreciation, a core course.

She will continue to homeschool her five children while working full time for PHC. "I did not envision life looking quite like this when I was a kid," Tanner said. She usually has one child with her while one of her friends takes care of the other four at home. Tanner says that while she does not sleep a lot, she is a planner and that makes her schedule manageable.

"She is basically Superwoman," said Marina Barnes, a junior music minor.

CLA chairman Steve Hake begun a search after the previous music director left in 2015 for another position, and hired Tanner last spring.

"I think it helped that I knew the classical model," Tanner said.

Tanner will face some challenges, said Dr. Cory Grewell, who was on the search committee, such as a tight budget and the lack of music major. But

he's looking forward to the improvements she will make. "Dr. Tanner was a solid, Christian, female candidate who knew us and looked good on paper, which made her the obvious choice."

Her students are enthusiastic about having her around more. "She is kind of like a mom for anyone who knows her," said Elias Gannage, a junior music minor. Gannage is also looking forward to the structure that will come with a full-time faculty member to head the department. "I'm excited to see more structure and certainty," he said.

While there are still several different instructors in the music program, Tanner will provide leadership and will help attract some new students.

In the immediate future, Tanner is looking to add new classes to PHC's catalog, including a music and politics class and a ministry skills course.

Both Barnes and Gannage, who are heavily involved in music activities both within and outside their minor, encourage students to at least look at minoring in music. "I think the entire shift is very exciting and Dr. Tanner has great vision for what the music minor can be," Barnes said.

Tanner, along with Barnes and Gannage, want to see more people involved in the minor. "I'd like more people to be aware of music department events," Tanner said. While students often show up for events, faculty



Dr. Tanner, courtesy of PHC Communications are not as heavily involved as Tanner would like them to be.

"I'd like to see it move into a two-track music minor," Tanner said. She is hoping to eventually split the minor into a ministry focused track, and a track focused toward teaching and performing.

While Tanner does not see a music major in the near future, she does hope that one day it will happen. "Someday it would be great to have a major," said Tanner. ■



Whether backpacking through Europe or rafting down the Jordan River, PHC students take opportunities to learn through travel, each destination leaving a long-lasting impact.

"It was so important that we didn't touch our faces through the protective net while we were with the bees," freshman Abby Rose said. She described the risks when harvesting honey from a colony of African Killer Bees in Tanzania, Africa, "If we did, the bees would be able to sting us, and when one bee stings, the entire colony attacks you."

Rose spent four weeks visiting her sister in Africa, harvesting honey, hiking the mountains around the Sum-bawanga valley, and learning the cul-

ture and language of the village.

"When you address others in the language of the village, you call everyone 'brother' or 'sister', Rose said. "The lives of those in the village are so simple, and because of this there is such peace and happiness in their lives."

Junior Nikki Cordaro spent most of her summer backpacking through Europe. She lived out of one backpack containing 12 items of clothing for almost four weeks.

Cordaro traveled with a friend through Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Denmark, and Iceland, taking a train or bus from one country to the next. She spent her days touring ma-

ior cities and spent her nights couch surfing, with other backpackers or in hostels.

"The best part about traveling is meeting people. Not necessarily people from the country you're in, but also from all around the world," Cordaro said. "There is something extraordinary about meeting people that are all so different from you except for the one thing everyone has in common: interest in travel."

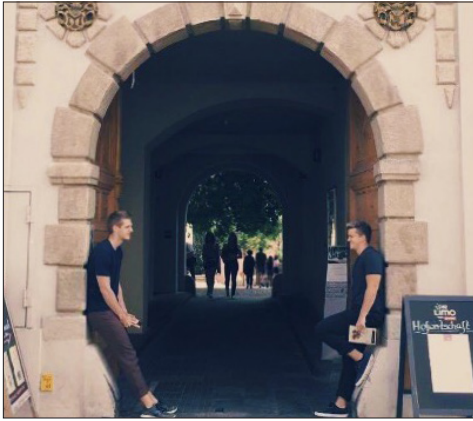
Traveling across America state by state with a goal to rely on God more, PHC senior Josh Webb began his summer choosing do something meaningful with alumni Andrew Kelly. The trip started in Purcellville where Kelly and Webb wrote each of the 50 states on



Abby Rose, photo courtesy of Rose.



Nikki Cordaro poses on a bridge in Venice while traveling in Europe, photo courtesy of Cordaro



Webb and Kelly, photo courtesy of Webb

slips of paper, which they placed in a fishbowl and drew at random. They then selected a place in the state and traveled there. Upon arriving in the state, Webb and Kelly relied on God to get them a place to stay, and a job to earn money and a meal. They traveled this way for a month, hitting Iowa, Kentucky, New Jersey, Virginia, and Florida.

Webb and Kelly spent the last month of the summer in Europe visiting a friend who is now a missionary in Greece, as well as traveling through Iceland, Germany. In Greece, Webb and Kelly volunteered at a non-profit organization in Athens that exists to support refugees.

“Traveling is a form of education.



Kate Forde poses next to a lion while in Johannesburg, South Africa, photo courtesy of Forde

You learn so much that you don’t have the opportunity to learn when staying in one place,” Webb said. “This summer forced me to rely on God more, and made me realize how much I had taken the little things in life for granted.”

Freshman Kate Forde spent the first half of her summer in Israel where she rode camels, rafted down the Jordan River, and swam in the Dead Sea, riding camels through the desert, rafting down and being baptized in the Jordan River, swimming in the Dead Sea, and roaming the old city of Jerusalem. Forde did all of this with a group of young individuals like herself through a program called Behold Israel, led by Amir Tsarfati.

“It is so amazing to stand in the place where Jesus gave his sermon on the mount, or on the beach where Jesus forgave Peter for denying him three times,” Forde said. “All those stories I grew up learning about finally came to life.”

For the last half of her summer, Forde flew to Johannesburg, South Africa. This trip was filled with safaris, riding an ostrich, enjoying a company of penguins on Robben Island, and much more. “I have always thought I am a product of myself,” Forde said. “But seeing where my family originated and how my parents were raised, I now understand that I am a product of my heritage.”



Cordaro in Paris, photo courtesy of Cordaro



Forde in the city of Jerusalem while visiting Israel, photo courtesy of Forde

Faculty/Staff Team Crushes Students in Fundraiser Game

| by Becca Samelson |

You can't teach an old dog new tricks, but that doesn't make young dogs any more skilled, as students learned last Saturday at the faculty/student basketball game.

The PHC staff and faculty team trounced the students 65-39 in what organizer William Bock called "a clash of generations, of professors and students, of father and son."

"The idea was to have an activity that would spark interest in sports at PHC, raise money for athletics, and provide a fun event everyone could attend or participate in," Bock said.

Academic Dean Frank Guliuzza, the

coach of the faculty team, was pleased with their performance. "The faculty team had some people who had a lot of experience playing basketball," he said. "They stayed in real good shape... Dr. Sillars is throwing himself around, Dr. Mitchell is getting like every rebound. They just played with a lot of intensity."

Bock is hopeful for a rematch. "Considering that the faculty won this time it is more likely that another game will be attended by them in the future than if the students had crushed them," he said. "Hopefully this sort of event will become a tradition in years to come."

With reporting by Gabriel Gannage 📷



Staff team member Jeff Blizzard goes up for 2 points. Photographer: Evie Fordham

Men's and Women's Sentinels Open Seasons

| by Becca Samelson |

PHC soccer teams kicked off their seasons this week with three games.

The Sentinels lost 0-12 at an away game last Monday against Hagerstown Community College and lost a much closer home game on Wednesday against Christendom 0-4. Still, team captains William Bock and Keith Zimmerman have high hopes for the season.

"Our first half play has been good; it's keeping that play up for 90 minutes that we know we still need to work on to do," Bock said.

"The difference between Wednesday and Monday was huge," Zimmerman said. "We played better together as a team on Wednesday, and I see us working better as the season goes on."

The team is as large as it has been in several years with almost 20 members. "This was supposed to be a rebuilding year according to coach," Bock said. "But with many talented freshmen and many sophomores and seniors added to the team and a schedule that more closely parallels our talent, we have a

chance to have a winning season." He said he was "cautiously optimistic."

"It's a young team with a lot of potential," Zimmerman added.

The Lady Sentinels played their first game, a 0-7 loss against Christendom, on Thursday. "It didn't seem like we were even going to get to play until Tuesday night," said mid-fielder Marjorie Pratt. Only six girls continually came to practice, Pratt noted, but the team had 15 ready to play. "We can't cancel a Christendom game, that would be lame," said Jane White, a volunteer player. White, along with five others, had never practiced with the team before the game.

Team captain Madison Crawly welcomed the new players. "For a group of girls, that has never played together along with some players who have never even touched a soccer ball in their lives, we could not have performed better," she said. "We may have lost, but we left our hearts and souls on that field.... All we need is some more commitment and a few people who are willing to not only work hard with us, but also have fun." 📷



Photographers: Top--Vienna Jacobson; Bottom-- Clare Downing

The Resolve of the Warriors

The men of Red Hill embrace a new motto to encourage spiritual maturity and unity in the dorm

| by Blake Toman |

The men of Red Hill christened last week a new, dorm-wide maxim: "Hail Mighty Warrior." The new motto is designed to unify the men of Red Hill, create a more Christ-centered culture inside the dorm, and change the perception of Red Hill on campus.

"Before the motto, we didn't have one thing we, as a dorm, were striving for," said Daniel Thetford, Student Body President and Red Hill RA. "The motto is an encouragement that regardless of where you are, you can be a mighty warrior of God and nothing can stand against you. If our God is for us, then who can stand against us?"

Almost every resident of Red Hill participated in the christening ceremony, which began with the men silently marching to Lake Bob at dusk where Ian Schmidt, Mark Van Matre, and David Poythress led a devotion from Judges 6, the passage of Scripture that inspired the motto. The three leaders motivated the men of Red Hill to embrace the dorms new maxim as their own and put its principles into practice for all the campus to see. After the ceremony they marched into the Oak Hill lobby and chanted their new motto as loudly as possible.

The purpose of the ceremony, according to Schmidt, was to bring the men of Red Hill together and create a sense of pride and ownership around the new motto. "The idea of going into Oak Hill and performing the chant was a last-minute decision," Schmidt said, "but it turned out well."

"Last semester, there wasn't an

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Daniel Thetford

overarching dorm ethos," said Samuel Lisanti, Red Hill junior. "Rather, there was a different ethos and culture in each of the wings. The ceremony helped make people feel like they were part of a unified dorm and stirred the resolve of the Red Hill and the other dorms to hold Red Hill accountable to the new motto."

Thetford hopes that each year the men will repeat the ceremony as a challenge to each incoming class to share in the ownership and strengthening of the dorm's culture.

The new maxim, along with the sword used in the ceremony, now hang together in the lobby of Red Hill as a reminder of the pledge the men of D5.



The new motto in the lobby of Red Hill. Photographer: Ian Schmidt

Red Hill freshman Samuel Zinkgraf said that the motto is a good reminder of Scripture's call to be mighty warriors every day.

The motto is only one part of a larger initiative to create unity and openness among the men of Red Hill. Thetford hopes to coordinate more dorm-wide events, such as watching movies or playing board games in the Red Hill Lounge, to help every member of the Red Hill community feel included.

"Ideally, no one goes back to the dorm wishing they were lazier, less prayerful, or more ignorant of Scripture," Thetford said. A dorm unified around the maxim "Hail Mighty Warrior," from his perspective, would foster an environment that challenges the men of Red Hill to become more spiritually mature and a better example of Christ to the people at Patrick Henry College and in secular culture. ■



Flood waters in Pearland, Texas; photo credit: Brant Kelly / Wikimedia Commons

Harvey Slams Texas Coast

Families of PHC Students Safe; Prayer Meeting for Victims at 1 p.m. Today in Student Lounge

| by Sam Ross |

Hurricane Harvey hit Texas last weekend causing tens of billions in property damages as a record-setting four feet of rain pummeled the coast near Houston.

The 51 inches of rainfall near Cedar Bayou is the most-ever in a single event on the continental U.S.

Despite widespread flooding along the Texas coastline, PHC students with family in the area are confident that their loved ones remain high and dry.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall as a Category 4 storm late on Friday night with winds measuring up to 130 miles MPH. It is the most powerful to strike Texas since Hurricane Carla in 1961.

As of yesterday afternoon the death toll stood at 39, and that total could rise as rescuers search door-to-door.

Victoria Pearson, a freshman from the Woodlands, whose home is safe above the waters, said her location north of Houston on higher ground is to credit. She also praised her the tough spirit of her family.

"Most of my friends and family stayed put. I mean, we aren't that easily scared off," Pearson said.

The Texas spirit isn't easily doused in the face of adversity, although typi-

cal pre-storm hysteria did occur, she said: "I mean, grocery stores are raided like they always are because we have Californians there with the oil companies, and they don't know what to do with these gulf hurricanes."

Another optimistic Texan is freshman Alejandro Ortiz of Brownsville. He claims that while flooding has left Houston devastated, Brownsville has seen no problems.

"People have been preparing, putting up storm windows and getting sandbags, but so far nothing has happened," said Ortiz. He claims that there is still the possibility of a flood, as his house sits in the middle of a flood zone. He recalls seeing the houses across the street go under water from time to time but says that it rarely comes over to his side of the street.

PHC Admissions Counselor Giovanna Lastra has organized a prayer meeting for the victims, set for 1 p.m. today in the Student Lounge. "As a Christian institution, and one with students from the Houston and Gulf Coast area, I think it's important for our community to unite in prayer for the victims of the hurricane," she wrote in an email to the PHC community.

The Texas National Guard has been called to help with rescue efforts in

Houston and elsewhere.

Private boat owners are also taking to Facebook and Twitter, offering free services to rescue neighbors from the floodwaters.

Gas prices are also expected to go up nationwide in the wake of the storm. Almost 16 percent of total Gulf Coast refining capability has been knocked offline, meaning that about 750,000 gallons of gas are being lost each day, Goldman Sachs analysts wrote in a research article.

While a huge spike in price is not imminent, prices are expected to jump about fifteen cents a gallon according to Tom Kloza, head of global of energy analysis at the Oil Price Information Service, but the spike should be brief as the refineries come back online.

The Federal Aviation Administration has placed a ban on civilian drones above the disaster area, but insurance companies are preparing large fleets of drones to assess the damage once this ban is lifted, according to *Slate*. In the wake of such a disaster insurance companies will probably pay out millions in damages. Rebuilding will certainly take years, Houston Mayor Bill White said, but the \$1.6 trillion economy of Texas is more than up to the task. 🇺🇸

Table Talks with Dan and Matt

A weekly column by Student Body President and Vice President, Daniel Thetford and Matthew Hoke

| by Daniel Thetford |

Welcome to Matt's and my weekly column, Table Talks. As student body-president and vice president, we want to use this column to provide scintillating food for thought and discussions on a wide variety of topics. So for the next few weeks, we will also be featuring a variety of guest writers who are far more knowledgeable about some of these topics than we are.

I have discovered during my time at PHC that most of my learning and growing occurs outside of the classroom, the library, and my assignments. Most of the weighty realizations I have made during my time at PHC have occurred during long genuine conversations with good friends in the dining hall, a lounge, a coffee shop, or my dorm room at 2:00 a.m. I hear about interesting ideas in class and read about life changing ideas in books, but casual discussions with winsome people are what encourage me to apply those concepts to my own life. I hope this column will drive intentional and meaningful discussions that penetrate past superficial and surface level conversations. Even better, I hope that our conversations will push us to grow as adults and as Christians.

Growth indicates both direction and intention. Before we begin discussing a myriad of campus issues this semester, I thought it might be worthwhile to have a discussion about where we came from and where we are going.

PHC has evolved significantly over the course of its history. But, some cultural elements have remained. There are adages such as "for Christ and for liberty" and "lead the nation, shape the culture" that have always been used to describe the schools' purpose. Students, administration, and faculty use words like excellence

over and over again to describe our aspirations. After spending the course of four years here, it's easy us to view these ideas as clichés. We hear crucial parts of our mission in piecemeal every day, but do we ever actually deeply and wholly consider who we are and what we want to be as a student body? At the end of the day, the real maxim of PHC is how we as students choose to live.

Food for Thought:

- What do you think has historically been the theme of PHC culture?
- How do you think PHC has changed over time?
- What do we, as a student body, want to be like this year?
- If there was one maxim to describe what we want to be like, what would it be?
- What will you have to do to meet those aspirations this year?

My Two Cents:

I think the entirety of our mission and what we want to be like as PHC students can be summed in three words: duty, honor, and excellence. Duty describes fulfilling the Lord's work in our lives. Honor shows the character we should strive to develop. Excellence refers to our mind-set as we work, study, or even socialize. While the maxims and ways of expressing these three concepts may change over time, the aspirations do not. I think PHC students have historically sought duty, honor, and excellence, even if they didn't categorize it that way. Respected upperclassmen, when I first came to PHC, embodied these principles. PHC students admire and strive to fulfill these characteristics currently and in the future. "For Christ and for liberty" and "lead the na-



Matthew Hoke (left) and Daniel Thetford (right)

tion, shape the culture" both describe our duty. As PHC grows in size and scope, the particular focus of "lead the nation, shape the culture" will start to broaden. But, I would hope the common dedication of students to do the Lord's work in their lives would never change. While our honor code may change over time, I hope that the common dedication of students to sharpen and encourage one another would never change. We might have new or different skills we strive to make excellent; but our dedication to intentionality and diligence in everything we do should never change.

So, how do we live with duty, honor, and excellence? How do we display those themes in our friendships, relationships, styles, studies, or even recreation? That is a much bigger question; if only we had a weekly column dedicated to answering it...

If you would like to be a guest author, or have topics you would like to see addressed in the future, email me at djthetford049@students.phc.edu. 📧

Creative Corner

Instead of quotes, this semester, we want to feature students' artwork. That means we want to see any poems, short stories, drawings, photos, or comics you have to share! The Creative Corner will be a canvas for students and an occasional home to games. Have any submissions or suggestions? Email us: mrpratt0424@students.phc.edu

"Eclipse," Stanza 2 by Heather Faison

The sundial of the moon's face
Has finally marked the hour
When a hint of the vast dark of
space
Bleeds into the day
As a premature twilight,
Without stars or the oblivion of
sleep.
And fragments of humanity,

Gathering for the spectacle,
Are touched by the void
And in the awe of the moment,
Some are reverent, others
thrilled,
And behind the cheering of the
crowds
Is an absence, a vacuum
In which sound does not travel
And the dark welcomes its visitors.

Read the rest of the poem on our Facebook page!



Photographer: Steve Simoneau

EVENTS

ARTISAN FAIR
September 2
8 am - 12 pm
@ Loudoun One

MEN'S HOME
SOCCER GAME #
September 2
12 pm

LABOR DAY
CONCERT
September 3
8 pm
@ The Capitol's
West Lawn

VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT
September 4
@ the sand court

Seek & Hide: Student's Favorite Off-Campus Spots

Seek and Hide is a column we designed to feature hard-to-reach places, or spots we think our readers should seek to find if they want to hide from campus for a while. These places may include coffee shops no one seems to know about, hiking trails only a few can get to, or tourists spots that are a little bit out of the way.

This week, I wanted to feature Old Rag Mountain.

The mountain, located two hours from campus in Madison County, is home to my favorite hiking trail. Hikers can choose to take the easy path up the mountain via a fireroad or go the adventurous route via a rock scramble. Either direction you choose to take will lead you 4 miles uphill to the top of the mountain where you can enjoy the incredible view of Shenandoah Valley.



Photo from the top of Old Rag Mountain, courtesy of Ernie Pratt

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Want a place, photo, or piece of art featured on the back page? Tag us on social media or email submissions to mrpratt0424@students.phc.edu