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Barbara Comstock Battles for Votes

by Victoria Cook

Trump's presidential campaign has had "Trump-ed up, trickle down" effects on the races further down the ballot, particularly for Barbara Comstock's campaign to represent the 10th District of Virginia. Incumbent Comstock has employed PHC students among her campaign staff to help fight for voter turnout. Her Democratic opponent, Lu-Ann Bennett, is a businesswoman with little political experience.

After Trump's derogatory comments involving women, Comstock joined other Republicans in asking Trump to step down from his campaign, causing a small backlash amongst Trump supporters. Comstock also

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Moral Implications of Voting

How Do You Balance Christian Duties With Civic Duties?

by Beth Bergstrom and
Rebekah Jorgensen

"Sometimes you have to put your Christian values aside to get something done," said Ben Carson, former presidential candidate. On the other side of the spectrum, many conservatives, appalled at the two major candidates, argue that supporting either of them is an immoral choice.

Now that many millennials are facing their first upcoming vote in a presidential election, confusion and disillusionment

abounds. As a Christian, how does one balance his civic duty with his moral duty?

"Our duty as Christians is primarily to God, not to the state," Dr. Mark Mitchell said. "We don't have some kind of equality between civic and Christian duties. It's sometimes the case that we can remain good citizens and not vote. The idea that Christians have to vote or else you're abdicating your civic responsibility is a problem because it's reducing civic responsibility simply to voting. That's just a false dichotomy."

Many supporters from both the Republican and Democratic sides have used the lesser of two evils argument to support either Trump or Clinton.

"We've gotten to a point where the system has locked into a certain view and we're seeing the consequences of it where if you vote for a lesser evil now, next year's lesser evil will still be a little bit worse, a little bit worse, and a little bit worse," said Philip Bunn, a senior political theory student. "So I think this is just

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studentgovernment

The Student Senate met on Wednesday night. At the meeting, President Hays addressed the Senate. He gave an update on the administration and the Board of Trustees meeting.

Leah Widener was elected as the newest member of the Election Commission.

Student Body Vice-President Clayton Millhouse presented the executive budget.

Giovanna Lastra, Secretary of Academic Affairs presented the new grievance policy.

Marquis Gough, Secretary of External Affairs, and Bryan Leines, Treasurer, also presented.

Voting Your Conscience or Civic Responsibility?

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kind of a natural consequences of that. We have to decide when we are going to stop doing that.”

The presidential election has left many conservative Christians wondering how to navigate the secular political atmosphere that the country faces. Is it more morally justifiable to vote for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton? Would it be better to vote for third party or write in a candidate? And if none of these options, is it defensible to abstain from voting?

“A Christian has to consider the circumstances. If you can’t vote in good conscience, you should never violate that,” Mitchell said.

There is no clear answer as to what is the most moral option in any election. Sophomore Andrew Bambrick believes that it is not immoral to vote for Trump. “In regards to actually ensuring that liberties are preserved, he’s a person we can work with,” Bambrick said.

However, others such as junior Christian McGuire believe this election comes down to, “How do you want to sell your soul?”

On Nov. 8 conservative Christians all over the country will head to the voting booths to cast their vote. Some will vote



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for Clinton and some will vote for Trump. On Nov. 9, the results will determine the next president.

Christians are in this position because they have tended to vote for Republican candidates regardless of their personal characteristics, according to Bunn.

“We are going to see an outcome that I don’t like one way or another but we need to draw a line somewhere that says we are not okay with doing this anymore,” he said. “We need to fundamentally rethink how we view or vote, how we view the electoral process. That means different things for different people.” ♦



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New Academic Grievance Policy Announced

by Beth Bergstrom

The Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees has passed a new grievance policy. This new policy changes the first six steps of the eight-step process.

In the previous policy, an academic grievance complaint would be informally brought forth by the student to the faculty member. If a satisfactory resolution could be reached it then went to the department chairman. If either the student or the faculty member disagreed with the decision of the department chairman, a complaint

could be filed to the Dean of Academic Affairs. If a party was still unhappy with the decision the complaint was then brought to the Provost. If no resolution could be reached, a formal complaint would be filed to both the Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee of the Faculty Senate and the Student Hearing Board.

In the new policy, a student brings forth an informal complaint to the faculty member involved. If no satisfactory resolution is made the complaint goes to the department chairman. If a party is

unhappy, the complaint goes to the Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Guliuzza. A formal complaint is filed and the Chief Academic Officer then forms a hearing committee.

The formal complaint must be issued within 45 days of the grievance. The hearing committee must be comprised of at least five people, two of which must be students. The case will be reviewed with the evidence and a decision will be written.

If either party is unhappy with the outcome of the hearing, they may appeal to the Dean of Academic Affairs. ♦

Evan McMullin: Long Shot for President

by Evie Fordham

Utah native, Mormon, and former CIA operative Evan McMullin has a solution for American voters who are downright disgusted with their choice between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. He quit his job as chief policy director of the House Republican Conference to run for president in hopes of preventing either candidate from reaching a majority in the electoral college. If he accomplishes his goal, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives will choose the next president. McMullin believes its choice should be him.

McMullin's conservative beliefs about issues like abortion and gay marriage align with those of many PHC students.

"The possibility of the race going to the House of Representatives would be like a reset, and that would be amazing," sophomore Elias Gannage said.

He thinks the chances of McMullin's plan working are slim.

"I'm doing a write-in for Marco Rubio," Gannage said. "I don't want to vote Trump because I've heard he's basically pulled his campaign out of Virginia, so the state will probably go to Clinton. I want to be able to tell my future grandkids I didn't vote for Trump."

Junior Thomas Siu wrote in McMullin on his Ohio ballot.

"I wanted to vote for someone that supports my values, which none of the three big candidates, Trump, Clinton, and Johnson, do," he said. "The social issues are the deciding factor in my analysis. I think that the candidates need to prove to me why they deserve my vote, and I simply can't support Trump. McMullin has that character, and a stance on the issues that I can generally support."

Dr. Michael Haynes, associate professor of Government at PHC, said McMullin's chances are next to none for many reasons, despite how well the conservative

independent candidate is doing in Utah polls.

"A lot of people want it to happen, and for this political scientist it would be a dream come true to watch it happen, but it's not going to," Haynes said.

McMullin is focusing on winning three states, Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming, according to a *Time.com* article. And if Gary Johnson takes New Mexico, where he was governor for eight years, they could theoretically prevent Trump and Clinton from gaining a majority in the Electoral College.

"There's not a way out of this mess because the House of Representatives will pick from the top three electoral vote-getters, which will be Trump, Hillary, and whichever third party candidate," Haynes said.

Even if the House decides the race, the representatives will be reluctant to choose a candidate with as little of the popular vote as McMullin will likely have. The backlash they would face from their constituents might cost them reelection, Haynes said. The representatives would end up picking Clinton or Trump anyway.

"There's no path to the White House for [McMullin]," Haynes said. "He has an outside chance for taking Utah, but it's not enough. It would take the right guy, the right amount of money, and the right amount of momentum, but that's not the case this time."

McMullin announced his candidacy in August and is still struggling for name recognition, even at PHC. One student called him "Ian" McMullin. He is slowly garnering media attention, but his biggest break may have already come when he was interviewed on Fox News' *Special Report with Bret Baier* on Aug. 15.

The last time the House decided a presidential election was 1825. The candidates included Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and Henry Clay. None of them earned a majority in the Electoral College, so the House decided the race.



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Although Jackson won the most popular and electoral votes, Adams emerged victorious because of the so-called "corrupt bargain" of 1824. He allegedly traded winning the election with Speaker of the House Clay, whom he made his Secretary of State.

This upcoming election has the potential to be just as contentious, but only if Trump reverses his decline in the polls.

"If you believe the trend, because individual polls prove nothing, the trend is clearly for Hillary," Haynes said. "The qualifier is that there is nothing normal about this election... Trump says millions of people who have never been involved with politics before will be coming to the polls for him, and that could be a pool we're not measuring. If we listen to him, it's an enormous pool."

Many students are resigning themselves to the results of the presidential election but are involved in state and local elections. Gannage is signed up for a Generation Joshua Student Action Team going to Raleigh, North Carolina, in the days leading up to the election.

"I care about having a Republican majority in the House and Senate," Gannage said. "That's why I'm doing the SAT trip because local and state elections are so important." ♦

On the Campaign Trail

Barbara Comstock takes a principled stand while attempting to battle the Trump effect

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denounced Clinton as a presidential candidate.

"I think that Trump is doing a lot of damage to ballot races because it's very easy for the opponent to say, 'Look who their party nominated for their president. What kind of things does that say about all these other races and candidates? They must be like Trump!'" College Republican member Ian Frith said.

At their two debates, Bennett pointed out similarities between Comstock and Trump. She has said that Comstock holds the same policies as Trump on sensitive issues such as gay marriage, abortion, and immigration. Like Trump, Bennett claims that as an outsider she will be able to help the people, which Comstock has not done.

"This whole presidential election is affecting how many moderate voters view Republicans as a whole, and that can also hurt her since some of these voters are against Trump and anyone on the ticket with him," senior Mike Dingman said.

Comstock is more moderate than most Republicans and has been endorsed by the *Washington Post*, as well as by a few local papers such as the *Inside Gazette*. According to the *Post*, Comstock donated unasked-for funding from the Trump campaign to two wounded veteran recuperation centers.

According to a few PHC students, Comstock has focused on reaching potential voters and encouraging them to get to the polls instead of spending extra time on denying associations with Trump. Voter turnout during presidential campaigns is typically higher than other years; even

so, Comstock's campaign is accounting for people who would refrain from voting because of the presidential election.

Besides door knocking in strategic neighborhoods, Comstock has advertised extensively and made valid arguments against her opponent without mentioning the presidential campaign. She has stayed actively involved in the community; her most recent events include a meet and greet with the Indian American community, a safety fair for preschoolers, and the Cascades Fall Festival.

"She has taken a principled stand, and she hasn't backed down on what she believes in and what she knows is right," senior Johanna Christophel said. "I think that, win or lose, that's definitely something to be respected and admired in a political figure." ♦

PHC Student Conducts Survey on Marriage

by Marjorie Pratt

Joshua Kavanagh gathered an idea of the level of education as well as the opinions around PHC on LGBTQ society with surveys he conducted among students. From simply talking to students, Kavanagh began to see that many are uneducated on the cultural hot topic. He asked, in one of his surveys, if the respondent had gay friends and if they had read any "scholarly articles" on how gay marriage affects the economy or other aspects of society. From the results, he found that the student body, especially underclassmen, are generally uninformed on the subject. Kavanagh believes that because PHC is so culturally invested, its students should be more informed on this societal craze.

After Kavanagh began to see how little his fellow students knew about homo-

sexuality, he decided to delve into more formal research. He contacted students via email, social media, and in-person solicitation. By the end of the survey period, he had received answers from 77 current students and 13 alumni. The identities of all respondents remained anonymous. Because only 77 members of the student body participated, Kavanagh admitted that the results are not well representative of the entire campus; however, he hopes the survey may serve as a catalyst to conduct more research.

Most students and alumni who took the survey have friends who identify as gay; however, their knowledge of the LGBTQ community's role in the world tends not to extend beyond those friendships. Few have taken the initiative to become educated on the effects of homosexuality. Kavanagh hopes that in the future, PHC will incorporate more information on the

topic into the core curriculum. He believes that this is important to uphold students' well-rounded education, and will allow future graduates to be more "honest about where [they stand]."

The results showed that, while staying conservative, the opinions of upperclassmen leaned slightly towards middle ground, rather than staying completely grounded at the right wing. Kavanagh suspected that as students grow older and more experienced, they come across liberal arguments that were hidden from them during adolescence. Some students may grow un-opinionated or uncaring simply because they came across a strong pro-gay argument and had nothing to back up their beliefs beyond loyalty to what they had always been told. "Our status quo could definitely be improved by exposing students to the whole picture," Kavanagh said. ♦

Preserving Mental Health at PHC

The Sixth Story in the Herald's Mental Health Series

by Danielle Fife

PHC students are immensely dedicated to their academics but often fall short when it comes to balancing healthy work and rest. Going 100 miles an hour for months at a time, students devote themselves to school to the point of self-detriment.

"When there are many items on the academic and extracurricular 'To Do list', self-care can be the first thing eliminated," said Tracy Carter, one of PHC's counselors. Students forego healthy eating, sleep, water, and even the outdoors for their studies.

"This is taxing on students' mental health and can lead to end-of-semester burnout and exacerbate any pre-existing anxiety or depression," Carter said. Fortunately, there are several things students can do to take care of themselves and their mental health during the school year,

Find What Revitalizes You

Gayle Reinhardt, Executive Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer, often speaks in wing chapels and gives the analogy of a pitcher. We are a lot like a pitcher with a hole near the bottom, constantly pouring into other people, school, and life. If we are not filling ourselves back up, our pitcher will run dry and we will burn out.

It is essential that you discover what fills you and drains you. Whether it be alone time outside, quality time with a few close friends, or exercise, it is important you know what fills you up and keeps you from running dry. "Listen to what your body needs," Carter said.

Schedule Your Priorities

Once you know what fills you and drains you, it is essential to schedule time for those things that fill you. Put these activities on your calendar and then stick to your schedule. Not only does having time for yourself scheduled give you something to look forward to, it ensures you do not

burn out.

It is also essential to decline offers that would disrupt your scheduled "you time."

"You are a priority," Reinhardt said. Scheduling filling activities will keep you going strong through the semester and will ensure that you don't crash halfway through.

Stop Comparing Yourself

Pressures from society and media cause us to look to our neighbors and compare to see if we are living up to artificial standards.

"If we could look inside other's lives they would be just as screwed up as ours," Reinhardt said.

While comparison is self-inflicted, we can't turn ourselves off, no matter how far we run from the people or things that make us feel inadequate.

"The common denominator that is us will always be there," Reinhardt said.

The temptation is to look for a release, like cutting, alcohol, or drugs. However, it is impossible to run away from oneself.

"When you sober up or heal, you are still going to be there," Reinhardt said.

Know When to Seek Help

While there are some concrete steps that you can take to keep yourself from burning out during the semester, it is often beneficial to speak to a professional, like Carter, about your struggles.

"How do you know it is time to bathe? You start stinking!" Reinhardt said. In the same way, you know that you need to speak to a counselor when you have something that concerns you.

You should trust your instincts when it comes to seeking help. Wondering if something is wrong should be a red flag that something is not normal and that it is time to seek help.

If you talk to a counselor and they tell you that everything is okay, then nothing changes. If, however, you talk to a counselor and everything is not okay, then they will give you the tools you need to heal.

Much like an infection, if you leave it alone it will just fester, but if you lance it, you can start healing.

"Counseling is beneficial for everyone! There is no problem or feeling too big or too small that can't be discussed with a counselor," Carter said. ♦



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Journalism Alumni Takes the Spotlight

by Marjorie Pratt

As a child, Bre Payton, a PHC alumna, never said she wanted to be a political journalist when she grew up. In fact, the idea only came to her after she failed a communications class at a community college in California. At the end of her second attempt at the course, her instructor told her she should join the college newspaper staff. Payton took the advice and has been in journalism ever since.

"I never really know where I want to go," she said. "I just take the next step in front of me." Payton now writes for The Federalist, has appeared on Fox News and CNN, and has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Daily Signal, WORLD Magazine, and others.

Payton, a member of the class of 2015, is still well remembered on campus. Her old wingmates recalled how Payton took time every week to paint her nails, putting that task at the top of her to-do list every week. "She never failed to light up the wing," Danielle Fife said.

At the end of an internship with



Photo Courtesy: Bre Payton

Watchdog.org, the investigational news site asked to hire her on full time, not realizing at the time that she was only 20 years old and still in college. They asked her to drop out of PHC in order to work, but Payton knew her degree was her priority. She continued writing for them over the next two years, often writing four investigative articles a week on top of 18 credit semesters.

During her final semester in school, she began looking for job opportunities beyond what Watchdog had promised her.

Traveling back and forth from the District of Columbia for interviews became a constant task.

Though many praise Payton today for her successful career, she is still sometimes shocked that she gets to be featured on TV news stations. "I'm just a kid pretending to be an adult," Payton said.

In the next year or two, Payton plans on applying for the Robert Novak Journalism Fellowship, a program that funds journalists while they pursue a yearlong research project. ♦

Lodestone Forum Discussion

by Heather Faison

PHC students and alumni bonded over pumpkin pie and meaningful conversation led by David Carver at the Lodestone Journal's Saturday evening discussion of the use of strong language in literature.

"It's not an opportunity for the alumni to preach or persuade," Carver said. Lodestone recently published its second issue and included a few submissions that used strong language. Carver said that a great deal of discussion went into the decision to publish those submissions.

To present an opposing view, Carver read from a Christianity Today article by Carolyn Arends, claiming that strong language implies contempt and should not be acceptable among Christians. After this introduction, Carver presented questions

to the participants: Is there, or does there need to be, a difference between strong language and impactful language? If we believe evil ought to be portrayed, to what extent does the imagination participate in that evil? If we believe literature can be morally culpable, regardless of intent, where do you draw the line on what you can write about?

"Strong language is an emptying of language, acting like it doesn't really have the meaning it does," alumna Hannah Curby said.

The discussion gradually broadened from strong language to all evil in literature. Senior Luke Thomas commented that, in certain cases, tempting someone to sin could be equated with sin, even if only through the printed word. When discussing the boundaries in literature

and morality, the group used examples like the Hunger Games series, as well as cases of students on other campuses who refused to read a graphic novel for a class because of explicit content.

At the end of the discussion, participants were asked whether, given the legal authority, they would censor certain kinds of literature. Respondents answered hesitantly with both a few negatives and careful consideration of the benefits censoring might provide.

Josiah DeGraaf, who helped coordinate the discussion, said that while the group did not arrive at any definite conclusions regarding the use of strong language in literature, the foundation was laid for a more thorough examination of the question. ♦



D4 AN ANCIENT

By Meg

D5 crushed D4 36-18 in the semi-annual flag football dorm game on Sunday, but it wasn't all bad for D4. After a humbling loss last semester, D4 responded with three touchdowns.

David Rowland of D4 keenly felt the pre-game pressure build up after weeks of practice. "I was really nervous before the game because I knew that, if I asked, my team would pick up Founders, rip it off its foundation, and bring it to me," Rowland said. He was surprised when Clayton Millhouse informed him that he would be quarterbacking in the game. Millhouse, former captain for D4, was looking towards the fu-

ture of the longstanding D4-D5 rivalry and wanted Rowland to gain experience playing the position.

Chris Baldacci, D5 quarterback for the second half of the game, was just happy that enough students from D4, the lesser-populated dorm, signed up to play. Baldacci never had a chance to play football in high school because of his size. "Then finally after high school I got big enough to play and I chose a school without a football team," Baldacci said.

Both teams fought hard. In the third quarter, Jordan Hughes, after scoring in the first quarter for D5, barreled



VS. D5 RIVALRY GAME

McEwen

down the field like a bulldozer with the pigskin for at least thirty yards. He seemed unstoppable, until Daniel Foley bumped him out of bounds. Ryan Collins, D5 quarterback for the first half of the game, gave D5 an edge through his speed, zig-zagging through opponents to score multiple touchdowns.

The game gave students a break from impending mock trial competitions, midterms, and papers. "I put a really good block on Manus Churchill. He was actually pretty surprised that I was able to block him, because he is so tall. We had a good man-to-man moment," Neil Durning said.

"It was therapeutic, and it is good to have that competition between the dorms. There are not a lot of avenues within PHC in terms of sports, so this is just a fun way to go out and compete against your friends in a rivalry type way," Calvin Pawley said. Targeting opponents, broken bones, and foul play used to characterize a deep-seeded tension between the dorms. Now, it just seems like a good way to blow off steam.

"Aside from the game there's friendly banter, like 'Who has the worst smelling lounge?' or telling incoming students, 'Our dorm is better, you should come here,'" Rowland said. ♦



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PHC Alum Runs for Offices, Faces Obstacles

by Beth Bergstrom

Robert Saunders, a member of the PHC Class of 2011, is running for the Montana House of Representatives in District 48.

"Everything was pretty bland until March," Saunders said. In March he was told by his constituents that his Democratic opponent, Jessica Karjala, had told them he wanted to sell public land.

Three months ago, constituents informed Saunders that Karjala told them that he believes only those with over one million dollars should be eligible to vote. "That's just not true," Saunders said. "I wouldn't be able to vote if that were the case." Saunders then sent a cease and desist letter to Karjala.

A week and a half ago two former classmates, Erin Eskew and Stuart Lundy, told the local newspaper about racially insensitive comments that Saunders allegedly made while at PHC. "None of my comments had to do with race," Saunders explained. "The first [accusation made by Eskew] was allegedly said nine years ago in a conversation that I don't remember." *The Billings Gazette* ran the story on the front page of the newspaper.

Eskew struggled with the decision to come forward with her interaction with Saunders. "Ultimately, my decision was influenced by the current presidential election," Eskew said. "I feel if people had taken a stand for the truth when it came to their prior experiences with either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump, maybe we would have different candidates to choose from this election cycle."

According to Eskew, Saunders was engaged in a dining hall debate during their freshmen year. When Eskew issued what she called the "zinger" that made her the clear victor of the debate Saunders responded with, "Well, if it were 100 years ago, I would've owned you."

"Some people say I can remember the details of the conversation, others say I can't. I don't remember the details of the debate, but I can remember it was a calm

discussion," Eskew said. "I do remember that I had won the argument. I do remember that much. It's not just my account. Stewart Lundy directly heard the comment."

At the time of the alleged comments, Eskew was upset but just ignored the situation. After the conversation Eskew tried to keep interactions with Saunders to a minimum.

"Until I was asked point blank did this happen to you, there was no reason to make a big deal about it," Eskew said.

Mike Ciandella, another member of the class of 2011, came forward as a character witness for Eskew when she reported the allegations against Saunders.

"I still like PHC and I want the school to do well. I want to see different PHC people into office and get good jobs," Ciandella said. "The better the school does, the better the alumni do, the better it looks for me. I have no dog in this random Montana state election."

"I also feel like it's important that I don't necessarily feel like I'm calling him racist. It's not easy to tell what's in someone's heart," Eskew said. "In reality I have too much going on in my life to focus on who Robert is or isn't. Other than yes, this is what my past has been with him."

Four days after the initial article in *The Billings Gazette*, screenshots surfaced of a post Saunders made on Facebook in 2014. The post read, "And now for the only statement I've made about the Ferguson situation: I am thankful that justice prevailed in this situation and was not swayed by the tide of racism against whites. However, I'm disappointed that the citizens of Missouri didn't protect the livelihoods of their own from rioters and looters. That, after all, is one of the principal reasons for the Second Amendment. The citizens of Missouri should have loaded up and protected each other, shot anyone who attempted to vandalize, and made sure to finish them off with two rounds through the brain. Elimination of those people in self-defense would probably have cut Missouri's welfare handouts and long-term



Robert Saunders

Courtesy: Robert Saunders

crime rate-considerably."

The story also ran on the front page of *The Billings Gazette*. Saunders issued an apology for his comments on Ferguson on his Facebook page.

The apology read, in part, "The secret is out: I am a flawed person. Amid the false statements that have been made about me the past few weeks, you will find a grain of truth. The fact is, I haven't loved God or people the way I should. I didn't before I ran for office, I haven't while I've run for office, and I will struggle to do so when I'm in office, whether after this election or after another.

"I will, however, strive to do so, and while never attaining, will improve. Loving as God loves is beyond me in this life, but I owe it to my Savior and the people around me to work on it.

"Holding public office isn't just a time to make laws or be in the press. It's a time work, to learn, and to grow as people. Unfortunately, most of our public figures tend to get worse instead of better. I intend to do the opposite.

"No, I am not a racist. No, I do not think that only rich people should vote or hold office, and I have never said that I did. I have however, said things, in person and online, that were wrong." ♦

Lead the Nation: PHC and Politics

by Harvest Prude

When Jeremiah Lorrig came to Patrick Henry College in 2003, he jumped into campaigning freshman year; he knocked on doors, canvassed neighborhoods, and manned phone banks. Now, he is the Deputy Director of Generation Joshua (GenJ). He has coordinated the Student Action Teams since 2008; that year, the SATs deployed around 80 students, around a quarter of the campus. Four years earlier, in the 2004 presidential campaign, the percentage was even higher.

Lorrig attributes the outcomes of recent close races, like Brice Reeves' election to state senate, partially to the work of current PHC students, where each volunteer made a thousand calls. Reeves won by 85 votes.

"There's just something about young people—when they knock on the door, or make a phone call, that gives people a glimpse of the future, and it helps them to remember the impact of the election," Lorrig said.

But lately, PHC students seem far less interested in campaigning. Next week, 35 students will work with GenJ, meaning there are more GenJ alumni than PHC students volunteering to lead the SATs. "The school hasn't grown or shrunk really in that amount of time, but the number of volunteers that we get has gone down," Lorrig said.

PHC has a reputation for politically engaged students and the school's motto is, "Lead the nation, shape the culture." Does the falling number of GenJ volunteers indicate fewer students believe politics is the primary way to do that, or does it indicate something else?

Danielle Fife is a junior IPP major who thinks the political scene on campus is changing. More students spend their breaks studying or taking a weekend trip. "[It's] shifted from being involved and



Abby Davis, Gen J students, and actor Kirk Cameron in Springdale, Ark.

making a difference, to their grades," Fife said. "Instead of lead the nation, shape the culture...students now are more get good grades, get into law school, [then] shape the culture."

Senior APP major Tim Kocher is the Public Relations Director of the College Republicans. Around 80 students are a part of the College Republicans. Kocher has been involved quite actively including door knocking, interning for a State Senator, and going on SATs. "PHC is much less focused on that particular expression of political activity than we have been in the past," Kocher observed.

He sees PHC students as being very well informed, but not as politically active. There has been a good showing at the debate watch parties hosted by the College Republicans club this year; more than 60 showed up

to the first debate, and they've had 30-50 nearly every time.

Kocher has another theory for why students are less engaged. "It's no longer as important for the survival of homeschooling to be politically involved. Ten years

ago, every PHC student had done some kind of political activity, but today [you] could find homeschoolers who haven't," Kocher said. "Homeschooling is no longer under threat as an acceptable educational option at the K-12 level."

Sophomore Leah Widener plans to lead an SAT over break.

"I felt it was [a way] to make a difference in elections and hopefully get godly candidates elected," Widener said. "I think a lot of it is the desire to promote specific values in the political sphere. I think the other half probably a mixture of a loss of hope, or the idea that that's not the place that needs to be impacted—better to go serve in your community or church."

There is a growing split between students who think politics are the way to impact the nation, and those who think there are alternative and perhaps more effective ways. Luke Thomas is a senior Political Theory major once interested in APP. He knocked on doors and went on an SAT. His faith in the effectiveness of political involvement has plummeted since coming to PHC.

"Not only was I wrong about what I thought government should do, but I was

There's just something about young people...that gives people a glimpse of the future.

Jeremiah Lorrig

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also wrong about the scale at which good could be done,” Thomas said. “Where people can affect change is on a local level, with friends, with family, with local businesses, [with] local government...I’m still idealistic, but in another way.”

This change has come about because of conversations with friends, and ideas from classes and philosophers he has studied. “A real grassroots conservative movement

can make positive change, but it requires people being very dedicated, not in an aspiring way on a national scale, but in an intensive local way,” Thomas said.

Esther Katz, a sophomore IPP major, has campaigned, phone-banked, and interned for a county commissioner and a congressional campaign. But she’s getting tired of politics.

“We need good people in office,” Katz said. “But there’s still such a level of gossip and finding dirt on other people and just

nasty competitive spirits that still exist, even in campaigns for Christians...[but] I think my belief in getting good people in office trumps my distaste for campaigns and the process for getting them elected.”

But in the future, she wants to lead the nation and shape the culture outside of politics.

“I think no matter what God’s calling is on your life, you’re always going to be shaping the culture...whatever God’s calling is on your life,” Katz said. ♦

Moot court Tournaments: Preview

by Bruce Truax

The PHC moot court team is looking to win regional tournaments, starting next week. In fact, the current moot court champions, Caleb Engle and Chris Baldacci, are trying to claim the national title twice in a row, a feat that has been achieved by two other PHC teams.

Yet moot court competitors have to deal with a tricky case this year. Usually there are two issues to debate in moot court; now, there are three. There is also an issue of standing, which is a newcomer to moot court cases.

“This particular case is kind of complicated and convoluted in a way that past cases have not been,” junior Daniel Thetford said.

Still, the moot court team is confident that they can do well.

“We have students that are capable of winning a national championship, we put them in a program where they receive excellent coaching, and we practice, practice, practice,” said Professor of Government Dr. Frank Guliuzza, describing the PHC moot court program as a sort of high-intensity boot camp.

“We put ourselves, for better or worse, in a position where a successful tournament is winning the national championship, and that’s unfortunate,” Guliuzza said.

“Being in moot court in general at



William Bock and Helaina Hirsch pose with Dr. Farris

PHC is definitely high-pressure,” said Marina Barnes, winner of this year’s moot court intramural with her partner Andrew Shelton.

Moreover, teams from other colleges are getting better every year. The PHC moot court team has noticed that other teams are putting much more effort into their debate programs and are organizing them more like PHC. “We have some advantages, but we need to make sure we don’t squander those advantages,” junior Thomas Siu said.

As is the case every year, the freshmen are filling in some large vacancies left by last year’s senior class. “[They] seem to be willing to put in a lot of work to do well. I think if they are willing to keep that up for the next few weeks until their tourna-

ments, we’ll have more people qualified to do nationals then we have space to take to nationals,” Siu said.

“I think that they should not get discouraged if they get their backsides spanked in practice rounds,” Guliuzza added.

PHC is well-known for its moot court program.

“Every single year we produce eight teams that are capable of winning nationals,” Siu said.

“People should really try it,” junior Josh Webb said. “It’s not just for debaters from high school or for smart people. It really is a conversation and sure, you’re talking about complicated stuff, but people who have never done moot court can excel at it.” ♦

2016 Anime USA Convention

by Leah Greenwood

Ash Ketchum from *Pokémon*, candy corn-colored horned trolls from *Homes-tuck*, Yami Yugi from *Yu-Gi-Oh!* and Kiki from *Kiki's Delivery Service* roamed the halls of the Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on the weekend of Oct. 21. The cosplay did not stop with just anime characters; Marvel's Captain America and Spider-Man, Clara and The Doctor from *Doctor Who*, Connor Kenway from *Assassin's Creed*, and Eleven and Barb from *Stranger Things* also joined the ranks of anime cosplayers at the 2016 Anime USA convention.

Throughout the weekend, attendees had the chance to participate in a variety of fun and educational activities. A video game room featured Japanese video and arcade games such as *Super Smash Bros.*, *Dance Dance Revolution*, *Ms. Pac-man*, and *Taiko: Drum Master*, and a nearby area was set aside for karaoke.

In the dealer's room, vendors sold authentic Japanese goods. The merchandise ranged in variety from anime DVDs, manga books, and figurines of anime characters to cosplaying outfits, "kawaii" (cute) plush toys, and Japanese foods and drinks, like Mochi and Ramune.

A separate room consisted of artists' booths displaying prints of their anime-themed paintings, drawings, and buttons. Some artists were also available to do a commissioned piece of work.

Multiple panels took place during the convention. Topics included tips on cosplaying, behind-the-scenes looks at voice acting, the history of anime, talks concerning specific anime shows, and interviews with some professional voice actors. Kate Oxley (*Full Metal Alchemist*, *Psycho Pass*), Jad (Jade) Saxton (*Wolf Children*, *Tokyo Ghoul*), Alexis Tipton (*Hetalia*), Micah Solusod (*Soul Eater*, *Wolf Children*), E. (Ernesto) Jason Liebrecht (*Wolf Children*, *Black Butler*), and Josh Grelle (*Attack on Titan*) were some of the professional voice actors in attendance.

Anime is a uniquely beautiful art form which tells its stories in light of Japanese culture and religion while speaking on central themes of humanity. The boldness to push limits, be experimental, and create a variety of worlds, characters, and stories of depth draws both children and adults into the world of anime. Like any form of entertainment, however, there are certain areas of anime which are darker and more explicit than most. Anime's broad spectrum of genre allows some shows to branch out and tackle more controversial and deeper issues. *Heaven's Memo Pad*, for instance, addresses mental health.

Hayao Miyazaki is a Japanese film director and co-founder of Studio Ghibli. Just like many other anime shows, Miyazaki's films are ripe with Japanese culture and religion. His films, consisting of lovable characters and beautiful animations, tell stories which remind viewers to be in harmony with nature so that its great strength does not harm us; to be in awe of the mysterious world around us, yet to explore it fearlessly; and to respect and use technology properly lest it destroy us.

Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind provides a scathing criticism of humanity, yet *Castle in the Sky* holds a more sympathetic view towards humanity. *Grave of the Fireflies* signifies Urban Japan clinging to the past, yet *My Neighbor Totoro* shows the beautiful simplicity of life in the country and the hope of a bright future. *Spirited Away* is a story which is immersed in Japanese religion and is a call for people to learn their place in life and to have hope because we are all on the journey of life together.

The prominent feature of the convention, however, was the atmosphere of the fandom community.

A cosplayer named Laura said, "[They are] generally pretty welcoming and friendly." The anime fandom community does not seem to discriminate against homosexual, transgender, or heterosexual people, or anyone else. As long as you are a fan of anime, you are completely accepted into the community.



Anime Cosplayer

Cosplay offers an opportunity for women to dress as their favorite male characters and vice versa. Cosplayers often encourage each other to dress up regardless of gender roles and body types. If asked, most cosplayers are usually willing to talk about their costumes and the many hours that they put into making them; these friendly conversations can lead to mutual bonding over the specific character and show which is being cosplayed.

Anime conventions also provide an occasion for people to meet up with friends that they only get to see at different conventions. They allow fans to come together to talk about, immerse themselves in, buy things related to, and learn even more about the anime that they love. For Christians, it's a good chance to develop relationships (and perhaps share the love of Christ) with people they wouldn't otherwise get to know. Brandon Winckler, a professional voice actor, said, "[Conventions] help people to mesh together... people who wouldn't normally be very social." ♦

Opinion: Lost in Comparisons

by Santos DeBarros

Why do we care about other people so much?

I'm not talking about how much we care about how other people are doing mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. I'm not talking about how much we care about how other people perceive us. Both are certainly issues that are important to talk about, but that's not what I'm writing about.

I'm talking about how we compare ourselves to others.

You know them. The smart ones. The guy with the best grade on the hardest exam of the year. The girl who has made straight A's for the last six semesters. The kids who dress well. The guy with the latest jacket from J. Crew, or the girl with the cutest skirt from Banana Republic. The most built guy at the weight racks. The fittest girl in the gym. The best debaters, the mock trial gods, the moot court immortals. Point is, you know who they are, or who you think they are. And we compare ourselves to them. We check ourselves to see if we're measuring up to these people that we have placed on pedestals as symbols of what we should be aiming for if we ever hope to accomplish something in life, or at the least in our time here at PHC.

I think as students we have elevated certain ideals of what a PHC student should be like to unattainable levels. We expect too much of ourselves. We assume that 18 credits and multiple extracurriculars is the norm (which it isn't). We put unnecessary stress on ourselves about our performance and lose sight of the endgame.

That's ridiculous. So why do we care about other people so much? Why do we

do this to ourselves?

I'm not a qualified psychologist, but I think there's some truth to the idea that we tend to consider ourselves as unworthy. We see ourselves as less than because we are surrounded by so many people who we think are just better than us. We assume that they have it all together and are doing way better than us emotionally, mentally, academically, and spiritually.

That's not true. We are children created by the ever loving and eternal God. He has uniquely fashioned each of us in His own image with our own personalities, likes, dislikes, eccentricities, and emotional capacities. You're not an accident. You have a purpose.

I think it's also because we can use comparing ourselves as a way to set certain goals for us to achieve. Freshmen look at upperclassmen, upperclassmen look at alumni and professors, and even those people have individuals that they look up to. It's an endless cycle that tends to hinder more than help.

One ex-student I've talked to about this noted that our high academic standards are good from a learning perspective, but they tend to translate into the social aspects of our lives. Students feel pressured into thinking about how they measure up according to the standards. We focus only on this false standard that

we've created for ourselves and are never content to just be who we are.

Who you are is who you were designed to be. You're not supposed to act like someone else or be someone else. You're supposed to be you. And that's okay! Set goals for yourself! Achieve things! Go, fight, win! But you don't need others to help you do that. You can be self-made.

So the next time you see that person that you wish you were as popular, as pretty, as funny, as smart, as well-dressed,

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Courtesy: Santos DeBarros

as eloquent, or as put-together as, smile to yourself. You're just as important as they are. You're just as worthy as they are. You're as justified before God as they are. We are all equals.

Encourage one another. Tell someone they dressed well today. Ask how you can be praying for each other. Listen. You'll probably be surprised at what you learn. Those conversations won't be perfect. But that's because life isn't perfect. But you do it. Get to know other people. Talk to them. Because in the end, they're just like you.

Thanks to the myriad of people who helped me put my thoughts together. If I talked to you Thursday afternoon, your thoughts were incredibly helpful and gave life to my own. ♦

Correction

Regarding Spring 2017 class "Topics in Government: The Real Nature of Politics," Dr. Michael Haynes will be the professor of record, and Congressman Alex Mooney will be the lead lecturer. ♦

How [NOT] to Survive at Patrick Henry College

by Becca Samelson

Hello Freshmen and I'm-Not-Really-A-Freshmen-I'm-A-Transfer-Students!

You've made it halfway through your first semester at PHC! Well, at least, I hope you have. I haven't seen anyone die yet, so you have exceeded expectations! But I'm sure you guys are still slightly lost as to how to survive here at good ol' PHC. So here's a list of things you should definitely do to make your time at PHC much more beneficial.

1. First things first, enter into a relationship.

Upperclassmen may tell you that the purpose of college is to learn and grow more in Christ. They are wrong. It is all about spousal acquisition. To stay ahead of the other people in your class, you need to be dating someone as soon as you possibly can. Otherwise, your time at college is worthless.

2. Do every single extracurricular you can.

Are you really a PHC student if you don't try out at least four music groups, three styles of debate, two student clubs, and a partridge in a pear--- I mean, and at least one sport? No. Absolutely not. You must try every single thing. School and personal sanity aren't that important. What's more important is participating in as many different things as possible.

3. Post Snapchats/Instagrams/Facebook statuses/Tweets about every single test you have.

No one will know how hard you're working unless you constantly update your life on social media! If you're posting about studying, it's not a distraction. It's a necessity.

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Becca Samelson

4. Speaking of studying, wait until the day of your Spinney test to start reading the lectures.

Those things aren't that important. Nobody really needs to study for more than 30 minutes for a Spinney exam! You'll be fine. Trust me. Also, on that note, don't do any primary source readings for Dr. Favelo, never open the Bible during Theology, and wait until 5 p.m. on Mondays to do your homework for Research and Writing.

5. Take the upperclassmen's seats in your classes.

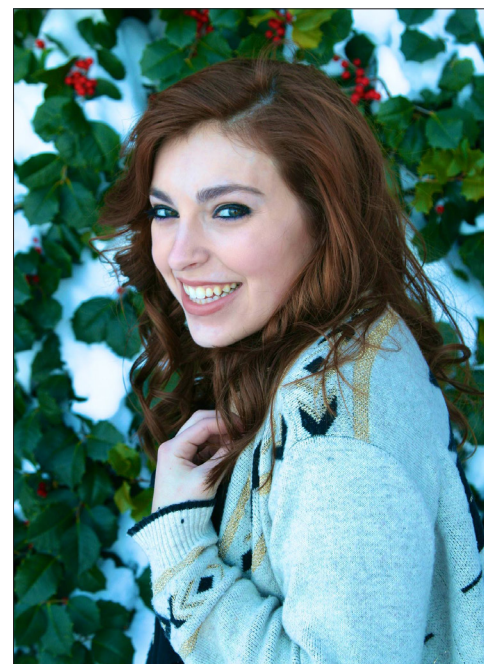
Some upperclassmen, like myself, are extraordinarily lazy and wait until junior year to take some freshman-level courses. You obviously want to impress them with your lack of fear and/or shame. To do that, get to class up to 15 minutes early and take their usual seats. When they walk in with only 30 seconds to spare, they will see that you have sat in their seat, and nod at you with pride; those squinty eyes and wrinkled foreheads aren't out of anger, but out of respect. In their minds they are saying, "Well done. I am so glad this freshman took my seat today."

6. It's never too early to ask a girl to a dance.

Some of you young men figured this out for the Freshmen Dance, but for those of you who haven't, you need to ask a girl to the Christmas Ball well before Fall Break. Bonus points if you ask a senior! Also, show your masculinity by asking a girl to the Sadie Hawkins' dance. You'll be showing your mad skills, courage, and charisma.

7. Pull as many pranks as you can.

Whether it's putting mattresses in a stairway, destroying someone's room, or stealing someone's drone, everyone really enjoys when freshmen pull pranks. Keep it up! The best way to make friendships is



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to make people angry with you.

8. Never talk to your professors.

Avoid these men and women at all costs. They hold your grades in their hands and if you dare say, "Hello!" to them, they will take at least two points off of your overall grade in the class.

9. Don't get help from upperclassmen, but only study in study groups!

Upperclassmen don't know anything about the classes you're in, so don't get their help. Instead, only study in groups with fellow freshmen! These groups are always very helpful and a lot of studying gets done.

10. Read everything as literal rather than sarcastic.

Sarcasm doesn't exist whatsoever at PHC. Or even in a Herald article. Everything you hear or read at PHC must be 100% literal. Always. Completely.

Do these things and you'll be well on your way to a great freshmen year!

Sincerely,

An Extremely Wise and Amazing and Perfect Upperclassman. ♦



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Courtesy: Mary Katherine Collins

Students enjoying themselves at the PHC Dance Hall.

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“Over fall break, I love sleeping, because it’s fun. I derive enjoyment from sleeping.”

-Nathan Jacob

“I like to go to London over fall break to visit my friend Claire and drink tea because London is cool. Why stay in America when you can spend election day in England instead?”

-Brenna Bakke

“My ideal fall break is to spend lots of time baking... but what I probably will be doing is sitting by the fire at home and studying as well, which is very nice, but it’s not baking.”

-Shellby Jo Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Israel Foreign Study
Info Meeting**

Oct. 28
4:30 pm
Red Hill 2

**Filmosophy: *The
Babadook***

Oct. 30
7 pm
D4 Lounge

D1 Halloween Party

Oct. 31
9 pm
D1 Lounge

Fall Break

Nov
4-8
Patrick Henry College

“Dear Lord, please let the Indians win the World Series.” -Esther Maynard

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