

Spring Break in Spain

By Julia Leef, Columnist

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013

Saludos!

As I write this, I'm sitting on a beach in Barcelona (how's all that snow, by the way?) on the third day of my spring break. We have a week off for Santa Semana, or Saints' week, which is our equivalent of spring break. Since I'll be traveling a lot this week, I thought I would talk a bit about traveling in Spain for those who have not yet had the pleasure to do so, but may one day wish to.

First of all, if you're planning a trip to Spain, make the reservations as early as possible, at least a month in advance if you can. As happens for many trips, tickets become more expensive the closer you get to your travel date.

There are many ways to travel in Spain. The bus is by far the cheapest option, but it's also the most time-consuming. If you don't mind taking a nine to 18 hour-long bus ride (depending on your destination) this is probably the best option. One of the bus tickets I found cost about 30 euros for an eight-hour long trip from Madrid to Barcelona.

There's also the option of flying. Some flights can be very cheap, but it can also be stressful trying to check in and navigate an airport in a foreign country, especially when you have to be there at least an hour (two is better) before your flight. I have a few flights planned for this week, and so far, through some error or another, I haven't been able to check in for any of them. But if you're okay with checking in at the airport on the day of your flight instead of online in advance, or you know the European booking process better than I do, this is a pretty good way to go. A flight from Madrid to Barcelona can be as cheap as 60 euros and would take just over an hour.

I opted for a train line to get me to Barcelona, and there are plenty of options available for this mode of transportation as well. There are many different train companies to take (I went for AVE, which is one of the faster but more expensive ones) which all offer various prices ranging from 54 euros to about 120 euros, depending upon the time of day. You can also purchase a euro rail pass, which allows you to travel around Europe for a set price and time.

Once you've decided how you'll be traveling, you'll need to find somewhere to stay. While there are plenty of hotels available no matter where you go, the best option for someone traveling, especially if

he or she will need to be in many different places, is to stay at a hostel. A hostel is much cheaper than a hotel, and is a common choice amongst travelers.

Hostels are set up a bit like dorm rooms. Many different groups live on the same floor and share a bathroom. Sometimes, you'll even stay in the same room as another group of people. I've seen as many as 12 people in one hostel room, which makes a triple at Skidmore luxurious by comparison. While it can be strange to share a room with people you don't know it can also be a fun experience since many of them will be travelers like you from places all around the world.

I'll be leaving tomorrow morning on a flight to Paris, and I'm looking forward to exploring the city and doing as many touristy activities as possible. To those of you who may be considering studying abroad, I would definitely recommend it as a fun experience and a great opportunity to see places you might not get a chance to see otherwise.

Un abrazo,

Julia

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A hostel in Spain

Julia Leef '14

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A hostel in Paris

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Chip the Dog, controversial face of Cookie Crisp Cereal, selected as 2013 commencement speaker

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By Julia Martin, News Editor

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Students, professors and parents are outraged over the selection of Chip the Dog, the former face of Cookie Crisp Cereal, as the 2013 Commencement speaker. In a public statement sent out via e-mail on Thursday, members of the administration explained their decision:

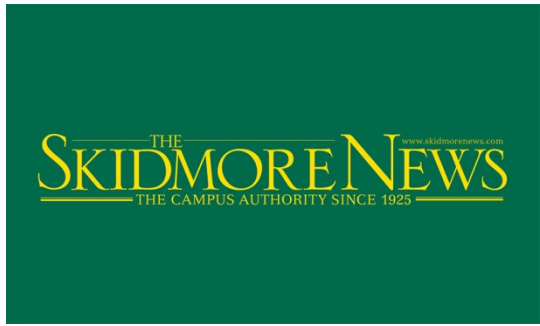
Chip has revolutionized the cereal industry. Cookies for breakfast?! The idea is both progressive and creative - two qualities we believe Skidmore students should embody. Chip was the face of Cookie Crisp Cereal for over a decade, and is one of the most successful dogs ever in the cutthroat and prejudice industry of cereal. Chip can also talk, a rare ability for dogs.

Students however, are enraged by the decision. Ben Harrison '14 said his anger stems from Chip's promotion of a poor product: "That little dog is always talking about how it tastes just like cookies and milk - that's the last time I listen to a dog! That stuff's nasty! It's confusing too, man, sometimes I'd forget what time it was because I'd be eating cookies in the morning, but usually I eat cookies at nighttime, so then I'd get confused about whether it was the morning or nighttime."

Parents have also cited Chip's multiple run-ins with the law as further reasoning why the dog shouldn't address the student body. Chip's most recent offense, public urination, landed him three nights in a NY state pound.

Chip explained that his recent arrests were products of his frustration over his unemployment, "In 2005 I was replaced by Chip the Wolf, because they told me I wasn't edgy anymore. His name isn't even Chip, it's Larry!" After taking a few moments to closely watch a nearby squirrel, Chip continued, "After I got laid off I got pretty koooOOOOOOooky, mainly because I was really lost. I needed some time to find myself again." Chip then chased after a squirrel before we could ask any further questions.

Students reportedly plan to continue to protest the decision, while members of the administration expressed hopes that the student body would "throw them a bone."



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The choice of Chip, the controversial face of Cookie Crisp Cereal, as a 2013 commencement speaker has invoked outrage from the Skidmore community.



Campus Safety Report: March 22 to 28

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013

Incidents of Note:

- **Friday, March 22** - Campus Safety Assist: County 911 Dispatched reported at 5:37 p.m. receiving a 911 call traced to Perimeter Road. Officers and the Saratoga Springs Police Department canvassed the area with no reported problems observed. Report issued.
- **Tuesday, March 26** - Forcible Sex Offense: Report received at 4:41 p.m. of an incident of sexual misconduct which occurred in a campus dormitory early in the morning on Sunday, March 24.
- **Thursday, March 28** - Campus Safety Assist: A 911 call received by the county at 11:03 p.m. from Kimball Hall. The call was open and they did not speak with anyone. Dispatched officers to the dormitory to make a check. Saratoga Springs Police Department also dispatched an officer. Check made of the building with negative results. Officer contacted the person on their cell phone who stated that they were in the Scribner Library and had dialed 911 in error. No problems reported.

Friday, March 22:

- Suspicious Odor: Suspicious odor reported at midnight at Jonsson Tower. Officer observed a drug law violation. Report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 12:10 a.m. at Dayton Drive. Dispatched officer reported that the resident lowered the volume upon request.
- Liquor Law Violation: Campus Safety assistance requested at 1:05 a.m. to check on a report of loud music at McClellan Hall. Dispatched officer requested assistance for an intoxicated subject. Liquor Law violation observed. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A transport requested at 10:52 a.m. from Bolton Hall to the subject's residence as she is feeling ill. Officer provided the service. No medical attention requested.
- Medical: An injured student reported at 10:55 a.m. at the Sasselin Art building. Dispatched all units and notified the Emergency Medical System. Subject transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A transport requested at 1:34 p.m. to the Saratoga Emergency Room. Officer completed the transport. Report issued.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 10:35 p.m. in Wait Hall. Dispatched officer reported no odor source detected. Call unfounded.

- Liquor Law Violation: A noise complaint reported at 11:30 p.m. in Jonsson Tower. Officer reported observing a Liquor Law violation. Report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 11:58 p.m. at Dayton Drive. Officers reported that subjects lowered the volume upon request.

Saturday, March 23:

- Campus Safety Assist: A transport requested at 1:05 a.m. to the Saratoga Hospital. Officer dispatched provided the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A personal safety escort requested at 1:12 a.m. to North Woods from Case Center. Officer provided the service.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 1:20 a.m. in Penfield Hall. Residents complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Drug Law Violation: A drug law violation reported at 1:27 a.m. in the south stairwell of Kimball Hall. Report issued.
- Suspicious Activity: A suspicious white male of approximately fifty years of age reported at 10:12 a.m. wearing a green hoodie and standing at the entrance to the North Woods parking lot. Officers investigated and identified the subject as a student's father. No further problems reported.
- Criminal Mischief: Damage reported at 1:55 p.m. located to the kitchenette and the basement of Wiecking Hall. Unknown perpetrators at this time. Damage recorded and report issued.
- Medical: A lacrosse coach reported an injury at 2:09 p.m. during the men's lacrosse game at the Williamson Sports Center field with an ambulance en route. Officers responded to the assist. Report issued. Subject was transported to the Emergency Room.
- Medical: County 911 dispatcher reported an Emergency Medical System at 4:45 a.m. en route to Jonsson Tower for a female who had just called requesting assistance. Officer was dispatched to her room. Subject transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Liquor Law Violation: Loud music reported at 10:48 p.m. coming from the Oak apartments. Officers dispatched reported observing several college violations. Report issued.
- Liquor Law Violation: While on patrol at 11:26 p.m. in the South Quad, an officer reported observing a liquor law violation at Wiecking Hall. Report issued.
- Liquor Law Violation: Officer reported a live band playing loud music at 11:44 p.m. in the Dogwood apartments. Officers requested that the band and the large group disperse. Subjects complied. Liquor Law violations also observed. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 9:50 p.m. to the Saratoga Emergency Room. Officers dispatched completed the transport. Report issued.

Sunday, March 24:

- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 2:03 a.m. from an adjacent room in Jonsson Tower. Officers dispatched reported that the subjects lowered the volume upon request
- Medical: County 911 dispatcher reported an Emergency Medical System at 4:45 a.m. en route to Jonsson Tower for a female who had just called requesting assistance. Officer was dispatched to her room. Subject transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Criminal Mischief: A hole reported at 11:17 a.m. in the wall of Kimball Hall in addition to broken glass on the floor. Dispatched officer recorded the damage and issued a report. Unknown perpetrators at this time.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 11:05 a.m. from the Saratoga Emergency Room to the campus. Dispatched officer completed the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A female reported at 2:52 p.m. placing flyers on College-owned vehicles in the North Hall parking lot. When she noticed the reporting person she immediately exited the area. Dispatched officer reported checking the area to no avail. The flyers were removed and a report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 9:50 p.m. to the Saratoga Emergency Room. Officers dispatched completed the transport. Report issued.

Monday, March 25:

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm received at 5:01 a.m. for Ladd Hall. All units and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department informed. Source of activation determined to be housekeeping machinery.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 12:21 p.m. to the Emergency Room. Officer dispatched completed the transport. Report issued.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 2:32 p.m. for Wilmarth Hall. Officers, Unit-10 and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department dispatched. Officers on the scene reported that excessive hairspray use near the smoke head on the third floor had set off the alarm. Report issued.
- Graffiti: Graffiti reported at 10:58 p.m. in the north elevator. Unknown perpetrators at this time. Housekeeping contacted for its removal. Report issued.

Wednesday, March 27:

- Reckless Endangerment: Report received at 11:45 a.m. of a tire falling over on a College-owned dump truck while the truck was being driven on campus.
- Campus Safety Assist: A request received at 4:25 p.m. to locate a student in the Scribner Village apartments. Dispatched officer was unable to locate the student at the time. Officers planned to

attempt to locate the student throughout their respective shifts. The student was later located on Thursday, March 28.

- Medical Assistance Calls: An officer requested at 8:14 p.m. to check on an ankle injury at the Janet-Kinghorn Bernhard Theater. Dispatched officer and Saratoga County Emergency Medical System. Officers on scene at 8:17 p.m. followed by the Emergency Medical System. The injured person was referred at 8:30 p.m. to the Medical Center for proper treatment. Officers cleared the scene at 8:35 p.m.

Thursday, March 28:

- Criminal Mischief: A report received of two eggs thrown at 8:06 a.m. at the front door of a North Woods apartment complex the previous night. Report taken.
- Trespass: An officer requested at 1:09 p.m. to ask two people at the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall to leave the campus. Dispatched officer reported locating the two individuals and asked them to leave or be subject to arrest for trespass.
- Stalking: A student reported at 1:25 p.m. that her ex-boyfriend has been harassing her. Dispatched officer interviewed the reporting person. Report made. Investigation is ongoing.
- Campus Safety Assist: A welfare check requested at 9:40 p.m. on a student in Wiecking Hall. Dispatched officer located the student, who stated that she was fine at the time and does not wish to speak with anyone.
- College Violation: A loud noise reported at 10:59 p.m. in Wilmarth Hall. Dispatched officer reported that the subjects in the room were playing a video game and would quiet down.
- Criminal Mischief: Criminal mischief reported at 11:30 p.m. in the north stairwell between the first and second floors of Kimball.

Skidmore students definitely understand the rules of polo

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By Julia Martin, News Editor

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Skidmore students are noticeably riled up about the upcoming Polo match this weekend. *The Skidmore News* spoke to a few students who were particularly enthusiastic about the sport. Our investigation showed that not only do students have a firm grasp on the concept of the sport, but also have great personal interest in the Skidmore Polo Team...

“Is that the one where you can’t let the balloon touch the ground?” - Jacob ‘15

“My grandma plays that every Saturday with her old friends.” -Christina ‘14

“What I don’t understand is how the horses jump through those hoops. The horses are so big and those hoops are so small!” -Mark ‘12

“Horses smell weird, (laughter) am I right?!” -Amy ‘16

“I buy all my khakis there.” -Ted ‘13

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There is perhaps no other sport or club that enthuses the Skidmore student body more than polo.



Failing pizza shop owner locates ideal pizza at Skidmore College

April Fools Edition

By Lisa Fierstein, Contributing Writer

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013

Steve Lorenzo, a local New York City pizza shop owner is looking to revamp his failing pizza business named Scoiattolo's Pizzeria.

His aim was to locate the perfect pizza by sampling pizzas at various college dining halls in the state of New York. Last week, Lorenzo stepped foot into Skidmore's acclaimed Murray-Aikins Dining Hall with his taste buds ready to find the best pizza for his shop.

Seven sizzling pizzas sat confidently at Supremo's Pizza Station on the Red Side of D-hall when Lorenzo entered. After months of searching, Lorenzo hit the ultimate pizza jackpot.

"Yes!" Lorenzo exclaimed. "I have never seen such delectable pizza. And what's most impressive is that the main ingredient is Creative Thought."

Lorenzo met with the Director of Dining Services to work out logistics, and bought each one of Skidmore's Pizza Chefs. Lorenzo Megabused the Pizza Chefs to his New York City shop, where they will start work on Monday, April 1st. Lorenzo feels confident that this new team of highly skilled Pizza Artists will advance his business.

In the meantime, Skidmore Dining Services is actively working to find new talented pizza chefs, so students can expect to be deprived of pizza until a new staff is hired.

Skidmore Dining Services is well known for their culinary excellence, and now Lorenzo's pizza shop will own a slice of this greatness.

Skidmore to offer "Why Creative Thought Matters" class in upcoming semester

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By Alex Mintz, Contributing Writer

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013

Skidmore College's motto "Creative Thought Matters," or "C.T.M.," is well known by the student body on campus. Often uttered before committing questionable actions during questionable hours of the weekends, "C.T.M." has become something of a go-to phrase for students about to engage in "out-of-the-box" activities. Skidmore College has ideas on how to change the meaning of "C.T.M."

The College plans to offer and perhaps eventually require a class called "Why Creative Thought Matters." This class will be geared toward guiding students into understanding *exactly* what creative thought is and what it is not. After identifying creative and uncreative thinking, students will begin discussing why and how creative thought is used, and how it can't be used.

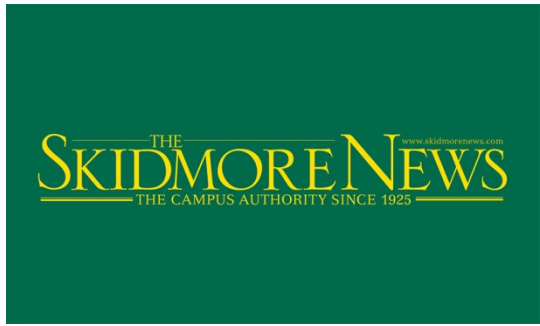
Dr. Prudence Day III, Associate Professor of Philosophy, will be teaching the class. "I hope that students will learn the right guidelines for creative thinking -- where they can or can't gain inspiration and what they should never think." Dr. Day's edgy curriculum on creative thought is currently being approved by the board of directors.

Butch Ray-Nathan '15 expressed his excitement for the class. "Too many people leave C.T.M. up for grabs. It's tossed around like hot potato, and the freshmen get confused. It will be good to set up clear guidelines so we don't have to face the confusion."

Isaac Goldstein '14 also expressed his interest. "I'm glad to see some guidance and order will be given to the upcoming underclassmen. Some of their crazy so-called 'creative' ideas were beginning to look like a threat to good, well-established and tested creative ideas."

However, the new course offering has already seen a bit of controversy. Rachel Meadow '14 commented, "What?! Are you serious? Is this a joke?" Another student said, "This is the stupidest... I can't. Words don't describe my outrage."

Even some student clubs are joining the opposition. The Orwellian Club plans to hold a "Creative Thought Police Protest" on Apr. 4 at 1 p.m. When asked for details about the protest and his opinion on



the latest addition to the curriculum, Club president Stewie MacFarland '13 merely replied, "Ignorance is strength."

Professor Seyb to go on Sabbatical, fears abound that students will stop checking email

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By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

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Professor Ron Seyb, Joseph C. Palamountain, Jr. Chair in Government, announced that he would be leaving Skidmore for sabbatical during the 2013-2014 academic year, much to the dismay of the Government Department.

"There is a growing concern among the Government Department faculty that government students will stop checking their emails with Professor Seyb on sabbatical," Associate Professor Natalie Taylor revealed.

"I mean, is there really any point to do so?" Jack Griffin '15, a government major and former advisee of Professor Seyb said in reference to continuing his habit of checking his email twelve times per day.

"Who else is going to send you an email like this," he continued. "Dear Those Who Serve Who Only Stand and Endure My Nonsense:

We are yet again on the cusp of advising week, which always prompts the same tingling feelings of anticipation and excitement that accompany such other significant cultural events as the opening of boxing season, the introduction of a new flavor of Pringles (Can they be both Cool Ranch and Cheesy Quesadilla? Hey, if nuclear fission is possible....), and a new shipment to Justin Bieber's Gas Mask Emporium. I thus know that you are ready for some punishing but, of course, rewarding advising sessions, provided that you define "rewarding" as anything that does not cause permanent tissue damage. I have listed below the time slots during which I will be available next week for advising meetings. I shall assign them, as is my pernicious wont, on a First Spasm of Madness, First Served Basis. Just email your preference to me and the rest is up to the flow of the universe," Griffin quoted from memory.*

The government department has begun looking for a temporary replacement for Professor Seyb. A leak from an anonymous government professor who sits on the replacement committee has revealed that the shortlist of possible candidates includes celebrated comedians Steven Colbert, Chris Rock, Billy Crystal and Glen Beck.

“They won’t nearly provide the same quality, but we hope one of them will be enough to keep students checking their emails,” the anonymous Professor said.

The replacement committee hopes to announce their choice by mid-April.

* Note: the above excerpt is from an actual email sent out by Professor Seyb. Your author is not nearly brilliant enough to concoct such a letter.

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Dr. Ron Seyb, Associate Professor of Government, Joseph C. Palamountain, Jr. Chair and part-time humorist

The Skidmore Government Department



BREAKING: Discovered that Quidditch team not actually capable of magic

Club revealed to be spinning a dangerous web of lies and deceit (April Fools Edition)

By Julia Martin, News Editor

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A lengthy undercover investigation of Skidmore's own Quidditch team reveals that the club members are actually physically incapable of performing any truly magical acts. The investigation has been underway for over 3 years, and it was confirmed just a few days ago that the members of the Quidditch team are not in fact wizards and witches, but rather students with an affinity for running with a conventional broom stick between their legs.

"It's been a long time coming," said the undercover reporter, who wishes to remain anonymous for fear of backlash, "but I finally caught those suckers. I only wonder how long they thought they could keep up the charade. I think it's a hard truth to swallow, but something the Skidmore Community needs to know."

The case was finally cracked open when our reporter broke into the storage shed used by the morally corrupt club, and discovered the quaffles and bludgeons to be old, deflated and quite frankly poorly cared for, dodgeballs.

When we cornered and questioned about the incident, Quidditch team president, Lindsey Thomas '13, appeared nervous and quickly diverted the question with a few of her own questions, "How did you guys even get into my house? Are you eating my Cheerio's right now?"

The final clue in the SkidNews' investigation was the discovery that the "snitch", the flying gold ball that grants instant victory to its captor, is actually a small person who runs aimlessly around campus during each match.

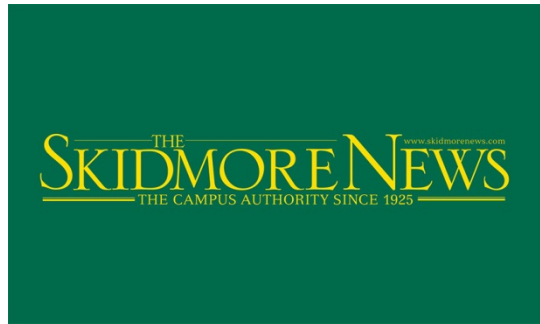
I asked myself this, if the team members were actually capable of magic, why would they need or want a small human to run around with a tennis ball in a pouch hanging from their backside? our reporter asked, "The act seems both humiliating and inefficient in comparison to the use of an actual magical snitch. That's when all the pieces came together."

The group of pathological liars were last seen living their lie on the grass field outside of Wiecking Hall, as if they hadn't done anything wrong.

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The notorious Quidditch team exposed.





President Glotzbach reportedly "kinda bummed" students "flake" on fireside chat

Accomplished philosopher, professor and administrator says it's 'no big deal' (April Fools Edition)

By Julia Martin, News Editor

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President Philip Glotzbach's scheduled "fireside chat" on Wednesday, March 6 between 5:30 and 6:30 PM, was embarrassingly not attended by a single student.

"Maybe my e-mail didn't go through?" Glotzbach wondered aloud around 6:07 PM.

By 6:22 PM it became clear that no students were planning to attend the scheduled chat. At that point the summa cum laude graduate of Notre Dame University reportedly turned off the electric fire in an effort draw less attention to himself and the empty seats next to him.

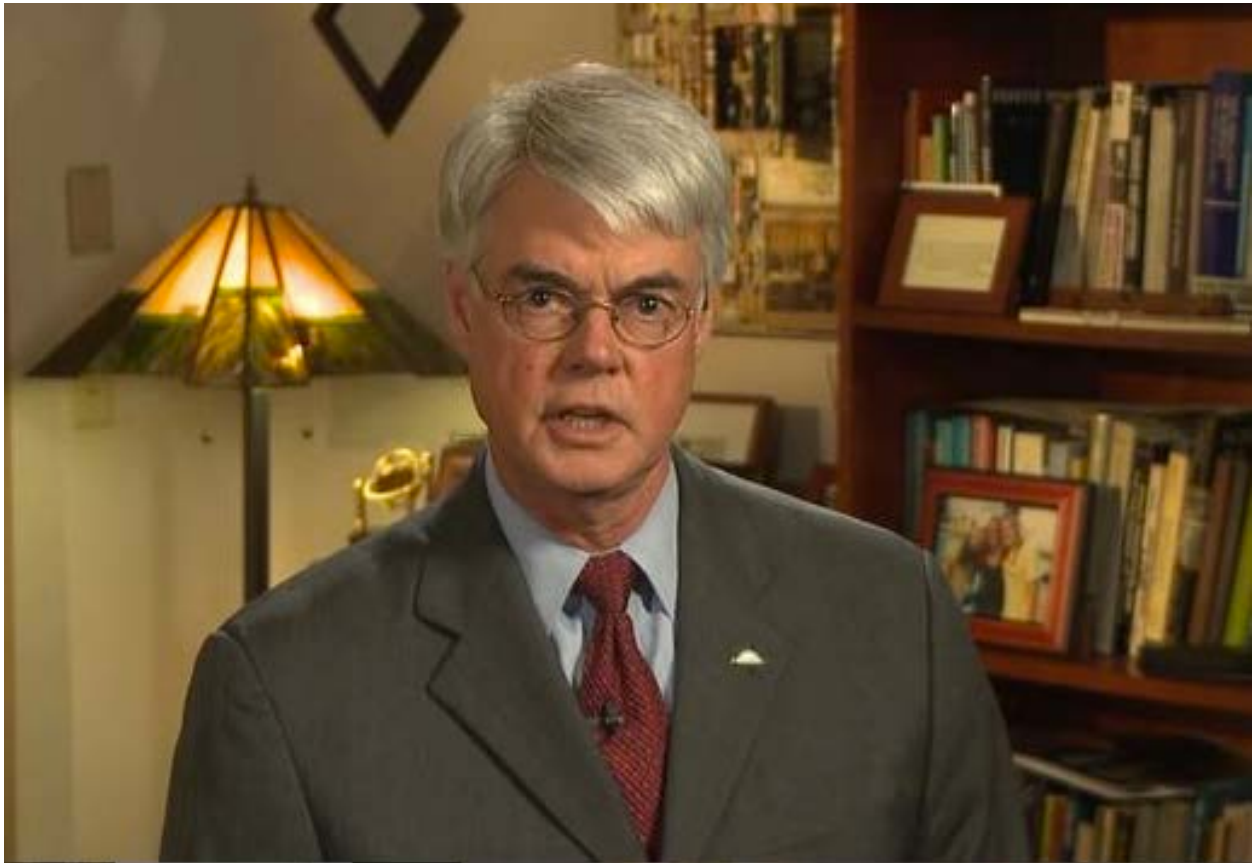
"This isn't the first time the students have ditched me," Glotzbach, who earned his Ph.D. at Yale University, said, "Honestly, and I don't say this to be mean I say this to be honest, it's totally lame of them to not follow through with plans. And Marie thinks so too."

Several students were questioned as to their decision not to attend the scheduled chat. Reasons such as "I think my e-mail's broken" and "It was never, like, a definite plan" were cited by sources that chose to remain anonymous.

The president was last seen pretending to text as he hurriedly exited the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall.

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President Philip Glotzbach sad after being abandoned at Fireside chat.



Thoroughbred basketball star to enter NBA draft?

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In this past season, Mike Pannozzi averaged a double-double, leading his team with 15 points and 13 rebounds per game. He led the league with an average 6.2 blocks per game, and averaged five assists and three steals. From the field he shot 56% and hit 43% of shots beyond the arc. He also shot 92% from the free throw.

At 6'4, he would by no means be a towering figure in the NBA, but his naturally athletic abilities and superb understanding of fundamentals has led senior Mike Pannozzi to be invited to visit several NBA teams including the New York Knicks, Charlotte Bobcats and Phoenix Suns.

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"Mr. Pannozzi has demonstrated himself to be a dangerous sharpshooter, but what he really brings to the table is a defensive prowess. An average of 13 rebounds and 6.2 blocks will translate very well into the NBA," said a representative from the Phoenix front office.

He's the kind of player we'd like to see on our team as we rebuild.

"I've spoken to several teams; I think they wanted to gauge my possible interest in their teams," Pannozzi said. "To be honest, I haven't even decided whether or not to join this year's draft."

But that doesn't mean agents and teams aren't giving him a push. "Why wouldn't you want to play for the NBA. You get to do something you love and make millions doing it, and a player like Pannozzi will certainly be making millions," said Derek Fagan, a prominent NBA agent who recently spoke to Pannozzi.

Pannozzi, who's an education and dance major, doesn't share this dream that so many other young men do. "I've always wanted to teach. I always assumed that after graduation, I would take up a job at an elementary school teaching third graders their basic multiplication tables."

SGA Elections divide Skidmore

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By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

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Skidmore is a divided college, and this partition is hardly more evident than during election season. Still, SGA presidential candidates have toured the campus, promising to bridge differences and end the gridlock that has crippled SGA in the past year.

Nothing has yet indicated this promised reconciliation. Instead the parties seem as alienated from one another as ever.

"I can't even remember the last time I sat on the blue side," Jacob Stevens '15, a registered hipster, laments. "I barely even go to Global anymore, I just receive too many dirty stares."

Peter Norton '14, the presidential incumbent and nominee for the "I wore your Granddad's clothes before it was cool" party has of recent raised partisan oration. He has accused SGA officials of the Grand Off-Campus party (GOP) of obstructing deals that would allocate funds to the art and music programs.

Aubrey Lopez '14, The GOP presidential candidate and owner of five lacrosse sticks, including two semi-automatics, has responded by charging the Norton administration of earmarking funds to favorite constituents and giving preference to his own party members.

"We don't even have a football field," Lopez reminds. "You have a \$44 million music center."

In a recent rally on Wachenheim Field, Lopez promised that, if elected, she will see an increase in spending on sports programs.

"Athletics is an imperative of the Skidmore community, and if we underfund our sports programs we will begin to see our athletic prowess fall in comparison to our rivals. Already the Norton administration is undermining our athletic abilities by diverting funds to purchase markers and glitter. Instead of keeping our athletic forces strong, he is promising free M&Ms with the soft-serve machine which will likely quadruple current tuition rates. Norton is utterly incompetent. What SGA needs is a person who understands how the economy works and how to responsibly manage a budget, someone who understands business, someone who has taken five business classes."

Free M&M coverage has been a pressing issue in this year's debate. After the Integrity Board found the National M&M Care Act constitutional this past June, GOP officials have promised to see the act repealed.

"It's un-Skidmore that I have to see my tuition money go to pay for someone else's M&Ms," Lopez told supporters at the same rally.

A recent Gallup poll showed that Lopez lead Norton by a single point as of March 24. Candidates have now focused attention on the undecided and moderates, heavily campaigning in Dana Center, and the Government and History Departments.

"To be honest, I won't even watch the television anymore, I just can't stand these campaign commercials. If one of these candidates promised that I could just watch the Big Band Theory without a single political ad, they could have my vote," Jennifer Berkovich '14, a Biology major, said.

"All this polarizing vitriol is truly sickening and I probably won't even vote, I just don't care enough about politics," Jack Griffin '15, a Government and English double Major, said.

Election boffins expect that as Skidmore approaches the last week before the election, the prevalence of campaigning will only worsen for the undecided as candidates pour money into bombarding them with advertisements.

"I don't even know what SGA does," Griffin admitted.

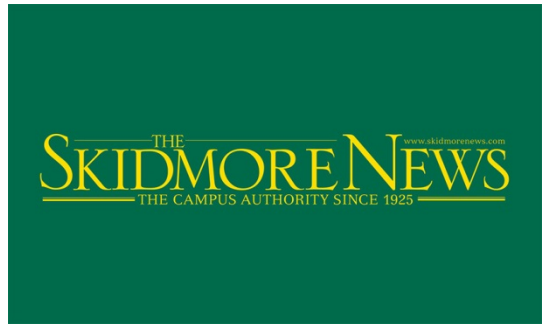
President Norton will be holding a rally in Zankel on Monday, April 1. Lopez is expected to meet foreign dignitaries at RPI on Wednesday, April 3.

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Partisanship flares as candidates battle for SGA presidency

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"The Mythic Figure" exhibit to open at the Saisselin Art Center's Schick Art Gallery

On Tue, Apr 2, 2013

This Thursday, April 4th from 5:30-7:30 PM the Saisselin Art Center's Schick Art Gallery will be hosting an opening reception for their new exhibit, "The Mythic Figure." The exhibit will include works based on the figure by sculptors William Tucker and Ed Smith and painter Pamela Avril. It is curated by Visiting Assistant Professor of Art (Sculpture) John Galt. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For information, contact Rebecca Shepard at 580-5049.

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Liberty League honors five Thoroughbrds

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

The Liberty League has honored five Skidmore athletes for their performances last week. The following five were winners of this week's awards:

Women's Tennis:

Nataly Mendoza '13 was named the Performer of the Week after going undefeated against Vassar College. Mendoza won the number one singles match with scores of 6-1, 6-3, and then teamed with Lee Ford '14 as the number one doubles pairing to win 8-4.

Caroline Hobbs '16 earned Rookie of the Week after winning 6-4, 6-4 at number six singles against Vassar College.

Softball:

Cassie Fishkin '16 pitched all seven innings against Cazenovia, striking out four and allowing one unearned run on four hits. She also had a homerun against Cazenovia and was five for 13 at the plate on the weekend, which included two games each against Cazenovia and Utica.

Carol Brown '13 earned Performer of the Week for her work at the plate in games against Utica and Cazenovia. Brown had five hits in 12 at-bats, earned four walks, hit in two RBIs and scored four runs.

Men's Lacrosse:

Matt Ohara '15 was named to the Honor Roll for his performance against Vassar. Ohara scored a career-high five goals, forced one turnover and scooped up one groundball in the 14-4 Thoroughbred win.

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Nataly Mendoza '13

Skidmore Athletics



Singing from the Heart: The Drastic Measures harmonize philanthropy and talent

By Alex Hodor-Lee, Contributing Writer

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

The Drastic Measures combine competitive success, passion, and charity into one talent-filled A cappella group. Their increasing popularity on campus, along with their success at the ICCA's, is paving the way for a growing appreciation of A cappella music at Skidmore.

If you have never heard of the Drastic Measures, you're missing out.

And if you have heard them, you know exactly why.

One of the most talented groups on campus, a cappella group Drastic Measures (founded in 2003), is slowly achieving stardom and national recognition following a successful run in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella.

Dean of Campus Life David Karpf is among the Drastics' many fans: "Drastic Measures is a great example of what we hope to see in our students--using their passion and talent while contributing to the common good and maintaining a sense of purpose in their co-curricular life."

"We were never the popular group," sophomore and Drastics musical director, Jack Mallory admits. Mallory, an Atlanta native who attends Skidmore on a Filene scholarship, boasts an impressive pedigree: he has six years of classical vocal training.

Similar to an NCAA athletic tournament, entry into the ICCA's entails competing against some of the finest varsity vocal talents across the nations and the world - including the Harvard Callbacks, the Clarkson Ultravioletones and The Rusty Pipes of Rensselaer - to name a few.

In February, Drastics surpassed local Hartford vocal outfit Trinity College, doing well enough to advance to the Northeast Quarterfinal. In the quarterfinal they fell to one of the regions preeminent vocal programs, Northeastern University.

However, paper statistics and ICCA brackets belie the Drastics' work ethic and integrity. "The goal [at ICCA's] wasn't to win - well no, it was to win." Mallory admits. He describes winning at ICCA's as one of his best moments with the Drastics. Mallory gesticulates rapidly with his hands, trying to reproduce an

image of the Drastics huddled together. His hands wave up and down in front of his face, as if suppressing the air in front of him as he remarks, "total elation."

Every member of the Drastics has had to audition and commit to practicing for five to six hours a week (nine to ten in preparation for ICCA's). What's more, their hard work is matched by compassion: the Drastics are the only charity a cappella group on campus.

"Every year we choose a charity," Mallory explains. "This year we chose Wait House." All proceeds from concerts (the preferred nomenclature is "jams") go to Wait House, a non-profit, which provides housing for homeless adolescents in Warren and Washington Counties.

Last semester, Drastics also partnered with a Ugandan children's group, raising \$1,000 for the traveling choir.

What is even more impressive is the group's autonomy - their accolades and organization are student-driven, with no faculty or voice coach. Many of the schools they compete against are large universities with immense budgets and faculty, but Drastics has relied on trust and chemistry. "The situation couldn't be any better than it is," Mallory says.

Camaraderie ebbs through the group, as a starry-eyed Mallory enthusiastically explains how his group mate, Sam Kastner, contributes to musical direction despite a lack of time. "The kid never has free time. He's a double major in physics and music and a head tour guide." Kastner, a sophomore, is described as "directing from within", choosing songs and melodies that he thinks suit vocalists, not the other way around.

Moreover, Mallory and Drastics President, Gabe Glissen-Brown, have a vision for the program's future. Where most groups sing pop songs, Drastics has been devoted to more classic tunes. The goal for Drastics is to modernize while, "retaining musical quality" and "applying musicianship to this new showbiz-y type of a cappella" says Glissen-Brown, a junior.

In addition to enhancing the showmanship of an already talented group, Mallory envisages a time when Drastics receive a larger audience. "You want to elevate it from people seeing their friends to people seeing a show," Mallory concedes. "National perception [of a cappella competition] is not high. I hope we can change that perception - at least at Skidmore - because we put a lot of time into it." Mallory adds, "There's definitely more to come."

Current Members include: Dan Plumer, '16, Duncan Gregory, '16, Katie Martucci, '16, Eli McCormick, '16, Jack Mallory, '15, Sam Kasnter, '15, Tory Waldron, '15, Lindsey Kellstrom, '15, Harrison Lipton, '15,

Gabe Glissen-Brown, '14 Allie Chipkin, '14, and Christine Pardos, '14. Abroad Juniors: Will Zhang, '14, Emily Streim, '14

The Drastic Measures' recently hosted "All Pull Together," a charity concert featuring nearly every A capella group (and other musical groups) on campus. Their final performance of the year is on April 25, at 10.30 p.m., in The Wilson Chapel.

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Men's lacrosse beats RPI

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

The Thoroughbreds beat RPI 8-6 on Wednesday to improve to 2-1 in Liberty League play and 4-6 overall. RPI fell to 1-2 in the league and 5-5 overall.

Mike Perlow '13 netted three goals and an assist as the Thoroughbreds beat RPI 8-6 on Wednesday to improve to 2-1 in Liberty League play and 4-6 overall. RPI fell to 1-2 in the league and 5-5 overall.

RPI opened the scoring, but the game remained close throughout the first quarter. Perlow scored with 1:40 left to put Skidmore up 3-2, a lead they would never relinquish. When the second quarter began, the Thoroughbreds came out ready to play as they scored the first three goals. Kevin Mulvey '15 put one in at 3:24, his second of the game, to make it 6-2. RPI would add one before the half to make it 6-3 going into the break.

RPI scored the first goal of the second half to make it 6-4 and then answered a goal by Matt Ohara '15 with two more to make it 7-6 at the 13:28 mark. Just when it looked like Skidmore's lead was about to fall, a timely Perlow goal sealed the 8-6 Skidmore victory.

Perlow was the leading scorer of the day with three goals and one assist. Mulvey and Ohara each added two goals and an assist, while Jon Hoeg '13 tallied a goal and Bryan Connolly '13 added an assist. In goal, Matt Diaco '14 stood strong and made eight saves, while Taylor Best '14 added five groundballs and Brock Bakewell '15 had six.

Skidmore is back on the road against Hamilton College on April

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Senior Mike Perlow scored a game-high three goals in the victory

Bob Ewell



Riding team heads to IHSA Zone II finals

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

Seven Skidmore riders earned the right to compete in individual classes at next week's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone II Finals after their performance at the regional IHSA event this past weekend.

Seniors Flavia D'Urso, Julia Mazzarella, Emily Keefe and Sandrine Couldwell will all be competing in individual classes. They will be joined by Rachel Comp '15, Kyle Olson '14 and Bettina Salfeld'14.

Several Skidmore riders will also be competing in the team competition. In addition to her individual events, D'Urso will also be competing in the team competition. She will be joined by Olivia Cameron '13, Madeline Frank '13, Emory Wonham '13, Natalie Williams '15, Michelle Fu '15, Jessica Stoukides '16, and Kenna Newton '13.

The IHSA Zone II finals will be held in Greenvale, N.Y. on April 7.

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Skidmore riding is heading to the IHSA Zone II finals.

Joe Gleason



Photo by Joe Gleason

Reel Talk: Zero Dark Thirty

'Zero Dark Thirty' is a slow-paced thriller with an explosive ending.

By Sean van der Heijden, Columnist

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

Kathryn Bigelow does a masterful job of balancing suspense with subtlety, managing to keep us locked to the screen as we watch CIA Agent Maya's tireless struggle to find and capture Osama bin Laden.

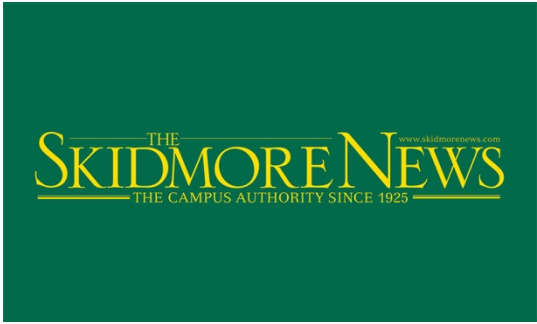
I feel the need to frame this review by saying that I hated Kathryn Bigelow's other collaboration with Mark Boal, 'The Hurt Locker.' I mean, seriously, I hated it - it's one of my least favorite movies ever. With that in mind, I was hesitant about seeing 'Zero Dark Thirty', mainly because I thought it would turn out just as bad, but I couldn't have been further from the truth. It was incredible.

One aspect that made it such a fascinating film was simply the gravity of the topic Bigelow chose to deal with: the hunt for Osama bin Laden. At certain points in the film, there was so much tension that you knew something terrible was about to happen - and, oftentimes, this tension would explode into a horrifying catastrophe or a shocking breakthrough. This uneasiness is due to Bigelow's exceptional handiwork with the camera, as everything is presented in a realistic, almost documentary-like style.

And, believe me, you will need no convincing to feel the reality of the situation. Mark Boal's screenplay, although at times rather choppy in its display of events, has incredible dialogue and boldly immerses you in the film. More than once, I forgot that I was watching a movie. This is in part because many of the events did happen, if only slightly differently, and you can trace them through time all the way from September 11, 2001 to May 2, 2011, when the hunt finally came to an end.

However, the biggest factor in the film's success is Jessica Chastain, who gives a stellar performance as Maya, the CIA agent who dedicated ten years of her life to track down bin Laden. Her dynamic ability to be subtle yet appear to be under great amounts of stress deserves to be applauded. Also, she never looked as if she was acting, which is incredibly hard to do. Even in some of the greatest performances, you realize that it is just an actor on set saying their lines with emotion. The thing is, Chastain didn't even look like she had lines to say - she just blended in perfectly with the atmosphere of the film, speaking up when she needed to, and doing it perfectly.

Another performance that stood out was Jennifer Ehle as CIA agent Jessica, who fiercely tries to assist Maya in her search for potential terrorists. She, too, was flawless and completely immersed within her character. Jason Clarke's treacherous CIA torturer Dan was also a fascinating character as he was able to



switch so quickly between being nice to being downright scary. Lastly, Mark Strong's CIA leader George makes a bold entrance into the film and keeps the momentum going throughout.

Overall, despite the fact that the first 45 minutes of the film literally consist of Clarke and Chastain's characters brutally torturing various people in an attempt to extract information, 'Zero Dark Thirty' quickly accelerates from there and turns into a tense, dark search for one man that gives an interesting perspective into how our government functions. Everything from Greig Fraser's vibrant cinematography to Alexandre Desplat's haunting score is exceptional, and even if you didn't like 'The Hurt Locker', this film is definitely worth the watch.

'Zero Dark Thirty' came out on Blu-ray and DVD on March 19.

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Film Forum: Lore

A young girl grapples with her identity and beliefs as she treks across post-war Germany

By Kate Butler, Columnist

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

Cate Shortland's resounding film tells an unusual coming of age story as young Lore leads her siblings across post-war Germany. Along the way, she meets a Jewish refugee who challenges the beliefs that have been pressed onto her for her whole life.

After the Allied victory and the arrest of her SS officer father and loyal Nazi mother, 14 year-old Lore (Saskia Rosendahl) takes responsibility for her four younger siblings and guides them across a broken Germany to find their grandmother in Hamburg. Already burdened with the responsibility of caring for her young siblings and struggling to survive, Lore also grapples with the harsh truth and consequences of her parents' beliefs - and her own. The arrival of Thomas (Kai Malina), a mysterious, young, Jewish refugee determined to help Lore and her family for his own reasons, only exacerbates her inner turmoil. After reluctantly allying with a person she has been taught to hate in order to protect her family, Lore is forced to question her convictions and contend with her growing desires.

Lore stands out as a hauntingly intimate, unsettling, and unforgettable view of the Third Reich.

After the Sunday, April 7 screening, there will be a panel-led discussion with Rabbi Linda Motzkin of Temple Sinai, psychiatrist Robert Flynn, and Skidmore's own Professor Matthew Hockenos of the History Department. Take a study break and don't miss out on this special "Film and Forum" afternoon!

Lore will be shown in German with English subtitles at the Saratoga Film Forum at 320 Broadway this Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students.

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An Evening with the Ballets Russes: This Weekend at Zankel

The Dance Department and Orchestra present *Les Sylphides*, *Fawn*, and *Firebird*

By Zoe Dartley, Arts and Entertainment Editor

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

This Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. the Orchestra and Department of Dance will present "An Evening with the Ballets Russes" in the Arthur Zenkel Music Center. The performance will feature three ballets from Sergei Diaghilev's The Ballets Russes, a traveling Russian ballet company. The ballets include *Les Sylphides*, choreographed by Michael Fokine with music by Frederic Chopin, *L'Après-midi d'un Faune* choreographed by Vaslav Nijinsky with music by Debussy, and *Firebird*, created by Mikhail Fokine with music by Stravinsky.

Skidmore ballet and modern dancers will be performing the program. It is staged by associate professor Denise Warner Limoli and conducted by composer, conductor, and electronic musician Anthony Holland. Limoli designed the production, sets by Garrett Wilson, costumes by Kim Vanyo, and lighting by Shawn Dubois. Lainie Oshlag, '16 is performing in *Firebird*. For her, the experience is unlike anything she has done before: "Working with a live orchestra is like no other experience I've had. Their energy moves the dancers, making the performance magical."

Tickets are selling fast, so be sure to reserve yours for this unforgettable experience. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and the Skidmore community, and free for students and children.

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Commencement speaker controversy

Cynthia Carroll misrepresentation of Skidmore

By Luke Conley

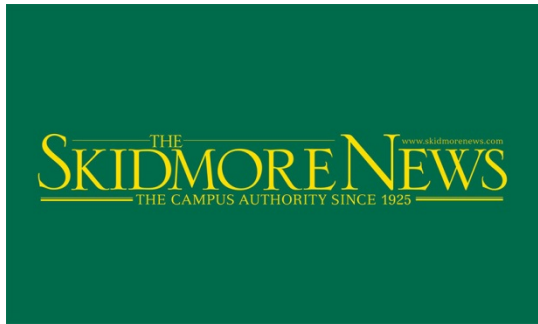
On Thu, Apr 4, 2013

Recently, there has been heated debate over one of the individuals that Skidmore's board of trustees has chosen to speak at commencement: Cynthia Carroll, Skidmore alumna and former CEO of the mining conglomerate Anglo American, a corporation with an absolutely dismal social and environmental record. Supporters have painted Ms. Carroll as an important figure in the advancement of women in the corporate world and a proponent of positive change in the mining industry. Both claims are, at best, dubious.

Perhaps more disturbing than the choice of Ms. Carroll as a speaker is the administration's dismissive response to student outrage, as well as their disregard for the mountain of evidence against Ms. Carroll and her company. Only now, after repeated hounding of administrators and an unequivocal statement that students will not accept the "father-knows-best" attitude, has a genuine dialogue begun. The administration has been presented with a great deal of data condemning Anglo American's activities in the pursuit of profit during Ms. Carroll's time at the helm. In 2007, she became CEO, in addition to joining the oil company British Petroleum as part of, among other things, their Safety, Ethics and Environmental Assurances Committee - the Chairman of which was recently forced to resign due to outrage over BP's infamously disastrous handling of the Deepwater Horizon spill.

In Sept. 2009, the Ghanaian National Coalition on Mining condemned AngloGold/Ashanti for allegedly burying forty people alive.[i] In 2010, the company received the Ghanaian EPA's worst possible environmental rating.[ii] In Jan. 2011, The Berne Declaration and Greenpeace awarded the anti-accolade "Public Eye Award" to AngloGold/Ashanti. Daniel Owosu-Korentang, President of nominating organization WACAM, stated upon the presentation of the "award" that mining waste contaminated the only available sources of water for villagers and that "local residents were occasionally tortured in the company's guard house; some cases resulted in fatalities." [iii] Mr. Owosu-Korentang, recently told students that that such issues remain major problems for locals, despite dialogue with AngloGold/Ashanti.

I could, regrettably, go on and on. There are those who suggest that Anglo American's actions do not reflect directly on Ms. Carroll. It is true that accidental fatalities have decreased during her time as CEO. This does not, however, invalidate the overwhelming evidence that much of Anglo American's activity is harmful to the environment and to the human beings who live near their mines. Ms. Carroll was chosen



as a speaker because of the unique position she occupies in the business world. She is where she is because of what she and her company have done. This is not who we, as students, want to represent Skidmore. The administration faces a much deeper choice than whether or not to bring Ms. Carroll to commencement. They must decide on a fundamental level what kind of institution they are running. Prospective and current students alike are told constantly that Skidmore fosters global citizenship, civic engagement and personal integrity. Parents are told that they are entrusting their children to an institution that will foster not only their intellectual growth, but also their commitment to social justice. Ms. Carroll's honoring flies in the face of all that.

Whether to bring Ms. Carroll to commencement is ultimately the board of trustee's decision. But they must have no illusions about what that decision means. To present Ms. Carroll with an honorary degree and ask her to impart wisdom to our graduating class is an active endorsement of all the indefensible things that her company has done in the pursuit of profit. It is a clear statement that money is more important to this institution and in adult life than justice. And it is an unequivocal admission that all the talk we hear about creative thought, social responsibility and the encouragement of activism is just that: talk, and nothing more.

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Skidmore students at commencement :<http://www.skidmore.edu/commencement/dates.php>



NBA Talk: Are the Lakers out?

By Andrew Shi, Editor in Chief

On Fri, Apr 5, 2013

As the final weeks of the regular season commence, NBA fans will be closely watching the Lakers and the Utah Jazz as they battle it out for the eighth and final playoff seed. Currently, the Lakers hold the spot but are only a half a game in front of the Jazz. The Lakers have seven games left and the Jazz have six. This could give the Lakers the opportunity to advance their lead over Utah, but the Lakers face a dramatically harsher schedule than the Jazz.

In the next seven games, the Lakers will have to play against the Grizzlies, Clippers, Hornets, Trailblazer, Warriors, Spurs and Rockets, in that order. Of these seven opponents, only two are currently ranked lower than the Lakers: The Hornets and the Trailblazers. Fortunately for the Lakers, all but two of their games are home, and one of those away games is against the Clippers, so they will still play on their own court.

The Lakers have not won a single game against the Spurs, Grizzlies or Clippers this season, which indicates these are three set-in-stone losses. History says they will likely lose to the Rockets, but both of their previous losses to the Rockets were away games. Their lone victory was at home and their next encounter is at home as well. They should be able to easily dispatch the Hornets, and they should be able to overcome the Warriors, who they're 2-1 against.

The Portland Trailblazers, though, is the other away game. The Lakers are 2-1 against them, but the two they won were home and the one they lost was away. Furthermore, their game against the Trailblazers is the second of a back-to-back night. The Lakers this season are 6-10 on back-to-back games, but the ones they've won have been against bottom seed teams and a Dirk-less Mavericks. Of the ones they've lost, one has been to the Trailblazers. It's generous to give the Lakers a 3-4 record for their last seven games, assuming they beat either the Trailblazers or Rockets, but more realistically it will be 2-5, with their two sole wins against the Hornets and the Warriors.

Now, the Jazz in their next six games have three on the road and three at home. Also, three of the games are against higher ranked opponents. The Jazz face the Hornets, Warriors, Thunder, Grizzlies and the Timberwolves twice. This season, the Jazz have gone 2-1 against the Hornets, and 2-0 against the Timberwolves. They are 1-1 against the Warriors, and 1-2 against both the Thunder and the Grizzlies. Against the Warriors, the Jazz won their match at home but lost away. This third game is away as well. A likely record for the Jazz is 3-3, but in their last game against the Grizzlies, depending on the standings,

the Grizzlies may rest their better players as is customary for teams that know they are making the playoffs. Add in the fact that the Jazz are battling for a playoff seed and they could very well go 4-2.

In a realistic, best-case scenario for the Lakers, they will go 3-4 and the Jazz will go 3-3. That will leave the Lakers with a record of 42-40 and the Jazz at 42-40. A tie would give the Jazz the playoff berth by virtue of them winning this season's Jazz-Lakers series. It is highly unlikely that the Jazz will finish their last six games with less than three wins. If the Lakers wish to reach the playoffs they will need at least four wins. It's possible, but don't hold your breath.

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Kobe Bryant and the Lakers will look to edge out the Utah Jazz for the final playoff spot.

Russ Isabella-USA TODAY Sports



Senior Gift and the change we don't wish to see.

Why The Office of Development should leave Senior Gift the way it is

By The Editorial Board

On Fri, Apr 5, 2013

Note: We originally attributed the proposed changes mentioned in the following editorial to the Office of Alumni Affairs. That was incorrect, it was the Office of Development that engineered these proposed changes. Our apologies.

Also, The Office of Development has as of now rescinded their proposed changes.

Senior Gift is one of Skidmore's few lasting traditions and, since 1980, has asked seniors to donate money towards a scholarship for a rising senior who is burdened with a significant amount of debt and does not enjoy any other scholarship. Generally, this rising senior is in good academic standing and has proven him/herself to be a valuable contributor to the community.

Senior Gift is arguably the first time the graduating class gives back to Skidmore. After being the recipient of all the college has to offer for four years: the education, professors, friends, events and general college experience, seniors, through this act of largesse, allow one student the opportunity to look back upon their time at Skidmore after that time expires, without being crushed by the financial realities of the Skidmore experience. It relieves them of the enormous debt that would have weighed them down upon graduation, hampering them from pursuing their own goals and hopes.

Recently, the Office of Development was able to secure alumni matching, meaning that each dollar donated by a senior is matched with a dollar donated by an alumnus. The Office of Development - however - is now contemplating and moving ahead with offering seniors the option of choosing a beneficiary to donate their senior gift to that is not a traditional scholarship fund. Seniors will have the option to donate money to the athletics department, sustainable Skidmore, office of campus life in which donations could fund other awards or clubs, for example), or the traditional scholarship fund.

The Office of Development's logic behind this drastic change is that, disappointed with the amount of senior donations, they hope this change will increase senior participation to 80% of the class. The change then, seems economic; the thinking goes that athletes would be more willing to donate to the athletic department, environmentally-conscious students would donate to sustainable Skidmore, and those that did not necessarily fall under any of the new categories could still donate to the original scholarship.

This paper feels the need, however, to suggest that the Office of Development has underestimated the detrimental nature of this change and - most importantly of all - has forgotten the purpose of Senior Gift. Senior Gift is one of the few acts of solidarity a class truly experiences. A class may come together for school events, but these events are hardly conscious endeavors to better Skidmore and its students. Senior Gift is one of the few events that unite a class in the act of giving back. It is meant to foster camaraderie, to bind students in a final act of magnanimity and charity, in the hopes that it will set them on a philanthropic track for the rest of their lives. It is the opportunity for a whole class to come together, for each student to give just a little, but, as a result of their collective efforts, relieve a fellow student of their debt. Offering students a choice of preferences divides the senior class into their respective cliques that has defined them in their four years at Skidmore. Senior Gift will be reduced to nothing more than donating money - not to some worthy student in need of aid - but to the student's own individual taste, one that is already being funded by a multitude of other sources. This change will remove the benefit of seeing the tangible results of the seniors' generosity.

Senior Gift is just as much about tradition and the senior community as it is about philanthropy. This newspaper asks that the Office of Development does not tarnish one of Skidmore's few worthy traditions. There must be better ways to raise the money needed to finance Skidmore's other activities.

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Senior Gift: to "help raise money for a scholarship for a deserving member of the Class of 2014." And it should stay that way.

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BREAKING NEWS!**



All Senior Gifts made between
NOW AND APRIL 25
will be DOUBLED
by a member of the
Skidmore Alumni Community!!

Every gift made by a Senior in ***ANY amount***
(even \$5!) will help raise money for
a scholarship for a deserving
member of the Class of 2014.

CLICK HERE TO MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY!

Distinguished professor emeritus and ecological engineer, John Todd, to give lecture

On Sat, Apr 6, 2013

John Todd, a pioneer in the emerging field of ecological engineering, with a specialty in food production and living systems for water purification, will lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in Filene Recital Hall.

Todd's passion and work revolve around the broad field of planetary healing and regeneration. He has been active in shaping the field of ecological design for more than 40 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and an M.S. degree in parasitology at McGill University, and holds a Ph.D. in fisheries from University of Michigan. Todd is an emeritus research professor and distinguished lecturer at the University of Vermont, and a fellow at the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics.

He is founder and chairman of John Todd Ecological Design, Inc., and president of Ocean Arks International, an NGO dedicated to publishing, and to healing the inshore oceans. He is based in Woods Hole, Mass. He was the co-founder of the New Alchemy Institute in 1969.

Todd has received a number of awards and honors, including the first Buckminster Fuller Challenge award for the best idea to help save humanity. His entry, recognized in 2008, was titled "Design for a Carbon Neutral World: The Challenge of Appalachia." In 2006, he received the Global Visionary Award from the city of Chicago and in 1999, he was named a "Hero of the Planet" by *Time* magazine.

Todd and his wife Nancy are co-recipients of a Lifetime Achievement Award from Bioneers (1999); they also received the Charles and Ann Morrow Award for technological innovation on behalf of the planet (1998).

Author of more than 200 hundred scientific, technical and popular articles, Todd is also the author or co-author of seven books. He is the inventor of Eco-Machines and the holder of a number of patents.

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John Todd: A Time Magazine's "Hero of the Planet."



JOHN TODD
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

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*Photographed in a "Living Machine" in South Burlington by
Mackenzie Stroh on January 16, 2002*

Two leading psychologists to give presentation on sources of memory confusion

On Sat, Apr 6, 2013

At 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, in Davis Auditorium, two leading psychologists will present: Remembering Fictions: Our Own and Others' Constructions.

The presentation will share the intriguing research of sources of memory confusions in our everyday lives. Alan Scoboria, a clinical psychologist in the Behavioral, Cognitive, and Neuroscience Program of Windsor University, will discuss "Deciding whether a memory is fictitious: Insights from nonbelieved memories and false memory formation." Elizabeth Marsh, cognitive psychologist in the Duke University Psychology and Neuroscience Program, will discuss "Creating Illusions of Knowledge."

Marsh and Scoboria will each give a brief presentation of their research, which will be followed by an interactive discussion period.

Scoboria will discuss the ease with which people come to believe imagined scenarios of possible life events originating from experienced events. Marsh will speak about her research that examines the ease with which people can incorporate details they encountered while reading fiction (others' fictional constructions) into their own knowledge about the world.


Sponsors of the research colloquium are the National Science Foundation, Skidmore's Psychology Department and Neuroscience Program, and the Office of the Dean of Faculty.

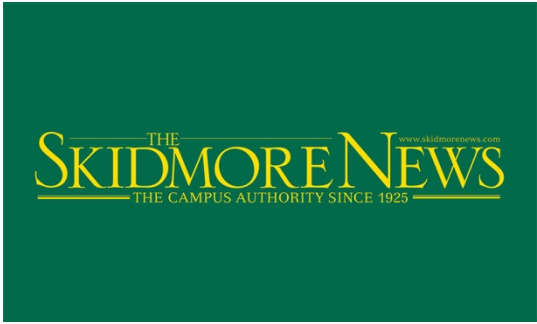
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Alan Scoboria, a clinical psychologist in the Behavioral, Cognitive, and Neuroscience Program of Windsor University, will discuss "Deciding whether a memory is fictitious: Insights from nonbelieved memories and false memory formation."

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Elizabeth Marsh, cognitive psychologist in the Duke University Psychology and Neuroscience Program, will discuss "Creating Illusions of Knowledge." 



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Book Review: *Ninety Nine Years*

A commemoration to the Leica camera that brought us the past century's most iconic photos

By Dylan Lustrin, Webmaster and Art Director

On Sat, Apr 6, 2013

Anyone who has taken a photography class, fancies themselves to be even an amateur photographer, or simply has an appreciation for photography's representational properties surely has their photographic idols. Maybe that idol is Barbara Morgan, Henri Cartier-Bresson, David Douglas Duncan, or Alfred Eisenstaedt.

Or perhaps one feels an aesthetic attraction to a certain iconic image: Elliott Erwitt's artfully crooked 1950 image showing two side-by-side water fountains labeled "white" and "colored;" Alberto Korda's 1960 shot of an intent-looking Che Guevara - the same image reproduced on countless t-shirts and even the Cuban three peso banknote; or Thomas Hoepker's moving 2001 snapshot of five friends relaxing by an idyllic Brooklyn waterfront as thick smoke rises from the World Trade Center towers behind them. Although creating seemingly dissimilar works, these artists all had a commonality - they captured their photographs with Leica cameras. The instantly recognizable Leica design has come to conjure a specific element of admiration and connote quality in equipment and the resulting image.

The company's rich history is documented in the new book *99 Years Leica*. As expected from a firm whose main focus is the creation of visual pleasure, the book's packaging is eye-catching yet far from ostentatious. The 300-page coffee table book-sized volume comes slipped into a thick matte black protective cover with a small square-shaped cutout in the middle meant to reveal, but not give away, the book's cover. Reading "Ninety-Nine Years" (stylized over four lines as "NINE /TYNI/NEYE/ARS") in glossy black letters against a flat white background, there is little possibility of mistaking *99 Years'* purpose as a celebration of a legendary company's legacy and future on the occasion of its 99th anniversary.

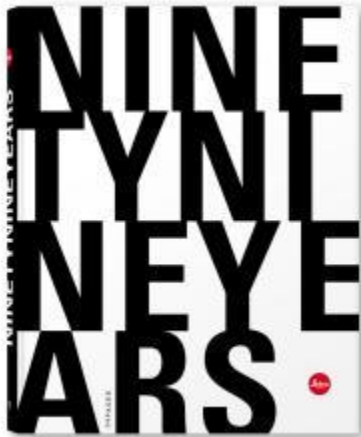
In 1914, optical engineer Oskar Barnack created the Ur-Leica in Wetzlar, Germany. This camera featured an all-metal body, a retractable lens, and used 35mm film - all features engineered to save space and weight in a time where heavy and largely unmovable cameras were the norm. By 1924, Leica had developed the small format Leica I. Upon its introduction and release in 1925, the camera was an instant hit, selling over 70,000 units between 1925 and 1930 and securing the company's place within the annals of photography.

Flipping through the pages of *99 Years Leica*, it is difficult not to stop and do something of a double take at the strikingly-colored images, bold statements (in both content and typeface), dynamic page layouts, and compelling tales of photographers, their works, and Leica's development as a company. One such eye-catching two-page spread features a photo of the Eiffel tower taken from the bottom up and rendered in a tie dye-esque mixture of green, brown, blue, and white. Overlaid on the image in broad grey text is the witty statement "PARIS IS A BITCH (sometimes)." The text opposite this image speaks fondly of Paris and its ability to inspire the work of noted Leica users such as Henri Cartier-Bresson and Brassai.

I must admit, I was skeptical of this book at first. Although being a long-time Leica fan, I could not help but wonder if I was simply looking at a glorified advertisement. Despite that, I also could not help but be completely captivated by this book and emerge from the last page with a rekindled love for what are arguably the best cameras currently made.

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An unassuming book that commemorates the ninety-nine year old history of the iconic camera that captured the past century's most iconic moments



Illustrious pianist and artist-in-residence, Pola Baytelman, to give performance

On Sat, Apr 6, 2013

Pianist Pola Baytelman, distinguished artist-in-residence at Skidmore College, will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, in the college's Arthur Zankel Music Center. Baytelman will perform two sonatas by Scarlatti and Mozart's *Sonata K. 533/494 in F major* on the college's Anton Walter fortepiano, along with Schubert's *Three Moments Musicaux*, Crumb's *Little Suite for Christmas*, and Mendelssohn's *Variations sérieuses in D minor, Op. 54*.

Known for sparkling articulation reminiscent of the remarkable Alicia de Larrocha, Baytelman is an active recitalist with a broad repertoire that covers piano repertoire from the 18th to the 21st centuries.

Born in Chile, Baytelman made her debut with the Chilean Symphony Orchestra at 17, and has since played with numerous orchestras, including the Chilean Symphony and Chilean Philharmonic Orchestras, the Boston Pops as well as other orchestras. She studied at the University of Chile's National Conservatory before going to the U.S. on a Fulbright grant. In the U.S. she attended the New England Conservatory in Boston, where she studied with Russell Sherman, and later received her doctorate at the University of Texas, Austin, where Nancy Garrett was her teacher. She also worked with Claude Frank and Menahem Pressler.

Baytelman, a Steinway Artist since 1996, has performed with orchestras, in chamber music ensembles, and as recitalist in China, Hong Kong, Europe, South America and across the U.S. She was chosen to present Skidmore's Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Research Lecture in 2006, the highest honor Skidmore faculty confers on a colleague.

Baytelman is an active recitalist who especially enjoys playing music by women, and by Spanish and Latin American composers. She has long been associated with the music of Albéniz and is the author of a book on Albéniz's piano music published by Harmonie Park Press in Michigan. Baytelman has also performed Albéniz's monumental *Iberia* in tours of major US cities, and recorded a groundbreaking CD of Albéniz's work in 1998 (Elan). Her latest compact disc is *From Chile to Cuba: Latin-American Piano Music* is available from Albany Records. Baytelman's recording of Robert Schumann's *Humoreske* (2002 Centaur) was listed by *American Record Guide* as one of the top three performances of the classic work ever made.

Admission for the April 11, 8 p.m. Pola Baytelman concert is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. For advance reservations and more information on the event visit www.skidmore.edu/zankel or call the Zankel box office (518) 580-5321.

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Pianist Pola Baytelman, distinguished artist-in-residence at Skidmore College and presenter of the 2006 Edwin M. Moseley Faculty Research Lecture will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11.

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Skidmore students launch Social Justice Month to raise awareness

Roster of activities includes public events

On Sat, Apr 6, 2013

Students at Skidmore College have deemed April "Social Justice Month" and have organized a series of events to increase awareness among their peers and the public regarding challenges to fairness and justice worldwide. Many of the activities are open to the public free of charge.

"Our vision is to bring the campus together to engage students in social justice issues. We want to educate them and provide ways that they can concretely fight against injustice," Skidmore sophomore and one of the Social Justice Month organizers, Timothy Kim said. The planned activities will address such issues as multiracial identity, world hunger, education, human trafficking, North Korean human rights, climate change, urban poverty, the criminal justice system, and political conflict.

In addition to events such as film screenings, speakers, and discussions, the activities will include hands-on service projects by the students, such as sprucing up backstretch housing at the race course and assisting at the Albany Regional Food Bank.

The program is widely supported on the Skidmore campus, with more than 25 academic departments and student organizations signing on as sponsors. "We are very excited to have all of these clubs, departments, offices, and individuals come together and work to fight against social injustice," Kim said.

Skidmore students organized a similar program last year, with events taking place over a week's time. This year the students have expanded the number of events to cover a full month. For more information contact skidmoresjm@gmail.com.

The following Social Justice Month events are open to the public free of charge:

Tuesday, April 9

Education: Film screening of "Teached"

8:30 p.m.

Palamountain Hall 200

"Teached" is a short film series that assesses the causes and consequences of the nation's race-based "achievement gap," looking at continuing inequalities in public schools. The documentary takes viewers into communities where the effects are most severe to hear solutions proposed by students, parents, teachers and others. A discussion will follow the film.

Wednesday, April 10

Climate change: Film screening of "The Island President"

7 p.m.

Saratoga Springs Public Library

The Island President lifts the issue of global warming out of the theoretical and into the personal. The film depicts how President Mohamed Nasheed of Maldives is struggling to save his nation of 1,200 low-lying islands, as they sink into the Indian Ocean as sea levels rise due to global warming. The film will be followed by discussion.

Thursday, April 11

Sex trafficking: Film screening of "Very Young Girls"

8 p.m.

Davis Auditorium, Palamontain Hall

Very Young Girls is an exposé of the commercial sexual exploitation of girls in New York City as they are sold on the streets by pimps and treated as adult criminals by police. The film follows barely adolescent girls in real time, using vérité and intimate interviews with them, documenting their struggles and triumphs as they seek to exit the commercial sex industry.

Friday, April 12

North Korean refugees: Film screening of "Crossing"

7 p.m.

The Spa, Case Center

Crossing follows the journey of a North Korean man as he illegally leaves the country to find medicine for his sick wife, portraying the many hardships of the average North Korean citizen. The event will include a speaker from PSLAT, a non-profit organization dealing with North Korean human rights.

April 15-21

Political prisoners: Exhibition of "Where Love Does Not Exist"

Dining hall atrium and Intercultural Center (in Case Center)

The North Korean Political Prison Camp is a huge place of exile housing approximately 150,000 political prisoners considered a threat to the regime. The exhibition documents the extreme violations of human rights in the political prison camps through drawings by former prisoners who escaped from the camps.

Tuesday, April 16

North Korean refugees: The real life story of a North Korean defector

8 p.m.

The Spa, Case Center

A North Korean defector will speak about life in North Korea and escaping from that country, as well as the journey to the United States and the conditions of living as a refugee in the U.S.

Wednesday, April 17

Urban poverty: Film screening of "A Recycled Life"

7:30 p.m.

The Spa, Case Center

This short documentary film tells the story of the massive toxic landfill near Guatemala City and the residents who scavenge there to eke out a living.

Thursday, April 18

Race and power film and dialogue

6:15 p.m.

Dining Hall, second floor

The event will present the film "Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging a Media Stereotype," with discussion to follow. Reservations required. Contact Kristie Ford at kford@skidmore.edu for registration and more information.

Saturday, April 20

The environment: Earth Day celebration

Case Green, Skidmore campus

Noon-9 p.m.

Celebrate the earth as Skidmore student clubs offer activities that support and promote stewardship of the environment.

Monday, April 22

Criminal Justice System: Talk by Jeff Deskovic

6:30 p.m.

Davis Auditorium, Palamountain Hall

Jeff Deskovic, who was wrongly incarcerated for 16 years, will discuss his imprisonment and the work his foundation does to reform the criminal justice system.

Tuesday, April 23

Political Conflict: Film screening of "5 Broken Cameras"

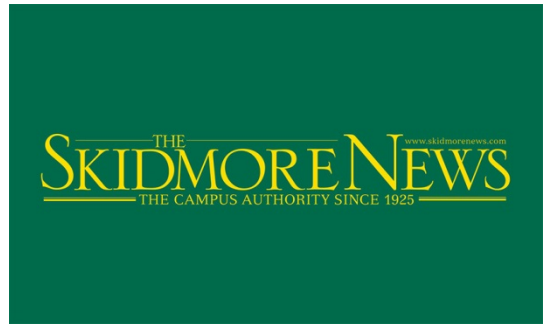
7 p.m.

The Spa, Case Center

This Palestinian film is a deeply personal, first-hand account of life and non-violent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village surrounded by Israeli settlements. The film follows one family's evolution over five years of village upheaval. The screening will be followed by a discussion.

Wednesday, April 24

Prison education: Film screening of "Zero Percent"



7:30 p.m.

Davis Auditorium, Palamountain Hall

This documentary gives viewers a rare look inside the storied Sing Sing correctional facility to learn about the college program offered there by Hudson Link for Higher Education. The film follows prisoners inside the prison as well as those who have finished the program and have returned to society. Sean Pica, executive director of Hudson Link, will speak after the film.

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Skidmore students dedicate a month to raising awareness of social injustice around the world. Events will begin Tuesday, April 9 with screening of "Teached."

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Ashley Reynolds '14 honored for civic engagement

On Sun, Apr 7, 2013

Ashley Reynolds '14 has been named a 2013 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to fostering civic and social responsibility. Reynolds is among 180 students nationally to receive the award, which recognizes college students for their efforts to explore social issues and work toward positive change.

A social work major from Ashburnham, Mass., Reynolds takes a particular interest in community-based research and its use in effecting social change. Through her work in a course titled *Community Engagement*, she assisted at two local agencies - the Saratoga Center for the Family, an advocacy center for victims of child abuse and domestic violence, and the Center for Hope, an organization that supports families with missing children and adults. She has volunteered at Shelters of Saratoga, a housing and advocacy center for the homeless, and has served as a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

In the fall semester of 2012, while studying at Payap Univeristy in Chiang Mai, Thailand, Reynolds worked with the agency Grandma Cares, which helps children who have lost parents to HIV/AIDS. She began by teaching English, but noticing a shortage of personnel in key areas she proposed and was approved for additional responsibilities - conducting interviews in the field, compiling reports for the agency and their sponsors, and developing an English education assessment program.

On campus, Reynolds is a go-to person for students seeking help with social science research methodology. She is also an active member of the campus organization Christian Fellowship who reaches out to younger students who may be struggling with the transition to college life.

"Ashley is a multi-talented student who has the drive to make positive social change," said Crystal Moore, associate professor of social work and chair of the department. "She is effective in working directly with people, has strong research skills, and has a high degree of professionalism." Moore and Reynolds are currently working as co-authors on a clinical update of an article by Moore on communication issues in palliative care.

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Ashley Reynolds '14 named a 2013 Newman Civic Fellow for bringing positive change to her community.

Eric Janks '08



Skidmore recognizes Autism Awareness Month with event-filled calendar

Schedule month-long events

On Sun, Apr 7, 2013

For the fourth straight year, students of Skidmore College psychology Professor Rachel Mann Rosan have arranged a month of public events to observe Autism Awareness Month.

Since the early 1970s, the Autism Society has celebrated National Autism Awareness Month as a special opportunity to raise awareness about autism and issues within the autism community.

At Skidmore, students in Mann Rosan's psychology course PS 212b, "Developmental Disabilities and Autism" have annually arranged a slate of activities offering community-specific information. Mann Rosan provides a structure for the students to use, including learning outcomes. The students are then assigned various activities - speaker, panel discussion, informational posters - geared toward the learning objectives.

The learning objectives include understanding autism and the philosophies that influence diagnosis and treatment, researching the epidemiology of autism, examining the different causes and treatments, and looking at the impact of autism on the community. Mann Rosan encourages the students to research the topics and make decisions on what activity or speaker best addresses the topic.

The class has established the following schedule. All events are free and open to the public.

Monday, April 8, 6 p.m. in Tisch Learning Center, room 302

The Role of a Clinical Team to Support Parents and Individuals with Autism, featuring Cassandra Estey, Wendy Ashe, and Diana Graviano

Members of the Clinical Consultation Team from Saratoga Bridges, Inc., will provide an overview of their roles as a behavior specialist, certified occupational therapy assistant, and speech-language pathologist. Topics included will be positive behavior support, sensitivity training, feeding, expressive language, social skills, and the counselor-clinical role.

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m., Bolton Hall, room 282

Philosophical Perspectives of Autism Spectrum Disorders, by Susan M. Parillo

The discussion will center on philosophical issues as they pertain to Autism Spectrum Disorders, including understanding the current debate over the primary deficit thought to be a major contributing factor to autistic impairments, implications of the 2013 change to the diagnostic criteria and notions of whether Autism is something to be "cured" or "embraced."

Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m., Tisch Learning Center, room 201

Autism: Where is the Terminology Going? by Anthony Malone, M.D.

In the midst of a likely expansion of the problem of Autism, there is a major change in how it is thought of diagnostically. The discussion will focus on how the two issues meet and how it affects children on the spectrum.

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m., Tisch Learning Center, room 302

"The Epidemiology of ASD's: A Brief Review of Recent Research," by Paul A.H. Partridge, Ph.D.

In recent years, there has been much discussion about the increasing prevalence and factors associated with increased rates of diagnosis.

Tuesday, April 16, 6 p.m., Bolton Hall, room 282

Modeling Behaviors Relevant to Autism in Inbred Strains of Mice, by Dr. Valerie Bolivar

Mice can play an invaluable role in modeling the biology underlying autism and in developing more effective therapeutic agents. Dr. Bolivar's lab has established the BTBR T+Itpr3tf/J strain as a useful model for autism-relevant behaviors and is currently examining brain development in these mice, looking for biomarkers relevant to autism.

Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m., Davis Auditorium, Palamountain Hall

Parents: Julie Marks, Stephanie Veitch, Steve Oill, Skip Parry & Ronda Fein

Individuals on the Spectrum: Eric Olefson, Melanie Hecker, & Rebecca Shook

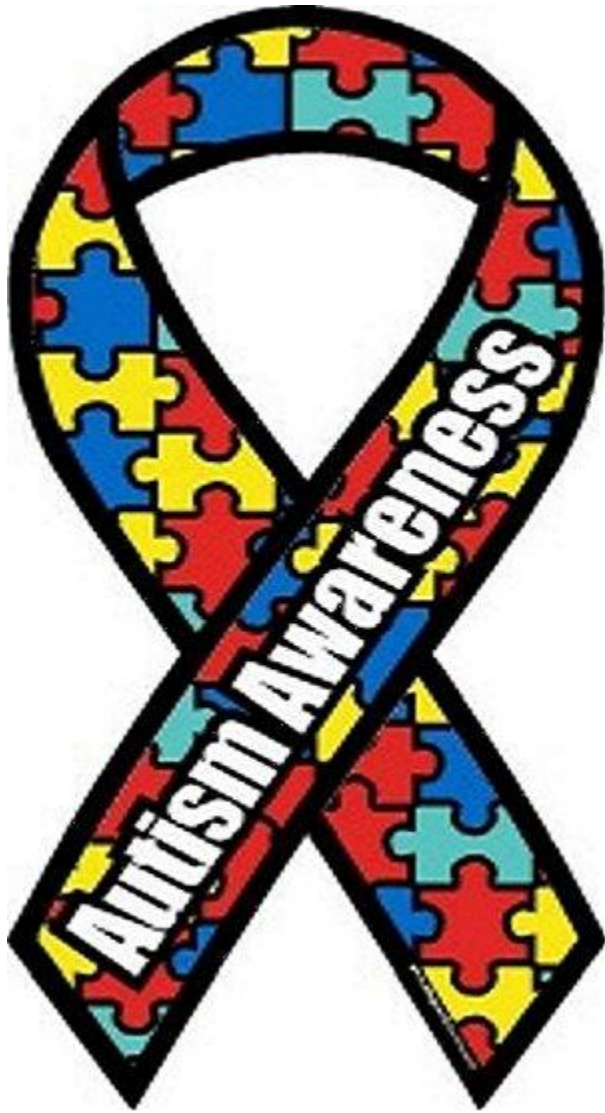
Sunday, April 21, noon in Intramural/Dance Gymnasium

Second Annual Autism Awareness Informational Fair & Carnival, hosted by Saratoga Bridges, the Parent Network of the Capital Region, and the Skidmore Psychology Department and presented by Wilcenski & Pleat, PLLC.

Skidmore is a partner on this event, which is organized and sponsored by community groups. Skidmore students assist with running the carnival for children attending the event. Admission is free and open to the public.

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This will be Skidmore's fourth straight year of observing Autism Awareness Month



Campus Safety Reports: March 29 to April 4

On Mon, Apr 8, 2013

Incidents of Note:

- **Saturday, March 30**-Criminal Mischief: Officers reported locating a large opening at 7:07 a.m. in the fence outside of the Hillside Apartments allowing for unauthorized entry. Officers secured the fence with wire at the scene. Report issued.
- **Tuesday, April 2**-Campus Safety Assist: A German Shepard reported at 4:37 p.m. wandering in the North Broadway roadway. Dispatched officer located the dog and returned it to its owner.
- **Wednesday, April 3**-Animals: A person reported at 7:01 p.m. that his dog had been attacked earlier that day while being walked on the North Woods trails. Investigation initiated and report issued.

Further incidents:

Friday, March 29:

- College Violation: Noise complaint reported at 12:10 a.m. in the Wilmarth Hall common area. Officer dispatched reported that the subjects lowered the volume upon request.
- Criminal Mischief: A window reported broken at 7:22 a.m. on a trailer in the construction site at Scribner Village. Damage recorded. No known perpetrator at this time. Report issued.
- Criminal Mischief: A broken window reported at 12:05 p.m. in the west stairway of Penfield Hall. Damage recorded. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 12:42 a.m. in McClellan Hall. Officer assisted the subject.
- Suspicious Activity: A suspicious male reported at 3:33 p.m. in the Spa in Case Center. All parties on upon arrival.
- College Violation: Offer reported a college alcohol violation at 11:37 p.m. in Wilmarth Hall. Report issued.

Saturday, March 30:

- Intoxicated Subject: An off-campus student reported concern at 12:53 a.m. for an intoxicated friend. Officers and the Emergency Medical System assisted the subject. Report issued.
- Intoxicated Subject: An intoxicated female reported at 1:16 a.m. in Kimball Hall. Dispatched officers and the Emergency Medical System assisted her. Report issued.
- Intoxicated Subject: Assistance requested at 1:42 a.m. for an intoxicated male in Jonsson Tower. Dispatched officers and the Emergency Medical System provided assistance. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A smoldering ashtray reported at 2:11 a.m. outside of 3 Dayton Drive. Officer dispatched stated that there was no fire present and extinguished the ashtray by smothering it with snow.
- Campus Safety Assist: A concerned counselor requested a welfare check at 10:46 a.m. after a student missed a scheduled appointment. The subject was located and his status reported satisfactory.
- Criminal Mischief: Criminal mischief reported at 11:44 p.m. on the second floor of Wiecking Hall. Officer reported unknown perpetrators. Damage recorded. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 4:04 a.m. in a North Woods apartment complex. Dispatched officer requested that students turn the music down. Student complied without further incident.

Monday, April 1:

- Criminal Mischief: Officer noticed at 12:25 a.m. that the construction site gate near the Hillside Apartments was unhinged. The lock and chains were still intact and the officer was able to secure the gate. Unknown persons had unhinged the gate.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm received at 10:59 p.m. in Kimball Hall. All officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department dispatched. Source of activation was due to burnt food. Report issued.

Tuesday, April 2:

- College Violation: Noise complaint reported at 12:05 a.m. in Rounds Hall. Officer checked the area and reported that all was quiet at the time.
- Suspicious Odor: A strong odor of marijuana reported at 11:45 a.m. coming from the second floor of Rounds Hall into the reporting person's office. Officer dispatched reported that the subjects were gone on arrival.

Wednesday, April 3:

- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 12:25 a.m. at Dayton Drive. Officers dispatched reported that residents complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Parking: Officer booted a vehicle at 3:30 a.m. in the Case Center parking lot due to excessive outstanding tickets. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 9 p.m. in the Oak Apartments. Dispatched officer requested that the students use the band trailer to rehearse. Subjects ceased their activity.
- Campus Safety Assist: A student requested transport at 8:48 p.m. to the Saratoga Hospital Emergency Room. Officer dispatched completed the transport.
- College Violation: Loud guitar music reported at 11:19 p.m. in Penfield Hall. Dispatched officer reported the area clear. Call unfounded at the time.

Thursday, April 4:

- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 5:45 a.m. from Howe Hall to the Emergency Room. Officer dispatched completed the transport.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm received at 4:26 p.m. for Dayton Drive residence. Dispatched all units, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. A cooking error determined as the cause.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 4:50 p.m. on the back steps of McClellan Hall. Dispatched officer reported no one in the area. Call unfounded at that time.
- Suspicious Activity: Officer reported at 8:25 p.m. finding the North Construction Gate unsecured on the north side of the Hillside parking lot.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 9:39 p.m. in Wilmarth Hall. Officer dispatched reported that subjects lowered the volume upon request.

Attend the Tale: Department of Theatre presents Sweeney Todd

Love, Revenge, and Pies - take a trip to the streets of London with the demon barber of Fleet Street

By Zoe Dartley, Arts and Entertainment Editor

On Tue, Apr 9, 2013

The theater department is excited to announce its spring 2013 mainstage production, Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and libretto by Hugh Wheeler. This production is directed by Carolyn Anderson with Scenic Design and Co-Creation by Garrett Wilson. Music Directed by Emma Weiss '13. Performances are April 12-14 and 18-21, 2013. All shows are in the Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater at 8:00pm, except Sunday matinees at 2: 00pm.

Set in mid 19th century London, the musical thriller follows the dark tale of barber Benjamin Barker. A victim of the law, Barker is unjustly imprisoned for years in Australia by the judge who ravaged his wife. Seeking vengeance, Barker returns to his native England as Sweeney Todd and opens a barbershop above Mrs. Lovett's pie shop. Together, the two develop a murderous partnership as Mrs. Lovett gladly grinds up the bodies of Todd's victims into her meat pies, which grow to be a hit on the streets of London.

While the production has involved plenty of hard work and elbow grease, it has been immensely rewarding for those involved. Weiss proposed the project to Carolyn Anderson of the theatre department last year, and has received a great amount of help from the faculty. States Weiss: "I've been in an independent study in Conducting with Dr. Holland all year and have had so much support from him. We have also had a lot of help from Kathy Mendenhall in the theater department who has taught a few "master classes" in singing technique which has been a great help to both the leads and chorus members."

While the work has been hard, Weiss is incredibly grateful for the experience: "I [also] have been leading rehearsals with our small orchestra and they have been just amazing to work with. I am so lucky to have been able to work with such a determined and passionate group... The cast has come an incredibly long way from back in January. It's not every day you have the opportunity to be a part of such a historic production like this. Skidmore hasn't done a musical in the theater department in almost 20 years. None of this would have been possible without Carolyn and Gary's vision and all the help from Dr. Holland.

They have let me feel like a collaborator in this immense undertaking and I couldn't be more grateful and proud to have been a part of this production."

For reservations, call the Skidmore Theater Box Office at (518) 580-5439 or email boxoffice@skidmore.edu. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For group sales, contact Kathy Mendenhall at (518) 580-5431 or kmendenh@skidmore.edu.

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The cast of Sweeney Todd. Photo Credit Matt Cohen, 13



Riding team moves on to IHSA nationals

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

The riding team earned a trip to the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships by way of its second place finish at Zone II Championships this past weekend.

Skidmore scored 35 points, behind only St. Lawrence University's 44 points. Also competing were Alfred University, SUNY Stony Brook and the University of Connecticut. Only the top two teams move on to the national competition.

During the team competition, Natalie Williams '15 and Jiakun Fu '15 placed first in Novice over Fences and Walk Trot classes respectively. Keena Newton '13 placed second in Advanced Walk Trot Canter. Four Thoroughbred riders have also qualified to compete in individual classes at the IHSA national competition. Flavia D'Urso '13, Julia Mazarella '13, Sandrine Couldwell '13 and Bettina Salfeld '14 will all compete with the top riders in the nation.

The IHSA nationals are being held May 2-5 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Skidmore and St. Lawrence also competed at the 2012 national show, placing second and first respectively. Overall, Skidmore has won six IHSA national titles, with the most recent win coming in 2010.

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Skidmore placed second to earn its return trip to the IHSA nationals

Skidmore Athletics



Baseball drops three, wins one in four game series against St. Lawrence

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

The men's baseball team went 1-3 over the weekend, with their only victory an 8-5 win on Saturday afternoon.

In the first game Saturday, a 3-4 loss, all three Thoroughbred runs came in the first inning. Leejay Pollacchi '13 started things off with a walk, and then his teammates moved him along as Geoff Green '13, Erik Watkins '14 and Alex Barber '13 hit three consecutive singles. Matty Tatkow '13 then scored Watkins with a sacrifice fly. Green and Watkins each went 2-4 with a run scored, and Watkins also added an RBI. Nick Petrella '15, who ended up going six innings, struck out five, and gave up four runs (one earned) on seven hits. St. Lawrence scored their final run in the fifth inning to go up 4-3.

The Thoroughbreds then went on to score eight runs on 14 hits in the second game, with Watkins again having a strong game. The junior went 4-5, scored three runs and hit an RBI. Barber went 3-5 with three RBIs and scored a run of his own, while Spindel and Pollacchi were both 2-5. Pollacchi again got things started with a leadoff single and scored on an Alex Barber single. Max Martins '13 moved to 2-2 on the year after going 6.2 innings, giving up five runs (four earned) on just three hits. Isaac Forman earned the save in his two innings of relief.

On Sunday, St. Lawrence won both games, beating the Thoroughbreds 2-1 and 7-2. Skidmore dropped to 3-5 in Liberty League play and 6-10 overall. Matty Tatkow '13 scored Skidmore's only run in the first game off of a Mike Pannozi '13 single. Skidmore starter Jordan Keysor '13 went 5.2 innings, giving up two earned runs on seven hits. Nick Masterson '16 and Mike LaVita '16 combined to hold the Saints scoreless in the relief effort.

In the second game the Saints went up 1-0 in the first inning and never looked back winning 7-2. Skidmore starter Andrew Bannon '15 pitched four innings, giving up three runs on four hits (two earned). Pollacchi had a strong day at the plate, hitting two doubles, while Geoff Green went 2-5 with a stolen base and Matty Tatkow went 3-5 with two stolen bases. Watkins, Spindel, Pannozi and Jeremy Selecky '14 each added a hit for the Thoroughbreds.

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Erik Watkins '14

Bob Ewell



Taking a look at the NHL playoff picture

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

The season is ending! It's time to look at the NHL playoff picture. Chicago and Pittsburgh were the first two to clinch spots in the playoffs this past weekend. But who else will?

With teams having no more than 10 games left in the NHL season, it's time to start looking at the playoff picture. Chicago and Pittsburgh were the first two to clinch spots in the playoffs this past weekend. But who else will?

Below Pittsburgh in the Eastern Conference sit 11 teams with a realistic chance of making a playoff push. There is a bit of a surprising logjam at the bottom of the standings. And by surprising, I mean the teams that are there are unexpected. The New York Rangers were supposed to dominate, but they're fighting against the New York Islanders, New Jersey Devils and Winnipeg Jets for their ticket to the playoffs.

The top three spots automatically go to the respective division winners, and in the Northeast and Southeast, it's wide open. In the Northeast, first-place Montreal (55 points) and second-place Boston (56) are separated by two points, both with nine games remaining. Boston's remaining schedule is easier, so look for them to win the division. Both teams will make the playoffs, though, with Montreal getting the fourth seed. In the Southeast, Washington (44) leads Winnipeg (42) by two points. They face each other in Washington on the April 23, a game Winnipeg could utilize to clinch the division. With a strong push against weaker opponents over their last eight games, six of which are at home, Winnipeg could pull ahead of Washington in the standings before they even meet. Whoever loses the Southeast, though, will have to fend off the feisty New Jersey Devils and (surprise!) New York Islanders.

The six through eight seeds in the East will be fought out until the final game, with the current sixth place Ottawa Senators (44) separated from 10th place New Jersey (40) by four points. Buffalo (38) and Philadelphia (37) are still in contention, but their disappointing seasons will end with them on the outside looking in. Ottawa (44) will make the playoffs based on the strength of their goaltending, and Toronto (48) will finally be back in the postseason hunt for the Stanley Cup. New Jersey will put up a good fight, but with half of their final eight games against top four teams, they will fall short of the final spot. So, look for Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, New York Islanders and Winnipeg Jets to make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference. Below Chicago (64) and Anaheim (59) in the Western Conference sit 12 teams all in realistic contention. Chicago and Anaheim will win their divisions and be seeded first and second, respectively. Vancouver (52) is in third-place overall in the

West and leads the Northwest division by six points over Minnesota (46). Minnesota does have an easier schedule to close out the season so they will threaten Vancouver for the number three spot. Los Angeles (48) has returned to form and will have a chance to defend its title. San Jose (47), even though they are third in the Pacific division, will be in the playoffs, it is just a matter of what seed.

The seventh and eighth playoff spots are where it gets tricky, with seventh place St. Louis (46) separated from 12th place Edmonton (39) by seven points. Phoenix (42) is in ninth and will remain outside of the playoffs, as seven of their last 10 games are on the road, where they have only won four times all season. Dallas and Columbus all have 39 points, four behind eighth place Detroit's 43 points. Edmonton has a tough schedule to close out the season, and five games against the top three teams will keep them from the last spot. Ditto for Dallas, who faces five top five teams in their last ten games. And while it would be great to see Columbus make it to the postseason, they won't.

So, the last two spots will go to St. Louis and Detroit. St. Louis plays seven of their last ten at home, three of which are against the bottom two teams: Calgary and Colorado. And Detroit will make it purely because they are Detroit and have made the playoffs for the past 21 seasons. In the Western Conference it will be Chicago, Anaheim, Vancouver, Los Angeles, San Jose, Minnesota, St. Louis and Detroit.

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Can Jaromir Jagr and the Bruins hold off P.K. Subban and the Canadiens?

Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press



Community rallies to support April 14 Empty Bowls event to benefit Wilton Food Pantry

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

Members of the Skidmore community are partnering with friends of the Wilton Food Pantry on the second annual Empty Bowls lunch, scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge 161, on Route 9.

Ceramics students of Associate Professor of Art Matt Wilt have created 150 bowls for the event. In addition, members of the Dining Services team are contributing their expertise in preparation of the food to be served on Sunday.

The premise of Empty Bowls is simple: each attendee chooses a unique handcrafted bowl and fills it with a simple meal of soup or chili and bread. The fee for the meal includes the bowl, which people may take home after the event as a reminder of neighbors faced with empty bowls every week.

"Each bowl at this event is a true vessel of hope, the proceeds from which allow the Pantry to purchase 93 pounds of food from the Regional Food Bank," noted WFP Board President Deb Zellan.

In addition to the handmade ceramic bowls and food, the afternoon will feature live music by John & Orion Kribs, with fiddler Doug Moody as a special guest. A silent auction will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with items including a gas grill, his and hers vintage Schwinn bikes, jewelry, shopping, dining, golf, art and more.

"This event amplifies the spirit of the food pantry, which is neighbor helping neighbor. Folks are doing what they can to be part of this home-grown solution - strengthening community, volunteerism, generational ties - and working together to resolve food insecurity and provide good nutrition, which makes for a healthier Wilton," said event organizer and WFP board member Dennis Towers, whose company, McKinley Griffen Design & Advertising, is providing its services free of charge to the pantry.

"This event is the single largest source of funds to operate this all-volunteer food pantry, and it is a rare opportunity to build community within the town of 16,000 residents," Towers added.

Residents of Wilton can visit the pantry 12 times in a year for a three-day emergency supply of food for their family. The Wilton Food Pantry distributed groceries equal to more than 24,000 meals in 2012.

The families that utilize Wilton Food Pantry services are educated about nutrition, food origins, and meal preparation.

Chef Ben Niese of Skidmore, who was involved at our first Empty Bowls last year, is now a regular volunteer. Ben will look at the inventory that day, with a focus on perishables. He will write up easy-to-prepare recipes on the spot, which we share with the families. This helps them get back to "slow food" principles and perhaps prepare foods they have not had in the past," explained Zellan.

Advance tickets are \$15 at wiltonfoodpantry.org or at the three Wilton branches of Saratoga National Bank. Admission at the door (if bowls are available) will be \$20. For more details, please visit www.wiltonfoodpantry.org/.

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Empty Bowls empowers Skidmore students to creatively make a difference in their community.

Wilton Food Pantry



2nd Annual
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Los Angeles Guitar Quartet to perform April 21 with guitar orchestra at Zankel

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

The Skidmore College Department of Music will welcome a return visit by the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet at 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, for a concert featuring a new concerto for guitar performed by the quartet and a guitar orchestra. The orchestra will include approximately 50 musicians ranging in age from 14 to 70 years from throughout the region.

Joel Brown, senior artist-in-residence at Skidmore, an acclaimed guitarist and chair of Skidmore's Music Department, calls the LAGQ "the premier guitar quartet in the world." The quartet's participation in this event, says Brown, "will make a special concert even better." The concert will feature the performance of a new work by Kyoto-based composer/guitarist Shingo Fujii titled "Shiki: Seasons of Japan." The piece is dedicated to the victims of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

The guitar orchestra features performers drawn from a number of the region's campuses, including UAlbany, SUNY Adirondack, Schenectady County Community College, the College of St. Rose, and the Crane School of Music, SUNY College at Potsdam. Douglas Rubio, professor of classical guitar at Crane, will conduct the performance. "There will be a professional guitarist in each section of the orchestra," notes Brown, who will be in the third section.

The LAGQ comprises four uniquely accomplished musicians who bring new energy to the stage in programs ranging from bluegrass to Bach. Their inventive, critically acclaimed transcriptions of concert masterworks provide a fresh look at the music of the past, and their interpretations of contemporary and world music continually break new ground. They consistently play to sold-out houses worldwide.

Winner of a 2005 Grammy Award, the LAGQ's *Guitar Heroes* CD released on Telarc is a brilliant follow-up to the group's Grammy-nominated *LAGQ Latin*.

Quartet members are John Dearman, Matthew Greif, William Kanengiser, and Scott Tennant. Dearman is a versatile guitarist whose repertoire ranges from samba to bluegrass, from flamenco to classical. He enriches the sound of the LAGQ by performing on a unique seven-string guitar with extended upper and lower registers. Greif, the newest member of the quartet, is a classical guitarist with a background playing in jazz, rock, flamenco, and bluegrass. Kanengiser has earned critical acclaim for his imaginative arrangements for solo guitar and guitar quartet, and for producing two instructional videos for Hot Licks

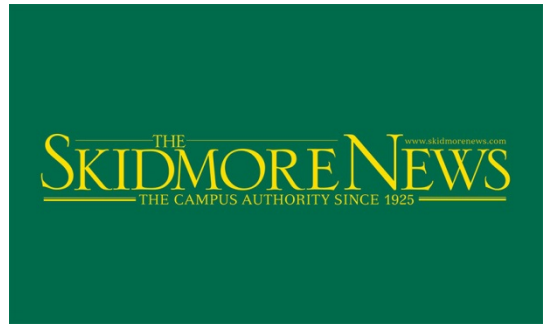
Tennant is celebrated as a world-class performer, author, and teacher who has been concertizing since the age of 12.

Admission for the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet concert is free for students and children, \$8 adults, and \$5 seniors and Skidmore community. For advance reservations or more information visit www.skidmore.edu/zankel or call the Zankel box office (518) 580-5321.

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The Los Angeles Guitar Quartet will perform at Zankel on April 21 with a 50 person guitar orchestra.





Film Forum Special Event: Bill W.

Catch the one-night-only screening of this moving, inspiring documentary

By Kate Butler, Columnist

On Thu, Apr 11, 2013

From his first fateful drink in 1917, William Wilson seemed set on a course of boozy highs, binges, and blackouts. Nearly two decades and countless drinks later, with his life in shambles, Bill made another life-changing decision. Instead of ordering another drink, he called another drunk. Their conversation laid the foundation for the program model that became one of the most famous and effective in history - Alcoholics Anonymous.

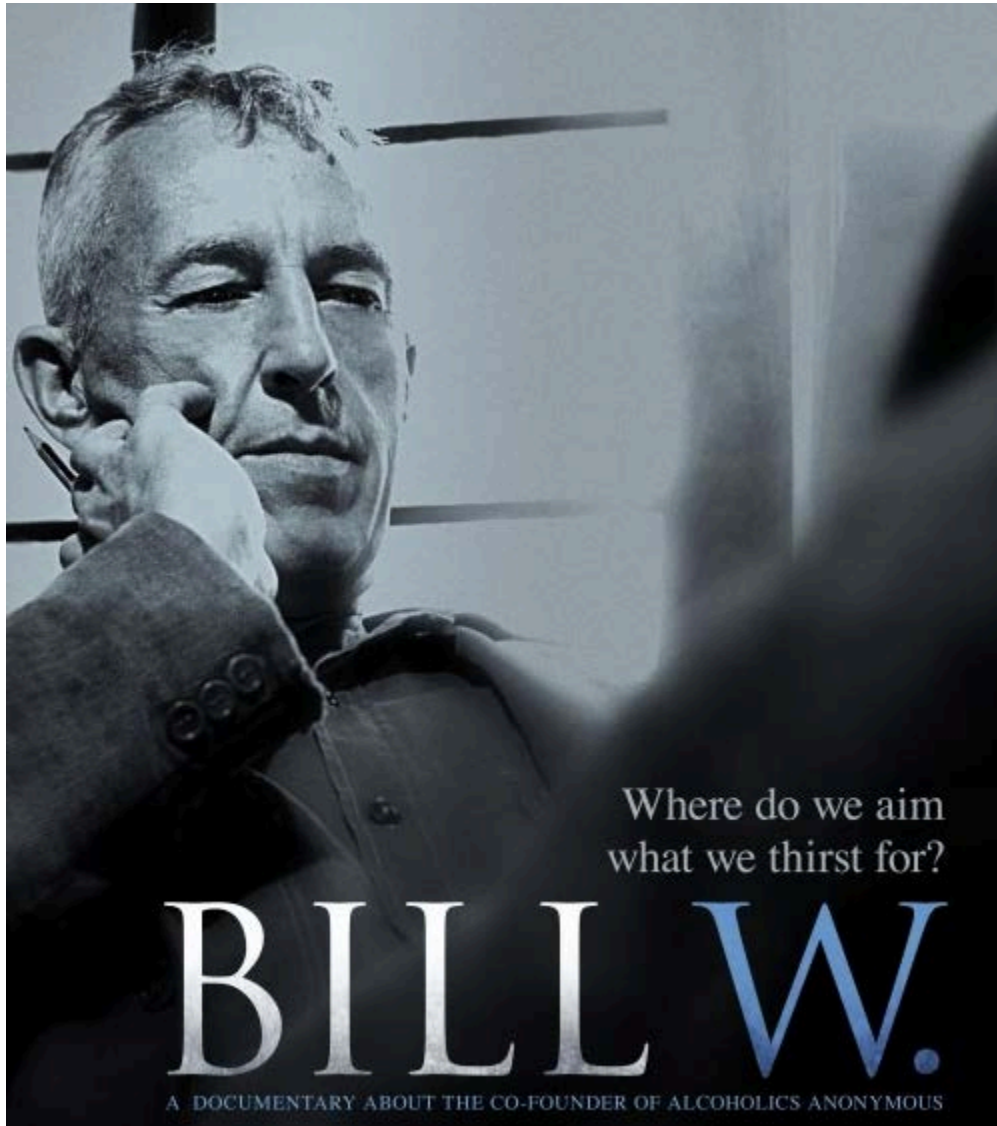
Although Bill dealt with alcoholism, drug addiction and depression to the very end of his life, the anonymous 12-step support and recovery program that emerged from his personal struggles has served as a salvation for millions.

The Saratoga Film Forum is offering a one-time screening of Bill W. this Saturday, April 13th, at 7:30 pm, at its theater in the Saratoga Arts Center at 320 Broadway. A panel-led discussion about addiction in Saratoga will follow the film; so don't miss this one-night only opportunity!

The post-film panel includes Gail Capabianco, in recovery herself and a long-time worker in the alcohol and substance abuse fields and Dr. Raymond F. Angelini, a Saratoga clinical psychologist with extensive experience working with alcohol and substance abuse. Dale Willman of the Saratoga Wire will moderate.

Admission is \$5 for students.

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Film Forum: Sound City

Rock and Roll in the Glory Days

By Kate Butler, Columnist

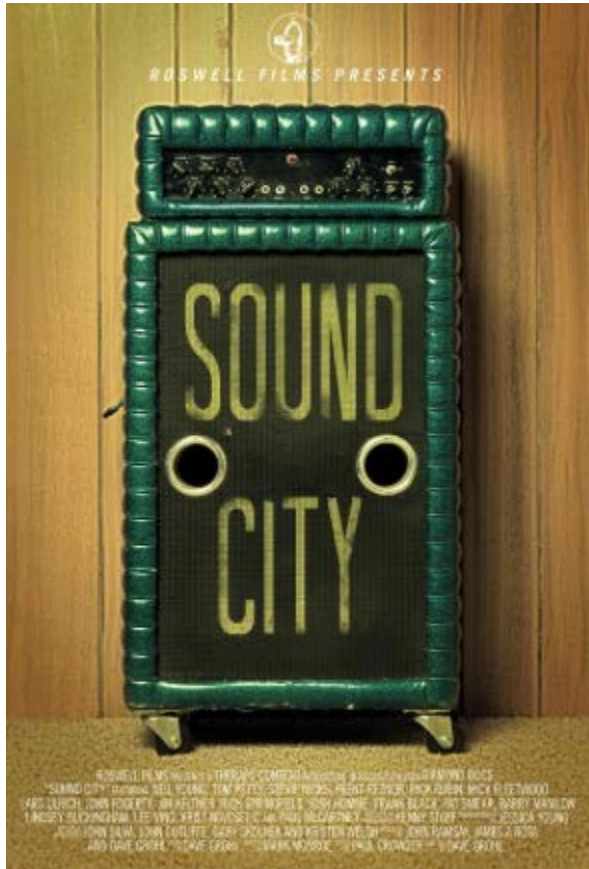
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Before the digital age killed the analog console, Neil Young, Fleetwood Mac, Rick Springfield, Nirvana, Tom Petty, Metallica, Guns 'N' Roses, Johnny Cash, and many more flocked to a dilapidated warehouse turned pizza box and beer can studded studio in the San Fernando Valley to lay down tracks and make some magic.

Sound City, home to some of rock's most famous artists and birthplace of some of rock's greatest albums, was renowned for its recording quality and lack of overdubs, backing tracks, and the like, always emphasizing and prizing the human element of the music. When technological developments made the studio's legendary analog console obsolete in the 2000s, the studio closed down. Through interviews and performances from musicians who recorded there, director Dave Grohl, formerly of Nirvana and the Foo Fighters, recounts the story of the rise and fall of the fabled Sound City studio, celebrating its history and legendary contributions to the world of rock and roll.

Sound City will be showing at the Saratoga Film Forum at 320 Broadway this Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 14th at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students.

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Skidmore alumni provide insight on "careers that make a difference"

By Kate Butler, Contributing Writer

On Fri, Apr 12, 2013

A buzz of voices filled the second floor of the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall on the evening of April 4 as Skidmore College students chatted with alumni about their post-graduate experiences and careers. Thanks to the collaboration of the College's Career Development Center and the Community Service Office, Skidmore students gained a glimpse into the careers of eight alumni who have all made a difference in a unique way.

When facing intimidating decisions about majors, internships, and post-college career paths, many students seek reassurance through the achievement of the liberal art students before them who now successfully operate in the working world. The visiting panelists, who all share a common liberal arts background, but work in diverse fields, appealed to the students' unique interests while offering insight on how to secure a future career. They placed particular emphasis on advocacy and making an impact in the world in varying professions.

The alumni panel consisted of eight alumni: Jackie Abodeely, a retired New York police officer and current volunteer service dog trainer; Becky Jarczynski, a program director for the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation; Tyrone Jones, a clinical supervisor for Palladia, Inc., who specializes in substance abuse treatment and supportive housing services for the homeless of New York City; Victoria Malaney, a Fellow in Skidmore's own Office of Student Diversity Programs; Joshua Relin, Psy.D., a clinical psychologist at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Center for Counseling and Psychological Health; Kasha Rybczyk, the site director for a middle school who also works for Tenacity, Inc., a non-profit that provides reading and tennis instruction for under-privileged kids, and Evan Schneider, a director of policy development for Senator Neil D. Breslin.

Jenna Hartwell of the Career Development Center organized the event with Michelle Hubbs of the Community Service Office. Hartwell explained that she and Hubbs wanted to provide students with a wide range of careers with that make a difference but lie outside of the traditional social science fields. Hartwell, whose office offers free, unlimited career counseling both before and after graduation, emphasized the importance of the advocacy involved in these jobs to appeal to the socially conscious students.

After a half hour of free time to mingle and network with alumni, the students and panelists took their seats for the moderated question and answer portion of the evening. For the next hour, David Karp of the Sociology Department and Campus Life moderated, asking questions and calling on students to contribute their own. Questions ranged from how to choose a fitting career path to the benefits of taking a gap year. The panelists offered their unique opinions and experiences, often emphasizing the importance of their liberal arts educations in providing them with a wider range of opportunities.

Despite their differing interests and careers, the panelists often offered similar advice to their audience. Seeking new opportunities and developing fresh interests remained, for each panelist, the most important strategy for graduates embarking on the career search. Whether searching for the perfect job, considering a gap year, or contemplating graduate school, students should keep all of their options open.

"You're growing and changing through four years of college," Abodeely said. "But you're growing and changing through life, so don't shut any doors. Be open."

Students meet with the architect hired to redesign Case Center

A discussion on what students wish to see in the new building

By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

On Fri, Apr 12, 2013

On Tuesday, seven students (including your writer) accepted the open invitation to meet with William Spears, the architect in charge of renovating Case Center. Spears is one of three principals of MDS (Miller Dyer Spears), which is headquartered in Boston. The firm fields a long list of colleges and universities for clients, and Spears oversaw the renovation of Mount Holyoke's Blanchard Campus Center. According to his profile at the firm's website, "[Spears] leads the firm's sustainable design initiatives, looking to promote buildings that contribute to the well-being of its occupants, and minimize energy consumption and emission of greenhouse gases," making him an ideal architect to redesign Case Center, based on Skidmore's energy efficient and sustainable building agenda.

In the discussion, Spears asked the group of students what problems they had with the current building, what they liked about it, and what they envisioned the ideal Case Center would provide.

It seemed, though, that there was more things wrong with Case than were right.

"I think a lot of people start with Case or the library as the center of Campus, but Case is a transition place...we meet people there but don't stay there," Meghan Burke '13 stated.

"I was thinking of a place to lie down...and it wasn't Case," Senior Class president Emilee Bell '13 said.

One of the largest issues with Case, according to the group, was lighting. Many thought the lighting was poor, and the dark paint only exacerbated the unwelcoming ambience. Spears expressed that "it is important to make a place feel warm," and asked what exactly students might like to see to improve lighting. The consensus was more windows, and more lights throughout the building as well, as the current florescent bulbs were too sparse and dim. As Martha Snow '14 noted on Case, "it's dark even when it's sunny outside."

Another problem seemed to be a lack of comfort and intimacy. There was an expressed desire for the small rooms in Library, which offer groups an area to gather and hold private meetings. These small rooms also supply spaces for clubs to congregate and would, if built into Case, theoretically attract students there. "The library has this space that feels intimate, Case does not have that," Burke

remarked. The fireplace in the Dining Hall atrium also served as another paragon for what these students wished to see in a new Case Center.

The last demanding topic of the session was about the Spa. The Spa, according to the three upperclassmen who attended, holds an important function for those who need a place to eat on campus but no longer have meal plans. But people also "use the place to study, to socialize, to eat and to hold events," Bell noted.

Some of the students complained about the food, while others thought it served its purpose. Spears questioned if the Spa might be able to host many of the events that are now conducted at Falstaffs, such as Lively Lucy's, but nobody thought the Spa in its current condition was ideal.

Bell stated that as far as hosting events went, the Spa was a poor choice because its openness undermined any form of intimacy or inclusiveness. In the end, Spears pondered if the Spa was "a multipurpose room that doesn't do anything well."

Many other facets of Case were brought up, including Ladd, which students at the meeting felt, as a hall for academia, intruded on the student space that was meant to provide a place to relax and socialize. Many students also thought that Case was hard to navigate, unsure of where rooms were and confused by the sets of offices that house Leadership Activities and now also Communications. One student also lamented about the condition of the patio outside of Burgess. "The front patio is really great except I can't walk by without coughing." The administration is currently contemplating a smoking ban or limiting smoking to smoking areas.

Spears will continue to observe and study Case and will work closely with both students and the administration as he develops a blueprint for renovation. For more information on Spears and his firm, visit <http://www.mds-bos.com/>.

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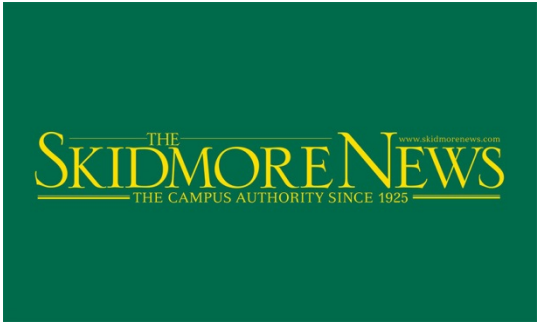
Students discuss with Will Spears, the architect tasked with redesigning Case Center, what they wished to see in the new building.

Meredith Simonds '15/ The Skidmore News

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The atrium of Mount Holyoke's Blanchard Campus Center, a previous project of Mr. Spears.

Mount Holyoke College



An admirable, but poorly thought-out protest

How the Anti-Carroll protestors need to act moving forward

By The Editorial Board

On Fri, Apr 12, 2013

Last Friday, 40 students interrupted April's faculty meeting to protest the college's choice to invite Cynthia Carroll to speak at commencement. The protest was the first of its kind in twenty years -- when students protested the lack of racial diversity -- and garnered much attention among the student body. This newspaper commends the student protestors courage and their conviction to make their voices heard and see their passions manifest into civil action. However, this newspaper does not believe these protestors comported themselves in a manner that deserved the kind of respect they demanded the administration show students. Although it was only the actions of a few that were truly disrespectful, that does not exonerate the rest of the students involved who were just as responsible for this protest and should have controlled their rowdy members.

The controversy over Cynthia Carroll was well evident before this latest act of protest and it is understandable that these protestors wanted the administration to address the issue more directly. What this newspaper finds unfortunate is how quickly the protestors concerned with Carroll's background escalated the matter. With the exception of a small group of largely SGA affiliated students that includes one member of Friday's protestors, the student body has not appealed to the administration with any meaningful action. About twenty students have written letters to the President to complain about Carroll and demand the administration do more to address the issue, but an email that could have been placed in junk inbox or missed among the hundreds of other emails the President's office receives every week is not enough. If the students had taken any strong action before this latest protest; if they had sent a signed petition (with at least 100 names, not even a twentieth of the student body) demanding the administration justify their choice and take more action to redress the protestors' grievances; if they had organized an open event that invited the administration to address the student body; or even if they had first held a sit-in at the President's office, and the administration had continued to ignore this group, then this latest protest may have been justifiable. But these protestors took no visibly significant action first. They acted in a manner that should have been a last resort of protest and interrupted and disturbed the faculty meeting.

Furthermore, the fact is that the administration has been overly eager to engage in dialogues with students in regards to the Cynthia Carroll controversy, and have gone so far as to secure a teleconference with Carroll for next week so that students can question her directly. This upcoming

teleconference, oddly, was already known by the protestors, but they chose to carry out their protest anyway.

These protestors made a pitiful attempt to speak with the administration and then barged in on the faculty meeting, with a few insulting President Glotzbach. Even if we excused the few discourteous protestors, the protest as a whole remains immature.

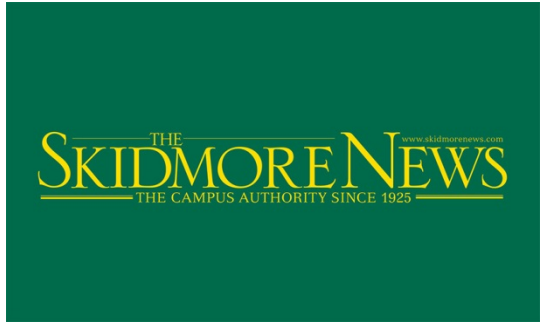
Moving forward, those who oppose Cynthia Carroll as a commencement speaker need to conduct themselves in a way which deserves the kind of respect that they demand. It is unclear how many students of the graduating class are so firmly against Cynthia Carroll -- just because the anti-Carroll voices are the loudest does not mean they speak for the majority. Opponents of Carroll need to demonstrate that they have the support of the senior class in their actions. This could most easily be achieved through a petition. Opponents should also initiate the dialogues with the administration that they claim to want. Students need to take charge and responsibly initiate the change they want to see. Lastly, it is quite unlikely that Carroll will be dropped as a commencement speaker. She was chosen over a year ago and this year's commencement already has one less speaker than usual. Instead of demanding that Skidmore withdraw her invitation to speak, concerned students should ask for the administration to reexamine the way that commencement speakers are selected in the future. It is a fair request that students be included on this decision, and this newspaper asks that the administration gives due consideration to this issue.

This is what those 40 students should have done and should do now. To now directly address those 40 students -- you held your protest and got our attention, now prove that you are mature enough to deserve our regard. If you decide to continue down this disruptive road, though, this newspaper and many of the graduating seniors only hope that you are considerate enough to not attempt something similar at graduation and spoil one of the most important days in the lives of the members of senior class.

And to the administration: one of the complaints made by the protestors was that the administration is dragging out the current discussion in place. The administration needs to be thorough and careful, but they cannot just hold out until graduation has come and pass. Time may be on the administration's side but to not address these issues in a timely manner is just as irresponsible as the actions of the student protestors.

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Cynthia Carroll has been a topic of controversy these past few weeks, and was the cause of a student protest last Friday that interrupted the monthly faculty meeting.



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Small Jazz Ensembles to play at Cafe Lena

On Sun, Apr 14, 2013

Skidmore's Small Jazz Ensembles will be playing tonight at 7 pm at Cafe Lena in downtown Saratoga. Offering diverse styles and a breadth of talent, student musicians will be playing everything from sax, trumpet, trombone, guitar, piano, bass and drums. Dan Plumer, '16 shares his excitement about the event: "Tonight's concert will be the first public gig for this semester's combos. Our trio has been working hard, and we're looking forward to playing at the historic Cafe Lena."

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. Head down to Phila street tonight to see these impressive student musicians!

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40 Students storm faculty meeting in protest of commencement speaker

By Julia Martin/News Editor, Reporting by Emily Singer/Contributing Writer

On Wed, Apr 17, 2013

For video of the protest filmed by the protesters go to:

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The Protest

On Friday, April 5 at 3:30 p.m., the College's monthly faculty meeting was scheduled to begin in Gannett Auditorium. Minutes into the meeting, a group of 40 students entered the auditorium, with Jovany Andujar '13 seizing one of the two empty microphones positioned in the aisles.

"I'm sorry to interrupt this faculty meeting, but-" Andujar began.

"Excuse me, you're out of order sir. You may sit and if you want to say something I will recognize you," President Glotzbach said.

Andujar continued speaking.

The accompanying students began handing out fliers to the faculty, detailing their issues with the choice of commencement speaker, former CEO of the Anglo-American mining corporation, Cynthia Carroll. The fliers were created by the United Minds club on campus.

At this time, a small group of faculty members chose to exit the auditorium, including Professor of government Natalie Taylor. Taylor told *The Skidmore News* she left after the students told the President Glotzbach they would not allow him to continue speaking. "By disregarding the procedures that govern our meetings, the students betrayed values - openness to differing opinions, deliberation, and civility - that are essential to liberal education and to community," Taylor said.

Andujar read a prepared speech detailing his frustration with the administration's approach to the Cynthia Carroll controversy. "The voices of students are not being properly heard. I've been in talks with

the students involved in [discussions with the administration] and that is the only reason why I know about any of the limited progress that has been occurring," he said.

Andujar described the administration's response to the controversy as an act of appeasement rather than serious consideration. He continued, "We are calling and demanding for actual action and change." Andujar said personally he wanted Carroll to be disinvited from the ceremony or stripped of her speaking privilege.

Andujar expressed dissatisfaction that the administration had not released a public statement regarding the controversy over the choice of Carroll, and mentioned that he felt his opinion was being ignored.

"It's my commencement. Not hers. Not yours. It is my day. Not yours," Andujar said.

Daniel Pforte '13 spoke after Andujar. Pforte described the decision of Carroll as commencement speaker as contradictory to the sense of social responsibility and ability to think critically that students are expected to obtain after four years at the College.

"We [the group of students] believe this decision misrepresents us as Skidmore students, and highlights the lack of power students hold," Pforte said.

Pforte stated that the students wanted faculty to help organize an event that invites the administration responsible for the choice to explain their motives and justifications for the decision.

When asked if he had attempted to contact the administration before the protest, Pforte told *The Skidmore News*, "I do not believe the administration is a place to start any sort of effort to change decisions of the power structure or the power structure itself."

President Glotzbach then asked the students, "What would you like to happen today?"

Andujar responded, "I'm not playing that game with you this time, Glotzbach."

The response invoked a contemptuous buzz from the faculty members in the audience.

Chair of the Classics Department Michael Arnush then spoke to Andujar, "You've asked for respect from him. He deserves the same respect. His name is President Glotzbach."

Andujar continued, "I'm not playing that game, President Glotzbach."

Professor Karp added, "I was excited to see the passion, courage, and conviction of the students who went to the faculty meeting."

Behind the Scenes

Professor Karp, Dean of Students Rochelle Calhoun, President of Speakers Bureau Alexandra "Z" Steinhauer '13, SGA President Matt Walsh '13, Senior Class President Emilee Bell '13, Sustainability Coordinator Riley Nuegebauer and Professor of Environmental Studies Karen Kellogg are all members of a group that developed earlier in the semester to discuss the controversy over the choice of commencement speaker. The group developed after Steinhauer contacted members of the administration with concerns over the choice of Carroll.

These group discussions have led to a commitment by the administration to alter the structure of choosing future commencement speakers as well as the planning of a teleconference with Cynthia Carroll.

Steinhauer also gathered 18 testimonials from students expressing dissatisfaction with the decision and the lack of administrative transparency. The testimonials were emailed to administrators and presented to the discussion group. The testimonials ranged from several paragraphs to a few sentences in length.

"My conversations with administrators were not necessarily making the college notice how urgent this issue is and now it's important that we really kick it up a notch. Students took a serious risk when they protested the faculty meeting and while definite progress has been made, I still think it is imperative for the school to take a risk when thinking about further solutions." Steinhauer said.

Block-Steele mentioned that she felt student voices were not being taken seriously.

Outside of submitting a testimonial, Block-Steele had not contacted members of the administration before the protest.

The specific goal of the protest is unclear. Students involved have asked that Carroll be uninvited to commencement, while others have asked for community dialogue. Others still have asked for an "act of love" from the administration.

The monthly faculty meeting has not served as the stage for a student demonstration in two decades. Twenty years ago, a group of students entered the meeting and called upon the administration and then president of the College, David Porter, to admit more students of color and employ more faculty of color.

Pforte said the meeting was chosen as the sight of protest because he believes faculty members hold great power in the community.

"They [the students] were asking us to join and stand with them," said Arnush, "though I'm not quite sure how and where we were to join them." He continued, "It wouldn't be realistic to disinvite a speaker at the request of 40 students. These are passionate students, but we don't know if this is the majority view. And how do we even find out the majority view? How do you reach an entire student body to find out what the student body thinks?"

Arnush added, "At some level I respect [the choice of the faculty meeting as the protest location] enormously. It caught the attention of everybody. It was the tone that I think was wrong."

Members of the protest mentioned they believed the choice of Carroll was a symptom of a larger problem of Skidmore not holding itself to higher standards of civic engagement. Students expressed sentiments that the administration should have responded to the testimonials submitted with greater urgency. Students who participated in the protest voiced frustration that faculty members and members of the administration had not contacted them after the protest.

The community dialogue with Cynthia Carroll is scheduled to take place on Thursday April 18, between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Gannett Auditorium.

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Andujar '13 and Pforte '13 speak to faculty members and President Glotzbach:

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Block-Steele '13 addresses the faculty

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Campus Safety Report: April 5 to 11

On Wed, Apr 17, 2013

Incidents of Note:

- Monday, April 8-Suspicious Activity: A child reported at 8:38 a.m. unrestrained in a convertible, which appeared to be hazardous. Several other reports received of the same. Officer dispatched reported a check of the entire campus with negative results.
- Wednesday, April 10-Intoxicated Subject: A male reported at 8:39 p.m. entering the Williamson Sports Center mumbling something about swimming. The subject went up to a coach who advised him that he did not belong in the Sports Center. The reporting person stated that they waited outside of the men's room for him and escorted him out of the building through the coach's entrance doors. A description of the subject was provided and he was located on the bottom floor of Case Center. The subject was identified and warned off campus or be subject to arrest for trespass.
- Wednesday, April 10-Campus Safety Assist: A welfare check was requested at 11:41 p.m. of the reporting person's son in the Scribner Village Apartment complex. Dispatched officer reported that the student was not found in his apartment. After initial efforts proved negative, the Saratoga Springs Police Department was contacted along with the assembly of the Emergency Management Team. An e2Campus alert message was sent out to all users advising of the missing student, along with several other efforts. A student contacted the office at 7 a.m. stating that the subject in question was sleeping in her roommate's bedroom. Dispatched officers located the subject in good mental and physical condition. The subject contacted his mother.

Further Incidents:

Friday, April 5:

- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 1:03 a.m. at Whitman Way. Officers reported that residents complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Campus Safety Assist: While on rounds at 1:30 a.m., officers observed two males coming down the steps of the Tang Teaching Museum. As the officers approached the males fled on foot.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 3:55 a.m. to the Saratoga Emergency Room from Ingram Park. Dispatched officers completed the transport.

- Drug Law Violation: A suspicious odor reported at 9:05 p.m. in Jonsson Tower. Dispatched officer reported observing a Drug Law violation in plain view. Report issued.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 10:33 p.m. in Jonsson Tower. Dispatched officers reported observing a Drug Law violation in plain view. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint received at 11:50 p.m. at Dayton Drive. Dispatched officer reported that subjects complied with the request to lower the volume.

Saturday, April 6:

- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 12:50 a.m. in Penfield Hall. Officer dispatched reported that residents complied with the request to lower the music.
- Graffiti: Graffiti reported at 1 a.m. in the South Quad covered walkway outside of McClellan Hall. The graffiti was recorded and a report issued.
- Graffiti: Officer reported graffiti at 2:34 a.m. written on the walls inside the fourth to fifth floor stairwell of Jonsson Tower. Graffiti recorded and report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise complaint received at 2:35 a.m. at Dayton Drive. Officer dispatched reported that residents complied with the request to lower the music.
- College Violation: Excessive noise complaint received at 4:57 p.m. at the Pine Apartments. Officer dispatched reported that residents complied with the request to lower the music.
- College Violation: Loud music reported at 5:48 p.m. at the Oak Apartments. Residents were leaving upon the officer's arrival. Officer spoke with the residents concerning the noise complaint.
- Trespass: Non-residents reported a broken window at 2:30 a.m. on the third floor of Kimball Hall. Report issued and damage recorded.
- Criminal Mischief: Graffiti reported at 3:13 a.m. on the wall, door and stairs of the south east side of the Kimball Hall basement entrance facing Penfield Hall. Report made. Photos taken.
- Campus Safety Assist: Concern reported at 9:46 a.m. for another student's welfare at Whitman Way. Dispatched officer located the subject and provided assistance. Report issued.
- Medical Assist: Campus Safety requested at 8:10 p.m. for a cut finger at Dayton Drive. Dispatched officer and the Skidmore Emergency Medical System. The subject was transported to the Emergency Room for further medical attention. Report issued.
- Medical Assist: Campus Safety requested at 8:35 p.m. to respond to a female who hurt her ankle at the Williamson Sports Center. Dispatched officers and the Skidmore Emergency Medical System. Subject was transported to the Emergency Room for further medical attention. Report issued.

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 8:54 p.m. at a North Woods Apartment complex. Officer, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department dispatched. Source of activation due to burnt food. Report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 11:40 p.m. in McClellan Hall. Officer spoke with the room's resident about the repeated noise complaints. Report issued.

Monday, April 8:

- Campus Safety Assist: A welfare check requested at 12:48 a.m. of the area near the reporting person's daughter's dorm room in McClellan Hall as she is concerned for her welfare. Officer dispatched reported finding the hallway clear and not detecting any noise or disturbance.
- Criminal Mischief: A broken chair reported at 7:40 a.m. in the center stairwell of Penfield Hall. Officer dispatched and damage recorded. No known perpetrator at this time. Report issued.
- Graffiti: Graffiti reported at 9:18 a.m. on the brick wall and pillars of the Case Center walkway. Officer recorded the graffiti. Report issued.

Tuesday, April 9:

- College Violation: Excessive noise complaint reported at 12:28 a.m. at Wiecking Hall. Officer dispatched reported that the subjects talking loudly complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Campus Safety Assist: Medical transport requested at 12:47 a.m. from Wait Hall to the Emergency Room for the reporting person's ill acquaintance. Officer provided the transport.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 6:45 p.m. at the Hillside Apartments. Dispatched officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department advised. Alarm due to a cooking error. Report issued.
- Alarm: Spa motion sensor alarm activated at 8:09 p.m. for the Case Center ramp entrance. Officer dispatched. Second alarm received. Officer reported finding no staff in the area. Report issued.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 11:18 p.m. in Wiecking Hall. Dispatched officers reported detecting no odor upon arrival.
- Criminal Mischief: Officers conducted a check at 11:29 p.m. of Wiecking Hall and reported a fist-sized hole in the wall near the elevator and room 219A. Damage recorded and report issued.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 11:43 p.m. at Moore Way. Dispatched all officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Source of activation determined to be burnt food.

Wednesday, April 10:

- Criminal Mischief: Officer reported at 11:28 a.m. that the fencing for the construction site in Scribner Village had been cut. Report and photos taken. Construction supervisor notified.
- Suspicious Odor: A suspicious odor reported at 9:12 p.m. in Jonsson Tower. Dispatched officers who reported not finding any problems. Call unfounded.
- Campus Safety Assist: A person called Campus Safety at 11:01 p.m. to advise that the county had received a 911 hang-up. Dispatched officers could not locate any problems or the person who had made the call. After several attempts, the caller was located, identified and advised that it was an accidental dialing. Reporting person advised.

Thursday, April 11:

- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm sounded at 11:14 a.m. on the automated alarm system for the Williamson Sports Center. Dispatched all units and contacted the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Officers reported that a panel showed a problem in the main gym. Advised the Saratoga Springs Fire Department. Officers reported that a detector was activated in the duct work under the bleachers. Unknown cause for the alarm at the time. Alarm reset.
- Accident: Damage reported at 5:23 p.m. to the subject's vehicle in West Lot. Reporting person stated that a note had been left on his windshield but was damaged due to the rain.
- Medical Assistance Call: A reporting person came to the Campus Safety office at 6:21 p.m. stating that he would like his blood pressure checked. Notified the Skidmore College Emergency Medical System.
- Medical Assist: Assistance requested at 8:01 p.m. for a student in Bolton Hall. Dispatched officer and notified the Skidmore College Emergency Medical System.
- College Violation: Loud noises reported at 10:07 p.m. coming from the recording studio in the Arthur Zankel Music Center. Dispatched officer reported that there were no problems in the area. All was fine at the time.
- Campus Safety Assist: A call received at 10:17 p.m. from the Scribner Library that a subject the reporting person had previously called about had now entered the building. Dispatched officers reported observing the male but did not find him to be doing anything wrong. Officer spoke with the reporting person.
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A game of Spanish fútbol

By Julia Leef, Columnist

On Wed, Apr 17, 2013

Saludos!

I hope things are starting to warm up in Saratoga, and hopefully aren't as wet as they are here in Spain. Apparently, this is the most rain the country has ever gotten at since they started recording the weather seventy years ago, more than tripling the last record. Good to know there really is no escaping New York weather.

As the Yankee fans among my friends lament, I am a proud Boston Red Sox supporter and enjoy watching or participating in the occasional baseball game. I played in the Little League when I was younger and was on the softball team until high school. I used to argue with a friend of mine of Colombian origin, about which sport was better - baseball or soccer.

Well, when another friend from Colombia came to visit me in Spain, we decided to see a soccer (or fútbol, as the sport is called in almost every country except in the United States) match this past weekend. It was my first time seeing a live soccer game - an essential experience for any student studying in Spain.

And... I still think baseball is better. However, fútbol has its own merits, as some of its qualities are unrivaled by any other sports game I've attended.

The match that we attended was between Real Madrid and Levante. The rivalry between these teams is not as big as the one between Real Madrid and Barcelona, but the crowd was still pretty riled up.

And that, for me, was the most appealing part about watching the game. The fans are so incredibly responsive to anything and everything the players do. Like in any sport, they cheer and chant at random intervals, rooting their team on as the players run across the field. A group of fans even brought a drum with them, which reverberated throughout the stadium as they sang and waved giant team flags over their heads.

But it's not just the goals or a particularly tricky pass that sparks their reactions, although those outbursts are something to behold. They applaud and encourage their team at any given moment - whether a goal has just been missed or a player has intercepted the ball. In baseball, the crowd will give

a little smattering of mild applause if the pitcher manages to strike someone out. But Spaniards cheer as if every move is a home run.

They get angry too. Very angry. When Levante scored the first goal of the game, there was plenty of cursing and yelling directed at the few non-Madrid fans brave enough to cheer. One man sitting two rows below me treated this offense as though it was a deeply personal insult made against his entire family. But you should have seen his face whenever Madrid scored. I don't think he would have been happier if he had won the lottery.

And that's what I think I liked most about watching this game and being a part of that crowd. It wasn't an important game, not part of the World Cup or against a superior team in the division, but everyone treated it as if it was. Fans of all ages, from small children brought by proud parents to elderly folks who've probably seen it a hundred times cheered as though it was their first match. Everyone was happy and excited from start to finish, and when Madrid scored its fifth goal against Levante's single one, they cheered as if their team had just come from behind in a miraculous sweep that took them straight to the championship.

Having had the experience, I'd still much rather watch a baseball game on television than I would fútbol. But in terms of the crowd? Sorry, America, but Spain has you beat.

Un abrazo,

Julia

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Real Madrid versus Levante

Julia Leef '14

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Enthusiastic fans packed into the stadium at the game between Real Madrid and Levante.

Julia Leef '14





Red Sox returning to form

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Fri, Apr 19, 2013

The Boston Red Sox are quietly plugging along and sit atop the American League East with a record of 10-4. It must be a fluke, right?

The MLB season is young, with most teams having played about 14 games, or eight percent of their season. The Atlanta Braves turned heads with their 10-game winning streak and the Miami Marlins continue to make headlines for their lack of attendance. Meanwhile, the Boston Red Sox are quietly plugging along and sit atop the American League East with a record of 10-4. It must be a fluke, right?

Everyone from Sports Illustrated to Bleacher Report tabbed the Red Sox to finish last in the AL East this year, just as they did in 2012 while in the midst of yet another manager controversy. They aren't even supposed to be in the running to have another monumental collapse like they did during the 2011 season. And the last time they made the playoffs? 2009. The 2013 Red Sox look different. The roster has been completely overhauled. There are only four players remaining from the 2007 World Series roster, and only one player remaining from the 2004 World Series roster. The Red Sox, for what seems like the first time ever, don't have a bona fide superstar like Adrian Gonzalez. The closest thing to one is 37-year-old David Ortiz, who is currently on the disabled list. The motto going into this season, especially after the past few years of missing the playoffs and media scrutiny, has been "We can only go up from here!"

And they have. New manager John Farrell is a far cry from last year's Bobby Valentine fiasco. Farrell, a former Red Sox pitching coach, is similar in temperament to Terry Francona, the man who led Boston to those 2004 and 2007 titles. His calm approach to the game has been a welcome presence and has enabled the new players to mesh with the old. Fans are hoping he is their new Francona.

It also helps that the bats are alive again and the pitching has returned to form too.

Last year's 27th ranked pitching staff (4.70 ERA) is now second in the league (2.66). Two big reasons behind that improvement is the reemergence of aces Jon Lester and Clay Buchholz. In 2012, Lester and Buchholz threw 4.82 and 4.56, respectively. This year, both have an ERA below 2.00. Newcomer Ryan Dempster is doing what he was brought in to do, which is eat up innings with quality starts. He also happens to be leading the team in strikeouts with 25. Offensively, Shane Victorino, another new addition, leads the team with .333 average, and Dustin Pedroia is not far behind with his .315. Hopefully,

whenever he returns, Ortiz can put up the same numbers that he has put up the past two seasons (.318 average, .415 on-base percentage). And in the field, they are second-best with two errors on the year.

And in the media? The Red Sox are hardly even being mentioned. For once.

The Red Sox are off to an auspicious, unexpected start, and it is far too early to be making any predictions. But when October rolls around don't be so surprised if the Red Sox are battling for a playoff spot. Things are already looking up for the Boston Red Sox.

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Dustin Pedroia's bat and gritty defense have the Red Sox heading in the right direction in 2013

Jared Wickerham/Getty Images North America



Women's lacrosse falls to Amherst

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Fri, Apr 19, 2013

The Thoroughbreds traveled to Amherst to take on the 12th-ranked Amherst College Jeffs, but came away on the wrong end of a 17-5 score. Skidmore looks to get back on track at home on Friday in a 4 p.m. Liberty League contest against Rochester.

The Thoroughbreds traveled to Amherst to take on the 12th-ranked Amherst College Jeffs, but came away on the wrong end of a 17-5 score. The Jeffs jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, with each goal scored by a different player. It wasn't until almost halfway through the first half that Skidmore found the back of the net, when Emma Harris '16 netted her 18th goal of the season. Amherst responded with two goals of their own to make it 6-1, but Spencer Morgan '15 cut it to 6-2 when she took a pass from Robin Fetterolf '14 to the net. Again, Amherst responded with a scoring attack, again with four unanswered goals to make it 10-2 with 5:38 left in the half. Each team would add one more goal before the break, with Skidmore's Lexi Melville '13 beating the Amherst goaltender with a shot to the bottom right corner to make it 11-3. Amherst opened the second half with two goals, and it was again not until the midway point that Skidmore would respond. Maggie Murphy '16 and Melville would both net goals to close the gap, but yet again Amherst scored four straight goals on their way to the 17-5 victory.

Hillary Densen of Amherst led all scorers with two goals and five assists. Melville led the Thoroughbred charge with two goals, while Murphy, Harris, and Morgan all chipped in with a goal. Anna Gubbins '15, Tess Mattimore '16 and Fetterolf all had a helper in the game. Shelby Witheford '15 finished with eight saves. Skidmore looks to get back on track at home on Friday in a 4 p.m. Liberty League contest against Rochester.

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Lexi Melville 13' had two goals for Skidmore in the loss.

Bob Ewell



Men's lacrosse struggles against Middlebury

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Fri, Apr 19, 2013

On their way to a 12-5 win, the Panthers of Middlebury scored four unanswered goals on three occasions throughout the game.

In the early goings, Skidmore looked poised to give the 11th ranked Panthers a good game, as Kevin Mulvey '16 put one home early to give the Thoroughbreds the early 1-0 lead. This was right after Matt Diaco '14 had made a fantastic save to start the offensive transition. Unfortunately, it would be their only lead, as Middlebury went on to score four unanswered goals, two coming from Panther Andrew Metros, to head into the second period up 4-1. At the 6:34 mark of the second, Josh Berger '15 made it 4-2 off of a Bryan Connolly '13 pass, but again Middlebury went on a 4-0 scoring streak to go up 8-2. Skye MacLeod '16 opened the second half scoring, netting the first goal of his Skidmore career, and Mulvey added his second of the game to cut the lead in half. But, with seven seconds remaining, Middlebury's Joel Blockowicz made it 9-4 and ignited another scoring attack. By letting Middlebury score the first three goals of the fourth period, Skidmore found themselves in their deepest hole of the game, 12-4. Jon Hoeg '13 would score with 23 seconds remaining to make it 12-5, but it was too little too late for the Thoroughbreds. Overall, Diaco looked strong in net, making 14 saves. Jon Broome of Middlebury led all scorers with three goals and an assist for four points. Kevin Mulvey had two goals and an assist for the Thoroughbreds, while Hoeg, Berger, and MacLeod all added one goal. Matt Ohara '15 added two assists and Connolly tallied one. Sam Christiansen '15 was strong on defense with four groundballs and two forced turnovers, while Chris Damm '15 scooped up three groundballs. Skidmore, who fell to 4-9 overall, plays at home at 5 p.m. on Saturday against the Tigers of RIT in a crucial Liberty League match up.

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Andrew Metros of Middlebury takes on Sean Fosse '15. Metros had two goals in the win.

Meredith Simonds '15



Skidmore student charged with grand larceny

By Julia Martin, News Editor

On Fri, Apr 19, 2013

Justin J. Tavarez, a 22 year-old Skidmore College student, was charged with fourth-degree grand larceny, a felony, after allegedly stealing a black leather bag out of a Saratoga Taxi cab in the early morning hours of April 12.

According to the *Saratoga Wire*, the bag contained three pool sticks and billiard accessories and held a total estimated value of \$1,150. The bag was left in the taxi by a previous passenger who contacted Saratoga Taxi the next day in search of the bag. According to court documents the contents of the bag were recovered, but in a destroyed condition.

A person is guilty of grand larceny in the fourth degree when he or she steals property valued at greater than one thousand dollars.

Tavarez was also charged with misdemeanor theft of service, after allegedly fleeing the taxi without paying the \$23.80 fare.

According to the *Saratoga Wire*, in 2010 Tavarez plead guilty to misdemeanor third-degree assault as part of a plea deal, after allegedly smashing a plate over a man's head inside Compton's Restaurant on Broadway in December of 2010. The deal dismissed two felony charges that had been brought against him under the hate crimes statute.

Tavarez was ordered to pay \$348 to cover the medical expenses of the victim and released on conditional discharge. Skidmore College imposed sanctions required that Tavarez complete 100 hours of community service and attend conflict resolution training sessions.

A full description of the 2010 sentence can be found at: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Man-sentenced-in-diner-brawl-1333406.php>

For his more recent offence, bail was set at \$250 cash or \$1,000 bond. Tavarez will return to Saratoga Springs City Court on May 2.

For the full story visit: <http://saratogawire.com/article/1060/130417-skidmore-student-charged-with-larceny/>

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Justin Tavarez '13 has been charged with fourth-degree grand larceny after stealing a bag from a Saratoga Taxi cab last Friday.

<http://www.saratoga-taxi.com/>



Skidmore's reputation on the line, again

The need for students to be wary as 4/20 and Fun Day approach

By The Editorial Board

On Fri, Apr 19, 2013

The onset of spring brings excitement to the student body not only because of the warm weather after a dreary and prolonged winter but also the occurrence of events like Fun Day and Earth Day, the latter which will be celebrated on 4/20 this year. While these events are part of Skidmore's traditions and are two of the more enjoyable events of the semester, they also often serve as an impetus for drug and alcohol abuse.

As these events approach we should consider the substance abuse that has occurred in the past during these events and more recently in our community. Furthermore, we need to consider what we want these approaching events to look like and how we want them to reflect on ourselves and our college.

Last weekend there were seven reported alcohol and drug related hospitalizations, a large spike from normality. The causes of these occurrences can be attributed to a variety of factors: the "Big Show," where The Dirty Projectors played, the warm weather of spring, or even "senioritis." While last weekend was an unfortunate semester low-point as far as substance-abuse goes, it raises greater concern for what may occur in the next few weeks as we approach highly anticipated events like Fun Day, Earth Day and Spring Fling. In an email sent to students earlier this week, the Dean of Student Affairs, Rochelle Calhoun, spoke specifically of 4/20, a day widely recognized as a celebration of cannabis, and admonished students of the consequences of being caught in possession of illicit substances.

This year's 4/20 marks the four-year anniversary of the marijuana-related imbroglio which was photographed and reported by *The Saratogian* and consequentially skyrocketed Skidmore to No.2 on the Princeton Review's Reefer Madness list. Currently, Skidmore sits at No.4 and the College is working hard to shed this "druggy" reputation.

This newspaper doesn't delude itself into suggesting that student's remain law-abiding, but that they consider the potential ramifications of their decisions. As Calhoun pointed out in her email, "even when we do not intend it--we represent the communities to which we belong. As student members of the Skidmore College, your actions will always represent the entire student body."

Specifically, this newspaper asks that students be safe. That is, of course, the primary concern. But we also ask that students remain conscious -- in all possible interpretations of the word -- of the impact of their decisions and how their actions will reflect Skidmore.

Fall Fun Day was deemed a success, and there is no reason why the upcoming events shouldn't either. As long as students don't embarrass themselves, they won't embarrass the school.

Enjoy the upcoming events, it has been a long winter and the student body certainly needs these times to unwind and relax as the final onslaught of work approaches before finals. But be responsible, and hopefully Skidmore can see itself fall back a few slots in next year's Princeton Review list. There is really no good reason why the College is 11 places ahead of the University of Vermont in the Princeton Review's reefer madness rankings.

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Fun Day: it is possible to have fun and be responsible.

<http://www.calderwilson.com/>

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Skidmore students celebrate 2009's 4/20 with a homemade smoking device named Octavius S. Octopus II. This incident would give Skidmore a reputation for being a "druggy" school.

Rick Gargiulo/The Saratogian

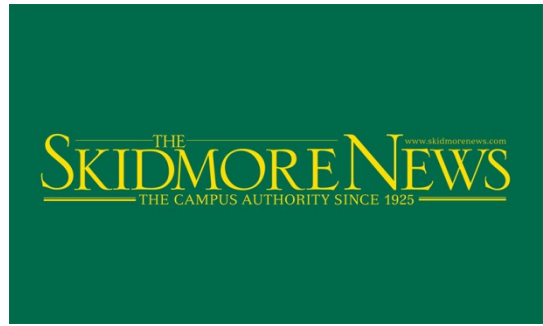
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A still frame from a video of the University of Vermont celebrating 4/20. Skidmore is currently 11 places ahead of No.15 UVM on the Princeton Review's Reefer Madness list.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwFOPyVLEvM>







Blurbs Overheard: The Fourthening

On Sun, Apr 21, 2013

Live below the line

By Lauren Bosche

On Tue, Apr 23, 2013

Now that Social Justice Month is in full swing, I thought that I'd write to share an important event with the Skidmore community. Live Below the Line, according to the organization's homepage, is "a campaign that's changing the way people think about poverty - and making a huge difference - by challenging everyday people to live on the equivalent of the extreme poverty line for 5 days."

An incredible amount of people - almost half the world, or over three billion people - live "below the line" their whole lives, and they don't have a choice. On April 22, I'll take the challenge myself. I'll have \$7.50 to pay for all of my food from Monday to Friday. I have chosen to forgo my current standard of living to witness firsthand, in one aspect, how much of the world goes through life, and share my experience with others. My blog will serve as a testament to my efforts in eating and drinking on \$1.50 a day.

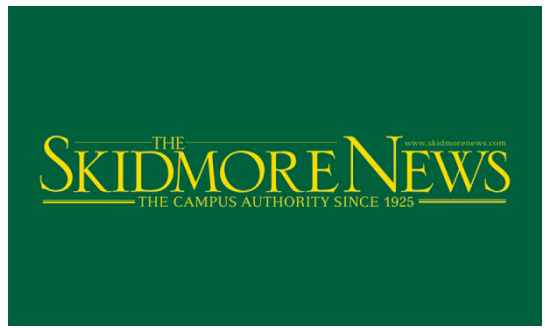
This challenge will present a particularly rough transition from the variety of foods I have the fortune of eating here at Skidmore. I'm on the dining hall meal plan as I live in a residence hall. However, for the week of the challenge, I won't step foot into the dining hall, unless I'm grabbing a cool glass of water - I'll be preparing all of my food in my residence hall "kitchen" (aka the microwave and refrigerator).

I plan to head over to the local Price Chopper in the next week - with \$7.50 in my pocket - and purchase the staples that will get me through the week. I'll have my calculator in hand as I comb the aisles, looking for items that will keep me under budget. For many people that live below the poverty line, access to clean water isn't reliable. Fortunately, I'll be able to drink unlimited tap water in the challenge.

As I've pledged to take the challenge, my family and friends have donated to the charity of my choice. I chose the Rainforest Foundation because I have a passion for sustainability, and I'm fascinated by human interaction with the natural world. I had never heard of the foundation before, but after doing a little research I knew I wanted to support RF because of their unique position in supporting indigenous communities while preserving the rainforests of the world.

For more information on participating in the challenge go to <https://www.livebelowtheline.com/us>

And to keep up on my own progress please visit my profile page on Live Below The Line at <https://www.livebelowtheline.com/me/laurenbosche>



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NBA Talk: First round predictions

By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

On Tue, Apr 23, 2013

The playoffs have already commenced, so these predictions do have the benefit of witnessing two days of games, but there are bound to be surprises as players fall to injury left and right. Without further ado, the predictions, starting with the East.

Eastern Conference:

Heat(1) vs. Bucks(8):

The Bucks, between Brandon Jennings and Monta Ellis, have a more impressive backcourt, and this season's breakout of Larry Sanders gives them a much better center than whoever the Heat decide to play there. Still, the Heat have LeBron James, who gets better every year and led the Heat to their best season yet. The Heat also have a substantially improved bench with the additions of Ray Allen, Rashard Lewis and Chris Anderson.

Prediction: Heat sweep the Bucks

Knicks (2) vs. Celtics (7)

The Knicks have also had a breakout season, with a deeper bench and a deadlier Melo. The Celtics, on the other hand, have lost Ray Allen. The other two members of the Celtics' original Big Three are years beyond their prime and All-Star Rajon Rondo is out with a torn ACL. You can never count the Celtics down and out, and Garnett is still the most frightening man to play against, but it doesn't look good for them this year.

Prediction: Knicks win in six

Pacers (3) vs. Hawks (6)

The Pacers' defense is tougher than ever and Paul George made his first All-Star appearance, and deservedly so. The Hawks, meanwhile, lost Joe Johnson and trade rumors concerning Josh Smith have seemed to depress his playing at times. The Hawks have been inconsistent and a victim of one -too-many injuries.

Prediction: Pacers win 5-1.

Nets (4) vs. Bulls (5).

First time since 2007 that the Nets have seen the playoffs, and, after several shaky moments in their season, they managed to clinch fourth. Much rides on the performance of Deron Williams, who had an unusually lackluster season for a player of his caliber. Meanwhile, the Bulls exceeded expectations without Derrick Rose. The Bulls have proven tenacious, and once overlooked players are now coming up big (read: Jimmy Butler, Nate Robinson). Without Derrick Rose and a less-than-100-percent Joakim Noah, everything indicates that the Nets will move on to round two, but the Bulls have proven throughout the season that they can still compete with the best. If any team is to make an upset in the East, it's them.

Prediction: Bulls win in game seven.

Western Conference:

Thunder (1) vs. Rockets (8)

An interesting match-up as James Harden returns to battle old teammates. But not even the skill of Harden will be able to overcome a now play-off experienced team with a much deeper bench than before.

Prediction: Thunder in five, and that's being generous toward the Rockets.

Spurs (2) vs. Lakers (7).

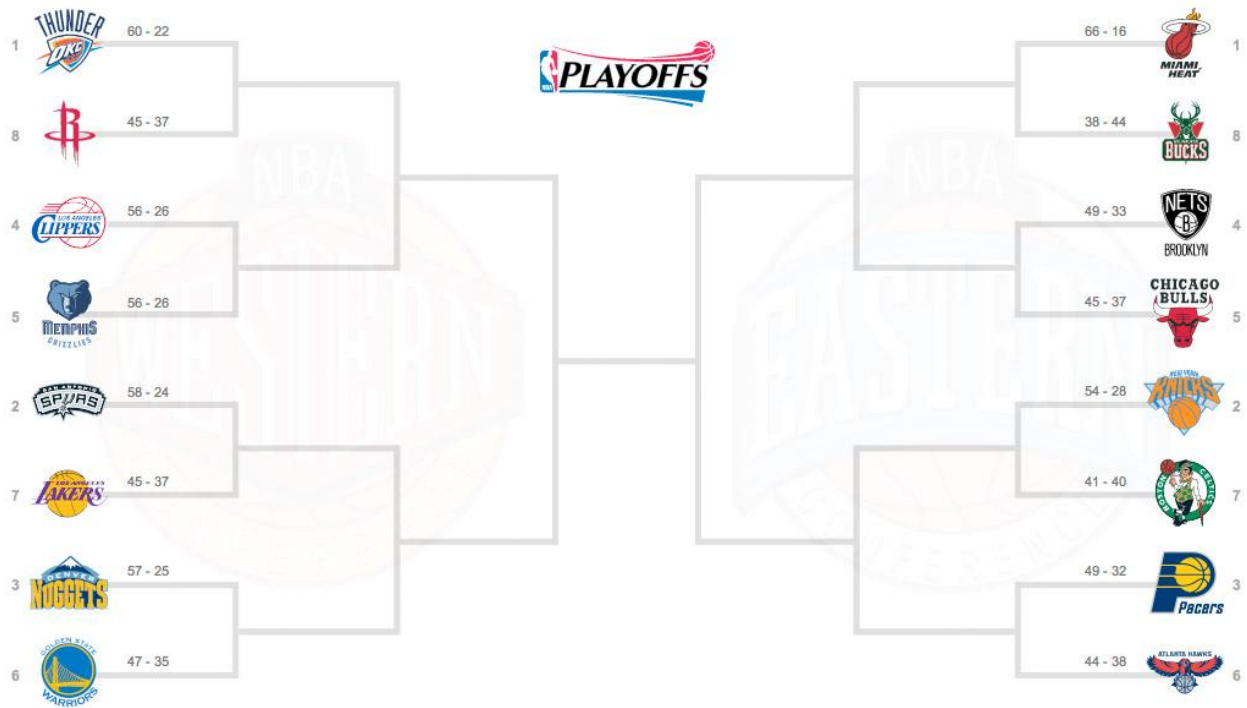
Both of these seeds surprised me. For most of the season, I expected the Lakers to perform better than they did, and the Spurs to play worse than they have. For some reason, the Spurs just won't age and the Lakers were never able to mesh into the team that was to supposedly take on the Heat. Some say that without Kobe, Dwight will be able to take over and lead the team to victory; I say otherwise. The Lakers will put up a worthy fight, but won't be able to overcome the perplexing skill and chemistry of the Spurs.

Prediction: Spurs win 4-2.

Nuggets (3) vs. Warriors (6).

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The battle for the ring commences. Will Durant win his first? LeBron his second? Or will Brandon Jennings follow through on his promise to beat the Heat in six?



Liberty League honors three

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 25, 2013

The Liberty League honored three Thoroughbreds for their performances last week.

Nick Petrella '15 (baseball), Jimmy Sherpa '14 (tennis) and Nataly Mendoza '13 (tennis) were all selected for their hard work. Petrella was named to the Honor Roll after he threw a complete game shutout to help lead Skidmore to a 6-0 win over Vassar College. Petrella scattered six hits and four strikeouts across the seven innings, while only walking two batters. It was Petrella's team-leading fifth win of the season.

Sherpa was named to the Honor Roll after he won his match at the number one singles spot to help lead Skidmore to a 6-3 victory over the University of Rochester. Sherpa also teamed with Jonah Epstein '16 to steal a win at the number one doubles spot. Mendoza earned her fourth Women's Tennis Performer of the Week as she led Skidmore to an 8-1 victory over the University of Rochester and to a 9-0 victory over Ithaca College. Mendoza, playing at the number one singles spot, won both of her matches and then teamed with Lee Ford '14 to earn two victories at the number one doubles.

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Jimmy Sherpa '14

Bob Ewell



The sports world comes together in wake of Boston bombings

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Thu, Apr 25, 2013

On Saturday, the Boston Red Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3, a victory that moved the Red Sox to 12-4. This victory meant more than most, though. It was an important victory as it helped begin the healing process for the city of Boston after tragic events at the Boston Marathon just five days before.

Sports have long been used to help cities and people move on after tragic events. After the Sept. 11 attacks, a major sporting event did not take place in New York City until Sept. 21. But just as with the recent events in Boston, the various professional leagues had decided that postponing games was the right decision, which it was. But eventually, on Sept. 21, people realized that sports and athletes hold a great healing power. The first game on Sept. 21 was played between the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves. It held huge significance in the National League playoff race, so it would have been emotional to begin with, with players and fans alike staunchly holding true to their fandoms.

But something different happened. The Mets fans and the Braves fans came together. The bitter rivals were cheering together in the stands, waving American flags, and collectively erupting when Mike Piazza hit a towering homerun for the Mets to put them ahead 3-2, the eventual final score.

This past week in Boston, the same thing happened.

On Wednesday, during the Bruins' game against the Buffalo Sabres - the first game in Boston after the marathon bombings - the crowd of 17,565 came together to sing the national anthem. The game was played, though, with each fan cheering for their respective team. The Bruins lost 4-3 in a shootout, and Buffalo fans in the arena rejoiced that their playoff hopes were still alive. But after the game, both teams came together at center ice and raised their sticks in a salute to the fans, and the fans returned with chants of "USA! USA!" The Braves and Sabres fans weren't necessarily cheering for a Mets victory or a Bruins victory. They cheered for the perseverance of the affected people, but also for a return to normality, something desperately needed. They cheered for the Braves or Sabres not only because Boston fans wouldn't want pity any day of the week, but because it was the normal thing to do.

For people to return to rooting against the Mets on Sept. 21 or continue to boo the Bruins on Saturday shows what sports do in the aftermath of a tragedy: they return people to normality.

Sports gather people together in one place to cheer on teams or individuals competing for a victory. Playing or watching or cheering for sports gives an outlet, no matter how trivial it may seem, for people to be normal again.

After the Sandy Hook shootings, the soccer community came together to help over 1,000 kids from Newtown return to an activity that gave them joy. Names like Landon Donovan, Christie Rampone, Mia Hamm and Cobi Jones were all present and playing soccer with the kids. For these stars to play with the kids allowed the kids to see that being normal and playing sports again was okay.

So whether it's a fan in the grandstand watching Piazza's homerun shoot into the sky or a little kid at the Sandy Hook soccer clinic, sports and its athletes allow people to heal. Sports allow all people - old and young, fans of the Royals or Red Sox, Mets or Braves, Bruins or Sabres - to see that while yes, they are being rooted against, they're also being rooted for.

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The sports page of the Chicago Tribune the morning after the Boston bombings shows the support that the sporting community gives in wake of tragedy.

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Wrigley Field Deal

Ricketts shows faith to city

Time for Wrigleyville residents to let Cubs chairman run business

DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

In a dim corridor Monday along the third-base side of Wrigley Field, about 30 feet away from a neon marquee equipped with troughs and a well-lubricated pay phone, Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts outlined the intricate deal meant to reanimate the rickety 99-year-old ballpark.

The makeshift, relatively primitive setting provided the perfect symbolism for Wrigley's imperfections that made pouring \$500 million of Ricketts' money into a restoration project an essential and necessary.

Whether the Cubs need to place a 3,000-square-foot video board in left field or expand the footprint of the stadium by 10 feet to preserve rooftop views now will be debated in public hearings and City Council meetings. What began as Ricketts' grand plan to upgrade a dilapidated facility that makes winning a World Series even more challenging for a wage-gone-banished team effectively has become a citywide referendum on the Cubs.

"I always believed and still believe it's an essential part of the city to do what's right for Wrigley Field," Ricketts said. "Not only economically, but it's a special place and has a special role in baseball history."

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BLUE JAYS 4, WHITE SOX 3

Buehrle gets key K, picks up a W

Punches out Komerik to conquer former team

By MARK GONZALES
Tribune reporter

TORONTO — Mark Buehrle used the words "wrestle" and "wrest" to describe being a White Sox man he was a member of for 12 consecutive seasons.

Those words define the latest reinforcement of the Sox, who felled to deliver a low-kick punch and fell to Buehrle and the Blue Jays 4-3 for their sixth loss in seven games on their 30-game trip.

So he did for most of his 161 wins with the Sox from 2003 to 2011. Buehrle relied on his crafty pitching to work out of jams. His signature moment occurred with two outs in the fifth inning when he struck out longtime friend Paul Konerko on a full count with two on.

Konerko had by an RBI single and lead to left in his first two at-bats, but wasn't so happy about a 2-1 pitch on the outside corner that was called a strike by plate umpire Troy Renda.

"I had the at bat I wanted to have," Konerko said. "I had a 2-1 pitch that was — whatever. So instructions you've got two choices. You stand up there and strike out looking, or you swing the bat on a pitch you don't want to swing at or don't have to. That's the moral of the story."

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We are Chicago
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We are Chicago
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REVOLUTION

We are like you. We know that sports are often the ties that hold us together, that give us a way to talk about the things we care about when other words fail. We know sports can be fun — even in losing. Boy, do we know. We know that anybody who says it doesn't matter whether the Cubs or Sox are in the World Series so long as it's a Chicago team isn't truly a fan of either team. We know. But on Monday we were reminded again how fragile it all can be. The explosions and injuries and deaths at a world-class sporting event such as the Boston Marathon make us heartsick. As much as it is anathema for a Chicago fan to root for any other town — especially Beantown and all of its championship rings — here we are.

Hang in there, Boston.

Full coverage of the bombings in Boston. See L1 and L2. Elite runners finished before bombs went off. Back Page

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Boston Marathon runner reportedly saved the finish line and returned to Massachusetts General Hospital to give blood to victims of the bombing. Personal best, indeed.

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BULLS 102, MAGIC 84

Back and going forth

Noah, Gibson play without pain with playoffs looming

By R.C. JENNISON
Tribune reporter

ORLANDO, Fla. — A season filled with uncertainty will close with this dose of clarity. The Bulls won't know their first-round playoff opponent until Wednesday's season finale.

That's because the Bulls defeated the hapless Magic 102-84 on Monday night as Justin Noah and Taj Gibson returned to ease their recoveries from injury and coach Tom Thibodeau said it "is possible" both will be on minutes benches at the start of the postseason.

The victory pulled the Bulls to within a half game of the Hawks for fifth place in the Eastern Conference. The Hawks close Tuesday at home against the Raptors and Wednesday at the Knicks.

If the Hawks split or lose their final two games and the Bulls defeat the Wizards at home Wednesday, they will claim the fifth seed and open the playoffs in Brooklyn. Similarly, if the Hawks lose both games and the Bulls lose on Wednesday, they will own the fifth seed via tiebreaker.

If the Hawks win out, the Bulls will open at Indiana regardless of what they do Wednesday. Similarly, if the Hawks split their final two games and the Bulls lose Wednesday, the Bulls draw the Pacers.

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BLACKHAWKS 5, STARS 2

Hawks staying on the attack

Close in on top seed with 6th straight win, keep Stars on outside

By CHRIS RICE
Tribune reporter

They hit the ice while sitting at different ends of the Western Conference playoff spectrum.

The Blackhawks have their sights set on securing the top spot and the Stars are fighting for their postseason lives. When all was said and done Monday night, it was the Hawks who displayed desperation when the game was on the line and closed to a 5-2 victory over Dallas before a crowd of 21,086 at the United Center.

The win was the Hawks' sixth straight and gave them an NHL-high 70 points with six games remaining. They are closing in on clinching the No. 1 seed in the conference and also the Presidents' Trophy given to the team that finishes with the most points in the league.

Martin Hossa had an empty-net goal and two assists. Jonathan Toews and Andrew Shaw each had a goal and an assist while Viktor Stalberg and Niklas Hjalmarsson also scored. Goaltender Ray Emery made 16 saves to help the Hawks improve to 23-4 after winning on back-to-back nights.

"We stuck to our game," said Shaw, who scored the winning goal shortly after the Stars had tied it at 2-2 early in the third period. "We played solid de-

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The ghost of Compton's past

By Alex Hodor-Lee, Guest Columnist

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

On April 12, senior Justin Tavarez, was arrested on theft of service charges, after failing to pay \$23.80 for his cab ride, following a late night of drinking downtown.

Tavarez, who took a cab home with a "white female" student (according to the driver's sworn statement), fled the cab with a bag left behind by the last passenger. Tavarez relinquished the bag shortly after fleeing the cab, and following a stubborn night of rain, its contents - valued at \$1150 - were irreparably waterlogged. Thus, Tavarez was charged with grand larceny the following Tuesday.

Tavarez called the owner. "I didn't mean to steal your stuff, I'm going to graduate this year, the charge is serious and I could do jail time, I want to meet you to show you I am a good guy," states a police document.

Two days after the call, Tavarez, 22, was arrested at Burgess Café on an added charge of witness tampering in the fourth degree, and forced to walk across campus in handcuffs, despite the dean of student's plea to have him arrested outside the public setting.

Tavarez was at the center of another investigation in 2010, when a late night brawl broke out between four Skidmore students of color, and several local diners - now infamously referred to as "The Compton's Incident."

Tavarez, who took a plea deal so as to escape college expulsion, contends that local diners initiated the brawl. "This guy got in my face and pushed me - it was just pushes, that's all. I never broke a plate over his head, but plates were broken and food was everywhere. They might as well have said I hit him in the head with a pancake."

"I'll never forget, ever," said Tavarez, "we were all leaving the courthouse the next day and some guy in an SUV drove up next to us, rolled down his window and raised his fist and screamed 'white power!' We all just looked at him like, 'what?'"

Saratoga Springs is very much a tale of two towns.

The first is an affluent, sunny, halcyon summer destination characterized by the white mansions and white linen suits - something out of an F. Scott Fitzgerald novel.

The other town is much less glamorous: economically depressed, with a local newspaper sensationalizing headlines to attract readers, hoping to avoid filing for bankruptcy for a fourth time. *This* town doesn't welcome Skidmore students. Its police-suppressed witness' statements at Compton's two years ago and they trumped up charges for "a hispanik" (as the cab driver's police statement reads).

But this story is also about two Skidmores.

It's about a large faction of students who quickly convicted Justin for his involvement in the "Compton's incident" and a small *minority* of students, who were there, and really know what happened.

It's about a pernicious schism between opportunity program students, who immediately stand out in contrast to those who are privileged enough to indulge in the Vineyard, the Hamptons and equestrian culture.

It's about one set of tours that visit Skidmore one week, segregated from another set of Discovery tours that visit the next.

It's about limousine liberalism and armchair progressivism, and professors who observe, "The best way to keep incidence of drinking down on campus is to raise your minority population. College means a lot *more to them.*"

It's about concerted efforts at cultural awareness negated by a student crudely scribbling, "I love being white" on a dorm facade.

Though Justin's experiences may not mirror your own, it doesn't make them any less real. We shouldn't depreciate the value of someone's harsh experiences or feelings of marginalization in this town or this school, simply because you haven't felt them.

In this country, suspects are innocent until proven guilty. However, through misreporting and sensationalism and without a trial by jury, two men in Boston have already been convicted in the court of public opinion. What's more damaging is that because of their ethnicity, some commentators suggest their actions may preclude progressive immigration reform - proof that the evil of few sculpts the face of many.

In some instances - such as the Steubenville rape case - we go as far as socially indicting the victim. Many called that young female victim a "slut", with little understanding or knowledge of the case - proof that we need to practice media literacy and skepticism, not because it's easy, but because it is hard.

Next time you hear a story, question it. Next time you look in the mirror, ask yourself: would I be paraded, in handcuffs, across the campus green or convicted before *my* trial had even begun?

Justin Tavaréz is no saint. I know because he's my housemate. While I had heard legends of the "Compton's Incident", it wasn't until a few weeks ago, I found out that he was the student in question. I never would have expected it from a young man who keeps us up at night - singing Adele songs in the shower or keeping the lights on so he can read books about social history and Bobby Kennedy.

Like me, Tavaréz has a unique affection for RFK, and, like me, he's from New York City. Like me, he exhibits a New Yorker's cynicism. Sometimes, it feels like the only difference is the color of our skin. Now I consider him one of my closest allies. What's sad: but for a housing snafu, we may have never even met. Like you, he would have remained crystallized in my mind as "that Compton's kid."

The semester in review: News

By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

A review of the semester in news.

The Men's Soccer team was involved in a hazing scandal that received national attention. The hazing incident occurred during the Nov.30 "rookie night," an initiation event. Many of the players involved received points to their student record, had to pay fines, and were banned from playing spring sports. Several of these students were able to successfully appeal some of these punishments. An initial investigation by the Saratoga County District Attorney was dropped and the police investigation into the incident has also seemed to come to a tacit end.

On Tuesday, March 5, the campus went into lockdown after Lance C. Leonard made a threat to kill a Skidmore student. Leonard was arrested at 6:40 a.m. the next day in Atlanta City, N.J, and was believed to be on his way to Skidmore. Classes resumed as normal on Wednesday.

Several Scribner houses have neared completion. Currently seven are under construction and four are scheduled to open for the fall, providing much needed living space. Much of the junior class was upset that they would have to live in the dormitories once again. The other three houses are currently scheduled to open for next spring.

Skidmore experienced a 40% increase in applications this year. The administration does not plan on increasing the student body size. This will result in the College's acceptance rate to lower, which often serves as a indicator for a college's competitiveness.

William Spears, an architect from the firm Miller Dyer Spears, began to survey Case Center. He is tasked with renovating the building and questioned students, faculty and staff for what they wished to see in a new building. Blueprints for the news building have not yet been created. Case Center was last expanded and renovated in 2000.

Commencement Controversy:

The announcement that Cynthia Carroll would be awarded an honorary degree and speak at commencement received much attention from the Skidmore Community. Ms. Carroll, once rated the fifth most powerful woman in the world by Forbes magazine, is the outgoing CEO of Anglo-American, a mining conglomerate, and is also an alumna from the Skidmore class of '78. Students took issue with her and Anglo-American's environmental and social justice record.

A group of 40-or-so students interrupted April's faculty meeting to air grievances over the choice of Ms. Carroll as a commencement speaker. While many of the faculty present showed disapproval with their behavior, they lauded the students' commitment to taking action and having their voices heard.

Students were invited to a teleconference with Ms. Carroll and associates to hear her address the issues they had with her presence at commencement. A discussion amongst students and faculty followed the teleconference. President Glotzbach also sent out an email to the community to explain why he thought Ms. Carroll was an appropriate choice.

President Glotzbach addresses Carroll controversy

By Andrew Shi, Editor-in-Chief

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

On April 25, President Glotzbach sent a four-paged email to the Skidmore community. The email addressed the controversy surrounding the choice of Cynthia Carroll, the outgoing CEO of Anglo-American, as one of two commencement speakers.

In the email, Glotzbach recognized that more should -- and would -- be done to gauge student opinion on future commencement speakers. "Going forward, we will charge the Junior Class Officers to solicit their classmates more actively...In addition, I will confer with the Board of Trustees and members of the SGA leadership to see if there are other ways to include student voices more effectively in this process."

President Glotzbach also revealed that, at the request of students who attended last week's teleconference and subsequent discussion, the administration would explore the possibility of inviting a third commencement speaker. In a separate interview, Glotzbach confirmed that the administration is "looking into various options," but also emphasized that finding a speaker on such short notice was unprecedented.

The bulk of Glotzbach's email served as a defense of the administration's decision to invite Carroll as a speaker. Students opposed to her presence have argued that her work contradicts Skidmore's values of "environmental sustainability and social justice." Glotzbach disagreed, asserting that she stood for the same values and practiced those as CEO, just in a different, subtler, fashion. Glotzbach asked in his email if there is "just one ethically privileged way to change the world, or are there multiple legitimate, and therefore praiseworthy, pathways toward achieving the goals we all share?"

Glotzbach conceded that the mining industry was far from perfect and said that he believed Carroll would agree with him on this. He argued though, that under the tutelage of Carroll, Anglo-American vastly improved in both areas of student concern. Glotzbach adumbrated a short list of some of her achievements that spanned from improving Anglo-Americans environmentally-friendly standing in a list of 500 major companies by 39 places, to dramatically expanding "programs for HIV/AIDs prevention and treatment among workers and their families in South Africa, improving the lives of more than 100,000 individuals."

Glotzbach continued to argue that while Carroll's work may not have been the kind of revolutionary change some Skidmore students expect, it was progress nevertheless. For Glotzbach, "developing and

implementing such an efficacious plan for change usually requires analysis of systems and how to influence or reengineer them. Such work can be incremental or revolutionary. Often it is frustrating and slow." The argument, it seems, boiled down to 'is the world better off now than it was before the arrival of Carroll?' Glotzbach, in his letter, said yes.

Glotzbach argued that as much as creative thought matters, so does implementing grand schemes, and sometimes that implementation can only come in small doses. "If a person has a wonderful idea for a building, but that building is never constructed, it just remains a thought," said Glotzbach in the interview. He continued to say that, "Lucy Scribner wanted to construct a school that educated both the mind and hand."

According to Glotzbach, Carroll embodies the practice of creative thought and hand, and that she was able to achieve the environmental and social justice change she envisaged.

In his email, Glotzbach emphasized the hand portion, something arguably forgotten and ostensibly left out in Skidmore's motto "Creative Thought Matters." Returning to the issue of Carroll and previous episodes of protest, Glotzbach said that while criticism from students has been appreciated, few plans beyond demanding that the administration do something have been proposed. "To protest you don't need all the answers... but at a certain point, especially when criticizing someone, 'what do you want to see happen' is a legitimate question."

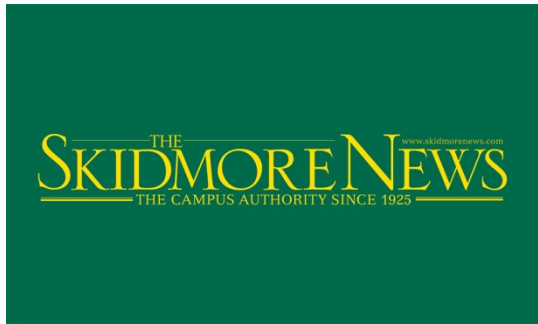
Glotzbach then recalled the teleconference meeting where students from United Minds, an ad hoc club designed to protest Carroll, were asked by a faculty member "what do you want to happen."

Glotzbach "did not find the response to be compelling."

Up to this point, much of the protest against Carroll has just asked for her to be disinvited, but has avoided proposing solutions to prevent future situations. Although, as aforementioned, progress has been made in securing a larger role for students in their choice of commencement speaker in the future.

Currently, a petition is circulating that requests Carroll withdraw as commencement speaker. It is unclear how many have signed the petition, nor how many seniors have signed the petition, a distinction Glotzbach finds to be important, as "it is their commencement."

The protest of Cynthia Carroll as a commencement speaker is not unique to Skidmore College. This past semester, Swarthmore also faced a similar problem, as students opposed the choice of Robert Zoellick, who, among many things, was a foreign adviser to President George W. Bush during his 2000 election. The case of Zoellick is eerily similar to Carroll's current situation, as Zoellick is an alumnus of



Swarthmore. Zoellick, though, after weeks of protest, rescinded his invitation and declined his honorary degree.

The episode received national attention, much of it unfavorable. The Washington Post interviewed Josh Wheeler, the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, a legal policy group at the University of Virginia, who said that these kind of pretexts were a form of censorship, and called "the ability of a small but vocal group to limit the choices of a much larger majority," the heckler veto."

In the same article, previous president of the University of Wisconsin Robert O'Neil, who experienced similar protests in the 1980, said, "what people see as evidence of political correctness is not what's going on. The harshest thing I see is that we engage more in self-censorship, but that's a long way from succumbing to political correctness."

After Zoellick cancelled his appearance, "many students on campus...said amongst themselves that they are disappointed a vocal and misguided minority ruined an opportunity to hear Zoellick speak," wrote Daniele Charette, a student at Swarthmore, in The College Fix, an online Newspaper.

It is still unclear how many students support or disagree with the choice of Cynthia Carroll. But only once in recent years has a commencement speaker cancelled, and it was due to sudden family matters. In 2001, students protested against the invitation of Joseph L. Bruno a past republican majority leader of NYS senate and alumnus from the class of '52, but Bruno still delivered his commencement speech. Glotzbach has promised to make the process more transparent in the future and will update the community on the search for a third commencement speaker. Cynthia Carroll is still expected to speak at commencement and receive an honorary degree. Commencement is scheduled for May 18.

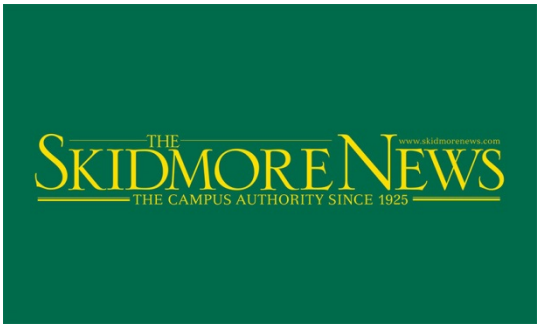
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President Glotzbach delivered a defense of Cynthia Carroll (pictured) as the choice for commencement speaker in an email sent out to the Skidmore community.

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Skidmore senior to start a placement service business in Beijing

By Elizabeth Hopkins, Features Editor

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

This summer, Samuel Schultz '13 will embark on a plane to Beijing to start a summer camp placement service for Chinese students. Schultz plans to provide families looking for a summer camp in the United States for their child with a search utility that will suggest recommendations based on their child's interests. The service will be called Summer Destinations and will be based out of Beijing.

Schultz recently won the \$20,000 first prize in the third annual Kenneth A. Frierich Business Plan Competition. This prize will enable Schultz to initiate his five-year plan to start Summer Destinations.

The service will specifically cater to a wealthy demographic of Chinese nationals, whose children have learned English. Families like these may be seeking to provide their child with a more immersive English experience, an opportunity to investigate interests, or gain a summer experience in a natural environment, outside of the city of Beijing. Schultz said that he aims to ensure that families "know of this opportunity and its positive aspects, and give their children the means" to attend a summer camp. "I created a foundation of connections in Beijing," Schultz added, which he hopes to use to facilitate the expansion of the business.

The initial camp roster is comprised of established residential summer camps in the Northeast, Schultz said. He hopes to expand this roster annually to include more specialized camps in other parts of the U.S.

At Skidmore College, Schultz has majored in International Affairs and Asian Studies and minored in Business. "My academic experience has given me great preparation to begin this business," Schultz said. "It's great to finally be doing academic work that will have a tangible benefit on my future."

Past learning experiences and visits to China drove Schultz to seek Beijing as his starting place. He first traveled to China for studies in his junior year of high school. There he gained a solid grasp on the language and culture. During a recent trip to China this past summer with his father, Schultz met two children, who were both probably around eight or ten-years-old and natives of Beijing. In addition to Chinese, the kids spoke English and German. At such young ages, the kids provided Schultz with inspiration and sparked the idea to start Summer Destinations.

Promotions for Summer 2014 will begin in September or October as the application deadline is April 1 for most camps. Until then, Schultz will spend this summer preparing for his trip to Beijing, publicizing the service and establishing business connections. In the first five years, he will divide his time between Beijing, working there August through April, before heading back to the U.S. to check on progress at the camps.

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Samuel Schultz '13 with mentor Nancy Wekselbaum

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"5 Broken Cameras" screens to great success in the Spa

By Sean van der Heijden, Contributing Writer

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On Tuesday, April 23, the Oscar-nominated documentary "5 Broken Cameras" was shown in the Spa at 7:00 p.m. Hayat hosted the event in conjunction with Social Justice Month. The documentary, directed by Emad Burnat and Guy Davidi, follows the struggles of one Palestinian village staging non-violent protests against the erection of a wall by the Israeli government. The wall, guarded daily by the Israeli army, runs right through village farmland and separates the people from the Israeli housing complexes built on the other side.

Although both an Israeli and a Palestinian direct this film, they tend to show the fighting from a Palestinian viewpoint, which I found intriguing. Scenes show the Israeli army shooting non-violent protestors of all nationalities, arresting children for no specific reason, and burning farmland in retaliation for the resistance movement occurring in the village. No side, though, is painted as inherently right or wrong, as Israelis and Palestinians alike resist the government's actions. When speaking of the Israeli army, Sofia Naqvi '14 commented, "I still don't think it's the enemy, I just think it's the other side." As difficult as it is to portray this objectivity in light of all of the destruction they are causing to his village, Burmat certainly tries to shed some light on both sides of the argument.

On a whole, this film opened my eyes to a new perspective of the Middle Eastern conflicts. There is just something so intimate about Burmat recording everything he sees with merely a small video camera. Burmat's recording becomes even more poignant throughout when, one by one, his cameras get destroyed while filming in the turbulent environment (hence the film's title). In response to the conflict, Naqvi said, "This movie just made it really personal." The style of the documentary and the hands-on filming process truly captures a personal approach to the conflict.

The film was followed by a lively discussion covering topics such as how the conflict is portrayed in the U.S. media and what impact it is having on the younger generations who are witnessing it firsthand. These issues are complex, but the documentary is so riveting in how it shows the struggle, that I would absolutely recommend it for anyone interested in the conflict overseas. As Naqvi pointed out, this documentary tends to deal with many issues regarding humanity rather than the countless political issues surrounding the topic, and for that reason it becomes all the more powerful.

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The semester in review: Features

By Elizabeth Hopkins, Features Editor

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

A review of the semester in features

Skidmore Unplugged, an annual three-week long competition to reduce energy usage in the College's dorms, took place from Monday, Feb. 11 to Monday, March 4. This year, the Sustainability Office, in conjunction with the S-Rep program and numerous clubs on campus, hosted a number of events to spur Skidmore's competitive spirit and alter the overall organization of the event. The ultimate winner of the competition was Wilmarth Hall, which recorded a 9% decrease in electricity use.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, Skidmore students and faculty gathered at the Surrey Williamson Inn to hear selections of poetry and prose read to members of the College community at the Megan Rogers Annual Festival. Professors and students participated in this celebration of literature.

Celebrated feminist, author, social justice activist, and editor Gloria Steinem visited Skidmore College to deliver the keynote speech on Thursday, Feb. 21. She gave a personal lecture that focused primarily on social change and the need for reforming contemporary heteronormative and sexist ways of thinking, particularly in Western society.

The Tang Museum at Skidmore College hosted *We the People*, a series of events focusing on topics ranging from "Slow Democracy" to corporations to the U.S. Constitution. The spring semester's series of events opened on January 24 and closed on April 4.

Students organized and planned Social Justice Month, which took place during the month of April. Among the events that student coordinators hosted were a series of films covering a wide range of social justice topics, a fair trade market, and a talk from a North Korean defector.

April was also Autism Awareness Month. Psychology Professor Rachel Mann Rosan and students of Skidmore College arranged an event-filled calendar to raise awareness. A number of professors visited and gave enlightening lectures on autism from psychological, scientific and social perspectives. Students also organized a film screening of *Temple Grandin*, three different panels featuring parents of children with autism, and the Second Annual Autism Awareness Informational Fair, which was hosted by Saratoga Bridges, the Parent Network of the Capital Region, and the Skidmore Psychology Department and presented by Wilcenski & Pleat, PLLC.

Ashley Reynolds '14 was named a 2013 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to fostering civic and social responsibility. Reynolds was among 180 students nationally to receive the award, which recognizes college students for their efforts to explore social issues and work toward positive change. Reynolds has helped at a number of agencies, including the Saratoga Center for the Family, the Center for Hope, Shelters of Saratoga, and has participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. In addition, Reynolds extended her work abroad to Thailand where she worked with the agency Grandma Cares.

Samuel Schultz '13 won the \$20,000 first prize in the third annual Kenneth A. Frierich Business Plan Competition. The competition funds students with winning business proposals to implement their plans. Schultz will start a business that helps parents in China connect with summer camps in the United States. His business, Summer Destinations, will be located in Beijing.

The semester in review: Sports

By Katie Peverada, Sports Editor

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

A review of this semester in sports.

Riding advances to IHSA nationals: With a second place finish at the Zone II championships, the Skidmore College riding team earned a return trip to the nationals, which will take place May 2-5 in Pennsylvania. Skidmore, who has won six IHSA national titles, finished first in seven consecutive shows to start the year.

Men's soccer team hires new coach: In January, after 13 years on the job, Ron McEachen announced he was retiring as the head coach of men's soccer. In March, the school named Jeremiah Kneeland as the new coach. Kneeland comes from Elmira College, where he was not only the head coach for six seasons, but also a 2005 graduate and three-year starter.

Women's tennis continues to be ranked among the best: Currently, the women's tennis team is ranked 19th in the NCAA Division III poll, up one spot from their previous spot at No. 20. The team held the No. 16 spot before dropping a match to No. 3 Williams. The team will travel to RIT May 3-5 to play in the Liberty League Championships before the NCAA Championships May 10 and 11.

Frederick selected for Allstate Women's Basketball Coaches Association Good Works Team: Logan Frederick '13, captain of this year's women's basketball team, was one of 10 women honored for her outstanding volunteerism and civic involvement within the Saratoga Springs community. She is a volunteer firefighter/EMT, a tutor, and President of the Newman Club, just to name a few activities. Frederick was honored at the Division I Women's Final Four in New Orleans, April 7-9.

Summer film preview

By Sean van der Heijden, Staff Writer

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

This summer is full of high-profile movies: Iron Man 3, Star Trek: Into Darkness, The Great Gatsby, Man of Steel, and World War Z included. But if I were to make a list of the top three films I'm most looking forward to this summer, none of those would be on there.

Here are the top three movies I'm most looking forward to over the summer - as obscure as they may be:

3. Elysium: dir. Neill Blomkamp, starring Matt Damon and Jodie Foster.

Elysium is definitely the most action-centered movie on this list. Nevertheless, I've heard it's even more riddled with political ideology than Blomkamp's breakout hit, District 9. You can check out the trailer online, but the concept looks intriguing: it is the year 2154, and the poor are left on earth to starve and fight, while the rich live on the eponymous space station. Elysium hits theaters on August 9.

2. Blue Jasmine: dir. Woody Allen, starring Cate Blanchett and just about everyone else ever.

Woody Allen is known for putting together high-profile casts, but this one - which, along with Blanchett, includes Alec Baldwin, Peter Sarsgaard, Sally Hawkins, Bobby Cannavale, Andrew Dice Clay, Louis C.K., and a bunch more - is just ridiculous. I've additionally heard rumors that it's one of Allen's best films in years, which means a lot considering how great *Midnight in Paris* was. Sony Pictures Classics has only released a short statement as to the film's synopsis, which is as follows: it is "the story of the final stages of an acute crisis and a life of a fashionable New York housewife." *Blue Jasmine* comes out on July 26.

1. The Bling Ring: dir. Sofia Coppola, starring Emma Watson, Leslie Mann, and Taissa Farmiga.

Sofia Coppola arguably hasn't had a great film since her Oscar-Winning *Lost in Translation* back in 2003, but this looks even better than that. Inspired by true events, it follows a group of teenagers who use social networking sites in order to find out where celebrities live and rob their homes. If that doesn't sound amazing, I don't know what does, and it's made even better by the fact that I remember hearing about this in the news. *The Bling Ring* comes out officially on June 14.

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This summer includes many high-profile films, but which ones will be the best?

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The harm in jumping to conclusions

By The Editorial Board

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

In a small community, good news travels fast, but bad news travels faster. On April 19, this newspaper reported that Skidmore senior Justin Tavaréz had been charged by the Saratoga Springs police department with grand larceny in the fourth degree and theft of service. It was later learned that a charge of witness tampering had also been added. Justin is the same student who, in 2010, pled guilty to misdemeanor assault.

Unfortunately, in a case like this, many community members who do not personally know Justin - nor the circumstance surrounding his arrest - have presumed his guilt, and now assume that his character is nothing more than the sum total of the crimes he has allegedly committed.

We find this to be saddening. In a community as small as ours, and in a community which purports and strives to value principles of justice and due process, we find it disheartening that Skidmore students have been so quick to assume Justin's guilt, and equally quick to ostracize. Regardless of his previous and alleged criminal activity, Justin is above all a Skidmore student, and no Skidmore student should have to walk on campus feeling marginalized or like the victim of prejudice. Justin's innocence or guilt ought to be determined in the fair courts of law, not the brutal court of public opinion, and until the legal system establishes beyond all reasonable doubt that Justin is guilty, he deserves the community's benefit of the doubt.

As students and members of the larger community, we understand the inclination towards judgment. Such judgments are naturally occurring and inevitable. They are an evil caused by our inability to know all things in all cases. Still, we seek to remind the student body that forming quick judgments - though effortless and often satisfying - neither aids in obtaining a deeper understanding of what has happened nor assists the individual in finding vindication in the public eye. Rather than enjoying the right to explain themselves and have his/her version of the story assessed on neutral grounds, the individual is confronted with preexisting bias. The individual is burdened not only with trying to convince others they are innocent but also just to get others to listen and consider their story objectively. Such a burden is tremendous, and tremendously unjust to impose.

We do not know whether Justin is guilty or innocent and the victim of an unusual and unfortunate series of circumstances. In a community that pioneers restorative justice, we must always assume the best in someone. The law will judge Justin Tavaréz. Condemning fellow students for alleged crimes is not our

prerogative, and as such, we must continue to treat him and those who have befallen a similar fate with the same humanity we award anyone else. We cannot accuse someone of violating Skidmore's values while infringing upon them ourselves.

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Men's soccer team investigation seems to finally come to a close

By Alex Hodor-Lee/Contributing Writer, Additional Reporting by Andrew Shi

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

What began as a very public lambasting for the Men's Soccer Team by the college's administration in late February and continued to be an ongoing investigation into the events of what is being labeled "rookie night," seems to finally have come to an end.

In his Feb. 21 email, addressed to all members of the Skidmore community, President Glotzbach described the events of Nov. 30 as a "team initiation," and "hazing and underage drinking."

While team initiation can be a benign activity, which the anti-hazing handbook of the NCAA - the governing body of college athletics - calls "elements of any culture," and "meaningful experiences in which no one becomes a victim," hazing has been taken very seriously by colleges after a string of recent hazing-related deaths.

Troubling to some student-athletes close to the situation was that the email - publicly rebuking the men's soccer team to an audience of their professors and peers - was sent at 6:38 p.m. that evening, a mere 23 minutes after the beginning of the team's meeting with the athletic department in which they first learned of the investigation.

"The athletic department gave us letters about possibly getting suspended. I was totally out of the loop; I had no idea," recalls one senior member of the men's soccer team.

Following the meeting, players received a letter from Donald Hastings, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. The letters ordered a time and a date for each player to individually meet with the Dean. One student-athlete said each individual was punished on the basis of a ten-minute discussion about their respective involvement in rookie night, adding, "I did get a little upset."

When asked, Hastings, due to confidentiality protocol, could not confirm the details of his meetings with students but said that, when meeting with students in similar circumstances, "the average meetings lasts no less than 30 minutes." Hastings also said that during these meetings, he always asks students for their story, and if a student denies certain charges, he takes that into consideration, and often gives them the benefit of the doubt. "If a student tells me they weren't drinking, I believe them," Hastings said.

In addition to canceling the team's spring season, the college administration also dispensed hefty athletic bans to players said to have been involved. Each member was sentenced to a four-match game ban for the upcoming fall season. The two captains, going into their junior and senior years this fall respectively, received nine-match game bans in addition to the forfeiture of their captaincy.

Furthermore, members of the team have received academic punishments for their involvement in "rookie night." Many upperclassmen received points on their student account as well as a fine-varying from 100 to several hundred dollars. First-years had a less severe \$25 fine, and at least one has enrolled in a mandatory alcohol education course. Every member of the team is now expected to write a letter of apology to the administration. Additionally, every player on the team was banned from competing in any sports season this semester.

All students are given the option of appeals, usually on the condition that the respondent felt the punishment was inappropriate for their action. At least three members of the soccer team who also compete for Skidmore's lacrosse team have had their bans lifted. Other members of the team are also in the process of appealing, although Hastings revealed that at this point in time all appeal processes were coming to a close.

Skidmore's "rookie night" has garnered some national attention, making headlines in the Wall Street Journal and the San Francisco Gate. The episode was also covered in Saratoga Springs' local newspaper, the Saratogian. When asked how the incident found its way into print, one reporter at the Saratogian replied that the newsroom "was sent a press release from the school."

"It caught my editor's eye. A small college in upstate New York? When do you ever hear of a non-violent hazing incident that didn't involve forced drinking?" said one representative of the Wall Street Journal.

At this time it's still unclear who the victims were on Nov. 30, or what prompted the investigation.

Five members of the men's soccer team opted not to partake in "rookie night". This leaves uncertain if rookie night was a hazing incident if members were not forced to participate in the "bonding experience," as one player called it.

With punishments being rescinded and Saratoga County District Attorney Jim Murphy opting not to pursue criminal charges, members of the men's soccer team said they were slowly winning vindication.

On March 23, members of the team (and at least one Skidmore student who is not on the team) received an e-mail from the Director of Campus Safety Dennis Conway indicating that their contact information had been passed along to Saratoga County Police investigators.

Some student-athletes said this e-mail was the conclusion to a four-month long investigation, and litigious battle with the college administration.

The carefully worded e-mail also stated, "[Campus Safety] will not assist in these interviews." Furthermore, Mr. Conway wrote, "This email is sent as a courtesy to you and in no way are we advocating that you agree to being interviewed by the police. That choice is yours," emphasizing the school's decreased role in the investigation.

Two days later, players received an email from Saratoga PD Investigator Glen Vidnansky. In his email Mr. Vidnansky wrote, "I am assigned to investigate the incident that involved the Men's Soccer Team and underage drinking."

As of late April, student-athletes on the men's soccer team have not been further questioned, and those who declined to respond or comment to Vindansky's email were not emailed again. It appears that the police investigation, too, has come to an end as well, with no charges being filed.

Campus Safety Report: April 12 to 18

On Fri, Apr 26, 2013

Incidents of Note:

- **Friday, April 12** -Theft of Services: Reporting person advises at 11:40 a.m. that a student was arrested for failing to pay for a cab fare last evening. Report issued. (http://www.skidmorenews.com/news/skidmore-student-charged-with-grand-larceny-1.3031875#.UXWfHo6D020).
- **Saturday, April 13** - Campus Safety Assist: Students reported at 12:45 a.m. throwing construction cones at vehicles at Thomas Terrace. Dispatched officers reported a search of the area with negative results. No permanent damage recorded.
- **Thursday, April 18** - Complaint: Concern reported at 3:08 p.m. with the Saratoga Springs Police Department arrest procedure of a student. Report issued.

Further Incidents:

Friday, April 12:

- College Violation: Extremely loud music reported at 1 a.m. coming from an adjacent room at Whitman Way. Officer dispatched reported that the resident lowered the volume upon request.
- College Violation: Loud noise reported at 1:10 a.m. coming from an adjacent room in Wait Hall. Officer dispatched reported that resident complied with the request to lower the volume. All guests departed for the evening.
- Medical Assistance: Reporting person with an injured right hand wrapped in ice requested the Skidmore College Emergency Medical System for evaluation at 1:20 a.m. The SCEMS was dispatched and treated the subject. Campus Safety officer transported the subject to the Saratoga Hospital Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Larceny: Subject reported at 11:23 a.m. that her backpack had just been stolen at the Williamson Sports Center. Dispatched officer issued a report. No known perpetrator at this time.
- Suspicious Activity: A suspicious male reported at 5:41 p.m. sitting in a parked truck in the North Hall parking lot. Officer dispatched located and identified the subject who presence on the campus was legitimate.

- Suspicious Activity: Subject reported at 7:39 p.m. that an unknown black male entered her unlocked room in Jonsson Tower and appeared to be under the influence. The man left abruptly with no further disturbance. Report issued.
- Medical: Assistance requested at 9:36 p.m. for a female who is ill in Jonsson Tower. Dispatched officers and notified the Skidmore College Emergency Medical System. Officer dispatched transported the subject to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Criminal Mischief: A hole reported at 10:39 p.m. in a wall of Wait Hall. Dispatched officer recorded the damage and issued a report. No known perpetrator.
- Campus Safety Assist: Two subject were reported at 11:40 p.m. attempting to go through the fence at the Scribner Village construction area. Dispatched officers were unable to locate the subject as they fled the area.
- Campus Safety Assist: A lot of subjects reported at 11:47 p.m. walking to an off-campus party via Clinton Street. Officers reported that they have monitored the area. Students returned safely.

Saturday, April 13:

- College Violation: A possible party reported at 12:18 a.m. in the Pine Apartments. Dispatched officers spoke with several residents who complied with the request to lower the volume. A second call was received at 1:15 a.m. Dispatched officers reported an unregistered party, games of mass consumption and contraband confiscated. Report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 12:41 a.m. at Whitman Way. Dispatched students complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Medical: A male reported at 3:34 p.m. having difficulty breathing due to an injury suffered while in a performance at the Dance theater. Advised the Skidmore Emergency Medical System. Report issued.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 3:42 p.m. at Moore Way. Officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department dispatched. Activation was due to burned food. Report issued.
- Suspicious Activity: A suspiciously-acting male reported at 3:46 p.m. on the third floor of the Sasselin Art building. Officer dispatched reported that the subject was gone on arrival.
- Medical: Skidmore College Student Emergency Medical System reported at 11:02 p.m. that a female student was possibly in need of medical assistance in the Spa. Officers dispatched. At 11:23 p.m. the subject was transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.

Sunday, April 14:

- College Violation: An officer requested to speak with residents at 12:56 a.m. concerning excessive noise at Cane Crossing. Officers spoke with the residents who agreed to lower their volume.
- Campus Safety Assist: The Saratoga Springs Police Department requested officer assistance at 1:06 a.m. with two intoxicated subjects located downtown. Officer provided assistance. Report issued.
- Intoxicated Subject: Officer requested at 1:43 a.m. to respond to an intoxicated female in Wilmarth Hall. Dispatched officers requested the Skidmore Emergency Medical System and an ambulance. Subject was transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Intoxicated Subject: An unconscious female reported at 2:56 a.m. in the ladies bathroom in Case Center. Dispatched officers requested the Skidmore Emergency Medical System and an ambulance. subject was transported to the Emergency Room. Report issued.
- Moving Violations: Officers reported observing a black sedan at 12:27 a.m. driving recklessly on Perimeter Road. Vehicle was identified and ticket issued. Report issued.
- Parking: Officer reported booting a vehicle at 8:54 a.m. in West Lot for parking violations and driving recklessly. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 5:17 p.m. to the Emergency Room for a male student. Officer dispatched provided the transport. Report issued.
- Medical: A student reported that his roommate had cut her finger at 8:41 p.m. in the Bridgman Apartments and requested medical assistance. Officers and the Skidmore Emergency Medical System dispatched. Subject received medical treatment from the Skidmore Emergency Medical System. Report issued.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 10:27 p.m. in Wait Hall. Officers dispatched reported that residents complied with the request to lower the volume.
- Criminal Mischief: Officer reported a fist-sized hole at 10:46 p.m. in the lobby wall of Wait Hall. Damage recorded and report issued. No known perpetrator at this time.

Monday, April 15:

- Criminal Mischief: A 'Do Not Enter' sign reported at 6:16 a.m. pulled out of the ground near 5 Dayton Drive. Grounds notified for a replacement. Report issued.
- Criminal Mischief: A hole reported at 9:13 a.m. in the wall on the second floor of Penfield Hall. No known perpetrator at this time. Dispatched officer issued a report and recorded the damage.
- Campus Safety Assist: Assistance requested by a parent at 11:30 a.m. in contacting her daughter at Whitman Way. Officer provided assistance. Report issued.

- Parking: Student's vehicle booted at 3:15 p.m. at the Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater for excessive tickets. Report issued.
- Parking: Vehicle towed at 3:15 p.m. near the Sasselin Art building for excessive tickets and for parking in a handicapped spot. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Person in Campus Safety office at 12:40 p.m. from Whitman Way to be fingerprinted for a state certification in teaching. Service provided.
- Campus Safety Assist: Person in Campus Safety office at 12:45 p.m. from Moore Way to be fingerprinted for a state certification in teaching. Service provided.
- College Violation: Loud guitar playing reported at 11:19 p.m. at Cane Crossing. Dispatched officers reported checking the area and finding the subject gone on arrival.

Tuesday, April 16:

- College Violation: Loud music reported at 1:03 a.m. coming from the first floor of Wiecking Hall. Officers dispatched and residents lowered the volume upon request.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 6:06 a.m. to the Emergency Room. Officer completed the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transport requested at 2:06 p.m. to the Health Services office from Palamountain Hall. Transport completed. Report issued.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 10:21 p.m. at the Hillside Apartments. Officers and maintenance dispatched. Saratoga Springs Fire Department advised. Activation was due to a cooking error. Report issued.

Wednesday, April 17:

- College Violation: Loud noises reported at 1:25 a.m. coming from the volley ball court in Northwoods. Officer checked the area with negative results.
- Parking: Officer reported booting a vehicle at 10:45 a.m. in the Arts Quad B lot as it is unregistered with the College and has received nine previous violations. Report issued.
- Accident: Reporting person stated at 11:05 a.m. that someone had scratched his car while it was parked in the Palamountain parking lot. The subject refused police involvement at this time. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Person in Campus Safety office at 12:45 p.m. from Moore Way to be fingerprinted for a state certification in teaching. Service provided.
- College Violation: Loud guitar playing reported at 11:19 p.m. at Cane Crossing. Dispatched officers reported checking the area and finding the subject gone on arrival.

- Larceny: Person reported at 5 p.m. that her iPad Mini was taken from a hallway in the Dance Theater. Report issued. Police involvement was declined at this time.
- Campus Safety Assist: An officer requested at 5 p.m. to conduct a welfare check on a student in McClellan Hall. Dispatched officer located the subject. Report issued.
- Larceny: Person reported at 6:30 p.m. that his Facilities portable radio was taken from the first floor hallway of Howe Hall. No known perpetrators. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: A 911 call reported at 9:36 p.m. with an open line in Kimball Hall. Officer called the number and ascertained that all was okay and that the call was made in error. Report issued.
- Fire Alarm: Fire alarm activation received at 10:32 p.m. at Cane Crossing. Dispatched all officers, maintenance and the Saratoga Springs Fire Department advised. Activation was due to burned food. Report issued.

Thursday, April 18:

- Suspicious Odor: A strong odor of incense reported at 2:20 a.m. burning in a dorm room in Wait Hall. Officers dispatched reported that several rooms were interviewed but the source could not be located.
- Parking: Officer reported a vehicle booted at 4 a.m. in the Jonsson Tower lot for excessive tickets. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transportation requested at 9:19 a.m. from Health Services to Wilton Medical. Dispatched officer completed the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: Transportation requested at 9:38 a.m. for medical assistance. Officer dispatched completed the transport. Report issued.
- Campus Safety Assist: The Saratoga Springs Police Department informed Campus Safety and College officials at 2:49 p.m. of information regarding an arrest warrant for a student. Report issued.
- College Violation: A noise complaint received at 10:14 p.m. in Wiecking Hall. Dispatched officer reported no problems upon arrival. Students stated that they were watching the game and apologized for getting that loud.
- College Violation: Excessive noise reported at 10:45 p.m. in Howe Hall. Dispatched officer reported speaking with a few residents and requested that the music levels be turned down.
- College Violation: A noise complaint reported at 11:09 p.m. for the first floor of Wilmarth Hall. Dispatched officers reported that the subject complied with the request to lower the volume.

Philosophical perspectives of autism spectrum disorders

By Kate Butler, Contributing Writer

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April is Autism Awareness Month.

Philosophy professor Susan Parillo introduced Skidmore's series of events and lectures to raise awareness on April 9 with a discussion of philosophical views on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). As a philosopher, Professor Parillo claimed to be "better at asking questions than answering them," and chose to approach issues surrounding ASD from a different perspective than a traditional scientific and psychological viewpoint. She is concerned with the validity of the scientific approach to autism and its explanatory power, and seeks to evaluate the ethics of how to address ASD and approach the issue "from the perspective of what is owed" to those with disabilities.

Parillo's research focuses on Theory of Mind philosophy, which helps to explain the reasons why those on the spectrum have the issues and behaviors characteristic of the disorder. Theory of Mind is a mental concept that enables a person to understand that others think differently, or as Ms. Parillo put it, to "read others' minds." It's necessary for normal social interaction, for imagination, even for successful lying and pretense. Those with ASD lack these abilities in varying degrees, which impairs their social skills.

Core social deficits differ in severity depending on a person's place on the autism spectrum. Currently, there are five diagnoses grouped under the umbrella term of Autism Spectrum Disorder, but in the new edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-V) to be released in May, the diagnostic criteria will change. Separate diagnoses, including Asperger's, will no longer exist, replaced instead with the blanket term Autism Spectrum Disorder. A doctor will have to determine the severity of someone's condition and what services he or she requires and receives. Parillo fears that without the Asperger's diagnosis, people with the disorder will "fall through the cracks," and not receive adequate support due to their relatively mild impairments. Some people with Asperger's also fear losing a sense of community and identity associated with the diagnostic term.

In the final part of her discussion, Parillo focused on the fundamental question: should Autism be cured or embraced? This quandary forms the foundation of debate within the ASD community, and has the potential to affect peoples' lives and futures. Viewpoints on this issue differ greatly. Some large organizations are committed to completely curing and preventing the disorder while other groups, like

Aspies for Freedom, claim that Asperger's is not a disorder but an alternative wiring of the brain, and oppose any attempts at "normalization."

The crux of the issue, and the heart of Parillo's talk, centers on the important connection between a person's identity and the disorder. For many individuals with Asperger's and higher functioning autism, and for their friends and parents, the idea of eliminating the disorder amounts to eliminating who they are. Since this disorder can be such an integral part of someone's identity, many don't consider it impairing. Ms. Parillo raised the question whether these people, like her own friend with ASD, Katie, would want to be cured.

Parillo admitted, "I ache for Katie," but knows Katie does not view her traits as a disorder and does not suffer from the social anxieties that others do. Parillo contrasted to Katie's happiness her own weaknesses and social anxieties, exclaiming, "I spin my wheels all day long - who's disabled, who's broken?"

Although those on the spectrum who are higher functioning could be harmed by a "cure-all" mindset, Parillo acknowledged that there are still others on the low functioning end who do suffer from more severe impairments and emphasized that society has an ethical responsibility to embrace efforts to help them. The obligations of improving peoples' quality of life and helping them to reach their fullest potential necessitate research into interventions, support, and, perhaps, even "cures" to offer them the best chance to flourish.

Parillo asserted that the issue isn't whether or not to cure autism. Rather, it is how to provide the best help and support by evaluating each person's needs on a case-by-case basis instead of a "cure-all" approach.

We're talking about people, said Ms. Parillo. "Remember that everyone is an individual. We need to embrace each other as human beings; we're all just people."

A Hazer's Handbook

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If you're on a sports team and you're thinking of giving your newcomers a harmless paddle in the rear (or a *Coors Light*), read on, as I tell you how to avoid the repercussions.

Let's face it: no one's perfect. So if some Johnny Freshman's mom calls the school to complain, go operation DTYD (deny til you die).

FYI: the nomenclature varies culturally, in some cultures it's known as *The Shaggy, It Wasn't Me* strategy (just in case you're abroad when the athletic dept. sends you an email implicating you).

Next, you're going to be called into Don Hastings' office. If your dad isn't a member of Seal Team Six and can't Zero Dark your ass, don't make the Blake Mistake or the Ringler Regret: admitting guilt and giving a play-by-play of what happened.

Remember: we're still denying.

So, when an avuncular Don Hastings tells you that he has footage of you hazing people, don't give in. He's lying. Yes, lying.

As any good criminologist (or anyone who's ever watched an episode of *Law and Order*, ever) will tell you: they're going to try to turn you guys against each other. Don't give in.

After you tell him that it's disrespectful to call this minor *thing* a "hazing incident," remind him that you maintain your innocence and that the Theater Department hazes all the time anyway. Or just tell him to bring it up at President Glotzbach's next Fireside Chat.

BUTTT, if they do have iPhone footage (or a blurry Instagram photo) of you giving some freshman a wine cooler, do what every man left standing in a mob movie does: make a deal and rat out everyone else.

Or, jump ship to the tennis team.

After joining the tennis team and engaging in your own consequence-less hazing scandal, you'll be on TV (hi mom!) admonishing other sports teams for THEIR hazing scandals.