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Prom

By: James Tomlin

This year's Prom, Poseidon's Paradise, was a huge success. Prom was held at the Newport Aquarium in Newport on the Levee. Throughout Prom people were walking around looking at various fish, sharks, and jellyfish. A popular attraction at Prom was the shark-petting display where students would be able to pet various sharks. Another popular attraction was the penguins. The cute little penguins were having a great time in their huge tank as they swam, waddled, and jumped around. However, the most popular attraction was MIGHTY MIKE! Mighty Mike was the huge 14-foot 800-pound alligator who was caught in Florida. People flocked to Mighty Mike as he just chilled in his massive tank.

While some people were roaming around the aquarium, most people were getting jiggy with it on the dance floor. The music was great and everyone was having a good time dancing to songs like, "Pop Lock and Drop it," "Teach Me How to Dougie," and "Time of my Life." Some notable dancers this Prom were, Jake Lankheit (as always), Drew Bamberger, Nick Thelen, and Gabe "McGuffie" Gray. In the middle of all of the dancing, Mr. Flesch came over the speakers and said it was time to announce the Prom King. Everyone made a lane for the candidates to walk through and in the end, THE Clay Heidrich won Prom King as Michael Best and Drew Bamberger tied for second. The last dance was rather romantic as almost every single couple except a few danced. After the fun-filled Prom was complete, the party was taken to Town and Country Sports Complex where the party was continued.

All in all Prom was a memorable night and everyone had a great time. Everyone was safe and I'm sure this Prom was one of the most memorable nights in the Seniors' careers here at Cov Cath.



Eddie Sketch flamboyantly sneaks off to the Amazon Room.

Photo by Prestige

After Prom

By: Michael Best

On Saturday, April 21st, Covington Catholic juniors, seniors, and their dates enjoyed a fun-filled night at Poseidon's Paradise, the Newport Aquarium. The students were able to walk around the entire aquarium observing animals such as the 15 foot, 800 pound alligator called Mighty Mike or go to the shark tank and get the chance to pet live sharks.

If the students wanted to show off their dance skills they were able to go up to the dance that overlooked the river and the city of Cincinnati. At the end of the night everyone got together to see who would be crowned the Prom King and Queen. Every candidate was called up to the front of the dance floor and Grant Guess would read off the winner. With everyone dying of anticipation, Grant announced that Clay Heidrich was the prom king.

After the dance, most of the students went to the Town and Country Sports Complex for the after prom. There they were treated with a wide variety of food and drinks including Skyline Chili, Chipotle, pizza, fruit, and many different kinds of cookies. Students were also given the opportunity to play soccer and basketball, race horses, dance on the Wii, watch the hypnotist hypnotize people, or simply just hang out and relax with their friends.

Every Cov Cath student who attended was able to draw a prize out of a box when they arrived. Prizes included a try in the money machine, gift cards for gas or various restaurants, a voucher for a physical prize that they could pick up at the end of the night, or a few bars of candy. Thomas Batts scored big, winning a 24-inch plasma screen TV. Luke Roberts won two diamond seat tickets to a Reds game against the Astros on April 29th. Bradley Way received a brand new Apple iPad 3.

A big thanks goes to the teachers who chaperoned the prom and after prom and to all the parents who helped make this year's After Prom a huge success!



Eric Torres puts up his best moves for his final Prom.

Photo by Prestige Photography

21 Jump Street

By: Chase Zimmer

“It might just be funnier than *Step Brothers* and the *Hangover* combined.” That is a pretty big statement coming out of Sean Kiely’s mouth, but could it be true? *21 Jump Street* is a highly rated comedy with an action twist to it. Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill play roles as two total opposites. The two make it out of high school and through the police academy by helping each other with their weaknesses every step of the way. They become best friends and swear loyalty to one another as partners in the forces. The team is sent on a special assignment, “21 Jump Street.” It is an undercover mission to root out the dealers and suppliers of a new drug in the community. The twist, they have to go back to high school.

Many challenges get thrown their way including a complete role switch. The big burly jock is challenged to do well in school while the computer nerd geek has no choice but to become one of the “popular kids.” This comedy and thriller leads to a final chase with a hilarious ending that you will not soon forget. *21 Jump Street* is a great film if you are really in the mood for a good laugh.



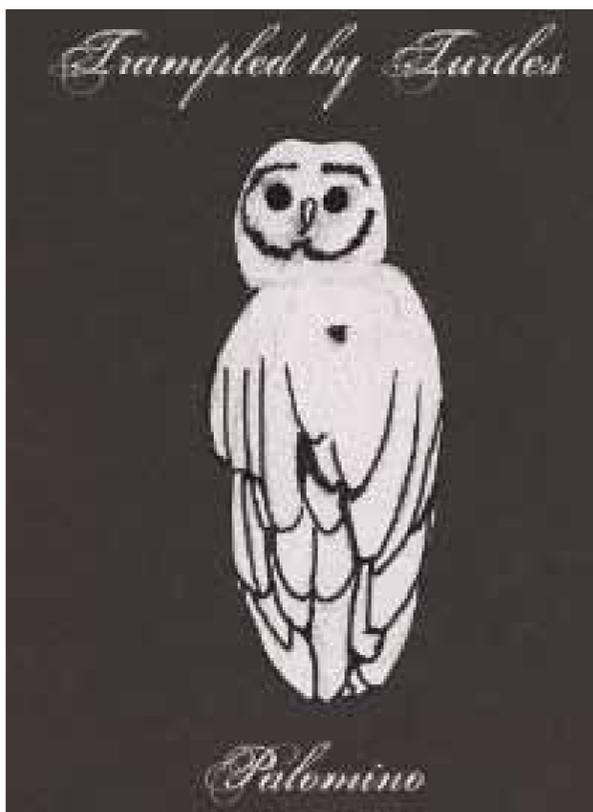
Beauty and the Beast 3-D

By: Brady Reese

Beauty and the Beast returned to theatres on January 13th, 2012 introducing a whole new generation to the Disney classic with stunning 3-D imagery. Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise were the directors of this outstanding film. Paige O’Hara was the voice of Belle and Robby Benson was the voice of the Beast.

The film captures the fantastic journey of Belle, a bright and beautiful young woman who’s taken prisoner by a hideous beast in his castle. Despite her precarious situation, Belle befriends the castle’s enchanted staff—a teapot, a candelabra and a mantel clock, among others—and ultimately learns to see beneath the Beast’s exterior to discover the heart and soul of a prince.

This 1 hour and 24 minute film has made a domestic total of \$47,559,834. The overall rating by credits on *Beauty and the Beast* was a 92. The film received a standing ovation during its premiere at a New York Film Festival. *Beauty and the Beast* is a Disney classic that has only improved with its 3-D imagery.



Trampled by...Turtles?

By: Bryan Metzger

Despite their unorthodox name, Trampled by Turtles, an American indie folk band from Duluth, Minnesota, plays quite the quality music. They may have been making music since 2004, but have only recently come into the spotlight in indie music. Featuring instruments like a guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, and double bass, Trampled by Turtles bring back a classic bluegrass folk sound to contemporary music.

Their most recent album, *Palomino*, was released in 2010. This album includes a wide variety of bluegrass music, from their most popular track, *Wait So Long*, reached #1 on the U.S. Bluegrass Charts. It features a nice mix of rural vocals and smooth instrumental tracks.

Truthfully, all of their albums are perfect to just play on a rainy day and lounge around. Don’t be fooled by the name, and be sure to check our Trampled by Turtles next time you’re browsing around YouTube.

The Best Italian

By: Ian Dollenmayer



The Restaurant Tour’s jurisdiction is normally confined to the Greater Cincinnati Area, but my spring break trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, (and the meal I had there) has led me to bend the rules a little bit for this installment.

My parents and I have gone to Gatlinburg about once per year since the day I was born. We know the area like the back of our hands and can practically navigate it as easily as Northern Kentucky. Several years ago, we boarded the hotel elevator with a woman and her son. She sheepishly smiled and said, “I’m sorry if we smell like garlic. We just had the *best* pizza!” We asked her where, and she told us about The Best Italian in Elks Plaza. Although the narcissistic name threw us off a bit, we took her advice.

That night, we went there for pizza. We were astounded by how aptly the restaurant was named. Our large pizza was about twenty inches across, and every square centimeter was packed with flavor. The crust was a perfect compromise between thin and thick. The sauce was exquisite, and the sausage was freshly cut from the roll. It truly was the best pizza I had ever tasted. Therefore, we returned the next night and ordered regular entrees. Their stuffed shells were enormous, fist-sized noodles surrounding a warm bundle of ricotta cheese and topped with thick marinara sauce.

A special note must be made about their garlic rolls, as I have never encountered rolls like them at any other venue. The rolls are served warm, with copious butter dripping from them. The garlic is not a powder or a flavoring. It is freshly minced and heaped upon the rolls. I actually have to knock some of it off to be able to eat them, similar to getting rid of excess salt from a ballpark pretzel. I mean this in the most admirable of ways, for these rolls are the most amazing Italian appetizer I know of.

Since that fateful night of direction from a woman who may have been a kind lady, or perhaps an angel prodding us toward our beautiful destiny of Italian provisions, my family has always eaten at The Best Italian when we journey to Gatlinburg. I now implore you, the reader, to do the same. When in Gatlinburg, eat at The Best Italian in Elks Plaza, towards the end of the strip. I ensure you that you will not be disappointed. It isn’t called the “best” for nothing.

To the Stocks

By: Alex Flynn

Everyone knows that our economy is not the best thing happening in America these days. In May of 2008, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed slightly above 13,000. Little did anyone know that it would take nearly four years for this feat to occur again.

On February 21, the DOW rose above 13,000 since America fell into its recession. It peaked up above the mark a couple of times before closing in the 12,900's. Another milestone was reached on February 28, 2012, when the DOW closed at 13,005.12. According to cincinnati.com, the gain of one Johnson & Johnson stock is what pushed it over the mark as the market closed.

This number implies that America's economy has regained its footing and is returning to a stable financial state. Americans are starting to believe in their economy again. Researchers were worried about a "double-dip" recession. This means that after we regain our previous status, the stock market would take another nose-dive into another recession. Now, they have trashed this conclusion and believe the prosperity is here to stay.

The Great Recession official began in December of 2007. Two months earlier, the DOW had an all-time high, and the February 28th closing was only 1,160 points away from that record. As the market stabilizes, researchers are hoping that more investors find confidence in the market and begin to reinvest.

Along with the steady improvement in the stock market, unemployment has lowered in the past five consecutive months, which is a record high since 1994.

America is beginning to reclaim its position as an economic powerhouse in the world. With continued success, we will have a prospering economy once again. Shout-out to the buyer of the one Johnson & Johnson stock!

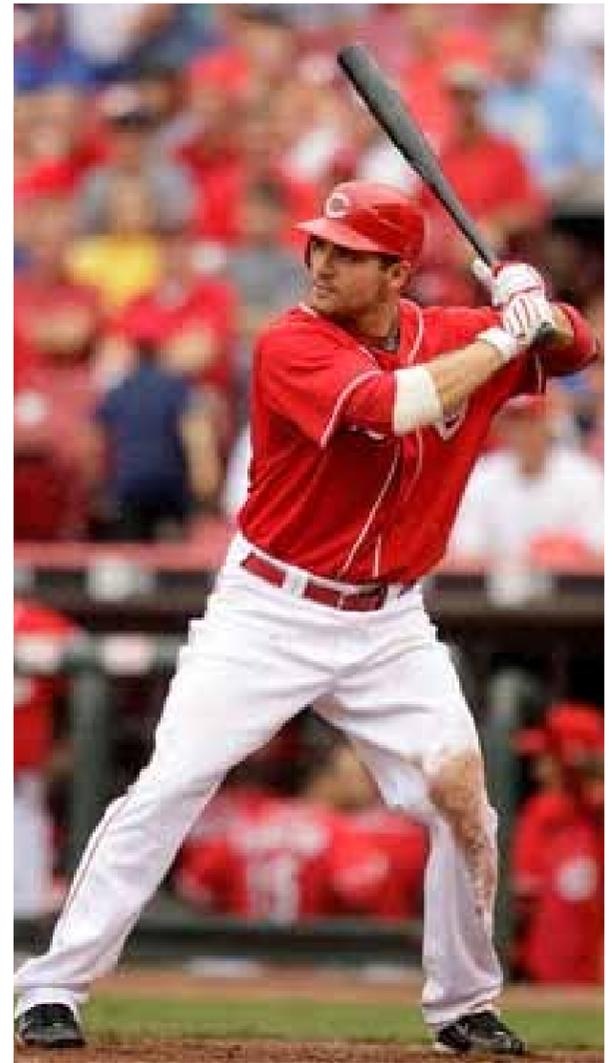
Williams Brothers Remembered with Scholarship

By: Michael Helton

The Kenny and Brian Williams College Scholarship is one of the most prestigious awards that a young man may receive at Covington Catholic. Both of these men are members of the Colonel family. Unfortunately, Kenny passed away in 1994 after falling from a Cincinnati skywalk, and his brother Brian was a victim in the September 11, 1 attacks on the World Trade Center. A scholarship was set up in their names that is intended to assist a senior who struggles financially, just as the Williams brothers did.

The scholarship's description reads, "The criteria for this scholarship award is that the senior, while at Covington Catholic, must be involved at the school; have a financial need for college and demonstrate during high school that they are an intelligent, hard working young man with good values and leadership skills. Both Kenny and Brian struggled financially all four years in college but their freshman year was the most difficult. After their freshman year they found a way, with a little help from their parents, to finance their college education. Since we wish to award this scholarship to a young man with similar characteristics to Kenny and Brian, we believe that the recipient will also "find a way" to finance his upper class years."

This year, the scholarship was awarded to senior Drew Bamberger. Drew is a charismatic young man who fits the requirements to a tee. He has been a participant in a variety of activities at the school, from football, to Philanthropy Club. The \$5,000 that he was awarded will go to benefit him in his post-secondary education at Northern Kentucky University.



Joey Votto winds up for the hit.

The Cincinnati Reds Get Things Started

By: Sean Kiely

On Thursday April 5, the Cincinnati Reds started their season and campaign for another run after a disappointing 2011 season. The Reds made some key offseason acquisition in acquiring Mat Latos from the San Diego Padres, Sean Marshall from Chicago Cubs, and Ryan Ludwick from San Diego, as well. They also signed their key players, Joey Votto and Brandon Phillips, to long term deals, especially Votto. Votto was signed to an unprecedented twelve year contract that was worth \$225 million, as Phillips signed a six year deal. All these acquisitions and signings contributed to many analysts that predicted the Reds to win the National League Central Division.

As of Sunday April 30, the Redlegs had posted a .500% record, going a descent 11-11. The Reds got off to a rough start, going 4-8 to start their 2012 season. Their batting was a key part of their struggle as Scott Rolen, Ryan Ludwick, and Drew Stubbs have all been batting under .250. As a team, they were 19th in runs scored, 21st in batting average, 18th in on base percentage, and 19th in slugging percentage. Even with all these struggles, there have definitely been a couple bright spots in Jay Bruce and Johnny Cueto. Bruce has a .296 average, seven homeruns, seventeen RBIs, fourteen runs, and a .954 OPS, all leading the Reds. Cueto is 3-0 with a 1.39 ERA, twenty-two strikeouts, and a 1.05 WHIP, all leading the Reds.

Even with all their struggles, the Reds are still in 2nd place in the Central and only three games back of the Cardinals with an 11-11 record. Hopefully they will get out of their slump and get back to their winning ways.



Photo by Sue Finke

Drew Bamberger, flanked by his mother and father, accepts his award with a smile. What a surprise.

Honoring the Great Eras of Baseball

By: Jacob Lange

As the Major League Baseball season kicks off the city of Cincinnati has a lot to be excited about for this year's Reds Team. With Joey Votto signing a 12-year \$250 million dollar contract, Jay Bruce and Brandon Phillips signed on for the next six years the Reds have proven to the MLB and to the Cincinnati area that they are ready to contend for many years to come. All the excitement for the Reds on the field has overshadowed the exciting new exhibits and tours going on at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum.

This year the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum will finally be honoring the franchise's most successful era and team, the "Big Red Machine" of the 1970s. Many people in baseball consider the "Big Red Machine" to be the best in baseball history with their combination of powerful offense, stellar defense and effective pitching which helped them to win 953 games, six division titles, four National League Pennants, and two World Series Championships. This new exhibit brings this era in Reds' history back to life like never before with its rare artifacts, stories, and amazing visuals.

Game jerseys and bats from the 1975 World Series team, many World Series rings, George Foster's 50th homerun ball, the 1976 World Series trophy, and Joe Morgan's Golden Glove Award are just a few of the amazing artifacts that are on display at the new Big Red Machine exhibit. This exhibit is a "can't-miss" for any baseball fan, both young and old. Along with this exhibit the museum will be honoring one of the franchises best players, Barry Larkin. This new exhibit takes fans through the life and historic career of the Cincinnati area native. The exhibit features many artifacts and images of Larkin's Hall of Fame career, and is a tribute to one of the greatest Reds player in the team's long prestigious history.

Starting on May 12th the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum begins its series of tours of the historic Crosley Field site in honor of the park's 100th anniversary in 1912, and the 40th anniversary of its demolition in 1972. These tours give Reds fans a chance to re-live the Crosley era by walking through the ballpark site, which has remained mainly unchanged since the park's last game was played there 40 years ago. Many Reds greats from the Crosley era will be on site throughout the days of these tours to meet fans, tell stories, and sign autographs for fans.

With all these amazing exhibits and tours going on at the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum it is hard not to be excited for the Reds 2012 season. All the exciting action that will take place on the field will be matched by all the new tours and exhibits. Fans, both young and old, will be able to come together and celebrate the great history of the Cincinnati Reds through these fascinating exhibits and tours which will be available to fans throughout the entire 2012 season. With such wonderful prospects both on and off the field, summer cannot come fast enough to Cincinnati.

Editorial – Right to a Fair Trial

By: Joey Drees

Ever since it occurred on February 26th, the story of the shooting of Trayvon Martin has swept across the nation. People have many different opinions about what should happen to George Zimmerman, the man who shot and killed Martin. Zimmerman has said that it was a case of self defense; Martin was attacking him and he was scared for his life. The majority of people, however, believe otherwise. They believe it was a murder and an act of racism and that Zimmerman should be arrested for what he did. One thing is certain: it will be difficult to find many Americans who do not already have a strong opinion on the shooting that could serve as a jury.

One of the things America prides itself on is the right to a fair trial, which is contained in the sixth amendment. It states that *"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense."*

Whether he is guilty or not, George Zimmerman, as a citizen of the United States of America, deserves the right to a fair trial where the jury is not already biased against him. At this point, the media has painted a picture of a murderer that got away unscathed. They have manipulated different aspects of the shooting that make Zimmerman out to be a ruthless murderer, when realistically, nobody knows exactly what happened. In all the news stories on the shooting, the media makes sure to mention that the only thing that Trayvon Martin was carrying at the time was bottle of tea and a bag of skittles and that Zimmerman was following him even after he was told not to by the police. While these are confirmed facts on the case, there are other aspects that the media has not told that could swing the general public's opinion in the other way.

The "evidence" that has been provided certainly stacks up against Zimmerman. In his 911 call, Zimmerman describes Martin as "suspicious" because he is walking around in the rain. In reality, Martin was walking home from a 7-Eleven store and was wearing a hoodie because of the rain. This raises suspicion that Zimmerman thought he was suspicious because Martin was black, which makes it appear that the shooting may have had racist intentions. Another point is that Trayvon Martin was unarmed; he only had tea and skittles. He was also on the phone with his girlfriend moments before his death, telling her that he was being followed and that he was not sure why.

Even though much of the "facts" from the death of Trayvon Martin point towards George Zimmerman as being a murderer, he must be given a fair trial with an unbiased jury. The selection process to find enough people that do not already have a strong opinion on the case to make up a jury will be extremely difficult because so many people already believe that he is guilty. People need to look past the hype of the media and realize that as an American, he has the same rights as they do. It is essential that Americans realize that George Zimmerman is innocent until proven guilty.



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Recognition for Extracurricular Work

By: Brady Reese



Mr. Flesch commends the four Student Senate Executive Officers: Ian Dollenmayer, Eric Torres, Grant Guess, and Bryan Metzger.

The 2012 Activities Assembly was held on April 26th, 2012. Many Covington Catholic students received awards at this assembly. Mr. Balskus and Mr. Hartman handed out awards to the freshman, J.V., and varsity academic teams.

The CCH band was recognized for their outstanding performances at sporting events and their concerts. Casey Moore received the John Philip Sousa Award. Jim Nutter was recognized for his dedication to the band and for being a four year member.

Mr. Snyder gladly passed out 26 community service awards for students completing over 40 hours of service in six different events. All 26 awards were received by seniors.

The four Student Senate officers were given a small plaque for their hard work and dedication to better our school. They were President- Grant Guess, Vice President- Bryan Metzger, Secretary- Eric Torres, and Treasurer- Ian Dollenmeyer.

There were 19 members who received Art Club awards for either being in

Art Club for four years or for taking art for four years. All awards were passed out by Covington Catholic legend Mr. Haders.

There were two varsity teams apart of the TEAMS competition. The M.V.P. of the competition for the Colonels was Jim Nutter.

The B.U.G. Club members were Ian Dollenmeyer, Tyler Hoefinghoff, Paul Kleier, and a special award was given to Dominic Michaels for his outstanding dedication to the protection and health of all the animals.

The English awards were passed out by Ms. Ruth, Ms. Shepard, and Ms. Mosko. A special thanks goes out to Matthew Rolf and Eric Schneider for their creativeness in the Quill and Scroll Society. Daman Clemmons received an award for being the three year president of the Photography Club.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards for their outstanding achievements throughout this school year. Thank you to those who came out and supported the assembly. This day exemplifies what it means to be a true Colonel.

Spring Break

By: Eric Torres

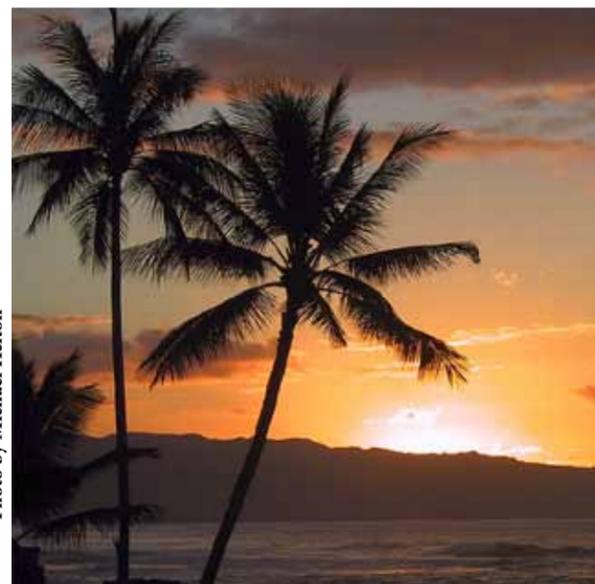


Photo by Michael Helton

Spring Break--The Patron Saint of estranged students across America. The Cov-Cath class of 2012 had to be pried away from their studies to be sure, but they did, after much coaxing from faculty and parents, high tail it out of Northern Kentucky.

A large group of Seniors from both Covington Catholic and Notre Dame Academy flew down to the tranquil beaches of Panama City, Florida, for a week of relaxation and fine eating. They definitely got their fair share of both, as well as some fantastic tan lines. Students did not have much to report after their beach stay; weather was mild, food was good, the hotel rooms posh and comfortable. Many read their summer reading books in their spare time and called their parents every morning to check in on their families at home.

Other seniors found solace in the Smoky Mountains of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, with breathtaking heights and rugged trails.

And the ones that could not make it out of the NKY for their spring break, they filled out scholarship forms, took long walks around their neighborhoods, and enjoyed some quality down time with their family and pets. Scott Monahan, Senior, was quoted saying, "I wouldn't have traded my week at home for anything. This was the best week of my life and I will cherish the memories I am left with."

Surgery Fieldtrip

By: Sean Kiely

A couple weeks ago, about sixty Anatomy students witnessed an eye-opening experience as they watched a real life surgery take place in the multi-purpose room. The surgery lasted only ninety minutes, but the students definitely enjoyed the once in a lifetime experience. The surgery was "given" to the Anatomy classes by Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. The patient was going through a quite complicated procedure, called a laminectomy. A laminectomy is a procedure in which the lamina is removed from the spine to relieve disk pressure.

One anatomy student, Bryan Metzger, said, "It was a great experience, and I enjoyed it very much." Overall, the surgery field trip was a success and hopefully will be a staple in the Anatomy class curriculum for years to come.

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Excellence in Athletics: The Art Club Olympics

By: Jacob Lange



Photo by Diane Ruth

Scamptown members Tim Connaughton and Austin Becknell with their captain, Kyle Kathman.

This year was the second year for the Art Club Olympics. Since this is an Art Club event, it wouldn't be the same without some of Mr. Haders' outrageous rules and events. This year's Olympics pits six "countries," all captained by seniors, and three other teammates against each other in a three day battle filled with numerous fun filled events done only the way Mr. Haders knows how.

On the first day the countries of Bitaly, captained by David Bitter, Conдона, captained by Jacob Condon, Masondonia, captained by Art Club President Nick Mason, Scamptown, captained by Kyle Kathman, Schmitzerland, captained by Joey Schmidt, and Tilfghanistan, captained by Alex Tilford, against each other in many events. Wii Bowling, Tissue Pull, Clock Watch, and a Balloon Tap were all of the events which took place on day one of the Olympics. Casey Stewart of Bitaly rolled the highest game with a 223. Matt Ellison pulled tissues the fastest with 23 tissues, Nick Thelen dominated the Balloon Tap with 23 taps, and Riley Kinsella was off by only 5 seconds for the clock watch where Mr. Haders set a clock to a time, ran down a line of Olympi-

ans who had to guess the time down to the second.

Day Two of the Olympics consisted of a lot of David Bitetr, who won two of the events for the day. Handsit was the day's first event, which was the Mr. Haders way of playing ping-pong. This was David Bitter's first individual win of the day when he dominated all of the competition. David continued his winning ways when he once again showed his dominance over his counterparts in the Home-run Derby competition, giving him his second win of the day, and his country of Bitaly a big lead in the standings. The last event of the day was the famous Easter Egg Hunt dominated by Tilfghanistan who found 76 eggs.

With one day of events left the second annual Art Club Olympics look like they will have a very exciting finish. Bitaly reigns as the top country with 346 points, but three other countries are within 100 points, setting the stage for a great finish. Tilfghanistan is the closest to Bitaly with 309 points, followed by Schitzerland with 267, and Masondonia with 267 points. All of these countries cannot wait for the last day of events, along with the closing ceremony and pizza party.

Philanthropy Club

By: Ian Dollenmayer

One of the more unseen extracurricular activities at Covington Catholic is the Philanthropy Club, though their work is some of the most important undertaken by the student body. It is the second year for this club, and it has only increased in size. As with last year, the club is granted \$1000 from an anonymous donor. It is the job of the students to decide where this money will ultimately be donated.

Breaking into groups of twos and threes, the Colonel philanthropists began their mission of charity selection in mid-November. There were almost two months of simple research, looking at websites and reading brochures, with the intent of narrowing down the list of possible grant recipients. At the beginning of second semester, students sent official requests for information from select charities. Upon receiving this, the students then took the next step and visited their prospective organizations. This gave them first-hand knowledge of their charitable organization.

With all of their information collected and organized, the club met on April 23, 2012, to present their charities and vote on the one that would receive the money. After several presentations, Grant Guess and Evan Harmeling won the day, successfully convincing the club to donate \$1000 to Young Life Capernaum. Capernaum is a center that reaches out to adolescents with mental and physical disabilities. Giving a grant to such a wonderful organization is a perfect example of the true spirit that will not die.

After an award banquet on May 8, this year's philanthropy work will be finished, but the continuation of this club's breadth of effect will continue next year and the years to come. If you are interested in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and being a true Colonel, the Philanthropy Club is something you should invest your time in.



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Young Life Capernaum representative addresses the club before their vote on the funds.

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Creativity at the Coffeehouse

By: Paul Kleier



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Adam Mardis reads a poem written for his gal.

For several years, the National English Honor Society has entertained the Colonel community with the Coffeehouse. This annual presentation of several aspects of the school's talent is always a fun time for all who attend, and it is looked forward to by students and faculty the whole year.

This year the crowd was larger and the event better than any previous year. Stellar performances were given by such talented individuals as Eric Torres, Adam Mardis, Ian Dollenmayer, Norb Wessels and Eric Zimmer, Austin Becknell and Tom Ryan, the Chamber Choir, Joe Robinson, Ben Maile, Charlie Mader, and Mrs. Jones' granddaughter. Poems were read, songs were sung, skits were performed, and a good time was had by all. The onlookers were well fed with delicacies of great renown and tastiness as well as entertained to their hearts content.

The NEHS is proud every year to put on the Coffeehouse. Each year the event grows progressively bigger and better and more well attended. The amount of talent at this school has only just been tapped with this event and it is with great excitement that the NEHS looks forward to future years of Coffeehouse events.

Culture Club

By: Joey Drees

The Culture Club is one of the newest clubs at Cov Cath, but several trips have already shown that this will be an exciting club that will be popular among the student body in the future. The latest among their trips was the visit to the Pompeii exhibit, titled "A Day in Pompeii," on Wednesday, April 18th. The exhibit was held at the Cincinnati Museum Center at the Union Terminal, followed by delicious ice cream treats and some Italian meals for dinner.

Pompeii was a Roman city that was struck by a catastrophic volcanic eruption in 79 AD. Much of the city, including the citizens, was left the exact way that it was during the disaster. This exhibit features many artifacts, including sculptures, jewelry, coins, and even the body casts of the victims. It is the first time that these sorts of artifacts from Pompeii have come to this area. The members of the Culture Club enjoyed seeing a glimpse into the past with these rare artifacts. After going through the exhibit, the students vis-

ited the Rockwood Ice Cream Parlor in the Union Terminal to enjoy some much needed ice cream.

After educating themselves on Pompeii, it was time for the club to eat some dinner. They decided to stick with the Italian theme and went to Karlo's Bistro Italia in Florence. The group started off with some bread and then selected from a variety of delectable entrees. Meals included spaghetti and meatballs, fettuccini alfredo with chicken or shrimp, or even an entire pizza for one person. Needless to say, everyone walked away full and satisfied with their dinner.

The Culture Club is a great way for students to be educated about and to experience different cultures around the world. Visits to places such as the Pompeii exhibit are fun ways for members to learn about the past, and eating meals at different restaurants allow them to experience the food and cultures of other cultures. The next The Culture Club looks to be a promising club for all CCH students in the future.



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Ross Rohling, Mitchell Masarik, and Adam Hermann check out the mosaics.

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Ultimate Frisbee

By: Ian Dollenmayer

The spring season of everyone's favorite intramural sport, Ultimate Frisbee, has begun. The teams have been assembled, the throws have been perfected, and the battle for control of the regular season has begun.

Week one of the regular season saw each team debuting in exciting contests. Game one was a fight to the finish between Team Stetter and Team Kathman, with Stetter eventually winning the day 6-5. Game two between Team Tilford and Team Schmidt was close for the first period, but then a deep disparity in points formed in the final two periods. Tilford defeated Schmidt 8-4. Finally came game three, a complete blowout. Team Tewes decimated Team Lape-Gerwe 11-2.

Week two brought more excitement to the frisbee field. In game one, Team Tewes and Team Stetter faced off. The battle was fierce, but Tewes began scoring consistently, winning 8-6. In game two, Team Schmidt showed a complete lack of "spirit of the game," as they were skunked by Team Kathman 11-1. Reflecting the previous lack of prowess, Team Tilford elected to not even attend game three, giving Team Lape-Gerwe the win by default.

Week three passed by with similar battles of Ultimate prowess, but the records were lost so the scores cannot be recorded here.

Championship week also passed without good records of game results. However, the final matches between Teams Tilford and Tewes were memorable conflicts. There were heroes on both sides. Going into the title match, Team Tilford needed to beat Team Tewes twice consecutively. The first game was neck and neck, but Tilford pulled ahead for the victory. The Ultimate (pun intended) champion was decided in a single period, eight minute long match. The spectators expected another fierce battle. Team Tewes, however, lost their captain due to a scheduling issue with his job at Barlycorn's. Thus, despite fierce effort from Tewes, Team Tilford ultimately (another pun) won the day and therefore the championship.

Lax Bros

By: Michael Best

One of the most unnoticed yet demanding sports is lacrosse. The players have to be not only physically tough, but mentally tough as well. Their workouts and practices are just as long, if not longer than many of the other sports. The players, the "lax bros" are known for being strong guys that one would not want to meet in an alley.

The Cov Cath Lacrosse Team has gotten off to a good start. They won their first game against Henry Clay 12-10. Then the Colonels had the powerhouse GCL Elder team come down to Park Hills to play Cov Cath. The Panthers proved to be too much for the Colonels as Elder beat them 17-1. Covington Catholic got their revenge on Scott County when they beat the Cardinals 16-8.

On April 24, Cov Cath hosted Bishop Fenwick at Wooten Field. Bishop Fenwick, however, ended up on top 13-9. The Colonels traveled down the street to the Little Colonels of Dixie Heights and defeated them 14-3. The following day, the LaFayette Generals came to Park Hills to play the Colonels. Covington Catholic beat the Generals 9-8.

Terrific Tennis

By: Chase Zimmer

Tennis is in season! The JV and Varsity seasons have started and both teams are on a roll.

Led by star players Austin Hussey and Stephen Schafer the CCH Tennis team is undefeated in northern Kentucky with over 10 match wins. In addition to this stellar record they have already won the NKY Model Invitational, and they have just recently won Conference. Freshman phenom's Austin Hussey and Parker Kenney joined by Junior, Ben Reis have powered their way into a dominant singles tandem for the varsity team. With a singles team like this and a doubles combo of Stephen Schafer with Scottie Drees and Joey Kendall with Ryan Cunningham the tennis Colonels are very capable of going all the way this year.

They start the Regional tournament this weekend (May 5) followed by Sectionals, and then State the next. The CCH tennis team has a ton of talent and is highly rated as one of the best teams in the state. They surely do have an incredibly bright future. Good luck to the Tennis Colonels of 2012!



Ben Kleier throws his infamous forehand.

Photo by Diane Ruth

The Road to State: Varsity Baseball

By: Joe Robinson

The Varsity Baseball Colonels have gotten off to the best start in the history of the school. They beat the previous record held by the '09 team which was 17-1. This year's team is now 21-1 and they're still rollin'. They've won both tournaments that they have been a part of so far, including the Knucks Tournament which was hosted by Dixie, and the Doc Morris Tournament, which was hosted by Scott High School. They've outscored their opponents by a ridiculous amount and only let in a very miniscule amount of runs. Led by Coach Bill Krumplebeck, this season is looking very promising if the Colonels keep playing the way they're playing.

Their most recent win comes against the Bulldogs of Holmes High School in a 35th District seeding game. The final score was 9-2, leading the colonels to their twenty first victory of the season.

Later, the Colonels faced up against what is becoming, thanks to Facebook, one of Cov Cath's biggest rivalries--Beechwood. However, despite preliminary trash talking, the Colonels routed the Tigers with a 10-0 mercy rule in the fifth inning.

The team is led by thirteen seniors, eight of which are in the starting lineup on a day-to-day basis. They are practicing every single day after school to perfect their abilities. This team is completely focused on winning the school's second baseball state championship and they will stop and nothing to achieve their goal. All the eyes of the school are upon them. They do not intend to let their brothers down. STATE.



Michael Best bunts to put CCH into scoring position.

Track Shenanigans

By: Alex Flynn

The Track Colonels have had a rough and long season. They have seen an extremely drop in athletes due to spring football and the limitation on spring break. However, there have been some great times and athletes that have come out of this season.

Thomas Batts is the only returning varsity sprinter from last year. He has taken a very big load upon his shoulders this year. He has run the 100, 200, 4x100, and long jumped. With personal best times coming this year, he is preparing for next season as a Bellarmine Knight.

Christian Clark and Logan McDowell are two sprinters who have really stepped up and made a name for themselves this year. Christian was always overshadowed by the previous year's seniors, but has stepped into the lime light this year. He is very competitive in the 100, 200, and 4x100. He can even give Thomas a good run for his money. Logan is a freshman and is coming off a very productive season on the Covington Catholic middle school team. Even though he is a steady varsity runner, he participated in the Freshman Regional Meet and brought back first place in the 100, 200, and long jump.

On the distance side of the team, Sam Ruwe, Eric Schieman, and Alex Flynn are the only three seniors. All three are members of the 4x800 relay team. Ruwe adds the mile to his reservoir and Schieman and Flynn both take on the 800. With the lack of runners, they have



Coach McCoy and Jonathan Castenada.

had to take on extra events this season. Eric is coming off a hip injury from last year, and Alex is has a lingering pre-season hip injury.

As a whole, the team has taken a dip down since its glory days, but is still a team that should not be forgotten. They have powerful relay teams and standout individuals. When the time comes, they will be able to pull everything they have together and make a run for some championships. As of right now, however, it seems the Colonel community will have to wait.

Junior Varsity Baseball

By: Eric Schneider

The JV Baseball team has gotten off to another great start, as they enjoy a solid 18-4 record as they reach the midway point in the 2012 season. Led by the infamous Coach Jon Michels, the Colonels are fighting hard to earn a regional title, as many of the players did last year as Freshmen.

The JV Colonels have had some key wins, including a 10-0 win against Campbell County in which Ben Heppler pitched a perfect game, and Freshman Noah Galvin homered—the first home run for the JV squad. The Colonels defeated Dixie with a win out of Ryan Basford. Both Brian Radcliff and Adam Fischer came up with key hits to get the victory. They also won a close game against Badin, as they won 5-4. Ben Heppler picked up another win on the mound, and Luke Bir and the now injured Adam Atkinson led the team offensively. The JV club has played Ryle a couple times, losing once and winning once. In the first game when the Colonels picked up the "W," Ben Heppler pitched a gem, and Ian Bach thought he was "Clutch McDougalson" as he had the game tying hit. Another big win for the Colonels came against Scott, as phenom pitcher Jake Tomlin pitched for the Colonels. Nick Pope and Adam Atkinson drove in the runs for the Colonels, as they won 12-8.

The Junior Varsity Colonels claim to be the fastest team in the history of Cov Cath, but only the future will tell if they will speed to the regional finals. Can they repeat as regional champions?

Freddy Frosch Baseball

By: Blake Perkins

As the spring rolls around, the youngest group of Colonels take to the baseball diamond. So far, the Freshman Baseball Colonels have proven themselves to be worthy adversaries of all opponents taht have had the pleaseure of playing them. They now move on to tournament time, with hopes of being able to take home the Freshman Regional Championship at the end of the season.

The Colonels have opened up the season to this point with 11 wins and 5 losses, with good wins against the Dixie Little Colonels and Highlands in the early season. Strong starting pitching from Brian Haughey, the Colonels' ace (6 – 0), has the Colonels headed in the right direction as the continue through their season. Also, behind the bat of Nate Bailey, the Colonels have started to pick up their run production after a slow start and are coming to full form as the freshman push toward the regional tournament.

So with the regional tournament right around the corner, the freshmen attempt to sharpen their skills and bring home another regional championship home to the halls of Covington Catholic and show the rest of Northern Kentucky they are here to stay for the next three years. With the Varsity team playing so well, these young Colonels have a lot to prove in the coming month, as well as in the years following this season.

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