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## HC Fights Against Human Trafficking

By John Flynn '15

On Friday, February 28, Project Stay Gold (PSG) held a dress down day to help the fight against human trafficking. Led by Mr. Joe Calabrese '03, students at Holy Cross joined students around the world in PSG's movement to end modern day slavery. With about 27 million slaves around the world, and human trafficking as the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest illegal crime, there is no denying that this issue needs more attention. What's even more surprising is that more than 100,000 people are trafficked in the United States every year! PSG members at Holy Cross saw the seriousness of this evil and decided to take action. By raising awareness about human trafficking and actively seeking ways to solve this problem, Holy Cross

students and other PSG supporters around the world can call themselves "modern day abolitionists".



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## Crisis in Venezuela

By Brandon Chow '15

With all the chaos that has been going on in Ukraine over the past few months, many people have overlooked the protests that have been taking place in Venezuela.

Demonstrations began in early February when students in the western states of Tachira and Merida called for increased security after a female student alleged she was raped. The protests in Tachira soon turned violent and some students were jailed. This sparked protests in Venezuela's capital, Caracas, where people demanded that the students be released. Following a day of peaceful marches in Caracas, gunmen killed three people. In response to this, the people of Venezuela took to the streets of major cities to protest the country's terrible conditions and President Nicolas Maduro's regime.

Prior to the protests, life in Venezuela was miserable. For starters, Venezuela has one of the

highest murder rates in the world. Additionally, crimes such as carjacking, kidnapping and robbery are commonplace in the urban centers of Venezuela. Venezuela's economy has also been dealing with record rates of inflation and high unemployment. If this wasn't enough, there are major food shortages in the country as well. People can't even buy basic food supplies such as milk and bread because there simply is not enough to go around.

Another source of dissatisfaction for people in Venezuela is the censorship President Maduro's government is using in the media to cover up what is truly going in the nation. For instance, Venezuela's government has been interrupting Internet service, blocking social media websites, and censoring articles from Venezuelan news agencies that criticize the government.

As of March 8, 2014 twenty people have died due to the protests in Venezuela, and President Maduro has been condemned for using excessive force against protesters. Some cities look like war-zones, as barricades, burning tires and clouds of tear gas fill the streets. In addition to this, businesses in

Venezuela have been suffering due to the conflict since people are afraid to go outside after sunset.

The wants of the protesters vary. The more conservative protesters want people who were detained during the demonstrations to be released. Protesters also want increased security in order to fix the nation's ridiculously high crime and murder rates. The more radical protesters won't stop rioting until President Maduro resigns.

Hopefully this conflict will be resolved without any more bloodshed.



(Anti-government protesters clash with riot police in protests in Caracas on March 12, 2014 - Photo courtesy of: *Reuters*)

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# Brother Francis: The Legacy Lives On

By Joseph Sica '14

The legacy and respect that Brother Francis Leary C.S.C. has earned throughout his many years of affiliation with the Congregation of Holy Cross will be remembered by the entire Holy Cross Community for years to come.

Brother Francis has dedicated his life, to teaching youth, working as a teacher, a principal, mentor, guidance counselor and most importantly a friend to the community.

Growing up in the Boston area, Brother Francis worked as a teacher in Connecticut, educating students in English and French. As time passed, Brother decided to pursue his goal to become a principal for two schools in the Northeast area.

Although he enjoyed working as a teacher and principal, Brother Francis' true desire was to become a guidance

counselor. Hoping to share his advice, knowledge and experiences, he went on to achieve his degree in counseling at St. Johns University while adding he was "always interested in becoming a guidance counselor".

Not only have the students learned from his advice but he has also learned that "the students are very respectful towards me and their honesty is astonishing."

When asked if he could teach again Brother Francis let out a chuckle, admitting although he loved teaching and counseling about the same, he has "lost patience to teach any subject at this age".

Brother Francis Leary C.S.C. and his dedication to teaching and guiding the students in the Holy Cross Community has left a legacy that will be remembered for many years to come.

## Jacy Good's Inspiring Story

By John Flynn '15

In May of 2008, Jacy Good sat with her classmates at Muhlenberg College's graduation ceremony and received her degree in international studies in German. She was one of the best students from her class, graduating magna cum laude. Good was on her way to being a leader for Habitat for Humanity, an organization that helps people afford housing.

Then, like a bolt from the blue, tragedy struck. On her way to her home in Lititz, Pennsylvania, just sixty miles from Muhlenberg, she was involved in a car accident that killed both of her parents. The Good family's car was struck by a tractor-trailer, which was hit by the car of a teen driver who was talking on his cell phone while driving. Luckily, an off-duty paramedic who lived near the site of the accident saved Good from the wreckage and allowed her to make it to the hospital.

After eight and half hours of intensive surgery at the hospital, Good was given a ten percent chance of living. Jacy battled and battled before eventually stabilizing. She endured hours of excruciating therapy sessions just to learn how to walk and talk

again. However, due to the traumatic brain damage caused by the car accident, Jacy is unable to use her left arm or lower left leg and has minor cognitive issues.

In 2011, Good and her boyfriend (now husband) Steve Johnson started the Hang Up and Drive program. In this program they educate schools around the country about the dangers of using cellular devices while driving. Since 2011, she has spoken at over 300 events in twenty-seven states, including appearances at Holy Cross High School in April 2012 and March 2014. Good has also helped to get legislation passed that put harsher penalties on people who are caught using their phone while driving.



(Photo courtesy of: [hangupanddrive.com](http://hangupanddrive.com))

# Don't Know What to do in Life? HC's Career Day Has You Covered

By Liam McCaul '15

On Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>, Career Day will be held at Holy Cross. Career Day has been offered at the school in the past and it gives the students an opportunity to learn about fields of interest and possibly find their future occupation. Students filled out a survey where they wrote in their three top choices for occupations they would want to learn more about on Career Day. On Career Day, students in the junior and senior classes will travel around the school

like a normal day. However, instead of actual classes, the students will travel to their three top priorities as listed from the survey, and will hear presentations on those jobs by former Holy Cross graduates. Each presentation will be about an hour long and it will give the students an opportunity to take notes, ask questions, and be comfortable speaking with a former graduate that understands where they are coming from. There will be around 30

different presentations on jobs ranging from accounting, civil engineering, and television, to sports management and jobs in education. This is an excellent opportunity to seek out a job that you may have been interested in, or one that you may have not thought about before. It is an important day for these students as they start to transition from high school to college.



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# Become a Cyborg with the "I-limb"

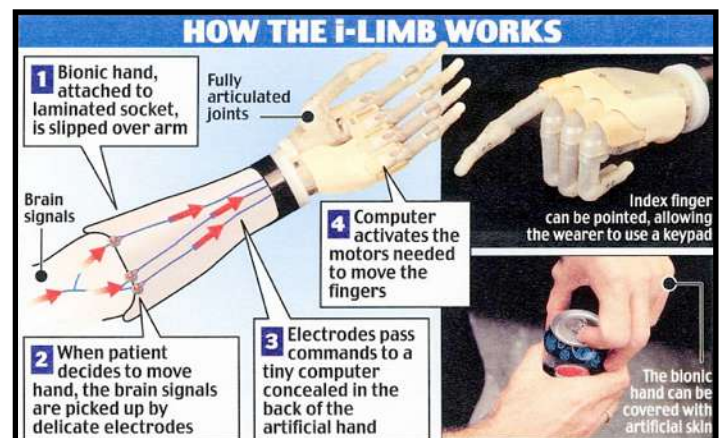
By Anthony Salazar '15

In this day in age, almost everything is taken for granted. Not many people appreciate the importance of things that we use to operate in everyday life. The human hand falls under this category. However, there are many people in the world who have lost their hand(s) in accidents or due to diseases.

Thanks to breakthroughs in science, people who lost a hand are now able to regain the freedoms a hand can provide. Artificial limbs are giving people a way to enjoy the things they used to be able to do or try new experiences. The only problem is that artificial limbs have their limits, so they don't feel or interact in the same way a real hand would.

This all changed when Dave Gow, a research scientist based in Edinburgh, Scotland, released the I-limb. The I-limb, like many other artificial hand models, runs based on muscle movement, but it has a bonus feature that other models don't have. The I-limb is able to move at the knuckle points of the finger, breaking the limits of previous artificial hand models. This feature makes the hand's movement much smoother and fluent.

I-limb users will have to get used to the device at first. It's like learning an instrument, as it requires time and practice in order to be used to its full potential. To help new users struggling with adapting to the I-Limb, an application for cell phones was released that walks the person through the motions and "workouts" they should be doing to master the abilities of the device. The I-Limb app can also be used to choose one of the 24 different grips that the I-Limb comes programmed with. The different grips exert varying degrees of pressure, which comes in handy when the user is trying to pick up things of different weights. For example, a person trying to pick up a tissue won't need to exert the same amount of force as one who is picking up a heavy book. The ability to change grips with the phone app is truly ingenious.



(Photo courtesy of: [Touch Bionics](http://TouchBionics))

When looking at the I-limb's technology, it is amazing to think where science is headed and where it can take us.

# The Lance Entertainment

## House of Cards Season 2 Review

By Dylan Chow '15

WARNING: Minor Spoilers – Read at your own risk

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the second season of the drama *House of Cards* was made available for streaming on Netflix.

Centered in modern day Washington D.C., *House of Cards* delves into the life of the devious politician Frank Underwood who is portrayed by Kevin Spacey. During the first season, Frank, the Democrat's House Majority Whip, uses manipulation, blackmail, and murder to quickly rise in the ranks of government. Along the way, Underwood convinces the current Vice President to step down and run for his old position as Governor of Pennsylvania due to his lack of influence and input in the White House. As a result, the first season ends with Frank accepting the position as Vice President, making it seem as if nothing can get in his way to the top of the political food chain.

Season 2 of *House of Cards* only improves from the first season, providing thirteen of the most thrilling and on edge episodes of television one could ask for. The intriguing plot and beautiful cinematic shots in the second season truly grasp the attention of the audience and take emotions on a wild ride. The spectacular acting performances of Kevin Spacey and Golden Globe winning actress Robin Wright, who portrays Frank's wife Claire, shine, as Frank and Claire have to deal with various obstacles spanning from international affairs with China to scandal within the White House. Despite facing much resistance throughout the season from the scrutinizing media and billionaire industrialist Raymond Tusk, the Underwoods are nevertheless able to stack the deck in their favor by making sly and meticulous maneuvers that display how nothing can get in their way.

Overall, its outstanding acting performances by the cast, captivating plot, and stunning cinematic shots make *House of Cards* Season 2 a must watch for anyone who has a computer on hand. Luckily for those who want to see more from of the sadistic politician, Netflix renewed *House of Cards* for a 3<sup>rd</sup> season, which is expected air early next year. 5/5

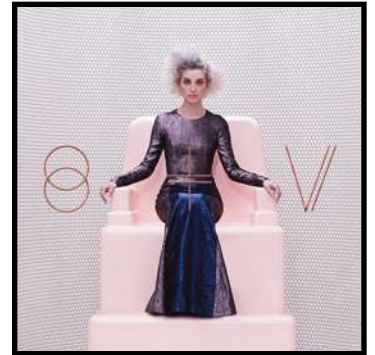


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## Music Worth Listening To: St. Vincent

By Brandon Chow '15

*St. Vincent* is the fourth studio album by American singer and songwriter Annie Clark, also known as St. Vincent. The self-titled album released on February 24, 2014, and it is definitely Clark's most experimental project yet, as she draws influences from rock, electronic and jazz music.



Many songs on this project feature heavy guitar distortions, such as the upbeat tracks "Rattlesnake" and "Birth in Reverse", which open the album. Throughout this record, Clark does a great job at creating melodic and catchy tunes in tandem with interesting instrumentation and thoughtful lyrics.

The tracks "Digital Witnesses" and "Regret" stood out to me upon first listen, and they may be some of Clark's best work to date. On "Digital Witnesses", Clark discusses the hyper-socialized society that we live in today, where people will do almost anything to get "likes" on social media outlets in order to feel like they have some sort of value. Clark throws out thought provoking lines like "If I can't show it, if you can't see me/What's the point of doing anything?" on top of some aggressive horns, trumpets and synths. The track "Regret" features infectious guitar riffs and a punchy snare drum that give the song amazing energy. Clark's soaring vocals tie this track together perfectly.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed St. Vincent's 11-track album. There is a nice blend of up beat songs such as "Bring Me Your Loves" and "Rattlesnake" and more ballad-type tracks such as "Prince Johnny" and "Severed Crossed Fingers". St. Vincent has been putting out quality albums over the past few years, and this one is no exception. With her beautiful voice, killer guitar riffs, melodic compositions and a refreshing breath of originality, I think it's safe to say St. Vincent is the Queen of indie pop and indie rock. For these reasons, *St. Vincent* is music worth listening to.



# The Rise and Fall of *Flappy Bird*

By Brian LaVelle '15

With its simplistic design and challenging gameplay *Flappy Bird* took the world by storm. Created by Vietnam-based developer Dong Nguyen and published by GEARs Studios, *Flappy Bird* was released in May 2013 for iOS and Android, but the game only really became popular early this year. *Flappy Bird* became the most downloaded game on the iOS App Store and Nguyen was making \$50,000 a day simply off of in game advertisements! When Nguyen was asked why he thought the game became so popular he accredited the game's success to luck.

The goal of the game is simple, tap on the screen to make the bright yellow bird jump through an infinite amount of green pipes. This may sound easy but anyone who has played the game knows it is anything but. To almost everyone's surprise upon playing the game for the

first time, it has a very steep learning curve. This game is a testament to the fact that over saturating a game with content won't automatically make it better or more successful. Due to the game's success, nobody foresaw what the developer would do next.

On February 8, 2014 Dong Nguyen announced over Twitter that the game would be removed from the App Store. He initially responded to fans saying that it had "nothing to do with legal issues" and that he "cannot take this anymore". Following these ambiguous statements, Nguyen revealed the real reason the game was taken down in an interview with *Forbes*. He said that *Flappy Bird* became too addicting for so many people, something he never intended to happen, and that his conscience was much clearer after the game was taken down.

Some people have taken advantage of the game being taken off the App Store by selling their phones with the game on it for extremely high prices. On eBay there were listings for devices with *Flappy Bird* on them for thousands of dollars. EBay has taken many of these listings down, but it only emphasizes how much of an impact a simple game can have over a short period of time.



(Photo courtesy of: [bubblews.com](http://bubblews.com))

## Anime Preview - *Detective Conan: Sniper from Another Dimension*

By Vincent Lee '15

For this upcoming season, there are tons of new anime shows that are just waiting to be premiered. I was browsing the web the other day when I came across *Detective Conan: Sniper from Another Dimension*. The movie is scheduled to release in Japan on April 19, 2014.

*Detective Conan: Sniper from Another Dimension* is the next installment in the *Case Closed* series. *Case Closed* is an ongoing 1996 film series that centers on Jimmy Kudo, a high school detective who helps the police solve various cases.

During an investigation, he witnessed a drug deal, but was outwitted by the criminals. These criminals were later to be known as Gin and Vodka, who are part of a syndicate known as the Black Organization (Fun Fact: The people in the BO are named after alcoholic drinks.) Kudo was drugged by an

experimental poison known as the Apoptoxin 4869 (APTX4869, for short). APTX4869 is a drug that was designed by biochemist Shiho Miyano for the Black Organization to kill its victim without leaving a trace. However, this drug does not kill the subject 100% of the time, but causes the victim to regress back to a younger state, which is evident to Kudo. Kudo, being regressed 10 years back, takes up an alias, Conan Edogawa, to protect the people he loves. If he didn't take up an alias, the Black Organization would have targeted him again and even worse, his loved ones. He lives with a hopeless detective Richard Moore and his high school sweetheart Rachel Moore (who is unaware that Conan is Kudo), and helps them solve crimes while searching for the Black Organization to find a cure to get back to his 17-year-old self. The only people who know of his true identity (they're

pretty good at keeping secrets) are his parents and his friendly scientist, who provides him with amazing gadgets and intel for some of his cases.

Now in this upcoming film, a mysterious sniper targets FBI agent Shuichi Akai, but shoots Masumi Sera instead. Tokyo is thrown into chaos, as the citizens don't want to get involved in this incident. This film will include the appearance of FBI agents who are brought into this investigation in order to apprehend this mysterious culprit. A few questions arise from the little information given for the film. Why was Akai targeted? Why was Sera shot instead? What's the story behind the sniper being from "another dimension"? And most importantly, can Conan and the FBI find and arrest the sniper?



(Left Two stills from the *Detective Conan: Sniper from Another Dimension* trailer - Photos courtesy of: [dailymotion.com](http://dailymotion.com))

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# Reliving the Past with “GB4iOS”

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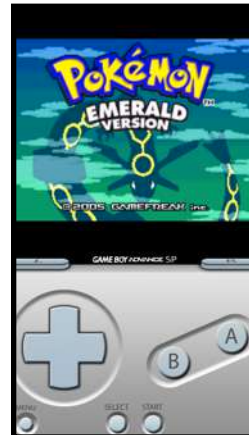
By Samuel Paula '15

Remember dodging through obstacles in Mario Kart? How about fighting off creatures in the deep caves of Metroid? Now don't you feel like dusting off your old Gameboys to achieve that nostalgic feeling? Well don't! With the new mobile emulator "GB4iOS" you are able to obtain nearly any Gameboy game, right to your tablet or smart phone device.

It's the biggest thing since Flappy Bird, especially in Holy Cross. You can see people playing Kirby or Pokémon on their tablets and phones, sometimes even during class. This isn't anything new, GB4ios was available back in 2012, but Apple's firmware patch made it impossible to download the game. To download the app you have to do it from your internet browser on your device. It's tricky to set up at first, but nothing the

average Holy Cross man can't handle. First, you have to go to the GB4ios web page. One there, scroll down until you find the download button. The app will show up along with your other icons but once it starts downloading you need to go to Settings>General>Date and Time and change the date to before February 18, 2014 and voila! You now have every Gameboy game in the palm of your hand. Once the app is done downloading, you can change your phone's settings back to normal.

Now you can go smash pots in Zelda, “catch em’ all” in Pokémon, and relive other video games from your childhood. Additionally, the games’ 8-bit graphics look fantastic on all of Apple's high-powered products.



(Left Screenshots of GB4iOS running popular games such as *Super Mario World* and *Pokemon* - Photos courtesy of: [techsultan.com](http://techsultan.com))

# THE JOUST

## Are the New Changes to the SAT Good or Bad?

**Overview** - In early March the College Board announced that it would be making changes to the SAT exam. These are some of the more significant changes: 1) the essay will be optional 2) the math sections will focus on fewer topics 3) calculators will NOT be allowed on any of the math sections 4) the vocabulary will be "fairer for many" 5) the test will be scored out of 1600 points instead of 2400. The new SAT exam will be administered to students starting in the spring of 2016. Two students were asked what they thought about the College Board's changes.

### For Changes - By Vincent Lee '15

The revision of the SAT has got to be the most fortunate news any freshman could have. Simply put, the SAT will become easier in many different aspects. In school, when one says a test was easy, they've most likely studied for it and breezed right through the questions. That's what will happen in the new SAT. You will be tested on topics that are much more relevant to what you've been learning. The maximum score revert back to its original 1600. Judging from this, it seems that the writing section will be combined with the critical reading section. Looking at the essay section first, this particular section will become optional. Moreover, this section will gear towards building an argument through facts, unlike the current SAT, which is based on opinion. It's also about time where they cut out people's ability to make up bogus statements on the SAT. Coming up with bologna statements and winging something can not, and will not fly in life. Unlike the pressurized, life cornering 25 minute limit you would receive in the current SAT, you are given double the time to complete your essay. Not only does the essay section make much more sense, but also the multiple choice section as well.

In the Reading Section, the new SAT focuses on what they call "relevant" words. These "relevant" words are the sorts of words you would use daily now and in the future. Moreover, instead of stupid and impertinent stories they present you with on the current SAT, they'll actually present you with stories you've been learning in your high school career. Examples include U.S. History documents like the Declaration of Independence, or Letter from Birmingham Jail. In analogy, the current SAT is like an isolated island, which has its own material you must visit to master, that's separated from the large society, which is contains the things we learn in high school. It definitely took them long enough to present questions that reference to your everyday life around you.

The Math section will pinpoint on three areas, which are "Problem solving and data analysis, the heart of algebra, and passport to advanced math." By focusing on these three subjects, the SAT can avoid those 1 minute courses where they tell you what 8?2 is. Moreover, research has shown that these three subjects contribute most heavily for college. Prepping for college should be on every aspiring high school students' minds. You shouldn't be taking valuable time from the Junior year to prep for the SAT, when there are other pressing matters such as deciding what college you want to go to, and even attending open houses. This is where the new SAT comes in. Alex LaPorte concurs with this remodeled exam, because "Now, instead of learning useless material outside of one's curriculum for the exam, one can actually apply learned and practical material onto it." The SAT should not be an obstacle, but something a diligent student can breeze right past through with the knowledge he has learned through high school.

The remodeled SAT looks promising, and hopefully it is as good as it sounds. There are many pressing matters you'll have to deal with in your junior year. You might even have to take the SAT in your senior year if you think you didn't do well, and that's when you (if you're like many people), fill in your college applications. Now, with the revised SAT exam that tests you on what you've learned, therefore making it easier, the SAT won't be the only thing on your mind. This exam should never be the main reason why your future life is at stake.

### Against Changes - By Gurpreet Singh '15

There are many new changes that the College Board is doing to the SAT exam. Many are wondering whether or not this will help or hurt them in their education. Students are wondering what these new changes are, and whether the test is going to be easier or not. People believe that these changes will help get a better score, however many don't realize at what cost. The new SAT will be administered in the spring of 2016. In this article, I will explain to you why there shouldn't be any changes to the SAT exam.

There are many changes that will be seen on the new SAT in the spring of 2016. One of the most noticeable is that the essay is optional and will be based on a source document included in the test. Also, the scoring will be different than the scoring in previous years. The top test score will be 1,600 -- as it was before 2005, when the writing section and essay were added. The test will be composed of, reading, writing math, and will take up to three hours to complete. Also the essay will take up to 50 minutes, and will be scored separately, and some math questions will prohibit the use of calculators. The test will be available both in print and digitally. Points will no longer be deducted for incorrect answers on the multiple-choice part of the test. As of now, one-quarter of a point is deducted for every incorrect answer. Vocabulary words will eliminate "sometimes obscure" language that has been dominant and will be replaced by words "that are widely used" in college and the work place. The vocabulary words on the new SAT exam will be much easier rather than having more complex and difficult words. Passages of writing used for various parts of the exam will be texts from significant parts in American history or science, not the somewhat random selections that now appear.

Although there are many changes, most of them will not help students become successful in college. In recent years, the writing portion tends to be the easiest sections of the SAT. Making it optional will discourage students to take it, which would in return lower their overall score. With the writing section optional many student won't realize their strengths or weaknesses in writing which is very important for success in college. By the SAT writing section optional many students won't take the time to do the writing part, which is important in determining a student's writing skills. Also having easier vocabulary words will not help students in the future in college. Having difficult and complex vocabulary words pushes a student to study and expand their vocabulary. Having easier vocab words will not trigger students to study new words or try to expand their vocabulary. The no deduction for wrong answers is also another reason why the SAT should not change. The no deduction for wrong answers will only encourage students to guess whether or not they think the answer is correct or not. Having a penalty for a wrong answer discourages students to guess and encourages them to choose the answer that they truly believe is correct.

To summarize, the new SAT is not a good idea for college bound students. The whole purpose of the SAT is to challenge and pace you, and to see how well one performs under pressure. This in return helps a student realize their strengths and weaknesses, indicating how well they will do in college. If the SAT becomes easier than it will very difficult to differentiate between a genius and a good student. Therefore I believe the new SAT will not truly show how well prepared a student is for college.



# THE LANCE SPORTS



## Send Em' Or Not? NHL to face tough decision regarding Olympic future

By Justin Boniello '15

One of the most controversial debates in hockey is whether or not NHL players should suit up for the 2018 Olympics in South Korea. Well, should they?

In addition to the past concern regarding the two-week hiatus in the regular season, many NHL general managers encountered their worst nightmares in the Sochi Games, when their best players fell to injury.

Sitting atop of the NHL's Metropolitan Division is the Pittsburgh Penguins (43-17-4). The first place Pens, who are a potential Stanley Cup team, lost defenseman Paul Martin to a broken hand he suffered during the Sochi Olympics. Martin, who recently underwent surgery to repair his broken hand, will likely be out for another few weeks, hindering the Penguins' depth at the blue line.

Also during the Olympics, the New York Islanders received unfortunate news that center John Tavares will be out for the season after tearing his MCL in Canada's quarterfinal victory over Latvia. Although realistically the Islanders chances at making the playoffs are slim to none, the injury destroyed any hope remaining. Other players suffered injuries during the Games, including Henrik Zetterburg, Mats Zuccarello and Tomas Kopecky. It is not surprising many general managers want NHL players to stay out of future Olympic games.

However, many fans and players feel that NHL participation in the Olympics is too well-liked to extinguish. Take for example John Tavares. Even after tearing his MCL, Tavares said he would play in the games again granted the opportunity.

Frustrated about losing his young captain, Islanders GM Garth Snow had a different opinion.

“This is probably the biggest reason why NHL players shouldn't be in the Olympics; it should just be amateurs,” Snow said. “And it could have happened to anyone; it just happened to be us that lost our best player.”

Another issue that could factor into the decision is that, unlike Russia, South Korea (site of the next winter Olympics) is not known as a hockey country. Those viewers around the globe who would otherwise attend or tune in to see their NHL favorites compete on an international stage, might not do so, leaving a lot of empty seats and TVs tuned to other programs. The NHL will have to decide whether the extra attention its players get in the Olympics is worth more than the key injuries it is likely to suffer.



(John Tavares is done for the season after tearing his MCL - Photo courtesy of: Nathan Denette/The Canadian Press)



(Paul Martin injured his hand in the U.S. match against Canada - Photo courtesy of: Quinn Rooney/Getty Images)



# Who Will Win it All? 2014 MLB Predictions

By Chris Cadigan '15

This year's MLB season has the potential to be very exciting. The playoffs last year showed both the American League and National League have a lot of talent. Last year's World Series was very exciting as the Boston Red Sox won in six games against the St. Louis Cardinals.

I think the New York Yankees will win the AL East Division. The Yankees made many high-profile signings this offseason. The signings of Brian McCann, Carlos Beltran, and Jacoby Ellsbury will add offense to the Yankee lineup. New pitcher Masahiro Tanaka will add depth to the Yankee rotation. The AL Central will be won by the Detroit Tigers. Miguel Cabrera will be very productive on offense and contend for another Triple Crown title. Justin Verlander and reigning AL CY Young Award winner Max Scherzer will lead the formidable Detroit rotation. The LA Angels will win the AL West. Mike Trout will put up MVP like numbers and Josh Hamilton will have a comeback year. Jered Weaver and CJ Wilson will both have good years on the mound. The Texas Rangers and Boston Red Sox will win the two AL Wild Card spots.

The Washington Nationals will win the NL East. Bryce Harper will put up strong numbers after having a solid sophomore year. Steven Strasburg and Gio Gonzalez will anchor a strong rotation for Washington. The St. Louis Cardinals will win the NL Central. Yadier Molina and Matt Holliday will add offense to the Cardinal lineup. Adam



(Above Angels' outfielder Mike Trout looks to build upon last year's stellar performance - Photo courtesy of: [gq.com](http://gq.com))

Wainwright and Michael Wacha will repeat their success from last season. The LA Dodgers will win the NL West. Yasiel Puig will hope to improve on his Rookie of the Year Award winning season last year. Clayton Kershaw and Zach Greinke look to be the centerpieces of a very strong Dodger rotation. The Pittsburgh Pirates and Atlanta Braves will win the two NL wild card spots.

This year's World Series will pit the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Detroit Tigers. I predict that the Dodgers will win in 6 games. The Dodgers have a very strong offensive lineup filled with power hitters. Andre Ethier, Yasiel Puig, Adrian Gonzalez, and Hanley Ramirez are important parts of this very powerful offensive lineup. The Dodgers also have a strong pitching rotation led by Clayton Kershaw. This MLB season will be very exciting and I look forward to seeing who will win the World Series.

The Lance staff predicts that the New York Yankees will defeat the LA Dodgers in 6 games in the World Series.



(Above Dodgers players Hanley Ramirez and Yasiel Puig aim to lead the team to a World Series Title this season - Photos courtesy of: [cbssports.com](http://cbssports.com) and [sportsillustrated.com](http://sportsillustrated.com))