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Freshman Orientation for Class of 2018

By John Flynn '15

On Thursday, September 4th, and Friday, September 5th, Holy Cross' Class of 2018 came together at the school for the first time.

Thursday morning began with a Mass celebrated by Father Walter Jenkins, C.S.C, the school's president. In his homily, he discussed how it has been fifty-three years since Mr. Gianuzzi's freshman year. He also mentioned that the Senior Campus Ministers, or the "young men in green shirts", are the role models for the incoming class. After Communion, the short-handed Liturgical Choir beautifully sang a Prayer for the Holy Cross Man.

After Mass, Father Walter talked with the freshmen and introduced his Golden Retriever,

"Lance". The freshmen class had a barbecue outside, as Mr. Cullinan and Mr. Goggin cooked up some hot dogs and hamburgers for them. The Campus Ministers mingled with the freshmen, sharing their experiences and telling them what to expect. Additionally, the group made posters and charters in their homerooms that they displayed to their classmates at the end of the day. Most of the freshmen seemed very satisfied with their first day at Holy Cross.

The next morning, the freshmen received a tour of the building and purchased the books and supplies for their classes. Then, they ran through their Day 1 schedule to make sure they knew how to navigate around the building on a real school day.

Ebola Epidemic Terrorizes Africa

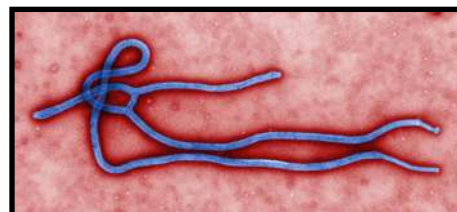
By Etienne Bouchez '15

Ebola is a disease that appears in humans and other primates whose symptoms include fevers, sore throats, muscle pains and headaches. Vomiting, diarrhea and rash are some of the other symptoms that come with the malfunctioning of the liver and kidneys.

Today, West Africa is trying to deal with an Ebola epidemic that has killed over 3,000 people since its outbreak in December 2013. The virus originated in Guinea before spreading to Liberia, Sierra Leone and then Nigeria. It is the most serious outbreak of Ebola since the discovery of the virus in 1976. By September 2014, the number of reported cases of Ebola surpassed the total of all cases from previous known outbreaks. On September 20, 2014 Sierra Leone entered a three-day lockdown where citizens could not leave their

homes in order to prevent the disease from spreading any further. Various aid organizations like the Economic Community of West African States, the U.S.'s Center for Disease Control and the European Commission have donated funds and mobilized personnel to help counter the outbreak and treat those who are infected with the virus. Charities such as the Red Cross and Samaritan's Purse are working in the area as well.

Scientists predict that the outbreak will last for an additional 12-18 months. There are about 5,000 Ebola cases and about 5 West African nations that have been affected by it. And about one billion dollars has already been spent on resources for the fight against Ebola. If the epidemic lasts as long as scientists think it will, that number could skyrocket.



(Left: Electron micrograph of an Ebola virus virion - Photo courtesy of PHIL)

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Costa Rica is Calling You

By Matthew Gallagher '15

According to Saint Augustine, "The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page." Traveling around the world gives people a different experience in life and opens up a new page in their life. Mrs. Corradino has realized this and has decided to plan a school trip to Costa Rica.

Costa Rica is a Spanish speaking country, located in Central America south of Nicaragua and north of Panama. It is full of wildlife and includes many tropical locations for students to visit. Some of these locations include visiting an actual volcano, kayaking on Lake Arenal, and exploring the environment.

This trip is planned for the February break from the 14th to the 22nd. The total cost for this trip is \$2,324.00, and it also includes an optional Travel Protection Plan. The payment covers

round-trip airfare, all transportation, sightseeing tours, and site visits. All hotels have private bathrooms, three meals daily, and a full-time multi-lingual tour director. Overall, the students will be greatly cared for.

If any students are interested in this trip and have any questions, please see Mrs. Corradino. Sign up as soon as possible!



(Above: Costa Rica's gorgeous Lake Arenal - Photo courtesy of tqn.com)

iOS 8 Privacy Settings

By Jeffrey Forde '15

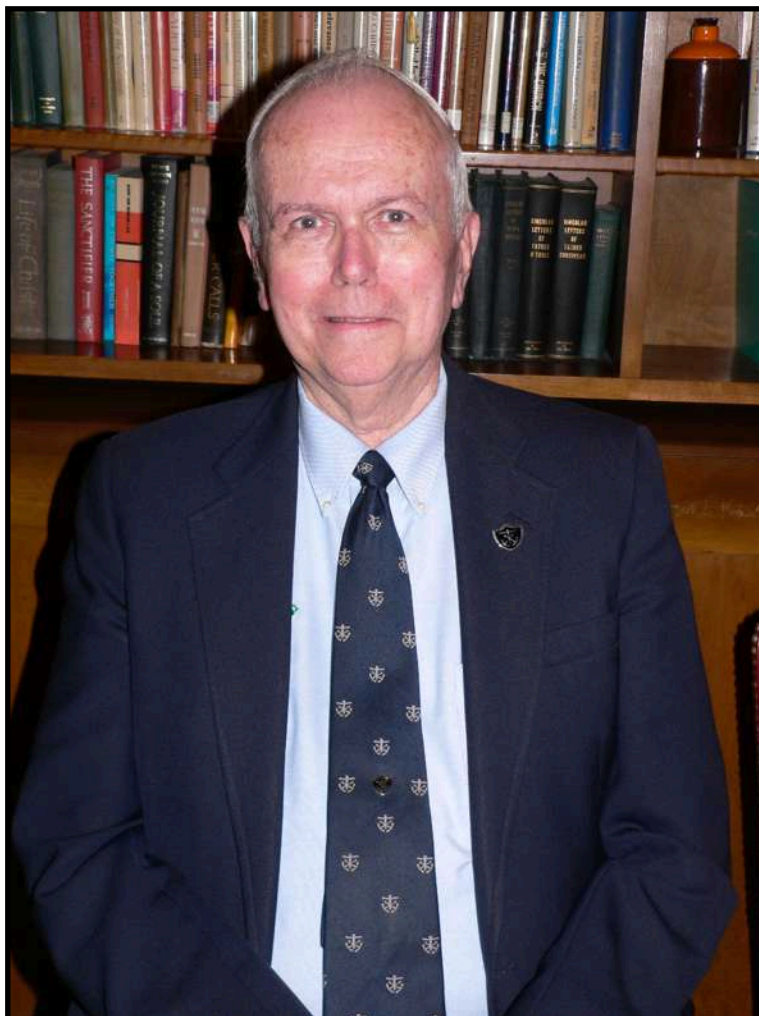
Recently Apple released its latest update for the iPhone's operating system, iOS 8. With iOS 8 has arose several privacy breaches on people's iPhones. A few simple changes can be made to protect yourself and from theses new dangers.

1. Often apps will track your iPhone's location even when the app isn't running. Fortunately, there is a pop-up window in the iPhone's settings that give users the ability disable this background location tracking.
2. Also, app makers have the ability to access people's personal data, such their contacts list through iOS 8. To avoid this you can go to (Settings > Privacy) where you can toggle on-and-off which information certain apps have access to.
3. With the iOS 8 update, messages on iPhones now have expiration dates. Apple's iMessage now allows users to send voice and video messages to other users. It also gives people the ability to determine how long he or she wants to have these stored on his or her device. In order to extend or shorten the life length of these messages, go to (Settings > Messages) and adjust the settings for Keep Messages, Audio Messages, and Video Messages to your liking.
4. In addition to the apps that can track your location in the background, there are some iOS 8 services that can keep track your location everything from advertising to improving phone service to finding lost devices. Simply go to (Settings > Privacy > Location Services > System Services) to prevent or allow these services from tracking your location.
5. Advertizers will also track your iPhone for information. Luckily, Safari now lets you minimize the amount of info advertisers can track, including web-browsing habits and location. To do this, go to (Settings > Privacy > Advertising) and enable "Limit Ad Tracking." Then choose the Reset Advertising Identifier option, and follow the reminders.

In Remembrance: Brother Ralph Joseph Edmiston

By Liam McCaul '15

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This past summer, we in the Holy Cross community lost one of our most beloved figures Brother Ralph Edmiston after his two-year battle with cancer. Brother Ralph was one of the most recognizable people roaming the Holy Cross hallways as he connected with students and teachers alike. He helped Holy Cross become the successful catholic institution and community it is today.

Brother Ralph was born on March 10, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He earned his degrees at Villanova University. Brother Ralph was also part of the Marine Corps reserves and saw active duty in 1960. He received an honorable discharge with the rank of Corporal E-4. When he returned, he began his road to Brotherhood and was received into Holy Cross in 1965. Brother Ralph served the Holy Cross mission of education, first as a teacher and coach, and then especially as a development director.

Brother Ralph's work as a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross can be seen through his work in the Advancement Department and through his promotion of the annual Holy Cross Walkathon for which now the event is named. His promotion and dedication to the event kept the walkathon a lasting fundraiser that has helped progress the school technologically, athletically and of course academically. Brother Ralph not only engaged the students to support the school through the walkathon, but he also gathered support throughout the community to help raise money. Brother Ralph spread his influence through many different schools run by the Holy Cross Brothers including St. John the Baptist school St. Edmunds Academy, Bishop McNamara, and here at Holy Cross. He was a member of the Congregation for 49 years.

On August 4, 2014, Brother Ralph passed away in Valatie, New York. His commitment to the school and the well being of the students has me as a current senior honored to have known him. It's hard to think of the school without him as we have all felt during this time. So, on behalf of the student body, we thank Brother Ralph for all he has done for the school and for living a life that one can idolize. Brother Ralph was 77 years old.

Rest in Peace: Brother Ralph Edmiston, C.S.C

Say Hello to HC's Newest Staff Members

Fr. Randy Retner



By Matthew Gallagher '15

Father Randy Retner comes to Holy Cross from the University of Portland in Oregon, where he taught education and was involved in student affairs.

After many years of working at a college, he realized that he wanted to get involved in a high school setting. Father Randy chose to come to New York because he graduated from Columbia University with a doctorate and is familiar with the city setting. After graduation Father Randy was ordained a priest in 1990.

If he wasn't a priest he would most likely become a teacher. Coincidentally, he teaches a freshman Theology class.

Here at the school, Father Randy is a guidance counselor. He did work at a college and has experience in terms of what colleges look at and what is interesting to students. Father Randy hopes to meet as many people as possible as he adjusts to the daily schedule.

Mrs. Emily Judge



By John Flynn '15

Mrs. Emily Judge is one of our new math teachers here at the school. Last year, she worked at Mineola High School. Since she has arrived, Mrs. Fincher, Mrs. Barravecchio and Ms. Pollini have helped Mrs. Judge feel comfortable at Holy Cross.

When she was asked why she wanted to teach, she said that she "likes working with children."

Many teachers and students have had a tough time adjusting to the new Common Core curriculum that has been controversial across the country. She said it is "more challenging and it makes people think more." Mrs. Judge didn't have to adjust from the teacher's perspective because last year was her first teaching high school math. (The first Common Core test was offered last June). When asked how she will evaluate her first year at Holy Cross, it will hinge on how well her students perform on the Common Core Algebra I Regents exam in June.

She will offer extra help to those students that are struggling. She wants the students to "always try and make school a number one priority."

Ms. Meaghan Prager



By Nick Perez '15

Ms. Prager is the newest teacher to the English Department at the school. She left Whitestone Academy, for Holy Cross. When asked about the school's environment, they said "I came here because it's a Catholic high school and I enjoy the Catholic atmosphere". Holy Cross has strong Catholic roots and values that should suit Mrs. Prager.

Since she taught at a co-ed high school last year, she felt that "it's better for the boys to concentrate and focus rather than impressing girls." Since the school is all-boys, that makes sense. Ms. Prager teaches freshmen and sophomore English classes and she enjoys teaching the lower classmen as it helps them prepare for college and beyond.

Ms. Prager enjoys the Catholic environment of the school. When she was asked about the first school-wide liturgy, she was impressed about how the boys conducted themselves at Mass, and she has positive vibe and feelings about the rest of the year. Ms. Prager added that it was rather difficult adjusting to the seven-day cycle and the new students need to keep looking at it.

Ms. Prager is hopeful about teaching electives like journalism and literature in film in the future.

HC's New Staff Members (Cont.)

Mr. Andrew Lalama



By Nick Perez '15

Mr. Andrew Lalama is the newest addition to Holy Cross' physical education program.

Mr. Lalama is a very nice man who taught at Brooklyn Avenue School located in Valley Stream, Long Island. During Mr. Lalama's stay at Brooklyn Avenue School he taught Health and Physical Education and has resumed those same position at Holy Cross. During the opening weeks of the school year I asked Mr. Lalama if it was challenging to adjust to school life and a rotating seven day schedule. Mr. Lalama replied saying "For the first few weeks adjusting to the new schedule was confusing but, I quickly adapted."

When asked, if a non-co-ed school is a more productive learning environment than a co-ed school, Mr. Lalama responded with a resounding "Definitely" and said that "It helps the students to focus on their academics rather than stare at girls all day".

I finally asked Mr. Lalama about his plans for the foreseeable future. Mr. Lalama said that he only just started working here and is optimistic and he is willing to teach whatever the boy's interests are. I want to thank Mr. Lalama to allowing myself to interview him and to take time out of his day and I wish him the best of luck for his future at Holy Cross.

Mr. Tyron Allison



By Prince McCarthy '15

Mr. Allison teaches College Algebra. As some of you may know, Mr. Allison previously taught at Christ the King high school. After being asked why he decided to change schools stated "I thought it was time for a change, in order to help other young individuals."

Not many students know, but this new math teacher played professional football for three different teams. When asked why he retired from playing football, Mr. Allison stated that he felt his time in the league was at its end. Now, he tries to use his talents and knowledge from playing in the NFL to help younger generations by serving as a positive role model.

So why did Mr. Allison decide to become a math teacher? Allison says, "Math has always been my favorite subject... I majored in business in college but I still have a love for it." Mr. Allison also attended the University of North Carolina before transferring to Hofstra. University.

When asked if he ever saw himself becoming a teacher Allison joked "No, I always saw football as my life I actually saw myself in a nice \$3000 suit as a lawyer." Allison said he could see himself being a coach here at Holy Cross because he loves the game and he feels he can learn a lot from coach Tom Pugh.

To all the students and faculty, Allison thanks you all for accepting him into your Holy Cross family.

Is Public School Food Unhealthy?

By Andrew Spyridon '15

Are public school foods unhealthy to the students who eat it? Students who eat the food are not getting the right nutrition they need. A 2009 study published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association found that “94 percent of school lunches failed to meet the U.S. Agriculture Department's regulatory standards.” This study shows that school lunches do not meet the departments’ regulations and may affect the students’ health. For a long time now people are trying to find a solution to get healthier foods into the public school lunches.

Also public school lunches are not healthy because of the economy. The economy has a lot to do with healthy foods. Jen Christensen says “Processed food is much cheaper to serve than fresh product. The number one meal served to children in U.S. schools is chicken fingers and French fries.” Having students eat processed food every day and can lead to health issues in the future. This is caused because foods that are healthy cost a lot of money for people who can not afford it.

In 2009 there was another study done and Christensen says that “children who participated in the National School Lunch Program found they were more likely to gain weight than other children.” This could be the cause why America has been named to be one of the most obese countries. School lunches need to be more appropriate to the health of young students.



(Above: Examples of some of the lunches that are served in NYC public schools - Photos courtesy of lavidalocavore.org and roosevelthouse.hunter.cuny.edu)

Assistant Principal for Student Life

By Brandon Regan '15

At the beginning of the school year, Mr. Harris became the new Assistant Principal for Student Life. He has enforced new policies on the students and strives to make Holy Cross a more professional school. Also, he plans on making improvements as each year passes by for the students and for the school. His relationship with both students and parents has increased during the course of his first month, and expects to improve the school every day he is the assistant principal for student life.

Why did Mr. Harris accept the job? He says he took it because “being a certified school building administrator for two years, it’s the combination of my administrative pursuit and implementing policy.” He looks to change some of the school’s policies and make it a better environment for everyone. He believes that “if there is nothing left to change, then it’s time to move on.”

He says the relationships with students’ parents have been “positive” and he has “strong parental support,” even

though he has had to have “effective correspondence with some parents.” He has compelled new policies upon the students for a few reasons. He got rid of the old green polos because “The old polos are exactly as it name implies, old.” Also, Mr. Harris’s infamous sneaker policy is “to properly market our students to and from school and to promote professionalism throughout the community.” Students may no longer wear sneakers to and from school. His objective is “to satisfy a uniform’s intention,” but many students are negatively reacting to the new policies.

One senior believes the seniors should “have green polos year round” and the old polos back. Also, he wishes to eliminate the new sneaker policy. One sophomore even suggested that “the sneaker policy is a little outrageous” and believes Mr. Harris can do a better job. However, Mr. Harris says “I am happy to enforce a policy that promotes professionalism and markets our school in a positive way.”

Explore HC's Awesome School Clubs

By Justin Haugbro '15

Do you want to get more involved in the school community? Maybe you want to join clubs but don't know what clubs are available or what they do? There are many clubs at Holy Cross high school, some you may not even know about. All of which are interesting and fun.

Clubs are advertised only by a name and you are never told what each one does. Well here is your chance! The clubs at Holy Cross vary in commitment, style, and content. Some are very work heavy the students who would like a great college resume. There are also the clubs that do not require work, and are simply for fun. The work heavy clubs include the science Olympiad and Mock Trial. The simple yet fun clubs include the chess club, guitar club, and technology club.

Science Olympiad is run by Mr. Kani and is one of the harder clubs to keep up with. Science Olympiad consists of studying the material given to you. You meet several times a month. Last year, there was about 20-30 kids on the team and the good part is anyone can join. The idea of the club is that you take a test at mid to end of the school year. Your results are tallied and you compete against other schools for the best overall score.

Mock trial is another work intensive club with more pressure relying on you doing your work and studying. Mock trial is the law club which means you will be in front of a judge with your team members. Last year the mock trial club had about 10-12 members and anyone can join. Mock trial meets at least 2-3 times a week. The idea behind mock trial is a fake case is given to you, you are assigned a person in the case, and you need to be that person. Studying up on your character will help come time of game day. Mock trial is a lot of work, but pays off on your college resume.

The smaller clubs that are mainly for fun is the chess club. The chess club is run by Mr. Grey and if for any student who wants to learn how to play chess, or already knows how and just wants to show off their talent and compete with other students. There are about 12 members and anyone who wants to join can, even if you don't know how to play chess. The club meets about once a week and if you can't make it, there is always next week!

The guitar is also another club that, even if you don't know how to play the guitar, you can still come to the meetings and learn how to play the guitar. For those who enjoy listening to the guitar, there is also a spot for you. The club meets about 1-2 times a month and is run by Mr. Rampulla and Mr. T. There are about 6 members and no work is required to be done at home.

Lastly, Mr. Botero runs the technology club. The technology club offers a fun and exciting time along with learning vital pieces of information for future careers. There are about 15-20 members and meetings are once a week. The main goal of the club is for you to learn how to program, and ultimately how to take apart and reconstruct a computer. The club will help you learn about the hardware and software of a computer. There are no skills needed to join this club, but the skills acquired from this club will be useful to you for the rest of your life, as computers are not a thing of the past and basically are the only things that are certain to stay in the future.

Clubs are very important for college applications, as extracurricular activities are needed. These are only some of the many clubs offered at Holy Cross. If the name of a club catches your attention then give it a shot. You might end up finding your career path from a club at your high school.



(Above and Left: HC offers many different clubs and organizations that are great for discovering passions and making new friends - Photos courtesy of holycrosshs.org)

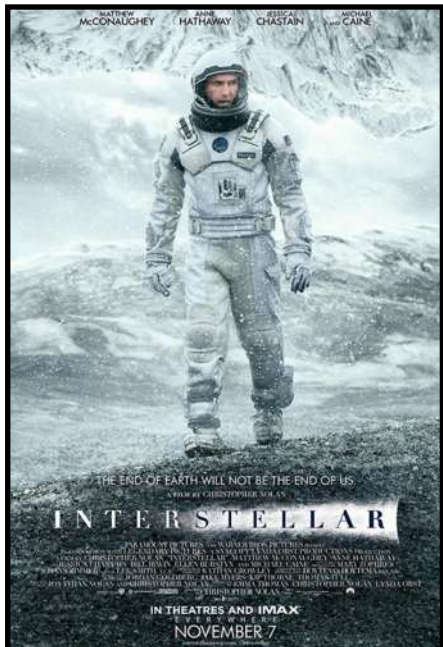
Upcoming Movies in Nov. and Dec.

By Anthony Hopter '15

First, we have a sci-fi/adventure movie titled *Interstellar* releasing in theaters on November 7th. This film will be starring Matthew McConaughey and Anne Hathaway where they embark on a journey to the furthest reaches of our scientific understanding. This film has been written and directed by Christopher Nolan.

Also being released in November, we have *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, part 1*. This film will release on November 21st and is the third movie in the *Hunger Games* series. Once again starring Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, she must do what it takes to keep her family and friends safe now that she has survived the *Hunger Games* multiple times and made the Capitol very angry. Francis Lawrence directs this thrill film.

Just in time for the holidays we have the release of *The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies*. This film releases on December 17th and is the third and final movie in *The Hobbit* series. Starring Martin Freeman returning one last time as Bilbo Baggins and Ian McKellen as Gandalf, we will receive the epic conclusion in the long journey that began in the very first movie. How will they stop the desolation of the Dragon called Smaug or will they perish? We will find out in a few months from now. Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson directs this fantasy and action adventure.



(Above: Official movie poster for Christopher Nolan's *Interstellar* - Photo courtesy of comingsoon.net)

Music Review: X by Chris Brown

By Jeffree Ford '15

Chris Brown is well known artist in the hip hop industry. With his new Album "X" being out since September 16, 2014, it has brought a different view on him. He has been going through all in his past. The big commotion he was going through was with his ex-Rihanna. That's



the thing with Brown and X. The overwhelming majority of artists would get the benefit of addressing an imaginary ex.

During the summer one of his song "Loyal" became a hit. This song is about girl in general not being loyal to their "soulmate". Great deal of the material on X, where he has two guest Tyga and Lil Wayne who helped build a strong similarity to a Dj Named DJ Mustard. The mid-tempo club anthems have been going great for these past months. Another thing that Catch the eyes of people is his dance moves in the videos. The album's strongest appearance is in traditional flirty rhythm and blues. Usher chooses his 2008 hit "Love In This Club" for "New Flame."

X's weakest points are where Brown does too much and tries to show out his commercially popular and guitar-driven styles. Another thing that Catch the eyes of people is his dance moves in the videos. "Autumn Leaves" is expressive, yet in feeling entirely too lyrically washed in Brown's lovelorn and arguable past, can't even be saved by the thoughtful lyrical talents of Kendrick Lamar. And the Song "See You Around?" Well, the less said about Chris Brown coping the style and sound of jug-band rockers Mumford and Sons, thought that would help.

But with the Female duets in the songs "Drunk Texting" and "Do Better" are likely odes to things Chris Brown has dealt with. Both Jhene Aiko and Brandy respectively delivering mature performances that when merged with Brown's sometimes juvenile real-life behavior make both listens feel like more conversations on Brown's current life than simple Pop songs. Browns ability to succeed creatively at delivering sounds in all three sectors of urban Pop makes this release a great, yet disorderly, listen.

iPhone 6 Rundown

By Salvatore Oppedisano '15

There has been much talk and excitement over the new release of the iPhone 6 on September 19. Apple fans have lined up around the world to preorder and camp out for this new technology. Many people who are fanatics for the iPhone and all its new and upcoming technology mobbed apple stores and other retailers around the world (NBC News). Being that apple is selling two phones a 4.7-inch iPhone 6 and a 5.5-inch iPhone 6 plus it has attracted more people with various desires. Both iPhones are now bigger, thinner, and faster than the previous generation, which is now older technology (NBC News). They also come with a new and improved chip that allows users to make payments with their phones through a new apple pay service.

Customer had placed more than 4 million pre orders for the iPhone 6 and the iPhone 6 plus in just the first day of the preorders, which had actually made a first day record apple had stated on Monday. While millions of people still love the brand a new poll shows that 16 percent of Americans think that apple has become less cool over the last two years which is near a two percent increase from last year (Apple). However with signs of high demand for the iPhone 6 and 6 plus clear on Friday, preorders for the 5.5 inch plus had sold out early proving that this information had been valid.

In New York on Fifth Avenue a crowd actually counted down the seconds until the apple store opened as if it was New Years Eve. Some have stated they just wanted the opportunity to be there first, one man had arrived with six friends and planned to buy 30 iPhones to bring back to Dubai planning to give them to his family (NBC News). Many had woken up in the middle of the night and others were just simply unable to sleep says (ABC News). The anticipation of people desiring this specific product is insane and not obtaining it after a certain period

of time will make many annoyed. This is the eighth generation of the iPhone and has had a huge effect on many people so far across the world.

There tends to always be such a craze when a new product which apple releases comes about it like people saw God for the first time or something. The over reaction and emotions shown over getting a new piece of technology is unbelievable. While many are willing to pay close to 600 dollars to get this phone on its release many will wait a month or two for the price to drop and then purchase it. However with the phone high in demand china and other area which produce this technology are on a busy task to produce a supply in demand. Now there are many new options and features that the new iPhone will include such as a new A8 chip good for banking and making fast and easy purchases over the Internet. The chip will also increase the phone operating speed while surfing the web and downloading apps. Siri the voice commander has improved very much with iOS 8, which is software that comes with the iPhone 6 as a package in the launch, has improved very much. A person can now simply say Siri what's the name of this song, and Siri will answer the question because it is now in partnership with *Shazam*, a song telling genius app. With all the new features that have been released also come many other goods from the app store such as new and improved games and many business managing apps and tools for many to use. There is also a new health app which lets a person create a medical id and provide their medical info such as if they have and allergies, which blood type they have, or even height and weight. So if a person is ever unconscious or is not able to speak with help on the way their phone can be checked and tell an individual all about their health which can be very useful and life saving.

There are many new and improved back up services from iOS 8 and the new iPhone itself including a keychain app which can save all a persons passwords into one just incase they are forgotten. Also there is the new iCloud drive, which allows an iPhone user to store all his or her purchases onto one hard drive and be able to access them all their apple devices such as the iPad or iPod touch. When a person deletes a photo from their phone there is also a new mode called recovery mode which can allow them to

recover that photo for up to thirty days. Even better there is a new group chat setting where a person can be removed from a group chat so they don't have to be bugged by those annoying group chat messages that go on and on amongst a group which no one cares about.

The iPhone 6 is also less likely to crack now being that apple has finally developed a better material to use on the screens of iPhone rather than the glass substance they have been using since the iPhone 4, which tends to crack very easily. Find my iPhone has been improved for the better and is now able to track a person's iPhone that is stolen much easier and efficiently (Apple News). The battery life is much better as compared to the iPhone 5s and charging the iPhone has less of a wait time now as well. The phone has a much more slicker design and a sharp back which resembles slate and is very smooth. The corners of the phone are neatly curved and rounded which is different from the iPhone 5 or 5s that are more sharpened rather than rounded. The flash light on the phone is much brighter as well having a brighter led bulb.

Although many have purchased the new iPhone it is actually one of the most toughest times for the iPhone competition wise, many other good phones such as the Samsung Galaxy s5 and the LG G3 are selling rapidly as well and those sales are substituting those of an iPhone. So iPhone really was in need or a change at this time and they have made that change possible with all the new moves they have been making from iOS 8 to the new iPhone itself. The team at apple has done a great and remarkable job at getting all the phones to the people who preordered them and could not wait a second longer for the new phone. Many who has just received the phone gathered around with friends and family to take a high resolution picture of this day which is special to so many people and is a day to remember for others.

Many tend to take the release of this new product as a huge affair and it surely is a big affair if a persons hobby or interests is technology or if they just have a crave for apples iPhone in general, either was it was a very friendly occasion and release when the iPhone 6 came out. There will hopefully be many better and bright releases to come in the near future.

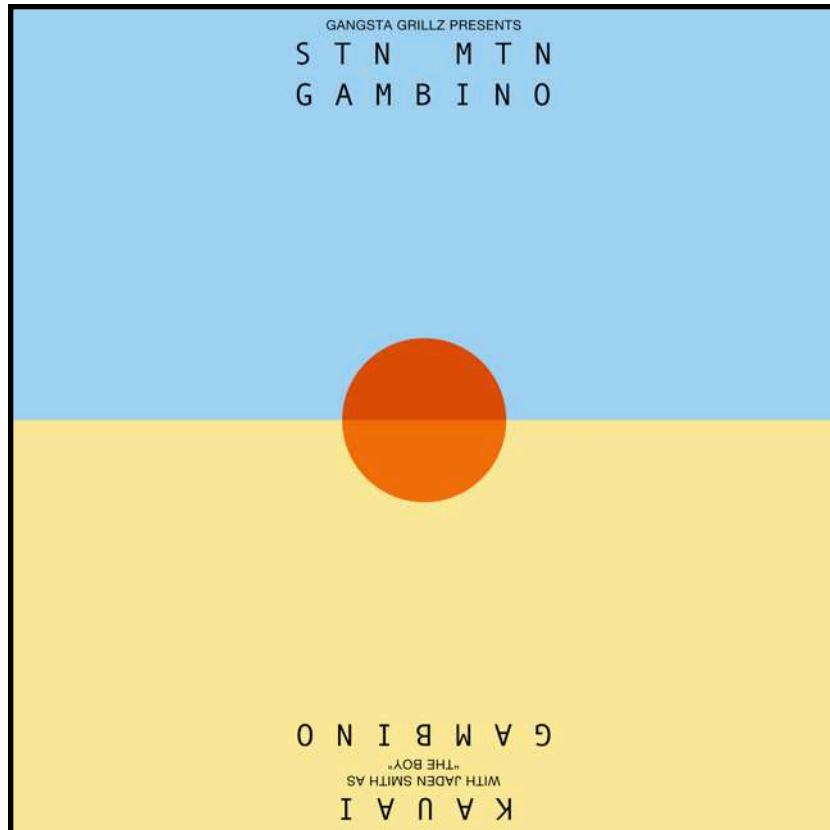


(Far left: Apple's iPhone 6 - Photo courtesy of *versus.com*)

(Near left: A line forms in front of an Apple store days before the launch of the iPhone 6 - Photo courtesy of *lockerdom.com*)

Music Review: *STN MTN/ Kauai* by Childish Gambino

By Dylan Chow '15



Coming off his second full-length album, *Because the Internet*, writer, singer, actor, comedian and rapper, Childish Gambino a.k.a Donald Glover, returns with his new project *STN MTN/ Kauai*, which looks the build on the narrative of “The Boy” character from the *Because the Internet* screenplay.

Gambino opens the project with his free to download mixtape *STN MTN*. In the opening track, “Dream Southern/ Hospitality/Partna Dem” Gambino introduces the main theme of the first half the project, running Atlanta. In his dream, Gambino roles out a list of things to change in Atlanta as its leader. The most important of this list is that he gets his own Gangsta Grillz mixtape. During the tape, Gambino fills *STN MTN* heavily with southern trap production and has DJ Drama shouting throughout, in order to get the “Gangsta Grillz” feel. Unfortunately, one can only take so much of DJ Drama’s consistently annoying shouting. Gambino is able to recover from this downfall with solid tracks in “U Don’t Have to Call”, “Candler Road”, and “All Yall” where he displays strong singing ability, clever wordplay and diverse flows over impressive production. The *STN MTN* mixtape ends with the Lil Wayne sampled track “Go DJ” and Gambino wakes up from his dream and is in Kauai.

The project then continues into the *Kauai* EP, which has “The Boy” relaxing on a beach in Kauai. In this part of the project Gambino has much lighter and airier production, which gives it a very tropical and laid back feel. Surprisingly, Gambino predominantly sings on the Kauai side, and well. Though Gambino has sung on tracks previously, his singing has never been thought as his strong suit. But with melodic tracks like “Sober” and “Retro”, Gambino truly shows he is a more than capable singer. He definitely did a great job in making really chill and laid back tracks to listen to on the beach with *Kauai*.

Overall *STN MTN/ Kauai* is a solid project for Childish Gambino following *Because the Internet*. Though it is not as lyrically complex or dense as *Because the Internet*, *STN MTN/Kauai* offers a fun listen to hold fans over until his next full-length release. So definitely go out and download the *STN MTN* mixtape for free on datpiff.com and buy the *Kauai* EP on iTunes. Half of the EP’s proceeds will go towards getting cameras for cops and the other half towards keeping Kauai clean.

Rating: 6/10



THE LANCE SPORTS



Impact of RG3's Injury on Redskins

By John Flynn '15

When the Washington Redskins traded up in the NFL draft two years ago, they believed that they had finally resolved the quarterback position that's been a problem for over 20 years with Robert Griffin III, also known as RG3. That fall, he lived up to the hype, as he led the Redskins to their first NFC East championship since 1999, thanks in part to a seven-game winning streak after starting 3-6. Then it appeared that they were headed to Atlanta for the Divisional Round of the NFC playoffs, and then . . . bang!

While trying to make a run, RG3 tore ligaments in his knee and his season was over, as the Redskins blew a 14-0 lead at home to the Seahawks en route to a 24-14 loss.

Since RG3 got hurt that Wild Card Sunday two years ago, he hasn't been the same.

The way he played last year was sub-par. He missed three games last year due to injury, his interception rate doubled from his rookie year, and fans began to doubt if RG3 could return to his rookie form. He started last year because head coach Mike Shanahan was the only person in the NFL who thought RG3 was 100%. Shanahan got fired after their 3-13 performance.

And then in 2014, he got hurt again; this time it was his ankle in their Week 2 matchup against the Jaguars.

Former NFL head coach Jimmie Johnson said on the FOX pregame show a week later that if he gets hurt, he is more vulnerable to get hurt the next time.

If Kirk Cousins is their quarterback for the rest of the season, they are not making the playoffs this year. I believed when the Redskins drafted RG3, it would help them that year, but after that would be a huge risk because they had to hope he was healthy.

We also have to look everywhere else on the team. They just came off an embarrassing performance against the New York Giants. The Giants forced six turnovers, sacked Kirk Cousins twice, and allowed a no-name tight end, Larry Donnell, to score three touchdowns. The Redskins can't tackle; they have little depth on the offensive line and elsewhere.

The Redskins might be 3-5 this season, but I think they are in world of trouble unless Kirk Cousins can rescue the team.



(Above: RG3 dislocated his ankle on Sept. 14, 2014 during the Redskins' game against Jacksonville - Photo courtesy of Rob Carr, Getty Images)



(Above: Kirk Cousins will start as QB for the Redskins in place of the injured RG3 - Photo courtesy of Eric Hartline, USA TODAY Sports)

Predictions for Top 4 of EPL

By Brandon Chow '15

Note: As of writing this article, all English Premier League teams except Man City, Man United, Aston Villa, Tottenham, Crystal Palace and Sunderland have just concluded their 10th week of matches.

1st Chelsea –The Stamford Bridge club is off to an amazing start in the EPL this year after having an outstanding summer transfer window where the team most notably acquired club legend Didier Drogba, Atletico Madrid striker Diego Costa, and Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabregas. Costa and Fabregas, the two La Liga imports, are paying dividends for The Blues thus far. Through their first nine games with the team, Costa is tied for the league's top scorer with Man City's Kun Aguero (9) and Fabregas leads all players in assists (9). Chelsea also has German forward Andre Schürrle, who massively contributed to Germany's 2014 FIFA World Cup victory. Additionally, the club decided to bench veteran goalkeeper Petr Čech in favor of the young Belgian national Thibaut Courtois. Even though both stoppers are extremely talented, I believe that Courtois' agility and athleticism make him the optimal starting goalkeeper. At 8-2-0, this undefeated Chelsea squad currently sits at the top of the standings – and they're not showing any signs of slowing down.

2nd Manchester City – Last year's Premier League champions, Manchester City is a talented and well-rounded club that threatens to take the title again this season. The Citizens have an extremely solid defense led by team captain Vincent Kompany, who I believe is the EPL's best defender. In their Week 5 matchup with Chelsea, City showed tremendous resolve by getting a 1-1 draw despite losing RB Pablo Zabaleta to a red card midway through the 2nd half. If striker Sergio Aguero can remain healthy, and forward Stevan Jovetic and midfielder Yaya Toure step up their play, Manuel Pellegrini's club has a good shot at being repeat Premier League champions.

3rd Arsenal – The Gunners get my #3 spot due to the acquisitions they were able to make during this summer's record breaking transfer window. First, Arsenal signed Barcelona forward Alexis Sanchez to a long-term deal worth about \$65 million. The club complimented this with the pick-up of Manchester United's Danny Welbeck, who the club inked a \$20 million deal with on Deadline Day, and Southampton defender Calum Chambers. With midfielder Mesut Ozil silencing critics with his superb play in Arsenal's 3-0 victory over Aston Villa in Week 5, The Gunners look like they're in great condition for a top four finish in the EPL this season. Plus, Arsenal star Theo Walcott, who has been sidelined since January due to a knee injury, is expected to start training with the team again in the coming weeks. Arsenal currently sits in 4th place with a 4-5-1 record.

4th Manchester United – Robin van Persie, Radamel Falcao, Angel Di Maria, Wayne Rooney, Juan Mata, Marcos Rojo and David De Gea. On paper, Man United seems like they would easily be near the top of the standings. However, this is not the case. Even with the hundreds of millions of dollars that the club spent this transfer window, The Red Devils are in 8th place with a disappointing 3-4-2 record. Although their rough start has probably eliminated them from winning the title, I still believe that Manchester United has enough time to turn things around and grab the 4th spot in the EPL. Club manager Louis van Gaal will have to find a way to utilize his team's immense amount of skill and raw talent to its full potential.



(Above: Man City's Kun Aguero - Photo courtesy of topfootballerwallpapers.com)



(Above: Chelsea's Diego Costa - Photo courtesy of caughtoffside.com)



(Right: Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez (right) and Danny Welbeck (left) - Photo courtesy of Getty Images)