



## New Campus Renovations Underway

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Many of you read my last article regarding the new "Great Wall of Jesuit," but have you ever wondered what lies in the future? After speaking with Fr. Hermes, S.J., I learned a lot about the future plans of the school. The school has been working with multiple architectural firms to come up with a "master plan" for the campus which outlines the construction projects and renovations for the next 15-20 years. The plan will be completed within the next four to six months.

Jesuit's current campus was built in the 1950's for a much smaller student body and could greatly benefit from renovations. Among the list for reconstruction or renovation includes the MPR and performing arts area, administration building, cafeteria, science building, and even St. Anthony's Chapel. All of these buildings have become too constrained in space to satisfy the growing needs of the school.

Renovation of the chapel is expected to be a challenging task. Currently a feasibility study is being conducted to determine whether it is possible to renovate the chapel to the school's specifications or if a whole new one must be built. Another concern is where everyone will meet and celebrate mass and adoration while construction is underway. The gym, capable of holding up to 1,500 people, is the primary choice.

With all of the new plans underway, this is a very exciting time for the school. It is changing for the better and will serve the people of the Tampa Bay area greatly. Every precaution is being taken to ensure success and benefit can be fulfilled with these projects. Students and faculty can expect and new and expanding school for the coming years.

# Thanksgiving Drive Reaches Out To Tampa Community

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Staff Writer

October 27th marked the start of the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Coordinated by director of community service Michael Miller '09 and the Jesuit Dad's Club, the drive's purpose was to raise money as a school to provide underprivileged families in the Tampa community with full Thanksgiving meals.

In the previous year, Jesuit raised over \$6,000 to provide food for these families. After weeks of raising money in homerooms, the school donated an \$8,835. The weeks leading up to the Thanksgiving Food Drive culminated on Sunday, November 23rd. On the 23rd, also known as delivery day, students, faculty, and their families deliver food baskets to the Boys and Girls Club, where families picked up their food. Volunteers met in the morning at 10:00 a.m. to begin the day of service with a mass in St. Anthony's Chapel. Following the mass at 11:00 a.m., a breakfast took place in the cafeteria for all volunteers.

From 11:30-12:00 p.m. the volunteers packed



Sebastian Rivers '16 helps deliver food at the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

their assigned family's food box with food for the holidays, and at 12:00 p.m. they departed from the school to deliver the boxes and meet the families.

For all students, faculty, and friends who participated, the drive again proved to be a rewarding experience. Students and teachers alike enjoyed seeing the families receive the food as their faces filled with smiles. The recipients of the food, relieved of

of the stress of not having a thanksgiving meal, could now celebrate the holidays fully, thanks to the generosity of the Jesuit community. Families across all of Tampa were touched by the Jesuit community during the fun-filled and joyous delivery day. All who delivered food truly discovered the value of giving and not counting the cost.

Jesuit's impact on the community goes beyond providing less fortunate families with a Thanksgiving meal. The fact that student volunteers and their families are taking time out of their lives to please them goes further than one might imagine; a small act of kindness can go a long way. It is the very definition of Jesuit's mission and is acted out fully in service. Congratulations to all who volunteered and the administration for adding another successful year of the food drive.



Jono Carter '16, Grady McMichen '16, and Danny Kervin '16 deliver food at the food drive.

## Speech and Debate Excels at Blue Key Competition

**Jackson Moffett '16**  
Opinions Editor

Speech and Debate. Its name has been mentioned throughout the convocation announcements and even some of the students mention the team every once in awhile.

But, what happened several weeks ago at this tournament called "Blue Key" and why was it so important? To understand the significance of it one must understand how the team operates.

The team receives about seven slots dependent on the number of students involved.

If there were 100 nationally competing students, they would have more than seven slots. The only way to get more slots for them now is to improve the current students' levels of competition, which means having them compete against stronger debaters.

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# Growing Pains of the iPad 1:1 Program

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Staff Writer

Coming off the heels of the first few months of the school year, the school saw its most radical change in the environment with the introduction of the iPads as tools for students' primarily academic use. Changes were made in order to solidify the academic integrity of the school environment. However, misuse of the iPads has become a pervasive issue that the administration is trying to solve, as is common with many first-year iPad 1:1 programs.

Among these issues are the numerous distractions and activities the iPads can cause both inside the classroom and outside. Games, social networking, and other non-academic pursuits have been the focus of many students' iPad usage, opposite of the mission of the iPads originally. The iPad misuse has even bled into non-academic settings, such as during free

or lunch periods in the Commons area, where most students are found playing on their iPads rather than actually using the time to socialize. However, even though iPad misuse is causing problems in and outside of the classroom, it is simply a product of an adjustment period for a new program. As rapidly as students are evolving their iPad use in the school, the administration is combating the negative uses. iPad

regulation in the library has been strictly adhered to, with some students being banned for iPad misuse not directly pertaining to academic pursuits. The IT department has been carefully monitoring trends in the iPad use and fixing problems on a school-wide basis to benefit the overall quality of the iPad program.

The IT department has also been quick to address other iPad-related issues students are having.

Some students have severely physically damaged their iPads, almost rendering them completely unusable. An insurance policy on the iPads allows for a reduced-price replacement to keep the iPads functioning and tailored to their necessary academic uses. The IT department has also kept students updated with frequent emails and announcements regarding solutions to common problems students may be having.

With every new change as expansive as the iPad program, growing pains will inevitably occur. The iPads represent a level of independent responsibility on academics that may take students time to adjust to. However, with both the students' and administration's help, these issues will naturally solve themselves and lead to a stronger academic environment for everyone.



Mark Stine '15, Ryan Ricco '15, Emmanuel Diaz '15, Blake Rey '15, and William Clewis '16 use the iPads.

## Speech and Debate at Blue Key

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Against stiff competition from all around the nation, Jackson Moffett '16 went to the finals in impromptu, and Gantt Meredith '16 and Michael Lee '16 also went to finals in Duo extemporaneous. Coach Don Moffett said, "This is the best team Jesuit has ever had, and we can continue this trend by building on the success of the previous teams." With the team's success higher than the last two years combined, there is no doubt they will be one of Jesuit's top.

## Key Club Looks Ahead to Annual Putt-Putt Fundraiser

**Andrew Mullan '16**  
Layout Editor

The Jesuit Key Club will host its annual Putt-Putt Fundraiser on Saturday, December 6th. Held at the Grand Prix of Tampa Bay, the fundraiser benefits research to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a disease that harms thousands of mothers and their children every year. While all Key Club members will attend the event, the faculty and larger student body are

encouraged to attend as well for a morning of free mini-golf, arcade games, and go-karting.

As one of the top clubs in the world, Jesuit's Key Club boasts the great

success of the putt-putt fundraiser, its largest event, year after year. For the entire morning, Grand Prix of Tampa Bay will be reserved solely for Jesuit to hold the event.

President Robert Monsour, club moderator Mr. Eduard Lugo, and all club members invite the whole school and their families to join them on December 6th from 9 a.m. until noon for a traditionally enthusiastic and fun filled morning.

See either Robert Monsour or Mr. Eduard Lugo to obtain a registration sheet if you wish to participate, and all who are not able to attend are encouraged to sponsor the event with a donation.



Students enjoy the morning on the mini-golf course. Photo courtesy of E. Charette

# Does the Cafeteria Need Improvements?

Ricardo Maldonado '17  
Staff Writer

As a teenager, lunch is a major part of the day when you can relax and have a satisfying meal while taking a break from the rat race of high school. You'll be in either third or fourth period and hear the sound of your stomach starting to growl. You will become startled and ravenous for food.

The cafeteria at Jesuit is significant in the life of a Jesuit student, whether having breakfast or lunch. A huge improvement came to the breakfast menu with the introduction of pancakes—even chocolate chip pancakes. I love them, and I'm sure many other Jesuit students feel the same way. The pancakes are immense and a great component of a big, hot breakfast.

Rumors abound of the addition of an ATM machine to the cafeteria, but none of these have come to fruition.

The screen with ESPN usually catches my attention once in a while—especially during the SportsCenter Top Ten.

In my opinion, Jesuit's school lunch is appetizing—even though I'm not picky. I like the wide variety of choices to order from. The repeal of the 25 cent cookie tax has made the cafeteria's most popular dessert more accessible to the masses. The chicken basket always satisfies and never gets old.

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-Dylan Field '17

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-Spencer Wallace '17

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Dylan Field '17 said that the food is great every day and the people who work in the cafeteria are always nice and greet you with a smile. Spencer Wallace '17 said that the food is good half the time. He enjoys the chicken basket and the sandwiches, but sometimes does not like the main meal. Hector Rizo '17 says he enjoys the food and looks forward to his meal. Sometimes people can be picky, but as long as the food pleases most of the people, it is adequate.

The idea of externally catered lunches (such as those from Bay Area chicken powerhouse PDQ) appeals to many students. However, the majority of students enjoy the choices offered to them in the Jesuit cafeteria.

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# Jesuits Encourage Students to Discover Their Vocations

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Throughout the later part of October and early November, various speakers have shared their vocation stories and experiences with the student body. A few new faces have popped up around campus during this time, including visiting Jesuit priest, Fr. Nathan O'Halloran, S.J., and novice, Mr. Colten Biro, S.J. Former scholastics here at Jesuit High School, Mr. Sean Salai, S.J., Mr. David Paternostro, S.J., and newly ordained Mr. Randy Gibbens, S.J., are continuing their journey towards the priesthood.

After several years spent at Jesuit teaching and working towards being ordained, Salai and Paternostro now find themselves out in Berkeley, Calif. at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, where they are both studying theology and looking toward their priestly ordination in the summer of 2017. Salai says that "I'm also



Mr. Biro speaks at convocation about his personal vocation.

Photo courtesy of Pete Young

working at San Quentin Prison on Sundays, attending mass and visiting with prisoners." He also mentioned that he is living in a Jesuit house next to the UC Berkeley campus in one of six houses with 90 Jesuit professors and students from various countries in the world. Paternostro said,

"My expectation is that I will be here for about four years studying theology, at the end of which (God willing), I would be ordained to the priesthood."

A month after being ordained a deacon, Gibbens, who taught at Jesuit from 2009-2012, is also with Salai and Paternostro at SCU.

His ordination took place on October 19th at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, which is the cathedral for the Catholic Diocese of Oakland, Calif.

Among the many speakers to address the student body, visiting novice, Mr. Colten Biro, S.J., shared experiences before the

priesthood, talking about how he converted to Catholicism at a later age and how he dated quite a bit and had some serious relationships. Biro grew up in Lafayette, La. where he attended Lafayette High School and went on to double-major in Political Science and English and double-minor in Pre-Law and International Studies at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. After a year of law school at the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, "I spent a year in Lafayette teaching social studies and English at The Academy of the Sacred Heart, an all girls school, in Grand Coteau." Since then he has taught English and theology at the Cristo Rey School in Kansas City.

The highlights of Biro's vocation talk focused on the *what if* and *what to do situation* that kept pestering him going into college and finding lasting joy in that. "I get to law school... and God gave me massive amounts of success. I was one of the top in the class, involved in SGA and other



Fr. O'Halloran, while visiting Jesuit, gave a convocation talk.

Photo courtesy of Pete Young

organizations; I also was competitive enough to have two coveted internships, circuit court and public defender” he explained.

Then Biro started becoming more involved in a local parish and worked with the youth group, children’s ministry, small faith communities, mission trips, and more. He had some vivid experiences in prayer and moments when it was too much to know if God

was calling him. “The call you should be looking for is that call to joy,” he says. Biro wanted to find the joy in his life given by God. Then why did he do something crazy and join the priesthood? Again, “I did it because I find an indescribable amount of joy in this life.”

Another highlight of these vocation talks was a Jesuit priest visiting

from La., Fr. Nathan O’Halloran, S.J., who was ordained last summer. On Wednesday, Nov. 5, also being the Worldwide Day of Prayer for Jesuit Vocations, after giving the convocation that morning, he spoke to different theology classes in the MPR, sharing his vocation story and life before the priesthood. In his presentation,

O’Halloran spoke of his time growing up on his parent’s mission and ranch in New Mexico and the different visiting families who stayed there.

During one of his mission trips in El Salvador, he was sent to a small village in the mountains. During a soccer match against a rival village, he scored a few goals and from then on, the people there

accepted him as one of their own. Though his aspirations were to become a soccer star and play with Alexi Lalas, his call was to become a priest.

New priest and teacher on campus, Fr. Vincent Capuano, S.J., shared his vocation story as well as Fr. Douglas Hypolite, S.J., and school president Fr. Richard C. Hermes, S.J. In a humorous skit during convocation, Brendan Wamsley ’15 and Victor Peña ’16 acted out the vocation story of Theology Department Head Fr. J.P. Hough, S.J. Peña portrayed Fr. Hough in an endearingly accurate way while Wamsley asked him questions about his life. Fr. Frank Brou, S.J., also gave two 15-minute talks to Jesuit parents on the theme of “Promoting the Vocation of Holiness.”

Over the past month, students have listened to various speakers tell their vocation stories. They have challenged them to listen to the call. Only time will tell when one hears their own calling from God.



Fr. Hermes, S.J. speaks to students and faculty at convocation about his own vocation story.

Photo courtesy of Pete Young

## Clubs, New and Old, Are Active on Campus

**Spencer Wallace ’17**  
**Staff Writer**

Every year at Jesuit, new clubs are formed to give students great opportunities outside of the classroom. This year, one of the biggest and most popular new clubs is the Philosophy Club, moderated by Mr. Christopher Ragusa. Recently, I interviewed Mr. Ragusa to learn more information about the club:

**Q:** In your opinion, what is the definition of philosophy?

**A:** The word philosophy comes from the Greek meaning “love of wisdom.”

This saying is at the heart of philosophy. Socrates claimed to know love through philosophy.

**Q:** What made you want to moderate the philosophy club?

**A:** Several students approached me earlier this year, and I think it’s important to nurture the love of wisdom in people.

**Q:** Do you have a favorite philosopher?

**A:** My favorite philosopher is either Aristotle or St. Thomas Aquinas.

**Q:** What will the club be doing this year?

**A:** Members will get t-shirts, be listening to speakers, and engaging with philosophers. Right now we are reading Plato.

**Q:** What main stories will you be reading?

**A:** Mainly we will be reading stories by Plato and Aristotle, but we may even branch out into other sectors of philosophy.

**Q:** Lastly, when does the club meet?

**A:** Students will have to listen to the announcements,

but usually Wednesday’s and Thursday’s after school. I encourage all students to check the club out.

Another big club on campus is the Key Club, which is consistently voted one of the best chapters in the state of Florida. This year the club is poised to be bigger than ever before. The club offers weekly service projects announced at its meetings every Wednesday, and many projects have become regular events, such as the projects at Hyde Park

Methodist Church and Sacred Heart Church to feed the poor. Members use the weekly projects in addition to other service opportunities to achieve their five hours of required service hours. Key club also runs large-scale projects every year. The next Key Club Putt Putt project will be held at the Grand Prix of Tampa. All the money raised from this event goes to helping pregnant mothers who choose to remain Pro-Life, instead of opting for an abortion. Key Club is poised to maintain their constant success throughout the year.

# Football Keeps the Win Streak Alive Against Tampa Catholic

**Sammy Lazarra '15**  
Staff Writer

Some say that all good things must come to an end. This streak, though, does not seem to be ending anytime soon.

After a passionate week on Twitter and an impassioned pep rally, students and players expected to take control of the game early and keep it that way. No one could have expected that the game would come down to the last play, especially not Brendan Gonzalez '16.

"I didn't know (it would come down to a kick)," he told The Tampa Tribune after the game, but "it feels great."

It sure did feel great for everyone in white.

On offense, Malik Davis '17 ran for 196 yards on 29 carries, with two touchdowns. He finished the regular season with over 1,300 yards rushing and 16 total touchdowns, and he only played in eight of the games. Nick Mosco '17 lead the team with 11 tackles, while Brendon Wamsley '15 and Sam Lauro '16 each recorded a sack.

Jesuit's offense struggled to move the ball throughout the first half.

Tampa Catholic's, however, did not. They drove the ball 73 yards down the field to score a touchdown on their first possession, and soon afterwards scored another touchdown on a 41 yard pass. Nobody expected to see what was on the scoreboard: Tampa Catholic 14, Jesuit 0.

There was no reason to worry, though. "We made some mistakes that allowed them to get the lead," head coach Matt Thompson said, "but I knew if we stuck to the game plan we would prevail."

It should be noted that the sprinklers near the Jesuit sideline turned on before a crucial 3rd-and-11,

giving Tampa Catholic a de facto timeout. Also, Tampa Catholic did not receive a delay of game or a personal foul penalty for this incident. Later in the second quarter, Tampa Catholic fumbled the football, and Rodney Higdon '17 returned it to the five yard line. Three plays later, Malik Davis '17 cut Tampa Catholic's lead to seven, which remained through halftime.

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Though down, the Tigers were not panicking. In fact, the coaches "did not have to motivate them,"

"Our captains had that under control. The coaches only went over some assignments and adjustments at halftime," Thomson said.

However, this moxy was tested when Tampa Catholic received the ball first in the second half and quickly threw a 64 yard TD pass. Tampa Catholic 21, Jesuit 7.

Then something amazing happened. While Tampa Catholic was still celebrating and revelling in their lead, Kevin Newman '15 returned the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown. The momentum of the game, which Tampa Catholic had solidly controlled, suddenly swung

back to the Tigers, and the comeback began. Without this, who knows what may have happened? The defense held Tampa Catholic to a three-and-out on the next drive, and Davis '17 then lead the Tigers down the field for a touchdown. All of a sudden, the game was tied at 21.

In the words of Mr. Menendez, head baseball coach, "Jesuit believed that they would win. Tampa Catholic only thought that they could win."

The game went back and forth from there. Jesuit and Tampa Catholic each scored a touchdown, and the game remained tied. Ultimately, Jesuit got the ball with three minutes to play. Here, the impact of team unity shone brightly. "(The game) was not won by one aspect of our team," Coach Thompson said. "It was truly a total team effort." Facing a 2nd-and-17 at the Jesuit 18, Trent Wessel '15 threw two important passes, to Nick Perillo '16 and Gage Holt '15, to get a first down. Davis then had two long runs, including a 38 yard scramble, to move the ball to the Tampa Catholic 12 yard line. Brenden Gonzalez then came out for the 30-yard field goal, and all watched what unfolded. The hold is down, the kick is up, and...

The streak lives on.



*Brendan Gonzalez '16 kicks the winning field goal against Tampa Catholic.*

## Jesuit Bowlers on a Roll

**Jeffrey Turn '16**  
Staff Writer

"If you can't hear a pin drop, then something is definitely wrong with your bowling," Brendan Sutton laughed. Brendan Sutton '16, Michael Toth '16, Ethan Sutton '18, Kevin Dinan '17, Kollin Boje '17, Cody Benedict '15, and Anthony Meehan '15 are the members of the prestigious Tiger Bowlers who practiced intensely over the summer for this last season. The Tiger Bowlers

competed against 31 male teams from across the state.

Last season, Jesuit bowling captured its first District title in program history. In this season, they did it again. After hurling through the qualifying rounds and winning districts, the Tiger Bowlers went to the state tournament. However, they were unable to advance past the preliminary round and into the knockout round, with only a two point deficit. The team was led by Kollin Boje '17 with a 245,

Cody Benedict '15 with a 236, Brendan Sutton '16 with a pair of 214's, and Ethan Sutton '18 with a 214. While the Tigers were disappointed, they have been the most successful bowling team in Jesuit history with their team motto, "Let the pins fall where they may."

Jesuit bowling began as a varsity sport at Jesuit in 2008 and has thus far won district championships twice. Out of all the high school male bowling teams in the state, the Jesuit

bowling team ranks No. 1 in Fla. in cumulative team grade point average for 2013-2014 with a 3.70 GPA. Coaches Vinny Davila and Ted Beil are very proud of their bowlers and hope to

do just as well next season. To Jesuit moms and dads, the bowling team implores that you interest your kids in bowling. It is a great way to get them off the streets and into the alleys.



## Five Jesuit Athletes Give Sports the College Try



Five seniors committed to Division I schools. Left to right: Bobby Hearn '15, Cole Gibbs '15, Stephano Mastro '15, Kennie Taylor '15, Ronnie Ramirez '15 Photo courtesy of Pete Young

### Emmanuel Diaz '15

#### Features Editor

The board room in the Jesuit residence was filled with the friends and families of Jesuit's best athletes when five senior athletes signed their National Letter of Intent to play for their prospective universities. Four of the five signees committed to play baseball for four schools in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). Cole Gibbs '15 committed to the University of North Carolina, Bobby Hearn '15 committed to Wake Forest University, Ronnie Ramirez '15 committed to Florida

State University, and Kennie Taylor '15 committed to Duke University. Speaking about the school and the decision to sign with Duke, Kennie Taylor '15 said, "I felt excited because I had three of my Jesuit brothers and teammates there. I chose Duke because it is a great academic school and it has an excellent athletic department. The school is constantly growing, both in football and baseball, and the size of the school is something I'm comfortable with. Also, knowing that I get to play with my current teammates in our future

conference games makes the signing even better. The ACC is an excellent conference to play for and it is highly regarded as one of the best NCAA conferences in the country." Stephano Mastro '15, the final signee, was Jesuit's first ever lacrosse player to sign with a Division I NCAA University, Mount St. Mary's University. Mastro '15 will only be the second player in Jesuit history to play

Division I lacrosse. Last year, North Carolina and Florida State qualified for the 2013-2014 College World Series, while Duke and Wake Forest finished in the top seven of the ACC standings. Mount St. Mary's continues to grow lacrosse program and focuses on conference play in the Northeast Conference (NEC).

Jesuit Athletic Director Terry Rupp '84

**"There is only two percent of all high school athletes who sign with a college for athletics. Now is the time to step it up."**

stated to the athletes that "this is a big deal. There is only two percent of all high school athletes who sign with a college for athletics. With that being said, now it's time to step it up. You have to work harder than you have ever worked in your lives, both on the field and in the classroom. Enjoy this moment and I wish you and your families the best of luck when you continue on from Jesuit into your next journey." The signees hope to bring home more state titles for lacrosse and a consecutive state championship for the 2014-2015 baseball team.

## Soccer Star Jacob Starnes and the Soccer Team

### Mark Stine '15

#### Sports Editor

Jacob Starnes '15 of the soccer team is a senior, team leader, and star forward. His ability to score in an instant makes him one of Jesuit's most exciting players to watch. Starnes' ability is not the only thing that sets him apart from other players; his passion, love of the game, and motivation make him a player unlike any other.

Starnes' passion for soccer is something that he has had all of his life. However, much of his appreciation for soccer has come

from watching his idol, Thierry Henry. Starnes admires his composure despite the ups and downs

of the soccer game. When asked about his idol, Starnes said, "His composure and mental toughness

is something that I try to replicate every time I step on the field."

Starnes '15 plays soccer for the love of the game. However, he has special appreciation for playing at Jesuit. He enjoys the empowering sense of brotherhood that only playing athletics at Jesuit can bring. He commented that "playing and having fun with a great group of guys from Jesuit is special to me because they are players that I don't usually play with on my club team." This aspect of Jesuit brotherhood in particular makes Starnes very confident and optimistic about the Tigers'

chances in the 2014-2015 season.

Starnes '15 doesn't expect anything less than a state championship out of his Jesuit soccer brothers this year. The team's chemistry and compatibility are the Tiger's greatest strengths according to Starnes, who said that team chemistry is "99 overall." However these strengths alone are not the only aspect needed for a Jesuit soccer state championship. Starnes '15 calls for a Blue Tide presence at Tiger home games, saying, "We need the help of the Blue Tide for us to win some of our big games. We believe in ourselves, but we need the Blue Tide's support."



Jacob Starnes '15 is one of the team's best players.

# Jesuit Theater Returns in Full Force

**Ryan Ricco '15**  
**Managing Editor**

Jesuit's Masque returned to the stage for a highly successful run of the classic 1936 comedy *You Can't Take It With You*. The play, which was performed on Nov. 13, 14, and 15 to sellout and near-sellout crowds, featured an ensemble cast of 17 actors. This included five actresses from the Academy of the Holy Names.

*You Can't Take It With You* revolves around the romance between Alice Sycamore, played by Academy student Lexi Nieto, and Tony Kirby, played by Christian Pena '15. Tony comes from a stodgy, old-money family, while Alice comes from an eccentric family of toe dancers, playwrights, and tax evaders. Alice and Tony have to find a way to reconcile their clashing families for the sake of their own love. After an eventful night where Tony, Alice, and their families spend the night in jail, the Sycamore and Kirby

families gain a new appreciation of each other.

Mr. Richard Miller, leader of the Masque and director of *You Can't Take It With You*, originally worried about the fate of the play after a year when many of Jesuit's finest actors graduated. However, his fears were assuaged after the auditions. "We had plenty of actors express an interest -- many of whom were freshmen or first-time actors -- and they did a fantastic job," he said.

A new crop of actors has seemed to put the theater program on the right footing for a new year.

"The quality of this production and the dedication and skill shown by our wonderful cast and crew has me excited about where we are heading, and that is only heightened by the renewed collaboration with the ladies from Academy," Mr. Miller said. "A young and eager bunch of actors and technicians means we have a solid foundation for the future of Jesuit's theater program".



Members of the production sit after one of their performances.

Photo courtesy of Richard Miller



The Masque performs one evening. All four performances were wildly popular.

Photo courtesy of Richard Miller

## Are You Even Reading This?

**Walker Hills '15**  
**Staff Writer**

Upon completing my article last time, I was surprised to find many people coming up to me saying things like "Hey I heard you wrote an article for the newspaper" or "That piece you wrote was really funny!" I didn't buy the fake compliments -- because no one reads newspapers anymore, and certainly not this one.

Most people read maybe one or two articles -- so I found it unlikely my last page article about the totally radical back to school dance would be seen by any of our few readers. It's not like no one reads

what we put out there, but it seems that once someone writes a funny, well done, or popular piece, they get praise from all sorts of people -- most of whom did not read the article. I find it extremely suspicious when my fellow writer for the newspaper Carlos Michael Rodriguez '15, said "My article was front page and no one said anything." So you can understand my suspicion when the kid with double my GPA, triple my SAT score, and quadruple the number of friends couldn't write something more remarkable than I. Maybe it was that I got a better topic, because after all, we know that the back to school



An aerial view shows the actors in full costume as they end an evening show.

Photo courtesy of Richard Miller

dance was unmatched.

I accept that many don't like reading. I mean, the last time many of us picked up a book that wasn't required reading, it was probably when it had pictures in it and when you touched the words, it read out loud to you. The one positive I could pull from the last newspaper edition is

that only 85% of the copies were found in the recycling bins by the end of first period, down from the typical 87%. So at the end of the of the day, Mrs. Gajadhar and I both had something to smile about. Maybe reading the newest edition of the newspaper is not as exciting as attending a sporting event, but it would be nice if the

Blue Tide showed up on release day -- just once.

As you might have figured out by now, or maybe not, this is all in good fun and I am thankful for all the readers we have. So, if you made it this far, I applaud you and look forward to your comments. But let's be real, how many of you made it this far?