The Class of 2003 officially took its place among the ranks of the upperclassmen at Spalding on Wednesday, December 5th. At Spalding’s annual Junior Ring Mass, the Juniors received their class rings. The event was a beautiful tribute to the class and to the school. The banner of the Junior Class portrayed the theme of the Mass, United in Faith, and photos of each member of the class formed the outside design of the Celtic trinity symbol. The 9x4 foot banner symbolized the unity that the receiving of the class ring demonstrated.

The Archbishop Spalding chorus led by Class of 2003 cantor Devon Donovan provided music for the Mass. Following the blessing of the rings, Mr. Abrahms presented each member of the class with his or her ring. After the ceremony, the class moved to the cafeteria where the class of 2005 provided a reception for the upperclassmen. During the reception, the traditional turning of the rings began. This year, each student must have his or her ring turned (towards the pinky without touching the stone) 103 times, representing the graduation year of 2003. After the 103rd turn, the wearer of the ring turns it in the opposite direction to seal in good luck.

Of course, the Junior Ring Week festivities would not be complete without the popular Junior Ring Dance. Dance committee chairs and Class Historians Amy Konrad and Colleen Depman along with other members of the Class Council lent many hours between Friday night and Saturday morning to decorating for the dance. Opting to forego a theme, the Juniors chose to decorate with elegance. From the lighted arch, as dancegoers entered the school, to the balloon arch as they entered the cafeteria, the dance and its decorations were highly successful.

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Junior Ring Festivities 2001 Photos - Congrats Juniors!
Reacting to Terrorism
Melissa Sipes '05

I woke up on a beautiful, sunny morning that seemed to be normal and ordinary, but later became extraordinary. I went to school feeling happy but nervous about a monster test I had that day. I talked to my friends about the upcoming dance and play tryouts; we did not think anything strange would happen. I attended my first two classes, which were the same as always, completely ordinary. After a community homeroom, I headed to lunch with my good friends Nicole and Liz. We entered the cafeteria and sat at our usual table where some other friends joined us. I sat down and was getting ready to finish some homework which I had neglected earlier, when Liz ran over breathless and said, “Did you hear? A plane just crashed into the Pentagon!” “For real! What happened?” I exclaimed.

Liz told me that all she knew was a plane had crashed into the Pentagon killing a lot of people. I thought it was an accident. I thought that a careless pilot had crashed into the Pentagon by accident. My friends and I talked about it for a few minutes laughing it over. As more people went to look at the television screens, I became a little more scared. I went to English worried but without the full story. In English, I found out that terrorists had attacked the United States, toppled the World Trade Centers and crashed into the Pentagon. I never thought something so terrifying could happen in my own country.

These attacks have affected my life in ways too numerous to mention. Whenever I switch the channels I always see something on the attacks, I couldn’t get away from it. Even on the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon, the attacks are mentioned. Everywhere I look I see flags and patriotic symbols. I see people dressed in red, white and blue. I hear about brave firefighters and policemen who gave up their lives for others. I hear amazing rescue stories of people who escaped from the towers. Sometimes it is overwhelming to think about all that has happened in such a short time to such a great country. But then I think of how the attacks have brought Americans together. Everyone is helping one another; people are donating money to the Red Cross and donating blood. It seems amazing that only a few days before the attacks it was Republican versus Democrat about finances, recession, and other issues that were immediately dropped after the attacks. Now it doesn’t seem important to pick out the Democrats and the Republicans. People only care about bringing America together and bringing justice to those who helped in the terrorist attacks.

When I see everyone acting patriotic and having a sense of charity, I feel proud to be an American. Before the attacks, it was really not a big deal when I saw a flag. Now, I remember September 11th every time I see the stars and stripes. I pay more attention to the news than I ever have before. I pay attention to what is going on in the world because I think; we could be attacked again, at any time. The terrorists anger me for committing such evil acts against my country where I have lived all my life. I want those responsible brought to justice as soon as possible. I want, above all, to know for sure that those responsible for the attacks will never attack again. More than likely, this will not be possible, but I wish it could become a reality.

The attacks have made me realize that bad things can happen in America, but, unlike other countries, America will overcome its hardships and punish those who committed the crimes. I have also learned that Americans are always willing to help others and that being an American is something to be proud of. I feel anxious when I hear of cases of Anthrax popping up around the country, but then I remember that I am in America and America fights back. I know that we will attempt to help others and that we can overcome this. We should all realize the importance of the words E Pluribus Unum, “From many – one”. This line explains today’s American – united together. I am proud to be an American.

Blind Eyes
Joelle Petitto '02

Indonesia: a band of kidnappers has been operating for 20 years, capturing and ransoming businessmen and tourists, including Americans, for a living. A recent hostage was beheaded.

Turkey: two political parties of “terrorists” are fighting to gain influence in the Turkish government. The United States admitted to assisting the Turkish government in capturing the leader of one of the two parties.

Iraq: the Kurds, ethnic Turkish, are being slaughtered by the Iraqi military. The United States responded with the Northern Watch and threats of a cruise missile attack.

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All of these events have occurred or are occurring in the world we live in. At a time when information sits at the tips of our fingers, many Americans remain oblivious to these events. Each of the above events involves the United States in one manner or another, and none can be called insignificant. Some of the events occurred before September 11th, some of them after, but none of them have been given the attention of the American populace.

America has become a country with citizens so sheltered within its walls that they have become unaware of the problems that occur outside. The sad thing is we do not notice such events until the claws of injustice snare our delicate skin, leaving deep gashes in the façade of peace America so desperately holds onto.

Even more disturbing are the tragedies that occur within our borders that the public looks upon with blind eyes. Money suddenly flows into a fund to help the four thousand plus victims of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, but many eyes glaze over when ads for children’s funds flash across the screen. Some of these funds are for children in our own cities, cities as close as Baltimore.

Do not think that this is irrelevant to the “tightly knit” community at Archbishop Spalding. It took a competition between classes to collect cans for a food bank in Annapolis. Until the classes went head to head for a uniform holiday, an insignificant thing when compared to the lives of other human beings, we had collected less than five hundred cans. If we are a microcosm of society, could it be said that America is oblivious to its own problems, and the problems of the world?
COMFORT FOODS
KIRSTEN ASMUSSEN '02

More often than not, we find ourselves reaching for a cookie after a failed test or a horrible day. The power of comfort foods, such as cookies, is an overwhelming factor in many people's diets. The University of Illinois defines comfort foods as those that we eat that trigger past happy memories, and are used to heal psychological wounds. They say that the common comfort foods for men are soup and pasta, whereas the comfort foods for women are chocolate and cookies.

The Information Resources Inc. (IRI), a company which looks over grocery store spending, has found a direct correlation between the consumption of comfort foods and the September 11th terrorist attacks. Their statistics show that the sale of comfort foods has dramatically increased since the terrorist attacks. The sale of frozen appetizers, such as pizza bagels or frozen egg rolls has gone up 35% from sales this time last year. And, the sale of Oreo cookies has climbed 18%, while the sale of ice cream has risen 8%. Perhaps we can avoid those comfort foods when feeling down because of the attacks on our country, and find more appropriate ways of dealing with our sadness or anxiety, such as talking with friends and family about how we feel, or taking a walk to sort out our feelings.

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VOLUNTEERING:
BETTER THE WORLD
Lissy Ashburn '02

The Christmas spirit is one of selflessness and concern for others. At Christmastime, many people get involved with volunteering at soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and numerous other places. While a helping hand during the holiday season is much appreciated, it's also important to remember that volunteer organizations need help all year. If your New Year's resolution is to become a volunteer, you might want to consider some of these organizations where your selfless efforts will be much appreciated:

Food and Friends - If you live near Washington DC, you might want to help out with this organization that brings food to people suffering from AIDS. Volunteers can prepare meals and groceries, deliver groceries, or help in the office. For more information, visit their website at http://www.foodandfriends.org/html/volunt.ops.htm or call 202-488-8278.

Literacy Volunteers of America - This organization is also located in Washington DC. Volunteers are needed to help tutor and to work in the office. If you are interested, call 202-387-1772 or go to http://www.lvanca.org/home.html.

Sarah's House - Sarah's House is a homeless shelter in Fort Mead. Four nights a week volunteers come in to help work with children on their homework. Volunteers are also needed for holiday parties to help watch the children and, during the summer, volunteers can help watch children while their parents work. If you might be interested in volunteering at Sarah's House, call 410-551-7722.

PHOTO OF COMFORT FOOD APPEARS HERE

COMFORT FOOD - POPULAR AFTER SEPTEMBER 11!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
KATE FIANDACA '03

Isn't it funny how it takes a change in year for people to become motivated enough to do something with their lives? Every year, after the bustle of Christmas ends, many people decide to make life-altering decisions. All of them have every intention of keeping up with their resolutions, but few really are able to stick with it. Just what does it take to be one of those people who hang on? The ones who are able to stop a dirty habit, follow that diet, or exercise on a regular basis...they are the ones we are all jealous of. We admire their drive, endurance, and self-control. Although they are "bettering" themselves, what are they doing for their fellow man?

Before the tragic events of September 11th, our nation had the reputation of being filled with on-the-go, hit-the-ground-running, money-makers. It seemed that "goodwill towards men" had gone to the wayside. In recent times, it has become apparent just how giving our nation can be. Through benefits, funds, and an incredible amount of patriotism, our nation has raised millions of dollars for the
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Victims of the terrorist attacks. However, what is being done for the other misfortunate of our country?

When choosing your New Year’s resolution for the year 2002, try something new. Do not resolve something that will personally affect you. Resolve to do something that will help other people. Do your part to change the world and get involved in your community. Resolve to volunteer a certain number of hours every month. It’s amazing what a little community service can result in. People get fed, elderly lives are brightened, and children have role models. There are probably many opportunities that you may not even be aware of, right in your neighborhood. I encourage you all to find something that you are interested in and help the people around you. By assisting those in need around you, I guarantee that you will be well rewarded with that fantastic feeling of self-satisfaction. Go and make a difference.

Christmas Around the World
Jeff Steindorff ’03

Have you ever wondered how different cultures celebrate the holiday we know as Christmas? There are so many interesting and appealing traditions found in all parts of the world. Although various customs are similar, they all have some sort of cultural twist.

Christmas in Australia is celebrated during the summer. Do not forget that December in the southern hemisphere is the equivalent of June in the northern hemisphere. It is not uncommon to find a family eating its traditional dinner in the middle of the day on the beach or in picnic style. The traditional meal consists of turkey, ham, pork, and plum pudding, and do not forget the ever tasty Vegemite! Santa Claus can be seen arriving at the beach on a surfboard. Carols by Candlelight is a tradition that began in 1937. On Christmas Eve, thousands of people gather in the city of Melbourne with candles to sing popular Christmas carols.

In Ethiopia, the Christmas holiday is known as Ganna and is celebrated on January 7. Mass is celebrated in ancient and modern churches. As the people enter, they receive a candle, walk around the church three times, and stand for the entirety of the Mass, which can last up to three hours! Injera, sourdough-like bread, is served with Doro Wat, a spicy chicken stew. The practice of giving gifts is simple. Children might receive some sort of clothing.

On Christmas Eve in Greece, small boys go from house to house singing carols accompanied by drums and the triangles and are often given nuts or sweets. At the holiday table, dried figs are often served with Chrisopsoomo, spicy bread. Christmas is celebrated on January 1, but few gifts are given. Instead, presents are bestowed upon orphanages and hospitals. The classic evergreen tree is decorated with tinsel and a single star.

In France, children set their shoes around the fireplace to be filled with gifts by Pere Noel. On Christmas day, they discover that the tree has been decorated with fruits, sweets, nuts, and little toys. Actors and puppeteers re-enact the story of Christ’s birth in cathedral squares.

On Christmas day in Russia, people gather in churches to sing carols and hymns. The cathedrals are decorated with Christmas trees, known as Yelka, colorful lights, and flowers. The traditional meal is comprised of many types of meat. Two favorites are goose and suckling pig. The “Russian Santa Claus” is known as Baboushka.

Christian Chinese children decorate trees with ornaments such as paper shapes of flowers and chains. They also hang stockings in hopes that Christmas Old Man will pack them with presents and treats. The non-Christian Chinese know the season as the Spring Festival. They celebrate with merriments that include delectable meals and by paying homage to their ancestors. Children are the central focus of the galas. They receive gifts and enjoy a spectacular firecracker display.

Christmas in Argentina is also during the summer months. Families attend Mass go back home for the family gathering. The dinner mainly consists of pork or turkey and many fruits and sweets. At midnight, the family makes a toast. After the toast, the adults enjoy a night of dancing and the children watch the fireworks. After the fireworks, everyone goes to sleep before opening the gifts under the tree. The tree is decorated with ornaments and lights with Father Christmas at the top. Houses are decorated with red and white garlands.

As we celebrate Christmas with our families this year, let us hope that we can reflect on the millions of people across the country and world sharing the same spirit of charity and joy.

Winter Vacation
Kate Fiandaca ’03

I’m sure that many of you have very different expectations for your Christmas Break this year. The freshmen are itching to have a break from all this work. High school is tough and you need a few weeks to chill out. Sophomores are all about socializing with their friends. You guys are already making plans about who is going where, with whom, and to do what. Juniors are just dying to go home and sleep… but only after a decent night of partying. Seniors are just glad to be away from school, where they’ve spent so many years. Christmas vacation is a welcome break, yet a cruel tease. It always goes by too quickly.

There is much to do during your blissful sixteen and a half day vacation. Although parents and teachers think that this is “an ideal opportunity to catch up on your studying,” we know that it is really a time to sleep, eat, and have fun. You can achieve these Christmas vacation goals in many different ways.

First of all, you should not isolate yourself during your Christmas break. This is a time to spend with family and friends. There will be plenty of time for solitary confinement when you begin your studying for, dare I even mention them, midterms. Be sure to make plans with your friends to help decorate cookies or to catch those after-Christmas sales at the mall. Even better, help a friend throw a super New Year’s Eve party. As far as family goes, get in some quality time with them. This is their chance to be with you and talk to you. You are always on the go during the school year, and chances are, your family misses you. So, sit down and play a nice game of Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit with your relatives. Then, you can feel like you’ve fulfilled your obligation as a part of the family… for this vacation anyways. You’ve got to make plenty of time for fun during the holidays.

Second of all, be sure to get your fill at all family meals. As you know, parents and relatives really love to cook a whole lot of “interesting” stuff for these holidays. Be sure to take full advantage of all the food. Take two cookies in

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stead of one, and feel free to fill
your pockets with those holiday
Hershey Kisses. There won’t be
leftovers forever, and trust me, they
won’t be cooking like that after you
go back to school. So fill that
belly! Those winter uniforms hide
the extra pounds anyways.

Thirdly, getting a decent
amount of sleep should be the fo-
cal point of a teenager’s winter
break. Although it seems like you
should be spending all your time
having fun, it is essential to catch
up on those Z’s. How are you sup-
posed to stay up until midnight if
you are running on only a couple
hours? I suggest sleeping from
midnight until noon almost every-
day. This way, you are getting a
solid twelve hours, but you are
conscious for the important parts
of the day (i.e. lunch, dinner, and
nights out).

It may seem to some, that
teenagers are only concerned with
friends, sleeping, and eating. This
is not entirely true. We are con-
cerned with other matters most of
the year. Winter vacation is a time
for slacking without consequences.
This doesn’t mean that we can dis-
regard any assignments given to us
over Christmas, but it does mean
that we have an extended amount
of time to complete them. This al-
lows us to procrastinate to our
heart’s content. By having this re-
laxation period, we are rejuvenated
and ready to go for midterms. It’s
a nice thought anyways…

CHRISTMAS MUST-SEE
MOVIES
Tom Doran ’03

With the Yuletide season coming
up quick, its time to establish a list
of movies everyone has got to see
sometime in December.

No. 5: White Christmas.

For those in the chorus and vocal
groups, this is gonna thrill ya and
chill ya with all that snow. Starring
Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye, and
a couple of girls who no one really
seems to remember, this movie can
not be watched without somewhat
of a tolerance for the main charac-
ters to spontaneously break into
song. However, in between all
those singing and dancing numbers,
the movie is really great, with a
story that is pleasantly saturated
with the Christmas spirit.

No. 4: Dr. Seuss’s The
Grinch Who Stole Christmas (the
original animated version). Who
couldn’t love listening to the Whos
down in Whoville whoing away
even when the Grinch has tried to
ruin the day? You know Max the
dog will be pulling the sleigh, and
the Grinch will be driving with a
hoop and a hey. If you don’t own
a copy then you can go to the mall,
and see how his heart is two sizes
too small. If you don’t like my
rhymes, forget it, rent it, and have
a good time.

No. 3: A Charlie Brown
Christmas. Everyone’s already
seen this but you have to see it
again. The cartoon is great, and it
has the second-best soundtrack
ever, after Rocky. Plus it’s got the
kids doing that funny dancing thing.
If you don’t know what I’m talk-
ing about then you need to watch
the movie and figure it out.

No. 2: It’s A Wonderful
Life. No matter how many times I
see this movie I still love it. The
story of George Bailey rediscov-
ering the many joys of life with
the help of an angel named Clarence
and a background of the Holiday
season never fails to make me ap-
preciate the many things we have
to be thankful for when we are with
are families at Christmas. No joke,
this is simply a great movie you
need to see. And those of you who
don’t like really inspirational films,
rent it anyway and make fun of
Jimmy Stewart’s stutter.

Drum roll please.
The number one movie to
see this holiday season is . . .
A CHRISTMAS STORY!

This movie is hilarious, and every
one of us can, in some way, relate
someone we know with the crazy
characters. So many funny little
things happen in this movie, it’s one
of those films you can pick out dif-
ferent parts and laugh about with
your friends. On a side note, any-
one who has ever even thought
about sticking his or her tongue to
a frozen metal pole should be le-
gally obligated to watch this movie.
Ralphie’s quest to get a Red Rider
bb-gun, culminating in a final scene
at a Chinese restaurant for Christ-
mas dinner are sure to bring a smile
to your face. Rent it, believe me,
you won’t regret it.

DECEMBER CONTEST
AND CONTEST UPDATE
Mike Fontz ’03

Personally, my favorite
Christmas movie or special is the
Muppet Family Christmas. If
you’ve seen it, you know what a
great forty minutes it is. If you
haven’t, you don’t know what
you’re missing. For this month’s
contest, answer the following ten
questions about the Muppet Fam-
ily Christmas. One answer is used
twice. Entries should be submitted
by January 10 to Ms. Dabbs in
room 102. Prize is yet to be deter-
mired. One note about last issue’s
contest – the results and answers
will be printed in the January issue
due to the close proximity of the
November and December issues.

1. Identify the character whose
mother had planned a Christmas
vacation and had plans to rent
the ranch to someone else over the
holiday until the whole Muppet
crew arrived.

2. Kermit’s son finds a hole in the
wall of the basement of the house.
Identify the creatures that the pair
of frogs finds inside the hole.

3. Characters from what popular
PBS series come a-caroling at the
doors during the show.

4. The Swedish Chef invites a not-
to-bright turkey to Christmas din-
er at the house. Identify the large
feathered character that the turkey
points out after failing to pass the
renter’s dog, Sprocket, as a tur-
key.

5. Give the first name of the renter
who thinks he will have a peaceful
Christmas when he rents the ranch.

6. Kermit is worried for what other
Muppet who is late meeting the rest
of the group at the ranch especially
when the worst blizzard in years
hits?

7. When #1’s mother was finding
places for everyone to sleep, this
blue creature volunteered to hang
from a hanger and this grumpy
monster opted to stay in his gar-
bage can. Identify both.

8. Name the bear that brought a
snowman into the house because
he was “Ma in her kerchief”.

9. This pair helped put on the
Sesame Street Christmas Pageant.
One was the narrator and the other
was “Ma in her kerchief”.

10. At the end of the show, name
the Muppet creator that does the
dishes with Sprocket.

Good luck and have a Merry
Christmas!

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IN THEATERS THIS MONTH

Shelby Addison '02

Can’t decide which new movies are worth your time (and money)? Before you go to the theater and spend seven or eight dollars to see a movie, check out this list of new flicks and their storylines.

Ali (Dec.25) NR Drama
Will Smith, Michael Ben, Giancarlo Esposito, Jamie Foxx, Jada Pinkett Smith
This movie is based on the life of champion, leader, and media superfigure Muhammad Ali.

Impostor (Dec.25) PG-13 Romance/Sci-fi
Gary Sinise, Madeleine Stowe, Vincent D’Onofrio, Mekhi Phifer
Upon discovering the ultimate weapon in a war against aliens, an engineer (Gary Sinise) is suspected of being an alien himself.

Joe Somebody (Dec.21) NR Comedy/romance
Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Jim Belushi
When a corporate worker (Tim Allen) gets beat up by a coworker, he decides to retaliate and, in the process, encounters romance with a young office counselor.

Kate and Leopold (Dec.21) PG-13 Comedy/romance/sci-fi
Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman, Natasha Lyonne, Breckin Meyer
A team of scientists accidentally transports a late 19th century man (Hugh Jackman) through time, and he falls in love with the ex-girlfriend of one of the scientists.

Ocean's Eleven (Dec.7) PG-13 Action/comedy
George Clooney, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Casey Affleck
During a popular boxing event, a gangster (George Clooney) rounds up his fellow gang members to stage heists of three major Las Vegas casinos.

The Majestic (Dec.21) NR Comedy/romance
Jim Carrey, Martin Landau
A blacklisted writer (Jim Carrey) loses his memory in a car accident and finds himself with a new life, mistaken as a soldier who died in World War II.

BESTSELLING BOOKS

Kristen Amsussen '02

1. Desecration: AntiChrist Takes the Throne, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. This book is the ninth book in the Left Behind series. This book continues the story of the rise of Nicolae Carpathia, the antichrist, to power, in its fictional account of what the Armageddon might be like. The book talked about the Great Tribulation and centers around the Christians who are left behind after the initial rapture and waiting for salvation at the end of the world. (3 ½ stars)

2. Skipping Christmas, by John Grisham. This novel tells the story of Luther and Nora Krank, a couple who decide to skip the gift-giving part of Christmas. When they inform their friends of their decision, many friends become angry and put pressure on the Krank family to conform to the Christmas tradition of commercialism. Critics say the book is disappointing for not being Grisham’s typical style and for having a simple plot. (4 stars)

3. The Fiery Cross, by Diana Gabaldon. This is the fifth installment of the Outlander series, and gives an account of Claire and Jamie Fraser, who are now living in North Carolina and facing many tensions. Claire Fraser is from the 20th century, yet has traveled through time to be Jamie’s wife in the pre-Revolutionary War era. Many readers have said that the book begins boring and takes over 100 pages to get to the “real” action. (4 stars)

4. Last Man Standing, by David Baldacci. This novel centers around Web London, an FBI hostage team worker, who ended up the only survivor, or Last Man Standing, in a typical drug raid. He gets help from a psychiatrist, Claire Daniels, and attempts to answer why he was the only man not killed. Critics complain that the in-depth descriptions of weapons and police jargon is unimportant and muddies the otherwise thrilling plot. (4 ½ stars)

5. The Kiss, by Danielle Steel. This tells the story of Isabelle Forrester and Bill Robinson, long distance friends both stuck in empty marriages. They decide to meet one day for an innocent talk, and end up kissing and in a car accident. While in the hospital, they profess their love for one another and need to escape their crumbling marriages. Many claim this is Steel’s best book yet, and were satisfied by reading it. (3 ½ stars)

6. The Sigma Protocol, by Robert Ludlum. In this book, Ben Hartman has just recovered from the death of his twin brother, when one of his old college friends attempts to murder him. With help from a justice department agent, he escapes his assassins and traces them to the Sigma. The author, Robert Ludlum, died after the writing of this book and before it was published. (5 stars)

MOVIE REVIEW

Ian Jewett '02

For those of you who are considering watching Shallow Hal in the future, you may want to consider another movie. In my opinion, however, this movie could be termed “all in the eyes of the beholder.”

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As the week progressed, it became clear that making the service project into a class competition would produce even better results. Consequently, it was decided that only the class that collected the most cans would receive an out-of-uniform day. In the end, the sophomores won, followed closely by the seniors, the juniors, and then the freshmen. The sophomores received breakfast during homeroom and an out-of-uniform day on November 30th. Spalding collected a record number of cans – over 8,500. Because of the amazing success of the project, the entire school was rewarded an out-of-uniform day on December 7th. Thanks to all of the members of the Spalding community who contributed to this project.

MEET MR. BISSETT

Stacey Dorish ’03

Once again this month, the Stylus is spotlighting a new teacher at Spalding. In this issue, Stacey Dorish sits down with Spalding’s new religion department chair, Mr. Christopher Bisett.

Stacey: What college did you go to and what was your major?

Mr. Bisett: Well, I have three degrees from three different schools. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy with a minor in Psychology from St. John’s College. I have a Master of Divinity from Washington Theology Union and I have a Master of Arts degree in Franciscan Studies from St. Bonaventure’s College.

S: Where did you teach before arriving at Archbishop Spalding?

CB: I was the professor of Theology and Psychology at St. John’s College in California.

S: How do you like teaching at Spalding?

CB: I truly enjoy it. The good students make for a very different, very relaxed setting. It’s unusual nowadays to see faculty, students, and staff coming together for prayer and devotion like the Spalding community does. When we held the five minutes of silence for the victims of September 11th, I was stunned and impressed.

S: What do you enjoy doing during your spare time?

CB: I enjoy writing and cooking.

S: What made you to decide to teach?

CB: Well, when I graduated high school, I thought I would NEVER come back to school again. However, in college, I started to think that I’d enjoy being a teacher. I started teaching and was instantly hooked. There’s life on campus; a vitality, vibrancy that you can’t find anywhere else.

Many thanks to Mr. Bisett!

BOWL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The college basketball post-season is a single elimination playoff. In this system, sixty-four teams compete and the thirty-two winners go on to play another game. The winners of each game move on to the sweet sixteen, elite eight, final four and finally the NCAA championship game. This means that two teams end up playing six post-season games. College football, however, uses a bowl system. The bowl system is one post-season game for the select few who, on any level, can play football and basketball at the same time. I do not have enough knowledge to even propose a way to accommodate both sport seasons, but there is almost always a way. If there is, I know that millions of fans would appreciate the extra football. The only people that a bracketed football playoff system would hurt are the coordinators of the Rose Bowl parade.

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