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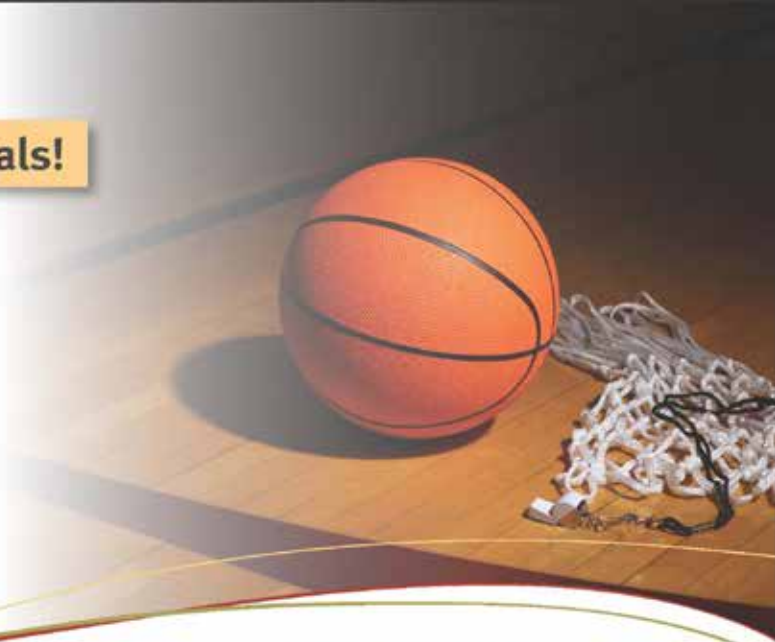
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## Letter From The Editor

The *Cardinal Courier* team has experienced a challenging, yet exciting, start to the semester in 2017. With a lot of turnover within our team from our former editor-in-chief Valerie Kolossovsky and others graduating in December, the remaining staff has worked diligently to bring you the same quality that we have been able to present to our readers over the years.

As I go through my last semester at Fisher, it is my mission to oversee the transition of the *Cardinal Courier* to successfully be passed down to our newer members of the team. We have an intriguing group of freshman and sophomores, and I cannot be happier with what the future holds for the *Courier*.

This semester, we as a team have decided to garner a significant amount of focus

to the ever changing political landscape that the United States is experiencing right now. We'd like to relate issues and debates that are relevant to what is going on in America, and compare that to how it could affect the Fisher community, whether it be positively or negatively.

Everyone has their own political view, but we strive to continue remaining politically unbiased with our stories, while still exploring some of the interesting implications surrounding the news that has transpired over the new year. We hope that you find this issue's featured story related to President Trump's recently signed Executive Order to achieve just that.

I was delighted when we went back to our roots of the *Cardinal Courier* and all the tradition that name carries. Now our team looks to continue to build that

tradition to new heights by hopefully continuing to bring you engaging and relevant stories that the Fisher community cares most about.

**Tanner Swan**  
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# FISHER REACTS TO IMMIGRATION BAN



On Jan. 27, 2016, newly-elected President Donald Trump signed one of his first Executive Orders that would create, for lack of a better word, an immigration ban. The Executive Order titled "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into the United States" suspended the U.S. refugee program immediately as well as banning incoming immigrants from seven countries: Iran, Sudan, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Somalia and Yemen.

The following morning, news of the Executive Order and its repercussions had spread to every media outlet. The response from both sides was immediate. Protests and marches against the new policy took place around the country, while supporters of the new policy took to social

media to praise the decision. The reactions ranged from those who ultimately agree to those in complete disbelief.

The University of Rochester and Rochester Institute of Technology were quick to respond and send out a statement reassuring students that they would support students. Fisher followed lead, albeit a bit later than other universities. The reasoning why is unclear, perhaps because Fisher was not directly affected by the new order, or maybe because there were questions as to why the school had to reaffirm their standing on supporting all students and being a "Fisher Family."

To better understand the implications of this executive order, the Cardinal Courier reached out to Professor Wesley Renfro, Chair of the Department of Political Science and Legal Studies.

He explained that the previous administration had categorized the seven countries listed in the order as places that are politically unstable and have significant populations of radicalized people.

He went further to explain that it isn't a Muslim ban because there are dozens of majority Muslim countries including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, which have significant amounts of radicalized people who are still allowed into the country.

When asked if because it was President Trump who exacerbated reactions Renfro said, "I think that the fact that Donald Trump was the one who came out with the executive order has made it worse because his rhetoric suggested that he's interested in banning Muslims from entering this country." Regarding higher education, it's important to consider what effects this ban could indirectly on other international students from other countries.

Renfro pointed out that the United States does tremendously well at being a second home, especially for very intelligent, high-skilled people from around the world. Those people from countries in Asia, India, South America, Africa, etc., contribute significantly to the United State's potential.

He said, "We might end up losing some folks who would help us greatly because they don't feel welcome, whether they are from those seven countries or not."

While speaking with Mehmet Ozen, a student at St. John Fisher College, we discussed his initial response to the order and his opinion on why this particular order was created

When asked about what his initial reaction was, he responded that he had a few initial thoughts. His understandings were coming from the point of view where his parents are immigrants, and as part of a family that practices a very conservative following of Islam while at the same time being citizens who love their country.

"We're people that first off love our religion, and secondly love our country, the United States of America," he said. "There are so many opportunities here."

He was quick to point out the other side of the argument as well, that people need to consider what the politicians were thinking about when they created this order.

"We have to understand that the administration doesn't have anything against Muslims," he said. "We have to understand what their intentions are. They want to stop ISIS and terrorism."



*Photo Courtesy of St. John Fisher College website // Dr. Wes Renfro*

Alberto Martinez, another student at Fisher, said, **"I was confused. I'm like technically that's unconstitutional because of the freedom of religion. I had to do some research to understand what he was banning... I don't think this policy blew up because it was Donald Trump. I think it would have gotten a lot of attention no matter who was President."**



*Photo by Brittney Bender // Alberto Martinez*



**"Listen to the international news, try to see what is going on around the world."**

*Photo by Brittney Bender // Cara Welch*

Professor Cara Welch, Director of Foreign Study, explained how the study abroad team would handle the situation.

"At the first orientation meeting, we will have a town hall meeting from NASFA about how we can comfortably represent a cultural abroad."

Welch went further to explain the situation with going abroad.

"The truth is today more than ever, it's hard for American abroad," she said. "Americans have been the target of various degrees of criticism, sometimes friendly. Politically speaking, we had an eight-year hiatus because former President Barack Obama was quite popular abroad."

Politics has always been a point of contention in the United States. Dinner table etiquette taught many of us not to mention politics because we try to avoid conflict. We don't talk about politics with people because they have a different viewpoint.

During the interview, Welch said something that goes against what we were taught as children.

"When we are abroad, people in other countries surprise us with how much they talk about politics," she said.

She continued to explain that talking about politics can get loud and people in many other countries aren't afraid to speak their mind about the issues in politics.

For most other countries, politics can be discussed as a friendly topic where no one will feel judged or criticizes.

When asked if there is anything that students could do to inform themselves of the situations in politics better, Welch said,

Politics shouldn't be a topic to avoid. With all that is going on in our country and around the world, now is the time to pay attention to what is going on around you and speak up if something is wrong.

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# Q&A with Dr. Christine Birnie, Dean of Wegmans School of Pharmacy

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## 1. As I understand, this is your first semester as the dean of the School of Pharmacy. Describe the process of becoming such from your initial interest in the position up until the official selection.

I have been serving in the interim role for almost two years now. Originally I started on the founding faculty back in 2006, and then moved into the department chair role in 2010. I began serving as the interim dean in January of 2015. We have performed a variety of dean searches over that time that weren't successful. Last summer I told the provost that I would be willing to be considered as the dean.

I had adopted a daughter during that time, and my original plan was to go back to the faculty after serving as interim dean, but after serving in this role for about a year and a half, I realized "you know what, I think this position might be okay."

## 2. What qualities of St. John Fisher, and specifically the Wegmans School of Pharmacy, peaked your interest when you first joined back in 2006 and has likewise made you stay?

St. John Fisher, and particularly the Wegmans School of Pharmacy, are a great fit for me. I believe in small private schools. I went to a small private school for my training all the way through from undergraduate to graduate school as well. I appreciate the personal nature, very individualized attention that is provided here at Fisher.

I appreciate the Catholic tradition of the school and the commitment and outreach to our community. This program prepares pharmacists for lives of

intellectual, professional and civil integrity. That's something that we firmly believe in – very high intellectual integrity. Having excellent outcomes and the highest potential that we can give to our students from an academic standpoint while maintaining very high professional integrity.



Photo by Peggy Hogan-Rao // New School of Pharmacy Dean Christine Birnie.

## 3. You have been involved in numerous service trips. Describe your inspiration for doing so and if you have a particular experience that impacted your life.

I first got involved in an overseas medical trip when I was a graduate student. I was also pursuing my Ph.D. when the opportunity came up to take a trip to Nepal for two weeks. It was truly a life changing experience. Caring for the underserved populations and then being in a very rural community was a life-changing experience.

In 2006, we started a short-term trip to El Salvador. It was our first trip for the program. We had eight faculty mem-

bers and a small group of students go on a one-week trip to medical camp in El Salvador. This year will now be our 11th year on that journey. We now go to El Salvador twice a year, and we've added places like Nicaragua. This year we're going to Ghana and India for the first time. We've opened up more opportunities; now we see approximately 30 percent of the student body attending a short-term trip. It grew from one trip to between six to eight trips a year.

## 4. What do you hope to bring to the pharmacy program both in the present and in the long-term?

Service is something that we want to be able to maintain and continue to grow. We have an outstanding program that we've established in these first ten years, but now we have an opportunity to look a little bit more externally, to build upon our program, and to grow. Right now we partner with University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester Regional Health, as well as maintaining a strong partnership with Wegmans.

We rely heavily on our community partners. Another goal is to expand our residency programs. We've recently added a Wegman's residency this year, and we're looking to expand more with Rochester Regional and University of Rochester. We also have two in Syracuse as programs with SUNY (State University of New York) Upstate.

Another area I might say is advocacy. There's a lot we need to do in moving the opportunity for pharmacists in general. Giving pharmacists more status to be able to prescribe, care for patients, and raise the level of pharmacy care that's out there.

# Campus Ministry Center Reopens Doors

After the passing of Rev. Joseph Lanzalaco and the retirement of Deacon Tom Jewell, the doors of the Campus Ministry Center have recently reopened with the help of the new assistant director of Campus Ministry Jonathan Schott.

Schott was a student here at Fisher, starting in 1998 and graduating in 2002.

"While I was a student here at the college, I was a history major, and then I started taking some religious studies classes because of the core curriculum, where you have to take some philosophy and religious studies," Schott said. Facing the unknown and struggling to decide what to study at Fisher, Schott explored multiple religious studies classes.

"By the time I was a junior, I had declared religious studies as a second major," he reminisced. Schott has experienced various jobs involving the Christian religion.

"I have done children's ministry, adult ministry, religious education things, sacramental preparation, curriculum oversight program development and now Campus Ministry...which is great because this is coming home," he added. As an assistant director of the Campus Ministry, Schott is responsible for the connection between the college and the department. "My job is to begin the discussion, help build those bridges, initiate more relationships, and really take Campus Ministry from where it has been in the past year or so," he said. "Which is essentially not functioning because of Father



Joe's death and Deacon Tom's retirement and help make it more present in the fabric of campus life."

Schott wants to focus on building a higher standing for the campus ministry. He plans on having the Campus Ministry attend and be a part of clubs, organizations and events. The newly-opened Campus Ministry Center is open for all students, not just students who have faith in God.

"My office is here," Schott insisted. "If there is a student in need or things like that, they can come and talk to me if they have a spiritual question or have a general other need as well and then I can help them."

Katie Kreutter is the office manager for campus ministry. She also is the office manager for the office of community service. She helps Schott with organizing events and different activities for Campus Ministry.

When Kreutter was a Fisher student, she became involved with the Campus Ministry and was a



part of her local United Methodist Church.

"I think it is really important to work together, especially on a small campus like Fisher," she said.

Kreutter hopes that the Fisher family connection will be used to unite the Campus Ministry with the rest of Fisher.

"We all have the Fisher spirit and believe in the mission and the goodness, discipline, and knowledge of the college, so I think to find a way to work together and finding common ground," Kreutter said. "I think there is a lot of potentials to work together on different projects and initiatives and activities and build community."

She said that the center is in an easy place to find, and that stu-





Photos by Olivia Wild and Brittany Bender

dents should use it to their advantage.

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"It's open to everyone and a safe space where there are comfortable chairs in there, and food and kind of a place to energize and refuel and recenter,"

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she continued.

C.J. Wild, a freshman religious studies major focusing in Roman Catholicism, grew up going to religious schools and has been heavily involved in the campus

ministry by attending the masses at the Harold J. Coleman Chapel. While speaking with Wild about the newly reopened Campus Ministry Center, he described it as a great place for students to relax and unwind.

"I've gone in there a few times, it's a nice quiet space outside of the mainstage or the library," he said.

"It's nice just to have that space open again for students to go in and talk to Jon or whoever else is in there. It's just nice to have someone in there during the week that they can go and talk to."

"Students are free to come through these doors anytime," Schott said. "You don't have to be Catholic, you don't have to be Christian, you can be whoever!"

He wants all different kinds of students to come in and out of the Center.

With all the changes that are beginning to take shape in campus ministry, one of the most important points that students and faculty should know is that the Campus Ministry center is open to everyone.

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that this room is Campus Ministry," Schott said. "When Campus Ministry is something that is Fisher. Fisher changed me, and I am internally grateful for that, and I want to help others to experience that as well."

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# Lifestyles





# *The Twists and Turns of Manchester by the Sea*



Photo by Claire Folger, Courtesy of Amazon studios and Roadside Attractions

Kenneth Lonergan wrote and directed *Manchester by the Sea*, which intended to evoke emotion and was a high exemplar of **heart and soul**, to say the least. The plot of the film was slow moving, and I continued to wonder where the climax was. The powerful acting may have made the climax seem to be nonexistent, but the two hour drama film was both powerful and stagnant.

The film features Casey Affleck as Lee Chandler, an emotionless, vacant, yet explosive individual. He is a janitor from the suburbs of Boston, who returns home to Manchester, Massachusetts following his brother Joe's death. Lee quickly discovers that he is the legal guardian of Patrick, Joe's son. This forces Lee to fight with past demons as he attempts to deal with the future. Meanwhile, Patrick fights for his future without any regrets and with

little remorse for Lee.

Perfectly incorporated throughout the film are flashbacks of Lee's past. It becomes obvious that the tragic events in his life make him an unfortunately well known man in Manchester. Eventually, his past reveals the tragic, heartbreaking open scars he currently battles, giving explanation for his personality. But it also shows that Lee is a loving father of three which tragedy took prematurely from his life. He is also a devoted uncle, brother and husband.

Creating a dynamic contrast to Lee's character is his ex-wife, Randi (Michelle Williams). She is a dagger that effortlessly cracks Lee's emotionless core. Kyle Chandler as Joe Chandler is a strong individual with a weak heart that causes his death.

Lucas Hedges is cast as Patrick, a teenager who selfishly fights to keep his father's soul alive by tending to his boat, continuously

insists on living in Manchester and views his friends as his top priority. Gretchen Mol as Elise is Patrick's alcoholic mother who creates confusion and lack of positivity in his life.

**When watching this film, viewers will need to pay close attention to the plot, the characters and sequence of events. A cast who attempts to tell a very seemingly simple story can become very complex. The sadness in the film is one that does not shed a tear, rather, it makes you feel alive and thankful. The ending of the film may not be a fairytale ending, but it was enticing. You are left with a perfect view of Lee and Patrick bonding on Joe's favorite pass time, his boat. A glorious ending to a passionate film.**

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When I first heard of the movie *La La Land*, written and directed by Damien Chazelle, I refrained from watching it because of the genre of the film. But after watching the American musical drama released in 2016, I was in awe with the story and the powerful message I was left pondering.

The film is about a male jazz pianist and a female actress who are in a relationship and together aspire to pursue their dreams related to their interest in the arts. Their dreams are what initially creates a strong connection between the two characters, but as soon as their dreams begin to come true, the two individuals begin to part ways.

Ironically, after the couple breaks up, their dreams are what bring the two back together for brief and breathtaking engagements.

At first, it was difficult for me to imagine Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone as the lead roles in this particular genre. However, they each performed and matched their characters, Sebastian and Mia, effortlessly. I always thought Gosling had a stoic persona, which is similar

## *La La Land dances into viewer's hearts*

to the care free and ambitious Sebastian in the film. Similarly, Stone resembled Mia perfectly, a slightly awkward and heartfelt character. Regardless of the genre, the actresses convinced me of the story through their engaging characters that kept the story line moving.

Immediately, the film begins with singing, dancing and music making the genre apparent. The aspects of musical theater continues throughout the film but diminishes to reflect the break up of Sebastian and Mia. Ironically, this also diminishes as their dreams begin to become reality. This continues throughout but begins to diminish at the end of the film when Sebastian and Mia break up and as their dreams become reality. The singing, dance and music expose aspects about the characters, their connections and thoughts, and enhance the story creating a better understanding of the film. Regardless, it was not overbearing and was placed strategically throughout.

One of the best elements of the

film is that it is so relatable. We all have a dream and sometimes find love along the way. When trying to balance the two, one may fall shorter than the other. And as a result, the message left is one that we may all question at some point: is the price of your dreams worth it?

Overall, this film was inspirational, thought provoking, hopeful and frustrating. My positive emotions emerged from success in Sebastian and Mia's careers and their thriving relationship. But my negative emotions derived more from the mistakes in their relationship and Mia's newfound partner at the conclusion of the film, rather than the setbacks in Mia and Sebastian's career. The balance is eloquent.

If you are looking to be inspired and entertained, grab your popcorn, because you will be amazed.

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Sports

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# A New Era in Fisher Lacrosse



Photo provided by Mary Reynolds Condon // Head coach John Johnson is preparing for his 12th year.

The buzz surrounding the St. John Fisher College men's lacrosse team is increasing rapidly. Despite coming off of their first losing season since 2005, the Cardinals are hopeful to get back to their winning ways, spearheaded by their addition of associate head coach Dave Dobbins.

Dobbins has put together a very impressive coaching resume. Before his stint with the Ohio State Buckeyes staff, the offensive minded coach won four national championships at Division III Salisbury.

Head coach John Johnson is enthused to introduce Dobbins here in Pittsford, feeling as though he will be a key complementary piece to the staff.

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**"He really has flipped my responsibility, with him handling so much with the offense now," said Johnson, who is a defensive-oriented coach at heart.**

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Regardless of the type of success he has obtained, Dobbins is just

gracious of being accepted by this well-established coaching staff.

"Coach Johnson, coach Rice, and coach Garrett have done a great job building this program into what it is today," said Dobbins.

With much speculation surrounding whether or not Johnson will retire following this season, Dobbins seems poised to be handed the keys to the program eventually.

Hopeful to be the future face of Fisher lacrosse, Dobbins just wishes to "add something of value to a place that has a great tradition already."

The Cardinals have been conducting some preseason preparation and will return to the game field on March 7, when they travel to Clearwater, Florida for their fourth consecutive year. While there, Fisher will play three non-conference opponents including Emmanuel College, DeSales University and Clark University.

Under the tutelage of Johnson, the Fisher men's lacrosse program has picked up 124 wins in an 11-season span. Many of this year's senior players have developed a special connection with him and the staff,

driving them to want to honor their coaches. With his measured success and Hall of Fame coaching career winding down, several members have mentioned how the motivation for the season will be to win the school's first Empire 8 lacrosse crown for Johnson.

Capturing an Empire 8 title could be a formidable task, as the USILA coaches preseason poll's nationally fourth-ranked Ithaca Bombers are the reigning champions of the conference. The Bombers knocked the Cardinals out of last season's conference semifinals round with a 17-6 victory. Fisher will also take on Stevens Institute of Technology and crosstown foe Nazareth, two teams that received votes in the same preseason coaches poll. The first home game for the Cardinals will take place on March 18 against SUNY Oswego.

Additionally, the Cardinals will join in on the USILA/HEADstrong Foundation Cancer Awareness Week initiative, hosting Elmira College in the second year of these benefit games' history. This will be the only home night game at Fisher this season, a 7 p.m. matchup on April 18.





Photos provided by Mary Reynolds Condon // **Top left:** The team celebrates during a game last season. Nick Papayanakos (top right) and Andrew Rosso (bottom left) are both returning. **Bottom right:** Papayanakos and Nick Costello celebrate a goal during a game last season.

Despite being in a tough conference, the Cardinals are as confident as they have ever been. Fisher has three honorable mention All-Conference members returning from last season in junior attack Nick Papayanakos, junior midfielder Andrew Rosso and sophomore long-stick midfielder Jake Clement. Rosso is one of five captains this year for the Cardinals, alongside four seniors including fifth-year senior attackman Drew Brown, goalie Tanner Swan, defensive middle Ricky Barton, and defenseman Zak Bussey.

With Rosso being this team's only junior captain, he will be looked to as a leader earlier than most players tend to. Talent is just one component

to having a successful season, and Rosso takes note of that.

"We've definitely started to build some team chemistry," which Rosso claims as to why Fisher has a legitimate shot at securing the conference title.

Johnson agrees with the belief in the squad's camaraderie so far in the preseason.

"We have some really great kids that I think work really well together," Johnson said.

Not wavered by his only losing season as a coach in 2016, he knows that some inconsistent play and injuries took place and which may have derailed the team ultimately.

"You know if you get injuries here

and there, like we did, those things add up over time," he said.

If healthy, coach Johnson believes the sky's the limit for this year's team. The Cardinals season appears to be of high hopes with a veteran core and a mix of some youth with the underclassmen.

Russo urges for us to "watch out for some of the younger guys to step up this year."

With their personnel, coaching staff and lofty aspirations, Fisher could make for a darkhorse candidate in the competitive Empire 8 conference.

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# ***Cardinals Keeping Tradition Going***

**“We work hard for not only ourselves, but our teammates as well,”**

said junior Mackenzie LeVan.

The St. John Fisher women's lacrosse team is preparing for the 2017 season following another successful run to the NCAA Tournament.

The Cardinals won their fifth straight Empire 8 title, and were eventually defeated 12-9 in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. The team expressed its motivation over the offseason in hope of continuing the dominating presence the Cardinals have established in the Empire 8.

The Ballston Lake native, LeVan, explained that the squad's success in the past has blossomed due to its chemistry

not only on the field, but off the field as well. The girls spend their time outside of practices and games with one another, and LeVan noted that the team's trip to Puerto Rico last year really allowed them to bond with one another on a more personal level.

“We take nothing for granted on this team,” said junior Emily Smith. “We know we have a target on our backs, so we celebrate the small moments, but are never satisfied. We always are working to get better, to get further than we did before.”

With the graduation of seniors Sierra Badger and Chrissy Cook, the Cardinals

know they have their work cut out for them this year, but are confident in what they've been taught.

“Their drive and work ethic has been passed on,” said Smith.

“I've looked up to them since freshman year,” said LeVan. “But they've served as such great role models, I believe we will be fine moving forward without them. We've got a lot to prove this year.”

And that is what motivates them.

Senior Jordan Johnson will be counted on even more offensively after finishing second on the team in goals with 39. Returning starting goalie Haley Peets will look to build off her first year in a Cardi-





*Photo Courtesy of Fisher Athletics // Abbie Reed is one of the senior returners for the Cardinals.*

nal uniform. Other seniors on the team including defensemen Abbie Reed and Heather Peets as well as midfielder Jamie Wallace round out the senior class that will be leaned on in order to meet the team's high expectations.

In recent years Fisher hasn't been able to perform up to its expectations once in the NCAA Tournament, but last season has given the girls a reason to believe the team can strive for ever further success. After earning a first round bye, the Cardinals easily dispatched Calvin College to set a record for wins in a season with 17.

"It was an unforgettable moment for all

of us," said Smith. "Our final loss to Middlebury [in the Sweet 16] was by three points. They went on to win the National Championship."

Smith explained that the way the team was able to compete with Middlebury was not only encouraging but motivating.

"We've got a fire lit underneath us this season. I'm excited to see where we will go," she said.

LeVan agreed as she elaborated on the talent of this year's team, and how she believes in the team's ability to succeed as long as they continue to work hard every day.

"We've got a ton of potential," said Smith. I'm excited to see where we go this year."

The Cardinals will open up their season in Port Charlotte, Florida against Roanoke College on March 6, and will take on the University of Rochester at Growney Stadium on March 14 for their home opener.

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