

The Tower of Time Travel

What's happening here?

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Rowyn was having a great day until she sat down at her desk and checked Brightspace. An announcement glared red from the screen as she realized her assignment submission box had been closed. “No, no, how did I miss the deadline?” She opened the assignment and there it was in the comments from her professor. The midterm will close at 2:00 pm on Oct. 15th. Failure to miss this deadline will result in an automatic zero on the assignment.

A shriek erupted from Rowyn's throat as the consequences of her mindlessness sunk in. “What?!” a voice echoed back from opposite the room. “Row, what is going on?” Her bleary-eyed roommate sat up from her nap. “I didn't

miss my class, did I?” She grabbed her phone and sighed, seeing it was only half past two.

“Y-you don't unders-stand, Thalia.” Rowyn sobbed out. “I m-m-missed my deadline f-f-for my midterm.” She slammed her laptop shut with a snap.

“Oh no,” Thalia muttered as she clambered down from her lofted bed. “I thought that wasn't due until tomorrow, and you're mostly done aren't you?”

“The professor must have moved up the deadline and I didn't realize.” Rowyn threw her things into her backpack and slung it over her shoulder. “I wish I could go back in time and turn it in.”

Thalia watched her roommate slip into her crocs and asked, “Well, what are you gonna do about it?”

Rowyn put a hand on the door, “I've gotta talk to someone, at least.”

She left her room and slunk down the hallway of the dorms. As she passed a window, she saw rain splatter down outside. “Oh, rats, I'm not gonna walk outside in this.” She began the trek through the tunnels up to Tower Hall.

Out of breath, Rowyn got to the elevator on the ground floor of Tower and jammed a finger on the “up” button. The button stayed dark and she pressed it repeatedly. “Come on, come on, work.”

She stepped back and sunk down to the floor, despite the dust she was sure was going to be on her pants. In her distress, Rowyn failed to notice someone else came to use the elevator. “Excuse me, dear, but do you think the elevator is working?”

Rowyn looked up at the kind face of Sister Olive. She wiped her eyes and stood up quickly, “Sorry, Sister Olive, it looks like

it's not working. I can walk you to the other one by The Port if you would like?”

Sister Olive smiled at Rowyn. “Why go all that way when we can just grab the elevator at the first floor if it refuses to come down to the ground? Look, right there is a quick shortcut.”

Rowyn looked to the left of the elevator at the doorframe she hadn't noticed before. “I've never seen that, and hey, it's red. How could I have missed it?”

Sister Olive started towards the shortcut. “It's a little creaky, but it's quicker than taking the other staircases in this place. Come along now, after you.”

Rowyn clambered up the pale blue wooden stairs. “Oh, I've forgotten my bag, you go on without me.” Sister Olive said as she called up to Rowyn from down the stairs. “Let me know

how you like the stairs.”

“Thanks Sister—” she stepped through the door on the first floor and lost her words. “Where am I?” she said to herself. The paint was a lot brighter than she had thought she remembered, and the Saints Shop signs were no longer anywhere to be found. A girl who looked to be about her own age walked past and Rowyn called out to her, “Hey! What's happened to the Saints Shop?” She looked back at Rowyn. “What's a Saints Shop?”

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Club Spotlight: Rugby Club creates community, one scrum at a time

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COVID-19 hit student clubs hard—that much is obvious. But according to President Dylan Schafer and Vice President Hailey Durand-Christianson, the College's Rugby Club is more than ready to meet the pandemic's challenges.

“After both men's and women's teams were nationally ranked after the 2019-2020 season, it has been no easy feat to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Durand-Christianson, a senior nursing and psychology student.

But this hasn't deterred the club from building back successfully. Durand-Christianson said, “The rugby team's spirit is fiery and alive and is pursuing a regular season this fall. They will be playing every Saturday in October as a part of the regular season and hoping to advance to nationals once again.”

Rugby is a contact sport that combines elements of American football and soccer. Players don't wear protective gear of any kind. According to the USA Rugby website (<https://www.usa.rugby/rugby101/>), the game's regulations “make impact much safer” and are designed to reduce and limit the number of player injuries. Teams of seven,

10 or 15 play the game.

CSS's Ruby Club was founded in 2012 by Kaitie and Tyler Selleck, according to Coach Greg White, with whom The Script corresponded via email. “Our team has always been tight knit, but

of a 15s game are as follows:

A game is 80 minutes long, and the objective is to move the ball across the other team's side of the field (known as the pitch) and touch it to the ground for five points. Unlike in American football,

who are totally unfamiliar with the sport. “It does not matter if you have ever played rugby or even if you have never played a sport we welcome you to try,” Schafer said. Durand-Christianson echoed this sentiment:

club's motto, “No one goes in alone.” Said Durand-Christianson, “The rugby team has built a community based on ‘no one goes in alone.’ The community is a huge reason why people love rugby.” White echoed this sentiment. “In rugby, there are no star positions or athletes. It is a true team sport, and the team can't be successful unless everyone works together and supports each other.”

Both officers encouraged students to come and give rugby a try. Schafer said, “It does not matter if you have ever played rugby or even if you have never played a sport we welcome you to try. If you are thinking about joining rugby but hesitant just come to practice and see what we have to offer. None of our team came to college knowing how to play rugby but now we all love it, so just give it a try.”

Durand-Christianson said, “We would love to have more students join this community and learn to play the game of rugby. We are welcoming to all.”

CSS Rugby Club practices Tuesdays on Thursdays on the Science front lawn. The women's team practices Tuesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The men's team practices 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 4:30-6:30 p.m. Games are typically on Saturdays.



The 2021-2022 women's team poses after a game. Submitted photo/Hailey Durand-Christianson

was originally relatively social,” White said of the club's early years. “When Tyler and I began coaching in 2016, we started to focus on playing more competitively as well.”

This shift in focus paid off. “Since then, both teams have won our conference championships (the men in 2017 and 2019, and the women in 2019), and have advanced to nationals,” said White. “Both of our teams have been ranked in the top 10 small college teams nationally!”

This season, CSS men's and women's rugby will play 15s. According to USA Rugby's website, the rules

however, players can only pass the ball backwards or sideways. Teams can only advance the ball forward by kicking.

No blocking is allowed; teams use different “phases,” including lineouts, mauls, rucks and scrums to retain possession during play.

Both Schafer and Durand-Christianson emphasized the club's positive, welcoming environment. Via email correspondence with The Script, Schafer said, “As a player I think the culture of the team is very welcoming; we try to include everyone.”

This includes students

“People play rugby not only for the game, but for camaraderie as well.”

Few CSS rugby players knew how to play the game before they joined Rugby Club. Neither Schafer nor Durand-Christianson were familiar with the sport before their freshman year at CSS. According to them, this is part of what makes Rugby Club special.

“The people you meet while playing or being a part of the team. We have so many people from different backgrounds and knowledge, but we all come together to play rugby, which is really cool,” Schafer said.

That sense of “coming together” is reflected in the