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# The Congress Connection

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## 56th Student Congress

### Executive Board

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President

**Amy Baker,**

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**Jonny Styron,**

Treasurer

**Adam Truesdale,**

Secretary



Madness proved to be quite entertaining this year.



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## Office of Admission thanks PC Students!

Once again, Providence College has been blessed with an entering class that is talented and robust. Much of the credit for this success goes to the entire community for the support the Office of Admission constantly receives. I am grateful to those students who serve the Providence College community as Admission Ambassadors and Friar's Club members, but also to the hundreds of other students who volunteer throughout the year and are so welcoming to all of our visitors.

The successful recruitment of each entering class is dependent upon the support of the entire Providence College community. The growth of our applicant pool to more than 8,200 candidates is reflected in the comments of prospective students who indicate that their interest in PC has been encouraged by one or more current students.

One of the distinguishing characteristics of Providence College is our Catholic and Dominican tradition. This tradition is visible through the presence

of the Dominican community on campus; but it is also evident in the friendly and considerate environment that exists here. I know that our campus visitors experience this atmosphere on a daily basis and it has a tremendous impact on our success.

I know that Congress will continue to be an organization of outstanding student leadership. I know that our office can count on the support of all of you as we reach out to enroll the Class of 2010.

By Christopher Lydon  
Associate VP for Admission

## Greetings from the Executive Board!

You may have noticed a substantial increase in the number of neon-colored posters packed onto kiosks around campus recently. Much like leaves changing color is a sign of the Fall season, this boost in kiosk use is a sign of the campaign season for Congress elections.

The nine freshmen who won are a very welcome addition to the Congress family. Even though Congress has had a lot of energy this year, we have not been working at our full capacity. But now that all positions are finally filled, you can

anticipate our momentum and drive to grow.

A special thank you needs to be given to all of those candidates who ran but unfortunately did not win. It is because of your efforts and hard work that there was such a high voter turnout rate. We hope that despite this momentary disappointment you continue to get involved, either in other clubs or organizations on campus or with Congress (you are always welcome at our meetings).

Congress was also occupied recently with

Midnight Madness (you may have noticed us in the highlighter-colored t-shirts lining the court). Tim Welsh, the head Men's Basketball coach, came up to us after the event and praised what he called the best Midnight Madness he can remember. Thank you for making it a success!

See you around campus,  
Jonny Styron,  
56th Executive Treasurer





Mark your  
Calendar

## **206 NIGHTS!!**

November 18<sup>th</sup> in  
Peterson

**LAS VEGAS  
THEME**



Members of BOP entertaining the crowd during the annual Dance Off.



Defending their title from last year, BMSA won the Dance-Off and certainly got the gym moving!

**Countdown to  
JRW = 22 days!!**

## **Seniors \* Class of 2006**

The class of 2006 has spent the past two weeks hard at work planning events for the seniors. We had another successful senior night on October 15. It was great to see all the seniors dressed up in their favorite Halloween costumes. We saw a lot of Greek costumes, which I'm sure was related to an old freshmen Civ lesson. We have started plans for **206 Nights**, which will be on **November 18<sup>th</sup>** in

Peterson. **The theme of the night will be Las Vegas, with a casino, dancers and a guest performer.** Ticket pricing and details will be released soon.

In recent meetings, we have continued our discussion of various campus improvement projects. Amanda Valentino has met with Sharon Hay and is currently working out details for an improved off campus shuttle. An off-campus directory,

expanded PC ID capabilities, and coffee shop on lower campus are all projects that we hope to see in place for second semester. We need your help to make this a reality. **A survey will be distributed next week, please take it and voice your opinion to the school.** We can not make these important changes alone.

As always, please contact any of your officers with any questions, comments or concerns.

*By Brad Freeman,  
Class of 2006 President*

## **Juniors \* Class of 2007**

Over the past two weeks, the officers of the class of 2007 have divided up tasks and come up with our Blueprint for the semester.

**Off-campus safety:** As you walk our campus, it is impossible to miss the letters from Father McPhail notifying the student body of off campus incidents resulting in injury to PC Students. This is a matter the Class of 2007 is taking very seriously due to the fact that this is our class's first year living off campus. Last week, I had a meeting with Fr. McPhail to discuss this issue.

PC has detailed records of where our students live off-campus for purposes of knowing that when problems arise at an address off campus, PC can say with certainty whether it was a PC student or not. Other local universities do not or will not admit they have this

information. **We need your help to identify these problem houses**, so that we can make our case to other universities that in fact they have students living here, their students are causing problems, and that they must take action.

**I ask that if you know of any problem houses please help us make off-campus living safer by emailing Fr. McPhail at [smcphail@providence.edu](mailto:smcphail@providence.edu) or myself at [dcull07](mailto:dcull07).** Your disclosures will be completely anonymous.

**'07 Fundraising:** The class of 2007 blanket fundraiser letter and order form will be distributed to the class as well as to your parents/guardians closer to Thanksgiving.

**2007 Movie Nights in the Suites:** We encountered a roadblock that forced us to postpone the showing of our first movie because of

problems with movie licensing. This will be discussed and hopefully resolved in the upcoming week.

**Suites Elevator Rugs:** I talked with residents of the Suites about how disgusting the rugs in the Suites elevators are and brought the issue forward to Fr. McPhail. He seemed very receptive to the idea of replacing the poor carpet with tile. I will keep the class 2007 and Suites residents posted on any developments on the issue.

I would like to thank the class of 2007 officers for their time and effort this year and I wish you, the class of 2007, the very best as midterm exams approach. Anything we can do to help make our year better, please do not hesitate to ask.

*By Dan Cullinane,  
Class of 2007 President*



## Sophomores \* Class of 2008

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Hello again Class of '08. This is the third time that I write to you, and it is truly a charm. It was great seeing all of you at Midnight Madness, supporting our school in a positive way! The sophomore class defiantly represented ourselves well!

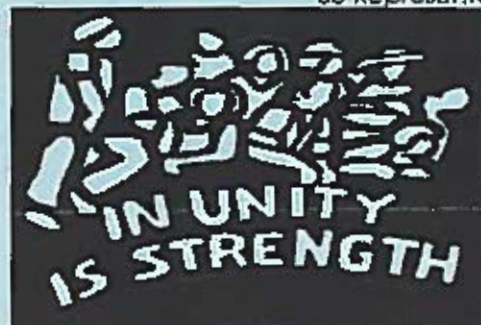
**2008 CLASS BLANKETS ARE IN!** If you ordered a blanket or think you ordered a blanket this summer, you may collect them in the SAIL OFFICE. If you would like to order a blanket we are collecting order forms to place a second order. Forms are in the congress office. PUT ORDERS IN MIKE MILLER'S CONGRESS OFFICE MAIL BOX by OCTOBER 31.

In other miscellaneous business, those of us representing you have been working hard. Many of you took part in a survey we conducted regarding a more worldly newspaper offered in Ray Café. It is hopeful that we will soon be reading *while eating*. On another note, we urge you all to **activate your library cards in the library**. It takes all of twelve seconds, and is a great excuse to go to the library, which is expanding its resources for all of us by leaps and bounds. Also, we hope to produce the OFFICIAL PC Hockey blackout t-shirt, so be sure to get one because they will be *essential* for the blackout!

In summation, the past two weeks have proved great successes in uniting the class of 2008. First, the sophomore night dance party

was a huge hit. Who can ask for more than great people in a great atmosphere listening to great music? We had a blast! The sophomore class mass was an even bigger success. Thanks again to all of you who attended and especially those of you who participated; this is exactly what we are aiming for- **class unity**. So thank you again to all participants, you can be proud of the fact that you are a significant part in leading your class in the right direction. Furthermore, Father Thomas's sermon of virtuous friendship is surely one that I will always remember and will strive to live my life by. Everyone can look forward to more class masses in the future because **uniting ourselves spiritually will surely set a foundation for our becoming a class THAT IS destined to achieve great things together. Immortality! Take it! It's yours!**

By Dave Socha  
'08 Representative



## Freshmen \* Class of 2009

The Class of 2009 has voted!  
The 56<sup>th</sup> Student Congress welcomes aboard the new class officers!!

President: **Jesse De Patsy**

Vice President: **Andy MacMannis**

Treasurer: **Guilherme "g" Araujo**

Secretary: **Laura Ferrazzano**

Representatives: **Michelle Palermino, Athena Fokaidis, Brendan Ward, Hank Gambino, and Will Bromstedt**

**Congrats to the New '09  
Class Officers!**



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LET'S GO FRIARS!!

THANKS FOR  
MAKING  
MIDNIGHT  
MADNESS SUCH  
A HIT!

**JUNIORS!!**

**JRW TICKETS GO  
ON SALE  
OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>!!**

Buy them in the  
Congress Office and  
get excited!

## Friar Fanatics Ring in the 2005-06 Season!

Last Friday the Friar Faithful braved the harsh rains to ring in the start of the basketball season at Midnight Madness. **Following PC tradition, the event packed over 3,000 wet and rowdy students** into Mullaney Gym. The Student Congress run event featured a 3-point competition, a free throw contest and a Dash for Cash to raise funds for hurricane relief. The now annual Dance-Off between BOP and BMSA, in which BMSA defended their title, was contagious, and certainly got the whole gym moving. **The enthusiasm and participation of the whole student body was electrifying from the very beginning.** Every class represented themselves well, sporting '06 season Friar Faithful T-shirts in welcoming the returning and new basketball players. Another highlight of the night was seeing Fr. Shanley in attendance, cheering on the team and student body from above the court.

The event culminated at midnight when the team took the court and showed off some moves dunking for their fans and fellow students. When Head Coach, Tim Welsh, took center stage he verbalized what we all know, calling Friar Fanatics **"the best fans in college basketball."** Though the team is young this year, they are ready for the challenge this season holds. Although they answered questions from the press and signed autographs, their biggest encouragement came from the support of their fans. The student body made the night great for Student Congress and the Friars players. If this is any indication of what the season holds, it will definitely be fan-tastic downtown at the Dunk!!

*By Claire Seguin '08*

**Check out Friars.com for the 2005-06 Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules!  
SEE YOU AT THE DUNK!!!**

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**PROVIDENCE COLLEGE STUDENT  
CLASSES OF  
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009**



**WE ARE HALF WAY THROUGH FIRST SEMESTER!  
OPEN ME TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT IS  
GOING ON IN YOUR CLASS.**