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The Providence College History Club Newsletter
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Special Club Fair '98 Edition

• Welcome to the Providence College History Club!

Hello! The PC History Club is off to a new start for 98/99, we're glad to have you as our newest member. Our goal is to gather as a group of students all with a common interest in History, in its many forms, to enjoy activities together which focus on history, promote awareness of history across the campus, and serve the community in activities related to history and that celebrate the past. We hope to add to each other's knowledge of history, and promote academic exchange both among students and between students and faculty. Welcome aboard!

• Upcoming visit to Roger Williams National Park and WaterFire--Sat. 10/3

On Saturday, October 3, at 5:00pm, we'll travel downtown to join Park Ranger John McNiff for a step back in time, and a walk around the original property of Rhode Island's and Providence's founder. Rgr. McNiff will give us a 90 minute look at the Native American, and colonial influence here, and help us to picture Providence in its infancy as a colonial outpost of religious refugees. This program is completely FREE OF CHARGE! To follow, Providence's smash-hit Fall evening activity, WATERFIRE, will take place in the Providence River Park and Waterplace Park. Drawing thousands of people on foot and by boat, WaterFire is a combination of light, sounds, smells, and ritual--a complete experience. Bonfires line the rivers while over 80 selections of every imaginable kind of music in the world are piped in along the riverwalks. We'd eat dinner at any of many possible outdoor(or indoor) eateries. The ideal activity for new students and seasoned upperclassmen.

• Volunteer Service with the Providence Preservation Society's Revolving Fund

NEW for '98! As a new component of our club, I thought it would be fitting to add a community service element. PC is well known for its community service in many areas, and it would be beneficial to the city as well as enjoyable for us to be able to help in areas of historical concern. The Providence Preservation Society is essentially the city's historical society. Through their "Revolving Fund," they have purchased three architecturally valuable homes in the Elmwood neighborhood of Providence. They will carefully renovate them as single or two-family units, then sell them as affordable homes. The houses, built from 1875-1880, need quite a bit of cleaning up before renovations. PPS can use our volunteer power to spend a day removing the junk from inside the homes. PPS Revolving Fund Director Clark Schoettle will call us two weeks in advance when he needs our assistance..

• \$Finances and Fundraising\$

Our Student Congress allocation is pending. Any creative fundraising ideas are welcome. More money helps to defray the costs of trips or events we bring onto campus.

• It's your club--we'll do what you want to do!

Any ideas and suggestions will be taken seriously--*please* let us know what you think of our ideas listed above. CALL TOM LYMAN at x4136 TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS SOON AS YOU GET "History Alive!." Without your involvement, there is no History Club! It is OK to leave a message--please do so if I'm away.

▪ **History Alive! A forum for historical discussion?**

We would like to expand our newsletter to include items of general historical interest for discussion, debate, and reflection. Call Tom at x 4136 with your ideas and suggestions. This could be a great new activity for those who love history! Copyright "History Alive!" 1998. Edited by Tom Lyman, '99 Advising Editor - Dr. Grabert.