



MEMO— FROM THE EDITOR



On behalf of *The Cowl* Staff, I welcome the Class of 1971 to Providence College.

Today, you are beginning one of the most important periods of your life. The goals which you have set and the manner in which you strive to achieve them will have a lasting effect on your later life. I strongly commend those of you who have already set your goals. I hope you will work diligently to obtain them. But, I wish to warn the Freshman who has not set any goals. Your next few years will be extremely short ones. To waste them by wandering aimlessly through your college career is an injustice to your parents, to your classmates, and, most of all to yourself.

One goal which you should strive for is that of the well-rounded P.C. man. In order to achieve this end, you must prepare yourself for the problems you will face on leaving the protective womb of Providence College. You can begin this preparation by taking full advantage of the academic and extra-curricular activities available to you. Certainly, academics should be your primary concern. However, if you desire to be a truly well-rounded individual, you should strive to become an integral part of the College Community. Providence College is now your school, in a very special way, your home for the next four years. I urge you to take an interest in it, to get involved in some extra-curricular activity. This will enable you to grow socially, mentally, and religiously.

With these thoughts in mind, it is my hope that every Freshman will enjoy a full share in the academic and social life of the College. I wish you a successful beginning to a satisfying college career.

Crisis, Confusion and Chaos

582 Anxious Freshmen Begin College Careers

Approximately 582 students will enroll this week at Providence College as members of the class of 1971. These 582

are the remnants of 2452 high school seniors who applied for admission last winter. Mr. Robert M. Purich, the Dean of

Admissions released these and other interesting statistics concerning the new Freshman class.

From the number that applied, 1285 were accepted or 52% of the applicants, this is approximately 112 less than were accepted last year.

Yet this year the Committee on Admissions considered approximately the same number of applications as they did with the Class of 1970. Last year they received 2461 completed applications and this year 2452.

The College received almost twice as many resident applications as day applicants. Mr. Purich noted that there has been a steady decline in recent years of applications from local students. He illustrated this point by referring to a survey prepared on the graduating class of a local high school. Five years ago of the top thirty graduates of this high school Providence College would receive twenty-five applicants. This year the College received four applications from the top thirty graduates. Mr. Purich noted the desire of the high school graduate "to go away to school" and the abundance of financial assistance to do so (National Defense Loan, etc.) as the chief cause of the decline.

Of the 582 students enrolling, 298 will be resident students and 284 will be commuter students.

Most of this Freshman class will be composed of students from the Northeast, just as in previous years. However, there will be students from as far away as the states of Washington and Florida.

In the area of financial assistance from the College, 35% of the class will be receiving aid from Providence College. This aid is in addition to the amount allotted from private independent sources.

the Class of '71 enjoys greater freedom of opportunity than the class before it and this increase in self-rule will continue as you progress toward graduation.

However all this increase in student freedom (or rights if you prefer) brings along with it responsibility. If you fail in exerting the mature judgment, which is expected of you, you will sacrifice the rights which have been placed in your keeping for yourselves and future classes to come. Even more important than that you will destroy the College's confidence in its student body, you stand to place the school back several years in the delicate area of student-administration relations.

College Opened in 1919; Reaches Turning Point

In the fall of 1915, Bishop Matthew Harkins requested the Dominican Order "to found within the limits of the Diocese of Providence . . . a college." Several years later, in September 1919 Providence College was opened with a student body of 75, a faculty of nine, a single building and a campus of 17 acres.

Forty-seven years and 10,000 graduates later, Providence College reached a turning point in its development. Approximately one year ago with 15 major buildings, a faculty of 200 and a student body of 26,00, the college came to a decision which will have and has already begun to have profound effects upon PC. It was decided that the college's enrollment would level off and that the school would concentrate more on improving

facilities and the quality of education here at "Providence" rather than continue on with tremendous expansion in student enrollment and expanded accommodations.

You, the Class of 1971, have been deeply effected by these decisions even before you arrived on campus. Your class is more than 150 students smaller than the Class of 1970. The reason being higher academic standards coupled with an increased emphasis on out of state applicants rather than local ones. Also the tuition which you are required to pay is a full \$300 over last year's tuition.

Now, that you are here and have seen Providence College you are able to view some of the initial effects which have been caused by the college's decision. A 3.5 million dollar library under construction, an expanded bookstore, a \$350,000 renovation of Aquinas Hall and the creation of new quarters for the business department in Stephen Hall.

However, Providence College has not always been this vibrant, it has faced several crises in its short existence. The College opened its doors during World War I, suffered through the Great Depression six years after the first class graduated, and was almost forced to close during the height of World War II.

Yet that is history for the college now, the present and the future are what concerns the administration and you. The Class of 1971 is intimately involved in the college's quest for academic excellence more so, perhaps, than any other class at the college.

The whole climate here is changing: doors are opening which have been closed to the students for years, walls barring student participation (such as in administering the college) are crumbling under the scrutiny of Fr. Haas's policy of reevaluation of existing regulations and traditions. Each year the students have more opportunities to exert responsible leadership in governing their own social and academic affairs.

Your class, as stated before, has been subjected to greater tuition fees and more rigid academic standards than any other class at the college. Also

Beanies, Tags Signify Unity Vigilantes Await Class of '71

Freshmen you have now entered a new world—one which will, for a time seem awesome and perhaps frightening. You will face it quite alone and for the most part stripped of the familiar reassurances of friends, this is the cast with almost all

of you. You are hundreds of individuals, disjointed and independent of each other

The "beanie" which you wear depicts you as a member of the Class of 1971. How great that class will become depends on you and your ability to unite yourselves together and act as a body. The better your class functions the more pleasurable your stay at Providence College.

That "beanie" will bring upon you what seems to be a plague of a curse. You will be pursued by the members of the Vigilante Committee with unmerciful fervor. They will make you dance on tables; march like soldiers and generally humiliate you. But they do it not to John Jones, the individual, but to the kid wearing "beanie" the member of the Class of 1971. The V.C. is attacking the whole class.

The underlying purpose of the V.C. is to bind you, the "lackadaisical" individuals into a tight knit core called the Class of 1971. It is a tradition which is old and treasured and your realization of its purpose will make it much easier to bear.



Freshman Orientation Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:30 a.m. Registration—Harkins Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall Auditorium
 Very Rev. William P. Haas, O.P., President
 Rev. Edward B. Halton, O.P., Dean of Freshmen
 Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O.P., Bursar
 Mr. Edward P. Dunphy, President of Student Congress
 Introduction of Class Moderator
- 1:00 p.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall Auditorium
 Mr. Daniel Sullivan—Bookstore Information
 Mr. Arthur Newton, Director of Student Affairs
 ROTC Orientation

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:30 a.m. Confessions—Harkins Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall
 Rev. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., Dean of the College
 Rev. William J. Dillon, O.P., Registrar
 Rev. John V. Walsh, O.P., Chaplain of the College
- 1:00 p.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall Auditorium
 John Colby, Counselling Center
- 1:30 p.m.—Foreign Language Proficiency Examination
 All students who are to take this examination will assemble in Room A-100, Science Building.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 8:30 a.m. Confessions—Harkins Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall
 Dr. Edwin B. O'Reilly, Dept. of Student Health
 Rev. Ernest A. Hogan, O.P., Librarian
- 1:30 p.m. Reading Proficiency Test
 To be taken by all Freshmen.
 (Locations posted on Dean's Bulletin Board—Harkins)
- 3:00 p.m. Regional Pictures (names listed on Bulletin Board)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 9:00 a.m. FACULTY CONSULTATIONS
 Each student is to meet his present or contemplated department head. (Room schedule will be posted on Bulletin Board)
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting with various clubs and student organizations.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- CLASSES BEGIN FOR FRESHMEN
 8:00 p.m. Freshman Mixer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Picnic at Lincoln Woods

The Cowl Brings You The Action

Freshmen! Are you satisfied with just reading the news? Are you bored by newsheets that tell only half the story? Do you want to get behind the news and catch a glimpse of events at their sources? If you are just such an inquisitive individual who wants to know the "why and wherefore" of college action, then **THE COWL** has something to offer **YOU!**

Every Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of news-hungry students race to pick up copies of **THE COWL**, the official student newspaper of Providence College! Now you can be a part of the editorial team which satisfies this student need for information by helping publish your paper. If you have a "nose for news," or a penchant for editorializing; or even if you are just curious enough to want to know what makes news, we have a place for **YOU!** A behind the scenes look at the Cowl office in McDermott Hall tells the whole story of your paper from beginning to end.

Since **THE COWL** is a weekly paper, news must be made fresh by incisive reporting behind the facts. News is often where you find it and **COWL** reporters often are known for being where a news story is about to break.

The PC man must be informed, and it is **THE COWL** which must be his first and finest source of campus information. Reporters then constantly criss-cross the campus linking interview with "unofficial" statements, and separating fact from fiction and truth from rumor to keep you the student in constant contact with campus activity.

THE COWL also maintains a constant news line with the administration of the college and serves as the medium wherein students reaction to policy is publicly expressed in print. The administration also utilizes the paper to present its views to the student body. In this way, **THE COWL** pays a dis-

tingent service to both partners in the college community.

From maintenance to the President's Office, from the "guy next door" to the President of the Student Government, **COWL** reporters search for news that will help the PC man remain informed.

One of the biggest jobs of **THE COWL** staff is keeping tabs on the PC sports action. Running the gamut of sports-life from big-time basketball and hockey to intramural bridge games, **COWL** reporters follow PC athletics to get personal life of Friar sport life that is often forgotten. Keeping statistics, traveling with the teams, or seeking out the unusual, **THE COWL** sports reporter is where the "real action is" at all times.

Trying to prove that one picture is indeed worth the proverbial thousand words, **COWL** photographers add that exciting touch to news stories which even the finest reporters could not convey. Having use of a well-equipped dark room, they are an elite group snapping candid or posed shots wherever there is news. Any "camera bug" would do himself a disfavor if he did not visit the **COWL** darkroom at least once during orientation.

News stories, interviews, sports reviews, and pictures—these are only the beginnings of the final product that hits the tables every Wednesday in Harkins Hall rotunda. Each story originating from a reporter or assigned directly from the editors desk is carefully examined and pruned by a busy copy staff. Grammar, journalistic style, fact content and good taste are all considered; even when the copy editors finish trimming and correcting, the stories are ready for final page planning and on their way to press.

Once the **COWL** has reported the news, editorial comment is often needed. Intelligent comment on activity on

the Smith Hill campus is a part of the normal routine of **THE COWL** editorial board. Editorialists attempt to gauge students feeling and administration sentiment and then discuss openly the problems at hand. **THE COWL** insists firmly in the freedom of even the collegiate press, and editors are censors over themselves. They are dedicated to informing the PC man of those matters which directly concern him, and editorials are an essential means of communicating these ideas. Whether editorial opinion provokes anger or applause, it always provokes discussion, and in this it serves its function well. During the forth-coming year, you Freshmen will have an opportunity to sample college editorializing, and your comments are always appreciated in the section "Letters to the Editor."

From the time the **COWL** news story is first reported to its appearance in Harkins Hall rotunda on Wednesday, the help of many reporters, photographers, editors, and workers is enlisted. You can be part of this working team if you are only interested enough in the workings of PC life to join **THE COWL** staff and discover the world of collegiate journalism. If you are not satisfied with just reading the news, **THE COWL** will show you where the news is made!

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FRESHMEN CLASS MEMBERS

ON and OFF Campus

... the PC Man Looks

His Best in His

Providence College Blazer

Fittings in Alumni Hall Lounge

WEDNESDAY, September 20th

From 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

