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 students 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 information 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 2653 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 high schools. Five years ago, 400 of the top third of the high school graduating class in Providence College. 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 244 will be commuters.

Almost all 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, 35% of the class will be receiving aid from Providence College. This aid is in addition to the amount allocated from private independent sources.

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However all this increase in student freedom (or rights if you prefer) brings along with it increased responsibility. It will require sacrifice of the rights which have been a plague in the past. You, the Class of 1971, have always been aware of the problems before you. Now, that you are here and face it quite alone and for the most part stripped of the familiar reassurances of friends, this is the test with almost all of you. You are hundreds of individuals, disjointed and independent of each other. The way in which you face this will depend upon you and your ability to unite yourselves together and act as a body. The better your class functions the more pleasant your stay at Providence College.

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

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Beansies, 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
**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. Hallon, O.P., Dean of Freshmen  
Rev. Charles V. Fenendi, O.P., Curator  
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. John V. Walsh, O.P., Chaplain of the College

1:00 p.m. Assembly—Harkins Hall Auditorium  
John Colby, Counseling 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  
John Colby, Counseling Center

1:30 p.m. Reading Proficiency Test  
To be taken by all Freshmen. (locations posted on Dean's Bulletin Board—Dean's Bulletin Board)

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

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**The Cowl Brings You The Action**

Freshmen! Are you satisfied with just reading the news? Are you bored by newsletters 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 before 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. If the PC man must be informed, and it is THE COWL which must be his first and fastest news source, 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 to give the administration an idea of the news it wants to serve 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 distinct service to both partners in the college community.

From maintenance to the President’s Office, from the “guys 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” 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—which 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 praised by a busy copy staff. Grammar, journalistic style, fact content, and good taste are all considered; even when the copy arrives, editors are trimmers and correctors, the stories are ready for final page planning and on their way to press. Once the COWL has reported the news, editorial 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.