



Fire Hits Grotto Loss at \$2,000

Arsonists are believed to have been responsible for a fire which broke out in the sacristy of the Providence College War Memorial Grotto Thursday evening, May 2.

Mr. William E. Cummings, Director of Security, reports the fire was discovered by a campus security guard shortly after 11:00 p.m. on Thursday. The alarm for the first was sounded at 11:06 p.m. at the fire box located on the corner of River and Eaton Streets. Moments later three Providence fire engines arrived on the scene. While awaiting the arrival of the fire apparatus, the security guard attempted to control the blaze using a portable extinguisher.

The fire was confined to the Grotto sacristy and the organ which is housed within the sacristy. The organ, valued at over \$2,000, was completely destroyed. Extensive damage to the rest of the sacristy and to articles set aside for worship was also reported. Observers at the fire were beset with the distinctive odor of quantities of incense which were burned in the fire. No official estimation of the total cost of damage caused by the fire has yet been issued.

Investigations conducted immediately following the incident have shown the fire to be of an incendiary origin. Vandals had stripped the metal screening off the ventilator located on top of the Grotto mound and ignited the fire at the lower level in some unknown manner. It is suspected that a pack of burning matches or some other inflamed object may have been suspended from the ventilator via an extended length of rope or wire.

The fire is currently under investigation by an inspector from the Providence Fire Department and detectives from the Providence Police Department. According to Mr. Cummings, it is doubtful that the fire could have been set by youngsters, in view of the apparent ease with which the vandals removed the screening from the ventilator.

The fire is the most recent in a series of isolated acts of vandalism at the Grotto. Previously, votive lights at the foot of the altar on occasion have been removed or destroyed. Frequently vandals have also attempted to shatter the lights illuminating the Grotto statues by hurling stones and various other objects at them. In an effort to curb such acts of vandalism, the security department is considering erecting a fence which will encircle the Grotto mound.

Coskren Talks At College



Fr. Thomas Coskren.

The Rev. Thomas M. Coskren, O.P., addressed a Delta Epsilon Sigma gathering on "The Unbelief of Believers," Monday evening, May 6, at Aquinas Lounge.

Fr. Coskren is presently on leave from the College to do doctoral work in Comparative Literature at Yale University and is scheduled to return to P.C. for the next academic year.

In his speech, Fr. Coskren dwelt on the challenge facing today's Christians in regard to their faith. He stated that, as Christians, we must test, explore, and examine our own Christian experience. Along with this questioning attitude, "we must be prepared to face the fact that we may discover large areas of unbelief."

In order that Christians avoid despair in the vital activities of thinking, loving, and doing, we must rediscover what the Christian experience of faith is and how we can live it more fully. In effect, we must ask what we believe.

For the answer to this problem, Fr. Coskren turns to St. Thomas Aquinas. According to St. Thomas, our faith consists in a true knowledge of God and in the mystery of the In-

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Young Friar Diamond Men Drive For NCAA Tourney

Providence College is back in the winner's circle again. The sophomore-studded baseball team is off to the fastest start since 1965, and the 7-2 record compiled thus far seems to indicate a prospective NCAA District Playoff invitation.

While it's true that many teams have had success in the beginning only to finish quite dismally, it is highly improb-

able that this year's Fabulous Friars (spring edition) will fold in the clutch. Two imposing factors add to this optimistic prediction.

The first is that the Friars, with the exception of two upcoming doubleheaders, have met, according to expert consensus, the two toughest teams on their New England schedule, Holy Cross and Boston College.

The Friars swept two straight from the Eagles and split with the pitching-dominated Crusaders.

The second is the rapid emergence of Coach Alex Nahigian's super-sophs, five of whom are regulars. It is rare to place so much of an emphasis on untested sophs in anything other than a rebuilding year. Besides, these sophs played on a frosh team that could be categorized as ordinary at best. Thus, New England has been taken by surprise at the amazing success of the young Friars, but it is no surprise to the baseball followers here. Funny, how many key players could fall into season long slumps, but this is the reason for the disappointing freshman record. These sophs were, in reality, a potent hitting attack. They're proving it now.

You've got powerful Nick Baiad manning first base with classmates Rick Kane, a slick fielding shortstop, and Mike Gabarra, a cocky but talented third baseman, joining him in

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Morrissey Bill Under Debate; Representation Key Factor

The Student Congress meeting of May 13 will witness a vote on a major bill introduced by Joe Morrissey.

The bill calls for the elimination of the clause in the Student Congress Constitution that states that at least one resident student and at least one commuter student from each class must be among the active members in the Congress.

Congressman Morrissey said that his primary motive for the bill is that "as the clause now stands elected Congressmen appear to be representing factions, not the student body as a whole." Morrissey claims that by giving one group, whether it be commuter or resident student, a representative outright, it seems like a handout, instead of requiring all candidates to engage in an earnest campaign for election.

The whole electoral process in our democratic system is based on majority rule, explained Mr. Morrissey. Morrissey said that any majority group which wishes representation in a democracy is given the opportunity in a free election.

He believes that by giving a

minority group representation, in this case the commuter students, even if no member of this group is elected, can only cause apathy on the part of the minority and discontent on the part of the majority.

The apathy, Morrissey explains, will be the result of the minority candidate not cam-

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Circulated Petitions Force Changes in Registration

Pre-registration procedure was changed over the weekend after petitions protesting it were circulated among the student body.

The petitions began circulating late Thursday night when four juniors, Marty McNamara, Paul McGowan, Mike Walsh and Mike Ryan, felt that the alphabetical system which was proposed was "unfair."

The "committee" drew up a petition and then began to circulate it through the dormitories late Thursday night. Enlisting the aid of several other students, including Brian Mahoney and Mike Trainor, the

committee gathered 342 signatures that night.

At breakfast the next morning, the petition was circulated through Raymond Hall and at eight o'clock the committee assumed a position outside of Alumni Hall to acquaint day hops and faculty members with the petition.

A total of 957 signatures were attained by 11 a.m. and also the names of 46 faculty members, including the heads of seven departments.

The committee made an appointment to see Dr. Paul van

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Many Problems Plague P.C. Concert Bookings

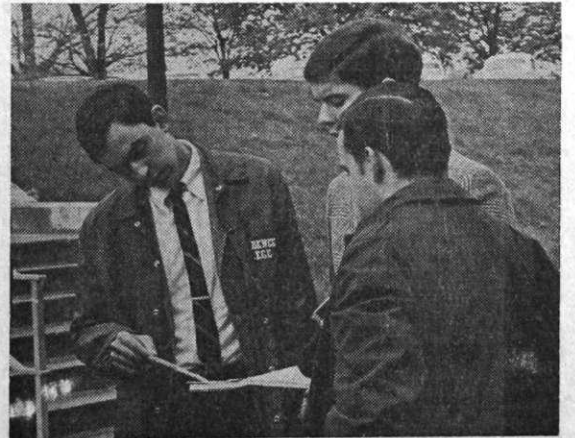
By TERRY CREEGAN
Many students at Providence College have been asking themselves what the problems were with the Spring Weekend concert. In a recent interview with Bob Hart, Vice-President of the Junior Class, he told this reporter what went wrong.

In November he started negotiations with agents from New York. These men were out to get what they could, and also were very sarcastic. Because Providence College can only hold 3,300 people, the income would not be as large as in a bigger university.

Mr. Hart first contacted the agency and tried to retain the Supremes. There were a few

problems with this group, however. Their cost would be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. This would mean that the scale of the tickets would be about seven dollars per ticket. Also we would have to pay the agents fifty per cent of the contract when he returned it. Next he tried to get the Jefferson Airplane. He called them for about five weeks and then they said no. The Temptations were next on the list. They would cost between 10 and 12 thousand dollars. They wanted a nine piece orchestra at our expense and a five o'clock rehearsal for two hours, also at our own expense. The Four Tops wanted the same

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Paul McGowan solicits signatures for pre-registration outside Alumni.

Campus Improvements Marked; Maintenance Heads Projects

Various projects at Providence College are being carried out by the Maintenance Department to improve the appearance of the campus, with an emphasis on the walks and lawns.

The department is planning

those areas surrounded by pipes and chains.

Sidewalks are being put down in some areas. Asphalt paths going right to the buildings have been laid down in many places.

There are some projects for



Maintenance men prepare to make a new walk in area by Meagher Hall.

to reseed various areas on campus, such as the lawn area between Martin and McDermott Halls. Because of the damage done by students walking on the lawns throughout the campus, the maintenance crew has put up pipes and chains to prevent further damage. The reseeded will take place in

redevelopment planned too. New softball fields, costing between \$50,000-\$60,000, will be established in the area behind Raymond Hall. The area will be completely fenced in. The land is to be reseeded, so the department has asked for the cooperation of students to keep off the fields.

PC, RISD Sponsored Literary Week Highlighted by Poets and Painters

Literary week at Providence College was marked by a lecture series in the arts and the humanities which was co-sponsored with Rhode Island School of Design.

The intent of the lectures was to point out the differences and similarities between the visual and literary arts. The lecturers were Harold Tovish, sculptor, and James Rosenquist, painter, who spoke at R.I.S.D., and Richard Wilbur, poet, and Howard Nemerov, poet, who spoke at P.C.

Mr. Tovish is a research fellow at the Center for Advanced Visual Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He studied at Columbia University, Zadkine School of Sculpture and at the Grande Chaumiere in Paris and has held teaching positions at New York State College of Ceramics, the University of Minnesota and the School of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Mr. Rosenquist's paintings are in the permanent collections of numerous museums. His 85-foot painting of the controversial F-111 fighter bomber symbolizes his horror at the "horrible extravagances" of American society.

These artists were featured at the Rhode Island School of Design's Memorial Hall while Richard Wilbur and Howard Nemerov highlighted the lecture events at P.C.

Mr. Wilbur, who spoke here last Tuesday evening, displayed a keen wit and diverse interests in his poetry. His poem, "The Undead," for instance, deals

with the disappointing horror shows which he continually watches on late night television in which he compares a certain kind of people to a vampire. "Two Voices in the Meadow," on the other hand, finds a milkweed and a stone attempting to discover their true being and identity.

Howard Nemerov, the second poet on campus during literary week, was referred to by Dr. Rodney Delasanta last Thursday as "one of the major poetic voices of our decade."

Nemerov read his poems in groups, including short odes, those taken from newspaper headlines, and monsters. He read three short odes, one of which concerned a rabbi and a young man who had lost his faith. He read another entitled "Student Dies In 100 yd. Dash," commenting that many people considered it in "bad taste."

One of his poems, which were taken from newspaper headlines, was "Boom." This is an irreligious poem concerning the affect of modern conveniences on the practice of religion. Another, "Reflections on Seizure of Suez and Lining the Area with Billboards," concerns the taking of the Suez area by Nasser's predecessor, Nahib.

Nemerov's monsters included a "Goosefish," "The Sparrow In the Zoo," and "The Mad Turtle." As a special request, he read "The Pond," which is involved with the passing of the seasons, a drowned boy, and a town which names the pond after the boy.

Concerning the rebuilding of the track, Mr. Pat Cardillo, Superintendent of Maintenance, Building and Grounds, said that the track will be placed either behind Raymond or at Elmhurst.

The maintenance crew has recently cleaned Fr. Haas' lawn and have also cleaned up streets near the campus. After a dance at Alumni a few weeks ago, Mr. Cardillo said that he had to call in more men to clean up the garbage (mostly beer cans) on campus.

Mr. Cardillo said that the administration is disturbed because many students have been cutting across the cemetery. To prevent further damage, the maintenance crew will fence the back part of the area.

Mr. Cardillo is in sympathy with those who want to play baseball on campus but cannot. He said that he realizes that there is no place to play baseball on campus grounds. However, he said that he would appreciate it if the students would move away from the buildings when they throw baseballs around. He has discovered many broken windows.

Mr. Cardillo hopes that 90 per cent of the work (reseeding, laying the asphalt paths, etc.) will be finished by commencement.

Findings Warrant New Junior Rings

Bill Fennelly, chairman of the Ring Committee for the Junior Class has announced that the rings of the entire class will be replaced by the Herff-Jones Company, manufacturer of the rings.

Tests conducted by the Lucius-Petkin Co., an independent metallurgist, showed the hardness of the rings to be far below the contractual standard.

Lucius - Petkin, utilizing a Rockwell "B" scale of measure, discovered upon examining a ring that it could only be given a 59 degree rating of hardness—the contract called for a strength of 91 degrees. When requested to conduct further tests on three additional rings of yellow, green, and white gold the company found the ratings as 71, 68.5 and 74.1 degrees respectively.

In view of these findings the Herff-Jones Co. immediately agreed to replace all the rings purchased by the students. During the summer months the rings will be made and in early September a company representative will be on campus to distribute the new rings.

Mr. Fennelly noted that those students with a Lindy Star sapphire or genuine star sapphire rings will be requested to send them to the company sometime in August. These stones are of such value, Herff Jones will reuse them in the students' new rings. The remaining students will be asked to return their rings at the time the company's representative is on campus.

Any freshman interested in working on the COWL next year can leave his name and where he can be contacted in the COWL office in McDermott Hall.

Dr. Fortin Speaks On Literature

At a luncheon seminar last week, Dr. Rene Fortin of the English Department spoke on "The Relevance of Literature: Rhetoric or Realization."

His major aim was to distinguish the two types of language, public rhetoric and literary instrument. After defining each, Dr. Fortin proceeded to demonstrate that both are necessary for human communication.

He said that ordinary conversation in the business world depends heavily upon words which can be easily understood; therefore, a practical vocabulary of everyday words is the most useful. This group of words is determined by the demands to express experiences and things common to the public.

Poetry, on the other hand, is the search for the exact expressive phrase to describe an experience in which one is not limited to the prescribed rules of simple communication through conversation. Dr. Fortin suggested, "It offers license for the poet and vicariously for his reader to wander the landscapes and mindscapes of human experience, to poke behind the effigies of public rhetoric in search of the reality that they either conceal or reveal."

(The mystery of the poet's language sometimes frightens or scandalizes the public because the poet goes beyond language's rational and descriptive use, Dr. Fortin explained.) He explores the very depths of meaning where few people trespass. Language is his link with reality. Although he attempts to master reality with a system or order, the poet does not succeed; what he does accomplish is to establish a momentary picture. With this small amount of evidence, he then examines the possibilities of his subject. As Dr. Fortin explained, "Poetry is the price one pays and the reward one receives for questioning the nature of things."

To dominate the magic of language, the poet must sharpen both his perception and his technique, he claimed. Since language is his link with reality, it is also the means by which he succeeds or fails to present

the true picture. The poet must in his most intense inspiration express his thoughts with the precision of a watchmaker.

Last week, Providence College was host to two respected members of this mysterious profession of poetry. (Dr. Fortin used various poems and statements by these two men, Richard Wilbur and Howard Nemerov, to exemplify his points.) He found Wilbur's poem, "To an American Poet Just Dead," particularly apropos since it speaks of the profession. Reflecting the public belief, Wilbur says that poetry indeed is irrelevant.

In response to the use of language in poetry, Dr. Fortin explained that Nemerov finds it an agent of reality. He writes, "I not so much as look at nature as I listen to what it says. This is a mystery, at least in the sense that I can explain it—why should a phrase come to you out of the ground and seem to be exactly right?"

(The status of literature in today's world is quite low perhaps because this discipline is done exclusively with the individual's mind whereas the other areas such as engineering, economics, and history require a cooperative effort on the part of many people, Dr. Fortin said.) These later disciplines can be talked about in public though they still might remain mysteries. However, one writes poetry in isolation and the public is suspicious of this private occupation. There is a demand to know just what the relevance of literature is and Dr. Fortin expressed his fate, "I must continue to write my annual epistles to the Philistines on behalf of the unknown God."

Concluding his comments on the question, Dr. Fortin declared that the relevance of poetry is intimately connected with the relevance of language which in turn has an intrinsic relation to the relevance of thought itself.

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Senior Ball, Graduation Highlight Fiftieth Commencement Weekend

The fiftieth annual commencement exercises will be held on June 4 in the War Memorial Grotto.

Preceding Commencement, there will be five days of graduation exercises. These exercises will begin on Thursday, May 30, with Senior night. This will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Providence at 8 p.m.

The next activity will take place on May 31, when the Commencement Ball will be held at the Venus de Milo in Swansea, Massachusetts, and will run from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A five hour cruise on Narragansett Bay is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Saturday night there will be a dinner dance at the Chopmist Hill Inn in North Scituate, R. I. This will run from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Very Reverend William P. Haas, President of Providence College, will be the principal celebrant at the Mass of Concelebration on June 2. This Mass, which will be held at 10 a.m. in the Grotto, is the opening event of Baccalaureate Day. The Right Reverend Msgr. John F. Cox will present the Baccalaureate sermon.

Following the Mass, the seniors will rehearse for Commencement and then will have a Communion breakfast at 11:15 a.m. in Raymond Hall.

Monday, June 3, has been designated Class Day. It will begin at eight in the morning with Michael Doody giving the Class Oration and Edward P. Gallogly, Jr., giving the Address To Parents.

Fr. Haas will preside over the presentation of awards on

Class Day. Presentation of certificates to students graduating with honors and other awards will be given.

William Hanley and Thomas Healy, co-chairmen of the Class Gift Committee (Pacesetter), will present the class gift and then the President of the Alumni, W. Stratton Brady '32, will induct the seniors into the Alumni Association. Following this, Fr. Gerard A. Vanderhaar, O.P., will express the greetings of the school.

After these activities there will be a reception for parents in the Alumni Hall Cafeteria. At this time, graduates are requested to present their parents and friends at the receiving line at Alumni Hall Terrace.

Later that evening, a Dixieland Party will be held in Alumni Hall from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The final activity will be the Commencement at 10 a.m. on June 4.

WDOM Concludes FM Broadcasting

WDOM, 91.3 FM, the campus educational radio station, will sign-off for the summer at midnight, May 18th.

Timothy McBride, program manager, related that, "We hope that you have found our educational schedule of the past year useful and enjoyable, as great care went into its programming. Thank you for your support; we will resume broadcasting in mid-September."

McBride also made known the fact that WDOM always welcomes applications for its staff, but is in particular need of paid and unpaid students for sales, advertising, on-the-air broadcasting, engineering, etc. These applications can be addressed to: WDOM, Program Director, Box 377 Friar Station, Providence, Rhode Island 02918.

Following is the schedule programming for the remainder of the year.

A Question of Art: Tuesdays—6:30 p.m. Do Materials Influence the Artist?

Peace, Love, and Creativity: The Hopes of Mankind: Tuesdays—7 p.m. Mythology of Love.

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Ancient European Organs. A unique series of great musical and historical interest produced from rare recordings supplied by members of the European Broadcasting Union will be presented.

Seminars in Theatre: Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This series will continue from New York City regarding the theatre with discussions by leading actors, companies, directors, and authors; with host Richard Pyatt.

The Georgetown University Forum: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. On Thursdays at 7 p.m., the Shadow of the Lion will be broadcast. In this particular series will be The Place of the Publican: the history and tradition of Britain's outstanding institution, the publican. Also, Young Blood of Britain: the effect of the teenage revolution on staid and proper Britain.

The National Educational

Network Washington Forum: Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The National Educational Radio Network Special of the Week: Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Fridays at 7 p.m. features Business Roundtable. This series will continue with discussions on economics and business, made possible by a grant from "Nation's Business."

France Applauds: Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Seeds of Discontent: Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. This series will feature two important topics, Negro police relationships in the ghetto, and also the life in the ghetto.

The Comic Arts: Sundays at 6:30 p.m. This is a series on humor in America today.

The Theory and Practice of Communism: Sunday at 7 p.m. A feature of this series will be Marxism as a Theory of History.

Also WDOM will feature a series of special programs. On Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m., The Negro Volunteer in the Peace Corps, will be broadcast and on the same date at 7 p.m. The Soviet Revolution 1817-1967. The latter is a special rebroadcast of a program examining the society of the Soviet Union today and how, almost miraculously, Russia grew to be one of the world's three great powers.

Pre-Registration

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K. Thomson, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, and expressed their feeling that as it stood at that time, the procedure for pre-registration procedure was unjust.

It was suggested that instead of an alphabetical arrangement, a lottery arrangement such as done in choosing dormitory rooms be instituted.

Dr. Thomson then talked to Fr. Robert Bond, O.P., assistant dean, and it was decided that the system could be tried. Mike Walsh had contacted the computer center that morning and was told that it would be possible to introduce the lottery system.

Saturday morning the committee decided that the students should be informed of the change. Notices, handwritten and mimeographed, were placed in the dormitories and in various places on the campus.

Commuter students were informed of the change by a "telephone campaign" conducted by the committee and other volunteers. Dan Ryan, President of the Student Congress, gave his permission for all toll calls to be charged to the Student Congress.

Sunday afternoon the new lists for the juniors and sophomores were ready and Fr. Bond and members of the committee put them up on a board in Harkins Rotunda. Later, a copy of these lists was put up on the trophy case in Alumni Hall.

Monday, the day of the Juniors' pre-registration, McNamara, Walsh, Ryan and McGowan offered their assistance in answering any questions that the students might have.

Change of Command Ceremony Finds Rehm Chosen as Head



The big three, Father Haas, Lt. Col. Triano, and Cadet Col. McMullen inspect ROTC bridge.

Immediately following the ROTC Brigade's Final Review, Company K-12, PERSHING RI-

FLES, held its annual Change of Command Ceremony in front of Alumni Hall cafeteria.

Those present witnessed the administration of the oath of office to the new commander, Cadet Captain Donald A. Rehm, P/R. Also included in this event was the promotion and appointment of Company K's new staff: Cadet 1LT Dennis J. Kennedy, P/R, executive officer; Cadet 2LT Daniel J. Harrington, P/R, adjutant; Cadet 2LT Francis W. Stripling, P/R, personnel and alumni; Cadet 2LT William J. Murray, P/R, operations, and Cadet 2LT Lawrence V. Macdonald, P/R, supply and finance.

Also, Cadet 2LT Michael A. Mastrocco, P/R, special projects; Cadet Warrant Officer Ronald E. Ouellette, P/R, assistant adjutant; Cadet Warrant Officer Richard Busby, P/R, assistant operations; and Cadet Warrant Officer William R. Paniccia, P/R, drill team executive officer.

The conclusion of this ceremony brought Company K's year to an end. During this past academic year this P/R unit scored a 91 on its first Regimental inspection and an unprecedented 97 out of 100 on its second one. Due to their exceptional performance, Company K was selected as the Best Company in the Twelfth Regiment.

Friars Club Votes New Officer Slate

Mike Maxwell has been elected President of the Friars Club for the coming year.

Maxwell, a junior from Attleboro, Mass., will succeed Bill Hanley as the President of the organization. He has been a member of the club for one year and was described by one Friar Club member as "personable, mature, and a fine student."

Other newly elected officers are Bob Debold, Vice-President; Lou Gazzola, Secretary; Thomas Vadala, Treasurer; and Paul McGowan, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Debold, who is presently the Secretary of the Club, will succeed Tom Kramer as Vice-President. He is a Mathematics major from Bloomfield, N. J., and has been a member of the Friars Club for two years.

Gazzola is a sophomore from Attleboro, Mass. He will replace Bob Debold as Secretary and has been a member of the Friars Club for one year.

The newly elected Treasurer, Tom Vadala, is a business major from Woods Hole, Mass. A former representative of the Class of 1970 in the Student Congress, Tom will follow Don Sauvigne as the Treasurer of the Friars Club.

Another resident of Attleboro, Paul McGowan, will be the successor of Pete "Righteous" Meade as Sergeant-at-Arms. He was elected to the Friars Club during his freshman year.

Senior Jerry Hughes was chosen as the second recipient of the Father Herman Schneider Award. This award is given to a graduating senior who is not a member of the Friars Club and who has demonstrated service and dedication to the college during the past four years.

Besides the Friars Club, Hughes has been active in the Big Brothers, ROTC, and on the Spring Weekend Committees for his class. His home is in Fenwood, New Jersey.

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Campus Needs Militant Leaders

Across the entire United States a new wave of student protests has occurred on the college campuses. But the recent unrest has taken on a new militancy not seen since the Berkeley uprising of '64.

At Boston University 125 Negro students took control of the administration building demanding scholarships for blacks, recruitment of black professors and establishment of black studies. At Colgate, again the issue of race provoked 500 students and faculty to take over the school's administration building — calling for an end of the discriminatory practices of fraternities. Sedate Trinity College in Hartford experienced a similar seizure of the administrative building by 200 students clamoring for more scholarships for Negroes and a course on "the psychology of the ghetto."

Columbia

Perhaps the most confusing and complex and certainly the most publicized of the recent student "rebellions" is last week's confrontation at Columbia University. In a span of five days a militant group of 200 students seized control of five major university buildings, occupied the office of Columbia's president Grayson Kirk, held the dean of the college prisoner for 24 hours and brought class room instruction to a halt.

Again the issue of the Negro vs. the white establishment was the impetus for the student revolt. Columbia, picturesquely situated atop of New York City's Morningside Heights, is an academic community "surrounded by poverty and decay." Following a 10 year battle with the surrounding Negro community over the use of a local park as the site of their new gymnasium, Columbia began construction ignoring neighborhood opposition. With the issue so neatly delivered to the militants by a

blundering administration, the Columbia debacle began.

Student Success

While deploring the excesses of the demonstrators we cannot help but recognize the justness of their cause. Columbia, in its ever increasing demand for land, had in recent years too often carried out evictions impersonally, cutting off heat and water and stopping mail service while the tenants were still in its buildings. Seventy local organizations had fought the school's expansion. Again the students succeeded in forcing the power structure to do an embarrassing about-face and halt the construction of the gym.

What we have seen on these college campuses is the exercise of student power — militant, vocal, at times excessive but continually successful. It would seem that only through the exercise of such dramatic protests will the correction of long standing abuses come about.

Intellectual Elite

As Yale professor Kenneth Keniston has pointed out, the activists are usually the brightest and most articulate students — the top five or 10 per cent who provide much of the leadership on the campus. Yet at Providence College we have no such intellectual elite, no group of gifted individuals capable of assuming the role of leadership in bringing about much needed reform.

Thus we see the need for a greater militancy on the part of the students of this College, greater willingness to adopt more dramatic and forceful means in order to bring the students to the ideal partnership with the faculty and administration. Finally that long awaited and much needed leadership of the campus intellectuals must come to fruition if Providence College is to develop further as a superior institute of learning.

Pass Morrissey's Bill

The purpose of the clause which Joe Morrissey's bill is attempting to eliminate from the Student Congress Constitution is to insure that both dorm students and commuter students are represented in the Student Congress. This representation is necessary. Mr. Morrissey's bill, however, does not mean the elimination of this representation and if anything, it means a stronger Student Congress.

Realistically speaking, commuter students are the ones who are most affected by this legislation and the main opposition to this bill stems from the belief that if one commuter student from each class is not automatically elected to Congress, then no commuter student will be elected. But in the past two years, for example, this has not proved true. Last month, commuter students John J. Kenny and Paul Vorro received more votes than Bill Fennelly, a

dorm student, who was the sixth S. C. Representative elected by the Class of 1969. A year earlier, the elections for the same class resulted in Ed Fogarty, a commuter student, outpolling the elected Ken Goulet, a dorm student, by 67 votes. Last year the Class of 1970 had a commuter student, Walter Boyle, receiving more votes than two dorm students who were elected.

What does this prove? It proves that the commuter student can be represented in the Student Congress without it being necessitated by the Constitution.

An even stronger argument for the bill is that it will reduce the dissension or, to use Mr. Morrissey's word, factionalism that exists between the dorm students and the commuter students. With the elimination of this clause from the Constitution, those commuter students who are genuinely interested in their class and in their school will be forced to participate to a great extent in the activities of their class. They must prove to not only the commuter students but also to the dorm students that they are one of the best to represent their class in the Student Congress. This can be done by hard work and by discussing their ideas with various members of the class — a task which is far from impossible to accomplish.

We call upon the Student Congress to pass this bill, for it will serve to insure that the commuter students and the dorm students will work closer together, thus lessening the dissension between them, and allowing the most qualified students to serve as Student Congress Representatives.

Grin and Bear It

Improvements to the physical campus have made the usual calm trek from parking lot or room to class a dangerous task. If you don't fall into a trench or over a segment of pipe, there is an excellent chance of choking to death.

It's hard to swallow the fact that all this nonsense is really necessary if we are to have a library to study in and fields to play on. Progress has its price and above dollars and cents. So, put on a happy face; and as you cough think of how the campus is going to look . . . long after you've graduated.



Geoffrey Sorrow

"A Failure To Communicate"

Under normal times and circumstances, a presidential election year in this country provides an opportunity for an open expression of political issues and ideas by the candidates with the hope that, through the crystallization of their views in the voters' minds, a rational and enlightened electorate will select the best candidate in November. While this may be a rather idealized explanation of the electoral process, especially when placed within the limitations of American political traditions (whatever worth they may have) and the two party system, it has been at least partially fulfilled in the past. Likewise, this open discussion of issues has, under normal circumstances, served as a healthy and encouraging sign of the vitality inherent in the American democratic system.

Yet, when reflecting on past election years, one can hardly describe 1968 as a normal election year. Because of the unusually rapid succession of unexpected events of the recent past, it would be rather difficult to expect the American electorate to remain cool and rational when discussing some of the basic issues facing American society today. When thinking of the Vietnam war, what first comes into most peoples minds is not necessarily the war itself but the activity of dissenters on this side of the Pacific. When discussing the racial issue, white America oftentimes thinks primarily of the riots or the looting, not the prevalence of racism in their own society, neighborhood, or household. While at the same time, black America oftentimes thinks primarily of southern sheriff with a police dog, a George Wallace, a Mayor Daley, or a James Earl Ray. Now, when the average voter discusses education and youth, oftentimes what first comes to his mind is a Stony Brook dope

raid, an LSD suicide, or anarchy a-la-Columbia.

In other words, the American electorate in 1968 is faced with a variety of vital issues that can easily be clouded by emotion and irrationality.

Despite all the scientific and technological advances of recent years, especially in the burgeoning field of telecommunications, there has been a serious and ironic failure to communicate the basic values of democratic social relations. There has developed in this country a mass society, supposedly with the world at its fingertips (via the t.v. dial) which is increasingly incapable of apprehending, appreciating, or believing in the intangible realities of democracy. Reason, rights, justice, liberty, etc. are increasingly being viewed in terms of what is best for society, while the individual is rapidly being submerged in the morass of a mass-orientated culture of non-identity and indifference.

With the incessant growth of the population, the central government, the G. N. P., the federal budget, etc. the individual's self-concept is increasingly challenged and endangered. He soon feels that events and actions of his government as well as his environment are beyond his control.

Unless steps are taken, both by the public and private sector to stop this process of de-personalization, America's system of government is just as endangered as the individual. A mass orientated culture, already being promised by certain elements of the private sector (e.g., Madison Ave.) as well as the central government, can only lead to a devitalization and evisceration of democratic principles where George Orwell's "Big Brother" may be welcomed by 1984.



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BLAME IT ON THE MISSA NOVA

MEMO—



FROM THE EDITOR

The efforts of those Juniors who in a matter of hours caused a veritable revolution in the plans of the Studies Office for pre-registration are deserving of the highest praise. Not only did a handful of students perform a seemingly impossible task flawlessly, but they showed just how much can be done by students when the cause is right and the sense of commitment to a goal is coupled with a working plan.

The Administration proved by its handling of the petition to use a random selection for determining the order of pre-registration that it is indeed, as it has always claimed to be, receptive to honest student initiated proposals.

The lesson should not go unheeded. There is a great deal to be accomplished to improve the much lamented conditions here—social, academic, and extra-curricular. And, if the situation warrants it, as in the case of pre-registration, the "channels" need not be followed. For instance—publication of the faculty evaluation was vetoed. Should the cause die? Of course not. Efforts might simply be re-directed. A teacher who is not doing his job can be exposed by students' confronting the department chairman with their complaint. And there are dozens of other issues, of varying importance, that are dormant because students have not individually taken interest in their pursuit. To name a few: curfews, course offerings, credit for extra-curricular activities of a partially academic nature, cultural events on campus, scholarships for racial and socio-economic minority groups, and parietsals.

As a group, Providence College students complain a lot; but seldom is constructive action taken. Even complaining in the right places can be constructive action. The men in all the key positions of student relations are always willing to listen, in most cases without appointment, to our gripes and problems and proposals. And rarely is a reasonable student request scoffed at lightly. We are here for only four years; but those four years are probably the most important in our lives, and the people who run Providence College are quick to recognize this. They welcome our growth as a powerful contributing factor to the strengthening of the College.

It would be naive to hide the fact that the obscure policies of the Dominican Order sometimes clouds the vision of a completely self-determining Providence College. There will always be controversy as long as there are men, and neither Dominican priests nor Providence College students are immune to the chronic diseases of mankind. But to allow fear, despair, and feelings of insignificance to breed indifference, is nothing short of stupidity. When a cause is right it will eventually be recognized as such. No amount of politics can permanently kill truth.

A reading of the "Objectives" of the College as stated in the catalog should encourage responsible student initiative. "The goal of all liberal education is the freeing of man's mind from the restraints of ignorance, and the elevation of his spirit to awareness of the values which enrich human life with dignity and significance. . . . Providence College seeks to accomplish these goals within the atmosphere provided by the unique Catholic educational tradition of the Dominican Order, which spans seven centuries."

There will always be practical difficulties toward the stated ends of the College. But our common motto VERITAS must be our common goal.

BRIAN MAHONEY

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

I believe that the point raised over the weekend by Dean Lennon is one of the most important and valid points raised all year. Stressed by some political candidates and emphasized by the tragic loss of Dr. King, it should be evident to all of us here at Providence College and throughout the academic world that the time for mulling things over in our minds and being neutral has long passed. We must make decisions and then act in good conscience according to these decisions. And the decisions made by us in the next few months and the vigor with which we carry these decisions into act may well determine the shape of the world for many years to come.

I personally believe that if America is to survive as a representative democracy in the future, the entire country, with the academic community leading the way, must re-evaluate itself in terms of the documents on which it is founded and correct the incongruities which obviously exist between that which is promised to all and that which actually exists.

What the black revolt and the peace movement have done in this country is open the doors and windows and allow the skeletons in the closet to be seen in all their brutality. Now this is an important job and without which no progress can be made. But it is not progress itself, and the trouble lies in the reaction of most Americans to these stimuli. Some look on these stimuli as ends in themselves and thus can be considered social anarchists and their solution to the problem is no solution at all. But there are others who seek to repress these stimuli and shove the skeletons out of view, and they are both reactionary and unrealistic.

What I feel should be the proper reaction of true Americans, those who are truly concerned with maintaining America in line with its original aims, is one which acknowl-

edges the ills of the society and then strives to do something positive to alleviate these ills and see that the words of our laws are put into fair and equitable actions beneficial to all members of society. It should make us able to distinguish between the symptom of the disease and the disease itself. In other words, we must recognize knots in the context of outward signs of the much greater disease that cries out for a cure; namely the festering sore of conditions in the ghettos of our cities. And further, we should see Communism as a parasite which feeds on the conditions existing in the backward countries of the world and which dies slowly as the conditions die.

Once these things are recognized, action can be taken. The individual in our society has the

ability to give his individual service to his community to make his voice heard, both on and off of the college campus, and to lend assistance to these political leaders who stand for responsive progress and sound reactions to the stimuli that have been felt by the society.

Without honest soul searching, brave action, and true dedication to the principles upon which this country is founded, the American Experiment in democracy is doomed. It is the responsibility of the academic community to give enlightened leadership to this country and to unite with the academic community throughout the world in order to solve the ills of our own society and in order to bring the world closer to world peace and co-operation.

Sincerely,
Frederick J. Collett, '70

Choice '68 Results In McCarthy Win

College students voted for Senator Eugene McCarthy and an end to the war in Vietnam in Choice '68, the nationwide campus presidential primary held on April 24th. According to Choice '68 Headquarters in Washington, D.C., (where the ballots are still being tallied) McCarthy polled 26.7 per cent of the almost 1.1 million votes cast, followed by Senator Robert Kennedy with 19.9 per cent and Republican Richard Nixon with 18.4 per cent.

A combined 62.6 per cent of the students voted for either an immediate withdrawal of American troops or a reduction in American military involvement in Vietnam against 30 per cent who voted for either increased or all-out military effort. Some 58 per cent voted for either a permanent or temporary halt to all bombing.

In the referenda question on the urban crisis 40 per cent advocated that education should receive highest priority in government spending, while job training and employment opportunities received 39 per cent. In regards to the other solutions, Housing received 6 per cent; income subsidy 3 per cent; and riot control received 12 per cent.

In the ballot analysis, which is still in process, Kennedy got more Democratic votes than McCarthy, but the Minnesota senator was the overwhelming choice of independents, beating Kennedy 116,000 to 56,000, and also held a slight edge over him in Republican votes.

A spokesman for the Providence College Political Union, which sponsored and conducted the primary on the P.C. campus, informed the COWL that the results of each individual campus are expected from Washington this week, and P.C.'s results should be available for publication in next week's issue of the COWL.

Student Congress To Blame For Ryan-Graziano Mix-up

By WILLIAM M. BUCKLEY

There seems to be a very major point that has been overlooked in the Tom Ryan-Dan Graziano mix-up. This point is that the final decision on the question whether to have a special election or not was left up to Tom Ryan. At first, this may seem logical since he was on the losing end of the mix-up, but the final decision as to who should be the representative of the Class of 1970 should have been left up to the Class of 1970.

At the Student Congress meeting of April 22, Dan Ryan, then the Secretary of the Student Congress, asked Tom Ryan if he wanted a special election. Tom said no and, as far as the Student Congress was concerned, the matter was finished. But why did Dan Ryan ask Tom Ryan if he wanted a special election? What was his legal basis for asking him? And, for that matter, what right did Tom Ryan have to say no?

Dan Ryan has admitted that no part of the Student Congress Constitution nor any bill passed by the Congress has the stipulation that when an irregu-

larity in an election is noticed that one of the candidates should decide if there is to be a special election. As far as Tom Ryan is concerned, his reasons for refusing a special election (he felt that it would be unfair to Graziano and would harm the integrity of the Congress) are undoubtedly noble. But this decision should have been made by the Student Congress, not Tom Ryan.

There are three courses of action which can be taken in this matter. The first is for the Student Congress to call a special election between Tom Ryan and Dan Graziano. The second is for the members of the Class of 1970 to draw up a petition which will be presented to the Student Congress calling for such an election. Or, thirdly, the Student Congress can make sure that a situation like this never happens again by having a provision in the new Constitution clarifying the procedure to be followed in a case such as this. It should be made clear, however, that the final decision as to who should represent a class should be in the hands of the members of that class.

Salve Presents Harrington Talk

Michael Harrington will speak on "A Comprehensive Picture of Poverty in the United States" at Salve Regina College on Thursday.

Harrington is the author of *The Other America*, a book which many consider to have "started" the war on poverty. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the League for Industrial Democracy and has also authored *The Accidental Century*.

Harrington has served as associate editor of the *Catholic Worker*, organizational secretary of the Worker's Defense League, consultant to Sargent Shriver in the war on poverty, a founding member of the Citizen's Crusade Against Poverty and is active in the civil rights movement.

The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 9 and the donation is one dollar. Tickets are available at the Office of Student Affairs.

Rubicon: A Place for College Students

Just about any night of the week there's something happening at the Rubicon coffee house. It could be a blues band, a poetry reading, a guitar workshop, or a folk singer. It's a place where college students meet to relax and enjoy an evening of live entertainment and, of course, drink coffee.

Conceived of two summers ago by students working in the Y.M.C.A. work study, The Rubicon, at 286 Thayer Street, is entirely run and under sponsorship of Providence Central Y.M.C.A. The "Y" thought it could more effectively provide for young people between 17 and 25 by a coffee house. This past fall a loosely formed group of students from surrounding colleges began to meet regularly in the hope of forming such a place. Last October, Mr. Robert Vernon, program director of Providence Central Y.M.C.A. took on the task of moderator to the students, which included Brian Mahoney, Richard Livernois, and Paul Cox of Providence College as well as students from Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams Junior College, Johnson and Wales, and Brown University. Also Mr. Calr Henry a local promoter and record store owner, Mr. Dale Miller, a Providence businessman, and Mr. Skip Burgoyne, Assistant Youth Director at the Y.M.C.A., attended the meetings and helped the students.

By December, a location on Custom House Street had been obtained and Paul Cox had been appointed chairman of the student group. Plans were made for extensive remodeling and re-furnishing of the Custom House Street basement. However, to rebuild to the Building Inspector's specifications, would have been financially impossible; but, fortunately, at this time the lease on the Tete-a-Tete coffee house of Thayer Street had run out and was available. The students now formulated plans to modify this new location to suit their purpose. For three weeks they removed debris and painted the interior with the help of Jim Siedel, Tim Powers, Jack Warwick, Paul Gianotis, Terry Daniels, Wayne Warwick, Jim Kinnie, Jim Turbidy, and Tom Boscarella from Providence College. Furthermore, alcoves and a stage were built as well as installation of a lighting system for light shows.

A successful concert with Arlo Guthrie and the Tomestone Blues Band was held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium on March 29 to raise funds for the remodeling. Greg Andriozzi, a set designer and actor at Trinity Square Playhouse, was named manager, and Paul Cox of Providence College and Gloria Daderin as assistant managers. Paul assists Greg in the programming and general operations and Gloria operates the

kitchen. Finally, the Rubicon opened on April 4 with Travis Pike's Tea Party.

The Entertainment at the Rubicon covers a vast spectrum to include classical, jazz, blues, rock, movies, poetry and children's shows. A light show is featured with electric groups, workshops and the children shows on Sunday afternoon and an open hoot on Sunday nights. By offering such a range of entertainment the Rubicon is able to attract a large diverse audience — and, at minimal costs. Membership is one dollar and is good for a full year. The ad-

mission charge runs from nothing to \$1.50 depending on entertainment. Also a member may bring a guest by paying only the admission charge.

The menu at the Rubicon includes various cheeses, teas, coffee and chocolate drinks, as well as soft drinks. The menu is constantly being reevaluated in order to meet customer demands.

The crowds are usually college students with dates, some musicians and professors with a noticeable lack of high school age people. In fact, there are groups of college girls on

weekends, Paul notes. On Sunday night, at the hoot, everyone is welcome to come and play; and auditions are also held at this time. It was through this that Providence's own Bill Miller and Mark Creegan each obtained engagements at the Rubicon.

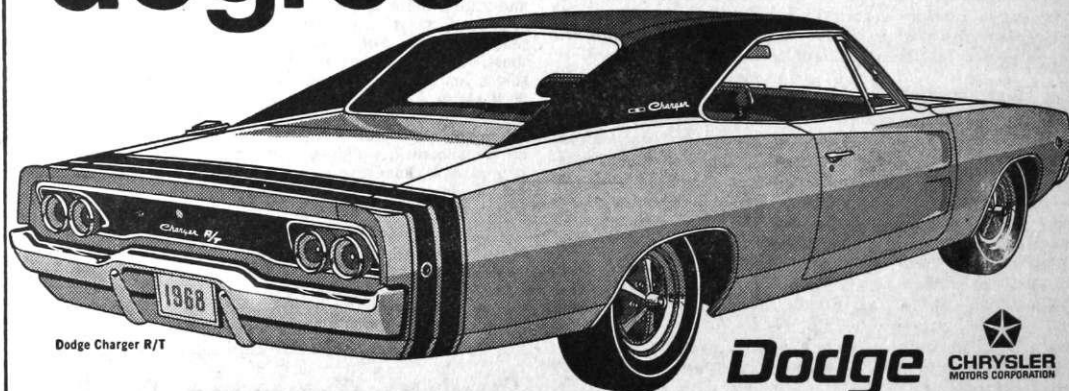
It should be noted that the Rubicon is a non-profit program of the Y.M.C.A. which sponsors it, but is entirely student run by area college students. The Y.M.C.A.'s part is to act as a backing agent for the students.

Plans for the future include

drama presentations, art and photo exhibitions, and perhaps a new seating arrangement. Eventually a printed schedule of the month's events will be mailed to all members.

This weekend's program includes Travis Pike's Tea Party, an electric blues band from Boston which plays all its own material. Coming up on Memorial Day weekend is blues artist Paul Jeremiah, a native of Rhode Island, who has just recorded an album in New York. But whatever the featured music, you can be certain that the Rubicon offers the best.

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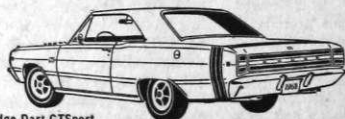
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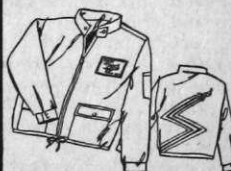
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Seniors Hold Cap and Gown; Ceremonies Highlight Day

On Friday, May 3, the Senior Class of Providence College commemorated Cap and Gown Day on the campus. The ceremonies began with Mass in Harkins Auditorium celebrated by the Reverend Paul J. Walsh, O.P., Chaplain of the College.

Following the Mass, investiture of the cap and gown to the students of the Class of 1968 was conducted by the Very Reverend William P. Haas, O.P., President of the College, and the Reverend Robert A. Morris, O.P., Vice-President of Development. Representing the entire class, Edward P. Gallogly, President of the Class of 1968, was officially vested with the cap and gown.

Also present for the ceremonies were Dr. Paul van K. Thomson, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, the Reverend Joseph L. Lennon, Dean of Academic Studies, the Reverend John J. Cunningham, President of the Faculty Senate, and the Reverend James Murphy, Vice-President for Student Relations.

At the conclusion of the formal investiture, an address was given to the outgoing Senior Class by Mr. Robert Deasy, Chairman of the Humanities Department and a history professor at the College.

Mr. Deasy's talk centered on a historical analysis of the origin of the cap and gown worn by the PC seniors. He noted a parallel between the development of the cap and gown and the progress of Western European History. The tradition of the cap and gown originated at the University of Paris and was passed on by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Mr. Deasy also discussed such questions as the origins of the tassel worn on the graduation cap and the various color

schemes worn by different institutions. He pointed out that among all the 2300 college and universities in the country, Providence College is the only institution with a black and white chevron on the gown.

Mr. Deasy added that though the cap and gown is deep in legacy and a source of nostalgia, it is more importantly a sign of things to come. Through the Providence College education, which Mr. Deasy wittingly allied somewhat to "run, Romanism, and rebellion," the student faces the challenge of life. It is in this challenge that Mr. Deasy sees the joy of life. He urged the students to meet

this challenge with his own three "r's" of education — reading, reflection, and responding.

Following Mr. Deasy's address, there was a procession en masse of the Class of 1968 to Hendricken Field where the traditional class picture was taken by Mr. Andy Tarsagian. Somewhat of a tradition himself, Mr. Tarsagian has been taking the picture for well over twenty-five years.

The ceremonies were terminated after the class picture had been taken. Seniors will continue to wear the gowns to classes until the graduation exercises.

Morrissey Bill . . .

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paigning faithfully since he knows his election is guaranteed.

The discontent will be the result of the majority realizing that many of their votes will be negated simply by the fact at least one commuter student and at least one resident student is required from each class, that even if five candidates from one group are the top vote getters, one will not be allowed to represent his class, even though he actually was elected by the class to be one of its congressmen.

A poll taken among the Student Congress Representatives shows that several Congressmen are opposed to Morrissey's bill.

Frank Ferranti '69 said, "As President of the Dillon Club, I represent the commuter student in the Congress, but I feel that if this bill was passed my representation would equal nothing but a single vote."

President of the Congress,

Dan Ryan '69, and Congressman Paul Vorro '69, both commuter students, oppose the bill because they feel that with the absence of commuter students on the Congress some of the important committees, such as the Blotter, Blazer, and Community Affairs Committees, would go unattended since these committees are taken care of by commuter students over long vacations when resident students go home.

Congressman John J. Kenny '69 said "it is unfortunate that commuter students do not offer their services to the college in capacities, such as the Student Congress, as often as the resident students. However, I doubt that a negative approach, such as Mr. Morrissey's bill intimates, will do justice either to the Student Congress or to the college as a whole."

Congressman Ed Donovan '70, a commuter student, and James Montague, President of the Class of 1969, an off-campus resident, both oppose Morrissey's bill on the grounds that commuter students are at a disadvantage since they are not in constant contact with fellow commuter students as much as resident students are with each other. They feel that this contact among resident students gives them a unity which commuter students lack.

Also, they feel that there is an interested group of commuter students and that Morrissey's bill will deny these interested students much needed representation.

Ralph Paglieri '70, a resident student, offers an amendment to the bill which reads: "If one day or one dorm student does not get elected in any particular congressional class election, then the top vote getter of the dorm or day students shall be added to the Congress in addition to their elected representatives."

Congressman Paglieri gave as his reason for the amendment that he did not wish to see votes negated. He said that this would destroy our electoral process. By giving a class an additional representative, whether it is a resident or commuter student, Paglieri feels that the integrity of an election would be maintained.

Genesians Announce Cast For "Time of Your Life"

The cast for the final Genesian production, "The Time of Your Life," has been announced. Heading the cast are John Burke '70 as Tom, Mike Tyburski '69 as Joe, John Reed '70, Nick, Mike Kennedy '70, Kit Carson, and James McMahon '70 as Wesley.

Also in the cast are Kevin Sullivan '70, Harry; John Hill '70, Blick; John Sherlock '69, Krupp; Charles Shannon '71, McCarthy; Dominic Esposito '70, Willie.

Others in the cast include Thomas Krutz '71, Newsboy; Paul Dutra '71, Second Cop; John Conaty '68, First Cop; John Basinger '71, First Sailor; Jeff Sorrow '69, Second Sailor; and Robert Coskran '71, Drunkard.

Finally, the play features Raymond Yackel '70, Dudley; Charles Rinaldi '70, Arab, and William Rogers '68 as the Society Gentleman.

The female leads in the play will be as follows: Eileen Maher, Kitty; Jean Baston, Elsie; Barbara Suzzi, Lorene; Diane Romano, Mary; Pamela Apice, Killer; and Patricia Tartaglione, Society Lady.

"The Time of Your Life" will be performed at 8:00 on Thursday, May 16; Friday, May 17; and Saturday, May 18. There will be a Saturday matinee at 2:00. The price of tickets for all shows will be \$2.00, with the exception of the matinee which will be \$1.50. Tickets may be purchased at Student Affairs.

Concert Problems . . .

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type of contract. The Associations were the next group that they tried to get. They were opening at a night club in Nevada on the 21st of May. They held up their answer for two weeks. Finally, they said that they didn't want to do any concerts before their opening.

By this time most of the good groups were booked. Also, many groups were going to the Rome Festival, which is on the same weekend as ours. We were doing our business through the William Morris Agency, which is the largest agency in the world. Mr. Harty called them again. At this time he found out that the Buckingham were available. There was so much discord on campus over this particular group that the contract fell through.

This particular agency usually Mr. Harty then started to go through Boston agencies. He

contacted Music Productions. takes 10 per cent of the contract for themselves (in other words \$500 for a \$5,000 contract) but this agency gets the groups for a cheaper price and gives better service. They said that they could get Flip Wilson and Johnny Rivers. Mr. Wilson would be no problem for he would be doing a night club act in the Boston area. However, Mr. Rivers has his home base on the West Coast. It would be unprofitable for him to come to the East for one show. The agency tried to book him in other concerts but this fell through. Mr. Rivers said he would do the concert for \$7,500 instead of his usual \$4,000 price because of the inconvenience. This, along with the \$2,500 for Flip Wilson and the 10 per cent fee for the agency, would have amounted to too much. (Johnny Rivers' contract stipulated that he would receive 60 per cent of the gross intake if it amounted to more than the \$7,500.) While Harty was negotiating with Johnny Rivers, The Byrds signed for the Rome Festival.

By this time all openings for Saturday night were filled. The concert committee had no choice but to go to Sunday afternoon. The three concerts that we could have were: The Lovin' Spoonful, Flip Wilson and Junior Walker, and The Chambers Brothers. They decided that the Lovin' Spoonful was the best group and took their contract. They then got a call from U.R.I. saying that the Spoonful would appear there on May 16th. They also said that there was a rider on the contract stipulating that the Spoonful could not appear in Rhode Island three weeks prior to their performance. If the Lovin' Spoonful came they would have been sued, therefore, naturally, they could not come.

Mr. Harty called the Boston agency in desperation saying that he needed a group for the weekend. At that time the agency said that they had received a call from the Happenings saying that they had cancelled a previous performance. Flip Wilson was still available so that the agency consented to have them on the same program. The price would be \$5,225 for the whole concert. The concert will consist of a 40 minute performance by Flip and then after a brief intermission the Happenings will appear for an hour and ten minutes.

Coskren . . .

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arnation. Fr. Coskren states that "Christians have forgotten, ignored, denied, or become indifferent to the facts of the Trinity and the Incarnation." Thus, many Christians are unable to experience community in Christianity. "Having experienced no peace with the Creator, they are constantly at war with creation."

Fr. Coskren poses the question of why Christians are left with a vague feeling of guilt when attempting to examine the Christian experience in depth. He feels that the answer lies in the fact that Christians have never really penetrated the surface of their discovery. "It is then that we realize that our limitations cry out for something more in reality."

Fr. Coskren concludes that man must submit himself to an awareness of his limitations in order to realize his freedom. "We Christians must become radicals and go back to our roots in the exploration of faith, seeking always to reshape and maybe destroy the status quo if necessary."

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Baseball . . .

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the infield. Catcher Jim Laneau has busted loose at the plate this year, while outfielder Dan Samela is ideal in the lead-off spot. Gary McKenna and Paul Gillis are two key members of the team's most vital area, pitching.

The team has upperclassmen too, and how! Steve Saradnik is tops at secondbase, while Bill Pettingell has become known as one of New England's more competent chuckers. Outfielder Joe O'Sullivan adds greatly to the team's outer defense, and Bill Harrington provides much of the punch in the clutch.

Are the students behind the ballclub? You bet. 2000-plus spectators jammed Hendricken Field to watch the Friars defeat BC. Coach Nahigian said recently that this unusual and rabid support was a relevant factor behind the big win. Although a crowd of this size is somewhat abnormal, the enthusiasm of future gatherings is expected to be greater, even though the attendance figures may be smaller.

Four teams will be selected from this area to participate in the NCAA play-off. Barring a tie, the Yankee Conference champs automatically qualifies, which leaves three other teams eligible for at-large bids. The winner packs his spurs and ten-gallon hat for a trip to Omaha and the NCAA finals. Can the Friars make it? Keep coming to Hendricken and find out!

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Chemists Defeat Oscillators, 18-15

In an exciting softball game played last Friday, the Hybrid Orbitals, a team of junior chemistry majors, took some of the vibration out of the Harmonic Oscillators, made up of upper class physics majors. The final score was 18-15 in ten innings. The Oscillators built up a formidable lead in the early innings due mainly to lapses in the Orbitals' fielding. But Orbital pitcher Ernie Curtis, who went the distance for the win, refused to be shaken and finally started to hold the Oscillator bats in check. The Orbitals started to chip away at the lead but still trailed 15-9 going into the ninth.

Then, in a thrilling rally, the Orbitals scored six runs to send the game into extra innings. The victim of the uprising was losing pitcher Vin Papi (the Sports Editor). He had come on

earlier in relief of Bill "The Bearded Wonder" Comeyne.

The rally was highlighted by the poor fielding of the Oscillator outfielders and the clutch hitting of Bob "Bo" Czarny and Bob Audette. The key hit was a two out single by Audette scoring George Kipput from second base.

The Orbitals momentum carried over into the tenth inning. Pitcher Curtis mowed down the dispirited Oscillators with ease in the bottom of the tenth after the Orbitals had come up with the three winning runs in the top of the inning.

Captain Paul Robert shined in the outfield for the victors during the entire game. Les Andrews and Joe Goliszewski swung bats for the Oscillators. The Orbital victory evened the series at 1-1 and sets up the deciding game of the best of three series.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday May 8

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Alumni Exercise Room. Blood Drive. Sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Delta.

1:30 p.m. — Providence College. Varsity Tennis. Providence v. Assumption College.

7:00 p.m. — Guild Room. Movie. "The Rivalry." Sponsored by the Audio-Visual Department.

Thursday, May 9

2:30 p.m.—Hendricken Field. Varsity Baseball. Providence College v. Northeastern University.

Friday, May 10

8:00 p.m. — Alumni Gym. N.B.C. Correspondents Symposium. "The World Stops While America Holds an Election." The panelists are: Bernard Frizell, Robert Goralski, Irving R. Levine, John Rich, and Pauline Frederick, and Howard Tuckner. Tickets available at the door. Open to the public.

Spring weekend for all undergrads. Closed dances to be held at: Freshman: The Coachman, Tiverton, Rhode Island. Sophomore: Hearthstone Motor Inn, Seekonk, Massachusetts. Junior: Venus de Milo, Swansea, Massachusetts.

Budget Cut Hurts Alembic

Lack of money and satisfactory literary contributions have seriously hampered the Alembic this year, it was announced by Joseph Mancini, the outgoing editor.

Mr. Mancini stated that the budget was cut from the \$3,500 that was allocated last year to \$2,500 this year.

He also said that there was a scarcity of worthwhile literary contributions, especially in the field of poetry and short story writing. As a result of this, there are more essays in the latest edition of the Alembic, which was distributed Tuesday, May 7.

In addition to the lack of money and contributions, the Alembic also had organization problems at the beginning of the year which delayed the first printing.

Because of all these factors the Alembic was able to publish only two issues this year instead of the three issues published last year.

Mr. Mancini stated, however, "there is no reason why the Alembic should be published more than twice a year, because Providence College is probably the only college in the state, outside of Brown University, that has a literary magazine. U.R.I. doesn't have one and R.I.C. is not publishing this year."

The reduced budget also prevented the Alembic from sponsoring a literary contest where a cash prize would be given for the best poem, short story, and essay.

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Ron Reinsfelder, chairman of the Class of 1970 Ring Committee, announced that about 500 rings were ordered by the Class.

He said that about 450 rings were ordered on the first two fitting dates, April 29 and 30, and approximately 50 more were ordered on May 6.

Ron said that there were no major problems occurring during the fittings and that he was "very satisfied" with the number ordered and that the remainder of the class will probably order their rings as soon as they get the money.

The rings will be ready in about August and will be given to those students who are spending their junior year abroad. The other members of the class will receive their rings during the Ring Weekend, Nov. 8.

The fittings were held in Alumni Hall Annex on the first two dates and in the Guild Room on the third date. At this time, there were several examples of the ring design in all of the different weights and colors available to the class.

Interested in joining the Providence College Varsity Rifle Team?

Meeting to be held at 2:30 P. M., Wednesday, May 8, at the Rifle Range in Alumni Hall. No previous experience is necessary. You do not have to be a member of ROTC in order to be eligible for the Varsity team. Sophomores encouraged to apply.

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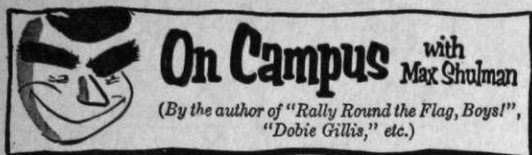
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On Campus with Max Shulman

(By the author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!", "Dobie Gillis," etc.)

FROM THE HALLS OF PROTOZOA

This column, normally a treasure house of twinkly quips and slapdash japey, has now been appearing in your campus newspaper for fourteen years, and if I have learned one thing in these fourteen long years, it is not to try to be funny in the last column of the semester. With final exams looming obscenely close, you don't want jokes; you want help.

So today, foregoing levity, I give you a quick cram course in the subject you are all flunking. I refer, of course, to biology.

Biology is divided into several phylla, or classes. First is the protozoa, or one-celled animal. Protozoa can be taught simple things like bringing in the newspaper, but when shopping for pets it is best to look for animals with at least two cells, or even four if your yard has a fence around it.



Another popular class of animals is the periphera—a shadowy category that borders often on the vegetable. Take, for example, the sponge. The sponge is definitely an animal. The wash-cloth, on the other hand, is definitely not.

Next we come to the arthropoda, or insects. Most people find insects unattractive, but actually there is exquisite beauty in the insect world if you trouble to look. Take, for instance, the lovely insect poems of William Cullen Sigafos—*Tumbling Along with the Tumbling Tumblebug* and *Fly Gently, Sweet Aphid and Gnats My Mother Caught Me*. Mr. Sigafos, alas, has been inactive since the invention of DDT.

Our next category is the mollusca—lobsters, shrimp, and the like. Lobsters are generally found under rocky projections on the ocean bottom. Shrimps are generally found in a circle around a small bowl containing cocktail sauce. Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades are generally found at any counter where Personna Super Stainless Steel Blades are sold.

I mention Personna Blades because the makers of Personna Blades pay me to write this column, and they are inclined to get edgy if I neglect to mention their product. Some get double edged and some single, for Personna Blades come both in double edge style and Injector style.

Mind you, it is no burden for me to mention Personna, for it is a blade that shaves quickly and cleanly, slickly and keenly, scratchlessly and matchlessly. It is a distinct pleasure to shave with Personna Blades and to write about them but sometimes, I confess, I find it difficult to work the commercial into a column. Some years ago, for example, I had the devil's own time working a Personna plug into a column about Alexander the Great. The way I finally managed it was to have Alexander say to the Oracle at Delphi, "Oracle, I have tasted all the world's pleasures, yet I am not content. Somehow I know there is a joy I have missed." To which the Oracle replied, "Yes, Alexander, there is such a joy—namely Personna Blades—but, alas for you, they will not be invented for another 2500 years." Whereupon Alexander fell into such a fit of weeping that Zeus finally took pity and turned him into a hydrant . . . Well sir, there is no question I sold a lot of Personnas with this ingenious commercial, but the gang down at the American Academy of Arts and Letters gave me a mighty good razzing, you may be sure.

But I digress. Back to biology and the most advanced phylum of all—the chordata, or vertebrates. There are two kinds of vertebrates: those with vertical backbones and those with horizontal. Generally it is easy to tell them apart. A fish, for instance, has a horizontal backbone, and a man has a vertical backbone. But what if you run into a fish that swims upright or a man who never gets out of the sack? How do you tell them apart? Science struggled with this sticky question for years before Sigafos of M.I.T. came up with his brilliant solution: offer the creature a pack of Personna Blades. If it is a fish, it will refuse. If it is homo sapiens, it will accept—and the more sapient, the quicker.

And now you know biology. And now, for the fourteenth time, aloha.

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The makers of Personna, The Electro-Coated blade, have enjoyed bringing you another year of Old Max. From us too, aloha.

Four Teams Remain Unbeaten In C. C. Softball Competition

In a crucial tilt, the Scumbagos defeated the Bull's Boys, 8-4, to extend their streak to five games. The offense of Coach Doyle, Chief Imperato, and Joe Lia plus the clutch arm of Smily Pepi enabled the Scumbagos to edge Skip Hayes and the boys. The Rotney's suf-

fered through fifty-one runs and two defeats in the same day. Coach Terry Terralla might have missed the "play me or trade me" Barry May. This has not been determined as of the moment. The Lunar Clusters Part I again displayed strong defense and hustle as they beat

the feared Vezie Villians, 10-6, coming up with the five winning runs in the top of the seventh with the help of the strong bat of Jim Davis, as he helped trounce the Fokkers, 22-4. "Sumo" Leonard, Tom Leahy, Big Bob Brown, as well as Flame Sampson led the forging Luna ball club. The Short Hares surprised everybody and won two games in one week, their first victories in two years. Now all they need is Gil Hodges.

The Lunar Clusters Part II after losing two out of their first three games roared back with solid victories, 18-10 over Barrow Gang, and 15-4 over the Short Hares. Led by D. Funaro, "Yaz" Batty, Jack "The Supporter" Donahue, Coach Leaper Kelley's men are a team to be reckoned with. The G.D. Bawls had 9 and the Brumski's 6 when it was all over. Willie A, spraying hits, overcame Commissioner Healy, Cannon Leider, and Weasel for the winners. Some scheduling! The Animal behind the hurling of Thumper Madden remained abreast with the G.D.'s with a 5-0 record. They meet in the big game this week. It seems that the Buzzards are undefeated yet uncontested. Can Bill Lau withstand anybody as claimed by ace pitcher Buzzard and doubly backed by D. Ryan?

Coach Tom Sieminski has his Ragmen in contention for the B title. Jay Conway has skill on the diamond as well as the court.

This is the big week in softball. The teams in contention in League A are: Scumbagos, 5-0; Bull Boys, 4-1; Lunar Cluster Part I, 4-1; Barrow Gang, 4-2, with the underdog role going to Lunar Cluster Part II. In Division B, G.D. Bawls and the Animals are ahead, 5-0, trailed by the Buzzards, 4-0, and Ragman, 4-2. The underdog could be the Foul Bawls.

This Week In Sports

VARSITY BASEBALL

Thursday, May 9—Northeastern University—Home.

Sunday, May 12—Fairfield University—Away.

Monday, May 13—Brown University—Home (2).

Wednesday, May 15—University of Rhode Island—Home (2).

VARSITY TENNIS

Friday, May 10—New England.

Saturday, May 11—New England.

Sunday, May 12—New England.

Monday, May 13—Merrimack College—Away.

VARSITY GOLF

Friday, May 10—New England.

Saturday, May 11—New England.

Sunday, May 12—New England.

Tuesday, May 14—Lowell Technological Institute and St. Anselm's College—Home.

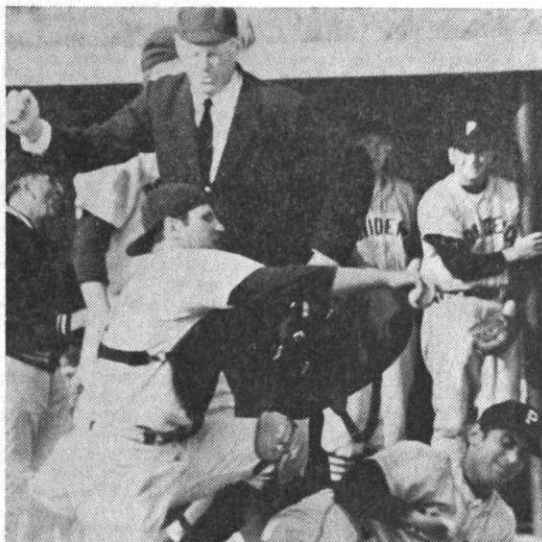
FRESHMAN BASEBALL

Thursday, May 9—Brown University—Away.

Saturday, May 11—Mitchell College—Away.

Wednesday, May 15—University of Rhode Island—Away.

Baseball . . .



Steve Saradnick called out on a close play at the plate.

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ond hit of the inning tallied run No. 6 for PC. Ineffective baserunning prevented the Friars from batting till sunset, as Saradnik and Nick Baiaid were cut down on the basepaths.

It was another strong pitching performance for senior Pettingell in notching his third victory in as many attempts. The righthander was fairly strong throughout the entire game, but depended upon clutch throwing to thwart Eagle scoring bids.

BC, incidentally, has hit the skids after the Friars ruined their unbeaten record. The Eagles dropped a tough one to rival Northeastern, and then, in what would appear to be a real shocker, lost to Boston University, which proves that the Terriers are a much better team than the outfit the Friars demolished. PC made it four straight losses for the floundering Eagles, Friday.

Providence seemed to have a firm lock on a double win against Springfield, but blew all the marbles in the seventh inning. An error and a hit batsman set the stage for Hammer-nick's 360 foot homer off reliever Ted Dempsey.

PC won the opener in rather typical fashion—the come-from-behind method. The Friars were down 2-1 in the seventh, but a three run outburst, highlighted by Gary McKenna's bases loaded double, gave the Friars a lead they failed to relinquish.

McKenna gained his initial victory of the year with a somewhat shaky performance. The sophomore was touched for 11 hits and Nahigian was forced to remove McKenna with two down in the eighth. Dempsey, who is suddenly a reliever again af-

ter his first venture into the starting ranks, held the Gymnasts in check the rest of the way.

Well the past is past and the future is what counts. PC meets Northeastern, Thursday, Fairfield, Sunday, and Brown in a Monday doubleheader. There'll be a lot of whirlpool baths in operation Wednesday eve, as the Friars complete a massive week's action with a doubleheader against URI. The biggest question is this: What do the Friars expect to do about rounding up some pitchers for these games?

Pettingell goes against Northeastern, but could only start once in the next four games (probably Brown), allowing for the customary three day rest. McKenna, Gillis and perhaps Dempsey will get starting assignments, but none of the three has ever gone the distance, which may place an added burden on the bullpen.

Nahigian is still reluctant to reveal his future plans. "I prefer to take these games one at a time," replied the veteran mentor, which, come to think of it, is the attitude any coach in the world except Leo Durocher would take at this stage of the year.

One man Nahigian would love to have in 100% shape is pitcher Steve Nelson. A very highly regarded righthander, Nelson suffered a wisdom tooth infection which seriously affected his spring training. Nelson has been battling hard to return to form, but with less than two weeks remaining, does not yet appear to have the endurance to pitch any great distance. A sound Nelson would have greatly solidified a fairly adequate Friar mound staff.

Friar Nine Downs Stonehill 7-3 For Seventh Victory of Season; Face Huskies Thursday at Home

Providence College's surging baseball team captured their second victory Tuesday, a 7-3 come from behind thriller over Stonehill at Hendricken, Bernie Norton, in relief of Paul Gillis, was the recipient of four Friar runs in the eighth inning to become the winning pitcher.

The Friars got to the Chief-tains ace, Paul Hayes, right from the start. Mike Gabarra singled one out and took second on an outfield error. Steve Saradnik drove him in with a triple far over the leftfielder's head. Then with Rick Kane batting, Saradnik attempted to score on a short passed ball, and was caught in a rundown. Steve and the Friars got a big break when the Stonehill catcher interfered with Saradnik's legal path to the plate. The umpire permitted Saradnik to score.

Stonehill came back with one in the second on a single and three base error by Bill Harrington. This was the only hit Gillis allowed until the seventh.

Stonehill tallied in the sixth on a walk, a two base error by Pat Monti on an attempted pick-off, and a Gillis wild pitch. Paul showed visible signs of losing his stuff in this frame. It was obvious in the next inning, when he gave up a walk and a triple to fall one behind.

Forced to play catch-up ball once again, the Friars responded to the challenge. Dan

Samela's single scored Monti with the tying run in the seventh. Hayes tired in the eighth and PC took advantage of two walks with the bases loaded to forge ahead. Saradnik's Texas Leaguer iced the contest.

The game was one of the Friar's better efforts, although it did mark the emergence of Gillis. The sophomore left-hander was great for seven innings, allowing two hits and one earned run.

In action this past week, the diamondmen chalked up their second consecutive win over Boston College, 6-3, but managed only a split against Springfield. Providence won the opener, 6-3, but the Maroons, behind Brian Hammernick's three run circuit shot, took the nightcap, 4-3.

After that thrilling contest at Hendricken, April 28, the Friars figured to have their hands full in the return match at Boston College. Although the Friars threatened on numerous occasions, the Eagle chuckers held the visitors scoreless for eight of the nine innings. But it's what happened in that other inning, the fourth to be specific, that decided the final outcome.

BC entered the top of the fourth with a 2-0 lead on the strength of John Salmon's two-run single. The Friars, though, had different ideas about being on the short end of the score. The Black-and-White batsmen tore into BC sophomore, Bill Gerity, in the following manner.



Friar's Joe O'Sullivan ducks pitch by Eagle's Bill Gerity.

A.B.A. Drafts Koski As Third Round Pick



6'8" TONY KOSKI

Friar center and co-captain, Tony Koski, was drafted Sunday by the New Jersey Americans of the American Basketball Association. Also picked on the third round with Koski was

Tony's elbowing mate from URI, Art Stevenson.

The selection of Koski by the Americans marks another phase in the fantastic rise of Tony as a basketball player. Of course, Tony's dream may end on a somewhat negative note if he fails to survive the cut in September. But it is very possible that Koski may have the material necessary to play in the second year professional league.

The Americans finished in a tie for fourth place with the Kentucky Colonels, but lost to the Colonels in a playoff. La-Vern Tart, former NIT Most Valuable Player, and Tony Jackson, the 'St. John's All American, were the two top players on the ball club. Both are guards, and the Americans need help on the front line to complement their strength in the backcourt. This is where Koski could fit in.

Tony, despite his relative inexperience, was tough under the boards in his two years at Providence. Tony worked extremely hard at improving his rebounding play, and this dedi-

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Coach Alex Nahigian directs his charges in the Boston College game.

Jim Laneau and Rick Kane opened the frame with singles, and both scored on Bill Harrington's double. After Joe O'Sullivan whiffed, an infield error and Dan Samela's bingle scored Harrington with the go-ahead run.

With men on first and second Mike Gabarra laid down a beauty of a bunt to load the bases. Steve Saradnik then singled to left, scoring Pettin-gill and Samela. Laneau's sec-

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VIN PAPI
FROM
THE



SPORTSDESK

Prejudiced ??

Next week the COWL Sports Staff will announce its first selection for the new Senior Athlete of the Year Award. We have established this honor in order to best show the appreciation of the COWL and those associated with the college of the efforts of the Senior Athlete.

Senior members of all varsity sports and club football were included in the poll. Additions were made as names were brought to our attention by various people. During the course of the selection thus far a discordant note has surfaced in one or two instances.

Certain people, one in particular, have voiced strong objections to the fact that club football seniors were included in our efforts to determine the nominee. The objection was based on the fact that the football program was: (1) not intercollegiate, (2) offered different objectives to those of a varsity sport and (3) was not equal to the developmental qualities of the varsity sport program.

On all three objections I beg to differ. The club football program is definitely on a level with those sports labeled "varsity." The only real difference is that club football is financed by the students of the college and not the administration. This is obvious from the fact that they raised over \$18,000 last year and are seeking \$16,000 this year.

Last season club football played a six game schedule. Included in that schedule of college teams were such opponents as Seton Hall, Marist and Fairfield. This season they have an eight game schedule which, in addition to last year's opponents, include Manhattan and La Salle of Philadelphia. All in all the schedule calls for games with eight different colleges in seven different states! This appears to be intercollegiate competition, but judge for yourself.

The objectives of a varsity sport are often stated as development of excellence and the personal development of a player, as well as student interest and participation. To say that club football stands for any different ideals would be a discredit to this nationwide sport. I challenge anyone to attempt and show how its objectives are any different from those sports labeled as "Varsity."

The third objection for supposedly not including club football athletes in contention for the award cites that club football "will never replace the developmental qualities of an intercollegiate program." What is so different about the developmental qualities of a "varsity" sport? All organized sports, with proper training and coaching and discipline, exhibit positive development qualities.

Club football is under the coaching reign of two former college coaches. These same coaches took a handful of football players and moulded them into a hardworking TEAM. This team trained as hard, if not harder, than any "varsity" team.

All these objections would seem to be based on a prejudice against the club football program itself rather than a true analysis of the program. In final conclusion I feel that club football deserves its place on the list of senior athletes nominated for the award. In my eyes it differs from the "varsity" sport only in the fact that it is entirely supported by the students and friends.

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Somewhat of a precedent has been established this year by virtue of the baseball team being on the front page. We feel that this is due recognition for a young team which is driving for its own "impossible dream."

This edition of baseball at the college has all the makings of a great team. They have won most of the close ones and they have shown their ability to strike back at an opponent late in a ball game. With the Yankee Conference winner and three others selected to fight for the trip to Omaha, things look good for Coach Nahigian's charges.