Open Letter to Men of '73

Members of the Class of 1973:

This open letter to you by the Cowl staff will differ greatly from the regrets and apologies of welcome which past Cowl staffs have uttered to inconsiderate freshmen. It is not an exaggeration to state that you represent the greatest improvement in the crucial year of its history. Numerous elements of great importance to the college merge in 1969-70: the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, the first graduating class of a new decade, the building drive, the first departmental chairman elections, the Curriculum Study Council and the Student Council - the Spirit in which you enter PC is, without question, the Spirit of Revolutionary change. By the end of the year, you will be making up your minds as to what college you would attend, the students of PC under the leadership of the redoubtable Class of 1969, established student political power on this campus as a real force within which are already a significant politcal Finally fed up with an Adminstration that sacrificed student needs and demands for the sake of preserving a well polished image of its students (and a false image it was!) the students finally organized politically and demonstrably protesting the intolerable conditions on the PC campus. The willingness of the students to fight for what they believed in (and with increasing clarity) the formation of a college with reverberations of reform throughout the institution.

Reforms

Students are now actively engaged in work which is too numerous to mention here, but which range from the reform of the Corporation itself to widespread academic and curriculum reform, to sweeping reforms in the social environment of the institution. Indeed, although you won't realize it, the conditions which you will take for granted are the result of the back-breaking and heroic efforts of students who have preceded you here. Hopefully, you will become immediately involved in this work in 1970 Revolution and will become the inheritors of the legacy of Change. The Cowl promises to do its best to quickly educate you on who is going on, who is involved, what issues are at stake, and what you can do to help.

We officially welcome you to the Providence College Student Body. As in all Institutional Bodies, the vigor, the energetic force of change must be expressed through the youngest part of that body. Whether you know it or not, you as a class represent the future of PC and the symbol of Change. The Cowl promises to do its best to quickly educate you on who is going on, who is involved, what issues are at stake, and what you can do to help.

Beneficial Points

Undergrad have a real opportunity to inform you fully on the manifold aspects of the PC community. We hope you will leave you some important and what we believe to be beneficial points of advice:

1. Read the Cowl thoroughly every week and be sure to note the many faults the Cowl is still the most important organ of news and opinion.

2. Become politically active right from the start and be sure your name is on the Special Convocation on the Monday evening picnic, to be held between 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., however, will be open to parents and students, thus helping to mitigate the separation and also allow parents to become acquainted with the campus.

Pique

One of the more enjoyable events of the week will be the Monday evening picnic, to be held on the back of Raymond Hall.

The football team, in its first year, has so far only faulted the Cowl is still the most important organ of news and opinion.

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**Freshmen Orientation Schedule**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

1:15 Freshmen dorm students arrive
Buffet Lunch—Raymond Hall
Mass in Aquinas Chapel
7:30 Addresses by Director of Residence and Chaplain to dormitory students—Harkins Hall

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

8:15 Registration—Harkins Hall. Beanies-Student Congress Cards with groups and orientation schedule
Assembling at Harkins Hall. Address of Welcome by Very Rev. William Haas, O.P., Presid­ent of the College. Welcome by Presidents of the Student Congress, Carolan and Dillon Clubs.
10:00 Students to assigned rooms in Harkins for schedule explanations and question period.
11:00 Freshmen-Dean of Men’s Mem­ber (formal weather—Aquinas). Chaplain’s Address
12:00 Freshman Lunch with Faculty advisors
1:30 Foreign Language Proficiency Examination in
Alburtus Magnus Room 100
3:30 Counseling time in groups for those not taking the language examinations
The free time between counseling sessions should be used for schedule adjustments in Alumni Hall and as Bookstore time

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

7:00 Assembly—Harkins Hall. Dean of Freshmen, Vice President for Student Affairs, Departmental Seminar Consultations will be available to Freshman students. The study may attend any of the seminars.
12:15 Lunch
1:15-2:00 Counseling session for those students who took the Freshman Orientation—Alburtus Magnus 100
2:00-5:00 Testing Times—times and places to be announced during counseling sessions
7:00 Mixer at Regis College, Weston, Massachusetts

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

9:00 Reading—Reading Room
12:00 Lunch
13:00-5:00 Seminars with representatives from Student Affairs, Careers Planning, Library, Athletic Department, and Bank. These will be attended in accordance with schedule distributed on Monday, 7 September.
7:30 Dinner

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:00 Breakfast—Alumni Hall
10:00 Testing—times and places to be announced during counseling sessions
12:00 Lunch
Room Assignments

The following is the room assignments for the various groups during the orientation period. When you receive your orientation schedule at registration tomorrow, you will notice on the first page a statement that reads: "This room has been assigned to you. You must be a member of the group and will follow the schedule for that group where applicable." Check your group number with the corresponding room number below for your assigned room in Harkins:

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**February**

Last February, for example, the student body was hit with the sharp tuition increases. One said that if campus living by resident students would not be allowed beginning with the 1968-69 academic year. The second was the across-the-board tuition increase which was discussed beforehand with student leaders. Not much was said about the tuition raise, although it would undoubtedly cause great problems for those who were not expecting that much of a raise (pre­viously the raise in tuition had been less for the senior class than for others). The reason not much was said about it was that the other announcement concerning the possible cut of such magnitude that Fr. Haas had said to rescind the order. The students felt that the rule could not be justified in light of the campaign living and nothing was going to change their minds. After this ep­isode, some students, myself included, got the distinct impression that when the Administrations decided to do something that it felt the students might resist, it would not bother to discuss it with them.

I’m not saying that this is what happened with the coffee house conversion. It may not have been. But, as you should realize, it does happen.

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**Books in Coffee House As Freshmen Are Losers**

By William M. Buckley

"After exchanging a few pleasan­tries over the phone, I asked the phone operator if she had ever been to the coffee house?" said Mike Sullivan. Then and then I waited a few mo­ments as Mike tried to sup­press his excitement at the Pro­posal of the subject. Finally, in a quiet voice he answered, "Yes. How about what happened to the coffee house?"

For those of you who do not know about the coffee house, it was set up last spring in the basement of Raymond Hall in an attempt to fill in that vast social void known as the Providence College campus. There was fine entertainment and good company. A student could take his classes and spend a most enjoyable evening. To say it was a success would be an understatement. For every­one who had been, literally, de­stroyed.

What Happened

Evidently, what happened in this: Jay Ryan ’69, one of the founders of the coffee house, had approached the Registrar, Francis Duffy, V.P. for Student Relations, that bookstoresman, who was able to sell the books in the basement of the coffee house. He is at­tend in accordance with schedule distributed on Monday, September 7.

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**Open Letter**

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Dear leaders and Kendal,

You have to think about what they are fighting for. Try to attend Student Congress meetings — they are open to all. Be prepared to mobilize politically and economically. Your unin­tolerable protest against the Administration should be inevitable.

3. Learn to think critically. Learn what’s happening and why. Don’t be fooled by anyone’s rhetoric — including ours.

4. Join student organizations right away. There are many student or­ganizations which are in desperate need of student sup­port. An industrious freshman can easily become an important member of such an organization.

THINK BEFORE YOU JOIN ROTC: Don’t be coerced into joining. Many elements within the police community including Student Congress, The Cowl, and members of the faculty have vigorously criticized the academic standing of the ROTC program. It is their interest in ROTC — it is their job to get as many officers as possible from the campus. You have to ask yourself, critically, at what cost? It is the interest of the Administration to fill in that vast social void known as the Providence College campus. There is fine entertainment and good company. A student could take his classes and spend a most enjoyable evening.

The situation is critical. As Freshmen Are Losers.

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Academics

On the academic side of things, Tuesday from 10:15 to 12:15 is a seminar period. These seminars will be held to acquaint students with their department head and other members of their department. Students will also be able to visit two other departmental seminars if they desire. Mike McGovern feels that this will be beneficial to those students who may not be quite sure of their concentrations and may wish to look into another one.

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**FRESHMEN! Reporters, Copyreaders, Librarians Needed by The Cowl, Phone Number in Cowl Office, McDermott Hall**
The institution you are now a part of, Providence College, has a fantastic knack for association with the unpredictable. The Friars, basketball Friars that is. So much so that Dave Gavitt, his successor, is highly respected by this school. The big news will be, as usual, PC has six men basketball Friars. Gavitt is being counted on to continue the Mullany rebuilding program and bring the Friars back to the glory days of 1950. You will find that this is no small, isolated New England institution, for there will be much to be experienced, reported and read. The College is in an era of transition and no one is certain into what our athletic picture will eventually evolve.

I relish the prospect of being involved in the series of events which will help determine the future of this school. All of us, though, are in it together, no matter how insignificant one's role might be. If you enjoy places, the COWL'S Sports Staff may be the place for you. I joined the COWL two weeks into my freshman year and found a way for my moderately talented athletic proficiency to be expressed fully. The three years have been rather hectic, but rewarding. I have loved it. I've met 173 sports and newspaper enthusiasts, it can amount to the same.

If you have experience reading sports story in newspapers (who doesn't?), drop down at the COWL'S Mendomott office on the other side of the dormitory entrance and leave your identity. You may be a part of the PC scene sooner than you think.

New Coaches Take Over
Basketball and Track

Two new men will be on the PC sports scene this fall as the sports of basketball and track will be under new leadership. Taking over for Joe Mullany, who will be handling the Los Angeles Lakers this year, is Dave Gavitt. Gavitt is returning to PC from Dartmouth, where he coached for three years.

As Assistant Coach at PC from 1962-66, his 1963-64 freshman basketball team had a 21-0 record, only the second freshman basketball team in PC history to remain undefeated. On that team were such players as Jim Walker (Detroit Pistons), Mike Riedman (N.Y. Knicks), Dexter Westbrook, and Steve Samposopulos. All were highly decorated, as was John Dubois, his former head coach. At Dartmouth, Gavitt had his real stuff. Two fastballs and perfect curveball, all right-handed, McKenna had pitched himself a no-hitter.

Gary McKenna's season ended two weeks later in a game with Holy Cross. Gary quit after three scoreless frames with one out, but his abbreviated season was simply amazing. His ERA—0.00.

Football Team Reports Today:
Club Needs Student Support

Along with the Class of 1973, the Providence College College football team are returning. The entire squad will be starting practice tomorrow in preparation for a very big season.

Football at PC is not a varsity sport, it is a club. It is totally funded by the members of the club and the income from the game where you have not had a losing season yet. In 1967 they were 3-3 and last year 4-4. This year the schedule has been set with such opponents as St. Peter's, Manhattan, and Seton Hall. We are expected to win.

What will help the team improve this year will be the return of some of the players. At quarterback, we return Dexter Westbrook, and at running back, J. Hanlon, who was fired last season. The center from Monty Tech who held the line is back, tri-captain Paul McGuire, will also be returning. Tom Hall, could be a demanding one for the Friars.

For the past three years Gavitt has served as head coach at Dartmouth College. In the middle of the 1964-67 season he took over the reins when Doggie Julian fell ill. Prior to 1967-68, his first full year as head coach, he lead Dartmouth, which had won the Ivy League for six years in a row, to fourth place in the Ivy League. His team defeated Princeton at Princeton, the first time that had been accomplished since 1958.

Gavitt is a native of Westerly, R.I., and his family moved to New Hampshire in 1949. He attended the University of New England, high school and Dartmouth.

Robert J. Amato of Cranston, R. I., is the new Head Coach of Track and Cross Country at Providence College. A 1963 graduate of Providence College, he succeeds Raymond J. Hanlon, who was fired last Spring.

Amato was an outstanding performer at La Salle Academy in Providence, R.I., where he graduated in 1969. He continued his track career at Providence College under both Harry C. Gavitt and Ray Hanlon. He was elected captain of the 1962-63 track team and was awarded the Hanlon-Coates Memorial Trophy for his accomplishments in track. At Providence College.

Upon graduation from P.C. in 1963 he was appointed head track and cross country coach at St. Raphael's in Pawtucket, R.I., where his cross country team won six New England titles in five years, winning two division championships and a Class B title. In 1963 he was named assistant track coach at Bryant College, Providence, R.I., where he compiled a number of articles on track and cross country in various coaching journals.

Sports: Improvement Ahead

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Our topic is basketball, a sport that we are all familiar with, and in which great things were accomplished since 1958. The line will be strengthened with the Class of 1973, but the potential for improvement is immense is the experience of coaching and facilities have brought about dismal performances the past few years.

One of the Friars' top upsets was decisive 3-1 over the 7-1 Raiders Nov. 7. The victory was climax another dominant season this fall. We look forward to a quality, crowd-pleasing effort from the Friars next fall.
Sports: An Improvement

The 1968-69 athletic season was characterized by rebuilding projects, disappointment and dispute. A few teams rode above their pre-season expectations; others fell far short; one team didn't even have a season, if you can believe this statement on facts alone.

Despite the absence of a truly superior won-loss record, virtually all the Providence College athletic representatives fared reasonably well, and to make this year's picture look extremely promising, the teams will be reporting with most of their quality performers from last season.

The basketball team will commence with workouts this fall, as usual, but will be without the dynamic influence of Coach Joe Mullaney for the first time in 15 years. One of the premier college coaches of this era, Mullaney resigned this past June to assume the unenviable task of leading Williams Chamberlain and the Los Angeles Lakers to an NBA Championship. Dave Gavitt, head coach at Dartmouth and a one-time Mullaney assistant during the middle of this decade, will take over the Friar reins.

Thrills and highlights were abundant during the year. It is impossible for a PC athletic season to be void of any excitement or memorable events during the course of competition. Here, then, is a look at some of the big moments of the past year.

Club football began its second year of existence after placing 12th in the national club football standings the previous season. The team dropped the first three games, but coaches Dick Lynch and Chet Hanewich raised their charges to four successive victories and finished the year, 4-4.

For sheer last minute suspense the Friars third win against Marist College must be rated at the top. Providence took an early 13-0 first quarter lead before an ecstatic home town crowd. Senior halfback Dick Martin reeled off two long distance runs through a dazed Marist defense and it appeared the Friars would blow the Vikings clear back to Poughkeepsie, New York. The 13 points were all the home team would record that night.

Marist scored a touchdown early in the third quarter to trail by six. The visitor's defense then stilled the Friar offensive attack so effectively that Providence could never penetrate deeply into enemy territory.

In the fourth quarter Marist applied massive pressure on the galant Friar defense by working inside the PC 10 yard line on three occasions. But it wasn't until the third try that Marist finally succeeded in crossing the goal line. Now one minute remained. Faced with the dilemma of going for the tie or the win, Friar coach decided on the latter, and really, who doesn't these days?

The Vikings tried a sweep with halfback Nick Baiad, carrying around left end. Just as he approached paydirt a wave of black-clad defenders, led by junior linebacker Cameron White, put up a roadblock, stopping the ballcarrier a mere one foot from the line. The Friars ran out the clock on the ensuing kickoff to win 13-12.

Varsity soccer began its maiden season under energetic Coach Bill Doyle, but finished with a rugged 3-4-1 mark. The boosters were forced to play all but one of their games on the road as an incompletely filled soccer field.

The boosters, surprisingly, won two straight at the outset, but in the next 10 games managed only one overtime win over "cross-town" rival Rhode Island College.

Coach Ray Hanlon worked his cross-country team hard during September in hopes of regaining the New England Championships, a title Hanlon's harriers last achieved in 1966. The team lost to Harvard in the opening meet, but junior Marty Robb and senior Bob Crooke spearheaded a Friar surge past all but Manhattan in the remaining dual meets. The team captured the Eastern Championships (small college) but failed miserably in the New England's for the second straight year.

During the winter the indoor track team, consisting of the entire cross-country team (Providence was seventh in the Eastern entries in sprinting, hurdling or field) brought out into the open a long-standing disagreement they felt towards the iron-fisted regulations of Coach Hanlon. When Hanlon refused to allow a TV set in the room, Marty Robb, the trackmen balked at the ultimatum. Hanlon dismissed four juniors, and within one month, the other eight were disqualified for their personal objection.

The Administration cancelled spring track and after weeks of arbiting, decided on May 16 not to renew Hanlon's two year contract. Hanlon remains in the Education Department while his former pupils strive this year to capture New England supremacy under a new regime. The basketball team returned to a winning 14-10 season after falling below .500 in 1968 for the first time in Joe Mullaney's tenure. Perhaps the most exciting period of this up and down year occurred during the week of January 5.

Highly regarded St. Bonaventure Tuesday, but had just dropped team to a convincing 70-59 upset.

PC traveled to Chestnut Hill, Mass., Friday for the big one against Boston College. In one of the greatest games in the exciting series, the Friars and Eagles fought neck and neck the entire game. No one coveted more than a five point lead. With a shade beyond one minute to play the Friars owned the ball and a one point lead. The Eagles fumbled Larrañaga during a Providence freebie, the clock showing 48 seconds remaining. Larrañaga eyed the basket in this crucial one-and-one situation, but missed the important shot which could have brought victory. The Eagles took over, and Terry Driscoll, unstoppable throughout, sank one of two free throws to send matters into overtime.

The Eagles took a quick eight point lead, but PC refused to quit. Walt Violand and Larrañaga helped narrow the gap to two points, but Eagle free throws won them a well-deserved 60-54 victory.

A new and invigorating head coach took over PC hockey in 1968 with a rebuilding formula designed to bring the team back to championship caliber. Former Friar ace Lou Lamor (Continued on Page 3)