Hoopsters Have the Guns
Rebounding the Question

By STEVE SOLOMON

The smallest team in UMass on the road tonight faces under new coach, Dave Gavitt. The Friars met Princeton in a day-night scrimmage, Nov. 21 at Princeton and fairied quite well. They were confronted with a legeng big man, John Hamner at 6'9", but the team handled him and the Tigers quite well.

The Friars will be out to average a 73-64 loss to the Redmen of UMass in a game played at Alumni Hall last year. The Friars have had trouble with UMass in recent games and this opener should prove no different. Here are the men who will represent PC in this school's most prestigious sport.

DON LEWIS, SOPH., 6", 175 lbs. Cromwell, Conn. May find himself in a lot of pressure in big time basketball. Despite his obvious height disadvantage he is very effective up front. Opposing forwards will be shocked when Don takes a rebound or two over their heads. He will concentrate on balance in defense and rebounding this year. He averaged 17.0 points as a freshman and can shoot a little well. A probable starter who could develop into the best all-around player on the team.

JUNIOR FERRO, JR., 5'10", 155 lbs. Bristol, R. I. Could be the surprise of the '69-70 Friars. Will see considerable action this year especially against zone defenses.

Frosh Show Great Balance
All-Around Depth Featured

"Pleasing," is the way freshman basketball coach Bill O'Connor describes the performance of his present club. Although the team is not physically strong, they make up for it with good shooting inside, and out, and a lot of hustle. The actual potential of the team won't be known until the season begins, but the play of Ernie Di Gregorio, Franz Costello, and Nehra King is impressive in practice thus far.

Di Gregorio, from nearby North Providence, played at St. Thomas More Prep School in Connecticut last year along with King. King played his high school ball at St. Anthony's in Jersey City, New Jersey. Di Gregorio's biggest asset is his flashy offensive performer. He is a point guard and can shoot the ball to us." Ernie with a keen sense of teammates' moves will remarkably guide the open man with a crisp pass. In a one-on-one situation, Di Gregorio because of his ball-handling ability and also being a good shooter is a headache for any opposing player.

In a two-on-two situation, Ernie may have to develop his shooting a bit because of his small size when being guarded by a taller opponent. Because he is a unreal player, he will give up taking a shot if a teammate is in better position. Definitely, his threat of stealing the ball from his man is reminiscent of the days of Leneny Williams, and he will go: the ball out for a fast break, which we will see a lot of this season when Di Gregorio teams up with the speedy Nehra King.

A strong rebounder, King is quick to get the ball off the boards and start the fastbreak. Also a good ball-handler his seemingly endless durability makes him a valuable asset. A consistently good shooter from outside, King picks up many points battling on the boards and his ability to beat his man to the baseline adds to this.

Fran Costello, who led his Catholic Memorial High School
New Friar Coach Dave Gavitt: Man With A Definite Purpose

By JOE DELANEY

Some people have called it Mission Impossible. Others have said that the task was an impossible one. Joe Delaney still walks the confines of Alumni Hall to haunt those players who feel they can do it. Joe Delaney is determined to execute his combination defense.

But Dave Gavitt, last year’s New England “Coach of the Year,” has found out in keeping the famed “Cardiac Cardinal” alive. He has inherited one of last year’s best sophomore teams in Jim Calhoun’s six years. Calhoun was bound not to put up a forward position to help the team. He has a nucleus of four good basketball players with the skill and accuracy of Dave Cowens and enough height to rate a chance of reaching the N.T.Y. Championship in March.

And if there are any skeptics about Gavitt and the following questions provided in an interview with Dave Gavitt, there should be none.

Q. Coach, what was your philosophy this season? Are we going to come back here and coach the way you were doing last year?

A. “Well, it is very different in a way. It’s not as if I was a ready-made person here. It wasn’t a particularly comfortable situation because as a coach there was a lot of truth in what Bill O’Connor said.”

Q. What did your predecessor mean by this?

A. “Bill had put a lot of chemistry in the program here before he went. You can’t add that to anything else and I think that it was something I couldn’t understand. This is because there are certain combinations from the standpoint of leaving here, but we were very delighted to be back here.”

Q. Do you feel there is any extra pressure on you this year?

A. I cannot say that I myself don’t feel that way and as a coach you are pretty realistic about the material that you have on your head. The only thing I am interested in is that we do the best that we can and do them to the best of the men who are here, and we will do our best to keep the best men here for a long time. We are playing what you might call a combination press. There is no other team that man to man press; it’s whatever the offense does it. If we get the ball and we are not too good, we will just keep on playing defense to keep the other team from getting in our head of the defense. We have taken the normal Providence combination, match- ing it up at halfcourt, we have extended it to the fullcourt. We have worked more on this than anything else.

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Class of 1971

Best Wishes
to the Hockey and
Basketball Teams

The Friars Club

1969-1970 PUCKSTERS

LET OUR FIRST
BE YOUR BEST

Class of 1973

Best Wishes in the
Coming Season

The Dillon Club
Dear Friar Fan:

As the winter sports program begins, I welcome this opportunity to invite all members of the Providence College family to participate in what shows signs of being a very exciting and entertaining season.

Our teams and coaches have been working long and hard. Spirit and desire are evident in every squad, and every individual is in top condition and ready to go.

Student support plays a very important part in the success of college sports. A player and a team are encouraged by the cheers and roars of fellow students. I believe the Friars this year will give the fans plenty to cheer about. These teams represent Providence College in intercollegiate athletics, and so they represent you.

They deserve the interest, support and encouragement of the entire College family. I invite all of you to "follow the Friars."

Sincerely,

ALOYSIUS B. BEGLEY, O.P.
Director of Athletics

SUCCESS TO THE HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL TEAMS

Class of 1970

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SUCCESS TO THE ICEMEN AND HOOPSTERS

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Good Luck to The Friars

Carolan Club
Talented Sophomores Blend With Returning Pucksters

By JOHN O'Reilly

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Hockey Greats

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Ray LaPlante

Hockey Schedule

Veritas Staff

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Sports week at PC

Activities from
Nov. 30 — Dec. 6

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Support your Friars this year

Notice:

Spring Vacation: In Bermuda

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Rays outlasted last season's efforts to stop the Friar skaters with hard and rough hitting as displayed by 16 penalties during the contest. The hitting did not stop the Friars offense as Rich Pumple blossomed with his first varsity hat trick, while this year's captain, Skip Sampson, had two tallies.

R.P.I. Tournament (Jan. 2, 3, 4, A—Jan. 19, A) This marks the 19th year that R.P.I. has hosted its tournament and is the first trip for the Friars. Also competing in the tourney is Bowling Green State of Ohio and one of the stronger Cana-
dian teams, the University of Montreal. Last season R.P.I. posted an 8-6-1 record in Division I standings with a combined overall record of 12-3-1. Dale Watson, who once led the nation in scoring with 37 points, owns the season with 22 points, and Tom Stanley, who was second nationally, with 25 goals and 24 assists, is not gone. Army doesn't play a very good team so the Friars are favored, but are not a sure thing. The Friars are a much improved team.

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St. Lawrence: (Jan. 21, A) Last season the Friars dropped a 4-3 heartbreaker, playing pos- sibly their best game of the season. St. Lawrence was 9-9-2 in Division I and over all they were 11-11-2. The Eagles averaged 4.2 goals a game and were led by Campbell's 15 goals and 20 assists. None of the survivors entered in the last year's season, and many of the players were new, many of them expected to add more depth to the defense. Also, Soph Dave Young was a scoring punch to the club—a major weakness in past years. The Cats play a total of six Division I teams.

Yale University: (Mar. 4, H, Feb. 9, A) B.U. was one of the top teams in the East last season, but is not a sure thing this year. The Terriers had a 10-10-1 record in the East last season, and sixth in the nation in scoring with 57 goals and 28 assists. Yale is a very tough and speedy team, and the Terriers will have some difficulty against because of the size of their forwards. The Friars will have to be in their best physical condition to fair well on the large rink and the well driled Arlud zone defense.

Clarkson: (Jan. 31, A) Coach Dave Young will have a tough battle in this one. Clarkson is one of the stronger young teams in the ECAC. Last season, they were 8-9-1 in division II and 9-9-1 overall. The Terriers had a 19-7-2 record and will play 27 games this year including the ECAC Holiday Festival in Boston. This season's captain is Wayne Larche, who scored eight goals and had 24 assists will be one of Providence's most outstanding forwards. The Cats will have to be in top form to win.
Ambitious Eastern Conflicts Primed

By BRIAN HUSSEY

UMASS (Dec. 2, Away). The Redmen will be tough to de- 

throne in the Yankee Conference. Coach Jack Leaman has three scorers returning in Bay 

Ellenbrook, Dennis Chapman and Kevin Mathias. Up from the 

front will be 6'7" Julius Evridge, who will help on the boards. 

UMASS will be facing opening test for the 

Friars.

U.R.I. (Jan. 31 and Feb. 25, Home). The Friars will 

give the Friars trouble and this year will be no ex- 

ception. The two leading scorers, John Fultz and 

Claude English return and along with two outstanding 

shooting guards, Phil Hickson and Mike 

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lenging. J.C. transfers Nate 

Adger (6'7") and Dwight Toli- 

ning. The Friars will also 

wait in the wings.

ST. JOSEPH'S (Dec. 16, Away). The Hawks and the Friars rival- 

ry dates a long way back. Any 

excuse to have them go head to head. This one always has two 

leading scorers back in Mike 

Turner and John Snyder. Don Callow 

and Baptist, who will help 

out with the outside shooting.

DAN KELLY

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SETON HALL (Feb. 28, Away). Led by Mel knight, the 

Friars are looking for a better season than last year. 

Returning are 6'2" guard Wayne Gib- 

bons also returns with center 

Richie Sanabria and 6'9" Wayne 

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CONSIS (Feb. 17, Home). This year's team looks like it has 

over time to take the Griffins 

last year. A pair of junior college 

transfers, Gary Stewart and 

Clyde Alexander, both 6'6" and 

225 pounds, are counted on to 

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