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Introducing "A Score Ago"

One afternoon last May, Alan White and I were trying to tidy up the Cowl office before parting for summer vacation. As I was rummaging through one of our filing cabinets, I discovered a bound book of copies of the 1953-1954 Cows. Since I have always enjoyed nostalgia, I immediately began to browse through the book.

The format of the 1953 Cowl interested me. Each issue was four or six pages with rather short news articles, well-written editorials, book reviews, columns, fine sports articles, and a number of advertisements, especially cigarette advertisements. Then, I was struck with the following idea: Why not reprint a number of these articles in the form of a supplement to the Cowl next fall?

The next week, with the intent of publishing a four page supplement, I visited the Archives (which until this time, I did not know existed) to have articles mimeographed. While I was there, I decided to look through some old yearbooks. Why not reprint pictures also?

I decided to contact the editors of the 1953 Cowl with the hopes that they could help me. After receiving only one response, I concluded that I would have to search elsewhere for help. I thought that if members of the faculty and student body of 1953 could contribute articles, it would spice up the issue.

After asking Drs. Thomson and Fortin to contribute stories, I dropped Mr. Cuddy a note. I was also able to convince members of the Cowl editorial board and staff to research various topics. Finally, I sought assistance from the Alumni Association.

Thus, a four page supplement (pages seven through ten) somehow developed into a sixteen page special which has been named "A Score Ago". I hope that the special will point out the differences and similarities of Providence College 1953 to Providence College 1973.

A Tip of the Hat

"A Score Ago" represents the combined efforts of students, faculty, administrators and alumni. A number of people have been instrumental in the production of this work. I would especially like to thank the following people:

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Changing Systems

After reviewing the goals of Providence College in 1953 and comparing them to today's goals, we may ask only one question: Has Providence College changed over the last twenty years? Consider a system's viewpoint with P. C. as a system. We could argue (using Dr. Mecca's ideas found in his new work, **Systems Analysis: Principles and Procedures**) that "if a system is doing what it was designed to do, there is no need for it to change its course." However, what was a desirable course for P. C. in 1953 is no longer desirable today because "the environments of a system change forcing the system itself to change." Certainly, the world has changed during the last twenty years and Providence College has along with it.

Sincerely,
Edward D. Cimini '76

Simplicity Frames College Academic Life in '53 - 54

(Editor's note: In 1953, Dr. Paul Van K. Thomson was a Professor of English at Providence College. In the following article, the present Vice-President for Academic Affairs discusses academics in 1953.)

Academic life at Providence College was relatively simple, generally tranquil, and remarkably self-assured. This self-assurance may, in part, have been a reflection of the temper of the times in the United States in general and American Catholicism in particular. But it was also due to the tone set by Robert J. Slavin, O.P., for as President he radiated a notable degree of intellectual energy that was evidently directed to the attainment of goals which he had no hesitancy in defining and about the attainment of which he seemed to have not the slightest doubt. He assumed total responsibility and commanded an extraordinary amount of respect, not only on the campus but also in civic and academic circles generally. He was a great presence and his presence made a great difference.

In the academic year 1953-1954 the faculty had no Senate, no manual, no procedures governing rank and tenure, no offices — and the Dominican members had no rank. There were 93 officers of instruction, of whom only 18 were laymen. None were women. The total number of those holding the Ph.D. was 21 and of these 3 were laymen. The catalog put it this way: "The faculty of Providence College is largely composed of professors who are members of the Order of Friars Preacher, popularly known as the Dominican Order. The continual expansion of the College has required the inclusion of a carefully selected group of lay professors."

The student body, totally male and largely commuter, was about 1450, with a considerable number of veterans of military service. Many of these brought with them a maturity of outlook and seriousness of purpose that contributed to the quality of a certain stability in campus affairs.

Tuition was an unbelievable \$195 per semester. Room and board in Aquinas — the only dormitory — was \$300 each semester. Certainly the large number of Dominicans on the faculty — all of whose services were contributed — helped greatly to make these modest costs possible.

In addition to Aquinas there were six other buildings: Harkins; Albertus; Antoninus; Guzman, now Martin Hall; St. Thomas House; and Donnelly, which was a one-story former military struc-

ture that remained as "temporary" for many years but is now happily gone.

Academic matters were the responsibility of Fr. Vincent C. Dore, now our Chancellor, who was Vice President in Charge of Academic Affairs and Dean. Those who served on the Committee on Studies in 1953 and who are still on campus are Frs. John P. Kenny, James L. McKenny, Edwin I. Masterson and Charles V. Reichart.

The library, which was housed on the third floor of Harkins Hall, boasted all of 30,000 volumes. The



Dr. Thomson twenty years ago.



Dr. Thomson Today

general degree requirements included: 24 hours of theology for all Catholic students; 12 hours of philosophy; 6 hours of history; 12 hours of English; 12 hours of a foreign language; and 6 hours of science or mathematics. There were, of course, no Pass-Fail courses. The minimum number of semester hours required for graduation was 138 and could be as high as 156.

The departmental organization was somewhat different in 1953: the Social Science Department included economics, education, and sociology; the Natural Sciences Department included biology, chemistry, and physics; and the Department of History and Government included history and political science. English existed as a department but its majors

were said to have a concentration in "Letters."

Students could, and did, major in a program called Classics, where Greek was offered but Latin had the predominance. This program — designed for general education, for those desiring to teach classical languages, or for pre-ecclesiastical students — unhappily no longer exists. Courses were offered in Art Appreciation and in Mechanical Drawing but there was no Art Department. There were courses in Music Appreciation, Harmony, and History of Music. There was no Department of Psychology nor were there any courses in that science other than those offered by the Philosophy Department. Such subjects as Anthropology, Theatre Arts, Computer Science and interdisciplinary offerings such as Foundations of Science or Development of Western Civilization, were not available. There were, moreover, no honors courses offered in 1953.

Then, as now, Providence College had a strong pre-medical program and its Radioactive Research Laboratory, which was partly supported by the Damon Runyon Memorial Fund, was devoted especially to scientific research seeking the answer to problems associated with the cure of cancer.

In 1953-1954 the college was in its thirty-fifth year of existence. When the first class of 75 students had entered in September 1919, there had been a faculty of 9, all Dominicans, and there was one building — Harkins Hall, which did not then have the four-story wing that was not added until 1926. Seen in that perspective, the college of 1953 represented phenomenal progress.

It was moreover, confident of its future, clear as to its goals, certain of its identity, and relevant to the needs of those it served. There was generally a close bond between those who were part of it. Indeed, it had a familiar quality which often made up in its warmth for what was sometimes lacking in facilities. It was a place well adapted to the season in which it found itself — a season far different from that in which we find ourselves today. But a college is a living thing and the law of life is the paradoxical one of both endurance and change. To be alive is to be caught up in that paradox, and the differences between Providence College alive in 1973 and Providence College as it was in 1953 reflect that.

Paul van K. Thomson
Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Memo From the Editor

For six long months, Ed Cimini, Assistant Editor of *The Cowl*, and Special Coordinator of the "A Score Ago" supplement, has devoted much time, energy, and creation to an idea; today, you read the tangible results of his efforts. Working from a thought which might have been tossed aside as a passing whim, Ed Cimini has constructed this special issue, what might be termed, a masterpiece of contrasts. With a need to reflect upon its past, in order to assist its guidance in future planning, Providence College should look long and hard on the comparisons that this issue provides. As in good Euclidean Geometry, where two points determine a line, the points in time of 1953 and 1973, just might be those which will direct Providence College along the straight path to its motto — "Veritas".

Two years ago, I had the honor and pleasure of editing another special supplement to *The Cowl*. That supplement was devoted to the idea of "Women's Consciousness". Constructed and appearing at the end of the first full year of coeducation, it was an excellent and proper welcome to the Women of Providence College. It, perhaps, capsulized the most positive statement of acceptance of, and necessity for, Providence College as a coeducational institution. I mention that specific publication in this issue for two reasons.

First, I cannot overstate the affect that coeducation has had upon Providence College. In speaking with various people, who have, themselves, experienced these past twenty years at Providence College, the consensus of opinion centers upon that event as most crucial in Providence College's growth in personality and character.

Second, I cannot hide my elation over the type of cooperation that was realized in this supplement. As in the "Women's Consciousness" supplement, Administrators, Faculty members, and Alumni, have joined with Students attesting to the fact that *The Cowl* can be, truly, a college newspaper. With these two publications, we see that a community of open communications at Providence College does exist, and can be shown existent in the most obvious and tangible form: the paper and ink of a newspaper.

Providence College owes a great debt to Ed Cimini for this "A Score Ago" supplement. I urge all to read it carefully, after reading, remembering, and enjoying its content. Realize fully your part in Providence College's history. Read this supplement with the pride that you can have for your college, and then run to fulfill your role in its family.

Sincerely,
Denis Kelly

Fr. Slavin: The Dominating Force of the 50's

When the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., became the sixth president of Providence College on June 4, 1947, the enrollment numbered 1015, the campus included 47 acres of land and there were five buildings — Harkins, Aquinas, Thomas, Donnelly (now gone) and the old Guzman (now Martin Hall). The faculty consisted of 63 Dominicans and 8 laymen.

Fourteen years later, when Father Slavin died on April 24, 1961, the enrollment was 2182, the campus had grown to 67 acres with the purchase of the former Good Shepherd property. To the forenamed five buildings he had added Albertus Magnus, Joseph, Stephen, Alumnus, Raymond and Dominic Halls.

The faculty had increased to 84 Dominicans and 66 laymen and a ten year program to double lay faculty salaries by granting a ten per cent increase each year had been almost completed.

Robert Joseph Slavin assumed the presidency of Providence College with a sense of historic purpose that gave him courage and confidence. Earlier administrations had been cautious and conservative and with many good reasons. The college had been founded during World War I, had its growing pains in the Twenties, suffered through the worst depression the world had ever known in the Thirties and then came World War II which reduced the total enrollment to 162 students.

Another factor that inhibited the early presidents was the policy then followed by the Dominican Province of St. Joseph which combined the office of the presidency with that of Superior of the Dominican Community at the college. The post of Superior was limited by Canon Law to three years — hence the same limitation was put on the presidency. After three years, the Superior could be re-elected for a second term. At the conclusion of a second term, a Superior could be given a third term, but only if he received a two-thirds majority vote of the Dominicans in the community and only then if this mandate was subsequently approved by both the Master General and the Pope. After the third term there could not be a fourth.

As a result the pioneer presidents of the college saw themselves as serving for only a very limited time and hesitated to make long range heavy financial commitments which might prove burdensome to their successors.

Those close to Robert Slavin share the belief that he came to the presidency convinced he would be president forever. As he saw the need for new facilities he took out long term mortgages and built them. After he had served three three-year terms as both president and superior, the Provincial decided to separate the two posts, thus freeing the presidency of any canon law restrictions and enabling Father Slavin to remain in office.

Although the change was made to take advantage of Father Slavin's particular talents as an educational administrator, it became permanent policy and his successors in the presidency have also been free to make long range plans and long term financial commitments.

The Slavin years cannot be judged by the physical changes alone, great as they were. Even more significant was the tone he brought to the campus which reflected his own personality and which quickly dispelled any inferiority complex that may have lingered on a campus which had known more than its share of hard times.

Any institution is but the lengthened shadow of the man who heads it. Father Slavin was first of

all a scholar and a teacher. He was a philosopher and theologian with a national reputation and the liberal arts college was his first and only love. In his opening talk to the faculty he said, "I have only one ambition — to make this the best liberal arts college in the country."

He completely revised the curriculum and raised Religious Studies to the level of a true academic subject with the introduction of a four year course in Theology based on the Summa Theologica.

"A good college must have good teachers," he said and he set about the task of acquiring more of them. He aimed in particular at strengthening the Philosophy, Religious Studies, Science, History and English departments, the traditional pillars of the liberal arts.

A tall, handsome man, he walked with his head high, always con-

scious of the dignity inherent in the office of the presidency. An exceptional speaking voice, impeccable diction and the theatrical instincts and techniques of an accomplished actor combined to raise his brilliant public speeches to the level of a fine dramatic performance. During the last six years of his life, every commencement season saw him delivering the principal address and collecting an honorary degree at one or more campuses throughout the nation. He never walked into a room — he made an entrance; when he stepped to the speaker's podium, he was more than a person — he was a presence.

He moved the college into active participation in community life, joining such groups as the Chamber of Commerce, the United Fund, and similar human-service oriented organizations. He encouraged faculty members to

lend their professional expertise to state, city and town commissions.

He was also an indefatigable worker in professional education associations. He served as president of the college and university division of the National Catholic Education Association, was a member of the executive committee of the American Council on Education, a member of the advisory committee of the United States Office of Education and of the advisory committee to the surgeon general on medical education.

High on the list of his accomplishments were the strong ties he developed with sister colleges throughout New England, with the Diocese of Providence and with church hierarchy throughout the East. Cardinals and bishops hailed him as a friend and as an eloquent spokesman for Catholic higher education.

He sought excellence in every aspect of the college. If someone performed at less than his best Father Slavin told him about it in no uncertain terms. On the other hand, if he did particularly well, Father Slavin was the first to congratulate him and thank him. His glare would make your blood cold, but his smile would have you hearing the harps that sang in Tara's Hall.

He never hesitated to make difficult decisions, no matter how harmful the consequence might be to his personal popularity. If he believed a certain course was the right one for the college, he took it, no matter whose nose was put out of joint. There were times when this campus had more disjointed noses than there were in Stillman's Gymnasium.

It took courage to build Alumni Hall and put in three thousand

seats when our basketball team had rarely filled the 500-seat Mount Pleasant High School Gym. It took courage to hire Joe Mullaney as coach, when he had only one year of experience at Norwich University in Vermont. However, Father Slavin was convinced that Mullaney had talent and he was further convinced that excellence in basketball was a quick and relatively inexpensive way to make the college known nationally and thus attract good students from outside the New England area.

Four years later after our first "Cinderella Team" had gone to the N.I.T. and captured the hearts of the nation, Father Slavin in somewhat rueful satisfaction told an alumni meeting in Washington: "We have had more than 700 years of Dominican scholarship and nobody ever heard of us until we put five kids on the floor of Madison Square Garden."

The world has changed a great deal since Father Slavin's time. There are mixed opinions as to how successful his "strong man" type of presidency would be in today's academic climate. There is little doubt, however, that in 1947 he was the right man in the right place at the right time.

By the force of his personality, by the drive of his ambition, by the demands he made of students, faculty and staff, by his own relentless dedication to his job, he provided the dynamic leadership which put Providence College on the academic map.

His sudden death was mourned by more than the college family. The entire state of Rhode Island and the world of American higher education knew that they, too, had lost a giant.



Former President, Fr. Slavin.

Fr. Dore: P.C.'s Old Sage

(Editor's note: Fr. Dore has been associated with Providence College since 1919. In an interview with Stephen D'Oliveira, Fr. Dore relates tales of the past.)

by Stephen d'Oliveira

Father Vincent C. Dore, O.P. (Order of Preachers) S.T.M., Chancellor of the school, was associated with Providence College in its opening year as a freshman, in 1919.

Fr. Dore is a member of Providence College's first graduated Class of 1923, and reflects back upon one of his activities he enjoyed here while he was a student.

"I played both Basketball and Baseball and got letters in both sports. Our first Varsity game was with the University of Rhode Island in Basketball, and Boston College in Baseball. Our home field is over where the Federal Hospital is today. And our Basketball court, believe it or not, if you look at the gym, the difference between 1919 and today, is the Development Office. That was the Basketball court."

Now age 73, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1928, and was assigned Parochial work at St. Catherine's Parish in New York City. Fr. Dore was a member of the Aquinas College High School Faculty from 1929 to 1931, and also served as an Assistant Chaplain at the Ohio State Penitentiary during these years.

Coming back to Providence College in 1931, he went on to serve as a Professor of Sociology, Director of Dominican Students at Providence College, Head of the Sociology Department, Athletic Director, College Treasurer, Dean of Studies, Academic Vice President, Superior of Dominican Community at Providence College, Dean of Faculty, President, and has been holding the position of Chancellor since July of 1965.

Exactly, "a score ago", Fr. Dore was beginning his first year as Academic Vice President of the College. A position he was to hold for the next 11 years. He distinctly remembers the years when Fr. Slavin was President of the College.

"I worked very close with Fr. Slavin". And at one time he recalls when he asked him when his own term as Superior of the Community ended and when Fr. Dore's began. Fr. Dore goes on to say that, "It was a rather interesting situation where I was his boss on the top floor, and he was my boss on the second floor."

Currently, Fr. Dore as Chancellor, serves as a Consultant to the President along with various other duties. At this time he is also serving as a Consultant to the Committee on Rank and Tenure. His involvement with activities extends both in to the communal and collegiate arenas. He is also an

Honorary member of the Corporation.

Although Fr. Dore is busy, he says he feels much less pressure upon him, as compared to when he was President of the College. He states that a person who holds a high office, such as President, has to feel much more obligated toward any committee he joins, simply because of the high position that he holds.

In response to a question pertaining to the recent trends of "student spirit", Fr. Dore replied, "I think it's much better than it was four of five years ago. I don't know what's happened, maybe I'm very subjective, but two or three years ago there seemed to be an antagonism, it was very strong, between students and Administration. And you might say 'Good Afternoon' to a boy, and he would walk by without ever looking at you, and he probably did not care whether you lived or not."



Fr. Vincent C. Dore, O.P.

But now there's a much more friendly atmosphere on the campus, and its good, I think. I guess they were more of a heap syndrome, if that's the proper term, because of the war, and for many other reasons I suppose.

Something happened. So much so that they voted not to give a Class gift. It was the only time in the whole history of the college, and at the beginning of the Academic year, I heard the President of the Student Congress get up and bawl the hell out of us. The President, the Administration, and the whole college.

So I think there is a reliable difference in the attitude of the student body that I find myself. I think it's healthier, they've got more of a sense of humor, a little more give to them. These guys were tight."

Fr. Dore was then asked, how he felt about Providence College turning Co-Ed?

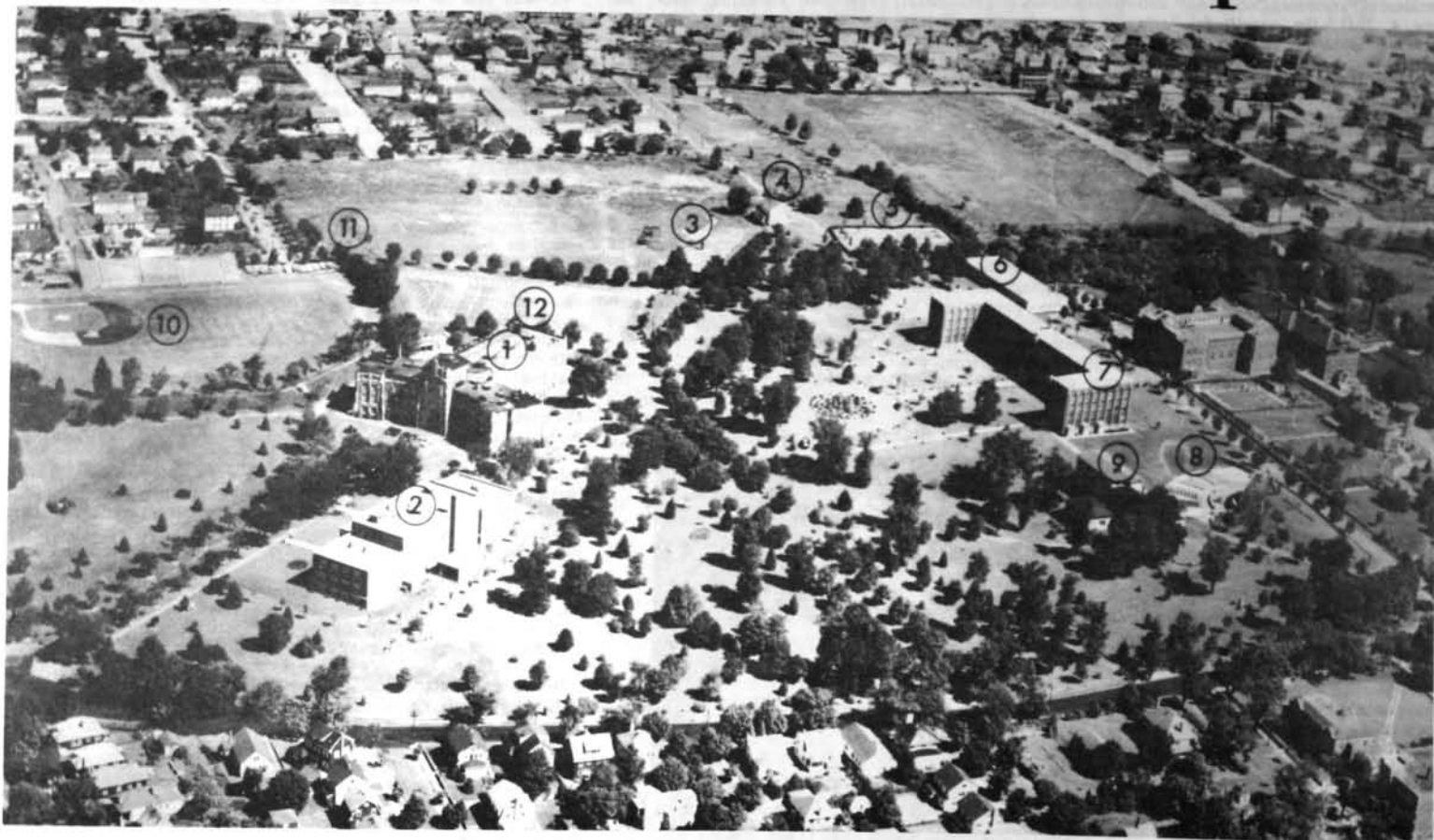
He replied, "It was the best thing that ever happened. I think what it did was pacify some of the animals we've got around here. I wouldn't classify them in that category if I were you."

Another thing, maybe this has something to do with it, I told you before when they were all protesting about everything, Administration, and War, and the Government and so on, Vietnam.

Nowadays you walk by, particularly if a guy is walking along with a girl, they both smile at you, which is quite a change believe it or not.

I think the girls have challenged the boys in that first year when some came in as freshmen. The percentage was twice as many girls in the upper 20 per cent of the class as boys; and they were only one third of that class. They're good students and I think as a result that the boys are thinking about a little bit more serious study."

The Growth of the Campus



Providence College 1953

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| 1. Bishop Harkins Hall | 4. St. Thomas House | 7. Aquinas Hall | 10. Bishop Hendricken Field |
| 2. Albertus Magnus Science Hall | 5. Cemetery | 8. War Memorial Grotto | 11. Site of Proposed Gymnasium |
| 3. Donnelly Hall | 6. Antoninus Hall | 9. Guzman Hall | 12. Parking Area |



Providence College 1973

President's Message

Although a college helps to shape the thought of the community in which it exists and addresses itself to the problems of a given era, it at the same time is a creature of its era and is influenced by the culture, the values and the problems then being stressed. This can surely be said of Providence College during the last twenty years.

Although I was not here at P.C. in 1953, I do not think that the times then and those of September of 1957 when I joined the faculty were very different. The society of the 50's was largely one that was highly structured, frequently formal and knew an authority that was quite centralized. The college programs and its governance reflected these characteristics.

In the academic area, the college requirements were extensive and not too much room was allowed for elective courses or programs. It was not uncommon for a student to be required to take six or even seven courses per semester. Departmental requirements were to a great extent highly structured. This situation was due not entirely to the choice of the college, but frequently to the requirements of graduate and professional schools and the hard realities of the business world. It was a time of tradition in which there was, indeed, a search for the new and the innovative, but there was an even greater stress to maintain the best of the past.

The social life of the campus was limited because facilities were

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Can You Remember?

You're not a member of the Pepsi generation if you can remember when ...

- ...you had lunch at stand-up tables in the cafeteria in what is now the bookstore.
- ...being late for class required a signed admission slip from the "Dean of Discipline."
- ...tuition was \$200 per semester.
- ...Aquinas was the only dormitory on campus.
- ...Stephen and Joseph housed a school for "problem" girls, separated from the campus by a link chain fence (8' 6 3/4" high).
- ...R.O.T.C. was compulsory and national security required that

- parade drill be conducted in the great gravel pit in which the gym now sits.
- ...some classes met in the cardboard building on Donnelley Drive.
- ...the new gym was designed to accommodate the largest crowds anyone could expect for a P.C. basketball game.
- ...two years of college satisfied law school admission requirements.
- ...Psychology was a course offered by the Philosophy Department.
- ...the Index mattered.
- ...the Reds and the Pinks were everywhere and Joe was exposing them.

- ...a "long hair" referred to a lover of classical music.
- ...admission to class required a suit coat and tie.
- ...you began the weekend to the thrill of Saturday morning classes.
- ...grass was what you mowed, and pot was what you cooked in.
- ...sex was what it is, but people talked less about it.
- ...politics was what it is, but people cared less about it.
- ...Richard Nixon, his wife's cloth coat, and his dog convinced the American people he was, after all, an honest man.

Nostalgically,
A Freshman in '53



Fr. Lennon Expounds on College Life in 1953

by Ann Frank
(Editor's note: The following article is the result of a half-hour interview with Fr. Joseph Lennon, O.P. In light of the fact that Fr. Lennon is 'well-known' as an anti-feminist, resulting from the publication of his booklet *WHEN THE GIRLS COME*, Ann admits being rather nervous the day she went to see him. To add to her nervousness, it seems that Fr. Lennon's secretary called the COWL office that morning requesting one of the "young men" to stop in for the interview. Instead, Ann appeared, finding Fr. Lennon to be a warm, open and hospitable person. She thanks him now, for his cooperation and good sense of humor.)

On P.C. in General
Fr. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P. was a Dean of Men, and an Assistant

Dean of Residence; he received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame.

"I am proud to say, in the history of Providence College, there has never been a quota system for any minority group," says Fr. Lennon. The ranks of the P.C. alumni are filled with many prominent Rhode Islanders — judges, lawyers, doctors, and businessmen.

On Father Slavin

According to Fr. Lennon, O.P., the "direction of Providence College changed with the arrival of The Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P." He was a man with a sharp mentality, an excellent lecturer and "a looming figure." As the President of Providence College, Fr. Slavin "demanded a great deal of others, but at the same time he gave a lot of himself," says Fr. Lennon. In a 1953 speech, Fr. Slavin was quoted as saying, "a good liberal arts education rests on these four pillars: Philosophy, Theology, History, and Literature." To reach this goal, Fr. Slavin set up a rigid intellectual discipline of religion courses and eighteen hours requirement of philosophy. (This was reflective of the Christopher Dawson outlook, incorporating a Catholic education with that of the liberal arts.) Sensitive to the needs of the non-Catholic students of Providence College, Fr. Slavin provided them with an alternate offering of the history and philosophy of religion.

Under the "charismatic" leadership of Fr. Slavin, "there was an upsurge of faith permeating Providence College at a lively intellectual level," says Fr. Lennon. The guiding hand of Fr. Slavin established the identity of Providence College as a Dominican (Catholic) college of Friars-Preachers, with "fierce loyalties to the Church and Catholic Higher Education." He was an enthusiastic man concerned with the continuance of belief in "God, mankind and the welfare of P.C."

An anecdote about Fr. Slavin which amuses Fr. Lennon, concerns the arrival of the freshmen to the newly acquired, barn-like Stephen Hall. "Fr. Slavin ordered all the prefects and monitors to help with the luggage and any other facets of moving-in, because he did not want the parents to enter the shabby dorm and see what condition it was in — 'Don't Let The Parents In!' he roared."

On The Dominican Faculty

"Providence College is within the Province of Saint Joseph of the Dominican Order," stated Fr.

Lennon. "Back in 1953 the Friar-Preachers dominated the faculty. We would never have considered entering our classrooms without our habits, unlike today's practices."

Religion cast a giant shadow over everything twenty years ago. There were prefects and rectors in the Halls. Reminiscing, Fr. Lennon explained, "We were counselor, confidant, and advisor to the students; at the same time we acted as disciplinarian. Definitely a paradox," he mused. Attendance at nightly prayers and Sunday morning Mass were required.

The Dominicans carried a "backbreaking load, twenty-four hours long, the morale and pride in P.C. was 'our college.'" Between the Dominican, Lay faculty, and the students, "there existed a more personal and greater face-to-face relationship, than today," Fr. Lennon affirms. The Dominican-Lay ratio of twenty years ago is the inverse of today.

On The Women

Fr. Lennon looks upon the coed presence as "favorable to the educational environment of P.C." Fr. Lennon stated "with the arrival of the coed at P.C., I expected many of the classroom contributions we find today, for instance, more women on the Dean's List, in the Junior Year Abroad Program, and on the Honor Societies."

Fr. Lennon was the author of that famous (infamous, if you are of that opinion) pamphlet, *When The Girls Come*, out on the newsstand April 1971. It dealt with the many problems to be faced as a result of the all-male P.C. turning coed. In many ways, Fr. Lennon's approach to this topic may be termed "chauvinistic." I disagree, after having read the booklet twice, I have found some of his information informative, reasonable and amusing — not offensive. In fact to quote the ending of the booklet, "Many faults have women Men have only two: Everything they say, And everything they do."

"But it would behoove all men on campus (administration, staff, faculty, students) to take to heart the lesson taught in the beginning of the Book of Genesis: God first made Adam, and after taking a good look, He said to Himself, 'I think if I tried again, I could do better.'"

To me, a pioneer female of the class of 1975, this does not seem anti-female, but rather anti-male. (If you are not familiar with this work, I suggest that you read the booklet: reporter's note)

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Class of '53 Faculty Members Reminisce

(Editor's note: In 1953, three members of our faculty graduated from the school which now employs them. After interviewing Professors Deasy, Delesanta, and Flanagan, Charles McEntee of the COWL staff files this report.)

by Charlie McEntee

Longfellow once wrote, "All things must change to something new, to something strange". Certainly, Providence College has changed from 1953 to the present. Whether we are "better off" today is simply a matter of opinion. Three former P.C. graduates and now present members of the faculty, Professors Robert Deasy, Rodney Delesanta, and Edward Flanagan have cordially agreed to share their opinions, reflections, and ideas concerning Providence College from 1953 to 1973.

Professor Flanagan, commenting on the physical outlay twenty years ago said, "by comparison with today's building complex and hospitable campus, we 'roughed it'. We had no Alumni Hall. Our gym was the auditorium in Harkins Hall."

"A big difference between then and now", noted Professor Deasy, "was that the average age of the student in 1953 was much older. There were a large number of World War II Veterans, supporting families and going to school at the same time. The atmosphere was very serious and not as relaxed as today. The student today should be more relaxed and easy going and enjoy his four years at college. The Veterans, because of obligations, couldn't do this! But, we non-veterans also were concerned because the army was 'looking for us, so to speak.'"

Dr. Delesanta felt that the most obvious academic difference is the

"motion from a highly religious orientated to a more humanist oriented curriculum". Also, Dr. Delesanta noted that "students were more docile in 1953 than today, docile in the sense that they were more teachable or more receptive to learning but, also

docile in the sense that the students of 1953 were more passive. They put up with a lot more." In 1953, the student was "required" to take four years of theology and three years of Philosophy. Dr. Delesanta felt that "this immersion in both Theology and Philosophy enhanced

Professor Deasy and Dr. Delesanta expressed their reflections of Father Slavin. Professor Deasy felt that "Fr. Slavin was a strong decision maker and projected an intellectual image." Dr. Delesanta recalled that "Fr. Slavin was a very

learned, elegant man with a magisterial personality."

Professor Deasy, reflecting on his student and teaching life at Providence College said, "I had outstanding teachers particularly in History. I was very pleased with what I received here as a student. Also, I am happy in what I do but I'll never be satisfied. The day I teach the perfect class will be the day I'll stop. There is always the thrill of the unexpected."

Dr. Delesanta concluded, "What Providence offers today is the most balanced, sensible curriculum of many that I have explored, especially with the inclusion of the Western Civilization Program, which to me is the most meaningful and exciting educational adventure I've been involved in eighteen years of teaching at four universities."

Professor Flanagan reflected, "I think that our search for happiness then was not so different from the search we see our students making. Their willingness to assume the joys and burdens of the intellectual life is a continuing affirmation that the life of the mind and spirit needs as much attention today as ever, and it is the responsibility of the university to satisfy the great quest of each generation."

In conclusion, Professor Flanagan said, "Lastly, I think the fundamentals of the ideals of the Christian man and woman remain: Goodness, Truth, and Beauty. In its adherence to these fundamentals, P.C. secures the guarantee of the quality of Wisdom in its teaching. It is merely the scope of the inquiry and the methods of approach to these fundamentals which may have broadened since 1953."



Dr. Delesanta, the student.



Dr. Flanagan, the student.



Dr. Deasy, the student.



Dr. Delesanta today

my own academic life immeasurably."

Professor Deasy feels that "today one gets more facilities for his money". He added, "I could work during the summer and pay my tuition with my summer earnings." Dr. Delesanta pointed out that "P.C. in 1953 was greatly concerned with assisting the sons of the lower middle class, and kept tuition very low." Also, Dr. Delesanta noted that P.C. in 1953 was "very conservative both politically and theologically. Today, it is generally speaking middle of the road".



Dr. Deasy today

Business Dept. Offers "Real World Perspective"

(Editor's note: Daniel J. Gleason, Managing Editor of the COWL, interviewed Mr. Gustave Cote, who has been at Providence College since 1952. In the following article, Daniel has attempted to convince the rest of the college community that the Business Department is not a "dumping ground!")

by Daniel J. Gleason

Over the last twenty years the Business Department has served 20 per cent of the students at Providence College, offering a Bachelor of Science degree in the fields of Accounting and Business Management. The department is a member of the Assembly of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. The accounting program is registered with the recommendations of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Since the structure and curriculum have changed very little over this twenty year period, the department has always been held in high esteem. The number of business students at Providence College has grown at the same rate that the college has grown, but the staff of the Business Department has not grown in the same ratio. For this reason, the student has been at somewhat of a disadvantage. In 1953, the Business Department was very rigid in form. Labs for the Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors were mandatory for Accounting majors. The five course workload was necessary for graduation. Today, with the innovative Development of Western Civilization program, the business student has a four course schedule and is required to accumulate one-hundred and four credits without any unrestricted electives. Today's business student, some people will say, has it relatively easy, but those in the

field will contend that the businessman of the present and future must be more versed and creative. Business is becoming a science, and with the trend in business moving away from the simple mechanical operations with numbers, dollar signs and decimal points, the student must acquaint himself with the application of the computer for purposes of making business decisions.

Providence College offers a unique type of education to the man or woman interested in business. It is a well-proportioned mixture of liberal arts and business instruction. The well roundedness of the liberal arts enhances the personality of the individual while the business instructions are taught by those who have worked in the business world themselves.

Business management majors are taught by professors and instructors who have worked in large corporations and small proprietorships. Accounting majors are taught by Certified Public Accountants; thus, the business student instruction is not purely from an academic point of view, but also from a "real world perspective." Business-Law courses are taught by lawyers and are available to both Accounting and Management majors. Through the Business Department staff, the business student can obtain a genuine feeling for his respective occupation and with the mixture of the liberal arts format which Providence College provides, the Business student is in most cases well-equipped for the hard cruel world that awaits him or her outside.

For the most part, business students have done well after leaving Providence College. P.C. graduates have found positions in all branches and forms of the

business world. Providence College graduates are represented in each of the "Big Eight" accounting firms, as well as in banking, industry, and government.

At present a M.B.A. program has been introduced at P.C., and Mr. Cote, the Chairman of the Business Department is looking into fields of

major, in the areas of banking, finance, computer science, and marketing. Mr. Cote is very optimistic about the department; he realizes that today's students are more vocationally oriented, and feels that Providence College should and will supply the demands for this type of student. He has also noticed, as well as I have, the increase in the number of

female students in the Business Department. More and more women are realizing the futures that can be had in the business world. The business world holds much more than a secretarialship for women. The women of today have penetrated the impregnable Wall Street; their place is assured, with the departure of that "era of discrimination"

Dr. Fortin's View of D.W.C.

(Editor's note: In 1953, Dr. Rene Fortin, Professor of English, was a Junior at Providence College. During his senior year, he edited both the VERITAS and the ALEMBIC. In the following article, Dr. Fortin offers his views of the DWC Program.)

At the beginning of the 1953 academic year, Father Slavin, the President of the College, offered this conception of a liberal arts education: "A good liberal arts education rests on these four pillars: Philosophy, Theology, History, and Literature." If I, then a Junior at Providence College, heard this statement, I am sure that I did little more than piously acknowledge it as simply another self-evident truth in a time when self-evident truths abounded. But in considering this statement in the context of Providence College 1973, I am impressed by the fact that time has a way of wrenching us back to our beginnings, of making our unthinking pieties of the past our conscious loyalties of the present. For the Development of Western Civilization Program, which now involves all freshmen and sophomores at Providence College, would probably seem to Father Slavin a logical extension of his concept of liberal education and a daring reaffirmation of the value

of the liberal arts at a time when they are generally out of fashion.

This Program, identified from its inception as the outcome of the "liberal" agitation for academic reform, was conceived only after months and even years of groping for an academic structure responsive to the needs of today's students. It was conceived by what was widely identified as a "predominantly liberal" Faculty Senate. And yet, what resulted was a Program that is, in the richest sense of the term, conservative.



Dr. Fortin, the student.

The Program, is the core of the new curriculum, replacing a traditional curriculum which also highlighted history, philosophy, literature and religious studies. It is based upon precisely the same assumption, that no education is really adequate unless supported by the four pillars of the liberal arts. The central innovative feature, however, is the team-teaching approach that is used. This approach is based upon the conviction that no "fact" in any single area is or can be isolated from the broad cultural context in which it is found; the aim of team-teaching is to attempt to show that even the most apparently insignificant fact in one discipline will often have a momentous impact on developments in other disciplines and on the course of history itself. As Pascal stated it, perhaps somewhat hyperbolically: "Cleopatra's nose: had it been shorter, the whole aspect of the world would have been altered." In brief, the crucial dimension that the Program has added to the traditional formula for liberal arts education enunciated by Fr. Slavin is the awareness that the four pillars must be seen, not in their isolated splendor, but as supportive parts of a structure that is larger than its constituent parts.

Frosh Don Beanies; Orientation Concluded

A picnic at Lincoln Woods on Saturday, with approximately 250 attending, brought the week to a close.

Freshmen from as far away as Puerto Rico, Florida, Washington, Pennsylvania, New York and Maine have helped to fill Aquinas Hall to capacity. There are 388 yearlings in all, 132 being resident students.

New Haven, Connecticut, with 17 students has the greatest representation in the dorm.

Overall dormitory enrollment has increased ten percent over last year.

The efforts of P.C. alumni in steering prospective college men of their acquaintance to this college has been reported responsible for the increased enrollment.

As usual, the School of Arts, with 183 freshmen is the most popular. About half the class, 96, chose Business.

The Science Building will soon see half a hundred aspirant biologists and forty chemistry majors. There are nineteen future physicists.

The wearing of Beanies during registration, physical exams and

various assemblies marked this year's Freshman Week, which began on campus two weeks ago.

Beanies, an old P.C. tradition, were revived this year at the bequest of the Student Congress. The yearlings greeted this innovation with enthusiasm, wearing them in bed, the dining hall and even chapel. This practice was promptly discontinued at the latter place.

Short talks by several members of the Administration and faculty highlighted the early part of the week. The official welcome to the college was extended by the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president.

A program of spiritual exercise saw the majority of the class receive Holy Communion on Friday morning. Prior to this, Rosary and Benediction were held in Aquinas Hall chapel.

Opening activities behind it, the Class of 1957 was introduced to Friar social life with an informal dance held for them by the Student Congress and Junior Veridames on Friday evening. Well over half the class attended, as did student nurses from five local hospitals.

News of 1953

Rev. McVinney Opens Year

"You cannot ignore God without denying Him," said the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, in his address to fourteen hundred Providence College students Monday morning. Speaking at the Mass of the Holy Ghost, which opens the academic year, Bishop McVinney praised the course in theology here at the college, saying that "it is more important that you study God and your religion than that you study those matters which pertain to your chosen profession."

He cited the popular philosophy of education, as exemplified by John Dewey and his followers at Columbia, as being "abortive and truncated." He declared that modern atheists and materialists are beginning to recognize that it is intellectual treachery for us to revert to the pristine, purely materialistic philosophy of the old Greeks.

Forced Inside

The Mass was held in Harkins' Hall instead of the Grotto because of inclement weather. Leading the procession into the hall were the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., and the Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., followed by the entire faculty. The glee club, directed by the Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., sang during the Mass.

Cowl Receives All-American Status

For the first time in its 16 year history, the Cowl has received an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press, a national professional critical service. This award, the highest possible, covers the second semester of the 1952-53 academic year. Cowl editors during this period included James J. Marshall and Robert E. Finneran of the class of 1953, and Donald L. Gibeault, of the class of 1954, who took over the reins midway through the period.

On several previous occasions, the Cowl had received First Class honor ratings.

In a letter received Monday by the editors of the paper, was this comment from the ACP: "The judges want to emphasize again that the All-American rating is reserved for truly outstanding newspapers." Only seven colleges in the Cowl category were awarded the coveted rating. The All-American newspapers will be on display at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago and the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles during certain periods in October and November.

All Departments

The Cowl received one-thousand and thirty-five points from the ACP in the four separate categories. Department pages and special features rated highest with the judges, closely followed by honors for headlines, typography, and makeup. These two groups amassed a total 835 points while

the 500 remaining points were equally shared by news values and sources, and news writing and editing.

The judges were particularly impressed with the sports page, rating the coverage, treatment, and sports as superior. Phil Griffin's column "Phil-Ins" was praised for being bright in style with interest throughout, and for avoiding the pitfalls of "too many such columns," which "are dull, and repetitious of events covered elsewhere on the page," the letter added.

Columns Superior

Other favorable comments were made on the news coverage of successful alumni, headlines, and the "eye" interest maintained from top to bottom on page one. The features in the Cowl were rated superior by the judges, who regarded John Martiska's column "From the Tower" as "a thoughtful supplement to the day's news and your own editorials."

The commenting judge declared that the Cowl is one of the most interesting and newsy college papers he had seen this semester. "I especially like the alert coverage of guest speakers and personalities who visit the campus." (Last year the Cowl devoted the entire front page to the appearance of heavy-weight champion Rocky Marciano.)

A plaque, signifying the award, will be on display in Harkins' Hall sometime in December.



Bessie and the brass at the annual Farmer's Festival.

Enrollment Declines

Recent figures released by the office of the registrar indicate a slight decrease in the college enrollment for this academic year.

With additions and subtractions being made daily, the official register of students indicates that 1209 students are enrolled in the day sessions of the schools of Arts and Sciences. Last year's figures showed 1300 plus students.

The freshman class is the only one showing a slight increase in enrollment. A decrease of 100 seniors has been indicated; there are 35 less juniors, and about 70 sophomores less than last year. The current freshman enrollment is 395.

Twenty-two special students are also enrolled in the day school. In addition, there is also a student

nurse complement of 40 from St. Joseph's Hospital. Including students in the adult extension school, the overall yearly enrollment hovers in the 1800 bracket.

Although the Registrar's office would advance no theories concerning the drop in upper-class rosters, it is believed that the end of the Korean conflict brought about an increase in voluntary enlistments in the Armed Services.

With the decrease in enrollment, the already favorable student-teacher ratio took on greater appeal. This year's figures show the ratio to be close to 13 to 1. With a standard of 20 to 25 students per instructor considered most desirable, Providence College is thus among the best in the country.

Annual Student Election Campaigns Bring Serenity

Once again, the cobwebs have been wiped from the sound trucks and the school artists are again exercising their profession as the "big show" gets under way.

Although Barnum and Bailey need not worry too much just yet, perhaps they could take a few tips from the "actors" in this P.C. production. The occasion for all the fanfare is, of course, the annual elections.

In last year's contests, there was presented one of the greater spectacles in political exhibitionism. Radio and television personalities were present to lend their talents to the campaigns. These rallies, sponsored by the contestants, provided the students with considerable free entertainment.

This year, however, these campaigns have taken on a comparative serenity. There were still the noisemakers, etc., but the rallies were conspicuously absent. No torchlight parades were thrown in to make things interesting.

Evidently, political campaign theory has taken on a new aspect—probably adopted from and patterned after the recent Eisenhower campaign. What was good enough for Eisenhower is apparently good enough for them.

Perhaps too, this is an indication of better things to come, it is hard to say, but from the students' standpoint, the campaigns of yore were more appealing.

The vigil is over! The long awaited construction of the gymnasium starts Monday, according to a released statement from the office of the president. The contract for the gym was recently awarded to the Gilbane Building Company with the formal signing occurring at 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

The gym, which will cost over two million dollars, will be a two-story and ground floor structure of concrete block with red brick facing and limestone trim. The seating capacity of the gym will be approximately 4200 people. The building will include such outstanding features as a large student lounge, a cafeteria, various administrative offices, a completely equipped laundry room, and many other facilities.

18-24 Month Estimate

Since the gym will be completed in an estimated one and a half to two years, hope is high that the 1955 basketball season will open in the gym.

Following the formal signing of the contract, the Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., S.T.M., issued the following statement:

"It is needless to say that all friends of Providence College rejoice that our gymnasium is now officially in the hands of a contractor. Alumni and students as well as the Administration and faculty have been looking forward to this realization of their hopes. It is however in a spirit of prayer and humility that we undertake this tremendous project. The gymnasium and central heating plant when finally completed and equipped will cost over two million dollars. This is no easy burden for Providence College to bear in these days of rising costs in every aspect of collegiate academic life. A former President of the College frequently said: 'Our College was named Providence because in all that we do we rely upon God's providential guidance.' It is in this

spirit that we today begin this work and we ask the prayers of all our friends to the end that Almighty God will bless our beginnings, guide our progress and bring the building to a successful conclusion."

Present at the signing were the Reverend Aloysius B. Begley,

O.P., Athletic Director of the College, the Reverend Charles H. McKenna, O.P., Administrative Assistant to the President, the Reverend John D. Brackett, O.P., Bursar of Providence College, Mr. Robert W. Thatcher, Fr. Slavin, and Mr. Thomas Gilbane of the Gilbane Building Company.

Contract, Plans Finalized Gymnasium Construction Begins

Fr. Slavin Re-appointed President and Superior

The appointment of the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., to his third three-year term as president of the college and superior of the Dominican community for the third consecutive term has been announced by the Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O. P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province.

As canon law limits religious superiors to two consecutive terms, special permission from the Sacred Congregation of Religious in Rome was necessary to effect Father Slavin's third appointment.

Father Slavin first assumed his present post after serving as professor of philosophy at Catholic University in Washington, D. C., for eleven years.

Enrollment Increased

The degree of Master of Sacred Theology, the highest degree the Dominican Order can bestow, was given to Father Slavin early in 1951.

His administration has been marked by a consistently increased enrollment at a time when private colleges were undergoing crises. A building expansion program was initiated under his leadership. Albertus Magnus Hall, commonly regarded as one of the best science buildings in New England, owes its construction to Father Slavin.

The enlargement of the faculty and modernizing of admission and grading procedures have also been accomplished under Father's leadership.

Assisted Student Activities

A distinguished speaker, our president is in great demand for Catholic functions. He officiated at the openings of the college cemetery and the Veterans' Memorial Grotto and in the laying of the cornerstone of Albertus Magnus Hall.

The Student Congress and campus radio station, WDOM, are among the many student activities launched here at the behest of Father Slavin, who also brought about the dedication of the faculty and students to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Four Pillars Needed

Although effecting departmental reorganization on a large scale, Father Slavin is noted for his keeping in close personal touch with both the faculty and students.

In discussing the basis of a liberal education, Father Slavin stated: "A good liberal arts education rests on these four pillars: Philosophy, Theology, History and Literature." Providence College bases its educational aims on this foundation.

Beany, Beany

"Where's your Beany, Freshman?" "In my pocket." "Hey you, where's your Beany?" "In my locker." "And you, where's yours?" "I gave it to my girl friend to hang on her bedroom light pull."

That is characteristic of the replies received from freshmen by an inquiring member of this staff recently. It leaves little doubt in anyone's mind in regard to the freshman's attitude toward the classic Beany.

Nevertheless, regulations also leave very little freedom of interpretation concerning this all-important issue. "All freshmen will be required to wear the Beany from Freshman Week until October 17," quotes the Student Handbook. Yet, here it is September 23 and already half the Beanies have gone the way of all wayward Beanies.

It is easy to understand your position, Freshmen. Doubtless you feel that once separated from your black and white chapeau you are unidentifiable as first year men. If that is your position, quit kidding yourselves. You stick out as plainly as the proverbial "sore thumb." What's more, without your Beany you display a lack of internal fortitude — "guts." Indeed, gentlemen, this is much worse than being labeled "freshmen."

In case you wonder why you were asked to wear the Beany in the first place, here is a little tip. At the close of the last year, the results of a Student Congress survey indicated that a certain percentage of students at the college lacked that ardor generally associated with college men — that ardor which is called school spirit. It was also found that it would be most difficult to determine exactly who had this spirit and who did not, so it was decided that the Beany should become that symbol of enthusiasm. From thereon it would be quite simple. No Beany, no interest. When election time came around, for instance, the class electorate would have little trouble determining the sincerity of the candidates. One would merely have to recall "Did he wear his Beany faithfully and proudly, or didn't he?"

No Bums Wanted!

After a long week of studying and attending classes, it is understandable that come Friday night one likes to relax the accrued tension somewhat by indulging in a little extra-curricular activity. Some folks enjoy attending a movie, others prefer to attend a dance. It is with this latter group which we shall concern ourselves for the time being.

A fairly common occurrence on campus is a Friday evening dance in the Harkins Hall Auditorium. Upon occasion the dance is held on a Saturday evening, but that is inconsequential. Friday night, Saturday night, it doesn't make any difference. There is, however, one thing which makes a difference and that is the manner of attire of some of the Providence College students attending these dances — or the attire of anyone else, for that matter, who attends these dances.

There is a standing regulation at this college stating that students must wear a tie and suit coat to all classes. There is a reason for this — it is intended to cultivate and develop the habit of neatness and smartness so that it will carry over into public life. There are those students who question the validity and necessity of such a regulation. There are those who violate this rule whenever they have the opportunity. "We don't have to develop this habit," they say, "we know when to wear a shirt and tie and when not to wear one."

That may or may not be so, but the fact remains that at one of the more recent dances held on this campus there were Providence College students in attendance who would not have been admitted to class were they attired the way they were at this public social event on our campus, dressed just this side of bums. There were those in sport shirts, sweaters and open-neck dress shirts. Then there were those with a flair for combinations; sport shirts and sweater, sport shirt and coat, sweater and coat and sweater and dress shirt. Oh, there were those in proper attire, thank God, and perhaps some of our guests for that evening will overlook the disdainful minority, but let us hope that there is no recurrence of this shameful laxity at future events where it is expected that male guests will come dressed as gentlemen.

In fact, the Cowl hopes that some means are taken on future occasions by those responsible for the dance to see that all students not properly dressed in tie and suit coat are refused admission. Everywhere one goes people look upon Providence College men as true gentlemen.

Here To Stay

As we all well know, basketball has for many years been the primary sport here at Providence College. This year especially, the Cowl, along with Friar supporters everywhere, is hopeful that the 1953-54 season will produce the greatest Providence College quintet of them all.

However, we feel that it is most important that attention should be called to the meteoric rise of the college's newest sport — hockey. In the astonishingly short space of less than three years, the P.C. sextet has developed a reputation and admiration in hockey circles that cannot be ignored.

Thus the Cowl wishes to publicly commend the Rev. Herman D. Schneider, O.P., coach Richard Rondeau, and the members of the hockey squads of the past three seasons. We firmly believe that they are the inaugurators of a sport which shall surpass even our fondest hopes. The 1953-54 squad is the most talented and aggressive P.C. sextet to date. It is a team worthy of the support of hockey fans and Friar boosters everywhere.

Editorials of 1953

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

It warms the hearts of these veterans to know that there is a sensible adult faction here at the college. It can never be expressed too strongly that this is a college for men and not for frustrated teenagers who still think that they are the golden-haired boys of their high school days. It seems that a few of the students become impressed with what they read in the magazines about the "college crazes". Perhaps it seems to be the thing to do for many and yet they do not realize the impressions which they give to mature outsiders. The main one referred to is usually that of being effeminate.

Why do so many men from P.C. believe that they are such lady-killers? Are they endowed with special gifts which men from other institutions have been deprived? And this item has been mentioned from one end of the state to the other. So if boys from other schools want to be "he men" why imitate their habits? Let's grow up and use a little reason. If by now you are confused, this is in reference to the wearing of decent apparel at our social functions here at the college. So why not make the big sacrifice of putting on a coat and tie and maybe taking a bath. And while we're at it, why not be genial hosts instead of assuming an attitude of utterly bored aloofness to the opposite sex.

In closing let it be understood that it is a consoling thought to the concerned that the words of this message apply only to a very small minority here at P.C. And a cheer for the Cowl editorial, "No Bums Wanted."

Three Rooters of Right Reason.
(Name withheld from publication upon request of the authors. Ed.)

Dear Editor:

It's about time that someone among the student body came up with a plan to establish a lecture fund on campus. It is about time, too, that we stop talking and start giving something to our Alma Mater.

For years, now, I have been hearing about lectures by prominent personalities in numerous fields being delivered on this and that campus both in and out of our state. I wondered too, why so few of them ever came here. I don't believe that the administration had overlooked the idea nor do I believe that a complete lack of funds necessitated it. What I do think, however, is the story is that the students would first have to demonstrate a desire to have such speakers and lecturers on the Providence College campus before the administration would schedule a formal lecture program.

I think that your editorial in the last issue of the Cowl may have awakened many students to the fact that we definitely should have such a program. I think that if the students would demonstrate their desire to have a lecture program incorporated by providing part of the funds necessary, we could look forward to an established series by next year if not sooner.

Hopefully,
(Name withheld upon author's request. Ed.)

God Going Commercial

Is God going commercial? Strange as it seems, the current trend in popular music seems to imply that God is most assuredly going commercial. Press a button, flip a switch, or turn a knob on your radio set and a mournful voice weeps out the lyrics to a song affirming his or hers (matters not) reawakening to the love of God.

Of course, this sudden trend towards "popular" faith isn't restricted to radio alone. Have you ever spent an evening in some dimly-lit "ice-cream" shop and listened to the variety of records streaming forth from the juke-box? Some of the stranger titles make you stop sipping sodas to listen attentively.

There's something called "It Would Be Thrilling To Sin With You," which takes over the title of "Most - - - -" vacated by "I Get Ideas." The music may not be original, but, oh, those crazy lyrics. The payoff follows though when some lonesome gal starts crying, you saw me "Crying in the Chapel." This is the same vocalist (and a very good one at that) who a while back was shivering through "Strange Sensations."

"Crying in the Chapel" seems to be getting competition from an old religious hymn spruced up for popular listening, entitled "Father, Father." Current opinion on the topic is that she's sorry for "Doggie in the Window." Then there's the case of the little boy who saw "Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and who is now asking that "God Bless This House." The same "boy" is now charged with assault on a young girl.

Now there's the girl who after a life of sin, is now facing death. She's really worried, but with her dying breath manages to really jump to a jived-up version of "Don't Call My Name."

We are faced with two possible conclusions at this time. The first is that the public is demanding a religious theme in popular music, and the artists are answering the demand. The second is that the artists are capitalizing on the sentimental, not the religious, side of a public which is itself undecided as to what it wants. The Cowl tends to agree with the latter conclusion. A "commercial" God on records is being stuffed down the public's throat. Knowing popular music we wonder how long this farce will continue. This week it's God. What will it be next week?

Keep It Gay

Once again the "perennially crazy college-boy" and the so-called "narrow minded policemen" have come into a head-on clash. This time, as in the past, it was because of "a display of school-spirit" as the college boys describe it, or "the creation of a public disturbance" as the law enforcers picture it.

The time and the place are insignificant. The same problem has presented itself in one form or another on various occasions in recent years. Last season several escapades, notably "panty-raids," attracted nation-wide attention. Everyone from horrified mothers to indignant GI's in Korea raised their voices in protest. A renowned doctor deemed them so important that he included them in his research papers.

Now we have the problem of pep rallies, so fervently desired by the collegians and equally disdainful to the law.

In the past weeks the newspapers have carried stories of mass demonstrations in public squares in which entire police forces had to squelch the spirits of the participants by using force. Hospital bills and law suits are the aftermath of these affairs.

Where does the answer lie? Should it be settled by club-swinging head-splitters and nights in the city jail, or is there another solution? The Cowl feels that an amicable decision can be reached by the sponsors of rallies and the local police departments.

That such a settlement can be reached was clearly indicated at PC's first pep-rally last year. Provisions were made for certain streets to be marked off between Providence College and the Mount Pleasant gym. Then the cavalcade of cheerleaders, band, and hundreds of rooters on foot and in cars proceeded to march, sing, yell, wave banners, etc., in an organized manner.

We feel that the good name of the college is worth more than a few moments of uncontrolled display of spirit.

Spill It Men

We want blood! Recapture the record from Brown! Spare a pint and save a life! No matter how you look at it, the all-out campaign for blood is on again here on the Providence College campus. The request for blood is not a new one to P. C. men. Last year they turned out by the scores to answer the call, just as they have done in previous years. In fact, last year they set a record for the most blood donated in one day here in the state. However, this record was demolished, by the boys from the other side of the city. Yes, the boys from Brown displayed their patriotic colors last year, when they showed that their blue-blood was mingled with red and white corpuscles, exactly the same as everyone of us.

Now it's up to the P.C. MEN to show that the blood on this side is not only just as red (there's that word again) as the rest of man's blood, but we've got more of it, and we're willing to give it for a worthy cause. There are always those students who will question the worthiness of such a donation to the national organization. They are under the impression that the blood is sold to patients in private hospitals, or even sold to wounded soldiers and needy veterans. Rumors like these will crop up every so often, but they have no tangible foundation. The Cowl has checked with the blood drive committee which has received the written promise of the Red Cross that the blood will be used exclusively for wounded veterans.

So there it is, men. Let's get out there when the call is issued. We want blood!

Newsweek Poll P.C. Men Agree

Give and take a little, Providence College men are much the same as students throughout the nation. They dress the same, eat the same, think the same and speak virtually the same.

In its current issue, Newsweek reports its findings of a seven-college poll covering some 33,400-odd under-graduates from coast-to-coast. Taking what is considered a cross-section of American institutions of higher learning, the magazine interviewed students at U.C.L.A., Northwestern, Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Howard University, Princeton and Vassar. Covered in the inquiry were such subjects as fears, beliefs, habits and hobbies.

An analysis of this report plus a first hand investigation of the local situation indicates that little difference in belief and behavior exists between students at Providence College and the rest of the country.

Security a Keynote

The memory of a past war, the threat of a future conflict have left their mark on today's collegians. Students here and elsewhere have joined the ROTC and other reserve military components with a thought for the present and an eye for the future. "Complete your education and be prepared for tomorrow," has been the by-word of many prospective draftees.

The presence of numerous veterans on the campuses has also been a stabilizing factor on famous "rah-rah" collegians of pre-war days. With the veteran came, too, many lasting institutions, "Hell Week" instead of "Hell Week" being one of the more notable. Khakis or "suntans" as standard class attire also owe their inception to economy-minded vets who had to wear out their surplus army issue. Today, the khaki trouser is neck in neck in popularity with the grey flannel.

Of Surprise to Many

When queried on the subject of drink, Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton, estimated that three to four gallons of milk are consumed for every beer in Princeton's seventeen refectories and dining halls. The only thing this would seem to prove is the fact that Princeton men dislike beer as a mealtime beverage. Certainly, the stately gentleman's figures did not include evening and week-end beer consumption. If they did, someone's been tampering with the milk sales records.

Generally, however, drinking was not considered a problem. As at Providence, week-ends are the best nights out when a student could forget temporarily academic

crises and devote a little more attention to social problems.

A Great Weakness

"In the midst of their studies, collegians gave little thought to politics or international troubles," the Newsweek poll disclosed. Long considered a weakness by educators, this lack of perspective on the foreign scene leaves the college students at a great loss upon graduation. A limited knowledge of the domestic issues was also revealed, although most had some sort of views on the McCarthy investigation — some pro, some con.

On the Lighter Side

Favorites throughout the country include "dirty white shoes" (bucks), Dragnet's "Dum, ta, dum, dum," "Pogo" and "Lil' Abner" (Providence men prefer "Dennis the Menace" and "Nancy"); music preferences ran the gamut — from classical, to show tunes, to Dixieland.

One thing conspicuously absent from the Providence scene but quite popular in other regions is the use of peculiar college lingo. U.C.L.A. students find many occasions for the use of "nervous" and "Zorch" while the girls at Vassar label many things "divine." Of the numerous other terms used to signify various and sundry ideas, the only ones popular here have been "George" which was in vogue some two years ago, and the current, though waning, "Crazy."

Religion was found to have many new and enthusiastic followers in numerous quarters. Some thirty years ago, college students in many "Liberal" institutions prided themselves in their Agnosticism, claiming for themselves a non-conformist attitude based on independence. However, the latest poll seemed to indicate an upsurge in religious devotees among college undergraduates. "Religion courses on most campuses were well subscribed, and religious-emphasis weeks were a big hit with the students" reports Newsweek.

What do most of today's collegians want or expect from the world? A Princeton senior remarked, "The world doesn't owe me a living — but it owes me a job." That is just about typical of the other replies received, also. Few are those who seek great wealth or great adventure as did many grads of years past. Though some may still achieve either or both, they will be in the minority. What most college men and women seek is contentment — a happy and fruitful life with those basic elements of a happy home and family.

News of 1953

Red Convert to Speak at College

Douglas Hyde, the man who came from Moscow to Fatima, will deliver an informal address to students today, at 11:30 a.m., in room 300 of Harkins Hall.

Hyde, "probably the most dynamic layman to appear on the Catholic scene for many years," will be a guest of the administration for lunch after the talk. The former Red editor, a recent convert to the Catholic faith, is currently appearing throughout New England, delivering lectures to civic groups in principal cities.

His resignation from the Communist Party in 1948, came about as the unexpected result of some of his most virulent Communist writing. Regarded as the Party's foremost anti-Fascist writer, he prepared an alleged expose of *The Weekly Review* as a Fascist publication, and was sued for libel. In preparation for the High Court case he set about trying to understand the mind of his opponents by studying back numbers of the publication to which the leading contributors had been Catholic writers — including Chesterton and Belloc.

"Catholic thought, gaining entry through a love for medieval literature and art, slowly destroyed my Communism — with me resisting all the way."

His autobiography, *I BELIEVED*, was selected by one American and six English Book Clubs, was translated into German, French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Danish, Hindustani and other languages. It was translated and serialized for use in broadcasts to Iron Curtain countries by the Voice of America, B.B.C. East European Service, B.B.C. Chinese Service and Radio Free Europe. It was also dramatized by the B.B.C. Overseas Service and the man they picked to play Douglas Hyde was Douglas Hyde!

After a period of thought, he had his two children baptized and he set about his journey to bring the truth to the world. The secret of Douglas Hyde's unusual appeal lies in something beyond his informed background, his ability as a speaker and the importance of his message.

All students who are free today at 11:30 are invited to attend this discussion.



Pyramid Players of yesteryear.

"Friar Follies" Exhibit Talent

By John Falvey

An enthusiastic audience of approximately 600 people attended the first annual Friar Follies Sunday night. The variety show, which was under the supervision of the Pyramid Players consisted of a wide variety of acts representing ten organizations selected by the Players from eighteen acts submitted.

First prize for the show went to the Cowl, represented by Miss Marlene Abbott of Pawtucket and John Bobaw of the Cowl. The act consisted of two pantomimes and a satire on "sharpies". The booby prize went to the Student Congress, whose act consisted of five "gorgeous bathing beauties" singing and dancing to the song "By the Sea". The five "girls", dressed in a form of old fashioned bathing suits, were George Martins, Walt Zajac, George Clifford, Roger Pereira, and Richard McCarthy.

The audience was particularly impressed with the Alembic act. The act consisted of a sister and brother singing team, Claire and Don Guarino. The applause was so tremendous the audience called them out for two additional encores. The audience, which Charles Gnys, president of the Players described as "unusually receptive," went into an uproar on Frank Barone's impersonation of "Liberace". Barone, singing and playing the piano, was later assisted by the emcees Paul Ascioia and Tony Ross, who played the brothers "George" and

"Frances", (spelled with an "e"). They called themselves the "Three Deuces" and impersonated the "Four Aces". All three wore wigs to indicate their interest in "long-haired" music.

Also Popular

Gene Voll, in his impersonation of a Russian immigrant explaining the rules of punctuation in Russia, and Joseph D'Antuano, playing the accordion, were also very well received by the audience. They represented the Carolan Club and the Phi-Chi clubs respectively. The Providence Club, in a serious note, presented a Christmas Pageant, written by their moderator, the Rev. Thomas Fallon, O.P.

The Newport Club presented the "Three Freshmen" in a parody on "Dear John", entitled "Dear Mom"; the Camera Club, the Bell Sisters, Ding and Dong; the Cranston Club, a satire on "Talent Scouts".

The four judges were the Rev. John Brendan Larnen, O.P., moderator of the Pyramid Players, Capt. Frank V. Ciolino, of the ROTC staff, Donald Gibeault, editor-in-chief of the Cowl, and Philip B. Doherty, president of the Student Congress.

The co-chairmen of the affair, Paul Ascioia and Anthony Ross, expressed their appreciation to all of the clubs who participated in the show, and particularly to Raymond Kehew, who "so tirelessly donated his services on both the technical end and on the actual production itself."

Color Crisis is Critical

Seeing how it was someone's birthday, I ventured into a small shoppe in downtown Providence in search of a suitable gift. I first discovered the sensation of absolute frustration as several indignant female customers stared at me, while the saleslady chose to completely ignore me. After coughing rather conspicuously for several moments, the saleslady finally offered me a coughdrop. I seized the opportunity and very suavely stated, "I would like to see something in a young lady's cardigan."

"What color?" she yawned.
"Well, what colors do you have?"

"Teal, fog, slime, pekoe, eggshell, R.O.T.C. pink, seaweed, ash, New Zealand orange, tapioca, gutter grey, . . ."

"Do you have red?" I asked meekly. (Good old red, plain old red, just red red.) "Do you have red?"

"What color red? Apple, blood, cranberry, communist, fire, cherry, strawberry, irritation,

sunburn, dogberry, dark, light, or medium?"

Yes, these fiends had even corrupted red. I grabbed a sweater, stuffed it in my pocket, paid the salesgirl, and ran screaming into the street.

When I finally presented the girlfriend with it, she beamed ecstatically. "How beautiful," she squealed, "camel hoof red!"

Proudly, I said, "That should go nicely with your grey skirt."

"Grey?" she bellowed. "Are you sure you don't mean my soot-white skirt?"

I managed to control myself momentarily, and holding back the burning tears, I mentioned that it might possibly match her blue slacks.

"Blue? Hmmp! Are you by any chance referring to my glacier slacks?"

That was it! Pulling on my slate sportscoat, and my oatmeal top-per, I opened the mush tan door, jumped into my suburban green Cadillac, and sped away muttering colorful remarks. —C. W. G.

Bar Examiner Discusses Opportunities of Practicing Law

"By assuming today's responsibilities we are preparing for tomorrow's success," was the high point of a talk given to the members of the St. Thomas More, pre-legal club, by Attorney Laurence J. Hogan at the club's monthly meeting on last Thursday evening in the lounge of Aquinas Hall. Mr. Hogan also cited the four main requirements for success in the legal field as being: good health, integrity, and character, average intelligence, and devotion to work.

At present a member of the Board of Rhode Island Bar Examiners, Mr. Hogan first mentioned the opportunities of the legal profession as compared with the teaching and ministerial fields. In discussing the rewards of law practice, the speaker flatly stated that a man dedicated to the high ideals of the profession and who does not use material com-

penation as a goal in practicing law will derive both material and personal rewards in the pursuit of it.

On the practice of law as a whole he declared it to be a most interesting one that touches real life more than most other professions. It affects the shaping of public opinion and has large responsibility attached to it. The complexities of modern business can be simplified a great deal by a legal training.

In response to questions from club members Attorney Hogan answered that a broad classical course of study in undergraduate school as being the bedrock to the legal profession. As regards factors in choosing a law school he echoed the superiority of the university law school over the proprietary law school as to greater success in the number of

graduates passing the state bar examinations...he believed the best system of legal training to be a combination lecture and case book style.

For those faced with the problem of immediate or future military service, Attorney Hogan noted that the record showed that students who could complete law school before entering the service were able to do better work than those who had their training interrupted.

Donald A. Champagny, club president, presented Mr. Hogan with a scroll on behalf of the pre-legal organization.

Also present at the meeting were the Rev. Philip Skehan, O.P., the Rev. John J. Mahoney, O.P., of the political science department, and Lt. Col. Gilbert Stark of the military science department.

Cuddymen 2 - 2 After First Week

By Walt Avery

The initial week of the Friars' 1953-54 hoop season is over. Four road games saw the Cuddymen take two wins over Brown and Assumption, while losing a two-point thriller against Rio Grande and a one-pointer to St. Anselm's.

On December 1, P.C. journeyed to RIU to play their arch rival, Brown University, in the new Keaney Gymnasium. From the opening cheers of some 4,200 fans, the spirited Friars took the situation well in hand, and the scoreboard read at half-time, 44-28 in favor of the Black and White. The first two quarters saw Kerr, Mullins and Reynolds hold the Bruins' offense down while controlling the backboards. McQueeney, finding the range in the early minutes, scored ten points in the first half.

In the final twenty minutes of play, the Friar five kept their tight defense while opening up the Bruins even more. Brown was tiring fast as Moran, Kerr, Mullins, McQueeney and Durkin all hit double figures. Hank led the final tally with 17, while Moran amassed 16. Lou Murgo, Bruin captain, got 15.

On Friday evening, Dec. 4, the Cuddymen played Assumption College in a benefit game at the Woonsocket High School gym. Again the Black and White showed both their defensive strength and offensive power by downing the Worcester men, 86-68. McQueeney again led the Friar attack.

With two wins under their belt, the Friars trekked to Boston to face the fabulous "Bevo" Francis and his mates from Rio Grande at the Garden on Saturday. A near capacity crowd, including nearly 1,000 P.C. rooters, saw a nip and tuck battle. P.C. held a 47-43 edge at half-time.

In the second half, Rio Grande took command and in the final minute-and-a-half Francis dropped in two free throws to tie the Garden record set by Johnny O'Brien.

Ski Club Plans Trip

The annual Ski Club trip to New Hampshire will be held over the February 22 weekend, it was decided at the recent meeting of the club.

It was also decided at the same meeting that the annual Christmas party will be held on December 2,

former Seattle brilliant. Francis totaled 41 points. At the final buzzer the Redmen held a 89-87 edge. Moran led the Friars with 26 points, while Jack Reynolds stood out defensively until his departure via the foul route in the fourth quarter. Kerr, Mullins and Durkin hit double figures.

The Friars lost their second thriller in as many days at Manchester, N.H., Sunday. The St. Anselm's Hawks won the nod, 70-69. The locals blew a six point lead in the late stages to lose. Moran was again the leader with 18 points. Moran now sports a 17.7 average with 71 points in four games.

Swim Team Holds Tryouts

Providence College's Swimming Team has been holding daily practice since Monday at the Wanskuck Boy's Club, 550 Branch Ave., North Providence.

Candidates with talent and experience are still needed to fill out the ranks. All those interested should try to attend at least two practices weekly. Those desiring more information should contact the Rev. John C. Rubba, O.P., Tom Bonniol, Dick Lovette or LaBrosse.

Letter

To the Editor:

Upon receiving my last issue of the Cowl, I was disgusted to see that it was almost entirely filled with articles on sports. In particular there were no fewer than four stories about cross-country. Who cares about cross-country? Why not stress the intellectual aspect a little more, and forget about the so-called "he-men" of the athletic field.

Richard E. Murphy, '57
Gerard O. Korinsky, '57

at which time final plans for the coming trip will be made. Movies and slides of skiing championship trials will also feature the next meeting.

New members are extended a cordial invitation to attend the next meeting.

Sports of 1953

Harriers Upset Cadets

There is an old saying that nothing is sweeter than revenge. With this thought in mind Coach Harry Coates led his 1953 edition of the Providence College Cross country team to West Point for their season's opener against the always dangerous Black Knights of the Hudson. Last year the Friar harriers were humiliated but this year the story was different as the P. C. ers upset Army by a score of 27-30.

Once again the pride and joy of the Coatesmen, Chris Lohner, proved that he is to be rated among the East's top outdoor runners as he won the race handily. Chris seasawed all the way with his Cadet opponents but class told in the stretch and, while the others failed to survive the toll of the hilly West Point course, the well conditioned Friar star opened a lead at the three-quarter mark and won handily with twelve yards to spare.

While not too much can be mentioned about Chris, because followers of Providence College tracksters expect him to be on top, much as everyone predicted another pennant for the Yankees, but the surprise of the meet was Pete Wallach, the sophomore star from New Jersey who finished a strong second, and according to all reports ran a very strong race. Pete, bothered by a leg injury at the start of last year, is apparently coming into his own and should be one of P.C.'s brightest track men in years to come. Joe Madden, another sophomore, from Brighton, Mass., who was the star of last year's fine freshman team, turned in another stellar performance and finished fifth, while the veteran Bill Hennigan who is expected to help Chris Lohner and the rest of the team finished seventh. With this combination of youth and experience, the Coatesmen will present a formidable threat in their next meet, which will be held Friday when the team invades Cambridge, Mass., for a battle against the up coming Crimson of Harvard. After an Oct. 14 battle with the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., the Friars will return for their only home meet of the season when the always dangerous Rhode Island Rams invade Hendricken Field on Oct. 16. I know you track followers will want to be on hand for that one. And you will get coverage in the Cowl of the future meets at B.C., Holy Cross, B.U. and Brown, as well as the New England's at Franklin Field, and the big NCAA meet at East Lansing, Michigan.

Gabe Paul Is Congratulated On Choice Of Managers, But His Timing Is Poor

PHIL GRIFFIN

Last week Gabe Paul, general manager of the Cincinnati Redlegs, played a rather dirty trick on the Cowl when he broke a story concerning his selection of the Cincinnati manager for the next two seasons on a Tuesday, just one day too late for the college paper to use it. Now, ordinarily the selection of a midwestern major league manager is news, but not of much interest in these parts where Cincinnati fans are rarer than the air at 50,000 feet. However, the hero of the piece as none other than our own George Tebbetts, Friar baseball star of a departed decade.

George was never a ball fire in the major leagues, but he was better than a journeyman catcher, and he was the smartest backstop of his time. "Birdie", he's so called because of his high-pitched voice, is also one of the game's outstanding competitors, not one to put up with an overabundance of temperament, and that cost him his job with the Boston Red Sox a few years back when Tom Yawkey made millionaires out of a bunch of highly individual stars. Tebbetts went to Cleveland when it became apparent that either he or the BoSox indolent pitching staff had to go. Obviously it was easier to replace a catcher than an entire mound corps, so Cleveland was the next stop.

Although we can't congratulate Gabe Paul on his timing, we must congratulate him on his choice. "Birdie" will get the most out of his men where Rogers Hornsby couldn't. Hornsby was a great ball player, but he just isn't suited to handle a team, his very personality being slightly too dictatorial, too devoted to baseball, to blend with today's anything-but-hungry stars. The ex-Friar won't put up with prima donnas, but he will mix more successfully with his hirelings, and therein lies the story.

"Words' Worst" Walloped

A highly intelligent and personable young man, Tebbetts is our selection as the man most likely to restore Cincinnati to the heights it enjoyed in the days of Ernie Lombardi. After all, wasn't our boy the object of some of the few kind words ever uttered by that "immortal" Boston Scribe who "made Ted Williams"? Of course, I doubt that this turned the tide in Tebbetts' favor, although I must admit surprise that the lad who dips his typewriter keys in poison so his paper will sell an extra issue, didn't claim that such was the case. But, this was to be a congratulatory telegram to Tebbetts, not a biography of the World's Worst Sports Writer.

We are, for a change, pleased with the Providence College basketball schedule. This year the Friars will play a truly representative slate, and thus will fare a good deal better against the fewer mediocre teams on the list. Games with Seton Hall, St. Francis, Bevo Francis, and Boston College will provide them with more experience than all the practice in the world could. All too frequently in past years, the Friars stumbled where they should have waltzed simply because they had only a couple of "acid tests" during the season, and spent the rest of their time bungling their unspectacular way past teams that shouldn't have been on the schedule in the first place.

Stags Staggered Friars

Last year Fairfield and Brown were prime examples of the philosophy that you're only as good as the company you keep. The Stags had a fair ball club, but they romped the Friars. The Bruins weren't even tar out they made a travesty out of both games with their superior rivals. Why? It was because the boys didn't have enough real experience to cope with the Bruins packed defense, or how to handle a team like Fairfield, that got most of its points in both games from right under the hoop although they didn't have a really big man on the team.

With a tough schedule we'll have a tough ball club. They won't panic as they did against Brown when they couldn't put in a shot from outside the foul line. They won't run around in circles as they did when Fairfield put in a good percentage of its layups. Rather, they'll move the ball almost as they did in their one really good game of the season, the game which they utterly humiliated Rhode Island.

Bruin Belts Wanted

The one thing that everyone seems to lose sight of is the fact that Vin Cuddy can't go out on the floor and shoot for his charges. He can't give them experience, and he can't stop them from losing their heads, no matter what measures he takes. Vin will have a rockier road this year, especially with the team's lack of height, but he'll find that his boys will handle themselves a good deal better with a few real battles under their belts. We have three shots at the Bruins this year, and let us fervently hope that last season's debacles won't be repeated, and they shouldn't now that Cuddy will have at last a real hard crew of veterans by the time the season is half through. Vin probably hasn't got the material to tip the big ones, but you can be sure he'll do better with the little ones, who will seem smaller by comparison. Maybe we'll even belt Brown for a change, and maybe the boys won't go over to Brown for that last game March 3 with their tails between their legs as they did last season, when they closed with Rhody.

You won't hear the cries of "choke" this year, and crying towels won't be standard equipment for the local Faithful.

Injury-Riddled Pucksters Show Hustle; Lose First Two

By Bill Reardon

On December 1 the Friar hockey team opened the 1953-54 season against Boston College, one of the better clubs in the nation last year. Again this year B.C. has managed to come up with one of the best teams around these parts, and took the measure of P.C., 8-5.

The Eagles opened the scoring at 2:47 of the first period, but the veteran defenseman Tom McAleer evened the score at 3:37 as he flipped a McCrink rebound into the upper right corner. Auger put Providence ahead, 2-1, at 9:16, the assist going to McAleer and McCrink.

Diminutive Ed Hornstein made several brilliant saves trying to preserve the slim lead, while short handed. On one of these he blocked a shot that went into the cage on

the fly. Ed, though flat on his back, reached back and caught it.

The game cost P.C. more than just a mark in the loss column. Besides "Rosco" Sweeney's loss, Eddy Monahan, was sidelined with a shoulder separation. How long he will be out is still a question, and will remain so until further X-rays. Also on the injured list is Eddy Hornstein, who has a broken "pinkie" finger on his left hand.

Coach Dick Rondeau took his injury-riddled squad to Troy, New York, on Saturday to do battle with another of the top forces in the hockey world, R.P.I. The Engineers, featuring a veteran lineup loaded with Canadians, took the measure of P.C., 14-3. The battered and bruised Friars, with freshman Phil Crawford in the

goal, held their own against the Engineers in the first period with goals by Duffy and Lagueux, going off the ice only two goals down.

R.P.I. came back to score three more goals in the second period and seven in the third against the injured Eddy Hornstein, who had replaced Crawford at the period. Dave Reilly scored the lone Providence goal in the third period, getting an assist from Gorman.

The first two ventures into the hockey wars this year have left the Friars on the short end, but the spirit and the hustle displayed have left nothing to be desired in those departments. No doubt perseverance will net them some victories before much more of the season passes into the annals.



'53 pucksters fighting in old R.I. Auditorium.



Archivist Matthew Smith

College Archives Office Proves To Be an Asset

(Editor's note: If any one organization other than the Cowl was instrumental in the production of this supplement, it would be the Archives. What is the Archives? Paul Selwyn of the Cowl Staff answers that question.)

by Paul Selwyn

In the lower depths of the library, buried beneath the dust of the past, there may be found what is perhaps the most painstaking and unheralded job on campus: the maintenance of the Providence College Archives. The job carries a dual responsibility; firstly, to collect and categorize materials relevant to Providence College history, and secondly, to collect outside manuscripts and documents, such as the Fogarty Papers.

The Archives Office was founded in March of 1967 with the donation of Congressman Fogarty's public and private papers. Two years ago, a forty thousand dollar grant was obtained from the government to catalogue and furnish inventories of the papers. The grant was obtained under the auspices of medical research (Congressman Fogarty was a champion of the "health sciences") and enabled the school to form an Archives office.

In September of 1968, Matthew Smith was hired to organize the office. At that time, Mr. Smith was employed by the Providence school system and was chairman of the Social Studies Department at Central High School. He is a graduate of Providence College and is currently enrolled in the Political Science Doctorial Program at Brown University. He is married to a local girl from Woonsocket and has four children. He is also the first faculty member in the college history to hold an elected office in the community. He is a state representative from District 22 in Providence.

A short time later, Jane Jackson, a young graduate from American University, was hired to assist him.

In 1969, the grant expired and the Archives Office began concentrating on the gathering of papers, materials, and documents about the history of the college. With the aid of Father Charles Fennell, who over the years had saved many valuable records since he first came here in 1938, the Archives got off to a good start. But many other materials were stored away in cellars and attics and had to be collected by the staff.

One of the oldest documents relating to P.C. history now in their possession is a letter that was written in 1915. The letter was sent by Matthew Harkins, then the Bishop of Providence, to the Master General in Rome asking the Papacy to build a college in the Diocese of Providence. Four years later, his request became a reality.

The Archives has also collected materials relevant to the student body. They have copies of the Veritas dating back to 1928. There are issues of the Cowl beginning with publications from 1935. They

have filled their storerooms with piles of college committee reports, Corporation minutes, student handouts, and brief histories of the various buildings on campus. They have also started an Alumni file concentrating on awards, deceased, dinners, and a faculty file to gather and store faculty publications.

As for outside manuscripts, the emphasis is on ethnic groups, local politics, and urban affairs. Besides the Fogarty papers, the Archives has also collected the papers of Dennis Roberts, former governor of Rhode Island, and has collected the works of such notables as Robert E. Quinn, former head of the Military Court of Appeals, and William Henry Chamberlain, whose two volume study of the Russian Revolution is probably the best in print.

"At present," Mr. Smith said, "we are the foremost depository for records relating to Rhode Island political development in the twentieth century with special emphasis on community leaders that emerged from the state's ethnic groups."

Mr. Smith credits the success of the Archives in obtaining outside manuscripts to "... a mixture of luck and tenacity." He also acknowledges the help of Father Vincent C. Dore, Chairman of Special Collections, who has been instrumental in obtaining many important outside documents.

Presently, Mr. Smith is interested in getting more students involved with using the Archives. The office is receiving twenty to thirty requests a week, mostly for photographs, but student use has not been particularly over-

whelming. Mr. Smith hopes the students will become more aware that their records are valuable. Most of the requests now are from Alumni or people not affiliated with Providence College. Last year an officer from Naval Intelligence flew in from California to look at the pamphlets of Louie Budenz, a former leader of the American Communist Party and Editor of the Daily Worker.

But the service offered by the Archives is surrounded by a few minor problems. The processing and cataloging of collections is time-consuming and tedious. Although Mr. Smith denies it, the lack of space does seem to present a future hazard. If the Archives continues to grow at its present rate, it will need more than the closet-space rooms it has. Also, security could present a problem. Again Mr. Smith disagrees. "Until we get more sensitive records," he said, "I wouldn't think this is a problem right now."

Looking toward the future, the Archives hopes to perfect the college history collection as well as complete the catalogues of material. Mr. Smith also hopes to broaden the activities of the office. Last year, in honor of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Diocese of Providence, the Archives along with the Drama Club participated in a multi-media production concerning Providence College's relation to the Providence community.

In closing, the Providence College Archives, under the direction of Mr. Matthew Smith and Miss Jane Jackson has proven itself a very valuable asset of the college.

Alumni Association Marked By a Score of Growth

(Editor's note: Mr. Joseph Brum of the Providence College Alumni Association, which has greatly aided the Cowl in the production of this supplement, has written the following article about the organization with which he is affiliated.)

The Alumni Association, as every other facet of Providence College, has undergone many

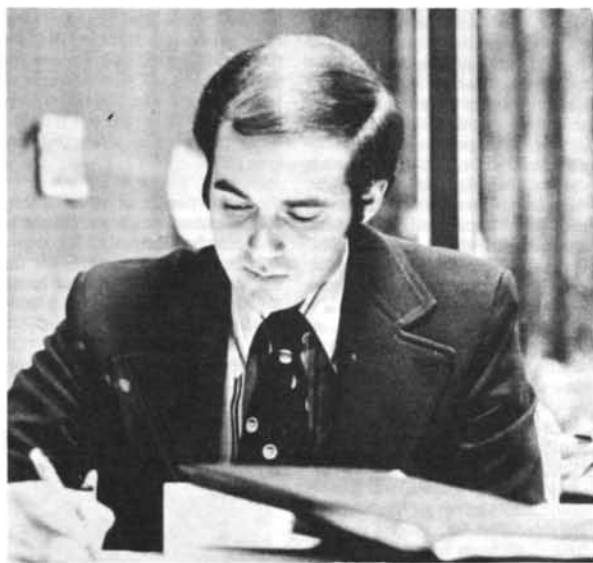
changes and extensive growth during the past two decades. Probably the best way to illustrate this growth, however, is not to dwell on the past but to outline, at least partially, the Association as it operates today.

Since the majority of Cowl readers are undergraduates, perhaps some basic background information will help to place things in perspective. To begin with, the Alumni Association is a non-profit fraternal organization. It is governed by a group of elected officers and a Board of Governors representative of various class years. Technically, the Association is independent but in reality it and the College are interdependent in the area of Alumni Affairs.

At one time, the Alumni Association financed its activities by collecting dues; it also conducted an annual Loyalty Fund Drive to supplement the dues and raise money for the College.

information on all P.C. Alumni. It also produces the *Friar Crier* (Alumni Newsletter), conducts the Association's national program of events and services, coordinates activities of the Alumni Area Clubs, works with the Board of Governors, and provides services however possible to individual Alumni and Alumni groups.

Area Chapters: Wherever there are geographical concentrations of P.C. Alumni, the Association sponsors Chapters or Area Clubs. The groups are, in effect, localized Alumni Associations with their own officers and schedules of activities including projects as scholarship funds, assistance in student recruiting, and educational programs. The Clubs serve as vehicles to bring together Alumni in their areas. Through their activities, they publicize Providence College and promote good relations within the communities they encompass. There are currently 16



Joseph Brum of the Alumni Office

In 1963, a more efficient system was instituted. The Association stopped collecting dues and turned over the Loyalty Fund to the College for administration by its full-time development staff. In turn, the College agreed to allocate an annual sum, based on the number of Alumni, to the Association for operating expenses. This system has worked well for both parties and is still in use. Accordingly, any Alumnus who contributes any amount to the annual Loyalty Fund is considered an "active" member of the Alumni Association and receives, among other privileges, the right to vote in elections.

In general, the purpose of the Association is to further the interests and general welfare of Providence College and thereby advance the cause of higher education. We feel that the best way to accomplish this purpose is to foster communication and a spirit of fellowship among Alumni through a varied program of activities and services which will involve them with all aspects of the College.

The following is a brief outline of some of the major areas of activity that together comprise the program of the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Office: The Alumni Office is managed by the Director of Alumni Affairs. He is a full-time employee of the Association (the Association has had a full-time employee for only 2½ years). The salary of one full-time secretary and a part of the salary of one other secretary is also paid for by the Alumni Association.

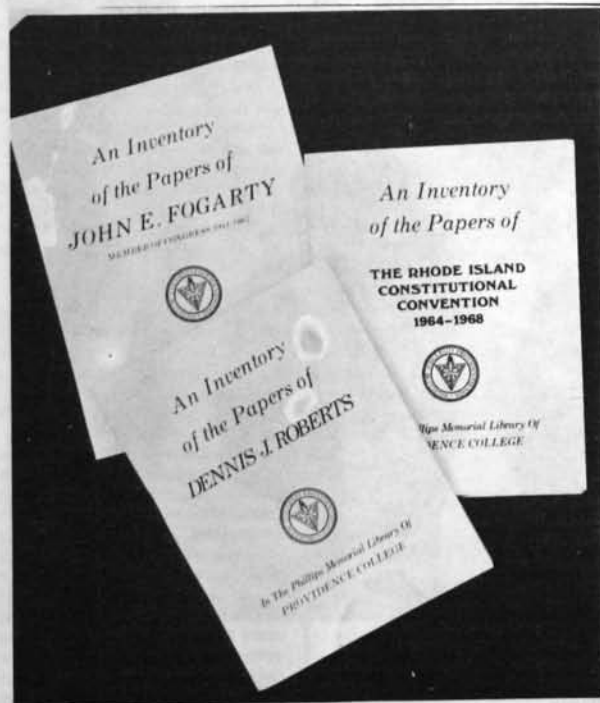
The Alumni Office maintains Alumni Association records and individual files and computerized

Clubs in eight different states.

Alumni Service to the College: The most obvious contribution that its Alumni make to Providence College is financial support through charitable giving. Equally important, but not as evident, is the contribution of manpower and ideas. There are approximately 15,800 P.C. Alumni and together they constitute a tremendous resource of wisdom and specialized and professional talent in many areas vital to the College. The Alumni Association endeavors to identify and marshal this talent to make it available to the College on a volunteer basis. Currently, Alumni volunteers, serve on many important College committees including the Building Committee, the Computer Center Board, the Committee on Martin Luther King Program, and the College Union Advisory Board — just to name a few.

The Alumni Association also has representation on the College Corporation. One very recent example of this type of Alumni involvement is the new Schneider Memorial Arena on campus. Much of the extensive study and financial planning that went into the development of the project was initially accomplished by committees made up of interested Alumni.

Student Relations: Providing service to the College also means providing service to its students. Accordingly, the Association and its Area Clubs sponsor a variety of student-oriented activities. These include everything from receptions for incoming Freshmen to award programs to recognize student achievements.



Three of Archives's most treasured works.

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From Gorham State to U.C.L.A.

(Editor's note: The Cowl Sports Editor, "Cowboy" Bob Murphy, reviews the 1953 basketball team and season and offers a number of interesting comparisons to our present day teams.)

by Robert Phillips

"The more things change, the more they remain the same." This cliché, overworked as it may be, appropriately sums up the basketball program at Providence College over the past twenty years according to Vincent J. Cuddy, then head coach and now Assistant Athletic Director. Providence College plays before a packed house of 12,000 frenzied fans! A tall, gawky kid comes off the bench to ignite the Friars in knocking off a nationally ranked Eastern power. A small, but spunky guard leads the team and plays his way into the hearts of New England Collegiate basketball fans. Sound vaguely familiar? Well, believe it or not, all of the above incidents are extracted from the 1953-54 basketball season.

But let it not be forgotten that 1953 was still very definitely P.C.'s "dark ages". In those days, the Friars practiced in Harkins Auditorium where they were forced to shoot on a line (Fran Costello, where were you then?) in order to avoid hitting the low ceiling. This procedure obviously affected the play of the Friars on a normal court. Instead of playing in the plush Civic Center (or even exquisite Alumni Hall), the Friars entertained their foes at Mt. Pleasant High School before the usual sellout crowd of seven hundred basketball enthusiasts. All travel was done in cramped private vehicles. Instead of flying to Hawaii, the Friars' idea of a big time was traveling to Maine to take on Gorham State.

But let's take a few steps backwards (quite a few, as a matter of fact) and look at the birth of that phenomenon known as "hoop madness" here at Dominican Heights. The Providence College basketball team was not what you would consider typical by today's standards. These Friars were small. The pivot man for the '53 model Friars was six foot three inch Jack Reynolds. P.C. also sported two other 6'3" "giants" in Kenny Kerr and Hank McQueeney. The sparkplug of the unit, however, was a six foot leprechaun named Bobby Moran.

Who in Aquinas' name is Bobby Moran? Well, according to Cuddy, Moran was a very, very good ball player. "Bobby was the best post war player at Providence until the Mullaney era. He could have played with any of the great Providence teams. He was definitely the best player here between the war and the arrival of Lenny Wilkens. Bobby was just a great kid, too." Statistics bare out Cuddy's opinion. Among the names of Jimmy Walker, Lenny Wilkins, Johnny Egan, Ernie DiGregorio, John Thompson and Jim Larranega you will find Bobby Moran as the number six all-time scorer in Providence College history with 1,251 career points.

Now that we have a general knowledge of the team, and our Ernie D. figure, let's take a look at a rather unconventional season. The campaign started on quite a festive note for the 1953 Friars. They opened against mighty Brown in the first game of an inaugural doubleheader that opened Keaney Gymnasium at U.R.I. "So what?", you may ask. At the time, however, Keaney was far and away the best college basketball facility in New England. Compared to Mt. Pleasant it was like playing in the Astrodome. Led by McQueeney, the Friars toppled the Bruins, 75-61. In those days, beating Brown was a big deal. "I never could beat Brown", says Cuddy. "In my six years as head coach we only beat

them twice in twelve tries. I split with U.R.I. six and six, but Brown used to drive me crazy!" Needless to say, Brown was not a power, even twenty years ago.

Next, the Friars ventured to exotic Woonsocket to take on Assumption. The Greyhounds were mauled in typical fashion, 86-68, but this game carried a special significance. Worcester was ravaged by a tornado that year and Assumption fell victim to nature's will. Two hundred persons were killed in the Massachusetts city as a result of the catastrophe. All proceeds from the game in Woonsocket were to go towards rebuilding the college.

After playing the philanthropist, it was time for P.C. to cash in on a little bread, themselves. And what better way to do it than play before a packed house of 12,000 at the Boston Garden? That's right, the Friars travelled from Mt. Pleasant to Boston Garden to take on that crowd-pleasing road show, Rio Grande, before a jam-packed house. Rio Grande was a travelling band of gypsies coached by a hustler who used to sell out Madison Square Garden. But Rio Grande was good. They were led by a fantastic 6'7" forward named Bevo Francis who averaged over fifty points per game. But the Friars turned in a magnificent effort and "held" Francis to a meager 41 points while losing by the slim margin of 89-87. Bobby Moran came through with 26 points in a clutch effort.

Then, the roof caved in on the '53-'54 Friars. A 70-69 loss to St. Anselm's was followed by a 71-69



Coach Vin Cuddy



The coach twenty years later.

defeat to Fairfield at Mt. Pleasant. Next, P.C. travelled to New York City to take on powerful St. Francis of Brooklyn. No joke, the Terriers were tough. They had a tall and talented team, perennially one of the powerhouses in the East. The Friars were dismantled, 85-63. The road progressively worsened

with successive losses to Seton Hall, Upsala, and Fairfield (the second loss to Fairfield in five games).

The Fairfield game was played interestingly enough, at the Waterbury (Connecticut) Armory. Why in the world, you may ask, was a game between Fairfield and Providence played in Waterbury? Cuddy replies, "Jimmy Hanrahan, the Fairfield coach, was from Waterbury and I was from Naugatuck. The local interest in the game could pack the house." Don't forget, at the time, Providence had the drawing power of the Yugoslavian National skeet-shoot team and any gimmick was employed to allure bodies into the arena, especially on the road. Hanrahan was also to pop up subtly on the P.C. scene close to twenty years later. It seems that Hanrahan went into the prep school business to become headmaster at St. Thomas More in Montville, Connecticut. Two of Thomas More's more illustrious graduates happen to be Nehru King and Ernie DiGregorio. Their coach in prep school happened to be Nick Macarchuck, present assistant coach at P.C. who had an illustrious collegiate career at — you guessed it, Fairfield.

After such a promising start, the '53-'54 Friars had hit skid row with seven straight defeats. Now, Providence had the task of hosting unbeaten Boston College. The Friars were terribly outmanned underneath because B.C. was a big, strong team. Cuddy had trouble rallying his crew and as a last-ditch effort sent Larry

Collamore, a big and rather clumsy kid into the game. As if he was born under the same sign as Larry Ketvirtis, Collamore began to control the boards and allowed Moran to go to work outside. The result was an amazing 63-58 upset of the awesome Boston College Eagles.

Having proven that they could play with the best, the Friars reacted as if the season was over. They choked up to predominantly freshman A.I.C. and were then beaten by Springfield. With a lot of talent and a 3-9 record, Cuddy was taking much abuse in the press and had his back to the wall. He had to do something damn quick. The starters were complacent. They could get up when they wanted to, but usually they did not want to. Cuddy responded by benching his first seven players (except Moran) and started with his second platoon who were given the nickname "Sub-fleet". "To Hell with it," said Cuddy. "If I'm gonna lose, I'll make the other team play. That was the only move I had."

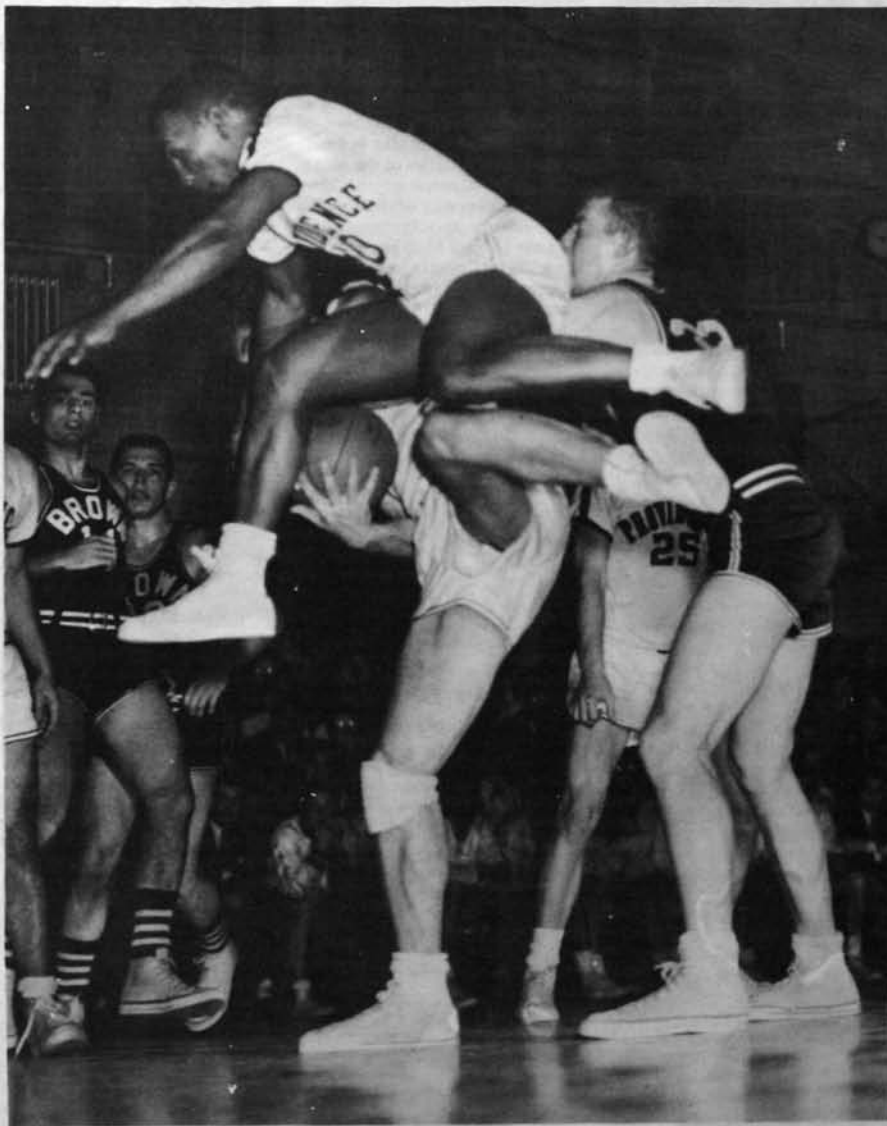
Most people thought that Vincent J. had popped his cork, but his little "Sub-fleet" came to play. Those little guys ran and hustled and hustled and ran. First time out, they beat St. Anselm's. Next came a 94-71 trouncing of R.P.I. After losing to St. Anselm's at a holiday tournament at Boston Garden, the Friars came up with a magnificent 101-81 demolition of U.R.I. This was a truly historic occasion because it was the first time in history that any Providence team had exceeded the century barrier.

Next came the successful excursion to Maine as the Friars swept past Gorham State, Colby and Bates. The Maine trip was made in private cars, of course. Clark and Springfield were the two next victims of the "Sub-fleet".

Boston College came back to avenge its loss, but not by much as they nipped the Friars 86-83. Bobby Moran poured in 26 points. That old nemesis, Brown, came back to haunt the Friars 68-64, but the season ended on an upnote with an 88-66 trouncing of Upsala. Somehow, the "Sub-fleet" had taken a 3-9 season and changed it into a seemingly successful 12-12 campaign. Somehow the scrubs, those kids politely known as the "utility players" had turned the season completely around — staged a classic rags to riches act which was to typify the basketball program at P.C. during the next decade.

Cuddy hung up his whistle in 1955 to become co-ordinator of athletics. In 1956, Alumni Hall was completed under the steady direction of Fr. Slavín. 1956 was also the year a man named Joe Mullaney came to town. Alumni gave Providence a classy auditorium; Joe Mullaney gave Providence defense. As Cuddy relates, "Joe's fabulous success was in his defense. He was five years ahead of his time, defensively. While most teams were playing the standard man-to-man, Mullaney instituted the multiple zone. My weakness as a coach was defense. My philosophy was that you must score to win. Let the other team score 90, we'll score 100." That perfectly sums up the difference in the game now and twenty years ago.

Then came Lenny Wilkins and Johnny Egan and John Thompson. Then came Jimmy Walker and Mike Riorden. Then came Gavitt and Ernie D. and Marvin Barnes. Then came the Civic Center. Then came St. Louis where Providence College (undergraduate enrollment 2,600) messed with Memphis State (25,000), Indiana (30,000) and U.C.L.A. (30,000) before 19,000 people and millions more nationwide for the national collegiate championship. Yes, it is a long way from Mt. Pleasant High School and Gorham State.



Frank Williams of P.C. was in excellent form as he cleared the barrier made by teammate Ken Kerr's leg during a basketball game with Brown.

P.C. Hoop Star Renders Memories of Team, Coach

(Editor's note: The star of the Friars, Bobby Moran was described at the end of the 1953-54 season as a "once in a generation" player. Today, Mr. Moran gives his views on what playing basketball at Providence College has meant to him.)

by Robert Moran '54

In reminiscing, the best word that describes my initial thought on this subject would be "opportunity." Providence College basketball meant a wonderful opportunity to receive a Catholic college education on scholarship, and in addition, a fulfillment of my father's life long dream of somehow managing to be able to have his son obtain a college education.

Coming from a middle class Brooklyn family, it is questionable if I would have been able to attend college if financial assistance was not available. My father, at the young age of sixteen, was forced to quit high school in order to help support his mother and sister when his father died. My mother and father were blessed with four boys and while we were growing up, my dad always stressed the value of a college degree. Knowing how religious my folks were, I am sure my mother said many rosaries petitioning Divine Assistance in this regard. To Mr. Cuddy and the Athletic Department of Providence College, I am eternally grateful for providing me that opportunity.

In turning back the pages of time, P.C. basketball in the early fifties was a "far cry" from what it is today. It may be difficult to visualize, but we did not even have a gymnasium to call "home." We utilized Mt. Pleasant High School for all our home basketball games. Based on today's standards, I guess it would take a good imagination to try to picture the conditions Mr. Cuddy, the coach, and his squad had to operate under. To add a little humor to our plight, we never even knew if hot water would be available to shower after our workouts.

Seriously, it was not quite that bad! In reflecting on that period with Mr. Cuddy, Fr. Bagley O.P., Mr. Louthis and my basketball teammates, we had many great times. However, it would have to be characterized as a period of many ups and downs. For example, in 1952 I can very vividly remember beating the University of Rhode Island quintet by twenty-six points one night, and then a couple of weeks later doing a complete turnaround and losing to that same Ram squad by fourteen points. Our limited accomplishments on the court were by no means a reflection of the coaching staff or the quality of the players at that time. Without a "home" court, and always being without a real big center, we just were not able to compete equally with the Holy Cross', the St. Francis', and the Manhattan's.

Mr. Cuddy and his lovely wife, Jane, were great to me. I have some very pleasant memories of

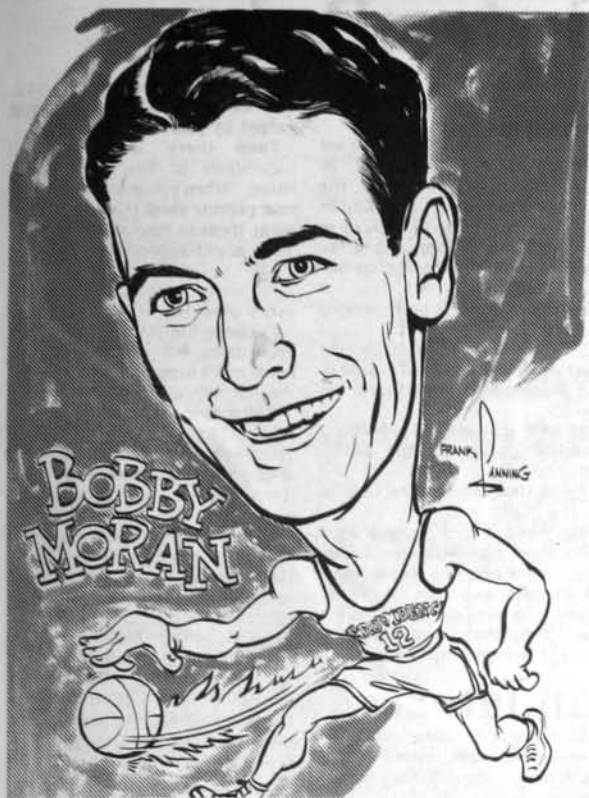
them. To anyone who knows Mr. Cuddy, he coached with a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication. At that time, Mr. Cuddy was the one and only coach. He was not as fortunate, as Mr. Gavitt, to have two assistant coaches. To this day, I can still remember some of Mr. Cuddy's slogans, the best of which as "It's better to wear out than to

In reflecting on my decision to attend Providence College, it may sound trite and corny, but I have never once regretted that choice. It was four wonderful years. In fact, the year 1953 had a special significance to me because my younger brother, Don, enrolled at the Dominican campus that year and we were fortunate to be able to play together the following year on the hoop squad.

In retrospect, I have some pleasant memories and associations of the early fifties at the Smithfield campus. Thanks to the perseverance by my mother and father who kept a scrapbook for me and with the aid of some terrific yearbooks, my wife Kathleen and the three children as well as myself, still get a big thrill out of reading about P.C. basketball of that era. My wife and I have developed some wonderful friendships over the years and we are always looking ahead to again visiting P.C. and renewing old acquaintances.

Basketball during the last decade at P.C. has really been something and thanks to Messrs. Cuddy, Mullaney and Gavitt and Co., the name of the college has really been put on the map. As an ex-basketer I would like to wish the current squad many successes and after that fantastic season last year, as the saying goes, "you have a tough act to follow" — the best of luck.

Again, thank you for allowing me the enjoyment of wandering down memory lane. As a father of three, it is my fondest dream that my children will be blessed with the opportunity to enjoy four such wonderful years.



'54 Hockey Team: Losing Its Identity?

(Editor's note: Len Alsfield, Assistant Sports Editor, discusses the growth of hockey at Providence College.)

by Len Alsfield

College athletic departments spend one-half of their time trying to build a strong program and the other half attempting to escape the limits of time. Graduation remains college's greatest nemesis, carrying away the heroes, leaving only the memories. The problem is, that with each new record or achievement, I find myself reminiscing and somewhat wishing that the old times hadn't passed. Hockey, as well as Providence College, has undergone rapid growth in these past few years, which seems to have erased the memory of our innocent beginnings, as well as our tie to the past.

Looking at Providence College hockey twenty years previous and the '74 Friars, I feel as though I am the center of a time zone linking past and present. My identity in some ways rests in 1954 while my heart and hopes wait for the future. I have lived in the traveling "homeless" days experienced twenty years ago and I am presently watching the Lamoriello dream of a "Home Sweet Home" become a reality. As with the '54 Friars, my previous three years have been spent in ice arenas from Providence to North Smithfield. P.C. hockey had been the athletic version of Matthew Arnold's "Scholar Gypsy", looking for a place to rest.

The '54 Friars could be seen still experiencing their "honeymoon" stage of hockey. Participating in only their third season under coach Dick Rondeau and Athletic Director Aloysius B. Begley, O. P., the Friars played an 11 game schedule. Their record of 3 wins, 7 losses, and 1 tie is evidence to the fact that their's was an innocent beginning. Victories were over two now defunct teams, Holy Cross (8-2) and American International College (6-1) as well as a shutout over Princeton (4-0). The '54 Friars were all American born and mostly R.I. natives because the use of Canadians was an uncommon practice.

It is in the heart of this research that I have experienced the emotions, desires, and spirit felt back in '54. The support of hockey, once dependent on the roudy male voices scented with a combination of cat calls and alcohol, have now been replaced by perfumed cheerleaders. The Class of '74 is all that remains of the all-male class that once formed an identity in '54.

In 1972, I witnessed over twenty-five years of unselfish dedication drift into the past with the retirement of Fr. Begley as Athletic Director. He was "Mr. Hockey" at its birth and helped it develop to its present stage. With his retirement, another foundation was removed connecting the past and the present, making it more difficult to recall "how it once was."

I have shared in the '54 early mornings and late evenings, playing when the time and place were available. Now I witness the rise of our own "home" being erected on the same spot where the '71 soccer team went 12 and 1. Even the R. I. Auditorium, a home we shared with the '54 Friars until last year, is to be destroyed; replaced by the bigger, more modern Civic Center. It is sad to see the physical examples of the Friars past almost totally removed in order to make way for "progress". Still there are Bernie McCrink and John Hobin, members of the "Friends of Friar Hockey", now refereeing Friar games, who had participated in the '54 schedule.

Our schedule is 24 games strong, sharing only 5 teams with the '54 Friars (Boston College, R.P.I., Northeastern, Brown and Princeton). It is the rivalries we experience today against Brown and B.C. that began in '54.

I have lived to see those who contributed to mine, as well as P.C.'s tradition, pass into my memory and become soulful reminders on campus: McVinney Hall, Slavin Center, McDermott Hall, and most recently the new Schneider Rink, all major contributors to P.C. in '54, living testimony in '74. I have enjoyed having lived in the P.C. past while watching the new P.C. hockey rising. Perhaps a fitting definition as to the success of hockey in '74 would be our remembrance in '94.



Captain Bobby Moran



Businessman Bobby Moran

rust out." As you know, basketball is basically a team sport and any individual accomplishments attained must be shared with some great teammates: Hank McQueeney, Phil Lynch, Jack Reynolds, Jack Durkin, and Bill Quinlan just to mention a few.

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'53 Handbook Lists Strict Rules

(Editor's note: Do you think today's rules and regulations at Providence College are too stiff? According to Bob St. Jean, you do not realize how lucky you are.)

by Robert St. Jean

If you had been a student at Providence College in 1953, you would have received a Student's Handbook of Providence College prepared by The Dean of Freshmen. It was a book that stated the rules of the College, the variety of clubs and activities, the student calendar, descriptions of the buildings, and athletics. This definitely was a required text for all students. Unlike today's student handbook, it treated areas of quite unusual interest.

Of utmost importance was a section devoted to the incoming "Frosh" (Freshmen). Such things as freshmen are expected to be clean shaven at all times and to wear ties. The small cardboard signs with name, high school and home town filled in, are to be worn by all Freshmen for at least the first two weeks of school. Be sure that you don't wear any letter or insignia of a high or prep school or of any club on the Providence College Campus. Your high school days are over. If the letter is on your sweater turn it inside out."

Another interesting section was the rules and regulations of the College. Here is a summary of some of them:

1) "To promote college spirit the Student Congress has requested administration approval for wearing of Beanies by freshmen. This request has been granted on the condition that there is to be no hazing either on or off campus. Hazing will not be tolerated and any infraction of this rule will be dealt with most severely by the Administration. All freshmen will be required to wear the Beany from Freshmen Week until October 17. Beanies are on sale at the Bookstore." Hazing meant that a student could not be harassed by unnecessary work nor be played upon by abusive, humiliating tricks. I am not sure if this rule was strictly enforced.

2) The Official Bulletin Board had to be read every morning by all students. Can you imagine the mad dash of over a thousand students to read the bulletin board

before twelve o'clock? What a site that must have been.

3) Every student had to attend class neatly dressed. A collar and tie together with a suit coat was mandatory. Sweaters of any style, except those awarded by the College were not to be worn to classes.

4) Learning the cheers and songs of the College and supporting all College activities was important. All extra-curricular activities, individual or group, had to be approved by the class moderator.

5) There was no smoking permitted in any part of the buildings except in the cafeteria, the basement locker rooms, and the Student Lounge. Smoking was allowed on any part of the campus, with the exception of the front entrance to Harkins Hall.

6) The parking situation was dealt with in this manner: "Parking rules are simple and few, but violations of them brings a fine. Have consideration of the other fellow's car when parking. When

all available parking spaces are filled you must take your car off campus, either along Eaton or River Ave." We might do better today if we were to follow the plan used twenty years ago.

The section of the handbook which was regarded with great importance was attendance. There were no cuts or unexcused absences; a student was not allowed to enter a class after it had begun unless he had obtained a slip of tardiness from the Dean of Discipline to present to the professor. Any student who was absent from class before or after a holiday incurred a penalty of a double absence.

I think what most symbolizes the attitudes of the College at this time were the rules that were placed upon dances held on or off the campus.

"The following rules are in effect for all dances held in Harkins Hall. Rules for dances of the College held in hotels will be placed on the official bulletin board by the Dean.

R.O.T.C. Enrollment Mandatory

(Editor's note: The R.O.T.C. has always aroused controversy on college campuses. Michael Bozelle, of the Cowl staff, discusses the R.O.T.C., 1953 version.)

by Michael Bozelle

This year marks the 21st anniversary of the ROTC's establishment on the campus of Providence College. Prompted by the outbreak of the Korean War, boosted by the droves of men enlisting in officers' training as a logical alternative to digging ditches, and nurtured by the general threat of Communism which was felt at the time, the program flourished.

Twenty years ago, the ROTC was a major and integral part of P.C. life. Headed by Col. Roy P. Moss, enrollment was mandatory for two years in college. A great many, however, completed the advanced course (including a stay at Fort Eustis, Va. between junior and senior years). Classes, for which a cadet received 1½ credits as opposed to 3 currently, were held Monday through Friday. They included military law, organization of the army, tactics, map reading, rifle marksmanship etc. A student who graduated

during those years speaks of the classes as being "not up to par with the standards of the rest of the college... the teachers weren't very good at all." Col. Laroche says of the curriculum, "The material greatly emphasized the army and army life. Today we are attempting to focus on the development of leadership." On Tuesday afternoons, all classes were suspended and massive marching drills were carried out in which the entire student body participated. It was "the least popular experience of the week. And indeed, a look at the yearbooks of the 50's shows large military parades winding through Providence.

Although it ceased to be mandatory in 1958, the ROTC program at P.C. continued to feed an unusually large amount of officers into the army. This prolonged success had to do primarily with both the existence of the draft and the scarcity of jobs. Says Dr. Rene Fortin, a graduate of the 50's, "Two years in the army was a welcome interlude between the college life and the very unstable world of job hunting." It was not until the late 60's, when the country

Violations of the rules are punishable by personnel-failures. The rules are:

1.) The precincts of the dance are the Ball Room, Balcony and the Rotunda, together with the corridor leading to the Ladies Room and the corridor leading to the Gentlemen's Room, both on the first floor. Anyone going outside the building or to any part not specified above will be requested to leave the dance.

2.) Possession of liquor or the least sign of intoxication is cause to bar the offending student from the dance.

3.) All dances will close by midnight except for the Junior Prom and Senior Ball.

4.) No dances are to be held in Alumni Hall.

At the end of the Handbook were some short summaries on things which were felt you should know about, such as, "The people of Providence have a high regard for the College that bears the city's name. Remember that when you

arose in anger against the Vietnam War and the subsequent removal of the draft, did the ROTC's prestige decline.

Today the ROTC's role at P.C. is generally overlooked. And although its presence is negligible, there still remains the nucleus of a once formidable influence on campus life. Men (and now, women) are still drawn to the ideals which the ROTC exhorts. Says Laroche, "The qualities which we cultivate are still very much in demand. The ROTC may not be as big as it used to be, but what we have now is a much more dedicated and higher ranking group of individuals." Still, one cannot help but notice the alluring and almost exotic advertising which the army has embarked on. ROTC in Review, an annual paper put out by the army, sports such headlines as "Changing Requirements of Today's Students...", "Scholarships...", "Want to Learn to Fly - For Free?", "... Enjoy Foreign Travel." Perhaps it is due to both this sort of things and the emphasis on things positive that produces the claim in that same paper - "ROTC - Strong and Growing - No Accident."

are off the campus, not only you, but the whole College is being judged by your action."

Then there were a few suggestions on how to write a letter. "When you write home, tell your parents about the College and invite them to Providence to visit. They might appreciate it also, if

they weren't asked for money every time they heard from you."

"College life isn't all rules and regulations, but your stay will be made much happier if you abide by the few which are promulgated."

"Attendance at athletic events is a splendid way of building College spirit and is urged upon all. Conduct should be marked by gentlemanliness, and devoid of rowdiness."

Last, but not least, is this statement, "The black and white Dalmation you will see running around the campus is Friar Boy III, the college mascot. He is assisted in his duties and accompanied in his campus travels by Friar Boy IV, the Freshmen mascot, Friar Boy III, as was his two predecessors, was presented to the College by the Friars' Club." Nice idea, I wonder where Friar Boy V is.

Looking at today's Student Handbook in comparison with twenty years ago we find some similarity, such as the explanation of the Seal of Providence College, the student calendar, the list of administrative officers which in 1953 contained ten names, (today there are twenty-three), and the President's message.

It is quite evident when examining the two handbooks that in today's book the policies are written for all students to see, such as the Providence College Bill of Rights, Basic Rights of Community and College, Violation of Rights and Students on College Committees. There is no evidence of this in the Handbook of 1953. It almost gives the impression that the student was not considered to have any rights at all. I suppose that they did have rights, but they were not presented in the handbook.

The Student Handbook was just that, a handbook which because of its small size could easily be fit in the pocket of a doubting Freshman.

Alumni (con't.)

A new and very valuable student service soon to be instituted is "Operation Career Search." This is a career counseling service conducted by Alumni volunteers designed to give students the chance to get counseling and advice from people that are prominent in the career field in which the student is interested.

Alumni Activities: The Association sponsors a variety of events each year designed to appeal to as many interests as possible. Participation in these activities involve Alumni with the College and with each other. Some of the major events are Homecoming Weekend, the Alumni Leadership Dinner, the Alumni Awards Dinner and Class Reunions.

The Association also sponsors the Athletic Hall of Fame and works with the various sports boosters clubs, such as the Friar Front Court Club and Friends of Friar Hockey, to help them promote their activities. This year the Association established the Alumni Skating Club to provide a program of recreational skating for the College Family.

Travel Program: One of the more glamorous Alumni projects is the Travel Program. The Association takes advantage of its legal status as an affinity group to charter aircraft and organize tours. These tours are offered to Alumni as a service since this type of travel provides tremendous

savings over other types. The travel program has been very popular and now two trips per year are sponsored for interested Alumni and students.

Continuing Education: Probably, the most significant and fastest growing area of Alumni activity is in continuing education. The Association sponsors educational programs, usually in the form of lecture series on topics of current interest, and makes them available to Alumni both on Campus and "on location" with the Area Clubs. These programs have met with such an enthusiastic response that the Association plans to increase each year the number of series offered. They provide Alumni with an opportunity to further their learning and to see some of the top members of the P.C. faculty in teaching situations.

There is more to the Alumni Association than can adequately be covered in this article. It would simply take too long to cover every aspect because, above all else, the Alumni Association is people - people who have shared the Providence College experience and wish to maintain their ties with their College and their classmates. People who feel that a Providence College education has helped them to develop their capabilities and who are now willing to give of themselves so that Providence College can continue in the forefront of Catholic Higher Education.

limited. A lounge in the basement of Stephen Hall and the Aquinas Lounge were really the only centers of student social activity. The construction of Raymond Hall with its beautiful student dining room helped somewhat, but there was great need for additional facilities. Students and faculty members were frequently called upon to use real ingenuity in adapting classrooms and recreational facilities to serve many purposes. The Pyramid Players put on elaborate theatrical performances, for example, a highly successful version of Brigadoon, with practically no budget and almost everything makeshift. Dorm weekends were planned that became the social highlights of the year. Elaborate decorations transformed rather colorless lounges into very impressive ballrooms.

The administration of the college was highly centralized. This is in no way meant as a criticism, for indeed most colleges at that time followed this pattern. Father Robert Slavin was president and most decisions were made by him. He was a brilliant man who always kept up a constant interest in learning. There was no Faculty Senate. There was very little discussion and debate in the decision-making process. This, too, reflected the tenor of the times.

President's Message (con't.)

Student life was concerned less with social action than with the hoopla of what would be considered expected college life. The fall and spring water fights gained great attention. There seemed to be less expressed concern with the ills of society and the need for world peace. The concept of student representation was a very limited one and the Student Congress's major concern was most often the social life of the campus.

Times and society have changed and so has the Providence College campus of 1953 and 1957. Authority now has been decentralized to significant degree. The curriculum is less structured and the atmosphere less formal. The College Corporation, relatively inactive twenty years ago, is now an active unit which has the ultimate say in college policy. Today the president of the college consults consistently with the various constituencies of the College Community on all important issues. He also has as part of the decision-making process a very active Committee on Administration. The Faculty Senate exercises a strong voice in the academic life of the College. Extensive committees function and give much time and energy in determining future college policy.

Students are still concerned with the social life of the college, but they are much more concerned

with the more important issues of our age. They have marched for peace, manifested great interest in ecology and shown concern for the plight of their fellow man. Students are now represented on practically all major policy-making committees. They have proven the worth of their judgment and the value of their concern.

We now have a library of which we can be proud taking the place of the quite inadequate one of 1953. Rather colorless lounges have been replaced by the impressive Slavin Center. A flooded outdoor basketball court to be used for ice skating has now been replaced by the Schneider Arena.

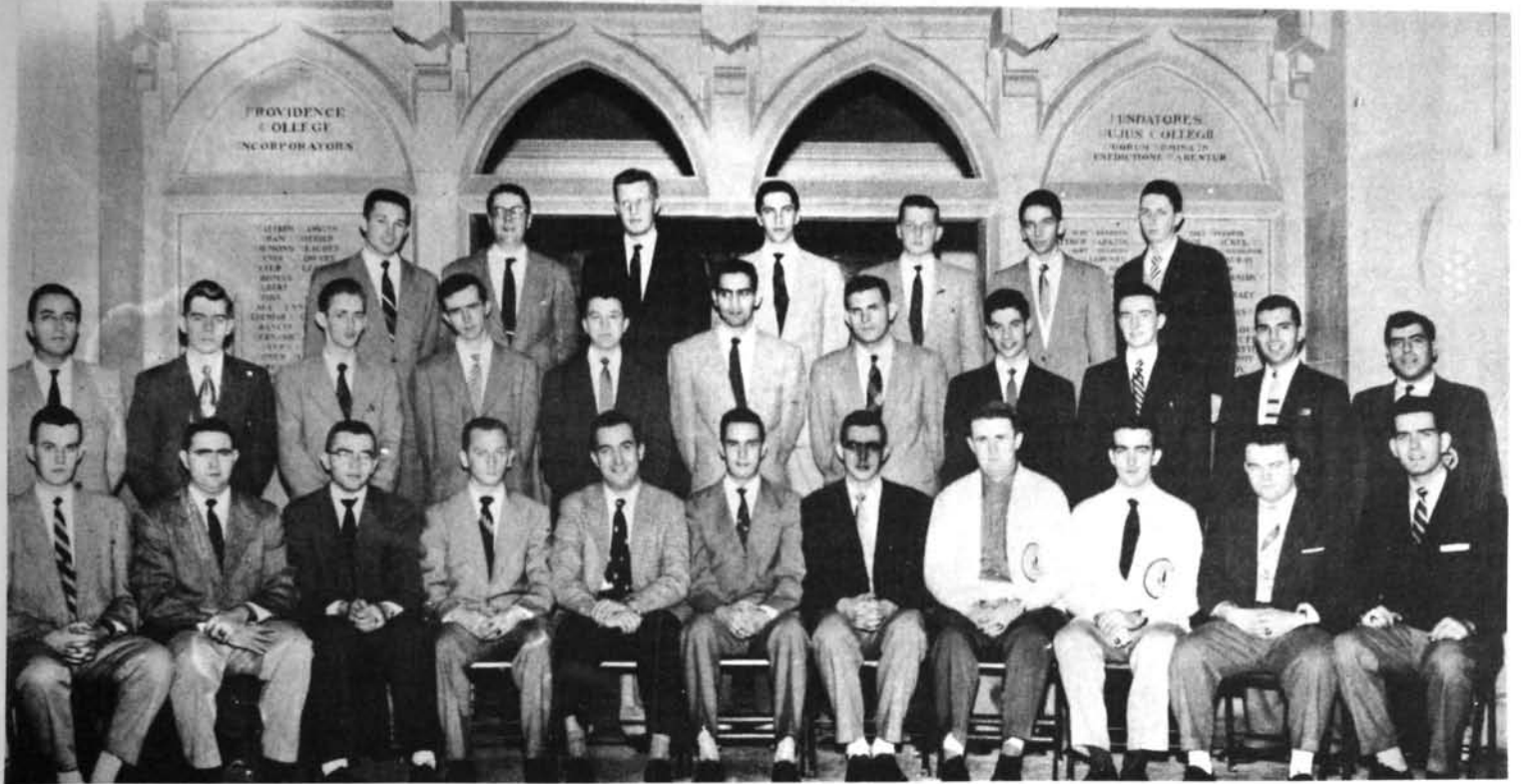
Ecumenism has had a great impact upon all Catholic schools. Providence College in its Religious Studies programs has tried to reflect the thinking of the post Vatican II Church.

The most dramatic change over the last twenty years (and it has been a definite change for the better) is that P.C. is now a coeducational institution.

The initials of Providence College have been fulfilled in the last twenty years and this must continue. P.C. must also stand for Progress Continually.

Thomas R. Peterson, O.P.
President

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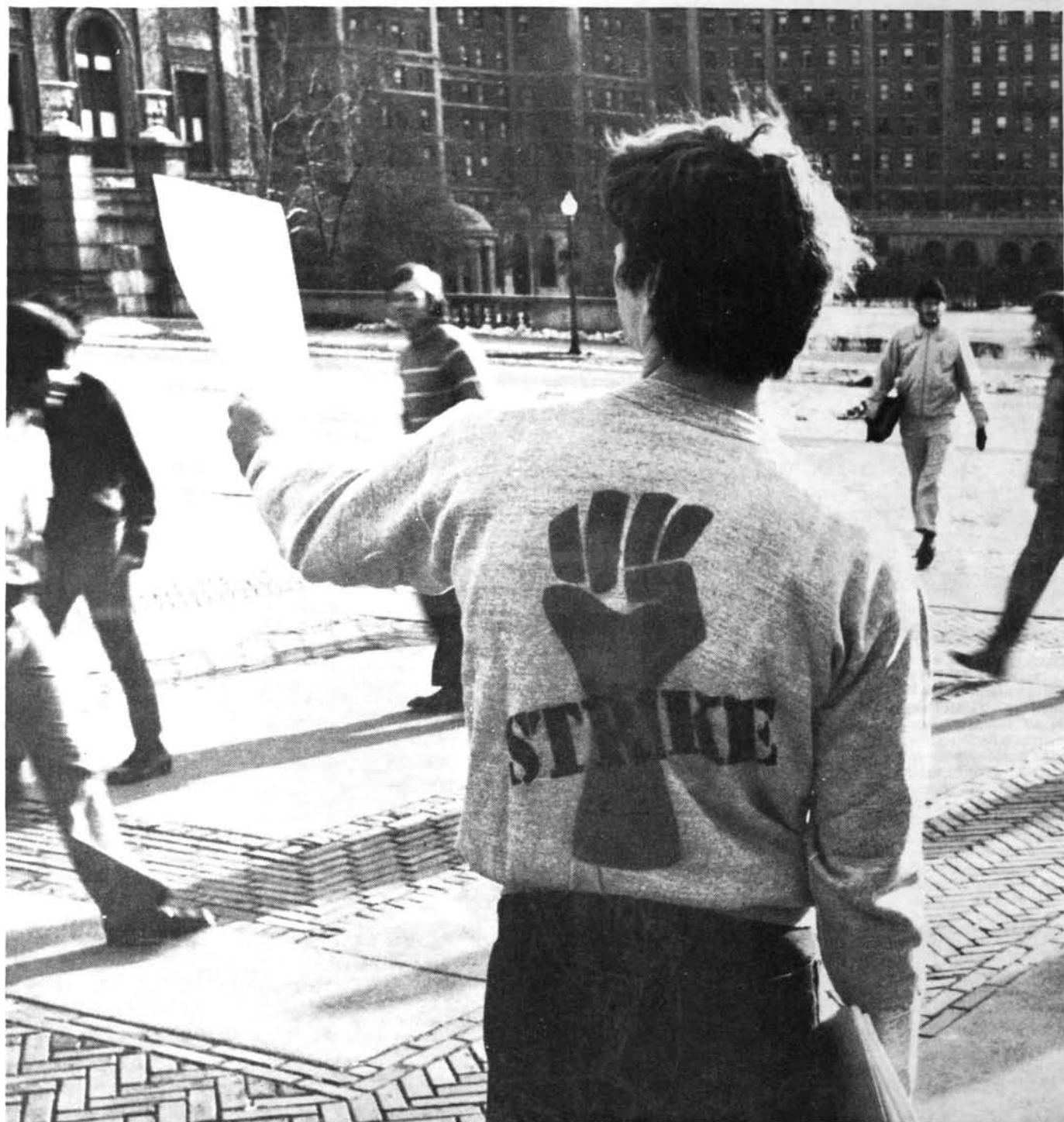


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