

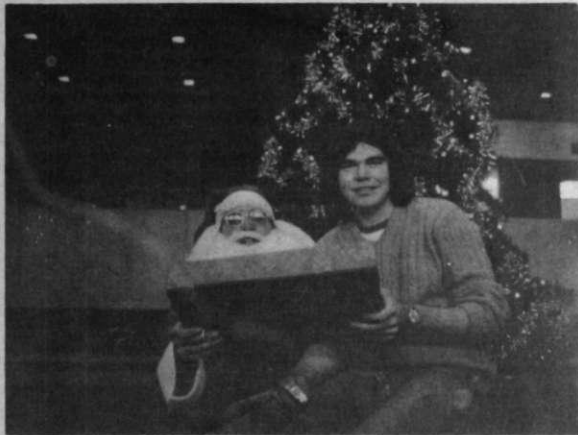


## Santa Fund: "Outstanding Success"

In an unmistakable air of good will and Christmas cheer, the Providence College community donated over \$700 to the Providence Journal-Bulletin Santa Fund last week.

With student elves and a strangely Portuguese looking Santa standing around the Union all day long and with a host of other helpers lending a hand in the effort, more than 1,400 people chose to donate money to this deserving cause.

Santa set up shop in the morning on the lower level of the College Union with eager aides actively hawking the merits of this program. By early morning the event was assured success. Jack Donahue, vice-president of the Student Congress and chief organizer of this event, characterized it as, "an outpouring of human interest and emotions in a desire to help those people less privileged than ourselves." He sighed and added, "It was truly a joyous occasion for me to see such eager and fruitful participation by all concerned."



Jack Donahue receives his Christmas gift from a somewhat near-sighted Santa. "What's in the box, Jack?"

The money will go directly to a fund set up by the Journal-Bulletin and not toward the repair of Jack's Oldsmobile as many had supposed. The fund tries to give presents to the poor and underprivileged of the

area who otherwise might wake up Christmas morning without the traditional visit from Santa. This year's goal is \$68,000 so the large donation from Providence College was greatly appreciated.

Leon C. (Skinny Lee) Drezek, member of the Student Congress and helper in this drive stated the reasons he felt that such a drive was necessary. "Being a member of a minority group myself and also with a somewhat depraved childhood I realize the full merit of

the Christian ethic of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. It was great to see that the effort

Hopefully this function will become an annual one since it is held every year. One anonymous



Group of Santa's helpers (and hinderers) petition Santa for what they want for Christmas.

was such a success."

On a somewhat discordant note, another helper and also the vice-president of the Senior class Victor Forni felt that, "for all our pseudo-liberals on campus who say they want to help people they should dig deeper the next time, those cheap bastards." Needless to say his views on this matter and most others are not shared by many.

and illiterate student was heard to remark, "Boy that Jack Donahue is some hard worker." All in all a good time was had by all.

Special thanks should be given to the assistance rendered by Poika 'Bob' the Wonderdog (a.k.a. Bullet). Wittout his assistance Jack Donahue noted, "The event would still have been a great success." Merry Christmas to all.



Another group of Santa's helpers led by 'Skinny Lee' Drezek and Candy Cummings, Secretary of the Student Congress, discuss the day's take. Note Carolan Club President Phil Russo in the far right corner typing up list of demands that he will present to Santa on behalf of the Student Mobilization Committee.

## Rathskellar Meeting Airs Several Gripes

Quite a controversy has been brewing down at the Rathskellar these days, and so Father Duffy, the Director of Student Affairs, held an open meeting on December 6 for the purpose of getting some idea of the student gripes and also, any suggestions.

On the question of the proposed Advisory Board, which would have served as a student representative group to Father Duffy, the session concluded with it still hanging in abeyance. It seems that Duffy would prefer to depend on his employees alone, rather than create two conflicting sources of information. With reference to the Rathskellar employees, he said, "I have trusted them in the past, and would prefer to stay with them in the future."

Now, concerning the question of profit. What have they been doing with all that money they've been making? Well, first off, up until this year they haven't been making any money. "We were saved by the legislature," said Duffy. And as for this year, concerning the profit, Fr. Duffy stated we're still in the "suggestion stage." Again the issue was put in abeyance. Fr. Duffy did comment, "I think it (the Rat) will make money in the future, consistently." So we can all keep a close watch, to see what project the Rathskellar profit will bud.

A misconception about the Rathskellar is that it has no expenses. It does; for example,

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Mike Donohue, personal friend and confidante of Santa and also known as the editor in chief of the COWL, protects Santa from the ruthless advances of Phil Russo, President of the Caroling? Club as the Christmas day draws near?

## Eskimo Curlew:

### Factor Fiction

by Wayne Hanley

From the Audubon Society of R.I. Could it be that Eskimo curlews frequent mud flats that lie beyond comfortable walking distance from a parked automobile?

The question arises because for 30 years the Eskimo curlew was considered extirpated. Since 1945 when two Eskimo curlews were seen in Texas, the combined efforts of American birders have failed to produce more than a dozen acceptable sight records.

Yet the Eskimo curlew has existed out there somewhere through six decades of mystery. And last August a New York birder saw two Eskimo curlews on Martha's Vineyard. Details of his

report suggest the observation is authentic.

Records indicate that the last Eskimo curlew eaten by an American gunner was brought to earth April 17, 1915, at Norfolk, Nebraska. A few years earlier, Eskimo curlews existed in flocks that numbered thousands. On one day in 1863, more than 7000 Eskimo curlews were shot on Nantucket alone.

Occasionally after 1915 a few persons thought they saw Eskimo curlews on the American Great Plains or Argentine pampas but no one gave credence to the reports. In April, 1945, two Eskimo curlews were photographed near

Galveston, Texas. Then other reports arrived from Galveston. One Eskimo in 1959, one in 1960, and two in 1962. Other sight records of single birds were made at Cape May, N. J., in September, 1959, and near Charleston, S. C., in July, 1956.

The real clincher that the Eskimo curlew lives on came in 1963, when a shore bird found in a gunner's bag on the Barbados, the eastern-most island of the West Indies, proved to be an Eskimo curlew. For the first time since 1915 an American ornithologist had in hand for positive identification an Eskimo curlew.

The most recent sighting in New England was a possible Eskimo curlew on Plymouth Beach, August 29, 1970. The sightings on Martha's Vineyard strengthen the correctness of the Plymouth report.

George G. Daniels of New York saw one Eskimo curlew August 6 in a field of salt hay between Black Point Pond and Chillmark Pond. Although he had reservations on what his eyes were telling him, he returned the next day and discovered two birds in the same area that fit Eskimo curlew description.

The question, of course, is: where were the Eskimo curlews in the several decades in which none was reported?

And, equally important, why are only one or two birds reported at the infrequent intervals when survivors are seen?

For the Eskimo curlew to have survived successfully through nearly six decades, there must be a few flocks of the birds. It is doubtful that any bird which migrates from the Arctic Circle to

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# Providence College — Now More Than Ever



Veridames ... of the past

Immediately what comes to mind is an image of stoop-shouldered old women gossiping in those high piercing voices, peculiar to the elderly.

HOWEVER, Mrs. John J. Coughlin does not consider herself a stereotyped Veridame, and an interview with her affirmed this. We had arranged to meet at the Archives; awkwardly I searched the faces of every 'older' woman who came down the stairs. A short, robust, gentle and enthusiastic woman with a certain command of the situation, then came down the stairs. I KNEW that this was Mrs. Coughlin, the Veridames' president. For the next half hour we spoke, discussed general issues, and looked over old photos.

Thirty years ago, the Veridames (Women of Truth) was founded by a group of concerned women in the community to benefit Providence College. These women had a stake in P.C., it was their sons, husbands, and fathers who would pass through this institution of learning. Their object? Simply, "to advance the interest of P.C. religiously, socially, culturally, and to contribute material aid and cordial support."

Mrs. Coughlin considers "private education a must," and looks forward to the day when her three daughters and son will attend P.C. as their father did. (Financially, the Veridames contributed last year \$700 to the Library and

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## Veridames



Cowl Photo by Harri Harris.

Veridames ... of the present



Veridames ... of the future?

\$1500 to a perpetual scholarship fund, insuring the existence of private education.)

To cut down rising expenses, "I do my own art work on the flyers we send out." The president is against raising dues and feels that "we can subsidize with money from our many projects." Raffles seem to be the most successful, raking in between \$500 to \$700.

Concerning the Sex Rights movement, the Veridames have "no intention of competing with it." But, Mrs. Coughlin impressed it upon me that her "organization is looking forward to adding to our ranks the P.C. coeds." (Let's face it — here is a well established group, whose membership spreads out across the U.S.; new blood could mingle with the old, and the Veridames could be re-shaped into something really bold and dynamic!) The Veridames is not a clique; "a club's success depends upon its membership." The veridames want P.C.'s coeds on its board, they want youth's decision making power.

Mrs. Coughlin has begun to invalidate the Veridames stereotype — "it is now youth's turn to create a new one." GET OFF YOUR APATHETIC CUSHIONS AND GET INVOLVED. The Veridames is the backbone of P.C., here is your instrument to make changes.

### Special

#### Christmas Staff

Editors, Michael Donohue, Alan M. White, John Prout McGillivray, Charles J. O'Neil, Ann Frank, Denis Kelly, Poika 'Bob' the Wonderdog a.k.a. Bullet, Wayne Hanley, Tim O'Neil, and a host of assorted elves.

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beer mugs and ashtrays that are being constantly ripped-off. It has to pay rent. Rent? Rent to who? To Providence College. Wait a minute, they pay rent to themselves? No, they pay rent to Providence College. Now wait a minute, who's they? Confused? The explanation is simple actually, but unfortunately very little publicized, so naturally it leads to confusion. In order to obtain a liquor license from the state of R.I. you must be incorporated as a social organization. Providence College, contrary to popular belief, does not qualify, it happens to be an educational institution. So in order to get the license, a couple of years ago a member of the alumni, the faculty, and the student body, Fr. Duffy, and an attorney incorporated, and they are the "they" that operates the Rathskeller, and they are responsible to the administration.

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the Argentine pampas could survive if its numbers were down to a dozen or so. Weather accidents alone might wipe out such a slender breeding stock. Particularly for birds which make sensational non-stop oversea flights from Nova Scotia or the New England coast to South America. Somewhere there are more Eskimo curlews than observers have been able to report.

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the coming of CHRISTMAS this year, December 25

throughout the world.

#### The Alembic: The Word Made God

This is the world of the word made god;  
Sin is a rottenmetricalsmellystinky,  
And a scrinchal pinchsinning pingdingy

in schlimpi-dippers pitygetting,  
sneaking in eaftfeetsneakers sneakily,  
is a lipplebity more godder than you.

This is the way the word ends  
This is the way the word ends  
this is the way the word ends  
Not with art but a fart.

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"One of the greatest events in the History of Western Civilization." So it goes.