Ross Asks Probe Of Her Dismissal
Human Rights Commission Investigating Firing

By Barbara Mays
Ms. Loretta Ross, former assistant director of Slavin Center, was fired last July, but is now having her case investigated by the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission. The Human Rights Commission, an agency that investigates claims of race, sex and other types of discrimination, is looking into the Ross case to determine whether or not she was fired illegally. After completing its investigation, the Commission will hand over the information it gathered to Ms. Ross and it will be up to her to decide if she will initiate court proceedings against the College.

According to the Commission, about 96 per cent of its cases are solved without ever having to go to court by discussing the problem with the defendant.

Ms. Ross has cited discrimination on the part of Providence College as her reason for asking the Human Rights Commission to investigate her case. Ms. Ross, in filing the complaint with the Commission, also filed a separate charge on the behalf of "all women of PC."

Ms. Ross claims that the very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., president of the College, refused to speak to her about the dismissal after learning that she was "seeking legal recourse," and is charging the president with harassment.

Father John A. McMahon, director of Slavin Center, said he told Ms. Ross that she was being fired was because he thought "the program co-ordinator should have greater rapport with the student body at large" and that "the understood job description for the job was not being met."

In regards to discrimination as being a factor in her dismissal, Father McMahon replied, "Not at all."

Ms. Ross feels that she was discriminated against by being replaced by a priest and that this factor should have been "irrelevant" to the performance of her former job.

Father Stuart McPhail replaced Ms. Ross in July. Ms. Ross filed the charges with the Commission in June.

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Ross Story Runs Despite Administration's Disapproval

By Stephen J. d'Oliveria
The Providence College administration attempted and failed this past week to halt the publication of a story on page one today concerning a former College employee who was fired this past July.

Edward Cimini, editor-in-chief of The Cowl, was handed a letter early Friday afternoon by the Rev. Francis C. Duffy, O.P., vice president for student affairs, asking him to withhold the publication of any material concerning the Loretta Ross case.

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Proposed Law School: Many Factors Considered

By Carol Grabowski

Although Providence College has made several attempts to establish a law school, Father Peterson has acknowledged that representatives from several law schools are presently examining the Chapin property to determine its usefulness should PC decide to train juris doctors. Since Chapin was once part of a hospital complex, structural problems could prevent the property from ever becoming a law school. Other factors that the law school committee is studying include a physical plant, personnel, and library.

Father Peterson estimated that PC might have to raise one million dollars, possibly even more, to initially pay for the school. He would like funds for the law school to come from sources not already financing PC. Yet he added that, both financially and logistically, the proposed school would be "phased in.

For example, in the area of personnel, the first freshman class might include alumni and faculty. Yet Father Peterson claims that the idea of setting up a law school at PC came from "many sources," including alumni and faculty. Father Peterson recognized that all of the members on the committee are very busy; he feels that their participation is an example of community interest in PC. The committee should make its final recommendation sometime before the end of the semester.

California Union

Student Number One At Counseling Center

By Thomas J. Casserly

Dr. Paul Lynch, the new director of the Counseling Center, can offer competent counseling to students who come to the campus to know that Providence College has a trained professional, holding a Ph.D. in counseling psychology. He has worked closely with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Hospital and experience in personal and professional counseling with students here at PC. He has had success successfully with a variety of counselor programs. Dr. Lynch taught and counseled students at the high school level.


The committee is primarily a fact-finding body. Committee members have contacted the deans of several law schools in order to determine whether Auburn is setting up a law school.

Father Peterson recognizes that the proposed school would belong in the system.

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New Director Says: Student Is Number One At Counseling Center

By Donna Gamache

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci's Providence College Internship Program, which is available to Providence College students, begins next week.

The internship program, which is designed to "insure that the government of the city of Providence is open and available to those individuals who have an interest in the continued improvements of the public process," is beginning its third session with a couple of changes.

The major improvement is the expansion of the original four-week program to twelve weeks, a full semester. This lines up the program with the academic calendar. Intern seminars have been extended accordingly.

Initially, for simplicity's sake, the spring program was limited to three pilot schools, Providence College, Brown, and RIC. This year, Roger Williams College, RISD and Bryant have been included.

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Positions open include administrative and research. Interns are interested in "people work" and work directly under various government officials, including the Mayor himself.

These interested in research will seek answers for specific problems by utilizing libraries and city files. Students are required to work a minimum of seven hours a week.

Michael Valliant, a junior at Providence College, who participated last year, evaluates the program: "I'm certain that this particular application of city government will be valuable...I believe that the program was worthwhile, especially some of the doors of city government to the students within the Intern Program...."

Applications are being accepted for the 9 positions. Of these, 11 went on to a second semester and about six students are new city employees.

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No Towering Inferno

A fire broke out in a wastepaper basket on the seventh floor hallway of McVitty Hall last Sunday at 3 p.m. No one was injured and no damage was reported.

Donna Magee, director of residence hall offices, said it appeared as though "some sort of electrical equipment" was thrown into the bucket, possibly a faulty blow-dryer.

Mary Liz Cahill, a junior, put out the fire with two pitchers of water. "Someone opened my door and told me there was a fire," she said.

The incident followed a false alarm, the year's first, in Raymond Hall Saturday night.
Editors Memo

Loretta Ross 'Dismissal'

Each year, along with the students of the graduating class, certain members of the Providence College family move on to new horizons, leaving behind only memories of themselves, their work, and their achievements with those of us who are still sheltered by the Dominican walls and the Latin phrase, for example, is now working with Chicanos in the Chicago area.

Another such member of the PC community is no longer working at the College. She is the former assistant director of Slavin Center and program co-ordinator, Ms. Ross. Ms. Ross never used any of the above means to establish rapport. She was not a typical PC person. She loves the fine arts and worked hard with the Board of Governors (BOG) fine arts committee. She helped bring ballet, mime, and music recitals to a campus which at times becomes caught up in a sickening mixer mentality, which expresses itself in bland words, and more blaring bands and beer, weekend after weekend. Ms. Ross was also involved in the activities of the BOG's social committee and the Peoples Action Committee for Equality (PACE). But more importantly, she was greatly appreciated by the entire BOG and by members of various segments of the College community, as evidenced by the fact that her reception upon the presentation of an award at the last BOG banquet in January was not greeted merely by a round applause, but by a resounding standing ovation.

The former program co-ordinator always had kind words for all. She had her faults, but was fair to terminate her. The reason for her employment because she was not meeting the demands of her position? If an administrator downgrades and belittles The Cowl exploits of our basketball team as part of class lecture, does this help him facilitate rapport with the student body as a whole? Ms. Ross never used any of the above means to establish rapport. She did not function to their full potential.

Sincerely,
Edward D. Cimini Jr.

Any Dictatorships Open?

The term "dictatorship" is a broad one. It can refer to any form of government in which one person has control over the other. This can include a variety of political systems, such as monarchies, oligarchies, and autocracies. It can also refer to a form of government in which one person has control over a particular area, such as a business or an organization. It can also refer to a form of government in which one person has control over a particular group, such as a tribe or a community. It can also refer to a form of government in which one person has control over a particular issue, such as a policy or a law.

I became incredibly mature last summer. I learned of her possible dismissal until last summer. The administration was clever in acting in the way they did, because an outbreak of student support, such as we are seeing now. I hate to see Hyde and Trudell, was avoided.

Loretta Ross is gone. And those people who forced her dismissal will probably miss her the most.

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Letters To The Editor

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By Joseph E. Zito

Senior: I really don't believe there is still plenty of time to be a billionaire, own three houses, two boats, four cars, one conglomerate, 27 dogs, 55 children and a dog. How? Hurry! Rain and sun or sun and rain, Providence College Placement Manual. Before you know it, opportunity will be slipping away. For example, you must brush your teeth with Crest and pop a few Cets into your mouth.

What? Am I being facetious? You bet your life I am. But people, it's that solemn time in our lives when you must wake up one day, look into the mirror and say, "Man, did I get messed up last night?"

No, really say is, "Dang, I gotta get a job." Cut your hair and conform! Look like the Marines if you have to!

Dear Editor:

As a resident student here at Providence College, I feel an obligation to inform some and others to register a complaint, and I see as the most efficient way of informing one of the many students who became the victims of this situation, to have a managerial control and injustice on the part of a "service to the students," I discovered the irony of that phrase on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 10.

Let me take you back to September 4, when it all began. On this date, I went to the PC Book Store with the intention of renting a reference book. As I have done in the past. When I inquired about the rental, I was less than kindly informed by the student on the day before. The 10th. The time to handle our business was between 1 and 3:30 p.m. of that day, I was informed.

Forgoing the exact time, I returned on the 10th at 11 a.m. I was once again informed that I was too early. "Come back at 1:00." I went back at the end of my 12:30 class. Upon entry I found myself amidst a group of about 25 to 30 students who appeared quite upset and frustrated. Their frustration was further increased when I was provided me with an opportunity to publicly express the reasons for the delay. I was very interested in finding out what had happened. How was this possible? How could the bookstores been sold out at noon when they didn't go on sale until 1:00? The answer is obvious. Poor distribution of information, not functioning on the part of a "service to the students." I'm informing some and not others, causing their service to be selective. The problem was not that I had waited until the last minute. I was on time, with days to spare, according to my information supplied by the Bookstore. I regret greatly the subsequent expense of purchasing a refrigerator.

In a situation as all the resident student here at Providence College, the fate of its book depends on our Bookstore. Gifts, shoppes, and banks without our necessities which we require to make our dorm lives livable and enjoyable. I submit this complaint respectfully and hope it is accepted in that manner.

Name withheld upon author's request.

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Chapin Property
Renovations Include Multi-Sport Field

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necesitated going under Highway Avenue. This renovation will include (for heat and water) and accommodations for electric and telephone service.

Prior to PC's purchase of the Charles Community, steam heat was provided by the boiler plant on the premises. Maintaining this would mean five more employees would have to be put on the payroll to staff it. In five years this hypothetical cost would equal what was spent on this renovation in its entirety for the future. If other buildings on the lower campus were renovated, this saving could be easily accommodated in terms of cost and as a result of the work done this summer.

Renovations in Dome Hall were the most expensive item. In making available 17 beds there were 414 to 450. This included clearing the land, buying new furnishings, and although some partitioning was necessary. The major costs, however, were incurred by the installation of electrical, heating, and plumbing facilities. Perhaps this building also required much "rehabilitation and upgrading" since it is PC's oldest building for many years.

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Interviewing Joseph McAleer, the new director of public information, proved to be very interesting, but frustrating, experience. For McAleer, who "came out of news," as he put it, anticipated and answered a great many questions before he was asked. This did not seem surprising, though, in view of his extensive background in the field of journalism.

Before graduating from PC in 1969 with an AB degree in American History and a minor in English, McAleer had intended to become a lawyer. However, after having been a member of The Cowl staff during his senior year, he decided instead to enter the field of journalism. "The pleasant atmosphere of the news staff," said McAleer, "and the many friendships I formed during this period convinced me that I should become a newspaperman."

He entered Boston University's Graduate School of Journalism in the fall of 1969 and completed his requirements for his master's degree in January, 1971. During this time, he became ambitious to ambitious (a word he debates) young man, worked as a copy editor on the sports desk of the Providence Journal-Bulletin on a full-time basis, and then on a part-time schedule while attending school. "I would get up at five a.m.," he said, "work until about ten a.m., and then go up to R.U. for my classes."

From 1971 to 1973, McAleer was employed as a general assignment reporter, and then as an education reporter, on the staff of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette. He then worked as News Bureau Chief of Stonhill College in Easton, Mass., from which he would be present. Although many of his duties at Stonhill and those he has assumed here center in the realm of public relations, McAleer refuses to call himself a public relations man or a "press agent," preferring instead to treat himself as "a news standpoint."

He is also currently the director of public relations for Commerce-Rhode Island.

When asked how he is enjoying his new position here at PC, McAleer laughed, saying, "It isn't a new situation, my being here at PC, but a homecoming." "Not only did I graduate from here, but my whole family ties with the college. My father graduated from here in 1932, and was a member of the Alumni Board of Governors in 1968. My oldest brother, James, graduated in 1965, and went on to Boston College to become a lawyer. John graduated in 1972, and is also an alumnus of Boston College, where he received his master's degree in teaching the emotionally disturbed. The member of the family currently attending PC is Frank, Class of 1978."

McAleer has many fond memories of PC, having formed many strong and lasting friendships during his college years. He is "amazed" at some of the innovations at PC, citing the opening of the Western Civilization program as examples. "A lot of it is the relationship with his teachers," he noted, "They helped me to acquire a thirst for knowledge and a desire to succeed. They had the great ability to instill in one the desire to achieve."

The school is that everyone would be most interested in, supposedly, is what plans does McAleer have in store for PC? He has many. He intends to continue the "hometown news" news releases in hometown papers about the "newsworthy activities" of individual students.

The awarding of scholarships, publicity to the Black Panthers, and the like have been primarily derived from its basketball program. "Nothing is an illusionary problem," he said, "Provocianed College is not a basketball factory!" He pointed out the enormous contributions that PC graduates have made to the Greater Providence area and Rhode Island. "Our alumni are found in all walks of life, I should say," he said. "They include some of the most prominent lawyers, doctors, and political figures in the state." He feels that the, however, that the national notoriety caused by PC sports programs is "a good thing. It brings the public's awareness of the college, and it's something being higher admissions figures.

In short, McAleer will be responsible for "hanging" an appropiation from the Congress office starting Wednesday, September 17. These forms must be returned to the Congress office by Monday, September 22. All forms should be addressed to Maryanne Dobson, Appropriations Committee Appropriations.

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Bands Seek New Members

by Dea Antonelli

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Golf Season Shows Promise

By Brian Kelly

The Providence College golf team opens its fall campaign this week and the outlook for the season is bright. The PC team lost only two players to graduation last year, so the team will have the talent to compete with the top teams in the country.

The team will be led by Brendan Davis, who is playing better than ever this fall. Brendan is a second-year student at Providence College. He was second last amateur in the New England Open. Other top returnees include Bob Keilaus, Nick Forlizzi, Tim Murdock, and Derek Davis. Nick Forlizzi is a freshman from Connecticut who should be a big help to the team.

The team will play in seven tournaments this fall. Eight Division I teams will also compete against each other, and that interaction between the teams will work to the advantage of all. The PC team has been out to practice every day this fall and is in good shape.

This year, Knipfing hopes to have PC in the top five of the Northeast. This will be a big help to the team.

"Things were closely guarded at the Commission, about 90 per cent of the information came from inside the house. In fact, a public official does not risk his own life when he work."

"Father Duffy," Cimini noted, "in using the phrase they were considered for student affairs, cannot speak for the Corporation and, as a result, he might not consider himself to be a confidential source." However, when the telephone conversation ended, Ms. Newbury apparently called Father Duffy and named the College as a respondent in the Ross case. Up until that time, it was highly unlikely that the College knew about the problematic information that was being conducted.

Ms. Newbury asked Father Duffy to come along so that he could discuss the "clause of confidentiality" in this case, but he refused to go. Ms. Cimini had an appointment to see Father Duffy at 1:30 p.m. that afternoon and Cimini was asked by Father Duffy to come along also. Cimini said later that he thought the censorship was the reason why he was being asked to attend.

Aware of the confidentiality clause, Father Duffy refused to talk about the case and handed over the phone to the person at the other end of the line. Father Duffy has said that he would be forced to proceed with the case.

Cimini asked Father Duffy if he was representing the Corporation, the paper's publisher, and he stated that he was not. Cimini said that after consulting with the College's lawyers, in regards to the confidentiality clause, he was advised to withhold all information and to try to stop the paper from publishing the story.

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Dr. Metallo noted that the CIA consists of two major divisions - one of its division works only for internal use and the other is responsible for the implementation of plans. His job fell into the former category. He stressed the point that the division worked only for internal use and that interaction between members of the two was uncommon.

Dr. Metallo made a few amusing comments about the CIA in general and the image of a CIA agent. He said, "In general, the public image of the CIA is that of a super-agency but, in fact, it has been found that there is a great deal of information that is not available to the public."

Dr. Metallo had no further contact with the CIA, since "the agency provided no employment in August of 1960. In fact, things have changed dramatically since that time. Metcallo remarked that during his two-year period with the agency, he could hardly find any problems or scandals whatsoever. "Things were conducted in such a way that I could closely guard the information," he pointed out. "Everything was kept pretty much under wraps. Also, the matter of relations man was paid $18,000 a year to say 'no comment' to the press."
Concern and qualified optimism are very evident on the face of Coach Chet Hansewicz as he looks ahead to the rapidly approaching football season.

The Providence College club football team, ranked third in the nation in club football last year, and with a pre-season ranking of fifth, opens their season on September 19 against Jersey City, away, now a new member of the New England League, Providence College looks for some rough competition.


The women are working on their basic techniques and fundamentals. The teams in the National Tournament. They will all be forced to cut down on the size of their traveling parties which may present some interesting, and sometimes unfair, situations.

The cross-country team, for example, will be restricted to only nine runners for away meets this year, which will be a definite handicap if one realizes that most of their meets are run away from home. This should not pose as immediate problem for Coach Amato, who quite probably has as strong a collection of nine runners as he ever had, but it could pose problems for the future and, in Amato's own words, "is a complete injustice that will not help the sport at all".

What this means is that many talented freshmen and fringe runners will not be able to travel with the squad and compete in these meets. As a result, Hansella believes that many more gifted and talented runners be able to gain the valuable experience so necessary in future success. More importantly, will it substantially save money? Quite likely it will not even make a dent in the athletic budgets, which is the real reason the association adopted the rule. This situation raises the even bigger question of just where does the NCAA's priorities lie, and just what and how much power do they actually wield? Supposedly their function is to set up national guidelines, based on consent by almost all colleges and universities, which will then be imposed on the colleges.

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