Bach's 'blames self' for high enrollment

By Richard Ratcliff

Michael Backes, director of admissions, said that he was never aware of the commitment Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., made to the students to limit the class of 1981 to 800 students for the Fall semester. J. Heath, O.P., director of residence, met with the president last Spring to discuss enrollment. At the meeting Father Heath estimated that there would be only 600 bedroom spaces available for the class of 1981. Backes said, "Based on the availability of only 500 residence spaces and a dwindling pool of commuter applications, I concluded that the Class of 1981 would number approximately 800 students."

Backes said that after March 25, the deadline for upperclass room reservations, Father Heath raised the figure of available bedroom spaces to 600, but did not change his estimate of the number of students. Backes added that he and Father Peterson did not discuss the projected enrollment again until May. This was well after Father Peterson had promised the students a class of 800 freshmen.

Father Peterson told The Cowl last week that he had met with Mike Backes on three separate occasions and had been "explicitly told about the 800 figure I desired." He also added that a statement to the contrary is "totally abs­urd." Backes refused to comment on this statement.

Backes said, "As director of admissions I have to take full responsibility for the over-enrollment: I can't pass the buck to someone else." Backes also stated, "Because of the meeting we held in October, Father Peter­son probably had the 800 figure firmly implanted in his mind. I should have told him about the upward revision at the end of March."

A computer printout of the number of students accepted and issued by the Admissions Office each month Backes said he wasn't sure if the president read the printout or even received it. However, a missed call form was distributed to all in atten­dance at the closing faculty meeting held in '64 Hall on May 12 listing the committed freshmen by academic concentration. The total indicated by this form (Dated May 6) was 885.

Father Peterson told The Cowl last week that the office conducted a statistical sur­vey to insure a freshmen class of between 800-830. Backes stated, "Every year we compare the number of students who committed themselves and don't show up, but we never conducted an in depth survey to insure a class of between 800-830."

Backes was chagrined by last week's Cowl article about ad­missions practices. He said, "It gave the impression that the Admis­sions Office was indiscriminately admitting students during the summer without regards to space contraints or guarantees from the students. The fact is 129 percent of the class was accepted because we just couldn't accommodate all of them."

Backes last week was unavailable because he was preferred not to speak in his capacity as director of admissions.

Backes asserted, "The director is formed with his attitude on issues. There are some students whose tuition deponents cannot be turned students because. One such reason is if the student's father is an alumnus who contrib­utes a great deal of financial sup­port to the College."

Another public relations aspect according to Backes, is "the fact that you work with high school seniors every year. You build up a relationship with them and they just about know who you are."

Backes emphasized the "right of students and the College to have their space. If we would have accepted last year's freshman class, there would be no room."

Backes stressed that it is better to have too many and have to decide early that you want 800 students in the class of 1982, there will be 800 students. If we don't, there are 801. I'll resign as director of admissions at PC.

On the firing line: Michael Backes, director of admissions at PC.

$4 million bond issue aimed at Lower Campus

By Frank O'Donnell

By the middle of this week, Providence College will have finalized the arrangement of a $4 million bond issue. According to Joseph L. Byron, vice president for business affairs of the Col­lege, the proceeds from the issue of these bonds for the most part will be put toward the "acquisition, rehabilitation and renovation of the Chapin grounds."

The actual purchase price of the Chapin buildings and land was $700,000. The balance of the money secured from the sale of the bonds will be used to finance the renovation of the Chapin buildings and the construction of the athletic fields and parking lots on the Chapin property. A large portion of this money, according to Byron, will be used to pay the cost of establishing a link in utilities, especially heat for the buildings from the power plant, between the Upper and Lower Campuses.

At present, all but two of the Chapin buildings are being util­ized. According to Byron, there are no immediate plans for the remaining buildings, but they are available should a need present itself.

The bonds to be issued this week are tax exempt, meaning that investors do not have to pay taxes on the interest they earn from these bonds. The bonds will mature in 30 years and carry an interest rate of 6.32 per cent, which is considered reasonable by several College officials, given the condition of the present money market.

Some of the money from these bonds will be used for projects on the Upper Campus, including the new windows in Joseph and Ste­phen Halls and better lighting for the tennis courts. This bond issue, combined with previous debts, will boost the College's debt close to $13 million.

Cohn aids in job search

By Jane E. Hickey

Career planning and placement counselor, Elizabeth Sidney, Cohn, is working with helping PC students answer three fundamental questions: what do I do, where do I go, and what is my view seniors. The new director of the Place­ment Center, Joel Cohn, said, "I want to do it, and how do I go about doing it."

The first step, according to Cohn, in beginning to establish career plans, is to "inventory work values, interests, "skills and an" effort to use them to make "realistic career choices."

Next, students should consult the Cohn career planning library which includes graduate school bulletins, books, that describe how to find a job, locating job statistics and prospects, and the different requirements for entry into the educational institution that is right for you. Cohn advises the students that the coming year is update this collection with more current material.

Another important service to be provided by the Counseling Center during October will be a Career Month which will feature both afternoon and evening dis­cussions of specific techniques for an effective job-search, resume writing, inter­viewing techniques, and a graduate school orientation session. Cohn: said, "It's here because it's "material."

Cohn explained that an informa­tive placement manual will soon be delivered to information on specific career fields such as law, medicine, business, and alternative career choices.

Cohn's main objectives are to open lines of communication between the Center, faculty members, and student organiza­tions, as well as to work closely with the "tight-knit organization" which considers "one of the keys to this operation's success."

In addition to these basic counseling and advisory duties which he shares with Jackies Kierman and Elizabeth Sidney, Cohn is specifically responsible for the College's coordinator of the on-campus recruiting program through which representatives from business, government, non-profit organizations and graduate schools come on-campus to inter­view students.

Cohn explained that an informa­tive placement manual will soon be delivered to interested students in his mailbox. This manual contains a Graduate School Bulletin, a list of complete and returned to the Office, as well as the year senior seeking placement ser­vices.

Cohn expressed a desire to meet each member of the senior class, and if possible help people who will come to meet relatively the same time. "It is impor­tant, he stressed, that those who are interested in career plans on-campus recruiting program can have a personal that views to learn basic techniques as a salary negotiation." Cohn: says the specific companies they will be interviewed by

Survey reveals career-mindedness, social concern of Class of 1981

By Mary Ellen Donovan

The results of a survey of the Class of 1981 conducted during freshmen campus orientation reveals a strongly homogeneous set of views and values.

Politically, the freshman class is a moderate in liberal group. Only two per cent of the 83 freshmen participating in the survey placed their views far to the left or right of the political spectrum.

Socially concerned and career-minded, the Class of 1981 does not see itself to have one very familiar concern — money. Although 50 per cent of the students receive some financial aid, 75 per cent expressed concern over the cost of education. Of those, 50 per cent admitted some concerns but felt confident in their financial ability to finish school. Another 15 per cent cited financ­es as a major concern and expressed uncertainty in their educational future.

Despite financial concerns, 71 per cent of the Class of 1981 expressed a desire to earn advanced degrees after graduation from PC.

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"It's here because it's true, not because it's here."
College gets new asst. chaplain

By Steve Mastrano

Providence College begins the academic year with a new assistant chaplain. Fr. Richard Krukonis, O.P., who views his first involvement with college students as an opportunity for sharing as well as advising. Father Krukonis was ordained in 1972 and since then has taught extensively in religious education programs in both Cincinnati and in Falls Church, Virginia. He served as director of the Dominican Seminary and received a Doctor of Ministry in 1976.

Father Krukonis expressed satisfaction at returning to PC, where he spent two years as a student (1963-65). He smiled as he acknowledged that the school had changed quite a bit since then, but expressed no reservations at getting used to the "new" co-ed environment. The biggest impression that PC has made on Father Krukonis is what he calls "an atmosphere of community" that prevails among both students and professors.

"My only previous encounter with a school of this type was at Xavier University in Cincinnati which is run by the Jesuits," he said, grounding himself in knowledge of the Dominican's "rival" order. "Rhode Island, like Xavier, is a small school, the atmosphere was totally different. It was a major change for me, even more so for the students with whom I will be working." He spoke to the importance of student involvement and sincerity on the part of the faculty and administration.

Father Krukonis also feels that the atmosphere at PC is one he has been looking for. When he was here 14 years ago, there was a feeling of aloofness dara the faculty. Now, he feels that the faculty and the administration are more approachable. The atmosphere has grown from aloofness to a sense of community and involvement, a great change for the Dominican Order in America.

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Honors program plans 20th anniversary events

Providence College's Liberal Arts Honors Program, an interdisciplinary program conceived of as "the promotion of excellence," is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this fall, according to Dr. Richard J. Grace, professor of history and program director. Many activities are planned for the celebration of the anniversary, including a lecture series entitled, "How Do We Know?" a comedy film series coordinated by Dr. Francis R. Mackay featuring classics from the 1960s and 1970s, and a full schedule of events slated for Columbus Day Weekend.

On Saturday, October 8, Dr. Terrie Curran has coordinated a colloquium and theater arts productions, "Riders to the Sea," and "The Still Alarm," which will be directed by honors student Patricia White. These events will be followed by a cocktails and an anniversary banquet coordinated by Dr. Rodney Delanata.

On Sunday, October 9, the Dominican members of the Honors faculty will celebrate Mass in Aquinas Chapel, which will be followed by a reception. The gallery of the Art Building on the Lower Campus will then be the site of an art exhibit and mini-exhibition.

The weekend will come to a close with an address by Dr. John Silber, president of Boston University. In conjunction with the program's anniversary, a booklet containing an informal history of the program and data from a questionnaire sent to past and present students was published. Also, the full edition of the Providence magazine contains articles written by the program's alumni.

The program's first director was Dr. Paul van K. Thomson, the current academic vice president, followed by Rev. John Cunningham, O.P., Dr. Rene E. Fortin, current director of the DWC program, and since 1976, Dr. Grace.

Grace summarized the program by describing it as "an effort to develop a sense of community based on the belief that communication proceeds better when intellectual associations based on friendship and confidence have been established."

Felix Müller, Fribourg transfer

This European isn't here just to travel

By Jane E. Hickey

Although Felix Müller, an entering student from Fribourg, Switzerland is studying in the United States for the first time, American students are not unfamiliar to him. After having met the members of the Class of 1977 who participated in PC's junior-year-abroad program in the American College of Switzerland, he decided to attend the University of Fribourg. Felix then came to visit the U.S. in August of 1976.

He returned to Fribourg where he earned his masters degree in an intensive dual concentration program which combined the study of English (including Middle English, linguistics, and philosophy) with educational psychology (methodics and didactics). A program which he completed less than two weeks before his arrival at PC.

Müller is the first student at the University to complete such a program. He was offered a teaching position which he had declined. Except when Paul Gallagher, resident director of the junior-year-abroad program, informed him that he had been offered a scholarship to PC where he hoped to study English, German and English, he has held many teaching positions, included among them are a position as a German teacher in Scotland and a junior-high school English teacher in Fribourg.

When asked for his first impressions after little more than a week here at PC, he had many observations. He was quick, however, to explain that they were merely observations of differences and he hoped that his own subjective impressions not be construed as negative.

He explained, "Americans are more open, easier going" than their European counterparts. They aren't overly concerned about the way they dress and he feels it somewhat easier to be accepted here than in Switzerland. "On the other hand," he noted, "I sometimes think it doesn't go very deep. People laugh and smile and tease one another but I think that sometimes they're covering up."

He also remarked an absence of the intense political discussions that are so frequently held by Swiss students. He quickly explained, however, that when a country as small as Switzerland has representatives of 11 different parties in Parliament, one grows up with a great deal of political discussion.

Müller also explained that it will take some adjusting to living in a dorm and attending scheduled classes. "It's exactly like high school," he exclaimed, after explaining that quizzes and mandatory class attendance end in high school in the Swiss system.

The approximately 15 to 20 percent of high school students who go on to attend the University set up much their own pace. Class lectures are paralleled by small group discussion sessions and

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Enrollment issue:
Many questions remain unanswered

The Editorial Board feels that the overenrollment issue is much more serious than what meets the naked eye. It seems as if some negligence was involved in Father Peterson’s duty, as well as the Committee on Administration’s, to effectively limit the Class of 1981 to 800 students.

If it is, as Michael Backes stated, that the Admissions Office and the president did not communicate concerning enrollment from October until May, we feel that Father Peterson should seriously examine the communication procedure from various departments to himself and the Committee on Administration.

If it is, as Father Peterson stated, that he and Backes met at least three times previous to the announced tuition increase, we wonder what hesitation Backes had in commenting on this and why there was little or no discussion of exactly how high the enrollment figure would go before the actual start of school. The mere fact that these two men disagree about when they met epitomizes the problem of lack of communication.

Father Peterson said he read the computer printout issued by the Admissions Office. But he said he still did not realize that the Class of 1981 was going to be larger than 800 until the summer. He said during the summer it became apparent that there would probably be around 850 students.

We feel that the president and the Committee on Administration should have had someone who is proficient in statistics examine the printouts. This person could have also examined past attrition rates, which are readily available from the Computer Center.

If a basic study such as this were undertaken and re-reported to the Committee on Administration, they would probably have been more cognizant of what the actual enrollment figures would be for this year.

Maybe it is as Backes stated: "Father Peterson had the 800 figure firmly implanted in his mind since October." Nevertheless, the Committee on Administration, of which Father Peterson is the chairman, meets frequently to discuss basic issues such as enrollment. If their discussions were undertaken without well-interpreted and up-to-date figures from the Admissions Office, we wonder what purpose their meetings served.

Father Peterson told the student body that the tuition increase was due in part to a freshman class of 800, and if in fact he was not effective in impressing this figure upon his administrators, such as Backes, obviously steps have to be taken to improve the communication between them.

The fact that Backes saw fit to admit 70 additional freshmen was not a bad idea that there would be enough space in the dorms to house them seems to support the assumption that the 800 figure was not firmly implanted in Backes’ mind. When it became apparent that there would be enough space in the dorms, the back room was opened.

The Editorial Board feels that in investigating the overenrollment issue, Father Peterson’s box has been opened. There are some questions that still must be answered about this administration’s procedures and policies.

The Rathskellar:
New room and new expenses

Undoubtedly, the expansion of the Rathskellar, PC’s college bar, was a smart move on the part of Student Congress and Rev. Francis C. Duffy, O.P. With the addition of the back room, an additional 60 to 70 seats are available which should go a long way toward eliminating the long waiting lines which had become a particular problem on the weekends last year.

And now that the Rat’s total seating has been upped past the 220 mark, it stands to reason that now more students will elect to do their drinking on campus instead of leaving school. Hopefully, this will cut down on the pedestrian traffic away from PC which caused so many problems last year.

As is the case in almost any discussion about the College, money is the central theme. The almighty dollar is also the reason for that unpopular nickel surcharge per glass. Because the price of beer has gone up, Father Duffy felt that instead of actually raising the price of beer, the conversion of paper to plastic cups would do the double service of keeping beer at its current price, and reducing the littering of the Rat. If a cup costs five cents, there is less chance that it would be found in a crumpled heap at the end of the night.

It causes more problems than it solves.

In the past there was evidently a problem with paper cups being thrown around the room.

We feel that charging a nickel for something as insignificant as a beer glass is patently ridiculous. Students come to the Rat to buy beer, not beer glasses. If beer prices rose as considerably over the summer that a price boost was necessary, it should have been reflected in the actual price of beer itself not in a crudely disguised indirect tax for glass-”er, or rather plastic.

This “tax” is imprudent for two reasons. First, such a move smacks of condescension. The beer prices have remained the same, thus giving the impression that prices did not go up. We are, however, still paying more. The price for glasses was a diversified tactic designed to maintain the high patronage of the Rat, compared with local bars.

But the move is also imprudent from the College’s viewpoint as well. If students make a habit of bringing their own glasses to the Rat (a comic picture), the al­leged rise in the price of beer would not be met, and the Rat would operate at a loss. In the long run, this would mean much higher prices for beer as well, since such an increase would take into account the compounding rate of inflation as well as the losses of the previous year.

The added complication of the glass prices causes more problems than it solves; and as usual, the student eventually will have to shoulder the burden of the mistake.

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Countertop

By Frank Fortin

Enrollment question: False advertising

Figure was promised again, despite Student Congress grumbling over the previous term's unclear promises. But as early as June of this year, it was clear the 800 figure was another empty promise. The number this year:

Why? The short-range reason is simple. Each student brings in $2800 worth of income in tuition money, so we need to balance a perennially troublesome budget. This troublesome budget has only been saved by the annual overenrollment. Poorer conditions. Result: We pay more, expecting the same, and get much less.

In retail business, we pay money, and expect a certain product which the merchant promises. If we're forced to accept something quite different, that's illegal, not infrequently, this is called false advertising, and it is punishable by fine.

I see many similarities between that hypothetical case and the one at PC.

Why no shorts?

Dear Editor,

We believe that this letter won't be the only voice of freshmen who have voiced uneasiness over the wearing gym shorts in the cafeteria. It is very obvious that PC students engage in extracurricular activities, particularly athletics. Students are required for time in between class commitments and scheduled meal time.

Therefore, many students who engage in regular athletic activity find it necessary to go to meals directly from athletics just because there isn't enough time to shower and change. For other students it is practical and convenient to go to meals without showering and changing.

We urge a re-examination of the current Raymond Caf dress code. In light of the warm fall weather, it seems especially unreasonable to legislate against gym shorts and other comfortable, informal sportswear. Think about it.

Sincerely,

Dore Hall Second Floor

"Thomson responds"

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate your publishing this in order to correct a misleading impression created by an article which appeared on the front page of The Cowl for September 14. The headline of the article declared: "Seton Hall offers presidency: Thomson declines." The first paragraph of the article stated: "I had refused requests from Seton Hall's administration to accept the presidency of that institution. Both the headline and the first paragraph of the article are incorrect, as is the spelling of my name under the photograph. I was, as the article states, one of the persons finally recommended to the trustees by the search committee. I had, as the article rightly says, been indicated that I felt I was not really the person that the trustees wished to fill the position of President. I point, of course, to the trustees when I met with them. I have no way of knowing whether or not that affected their decision to name Dr. Robert Conley as the new president, but the position was not offered to me.

As your article states, I consider that the trustees made the right decision and I wrote to them after his appointment to inform them of that fact. I wish Dr. Conley and Seton Hall every future success, except when they meet us on the basketball court.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Paul van K. Thomson
Vice President

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Freshman viewpoint: How I picked PC

By Robert Christie

We're a group of freshmen who met to set off on my journey down the road of life. I was standing in line for a lovely sight when a man in a white robe approached.

"Past, hey you, my son, come.

I pointed at myself disbelief

"Me?" I queried.

"Yes, you, c'mere, I've got something for you.

Well, my mother always told me never to take anything from strangers. This guy's probably going to try to bribe me with a candy bar and force me to get into the car. I'm one of the few people who still lives in constant dread of white slavery.

"My son, the food is inedible.

"Well, that's good huh? Can you eat back for seconds?"

"That's usually not a problem for me," he said.

"How about social life? I mean, how are the women?"

"At PC they are a world apart, or at least one desk personnel girl apart. You see, at Providence we men and women are different and have different needs. We believe in separation of the sexes."

"Well, that certainly seems fair. What do people do to entertain themselves there?"

"Drink," he answered.

"Oh, do they do anything else?"

"Uneat," until after they drink they can't do anything else. Passing out is popular, though.

"Well, Father, it sounds like this place is for me. How do I get in?"

"I have a screening process. Have you heard of Dan & Bradstreet?"

"No. Do they go to Providence, too?"

"Yeah, c'mon kid, let's get you signed up. It's this way to the entrance."

As P.T. Barnum would say, "There's a show every minute!"
The story of the flying Priest
Father Prest finds solace in the sky
By Dea Antonell

Circling in a Cessna: Rev. James Prest, O.P.

The sense of adventure and discovery which one experiences while flying has been heralded since the earliest days of flight. Father James Prest, O.P., member of the religious and Western Civ departments and a pilot for the last six years, described the sensations that he feels as one who controls a path in the sky.

"A pilot tried to mine me for my first ride several years ago. I was amazed at what could be seen from that height-the abundance of the state's wooded area, its many lakes, and the vast amount of unfinished land. The feeling of being supported by the wind was awe-inspiring, and it was then and there that I decided that I must become a pilot."

"How did his superiors react to this decision? They were pleasantly surprised," he said.

"Most were curious about it. The late Father Fay, who was prior of the College, felt that it would be good, especially in case an emergency short-term flight ever became necessary. Father Fay mentioned that when his brother was dying, a member of the PC community flew him to his bedside."

"Outsiders treat being a priest and being a pilot as two distinct functions. In fact, the idea of a priest being a university professor is not a common one either." There are several areas in the world in which priests who have a pilot's license are essential. However, Father Prest once had an offer from the Diocese of Alaska, where flying a plane is as common as driving a car.

"Father Prest is a visual rating pilot, which means that there must be a thousand feet of altitude and a 1000-foot ceiling in order for him to be able to fly. It adds to my pleasure and is able to choose from many familiar destinations within the New England area."

"I might fly over the Newport mansion or over Martha's Vineyard for coffee or clam chowder. The fall foliage also provides a memorable experience. The overall view from that height is what's most inspiring; however, I can see Boston, Martha's Vineyard, parts of Connecticut...what's most amazing is the realization of each area's closeness to the other," said Father Prest. Father Prest takes several students from the College along on his flights in order to defray the cost, and is always impressed at what amazes them most.

"They always find the experience of taking off to be heady," he recounts. "When we turn, some of them lean against the side, as if they were going to fall out. One of the things which most amazes me is their idea that a smooth (i.e., non-bumpy) landing is the most important part of the flight.

"Actually, the landing is one of the most important parts of the flight for another reason: the pilot must have total concentration during the landing. For it is at that point in the flight that the plane must fly slow in the air and fast on the ground—a very difficult maneuver to accomplish."

Did he ever have any close calls? "No," he said, including a "thanks be to God" for good measure. "Airplane engines are over 99 percent accurate. The same percentage of accidents are due to pilot error, such as lack of adequate preparation." His only frightening moments occurred during his training, when his flight instructors shut down essential systems (unknowingly to him) and ordered him to cope with the emergency situation.

Ponds lighting in sunlight, the summer beauty of the state's coastline, and the fall foliage of regional New England are more than enough to attract the attention of a pilot, but there were many periods in history which were also of great interest to pilots. The era of the barn-storming pilots is one-ten wonders if Father Prest ever yearned to follow in the tradition of the "Great Waldo Pepper."

A man of vital, robust health, Father Prest is easily imaginative as one of the dashing free spirits of that day. He smiled at the comparison, and mentioned that in those days there were no restrictions on pilots—air regulations were limited. He prefers to fly in today's airliners, benefiting from the latest flight technology. He recalls saying which might have characterized that era: "There are old pilots and there are dold pilots, but there are no bold pilots.

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PC poetry readings begin
September 27 marks the beginning of the Providence College poetry and fiction series. This year's schedule boasts of British poet Thom Gunn and esteemed poet Robert Bly.

Andre Dubus begins the series on September 27. Described by series coordinator Jane Lynn Perel as an "interesting, funny, kind of a fellow," Dubus is from the University of Illinois. He will read from his book Separate Flights. His newest book, Adultery, is scheduled to be published sometime later this year.

Dubus is the first fiction writer to read excerpts from his books in quite some time. "He's a good reader and will be very open to questions," Perel said.

On October 15, Thom Gunn, British poet of renowned fame, will read his works in Aquinas Lounge. He includes works from Positives, Touch, My Sad Captains, and Jack Straw's Castle.

Other writers scheduled for this year include Philip Janowitz on November 15, who will read from her book Lovers, Losers, and Other Losers; David Goodchild, who is from the same book, will read from Spirit, Spirit; Edward McCrorie and Jane Lynn Perel, both English professors at PC, will give readings from their books on

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Theatre arts announces '77-'78 season schedule

By Dea Antaeueili

Comedy, drama, suspense, irony and more will characterize the '77-'78 theatre season of the Providence College theatre arts program. The choice of plays and the excellent production plans for them promise that upcoming campus and theatre experiences will be as varied and vibrant as those of previous seasons.

The premier production will be Molière's "The Would-Be Gentleman," a comedy almost vanguardian in nature. The main character, Mr. Jourdain, is a tradesman whose burning ambition is to become a part of the nobility. His attempts to acquire nobility. His attempts to acquire them promise that upcoming theatre arts programs will all be interested in any aspects of theatre to come to the theatre arts office.

Much of the preparation for the theatre arts plays will take place in the new theatre arts facilities located in the West Building on the Lower Campus. The theatre arts program will be handled by Kathleen O'Neill. More information, such as which evenings of presentation are open to the public, should be available in the near future.

A series of student-directed plays, fulfilling the director's course requirement will also be scheduled for the upcoming theatre season. The department has not announced as of yet, but the first presentation will take place on December 2 and 4, and the second round of presentations will be given on May 3, 6 and 7.

Finally, the Arts Honors Program will present two one-act plays on Columbus Day weekend as part of the festivities observing the twentieth anniversary of the program. Patty White, Class of '78, will direct the plays, "Bitters to the Sea" by J.M. Syngue and "The Still Life" by George Kaufmann.
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Tomorrow Thurs., Sept. 22
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HEW to pursue defaulted loans

WASHINGTON—The job of collecting defaulted federally insured student loans will soon be placed in the hands of a private collection organization, HEW's Office of Education has announced.

The Office of Education is now soliciting proposals from organizations which have had nationwide experience in collecting consumer loans and in tracing the whereabouts of defaulter.

Noting that the organization is exercising an authority provided by the Congress in the Education Amendments of 1976, Leo Kornfeld, deputy commissioner for student financial assistance, said the decision to use a private organization to collect defaults is "rooted in our firm conviction that those who are able but unwilling to pay their debts do a grave injustice to the American public who provided them with an opportunity for education. They do a serious disservice to the vast majority of former students who honor their obligations and jeopardize the futures of millions of students whose education aspirations hinge on the availability of these loans," he continued.

Basically, the successful bidder for the contract will be required to locate defaulted borrowers, establish a payment schedule, and arrange for payments to be made to the Office of Education. Another part of the job will be to recommend measures the organization should take—including legal action—on debts it is unable to collect.

The contract will apply only to the Federal Insured Student Loan Program, under which the Federal Government has directly insured approximately one-half of all loans in the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. The rest have been guaranteed by one of 27 state or private nonprofit guarantee agencies. The Guaranteed Student Loan Program was authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965.

PC business profs lecture on auditing

A group of professors from Providence College's business faculty recently gave a seminar to a selected personnel of People's and Citizen's Banks on internal auditing.

The seminar, which spanned a period of two months, included lectures in the areas of accounting, auditing and control, commercial banks and trust companies, and public accounting.

According to Gustave Coté, chairman of the department of business administration, "Participation by our highly qualified faculty in the professional development of area business men and women is very important—both to PC and the business community. I wholeheartedly encourage this type of activity.

PC faculty participants in the recent seminar and a similar one earlier presented to audit personnel of the R.I. Hospital Trust National Bank included PC teachers Robert Mann, seminar director; Natalie Segle, Robert Auclair, Peter Bongiorni, Ronald Cerowski, Raymond Gorman, Paul Sugrue, and Stephen Walsh.

Friad gridders dominate second half of play

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and the pigskin returned to the grasp of the Friars.

Once again, Lee moved his squad closer to the end zone stripes with a combination of passes and running plays. Fate struck again, though, as a Lee pass was intercepted by defensive end Jon Siefert of Stonehill on the 23 yard line.

A powerful Friar defense held their opponents for the second consecutive time and forced Stonehill into a punting situation. As Pat Barnes received the snap, though, a rush by the Black-and-White prevented any thoughts of a kick, and Barnes was snatched at the 19 yard line.

This time the PC offense was determined not to fail. On a series of running plays, they advanced the ball up to the 5 yard line and then, on a second down play, Mike Lee tossed off to Jack Coyne who took it in for the score. The point-after attempt by Steve Marcelin was deflected and left the Friars with a 6-0 lead one minute into the second period.

Stonehill demonstrated immediately that they were not about to let this one get away from them as on their second down of the next series, a Moccia-to-Barnes handoff resulted in a 49-yard touchdown run. For the point after, the Chieftains failed to cash in on a two-point conversion and the battle remained even at 6-6. The Friars once again turned the ball over on a Lee pass, as Mike DeCosta returned it down to the PC 30. Two plays later, the Friars' quarterback Moccia spotted receiver Jon Siefert open in the end zone to put the Blue-and-Gold up by 6. Again a two-point conversion fell short and the Stonehill advantage remained at 12-6.

A succession of fumbles and interceptions by both football squads followed in the following minutes and closed out the first half of action.

Providence College appeared to be much sharper as the second half of play started. The Friars quickly moved the pigskin down the field against the Stonehill defense before they were finally stopped at the 18 yard line on a fourth-and-one situation.

The Chieftains however, were unable to do any damage on their next set and were forced to kick back to Providence. PC took over on their own 37 yard line, and, after picking up a mere three yards on two running plays, pass completions to Sanzaro and Tallman put the young Friar squad on the 16 yard stripe of Stonehill. Five plays later, after creeping to the 5 yard line, Jack Coyne scored his second touchdown of the day on a two-yard run. The point-after attempt by Mike Sanzaro was perfect and PC went up by one point.

The only potential threat by the Chieftains in the remaining play of the second half came when the recovered their own punt on the 44 yard line with less than three minutes on the clock. Even at that point, though, the Massachusetts school could not move it past the mid-field marker.

In their first triumph of the year, PC gained a total of 191 yards in the game (78 in the air and 113 on the ground) as opposed to Stonehill's 138 yards (41 by air and 97 on the ground). Leading ground-gainer for the Black-and-White was Jack Coyne who carried it 23 times for 57 yards, followed by Barry Centracchio who advanced it 36 yards on 11 carries. Chieftain thrower Moccia was 5-9 for the day while PC signal-caller Lee went 5-10.

The next scheduled game for the PC club football squad is this coming Saturday at Stony Brook College in New York.

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VOLLEYBALL

In just their first season of intercollegiate competition, the Lady Friars, under Coach Dick Bagge, are in the process of becoming a solidified team. With the loss of two seniors last year, the team's drills are directed towards blocking the spike. The 10-game schedule, with several tournament matches, presents a tough challenge to the team with two powerful universities, URI and UConn.

Strengths: Karen Johnson and Mary Casey are two reliable hitters expected to anchor the young team with their consistent bumping and spiking. Freshman Joan Finneran, at six feet, freshman Sandy Radcliffe should be a major key to our success. Inexperience will be a problem over last year's effort could very well land the Lady Friars' field hockey team in training. They face Bryant tomorrow.

Weaknesses: Inexperience should be the team's major problem. There are no seniors on this season's squad which could mean an early baptism of fire for the newcomers.

Strengths: Defense should be a strong point this year, and some talented freshmen make their way to the starting lineup. Lynn Sheedy will have to shoulder most of the offensive responsibilities. Freshman Joyce Casey, Sue Hutchings and Sharon Cerrillo should inject some life into the lineup. Coach Bagge has a very sports-minded coaching philosophy, and hasn't let the inclement weather, many of the competitors will be out.

Women's field hockey team is training. They face Bryant tomorrow.

Women Hope to run up long string

Two of the team's most promising performers so far are sophomores, Cathy McCarthy and Karen Johnson. "I'm very impressed with the attitude of the entire team. "-Cathy Cerra

Island will coach the team through its inaugural season.

Cerra is not an unfamiliar face in the women's athletic program. Cathy Cerra, a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, has formed a strong team.

The Cowl and the Intramural Board will sponsor their flag football contest for its first meet against URI on October 19. The contest matches will pit the girls against members from each squad. Each player faced an opponent in this group by grid iron and then teammates combined in a two-man best ball competition.

Two year veteran Bob Milich combined with Mike Prisco last year's effort could very well land the Friar of the Week distinction; it may take a maximum effort to beat a conferenceional competition with an unblemished slate, Amato concluded.

Amato Cerra, Palladino has Amato.

Harrington op, open impressively; Treaty, Deegan leaders

Providence will be named the team to beat in New England, tournament matches will pit the girls against members from each squad, each having taken their training very seriously and have met and surpassed their goals. Providence will step their daily routines, "set up a game," Amato explained.

The season is still young, but I expect great strides from some New England finals will be held at Providence.

The Friars' field hockey team will be a tough spot to fill.

In all, Coach Joe Prisco has been pleased with the progress of both teams. Milich is a proven player and Zito, despite his poor round against Holy Cross, was one of the leading schoolboy golfers in the country. In the fall, with the addition of Albern and Cawley, Providence has the foundation for a strong team.

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Al Palladino

This past Monday, Providence's golf teams opened their season by dropping a 6-3 decision to their archrival, the Crusaders of Holy Cross. The match was held at Pilgrim Valley Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts. The layout was the site of the event where Raymond Floyd edged Jack Nicklaus by a single shot in the Pleasant Valley Classic during the summer.

PC's match against Holy Cross was played under the same format as usual. The groups went out in squads of four, one from each school. Each player faced an opponent in this group by grid iron and then teammates combined in a two-man best ball competition.

Two year veteran Bob Milich combined with Mike Prisco last year, will be noted.

Six people who have the best individual performance in his or her particular sport.

Photo essay, look for a weekly pictorial essay by The Cowl's track team, which will occupy a regular block on page 10.

Friars drop opener

It should be noted that two of PC's most promising golfers last year, Colin Abern and Tim Cawley, are unable to compete due to training commitments. Both are getting ready for the upcoming fall season. The team, with the addition of Albern and Cawley, will certainly be a strong team.

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Short Putts: PC travels to New Haven to compete in the Yale Invitational which to participate in the Yale Invitational. Twenty of New England's best teams are entered... Zito had a disastrous ninth hole as he hit three in the water on the par-three hole... Friars will also participate in the prestigious Bob Toski Invitational later this month. New England finals will be held in mid-October on Cape Cod...
Friars 'darken' Stonehill's hopes in opener

When the lights went out

Where were you?

By John Mullaney

The stage was set for a perfect evening of football. A crowd of several thousand had assembled at the Braintree Junior High School field in Braintree, Massachusetts, to witness the opening game of the year for both Providence College and Stonehill.

The Providence College football team was looking to get off to a good start this year. The Friars had been heavily taped before each game and were expected to roll over and play dead.

The Providence College rushing attack rolled up 115 yards on the ground in a standard pose; heading for a touchdown. Senior tailback Pat Moccia to runningback Pat Farrell 13 yard line and the Friars received the kickoff.

The Providence College rushing attack rolled up 115 yards on the ground in the Stonehill victory. This run accounted for at least five of them.

By Mike David

PC wins 13-12

In a contest that was almost anti-climactic to the many twists and turns that Providence College had experienced in the past season, the Friars defeated the University of Massachusetts at Stonehill, 13-12.

The game was originally scheduled for 8 p.m. on the previous Thursday evening, but was postponed because of inclement weather.

The Providence College football team received a mixed blessing when they learned that the game had been switched back to the Braintree Junior High School field, and so at 1 p.m. PC boarded their charter bus and headed back to the Massachusetts site.

Once the game finally commenced, the Friars were able to score a late field goal for the win. However, the lights were nowhere to be found in the Stonehill stadium.

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Trecy, Deegan star Trackmen run to victory

By Mike David

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Deegan certainly silenced all the critics with a stellar effort, but more importantly, he has shown that he might indeed fill in for the injured Gerry O'Shea.

The Friars were heavily favored to win the contest, but a fellow resident of the Rhode Island area, John Trecy, might not have been prepared to walk away without a victory.

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