



"It's here because it's true, not true because it's here."

Backes 'blames self' for high enrollment Says he and president barely conferred on issue

By Richard Ratcliffe

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, until May, 1977 well after the application deadline and after the Class of 1981 was just about formed.

He qualified that statement by asserting that he and Rev. Walter

J. Heath, O.P., director of residence, met with the president last October to discuss enrollment. At the meeting Father Heath estimated that there would be only 500 available spaces in the dormitories 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 dorm space to 570. Backes said that this alone allowed him to admit 70 additional freshmen.

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 told him specifically about the 800 figure I desired." He also added that any 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 had 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 is 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 mimeographed 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 at the bottom of this form (Dated May 6) was 885.

Father Peterson told *The Cowl* last week that the Admissions Office conducted a statistical survey to insure a freshman class of between 800-835. Backes stated "Every year we look at 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 800-835."

Backes was chagrined by last week's *Cowl* article about admissions practices. He said, "It gave the impression that the Admis-

sions Office was indiscriminately admitting students during the summer without regards to space constraints or previous promises to the students. The fact is 129 tuition deposits were returned because we just couldn't accommodate these students."

Backes last week was unavailable for comment, and his aides preferred not to speak in his absence.

Backes asserted, "The director of admissions is a public relations job. There are some students whose tuition deposits cannot be returned for various reasons. 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 guidance counselors from year to year. You build up a relationship with them and they just about know who will be admitted to PC and who won't. These counselors become very upset if all of a sudden you change your requirements and reject students who would have been accepted last year."

Backes stressed that it is better to look forward to the Class of 1982 instead of back on the mistakes of last year.

He said Rick Leveridge, president of Student Congress, is recommending to Father Peterson that an ad hoc committee to oversee the admissions practices be organized.

Backes said, "If this committee is formed quickly and they decide early that they want 800 students in the class of 1982, there will be 800 students, not 801. If 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 issuance 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 \$780,000. 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.

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 freshman orientation reveals a strongly homogeneous set of views and values.

Politically, the freshman class is a moderate to liberal group. Only two per cent of the 833 freshmen who participated in the survey placed their views far to the left or right of the political spectrum.

In their concentration selection, the Class of 1981 appears strongly career-minded. Business administration is the most popular field of study, with 29 per cent of the freshmen majoring in accounting, management, finance or marketing.

Political science, often chosen as preparation for law school, is the choice of 16 per cent of the class. The biology department has gained 84 new students from the Class of 1981. According to

government statistics, these students have made a wise choice—the medical fields have the fast-

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est growing job market in the United States today.

Evidence of career-mindedness was also found in the section of the survey which asked the students to rate the importance of 15 statements. Ninety-seven per cent indicated that "becoming an authority in my field" was important.

Apart from their career goals, the Class of 1981 is a socially concerned group. "Helping out others who are in difficulty" also

achieved a 97 per cent rating of importance, followed closely by: developing a meaningful philosophy of life, 94 per cent; being well-off financially, 93 per cent; influencing social values, 92 per cent; raising a family, 91 per cent; keeping up to date with political affairs, 91 per cent.

Socially concerned and career-minded, the Class of 1981 does seem to have one very familiar concern — money. Although 50 per cent of the students receive some financial aid, 75 per cent expressed concern over their ability to finance an education. Of these, 60 per cent admitted some concern but felt confident in their financial ability to finish school. However, 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.

Cohn aids in job search

By Jane E. Hickey

Career planning and placement counselor Joel Cohn is concerned with helping PC students answer three fundamental questions: what do I want to do, where do



The new director of the Placement Center, Joel Cohn.

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, needs, and skills" in an effort to use them to make "realistic career choices."

Next, students should consult the Counseling Center's career planning library which includes graduate school catalogues, pamphlets on how to choose a career, how to find a job, resume writing, job statistics and prospects, and the different requirements necessary for entering specific professions. One of Cohn's many goals for the coming year is to 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 discussion sessions on such topics as: techniques for an effective job search, resume writing, inter-

viewing techniques, and a grad school panel, each on consecutive Wednesday afternoons. Evening sessions throughout the weeks will be devoted to information on specific career fields such as: health, law, education, the arts, and alternative career choices.

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

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

Cohn explained that an informative placement manual will soon be delivered to each senior's mailbox. This manual contains a basic information form which, once completed and returned to the Center, opens a file on any senior seeking placement services.

Cohn expressed a desire to meet each member of the senior class, but admitted, "I can only help people who will come in to see me." It is particularly important, he stressed, that those who plan to take advantage of the on-campus recruiting program meet with him before their interviews to learn basic techniques (such as salary negotiations) and to inform students about the specific companies they will be interviewed by.

News

College gets new asst. chaplain

By Steve Maurano

Providence College begins the academic year with a new assistant chaplain, Rev. 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 worked extensively in religious education programs in both Cincinnati and in Falls Church, Virginia. He studied at Wesley Theological Seminary and received a Doctor of Ministry in 1976. Father Krukonis mentioned that this is a non-academic degree, and therefore he will not be doing any teaching while here at PC. This, he feels, will give him more time to concentrate on his role as assistant chaplain.

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 warmth" that prevails among both students and professors alike.

"My only previous encounter with a school of this type was at Xavier College in Ohio which is run by the Jesuits," he said, grinning broadly at the mention of the Dominican's "rival" order. "But even though it was a similar school, the atmosphere was totally different. Here at PC, I see much more student involvement and sincerity on the part of the kids."

Father Krukonis also feels that the atmosphere has grown from when he was here 14 years ago. Then, he explained, each dorm had its own assistant chaplain who was given the rather stuffy title of "pre-ecclesiastical student." Then, chaplain-student relations were almost non-existent. And Father Krukonis paused here to add that he did not even know the name of the head chaplain when he was a student here.

The assistant chaplain sees a whole new ministry opening up to him, and he explained this by saying that he had never worked with college students before. All of his previous work had been done with students of high school age; therefore, Father Krukonis feels that in a sense, he has "graduated" with his former pupils. He expects to do a lot of "walking and talking" around the campus, and will try to add the title of "friend" to that of Father.



CowI photo by Rick Teves

Fr. Richard Krukonis, new assistant chaplain

"After all," he stated, "Father also means being a friend. My door will always be open to those who want to talk, seek advice, spiritual or otherwise, and to those who simply want to share."

conflicting events and to avoid inflation by paying a flat fee for the five-year period.

A new Student Congress committee, the committee on budget, research and analysis, has been proposed to allow students to analyze and project a budget for the College.

Kathy Calenda of the committee on academic research reported that a substantial number of suggestions for the improvement of the Providence-in-Europe program were submitted to and favorably received by Dr. Laurent Gousie, program director.

The committee is also formalizing plans for a GRE preparation program which is projected to be in effect in time for the January testing date. It is also in the process of helping the business department to establish a more efficient system of channeling students to appropriate faculty advisors.

RIHT levies two-bit charge

By Terri Suffoletta

There is a 25-cent fee for the cashing of all personal checks belonging to students who do not have accounts with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank announced Dorothy Parks, PC branch manager.

She explained that the bank is under no obligation to cash personal checks. These checks are potential risks because the bank does not receive any reimbursement from those other banks for five to seven days afterwards. It is the bank's loss if the checks are returned fraudulent or uncollectable. Also, this "free loan" provides no incentives to open accounts. The 25-cent fee will hopefully persuade students to open accounts.

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Around the campus

The Committee on Studies at its meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 1977, approved a policy change relative to the grades "I" and "ABS" (Cf. Bulletin of Providence College, p. 42). Both "I" and "ABS" will become "NF" if the student has not completed his work within 30 days after the final day of the semester examinations. The change effects the first semester only. Previously, the 30-day period (or one month) was calculated from the beginning of the second semester. Under the new policy, the unfinished work must be completed within 30 days after the final day of examinations.

Auditions for *The Would-Be Gentleman* will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 21 and 22, at 7:15 p.m. in the Music Building, Room 212. Scripts are on reserve in the library.

Sunday, September 25, the Liberal Arts Honors Program will present film clips of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. It is the first presentation in the program's 20th Anniversary Comedy Film Series and will be screened at 7:30 p.m. in '64 Hall.

The Wooden Naval will be open on Thursday evening, September 22. A comedian and two folk singers will be featured.

PC treks to a Dixie summer: Students work for God

By Daniel P. Foster

While most students were beginning to enjoy the summer vacation, a group of PC students was among a delegation of volunteers heading for the South to spend six weeks among the migrant workers in South Carolina. These migrants are part of a large group of people who spend the months from March through December traveling throughout the South harvesting fruit and vegetables.

Rev. James Quigley, O.P., former chaplain of PC organized the group, who worked in day care centers, health centers, and other services all in an effort to help these needy people. The group, comprised of several priests, 20 PC students and alumni, and several students from other colleges in the country represented the first effort by the Catholic Church to aid the migrants in South Carolina.

The work was strictly voluntary, and a normal day for the group would involve at least 15 hours of direct work with the migrants. The "home-base" for the group was Camp St. Mary's, Beaufort, South Carolina.

It was from here in the morning that the group would leave for their separate jobs—some as far as 45 minutes away. They would return in the evening, and then later that night, go back out to visit the camps of the migrants.

At an early seminar, the group composed their goal: "Our mission is to live the Gospel by loving, sharing, and learning with farmworkers. We hope to accomplish this by being present with farmworkers as friends, by encouraging mutual understanding with the local community, and by working with them to fulfill their basic needs. We view this building of community as a liberating process."



CowI Photo By Bryan Lynch

Alicia Dickson working with migrant children at Camp St. Mary's, Beaufort, South Carolina.

Involved in pursuing this goal were the following from PC: Bryan Lynch ('76), Warren Mason ('76), Peggy Martin ('76), Steven Boguslawski, Carman Conte, Annamaria Connelly, Alicia Dickson, Joan Dima, Paul Farrell, Dawn Fink, Mary Fontaine, Jerry Kallman, Bill Lyons, Joseph Petrucci, Eileen R. Rausch, Alice Sheridan, Ann Simeone, Margaret Smith, Diane Staley, and Carol Townsend.

Generally, the group was well-received. As would be expected, the period of uneasiness or suspicion that is usually present when one group of strangers meets another group was evident. However, it did not take long for these barriers to be broken. (It was pointed out that the migrants live in constant fear of immigration authorities entering the camps in search of illegal aliens.)

Language differences were another barrier which had to be overcome by the group. The migrants were basically Spanish-speaking people, which meant that though there were some Spanish-speaking volunteers in the group, others had to resort to non-verbal communication.

During the six weeks of participation in the program, the volunteers made many observations. Eileen Rausch, a junior who worked with children aged three through 12 observed the fact that "many migrant children have had their childhoods cut short by the fact that they have had to assume more responsibility in the family at an earlier age."

The term "inadequate" was used by many of the group members to describe the housing of the migrants. Most of the camps did not meet even minimal health and safety standards. The houses were mainly crowded, corrugated metal barracks with as many as eight people living in a 10 foot by 10 foot room.

Alicia Dickson, also a junior, pointed out the many physical problems of the migrants, but emphasized, "The root of their problem is their political powerlessness. They are at the mercy of their crew leaders, the owners, the growers, not to mention nature itself... it is necessary that there be some framework or format of power to unite them..."

Junior Ann Simeone summarized the program as one in which both the migrants and the volunteers benefitted. She said, "The farmworkers benefitted by our presence, because of the tangible needs that we met for them. However, at the same time, the volunteers benefitted by learning that their talents could be used for something worthwhile."

Congress discusses Oktoberfest plans

Student Congress president Rick Leveridge announced at the weekly meeting of September 18 that the 1977 Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday evening, October 15.

While the exact procedure for the distribution of the limited number of tickets available for the event has not yet been determined, Leveridge stated that there would almost certainly be a one-dollar fee for this event which had formerly been free of charge. There will be 2700 tickets distributed, approximately 1800 of which will go to students and the remainder will be offered to faculty and alumni.

Drans refused reappointment; case pending

By Frank Fortin

With his appeal at the Rhode Island Supreme Court pending, Prof. Jean Drans of Providence College's modern languages department was denied a request to continue teaching at PC this year.

This denial, confirmed last week by College officials, is part of an established College procedure where teachers, whether tenured or not, must apply for one-year contracts after the mandatory retirement age of 65 if they wish to remain at PC.

Dr. Paul van K. Thomson, academic vice president, would not comment on the reason for the denial, citing the pending court case and its complexities as a reason for the College's silence.

Drans' denial comes against a backdrop of a four-year court battle against PC over its mandatory retirement policy. Drans claims that when he was granted tenure in 1960, there was no mandatory retirement age; therefore, he did not have to retire at 65 if he did not want to.

In November, 1975, Superior Court found Drans in error; it was ruled he was subject to the

In addition to this announcement, several of the Congress committees reported new findings. Fred Mason of the Committee on Administration reported that evening school students are experiencing problems in procuring texts due to a severe shortage. He also explained that spring pre-registration is not resulting in an accurate estimate of actual fall enrollment figures.

Mason also revealed that Rev. Richard D. Danilowicz, O.P., director of special events, has suggested that the Providence Civic Center be contracted for PC commencements on a five-year basis in order to avoid possible

later retirement policy. The following spring, Drans took his case to the State Supreme Court, where the case remains.

Proceedings in that case have been bogged down since the year started. Amicus Curiae briefs were requested by and granted to the American Association of University Professors and the Boston University Law School. These advisory briefs have not yet been filed by Boston University, and it appears nothing will be done until these briefs are filed. The last action registered at Supreme Court is April 26, 1977.

According to Thomson, Drans "received a letter as did everybody else" approaching retirement age that he would have to file a request for a one-year contract if he wanted to teach this year.

This request was filed and mailed by Milton Stanzler, Drans' lawyer. In a later letter signed by the president of the College, this request was denied.

Thomson reports Drans is drawing the pension given every other retired faculty member, as funded by the TIAA, which is a pension fund to which every tenured faculty member contributes for retirement pensioning.

Thomson speculates the Supreme Court will not rule on the matter through a trial or the like; rather, the justices will review the information and submit an opinion at a later date. Thomson admits the court has given no indication when this case would be resolved, and sees no resolution in the near future.

Honors program plans 20th anniversary events

Providence College's Liberal Arts Honors Program, an interdisciplinary program concerned with "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 1950s and '60s, and a full schedule of events slated for Columbus Day Weekend.

On Saturday, October 8, Dr. Terrie Curran has coordinated colloquiums 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 cocktail hour and anniversary banquet coordinated by Dr. Rodney Delasanta.

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 music concert.

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 fall edition of the Providence magazine contains

articles written by the program's alumni.

The program, which does not constitute a major but is pursued concurrently with a student's chosen major, can fulfill most general degree requirements.

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 1970, 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."



Dr. Richard J. Grace, director of the Arts Honors Program

there is a great deal of emphasis placed on the individual research papers, often 30 pages in length, upon which the Swiss student concentrates during the semester.

When asked if he enjoyed social life at PC, he replied positively. He explained that the campus offers a great deal more in the way of organized events than would be found in Fribourg. He enjoyed, for example, the mixer he attended because he enjoyed the band and loves to dance.

Müller, struck by the amount of open space he has observed, hopes to travel west during vacations and would enjoy meeting other students to travel with. He feels that there are two ways to learn about a country: by seeing it as a tourist or by getting to know its people. Müller, whose overall impressions are positive, prefers the latter approach and already considers himself "generally very comfortable with Americans."

guitar, banjo, clarinet and saxophone and is a member of the PC band. He also works in the audio-visual center which he praises highly. Fluent in French, 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 per cent 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

Felix Müller, Fribourg transfer This European isn't here just to travel

By Jane E. Hickey

Although Felix Müller, an exchange 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 Program of 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 a minor in history) 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 and was offered a teaching position which he had planned to accept when Paul Gallagher, resident director of the junior-year-abroad program, informed him that he had been offered a scholarship to PC where he would study English and American literature and write his doctoral dissertation. Müller accepted the scholarship and is presently attending classes here full-time.

In addition to American literature, an area in which he does independent work, he has elected several arts courses.

Müller, the son of a Swiss farmer, comes from a family of seven girls and six boys to which the latest addition is an adopted eight-year-old sister. The age span between the 13 brothers and sisters ranges from eight to 33 years of age.

Müller's interests and experiences are many. In addition to being a lover of music, he is also a performer who plays the

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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 reported on 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 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 when it became apparent 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.

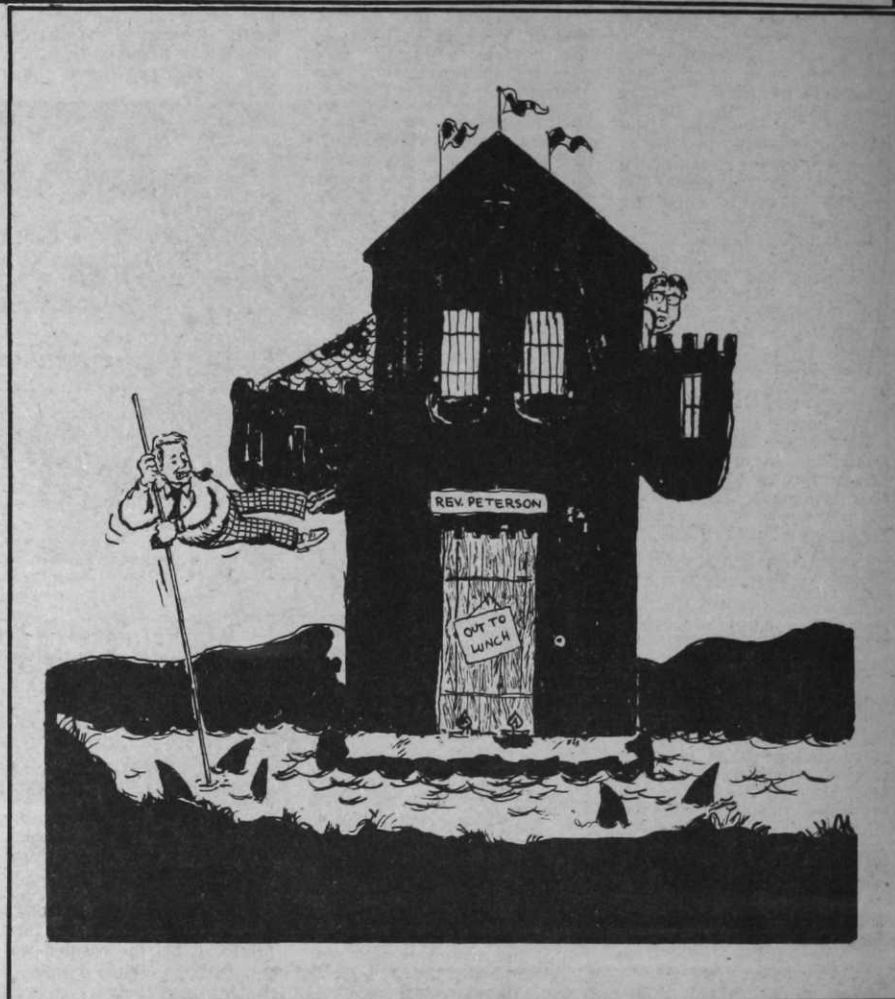
The Editorial Board feels that in investigating the overenrollment issue a Pandora's box has been opened. There are some questions that still must be answered about this administration's procedures and policies.

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 addition 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 week-ends 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 so 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 glasses; 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 diversionary tactic designed to main-

tain 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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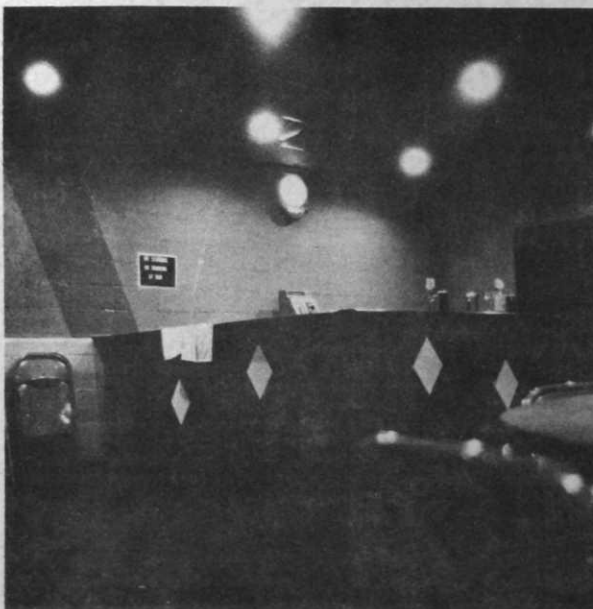
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Counterpoint

By Frank Fortin

Enrollment question: False advertising

"You're the ones who have to live with it."

A faculty member told me this last week, when we were talking about the 1977 version of Overenrollment - They - Have - Six - Men - in - a - Room Controversy.

This faculty member was explaining what he saw as the crux of the matter: if it weren't for the fact that students have been screaming at the top of their lungs for three years, the College would still be wedging people through the front gates at Harkins with a shoehorn and a can of axle grease; there might not be any attempt whatsoever to cut down enrollment.

For the last three years, freshman classes have been astronomical in size. After two years of intolerable living conditions, College officials met and decided to hold the Class of 1980 down to 800.

We returned in September last year to find a class numbering 1,054. The previous year's discontent grew to audible irritation.

Last spring, that same 800

figure was promised again, despite Student Congress grumbling over the previous year's discrepancy. But as early as June of this year, it was clear the 800 figure was another empty promise. The number this year: 930.

Why? The short-range reason is this: Each student brings in \$2800 worth of income in tuition, money which is used to balance a perennially troublesome budget.

This troublesome budget has only been saved by the annual

tuition increases. The College has claimed these have been the minimum increases possible and we've accepted that.

But only recently has the College resorted to obtaining income from two sources: "The absolute minimum needed to balance the budget" from our higher tuition, and the "unexpected" windfall through surprise overenrollment.

Why do we pay high tuitions? Answer: to get the same services. But what is the result of

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.

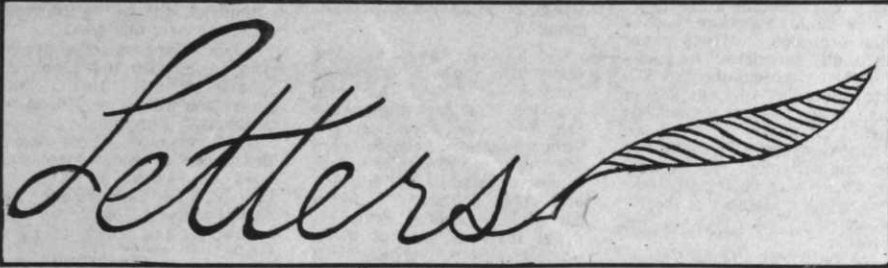
I see many similarities between that hypothetical case and the one at PC.

Three consecutive years of this nonsense reduces the chance that the College made a mistake every year. Maybe they made the mistake once: the tuition increase was too low, so to save its financial neck, the College had to admit more students.

If this year and the year before that was a mistake, it is the most grievous case of mismanagement this side of New York City. If the case is something else, then that's a totally different story.

Admitting more unexpected students is the easy way out of a fiscal problem, but it's an easy way out at the expense of the students. If the students don't squeal, however, no one's going to do it for them. No one is as seriously affected, and no one else cares enough to say anything about it.

I suspect the mere fact students have complained in the past is the only reason freshman classes have slightly dropped. But for the trend to continue, the opposition must continue. Otherwise, we might find ourselves in a worse situation than ever before.



Why no shorts?

Dear Editor,

We believe that this letter won't be the only voice of objection to the memo posted in Raymond Hall prohibiting students from wearing gym shorts in the cafeteria. It is very obvious that PC students engage in extracurricular activities, particularly athletics. Students are pressured 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 changing after athletics.

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 that 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 in-

correct, 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 university's two search committees. I had, as the article rightly says, previously indicated that I felt I was not really the person that the university needed to fill the position of President. I pointed this out to the trustees when I met with them. I have no way of knowing whether or not this 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

Well, there I was, a young man about to set off on my journey down the road of life. I was standing admiring a particularly lovely sight when a man in a white robe approached.

"Psst, hey you, my son, c'mere."

I pointed at myself disbelievingly.

"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 his car. I'm one of the few people who still lives in constant dread of white slavery.

"I'm sorry, but I'm about to go down the road of life, I'm seeking employment in a high-paying job which requires little or no ability."

He looked suddenly horrified, as if I had said I was going on a date with the bubonic plague. He regained his composure and answered.

"I'm here to offer you an alternative to work. I represent an organization from Providence, Rhode Island."

"You're in the Mafia. I thought you guys wore black suits and white ties," I answered.

"No, I'm not in the Mafia, and

PLEASE, don't ever use that word in Providence. Half the population is very sensitive about that defunct organization. My name is Father Postus Mortemus; I'm a Dominican father from Providence College. It's a small liberal arts college in Rhode Island."

I became interested.

"An alternative to work. Say, Father, that sounds like it's for me. What's involved?" I queried.

"Oh, a little Western Civilization, some philosophy, maybe some math, some literature."

"Gee, that sounds like a lot. Do you have much free time?"

"Free time," he reiterated, "at Providence we refer to it as study hours."

"Do you spend a lot of time studying?" This to me seemed vital.

"That depends on what you call a lot of time. In relation to the duration of the Pax Romana, the time you spend studying is infinitesimal."

At least that sounded reassuring. Not totally satisfied, I continued with my tough line of questioning.

"What's a typical day like for a PC student?"

"Well, you spend about four hours a day in class, another two in a well-known local dining spot, about two in a campus job, figure time for studies and about eight

hours sleep a night. That leaves two hours a day totally to yourself. Excepting exam weeks."

Well, I'm not a math major.

"That doesn't sound bad at all. By the way, how's the food?"

From the look on his face I thought I had finally pinned him down.

"My son, the food is indescribable; in fact, it is often indiscernable."

"Wow, that good. huh? Can you

go back for seconds?"

"That's usually not a problem," 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 feel 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 en-

tertain themselves there?"

"Drink," he answered abruptly.

"Oh, do they do anything else?" I asked.

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

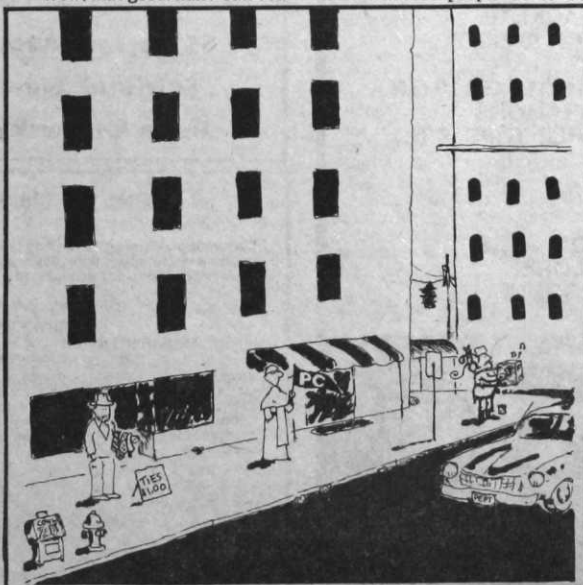
"Well, Father, it sounds like this place is for me. How do I get in?"

"We have a screening process. Have you heard of Dun & Bradstreet?"

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

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

As P.T. Barnum would say, "There's one born every minute."



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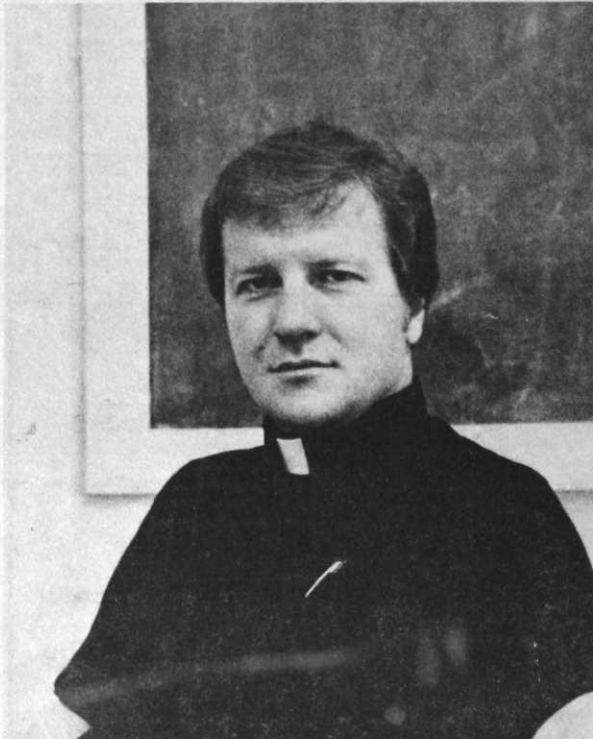
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Features

The story of the flying Pr(i)est Father Prest finds solace in the sky

By Dea Antonelli

The sense of adventure and discovery which one experiences



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

while flying has been heralded since the earliest days of flight. Rev. James L. Prest, O.P., member of the religious studies and Western Civ departments and a pilot for the last six years, described the sensations that he feels as one who controls a pathway in the sky.

"A pilot friend of mine took 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 uninhabited 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 three-mile visibility and a 1000-foot ceiling in order for him to be able to fly. He flies for pleasure and is able to choose from many fascinating destinations within the New England area.

"I might fly over the Newport mansions or over to Martha's Vineyard for a cup of coffee or clam chowder. The fall foliage also provides a memorable experience. The overall view itself 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 amuses 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 (unknownst to him) and ordered him to cope with the emergency situation.

Ponds listening in sunlight, the summer beauty of the state's coastline, and the fall splendor of regional New England are more than enough to attract the attention of a pilot, but there were many periods in history which are also of great interest to pilots.

The era of the barn-storming pilots is one-one 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 imaginable 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 airways, benefiting from the latest flight technology. He recalled a saying which might have characterized that era: "There are old pilots and there are bald pilots, but there are no bold pilots."

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 famed American poet Robert Bly.

Andre Dubus begins the series on September 27. Described by series coordinator Jane Lunin Perel as an "interesting, outgoing, 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 13, Thom Gunn, British poet of renown fame, will read his works in Aquinas Lounge. They include selections from *Positives*, *Touch*, *My Sad Captains*, and *Jack Straw's Castle*.

Other writers scheduled for this year's series include: Phillis Janowitz on November 15, reading from her book *Lovers, Loners, and Other Losers*; David Clouthier, who is from this area, will read from *Spirit*, *Spirit: Shaman Songs and Incantations* and *Ghost Call* on December 7; Ruth Whitman on January 26, reading from her book *The Passion of Lizzie Borden*; Barry Beckham, a fiction writer who deals with the black experience in his work, will read from his books *My Main Mother* and *Runner Mack* on February 28.

On March 15, nationally acclaimed American poet Robert Bly will read from his many publications. They include *Silence in the Snowy Fields*, *The Light Around the Body*, *The Morning Glory*, among others.

Edward McCrorie and Jane Lunin Perel, both English professors at PC, will give readings from their books on

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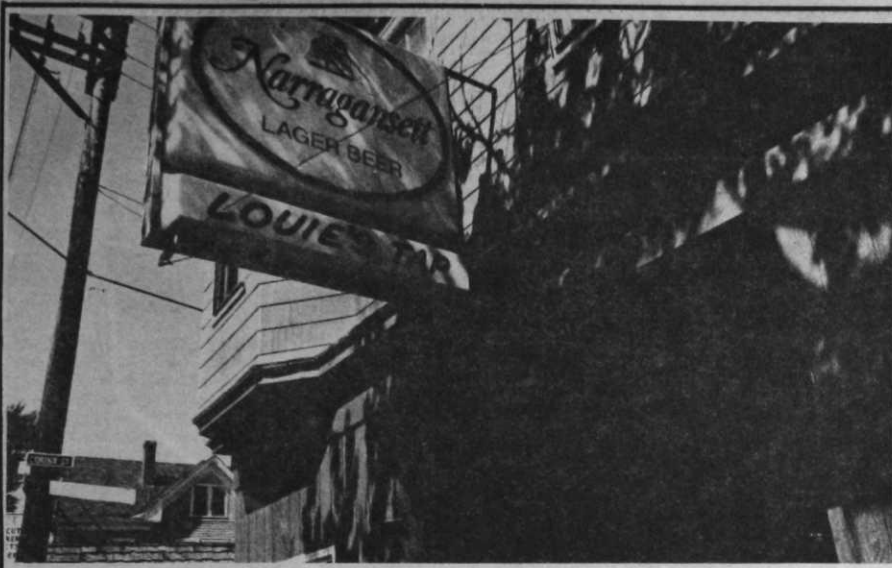


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A visit to Louie's PC's new watering hole

By Kathy Hansen

Louie's Tap - you've got to love it. At least the majority of PC's drinking class does.

Located on Douglas Avenue, Louie's is around the corner and across the street from the immortal E and J's. At first glance Louie's may appear to be the typical bar where middle-aged blue-collar workers to get away from it all, especially from their wives. Take another look. Chances are it will look the same. Go in, have a beer, maybe three. It will help you see differently.

Shave and a haircut, two bits. Beer at Louie's is still a quarter. And the glasses are cute. Where else can you go for a quarter beer in a cute glass? Above all, even

better than the prices, Louie's has atmosphere.

The regulars slump over the bar from opening to closing, turning away only to glance at a newcomer. A miniature bowling machine twinkles in a corner. Two Farrah's are taped to the wall, growing more life-like with each beer. There are tables, there are chairs. There is a boot to toss coins into to try and win a drink. There is Chuck Mueller behind the bar.

But what truly lends Louie's the unique aura, the one-and-only quality, is its touch of the Wild West. The swinging half doors that lead to the men's room are certainly of appealing Western flavor. Louie's - you've got to love it.

Theatre arts announces '77-'78 season schedule

By Dea Antonelli

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 extensive production plans for them promise that upcoming campus theatre experiences will be as varied and vibrant as those of previous seasons.

The premier production will be Moliere's *The Would-Be Gentleman*, a comedy almost vaudevillian 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 the necessary aristocratic nature include hiring various masters to tutor him in the fine arts of music, dancing and fencing. The masters are of ill-repute, however, and charge him enormous sums of money for ludicrous instruction.

Auditions for *The Would-Be Gentleman* will take place on Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 22. The play will be directed by Rev. R. L. Pelkington, O.P., and will run from November 9 through 13. The second production will be a musical adaptation of Voltaire's *Candide*, a work which is usually found on the second-year Western Civ syllabus. Director John Garrity promises that *Candide* will be a wildly entertaining show complimented by the most unconventional set to be built during this season. *Candide* will run from February 22 to February 26.

Our Town, Thornton Wilder's American classic, is the story of the people of a little New Hampshire town called Grover's Corners. The director of this final major production of the year, Sandy Fox, feels that the play's importance lies in its attempt to depict "the value above all price for the smallest events of our daily life." The beauty of tradition is seen in the lives and loves of the Grover's Corners folk who are representative of all humanity. Our Town will be presented from April 19 through April 23.

A series of student-directed plays, fulfillment of the directing course requirements, are also scheduled for the upcoming theatre season. The titles are unannounced as of yet, but the first presentation will take place on December 2, 3 and 4, and the second round of presentations will be given on May 5, 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 '79, will direct the

plays, "Riders to the Sea" by J.M. Synge and "The Still Alarm" by George Kaufmann. More information, such as which evenings of presentation are open to the public, should be available in the near future.

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 welcomes all students interested in any aspects of theatre to come to the theatre arts office.



Three past plays of Friar's Cell fame: Left to right, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Godspell," and "Mark Twain Tonight."



Court file photos

The search for warm water Hot issue fails to come from faucets

By David Amaral

The search had begun. Armed with heavy-duty rain gear and an assortment of finger-bowls, I began a cross-campus search for a working hot water faucet. Not hard to find, right?

Any search must begin logically, not at random, so the most reasonable place to begin would be the main building on campus. Harkins Hall sounded good - many classrooms and offices, and even the President's Office is there. Besides, that's where the Dean's Office is, and plenty of kids have gotten into hot water... (sorry).

Buttoning up my rain gear, I trudged into the men's room and selected the proper size finger-bowl. Turning on the faucet labeled "H," I filled the bowl to the brim, and lightly dipped my fingers in. Cold. Ice was beginning to form around the sides. I dried off and headed out.

Slavin Center was next, the place of social activity on campus. They always have warm beer, so why not warm water? Buckling up my hip boots, I entered the men's room where I proceeded to turn on all six hot water faucets at full blast. I was determined to milk some hot water out of these babies.

Needless to say, a flood had been created, a cold flood. Rather than waste all that water, though, I stripped down and whipped out the oil scrub brush and soap.

These two failures gave me cause to reevaluate my situation. Maybe I was approaching this from the wrong perspective.

Females always spend a lot of time in ladies' rooms, I thought, so they must have hot water in there. Stuffing my shirt and pulling a hat over my face, I entered within for the test. Unfortunately, the weight of my raincoat caused one of the balloons to burst, giving away my secret.

Several screams and swinging handbags prompted a quick exit in which no data could be obtained. That case will remain unresolved.

After unsuccessful attempts in several more campus buildings, I gave up. That was it, I had had it; my fingers were frostbitten enough. It was back to the library for me for some serious studying and snoozing.

They say most great discoveries occur by accident, right? Here I was in the library about to nod off from an overdose of text. I needed some of that cold water now to splash my face and wake me up.

Stumbling into the men's room with my eyes half closed, I groped for one of the faucets. When I put my hands under the running water, I felt a strange burning sensation after a couple of minutes. I looked down, and to my surprise, saw steam rising from my red, blistering hands. Yee'ha! I had struck hot water! The fountains of warmth were a-flowing!

The Cowl was to run a front page article on my discovery, headline "Hot Water Discovered on First Floor of Library." The editors have decided to keep this issue under the table, however, for fear if this issue were discovered, it would not remain "hot".

New poetry season

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April 18. To finish up the series the Providence College poets and fiction writers will read on May 4.

All readings will take place in Aquinas Lounge and will begin at 8 p.m. As usual, wine and cheese will be served after the readings. For those interested, the publications of the writers will be available in the PC bookstore.

alas, not even the sights offered from a modern day monorail can compare with the enticing view offered at land level.

A stone bench situated beneath the branches of a college oak tenders a framework of fascination which can be surveyed somewhat discreetly beneath the camouflage of turning leaves. Because of its central location, this haven offers various views. It is a people-watcher's dream come true!

A few moments spent shadowed beneath the old oak's shade can enlighten one considerably as to the many facets of life on this college campus.

One rather common sight is that of a young person descending the paved path which leads the way from the library to the street. Unlike most passers-by, this pedestrian will be displaying a look of distress. With eyebrows knit together in deep dilemma and lips lengthening to form a squiggly spaghetti-like shape, the student shall proceed in great haste.

Due to the fact that this person did not once stray from the pavement on to the grass, it can be assumed that the subject under study is a freshman. There are, of course, two possible reasons for such a pained appearance; a state of confusion still engulfs this unfortunate soul.

Having searched unsuccessfully for the Music Building for six days has caused the onset of disillusion. "Was that professor correct in directing me to the basement of a whole building? Would it be safe to investigate the Lower Campus, 'where all the nuts are?'" Or perhaps hunger pangs have set in, stirring a debate as to the pros and cons of entering Alumni Cafeteria alone.

The green of Slavin Center seems to serve as one of nature's most perfect study halls, inspiration courtesy of that smiling sun. But the lush greenery also serves superbly as a blanket for those who have been wearied by the day's activities. For those seeking conversation, the steps of Slavin seem to be a popular spot.

Bits and pieces of conversation often waft their way to the shadows of the oak, whispering of new-found friendships. There is little room at PC for that shyness which sometimes rules people. From the buttoned collar-tips of their cotton shirts to the leather ties of their topsiders, the people of Providence College spread a contagious feeling of belonging.

Far more beautiful than the view from any modern day mechanism is the view offered by the simple stone situated amidst the hubbub of campus life. It is heartwarming to think that this is home.

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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 defaulters.

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 obliga-

tions 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 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 law, and business report writing.

According to Gustave Cote, 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 sort of undertaking."

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 Manni, seminar director; Natalie Seigle, Robert Auclair, Peter Bongiorno, Ronald Cerwonka, Raymond Gorman, Paul Sugrue, and Stephen Walsh.

Friar gridgers dominate second half of play

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and the pigskin returned to the grips 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 defenceman Mick Decosta 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 Marcolini 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 Mick Decosta returned it down to the PC 20. Two plays later, the Chieftain 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-two 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 run around end. The TD put the Friars in a tie with Stonehill, but 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 (76 in the air and 115 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 51 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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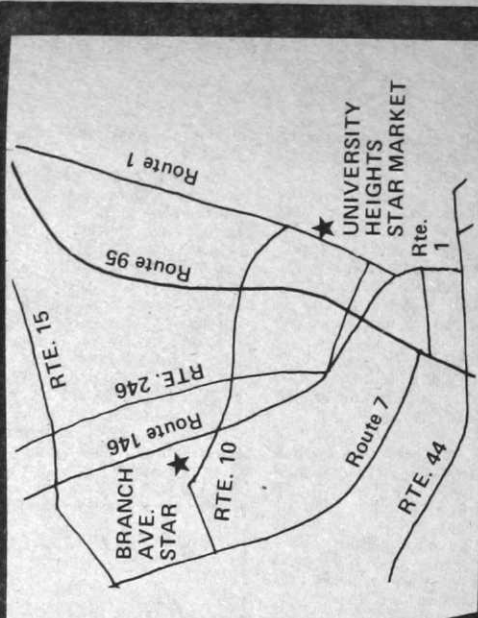
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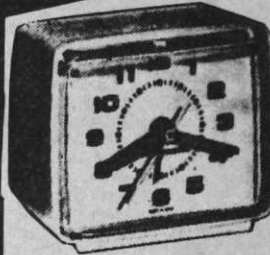
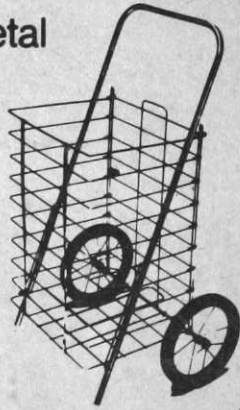
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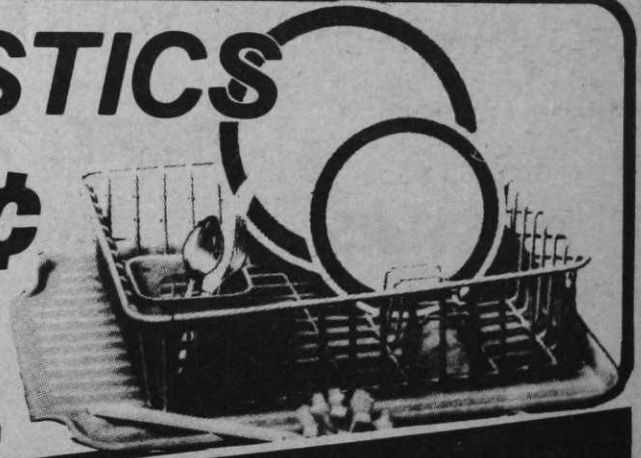
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Pocket Preview: Women's Sports

By Debbie O'Brien
and
Maureen Hession

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 emphasis on defense, many of the team's drills are directed towards blocking the spike. The 10-game schedule, with several tournaments, includes tough matches with two powerful teams, URI and UConn.

remains optimistic for this up-and-coming first-year team.

FIELD HOCKEY

This year's edition of Lady Friars' field hockey will most likely be a rebuilding year and something of a learning experience for everyone concerned. For starters, the team has a new coach, Mary Beth Scavullo. Coach Scavullo is an alumnus of Ithaca College in New York. She will also serve as the assistant women's ice hockey coach. The team will attempt to better last year's 4-5 mark tomorrow when they kick off the season with a home game versus Bryant.



The women's field hockey team in training. They face Bryant tomorrow.

Strengths: Karen Johnson and Mary Casey are two reliable players expected to anchor the young team with their consistent bumping and spiking. Freshman Joan Finneran, at six feet, figures to be both a strong blocking and spiking prospect. In addition, freshman Sandy Radcliffe should be a valuable asset as a setter, since she has gained experience playing in the U.S. Volleyball Association.

Weaknesses: A chief weakness is the team's inexperience in intercollegiate play. The fact that the members have never played together as a team also presents a problem which only time and hard work can solve.

Coach Dick Bagge: "Already we're 50 per cent better than last year and every year we'll improve. The team must jell as a unit." As for the coming season, Coach Bagge commented, "I'm looking for the team to be competitive this year." The outlook

Strengths: Defense should be a strong point this year, and until some talented freshmen make their way to the starting lineup, Lynn Sheedy will have to shoulder most of the offensive responsibilities. Frosh Kathy Lenahan, Sue Hutchings and Sharon Clegg have been impressive to date. So far the team has stayed healthy and Coach Scavullo anticipates no foreseeable physical problems.

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.

Coach Mary Beth Scavullo: "The season is still young, but we've got good veteran defense from Jeri Oliva, Sharon McCarthy, and Kozi Ritchie. If we can work in our freshman offensive potential with our veteran offensive strength of Lynn Sheedy, Nancy Pope, and Joanne Del Deo, we should have a strong season."

Trivia expert? Call WDOM's "Sports Teasers"

Who was the final out in the 1956 World Series game in which Don Larsen pitched a perfect game?

Who was the opposing starting center in the game that Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points?

Stumped? The true sports trivia buff wouldn't be. For the past year, WDOM has been whetting the appetites of these buffs with a sports trivia show. The team of B. J. Daly and Warren Hendrickson toss out questions from all branches of the sporting world every Sunday at 7 p.m.

The show attempts to challenge even the most hardcore buffs, reaching as far back as the early 1900s for some questions. There is also an effort to get the women involved with many questions

from women's sports.

"We don't succeed in fooling people too often," said Daly. "We have a very sports-minded campus. I think we only succeeded in stumping them twice last year."

Correct answers are awarded with prizes from local businesses or from the athletic department.

"The athletic department has been great," stated Daly. "Don Bello gave us as many tickets as possible. But the audience seems to play more for pride than for prizes. There was many an occasion when we had no prizes to offer but the response was as great as ever."

By the way, the answers to the above questions are Dale Mitchell and Walt Bellamy. Happy guessing.

Harriers open impressively; Treacy, Deegan leaders

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must place at a minimum of 30 seconds apart to effectively erase the loss of John. At the present time we were 49 seconds apart, but I expect great strides from Ed Hartnett, Larry Reed and Peter Crooke to efficiently close the gap," Amato explained.

An underrated face in the crowd thus far has to be junior Dan Dillon. Although not highly publicized, Dillon is potential all-American candidate, being counted upon to stabilize the middle, between the top and bottom finishers.

"As in his previous two seasons, Dan is a major key to our success as a team. Steadiness has been Dan's trademark. And a slight improvement over last year's effort could very well land

him an all-American berth," predicted the coach.

Although Providence has soundly thrashed such local squads as BC, BU, Maine and UNH last Saturday, Amato is not looking ahead to the NCAA's quite yet.

"Our opposition has improved so much from a year ago that we can't help but concentrate on one meet at a time," added Amato.

"I'd have to say that we have the team to beat in New England, and that's saying something, because this region definitely has some of the best distance runners in the country. As the season progresses, it may take a maximum effort to get us through sectional competition with an unblemished slate," Amato concluded.



John Treacy spearheads still another Friar cross-country victory. He and Gerry Deegan finished tied for first Saturday.

Notice

Starting next week The Cowl will institute several new features into its weekly sports format. There will be a special bi-weekly intramural sports column devoted solely to that organization's events. One feature destined to become a fixture is a combination calendar, stat sheet with a capsulized run-down of the past weeks' athletic events.

Another point of interest will be the Friar of the Week distinction; awarded to the varsity athlete who has the best individual performance in his or her particular sport.

Photo-wise, look for a weekly pictorial essay by The Cowl's crack team of cameramen. It will occupy a regular block on page 10.

Two of the team's most promising performers so far are sophomores, Cataldo and Cathy Dion. "I'm very impressed with the attitude of the entire team when they are working out; they take their training very seriously and haven't let the inclement weather stop their daily routines," enthused Cerra.

Any girl that would like to run for the squad this fall is encouraged to stop by the Women's Athletic Center in the gym. For those who want to run simply for the exercise, Cerra has formed a 50-mile club. For its members a chart will be posted and daily progress will be noted.

Women Hope to run up long string

By Lou Pulner

On Saturday past, the women made their debut a successful one by defeating the Terriers of Boston University, in an exhibition meet. Running at Franklin Park, a course better known by the heroics of an Irish twosome named O'Shea and Treacy, the Lady Friars just nipped their opponents by the score of 26-29.

Janice Cataldo, a Providence sophomore, was the meet's individual medalist. She covered the hilly, three mile course in the time of 20:02. Coach Amato and his forces had better watch out because coming around the bend is another cross country team from PC that is undefeated.

Providence College's fall passion, cross country, has found its way into the women's athletic program. Cathy Cerra, a graduate of the University of Rhode

"I'm very impressed with the attitude of the entire team."

—Cathy Cerra

Island will coach the team through its inaugural season.

Coach Cerra is not an unfamiliar face in the women's program. During her senior year in college she was the student trainer for the Lady Friars basketball team. The team itself has been practicing for two weeks in preparation for its first meet against URI on October 19. Other scheduled matches will pit the girls against Brown, MIT and possibly Barrington College.

2nd annual I-M player race set

For the second straight year The Cowl and the Intramural Board will sponsor their flag football Player of the Week series.

One individual from both the men's and women's divisions will receive two free tickets to any basketball or hockey game of their choice. At the conclusion of the flag football season the two most outstanding performers in both divisions will be named Players of the Year.

The selection process consists of Athletic Board chairman Jim Dempsey and The Cowl's sports editor John O'Hare. The contest will begin next week with the start of the football season.

Friars drop opener

By Al Palladino

This past Monday, Providence's golf forces opened their season by dropping a 6-3 decision to their archrival, the Crusaders of Holy Cross. The match was held at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts. The layout was the same one 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 a different type of format than usual. The groups went out in foursomes with two members from each squad. Each player faced an opponent in this group by stroke play and then teammates combined in a two-man best ball competition.

Two year veteran Bob Milich combined with Bill Riordan for the Friars only point in the best ball competition. Riordan, by carding an 83, accounted for Providence's second point in the match. Kerry Reilly's 82 closed out PC's scoring for the day.

The Friars low score was shot by Bill Wilcox, who managed an 80 in a losing effort. Crusader B.J. Bailey offset Wilcox's round by having low total of the day with a sparkling 76. Other Providence scores were Milich-87, Tim Murdoch-92, and Matt Zito-97.

"The only thing to say is that we were pitiful," commented Milich afterwards. "Bill (Wilcox) was unfortunate to have Holy Cross' low scorer in his group. If he had been somewhere else, the score might have been a little different. Riordan and Reilly were respectable but we still lost and our overall play was nothing to write home to mom about."

It should be noted that two of PC's most consistent golfers last year, Colin Ahern and Tim Cawley, are unable to compete during the fall season. Ahern is busy getting ready for the upcoming hockey campaign and Cawley is bogged down with a heavy fall semester subject load. Both are expected back in the spring and will be of considerable help as the Friars begin to defend their New England championship. However, the loss of John McMorrow, Providence's number one player last year, will be a tough spot to fill.

All in all, Coach Joe Prisco has a very talented bunch of golfers. Milich is a proven player and Zito, despite his poor round against Holy Cross, was one of the leading schoolboy golfers in the Ocean State in 1975. With the addition of Ahern and Cawley, Prisco has the foundation for a strong team.

"Maybe we got our bad scores out of our systems," said Milich. "There is no way we will be this awful again. We've got the talent and it is just a matter of putting it together. I know I'm better than a 87. I've shown that over the past two years. Zito may never shoot that high again. Everyone knows he's better than that."

"Don't count us out. When those New Englands come along we will be there. I promise you that."

Short Putts: PC travels to New Haven, Connecticut, next week 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 fall... New England finals will be held in mid-October on Cape Cod...

Sports

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 over 3000 fans 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 players on the respective squads were emotionally ready. Stonehill, which had a nine-year losing string to the Friars hanging over their heads, was not prepared to walk away without a victory. Providence, on the other hand, was coming off a very successful 1976 season and they were expecting to get off to a good start this year.

The cheerleaders from both schools were on hand as well as a band to play "The Star-Spangled Banner." So, all in all, everything seemed to be just great.

Well, that just wasn't the case. There was one slight problem surrounding the whole situation - the lights didn't work.

I arrived at the ballfield at 7:50 p.m., 10 minutes before game time, and found only one side of the gridiron lit. I thought it rather a peculiar situation but I figured that maybe they were just conserving energy.

As I awaited the arrival of the two teams onto the playing field, however, I noticed that the one set of lights that was working was getting darker.

"Well, that's rather ingenious," I pronounced to PC trainer John Cerra, "I never thought I would see the day when they had a dimmer control on football stadium lights."

"That's not a dimmer control, John," said Cerra. "I'm afraid the lights are losing power."

No sooner had Cerra finished his statement when the lights went out. And there we stood, 10 minutes after the scheduled game time, in complete darkness.

Workers quickly scrambled to the end of the field to inspect the generators that were located on a flat-bed trailer truck. For the next 20 minutes, they attempted to salvage the situation. Finally, at 8:30, the lights went back on and everything looked all set.

That's when I noticed some sparks flying over my head. "I didn't know they had a fireworks display planned," I hesitantly mentioned to Tom Foley of WDOM.

"Those aren't fireworks, John," reported Foley. "One of the light bulbs above you just burst."

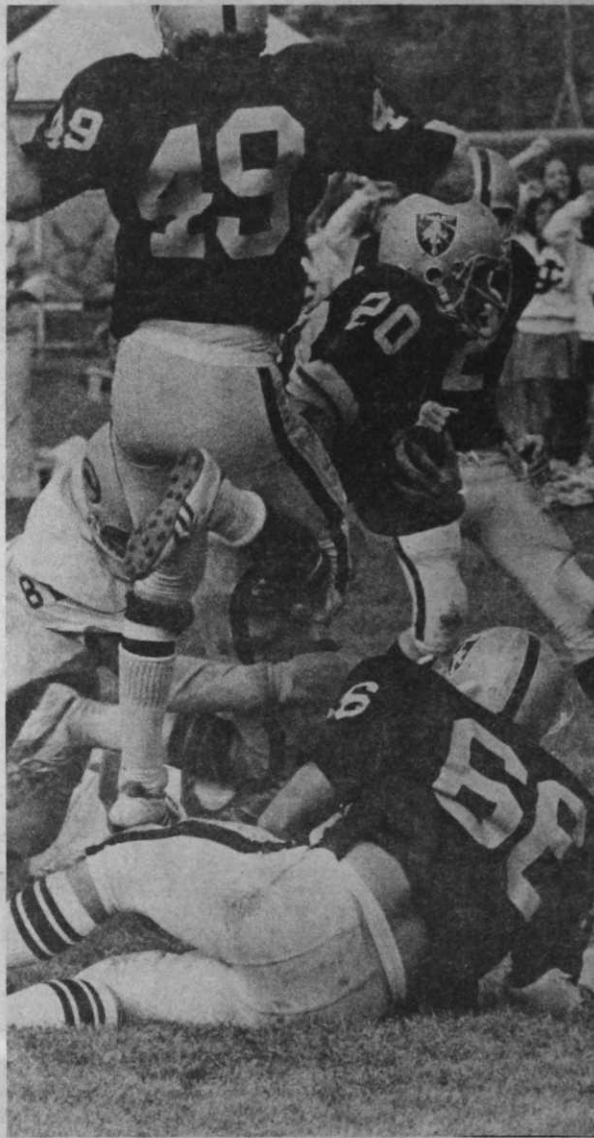
Sure enough, just as I stepped aside to look up at the portable light fixture I noticed the smoldering remains of a light bulb slowly dropping to the point where I had just been standing.

The respective teams finally made it out to the field of play and were in the process of warming up when the lights on the Stonehill side went out again.

Despite the efforts of workers to restore light to both sides and despite assurances by game officials that they were attempting to locate another generator and would get the game going by 9:30 p.m., the Thursday night contest never got off the ground.

The two teams travelled back to the same location the following day for their match. This time, however, the lights were nowhere to be seen, the scoreboard was not in operation, and a small gathering of 250 witnessed the contest in which PC edged Stonehill 13-12.

For Coach Chet Hanewich's squad it was a successful start to the 1977 campaign, but one played under the most unusual set of circumstances.



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

PC wins, 13-12

In a contest that was almost anti-climactic to the many twists of fate that preceded it, the Providence College club football team edged out a 13-12 decision over Stonehill College Friday afternoon in Braintree, Massachusetts.

The game was originally scheduled for 8 p.m. the previous Thursday. A failure in the generators that were feeding power to the portable lights surrounding the field, however, forced officials to postpone the charity contest and sent the 3,000 plus fans home at 9:30, an hour and a half after the expected kickoff time.

The opening season duel for both teams then was rescheduled for Friday at 4 p.m. at Stonehill College. About 12:45 p.m. that day, though, the Friars learned that the game had been switched back to the Braintree Junior High School field, and so at 1 p.m. PC boarded their chartered bus and headed back to the Massachusetts site.

Once the game finally commenced, both squads played sloppy ball for the first quarter of action. Stonehill received the opening kickoff and trampled over the Friar defense as they registered three first downs in their initial series. A pitch from Cheftain quarterback Bob Moccia to runningback Pat Barnes went astray on the PC 15 yard line and the Friars recovered.

Pass completions by signal-caller Mike Lee to PC seniors Peter Tallman and Jack Coyne, as well as a host of short ground gainers advanced the Black and White to mid-field. Then on fourth-and-three, a Lee pass was intercepted by the Chieftains. Stonehill, however, was unable to move the ball against PC's line,

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Providence College booters trample Merrimack, 9-1

By Al Palladino

The Providence College soccer squad opened its season in convincing style last Saturday as they defeated Merrimack in a laughter, 9-1. The game was never really a contest with the Friars taking control very early in the game.

Jim Rabadan's third career hat trick along with Kevin Coffey's three goals were all that PC needed. For co-captain Rabadan it was almost a repeat of last year's season opener when he scored three times to help beat the same Merrimack team. Although Providence won easily, no one is talking national championship.

"We are a better team than last year's" explained co-captain Peter Drennan. "The only problem is that everyone else is better, too. Although we didn't lose a lot of seniors last season, the ones we lost were key players."

Those players, Pat Farrell and Greg Papaz, left PC's defensive corps considerably weakened. Freshman Mike Lawrence played admirably against Merrimack. Teamed with Kyle Hutchins and Dave Krieson, the Friars possess one of the young-

est back lines in New England. Depth, especially in the aforementioned back line, could tell later in the campaign.

"We didn't do as well recruiting this fall," says head coach Bill Doyle. "If we get into



The soccer Friars' Jim Rabadan in a standard pose; heading for the net. Rabadan had his third career hat trick in PC's 9-1 thrashing of Merrimack.

injury problems, we are going to be in a lot of trouble."

Already Alan Doyle is still experiencing knee pains from a summer car accident and backup goalie Bob Pattan is suffering from a severely bruised thigh muscle. Drennan's thigh is heavily taped before each game and John Murphy is coming off a nasty leg injury. So it seems that the PC injury outlook is not off to such a great start.

Although the Friars aren't thinking about that national championship, neither are they ready to roll over and play dead. "Everybody counted us out last year," commented Rabadan, "and look at what we did. No one is going to embarrass us but we might surprise some people."

Looks like Merrimack might have been a little surprised.

Soccer Shorts: The Friars' home opener against Rhode Island College is scheduled for today at 3:30 p.m. ... Nine goals scored against Merrimack is the most for a PC squad since 1972's 10-goal outburst versus Assumption ... Coach Doyle's overall record is now 58-46-8 ... New addition to Providence's schedule this fall is the University of Massachusetts ... Rabadan's hat trick now gives him 13 career goals, 10 short of career high set by Mike Sufflete.

Treacy, Deegan star Trackmen run to victory

By Mike David

Led by senior all-American John Treacy and freshman sensation Gerry Deegan, the Friar cross country squad took their season opener hands down - but then again, what else is new? Competing in a five-team meet at Franklin Park in Boston, the Friar harriers registered the encouragingly low score of 23 while outclassing the University of Maine, its nearest competitor, by some 50 points.

Deegan and Treacy tied for first place in an astounding early season time of 23:56 with teammate Dan Dillon taking third in 24:14.

"In past years I have always judged how developed my runners are by taking into account how close they come to the 25-minute mark on a standard 4.8 mile course," reflected Coach Bob Amato. "As it turned out, two finished under the 24-minute mark, a great achievement in itself, but even more surprising is the fact that our top five runners finished on or around this early season hurdle."

In fact, the Friars so thoroughly dominated that all but three of their nine entrants finished in the top 10 in a field of some 65 runners.

"At this early stage in the campaign, I knew the boys had the upper hand, but I honestly

didn't think we were this superior," admitted Amato.

Treacy, possibly the premier harrier in the country, turned in his usual flawless performance, but a fellow resident of the Emerald Isle, Gerry Deegan might have stolen the show at his initial appearance in the U.S.

"My first impression of Gerry was that he potentially could step right in and take over for the graduated Mick O'Shea. That certainly seems like a tall order for a freshman, but the only question mark in my mind was whether or not Gerry could adapt quickly enough to be competitive early in the season," said Amato.

Deegan certainly silenced all critics with a stellar effort, but more importantly, he has shown that he might indeed fill in for O'Shea, a two-time all-American.

With the Friars once again literally stomping all regional competition, the ultimate question still remains unanswered: Can PC recoup from the loss of O'Shea and John Savoie while once again placing high on the national scale?

"Once again, at this early stage in the season Deegan is making the loss of O'Shea much easier for everyone to live with," stated Amato, "but Savoie will be missed."

To fully regain the depth and stability that we established last season our first five finishers

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