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## True Concept Of Christmas Still Remains In Hungary

By Dick Clancy

There was a time when Christmas in Hungary was a completely joyous time of year. That was before the name of Christmas was officially changed to "Winter Daddy Time" and "Pine Tree Season." That was before Communist psychology began its effort to make the Hungarian Christmas anything but a holy one. But there were many things that the Communist psychology could not accomplish. Last year, for instance, it could not convince the Hungarian people that a Christmas in slavery was as good as a Christmas in freedom. True, the spirit of the season was somewhat marred by the presence of Russian tanks in the streets, but it was still Christmas, and all the Russian tanks and the references to "Winter Daddy" could not change the truth.

The people of the villages are clinging tenaciously to the true concept of Christmas. To them Christmas will always be the birthday of Christ, in spite of the lies they are told. No one knows this fact better than Kornel Bordog, a freshman here at P. C. Kornel, better known as "Neil," was born in Szekesfevar, a town fifty miles west of Budapest, which seven hundred years ago served as Hungary's capital under King St. Stephen.

Neil was beginning his third year at the University of Jurisprudence in Pecs, which is one hundred-fifty miles south of Budapest, when the Russian tanks entered Hungary in November of 1956. Armed only



Neil Bordog

with rifles and light machine guns, he and fellow students fled to the mountains outside Pecs.

When it became apparent that a disorganized and poorly armed group of students could do nothing, Neil returned to Pecs. There he found several Russian tanks with guns trained on the student halls of the university. Realizing the situation was hopeless, Neil hitch-hiked back to his hometown.

Because of the Hungarian riots, the Communists had relaxed their border guard and concentrated on the uprising itself. Neil remained at home for two weeks and then escaped to Austria. There, efforts were

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The Administration and Faculty join me in extending to the student body best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Almighty God's protection and guidance.

Robert Slavin, O.P.

## Dr. Goodman Ends Lectures

An appreciative audience gathered in Albertus Magnus Auditorium last Wednesday to hear Dr. Charles C. Goodman give the final lecture in the series of eight mental health discussions sponsored by the School of Adult Education. The methods of treatment for various mental illnesses key-noted the evening's session.

Dr. Goodman emphasized the significance of appropriate physical therapy in the post-operative rehabilitation programs undertaken by mental institutions. Post-operative therapy, said the P.C. alumnus, is a major factor determining the peak of improvement which the patient achieves, although six months or even a year may transpire before noticeable improvement is accomplished.

The utility of the various shock treatments, including hydro-therapy and electro-convulsive therapy, were likewise discussed. In shock treatment, it was likewise revealed, beneficial effect to the patient is usually proportional to the degree of convulsion achieved.

In addition to physical, chemical and psychological techniques utilized in treatment of the mentally ill, a number of surgical procedures were also outlined. The famous lobotomy operation was described to the audience in some detail.

Comments sampled from the audience at the termination of the series indicated a considerable degree of enthusiasm over Dr. Goodman's series. The consensus among informed observers was that the College may well extend its sincere gratitude to Dr. Goodman who, in undertaking this noteworthy community service, has further enhanced his public prestige.

## Dorm Weekend Made Success By 117 Couples



The annual Dorm Weekend, sponsored by the Carolan Club, was held last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with one hundred seventeen couples attending. The weekend began promptly at seven o'clock on Friday when the couples sat down to a dinner of lobster salad and all the fixings. Following the dinner, the couples had their choice of attending the jazz performance in Stephen Hall, or to dance in Aquinas Hall. Tony Abbott and his groups provided the music at both affairs. Aquinas Hall lounge was decorated with large chandeliers, and a Christmas

scene in the fire-place. Over in Stephen Hall the staff of juniors Kevin McMahon and Jim Baker decorated the lounge with fire-places, mural backgrounds, and log cabin walls, thus creating a winter scene at a lodge. Miss Wanda Tereska, escorted by Jack Bagshaw, '60, was crowned queen of the affair.

On Saturday afternoon the couples were treated to a Dixieland festival, again with the Tony Abbott combo. A special feature was the singing of the quartet composed of Jim Felice, Jerry Cassidy, Ben

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## Science Day To Be Held

The science students of Providence College will have their sixth annual Science Day for high school seniors on Wednesday afternoon, January 8th, 1958.

The purpose of Science Day is to encourage high school seniors who are interested in science to continue their studies at a college level. Under the direction of the Rev. James W. Hackett, O.P., coordinator, and the student co-chairmen, John Boyd, Joseph Siracuse, George Riley, and Edward Sherman, this year's program will have more dynamic and interesting demonstrations and experiments than

those of the past years. Also included as a new addition for this year is a hot supper served free in the cafeteria.

The program will start with an official greeting to the visitors at four p.m. followed by inspection of the laboratories and facilities. Supper will be served at six, and will be followed by a double-header basketball game. The freshmen will tackle the five of Leicester Junior College, and the varsity will play Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

## Your Christmas Star When Homeward Bound

The northern star, alone, borne at last in troubled times,  
Escapes from snowy crests, from the high ethereal climes,  
Relieving us of burden that weighing days can fight,  
And Archangelic illumines to dress the Holy Night.

Christmas Day commences and poor carolers echo joy;  
Poverty's Hall relinquishes a child's first Christmas toy;  
Murmuring trees hum praise, as soon they bend their boughs  
Humble as the Magi the Star did once arouse.

All day and dark, the firmament on His Day he reaps,  
While Antipodes sit coyly like the lion who leaps  
To complete pollution of the soul he must devour  
That it might revel in corruption in Corruption's hour.

Dream your dreams, you dreamers, on His day of birth!  
Sing, you herald angels, sing, let Christmas be your mirth!  
But do not lessen Goodness with insertion of an "X",  
Depriving Him Whose Holy Name answered all your needs.

We're home soon, men; from education's soil we hail,  
To intoxicate our souls with kisses, hearth, and ale,  
So, while great gifts come freely flying from heart's fullest  
string,  
Forget not Him on Christmas Day who made your heart to sing.  
—John J. DiChello

## Third Order Starts Activities



As a result of the first meeting for 1957-58, the college chapter of the Dominican Third Order decided that one-thirty on Tuesdays is the best time for its members to meet. Each meeting lasts about one-half hour and consists of recitation of the Rosary, a short conference, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Since the first meeting, two additional meetings have been held, on November 12 and December 3. Each one was conducted in the Aquinas Hall Chapel.

At the meeting on November 12, Father Thomas H. McBrien,

O.P., Chaplain of the College, spoke on St. Dominic and the ideal of his Third Order. During the December 3 meeting, Father F. M. Jelly, O.P., gave a conference on contemplative prayer as a most important means of realizing the Dominican ideal.

The members will be notified of all future meetings by a memorandum from the Chaplain's Office. They are to be conducted twice each month. Any student who may be interested in securing further information about our Dominican Third Order is invited to contact either Father McBrien or Father Jelly.

## P.C. Veridames Hold Holy Hour

The Veridames of Providence College held their annual Holy Hour on December 8th, in the Aquinas Hall Chapel.

The Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of the College, presided over a conference and meditation period. A section of the Providence College Glee Club, under the direction of Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., participated in the service.

Following the Holy Hour, a reception and tea was held in the Aquinas Hall Lounge. Miss Ellen Perkins and Miss Veronica Mackey served as co-chairmen of the event.

# THE COWL

## Editorials



The moderator, editors and staff of the COWL extend to all readers a happy and holy Christmas and New Year.

Are people indifferent toward Christmas? Are they too busy with the hustle and bustle of today's enterprises not to see the benefits derived from the spirit of Christmas? Let there not be a soul so careless as not to heed the time for awareness. Be aware and appreciate the beauty of expression that man has found in depicting the simplest and most complex story ever to be revealed to man, and by that awareness surely an effect cannot help but reach and rejuvenate the Christian principles that are so direly needed in today's world.

Tradition and culture represent man's interpretation of his reaction of his feelings, emotions, attitudes toward specific events. If people show disinterest regarding the many colorful expressions that have gone into the making of Christmas as we now know it, how many of them probe their minds for the real story. The story of life, love, passion and death; love that no man has ever known, Divine Love.

This tradition being kept by man's continual genius in striving to preserve in the world something sacred which he recognizes and wants to promote. In its own way every age centers the world and tries to make the sacred common, the difficult light and the serious gay. The only objection to all this is that in the end everything loses its character and perspective, there is neither seriousness nor fun.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors,

The officers and representatives of the Carolan Club thank all who worked so hard to make Dorm Weekend the tremendous success that it was. Our deepest gratitude can never be adequately expressed to the co-chairmen, Joe Murphy and John Brenner, and their committeemen for their untiring effort.

A successful weekend of this nature is a lasting tribute to the faculty and students of Providence College, and will be honored with a special place among the memories of those who attend.

We sincerely thank the Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College; Rev. Martin J. Jordan,

moderator of the Carolan Club; Rev. Thomas H. McBrien, Chaplain; and the many other faculty members who contributed so much to our affair. Also, the Athletic Department, the ROTC Department, Mr. Joseph Murphy and the entire kitchen crew of Aquinas dining hall, the Maintenance Department, the Athletic Department of Brown University, and Mr. Tony Abbott for their thoughtful advice and assistance.

Once again, our sincerest thanks to all of you who have done so much for our organization.

Yours truly,  
The Officers and  
Representatives of  
the Carolan Club

Dear Editors:

Friday night at the hockey game, I could not help but notice the inadequacies of our band. It is not that I do not think they did a good job, but feel that they do not receive the support they deserve.

This was even more forcibly brought home by the presence of the Rensselaer band. First of all they had a superiority in numbers. It seems to me that there must be more students here at P.C. who have the ability to play a musical instrument. The band deserves their support, and they owe it to themselves to profit by association with this outfit.

Secondly, there was a noticeable difference in the uniforms

of the two bands. The R.P.I. contingent wore outfits that were snappy and symbolic. What did our band have? ROTC uniforms! P.C. is not primarily a military school, so it seems that we should be able to dress our band more in keeping with the spirit and traditions inherent with us. This, too, is probably a deterrent to greater numbers.

Finally there is a great difference in the music played by the two bands. There was less of an emphasis on march music with the R.P.I. band, making for more pleasant listening. Of course, I realize that this takes time that our band simply does not possess.

Sincerely,  
J. M. S., '59

## INQUIRING REPORTER

By Dave Heaney  
Interviewing Maurice Timlin,  
P.C. Placement Director:

Q.—How are representatives brought in to interview seniors?

A.—The placement office sends out about 2,000 invitations to different companies, of which about 20% reply.

Q.—Why do only 20% reply?

A.—These companies have very busy schedules at the present time, and in this regard they are in the driver's seat. They state the time, place, etc., at their convenience, and after all, he is buying, and I am selling. Also, the student is at an advantage when he is interviewed at the company rather than when he is interviewed at the college?

Q.—How can these techniques be learned?

A.—The placement office has sent invitations to all seniors to attend conferences at their convenience, where they can be in-



structed in the proper procedure of interviews.

Q.—Is there a guidance program?

A.—No. Some colleges have this in the form of counseling, aptitude tests, etc. We have given aptitude tests when the students desire.

Q.—Do companies react the same at other colleges?

A.—No. The larger companies favor larger colleges, although a position with a small company could be obtained by personal, individual interviews. These small companies do not have personnel departments.

Q.—What else is important besides technique?

A.—Class standing, marks in major subject, getting along, offices held, dramatics, publications—in short, words, the student must produce. A student must find a job suitable to him, "job dignity" is secondary to happiness.

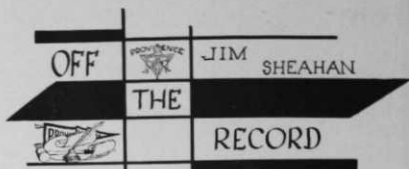
The following is a summary of one of Mr. Timlin's conferences for seniors:

We are always selling ourselves, our abilities, personalities, and ideas. The buyer of employees must be convinced that we are a worthwhile bargain.

There is a terrific market for your commodity (yourself). Before selling yourself, "a do-it-yourself project," these three points are to be considered:

- 1) **Location**—Where do you want to work? where don't you want to work?
- 2) **Industry**—There are a great number of companies so a process of elimination must be used. Pick the ones you like in general. You could find something wrong with every one.
- 3) **Job Title**—Choose a job title. What do you want to do for them? Type of work, prevailing conditions, hours, employee attitude, etc., can greatly influence one's decision.

If you can find these three answers, the task is about half over. Choose one to four industries, ten titles, and proceed from there.



## NATO Meeting...

In light of the recent advances made by Russia in the fields of scientific achievement and nuclear warfare, the 15 member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will meet in Paris next week. The chief problem facing the different government chiefs will be whether or not they can overcome the lead which Russia has taken.

Eisenhower or Nixon?

Since the United States will play an important role at this meeting, the decision of President Eisenhower to attend or not has been discussed a great deal. If he decides that it would be unwise for him to attempt such a trip, Vice-President Nixon will take his place. The feeling abroad on this subject has been mixed. Many have said that Nixon would be acceptable under the circumstances, and some have even gone so far as to say that they would prefer him instead of Eisenhower. However, the idea of Nixon taking the President's place is frowned on by others who are thinking in terms of the power that would be absent if the Vice President represented the United States. Mr. Nixon would be unable to make any formal agreements because the Constitution clearly states that only the Chief Executive may make policy and only he has the right to make an agreement that

would have the power of a treaty. So it can be easily seen that the President's decision is extremely important.

Need of An "Atlantic Union"

The world situation, as it now exists, is very critical, and the exigency for closer cooperation in scientific education, experimentation and manufacture is imperative. Any matters which come up for consideration at this summit meeting must be handled with extreme caution and with the full realization that none of these sovereign states—not even the United States—can afford to remain independent. The necessity for a functional arrangement, whereby the member nations would deal with all problems in the same way the United States does with its own domestic difficulties, has increased greatly. However, it has been seen in the past that people of different nationalities, speech and culture are unwilling to unite in a society that regards the overall interest of the members paramount to those of the individual. The formation of an "Atlantic Union" would definitely assure the West of much speedier advances in the scientific and nuclear war arenas.

Just exactly what accomplishments will come out of this meeting is a matter of conjecture. However, it is pretty safe to say that a renewed spirit of cooperation and goodwill between the member nations will certainly be evident.



Bill Donahue

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## Dean Of College Discusses Academic Guidance

When a man is faced with the necessity of acting, how does he make up his mind? When he stands at the crossroads and must turn to the right or left, what are the elements which determine a wise decision? Well, before he judges the best path to follow and before he acts upon that decision, he must first take counsel—with himself and others. "No one is so wise," says St. Thomas, "that he is not ignorant under some aspect. Hence all men stand in need of counsel." If this is true of life in general, it is no less true of collegiate life. The student needs help in many areas, and all around him at Providence College are men who have lived longer and deeper than he has, who have the experience and knowledge to help him with his problems. He would be making a mistake then if he did not

avail himself of their services. That is why they are here; that is why the College provides guidance opportunities from the opening day of "Freshman Orientation" until the closing day of college commencement.

In the academic sphere there are many decisions the student must make. He must plan his program of studies; he must choose his electives wisely; he must make up his mind about vocational goals. These decisions are his and his alone. But they cannot be made in a vacuum. The wisdom of the faculty should be sought in these matters. Is the student trying to decide whether to pursue advanced study after graduation, whether to be a physician, a business man, a lawyer? The faculty adviser not only can give him information regarding these vocations, but can expound their

strengths and their weaknesses, their requirements and their satisfactions and their relation to other kinds of occupational endeavor.

Providence College is a liberal arts institution. It is presumed that the student seeks his higher education here so that he may acquire a liberal learning. With this purpose in mind, the various curricula have been organized so that each presents to the student a well-rounded and integrated program of courses designed to introduce the student to various fields of liberal culture. At the same time, appreciating the fact that intellectual satisfaction increases when the student becomes more proficient in a particular region of the wide realm of knowledge, and recognizing that intelligently directed specialization is not incompatible with general development and can have a sound, broadening and humanizing influence, Providence College provides preparation for various vocations. In making a choice of program, however, the student must take into consideration his previous secondary school preparation, his abilities and interests, the requirements of each program, and the particular objectives for which each program is designed.

Frequently, help is needed in reaching a decision in this important area. In order to aid the incoming student in this matter, the Dean of Freshmen interviews each freshman at the start of his academic career and has personal contact with him at least twice during his crucial first year. Moreover, the Office

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## Merry Christmas To You And You And You

The COWL staff, ever effervescent in its efforts to keep its readers completely informed, herewith bares the deepest, most sacred desires in the heart of each of its members: what the staff personally really desire for Christmas:

Jim Heap, Co-Editor-in-Chief—"A portable doghouse."

Paul Grady, Co-Editor-in-Chief—"An inexpensive pair of elevator shoes so I can be a tall foreign-service man."

Jim Sheahan, Associate Editor—"A free municipal bus-service to Woonsocket."

Dick Wolfe, News Editor—"Hip boots and a shovel."

Dick DeNoia, Feature Editor—"Either Eleanor Roosevelt, Kate Smith, or a white goose—housebroken."

Dale Faulkner, Sports Editor—"A reason for a page-one sports story."

Paul Crane, Copy Editor—"A book on journalism so I can ascend from the ranks of the harmless hack."

Ray Boutin, Business Manager—"Money."

Jim Westwater, Sports Columnist—"Something to do?"

Len Clingham, Feature-writer—"A little sports-car with a big cap to wear with it."

With the fast approach of Christmas, most Providence College men are turning their thoughts from the strictly-academic to expectations of what Santa will bring when the big day finally arrives. Many know that their hopes have slight chance of being realized, but they—no one knows.

First on the list would natu-

rally be the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of this great institution. Rumor has it that he would be satisfied with either a million-dollar donation, ownership of a local hospital, or even just a thirty-hour day. Good luck, Father Slavin.

Track coach Harry Coates: Many more years at P.C. with an occasional record-breaking. Certainly dorm-students could use a mastician to entertain during breakdowns of the movie-projector.

A very important gift desired by his many friends: that Dominote Ralph D'Amico's present from Santa will be a speedy recovery from his recent hunting accident.

Tom Herron, '61, suggests that an appropriate gift for Senator Kennedy would be a cewater in order to attract the barber vote.

Maybe this is naughty, Santa, but... may our friends at Brown suffer many crushing defeats from the hands of their ever-powerful Providence opponents during the coming year.

A swagger stick, to match that of Set. Orhard's, would be an ideal offering for Sgt. Yates.

To the good Rev. Leo Schnell, O.P., may Santa bring lots of "Benedicta" to further enhance his "classical smile."

Coach Tom Eccleston, Capt. Lou LaFontaine, and the rest of the hockey team would no doubt appreciate a closer ice rink.

It is fervently hoped that the Aquinas Society discussions on Communism by the Rev. John

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## ATTENTION FRIARS!

**MARLBORO'S CONTEST ENDS ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**

Marlboro Flip-Top Boxes Must be Turned in

Between 7-8 P. M.

**HARKINS HALL ROOM 107**

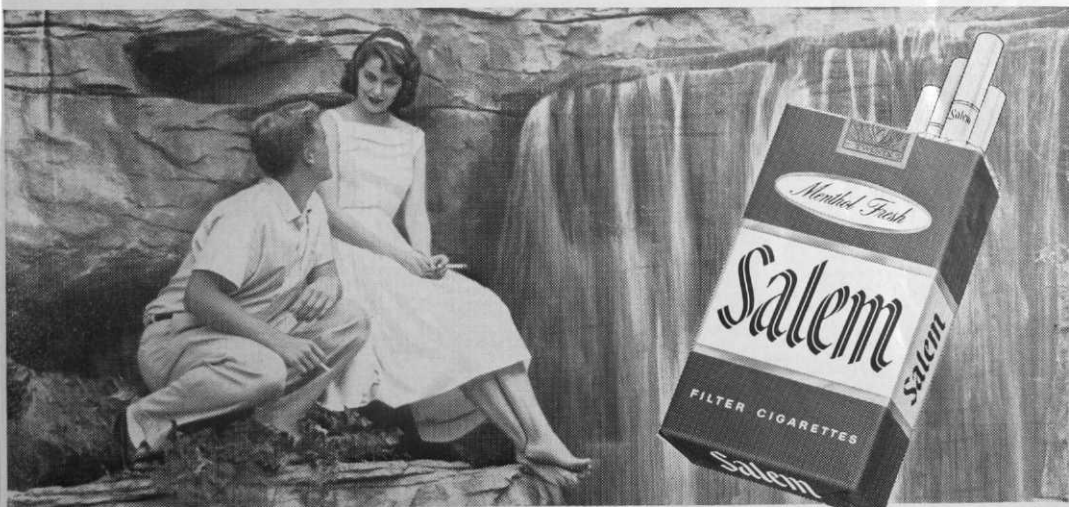
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Take a Puff... It's Springtime



ALL WRAPPED UP!

# P.C. Basketballers Prepare For A.I.C.'s Invasion Of Alumni Hall

Will the Friar eagles be able to fill Joe Mullaney's argyle socks with a winning record on Christmas morn? They will have a chance to do just that as they take on two college squads, A.I.C. and St. Francis of Brooklyn, here at Alumni Hall, and then move on to Quantico, Virginia, for a three-game set with the Marines. These five games will finish out the '57 portion of this season's schedule.

However, it must be first things first, and the Yellow Jackets of American International College invade Smith Hall tonight. The Friars took A.I.C. in their meeting last year, 75-64, and have a series history of 12 and 6 against them. The members of the team which P. C. played last year have all been graduated with the exception of Brian Connerly a 5-11 guard. Coach Bill Callahan maintains that the Yellow Jackets do have cause to be optimistic, however. For two of his reasons he cites John Nehmer (6-0) and Henry Zukowski (6-1), his returning lettermen. But Callahan is banking heavily on the return to action of Dick Kross (6-4). Kross averaged 23 points a game two years ago, but was sidelined last season because of illness. He is valuable not only in respect to his scoring potential, but also because of his rebounding ability. Two sophomores, Ralph Dobejko (6-5) and Gus Cuneo (6-1), will probably see action tonight.

When the Friars take on St. Francis of Brooklyn, Friday night, they will be up against an opponent that they have never beaten in seven meetings. Al Innis (6-7) is coach Dan Lynch's key to a successful season. Innis was considered as having an off season in 56-57 due to a leg injury which hampered his play. Statistics, however, make that a little hard to swallow for Al played in 23 games and averaged almost 19 points per game. The Terriers are trying to recover from a record of 12 and 13, compiled last season. Perhaps they don't have one of their best teams this time around, but they have their share of good material. In the backcourt are Tony

D'Elia and Les Yellin, who have played three previous years of varsity ball (a possibility at St. Francis). Pete Schweitzer at 6-6 is a sophomore who is expected to help with the board work along with Innis, Tony Kressnick (6-5) and Terry Dugan (6-5).

The games with the Marines will be played on the 16th, 17th and 18th. This trip is similar to the one taken by last year's baseball team. P. C. fans hope it will be more successful, but, of course, the Quantico team gets its talent in a slightly different manner than other teams. The Friars are expecting to see their old teammate and captain at the base, however. John Ritch is expected to play for the Marines along with a former opponent of his and a well known New England ball player from Holy Cross, George Waddleton.

## Christmas . . .

(Continued from Page 3) P. Reid, O.P., do not influence any members to join up with the party.

Please, Santa, best-seller status for Dick DeNoia's first book, "Mind Over Fat" (Hillhouse). Lots of luck to Charlie Goetz in his attempts to attain a partnership in Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis.

It is also hoped that Uncle Sam comes through with that plane for Dick Kiley and the boys in the Flying Club.

How about ten thousand applicants to keep the Registrar's office happily occupied in selecting the Class of 1962.

Most important, Santa, a happy and holy Christmas for everyone in the world who wants one. Oh, and you, too!

# Rams Bow To Varsity By 55-45

In a typical early season showing, P.C.'s basketball force won its second game of the year last Thursday by posting an unimpressive 55-45 decision over the University of Rhode Island at Kingston. The win moved the Friars into an early edge in the defense of their State title.

Marred by a stress on the individual, the Providence attack was hot and cold. After moving out to stay at the six minute mark of the tilt, the Friars were never in all-out control of the game, and Coach Joe Mullaney employed a shuttle system of reserves in order to hold on to the triumph.

Both clubs shot poorly with the Rams 28.1 mark topped by a paltry 29% by the locals. Mullaney's sophomore trio of Len Wilkens, John Woods, and Wally DiMasi hit in double figures, while flashy Steve Madraperia connected for 13 counters. Wilkens, getting away with many of his patented antics, tallied 14, and DiMasi, alternating with Jimmy Swartz and Frank Tirico, kicked in with a like number.

Jimmy Adams, who on two occasions last year hurt P.C., was left out of much of the action with the remains of a football injury. The peppery guard, always a hustler, dropped in 8 points and was instrumental in leading the charges of Ernie Calverley in one of their second half surges.

Employing a relatively fast break, the University quintet closed a 33-25 half-time edge and threatened to go all the way before Wilkens, Swartz, Woods, and Lionel Jenkins gave P.C. the pull-away impetus.

# McMahon Brilliant In Pair Of Weekend Hockey Frays

By Dale Faulkner

OF THIS 'N THAT: Providence College's hockey squad, playing brilliantly in a pair of weekend tilts, struck a blow at Eastern college rankings by tumbling fourth ranked R.P.L. and then outscoring Norwich, no lightly considered force . . .

# Friars Will Face Tigers' Hockey Six

Providence's high flying hockey six invades Princeton, N. J., on Friday to meet the Princeton University squad in an 8:30 p.m. tilt. The locals will be gunning for their fourth win in as many outings this year.

A twenty-one man aggregation will leave the college grounds at 8 a.m. by car for the New Jersey school. Traveling with the group will be Coach Tom Eccleston, a 17-player aggregation, two managers and moderator Fr. Schneider.

Friar hopes for a victory received a shot in the arm when it was learned that high scoring captain Lou LaFontaine would be ready for service despite the leg injury he suffered in the game against R.P.L. The rest of the squad is in top shape for the battle with the Ivy League force, and will work out this week in preparation for the tilt.

After the Princeton tussle, the Black and White sextet is due for participation in the annual Christmas Tournament in the Boston Garden. A year ago the Friars finished fifth in the rugged New England affair as Mike McDonough and LaFontaine placed on the All-Tourney team.

The opening game for the Friars will be on Dec. 26, when third ranked Boston University will be met at 5 p.m. On the following day, the Black and White will see Northeastern at the same time. Completing the Friars' three day stay in the Hub will be a Saturday fracas with Boston College. Game time in that affair has been set for 9 p.m.

# Friars Defeat Bruin Squad While Wilkins, Woods Shine

Before 2,000 excited spectators last Saturday, Providence College's varsity quintet scored a giant step toward an early, complete defense of their State title by subduing St. Edward's Bruin squad 71-58 in Marvel Gym. Holding ace guard Joe Tebo in check, the Friars appeared greatly improved, but were hurt by the early play of Bruin pivot Allan Poulsen.

At the outset it looked like the height (6'8") of Poulsen might prove too much for the Friars to overcome. Poulsen acquired three fouls early in the first half and Ward was forced to replace him. On this night, Poulsen, who was admirably held in check by Johnny Woods, tallied 14 counters.

Leading 16-14 at the ten minute mark, P.C. contented itself at moving the ball slowly and setting up the shots. Capt. Eddie Donohue stood out as the Friars' key play maker and exhibited the form that he contributed to a winning team.

Tebo, shackled by the Black and White's effective zone defense, was limited to six points in the first half. In the second session, Tebo tried to steady his mates by taking full control as

Although both weekend wins were outstanding team efforts, a particularly strong effort was contributed by Hamden's Al McMahon. Playing before a partisan crowd on both nights, McMahon, always regarded highly for his hustle, was sensational offensively and defensively. His father and two brothers took in both Auditorium clashes . . .

The loss of Adrian Christ appears to be a costly one for U.R.I.'s Ernie Calverley. Christ, a promising sophomore, broke an ankle last week, and will probably be hobbled throughout most of the year. Observers were saying last week that Christ's injury could put the lanky pivot back two years. With most of the current campaign spent recovering from the injury, Christ will be forced to spend his junior year acquainting himself with collegiate hoop play . . . P.C.'s improving center, Johnny Woods, held up well under a barrage of catcalls in Saturday's win over Brown in stifling Marvel Gym.

And weren't those who took in Saturday's tough football clash between the Faculty and Carolan Club officers a bit surprised at the grid agility of Fathers Fallon, Kane, and Jelly? . . . And didn't Friar net-minder Don Girard come out ahead in his personal goal blocking battle with R.P.L.'s All-America Gary Kearns? . . . A number of witnesses were distressed at P.C.'s poor showing at the foul line in last Thursday's lethargic win over U.R.I. . . . Whenever we hear of faulty foul shooting we recall the tremendous coaching job turned in by Howard Hobson and Eddie Brown in the converting of ex-Yale basketballer Eddie Robinson from the worst to the best in the Ivy League a few seasons back.

The JOURNAL'S Pete McCarthy summed up the Mullaney's Thursday showing (Continued on Page 8)

field general. The high scoring diminutive finished the night's work with 14 markers.

Fired-up by Tebo's play, the Bruins outscored P.C. in the third quarter, but the Friars blew it wide open in the closing minutes, sparked by the deft shooting of Swartz and the consistent back board work of Woods. Adding to the Friars' clinching burst in the final minutes, was a strong job by junior Pete Schementi, who took over for Woods, who departed via fouls with about three minutes to go.

Len Wilkens, making a habit of being high scoring again, capped the night's scoring laurels with an 18 point output. Two of Wilkens' field goals were scored on drives coming from around the keys:

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As I See It



## TRIUMPHANT TIDAL WAVE

It was truly a great weekend for Providence College's athletic teams. Checking the records, we were unable to find any other period in the past when Providence had achieved success comparable to that obtained during last week. From Saturday, November 30 to Saturday, December 7, the hockey and basketball teams won three games apiece. In previous years, double victories by the hockey team and basketball squad have been recorded during the span of five days.

Upsetting a major foe is becoming an annual occurrence for Friar hockey teams. In 1955, goalie Ed Hornstein turned away 62 shots to defeat Clarkson 4-3 and deprive them of an N.C.A.A. tournament bid. Last year the spirited skaters of Providence stunned a powerful Harvard sextet 4-3 in the season opener. And last Saturday, in the unbelievable Rensselaer game, the trick was performed again. It was the finest game in the two-year coaching reign of Tom Eccleston.

In describing the R.P.I. game only superlatives may be used. The team was unstoppable. Down 2-0 in the second period, they fought back brilliantly to even the score. Al McMahon and Bob Labbe provided all the goals. The constant offensive and defensive pressure was too overpowering for the Engineers to withstand. Coach Eccleston employed a defensive maneuver that they could barely penetrate. He had his team play 3 on 2 hockey, with the center lying back near the enemy blue line whenever P. C. had the puck in the R.P.I. end. The excitement on the ice was so fiery that the spectators were in a frenzy. The tempo in the stands was terrific.

At the Auditorium on the subsequent evening, the Black and White extended their victorious tide. Ever-husling, Al McMahon connected with the hat trick in the 7-3 win over Norwich. Goalie Don Girard and his outstanding defensive mates were impenetrable. During this time, similar victorious ways were being paved in Marvel Gymnasium.

In the presence of a standing room crowd, the playmaking Mullaneymen defeated Brown 71-58. Captain Ed Donohue's and Jimmie Swartz's playmaking, John Woods' rebounding, Lenny Wilken's scoring and the fine defensive work by Frankie Tricco were the primary contributions. Senior Tricco did an outstanding job in holding the Brain scoring leader, Joe Tebo, to 14 points. Field general Tebo was unable to work the ball around with any effectiveness. By delaying Brown's movement of the ball down court, the Friars were able to set themselves up defensively. Sophomores Woods and Wilken again excelled in the rebounding and scoring departments. During the second half, Schwartz's ball handling, poaching, and skilled shooting inspired the Friars.

Johny Egan left the U.R.I. and Brown crowds in wonderment. Roger Cannestrari filled in admirably during the final moments of the Brown victory. Captain Lou LaFontaine is expected to return to the ice for Friday's contest at Princeton. The Cranston Club has donated a pair of hockey gloves to the team. It is hoped that other organizations will donate similar gifts to the athletic squads.

For those puzzled by the change in collegiate foul shooting procedure here is a brief explanation of the new rule: In a 40-minute game each common foul (a foul not committed in the act of shooting) will be a one shot foul. After a team has committed six common fouls in a half, the one and one shot will be installed.

# Providence Col. Sextet Defeats R. P. I. 4-2

Tom Eccleston's high flying pucksters, combining a devastating offensive unit with a brilliant display of defensive tactics, came up with their second and third victories of the young campaign this weekend as they defeated powerful Rensselaer and Norwich Universities at the R. I. Auditorium.

Playing before 2,500 raring enthusiasts on Friday, the Friars, led by the high scoring line of Al McMahon and the Labbe twins, Ray and Bob, overpowered R.P.I. by a score of 4-2, in what may turn out to be the outstanding upset of the year in Intercollegiate Hockey.

Coming back on Saturday they took early command and drubbed the Cadets of Norwich by a 7-3 score. Again it was McMahon along with Joe Barile who led the scoring parade.

Eccleston, employing some brilliant strategy, had his boys playing three and two hockey with a wing lying back with the defensemen and waiting for a break. These maneuvers held the Engineers scoreless throughout most of the first period. R.P.I. did connect first, however, with Pete McArthur countering at 16:04. Two minutes later the visitors connected again with Ron Palmer beating Don Girard from up close.

A riled up Friar sextet took the ice in the second canto, and literally skated the visitors into the ice. McMahon started things off countering at 4:57 with the Labbes' each picking up an assist on the play. It was Bob Labbe's turn to score now as the brilliant forward beat goalie Bob Ottone from up close with McMahon and "Puppy" Gingell assisting.

The teams battled evenly for the remainder of the period with Bert Lajoie and Ray Blanchette combining with Girard to halt any surge by Rensselaer. Girard was outstanding throughout the contest turning back a total of 32 shots.

The third period started quickly with both teams working hard for the tie breaker. Again it was McMahon who picked up the tally, scoring unassisted at 12:14 from the left side.

Bob Labbe gave the Friars an insurance goal less than a minute later, finding the left corner of the net from 30 feet out.

## Freshmen Take Bears In Final Seconds Of Play

The freshman basketball team of Providence College, victorious in their first three outings, meet the A.I.C. freshman squad at Alumni Hall at 7 p.m., Wednesday evening. Friday they meet the Quonset Flyers at Alumni Hall at 7 p.m. before the varsity squad tangles with St. Francis of Brooklyn.

In their last game, the Friar freshman defeated the Brown yearlings by a score of 84-83. This game was largely a personal duel between freshman star John Egan and Jack Hurley of Brown. Egan had 17 hoops and eight foul shots for a total of 42 points, and Hurley had 13 baskets and 12 foul shots for 38 points. The contest was close all the way with the Friars in front 44-41 at the half. Brown fought back desperately in the second half, outscoring Providence 42-40, but fell one point short. Egan got his 17th hoop with 12 seconds remaining in the game to provide the winning margin. Tim Moynahan contributed 15 points to the victory and Bob Bromin scored 19 for Brown in a losing cause.

P. C. countered three more times in the second period with McMahon connecting twice and Barile notching his second tally. Defensively it was the classy play of Ray Moore and Bob Fillion along with Blanchette and Lajoie who kept the Cadets in check.

third period to complete the "Hat Trick," with Bob Labbe and Blanchette assisting. Jim Ford netted P. C.'s final goal assisted by Bert Ferrie and Jack Blair.

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OUT OF ORDER: R.P.I. goalie Bob Ottone is shown out of position and order as Bob Labbe drove home his break away, solo dash goal which gave P.C. its fourth goal in the Friars sensational triumph over R.P.I. last Friday.

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## Origin Of Christmas Customs

By Len Clingham

We are all familiar with the traditions and customs of the Christmas season, but perhaps we're not too familiar with the origins of these customs. Some of the more common of these are:

Christmas gifts—this custom seems to have started in Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. Parents secretly gave gifts to their children on December 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas. In France and the other Latin countries, gifts are exchanged on New Year's Day. In the United States the practice has gotten out of hand due to over-commercialization, and the trend is toward more expensive gifts each year.

Santa Claus—St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra, in Greece, who died about the year 345. He is the patron saint of Russia, and is also especially honored in Greece, Italy, and England. There have been legends connected with St. Nicholas, but perhaps the most famous, and the one which is connected with Christmas, concerns his surreptitious bestowal of dowries upon the three daughters of an impoverished citizen of his diocese, who was unable to secure fit marriages for them, and was on the verge

## Dorm . . .

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Coughlin, and Bill Galvin. The Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., celebrated Holy Mass at ten o'clock on Sunday morning in Aquinas Chapel. Mass was followed by a Communion breakfast.

In addition to the campus festivities, the couples enjoyed basketball victories over Brown and the double hockey victories over R.P.I. and Norwich.

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## School Support Still Desired

By Liam DiFit

Much talk is given each year to the topic of school spirit. Everyone is willing to express their view on the subject provided that they don't have to make any further effort than sit back and philosophize. Why don't P. C. students have more action and less talk?

At Providence College there are several organizations that back the school wholeheartedly. Why don't the students back these organizations? Particularly the school band.

Any student who plays a musical instrument is given the opportunity to join the school band, to further his musical accomplishments, and to be recognized for what he has accomplished. The band has been and is currently playing at various sports contests, which some students can't even be bothered to attend for pure enjoyment. The band has participated in two parades thus far this year, the Columbus Day Parade and the Navy Day Parade, bringing to the school and themselves great honor with two first place awards. How gratifying could it have been to some students to see the school's name in the

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## 'Command Decision'

By Dick DeNoia

To put it as kindly as reviewing permits, the Pyramid Players' presentation this week of "Command Decision" was not a polished one. The quality of the production was neither better nor worse than those of recent years. Of course, it must be taken into consideration that this was an amateur—not a professional—undertaking, and that the bulk of the cast was concentrated in the freshman class. However, the disregard—intended or not—of the basic principles of good theater cannot be overlooked, both for the benefit of the audience and

of the players. Nothing is more irritating to a play-goer than being subjected to an actor continually gesturing in the same manner, for example, from the thigh to the waist, or to be aware of the actors' anticipation of lines; or of non-reaction to lines and action by character on stage without lines. The fact that the cast, under the direction of C. Judson Hamlin, '58, had rehearsed inadequately was evident not in the respect that the characters were not sure of their lines or the like, but rather that few were fully aware of the characters they

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## Thomistic Institute Concludes With Talk By George Sullivan

The Thomistic Institute of Industrial Relations, sponsored by the Labor Management Guild, came to a close on December 8th, with Mr. George Sullivan's lecture on the "Current Trends in Municipal Debt Financing."

Mr. Sullivan opened his lecture by stating the general obligation of the municipality in regard to debt financing. He said that the municipality pledges full taxing ability of the subject municipality to the redemption of the bond.

Mr. Sullivan then went on to say that in 1934 the total debt was two billion dollars resulting in the fact that 3000 municipalities defaulted the debt. To counteract this, he cited, the state legislature adopted laws superimposing upon municipal constitutions debt limitations which are expressed as a percentage of their grand list valuation.

"Since World War II," Mr. Sullivan added, "the mass exodus from urban life to suburban brought forth a great demand for public services—particularly public schools. This demand proved to be so great that the municipality could not borrow sufficient funds to pay for these improvements and stay within their debt limit." This was countered when the government created authorities or revenue financing.

Commenting on this action by the government, Mr. Sullivan stated that the revenue bonds are hazardous, and the authorities have no legal obligation to redeem the bonds beyond their earnings. One evidence of this is the West Virginia Turnpike which will, by mid 1958, owe a total of 133 million dollars because they overpredicted the number of cars that would travel over the road.

## Erratum

It was recently called to the attention of the COWL staff that the article "P. C. History" in last week's edition contained several inaccurate facts. A check of the source material used revealed that it also was incorrect. In order to correct any false impressions that this article may have rendered, we undertake to clarify the issue.

The formal foundation of the college did not take place in Rome, as was stated. Instead, it dates to the granting of a charter by the R. I. Legislature, and signed by the Governor on February 14, 1917. It was at the invitation of the Most Reverend Matthew Harkins, Bishop of Providence, that the Dominicans came to Providence to conduct the college. On February 28, 1917, permission was granted by the Dominican authorities in Rome to establish the community of St. Thomas Aquinas in Providence. Because of the war then in progress, the first class did not enter until September

## Friar Thrushes Serenade Local Organizations

The first of three concerts given by the Providence College Glee Club in accordance with the season of Christmas was that given at the St. Pius Rosary and Altar Confraternity. The music for this concert, which took place on December 2, was directed by Father Leo S. Cannon, O.P., Director, and Father Raymond B. St. George, O.P., Associate Director and Moderator. The appearance of the Glee Club at this affair is annual.

On December 3, the songsters sang from the City Hall steps in participation of the festivities

of the lighting of the Mall in downtown Providence. Mayor Walter H. Reynolds turned the master switch. Also taking part in the ceremonies were members of the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Retail Trade Board, and the city's Christmas committee.

The final Christmas Concert was given for the members and invited guests of the Catholic Literary Guild. Father Cannon directed the Club, and spoke on the origin and history of the songs sung. This took place on December 4 at M. C. Union Hall, Trinity Square, Providence.

On December 8, St. Leo's Holy Name Society presented "An Evening of Music" by the Providence College Glee Club. Father Cannon and Father St. George shared the podium for this appearance which took place at the Goff Junior High School Auditorium, Pawtucket. Featured soloists were Samuel Williamson and John Caechiotti.

18, 1919. The first student body numbered 80, with a faulty of nine.

The staff of the COWL regrets that they were in error in this matter, and they sincerely hope that this correction will clear up any misunderstandings that may have arisen.

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### Guidance . . .

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of the Dean of Studies is open to all students for consultation and advice in educational problems. Most beneficial for the student is the system of departmental guidance and faculty counseling which exists here at the College. The Head of each department meets with the students of that particular concentration at the beginning of each academic year. The program of the concentration, electives, course requirements and objectives, academic standards—all questions of this nature are discussed at this meeting and the students are urged to seek continued guidance and direction from their faculty advisors. It would be gratifying if I could state that this program of academic counseling is a resounding and complete success. It is not. When the examinations have taken their toll of unprepared and unmotivated students, when the grades have been published, it becomes evident that some students have neither the understanding nor the concern about those things which are most vital to their academic progress. Summoned by the Head of the Department and requested to appear at the Office of the Dean, these students often seem to typify the man who "got on his horse and rode off in all directions." Their work has frequently been ineffective because it has been aimless, scattered and without plan. They wobble and oscillate between choices, putting off until tomorrow the learning which must be done today, because they have never expended the effort, nor have ever sought help in appraising their abilities in terms of vocational goals. Perhaps departmental guidance could help these students to

crystallize floating impressions and vague desires into definite and solid judgments.  
A system of compulsory counseling is self-defeating in purpose and in practice. In the past, it was tried at Providence College and proved to be infeasible. Freedom is given to the student to decide whether or not he wishes to use the services placed at his disposal. Remember: "The wise man seeks counsel."

### Band . . .

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paper when they didn't even get out of bed those mornings?  
The other duties of the band are the Woonsocket Mardi-Gras Parade, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York, the R.O.T.C. Review and Graduation Exercises. The only reward the band members receive is the opportunity to express their talent and the self-satisfaction that they have contributed a share in bolstering Providence College.

Are you doing your share as a student?

### Providence Club

On the basis of early ticket sales, indications are that the Providence Club's Annual Christmas Ball will be a sell-out. President Bill Doorley announced that there are a few tickets left, but they are going fast. Since the number of tickets to be sold is limited, they should be purchased as soon as possible.

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### Review . . .

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were portraying—they were for the most part, reciting lines which they had memorized—which is not the purpose of a play—rather than developing characterizations. True, the Players are an amateur group, but an amateur group must strive for a professional effect; this effect was not in evidence in "Command Decision"—nor was the effort the same.

The next presentation of the Players will be "The Night of January 16," a comedy-drama by Ayn Rand. It is hoped that the usual difficulties of a season's first production will have been overcome by then, at least partially, so that those so-inclined may be treated to an evening of good—though amateur—theater.

### Hockey . . .

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stressing the fact that the winners seemed to rely on individual shooting instead of setting up plays. . . Hockey mentor Tom Eccleston's decision to play a close defensive game against R.P.I. really paid off. . . With practically three defencemen and a wing employed throughout the R.P.I. tilt, the locals turned in their top performance of the year. Turning in a particularly good showing was soph Len Trinqu.

### Hungary . . .

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being made to find homes for the thousands of Hungarians who had escaped. It was through these efforts that Neil found himself at Camp Kilmer on December 27. He then managed to reach America. Until the opening of school this fall, Neil shared an apartment in Providence with a friend.

Neil is a tall slender youth of 23 years. His striking features in no way reveal his experiences. When asked about his home, he often remarks jokingly, "Yes, I'm from hunger." Being somewhat self-conscious about his accent, Neil carries a pocket dictionary and hesitates to speak at length. Actually he has a remarkable grasp of English for the short time he has been in America.

A letters major at P. C., Neil has had experience as an amateur actor. In Hungary he played in Marcel Pagnol's "Topaze," the cast of which won first prize in university competition. He misses the Hungarian theatre, in spite of its abundance of "party line plays." Writing numerous short stories is one of his favorite pastimes, along with listening to the

modern jazz of Gerry Mulligan. Neil's present sentiments can best be expressed in his own words:

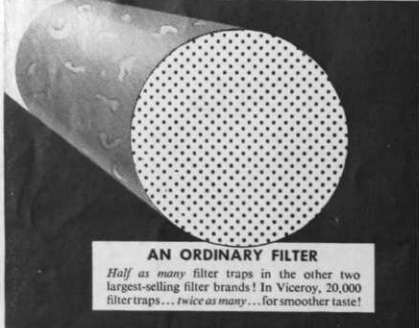
"One year after the revolt in Hungary, everything is forgotten. I think this is because so many countries have never experienced such a thing. They cannot understand. To them it was no different from any other revolt. But to me it was more than just something political. Sometimes when I think of all that I have left behind in Hungary, my family and my friends, I find myself in a strange mood. It becomes difficult to study or even to talk with people. A letter from home especially makes me feel this way. For I myself do not expect any future change in the politics of Hungary. To me even Titoism would be an improvement over the present system, for Titoism holds for open borders. Only then would I have the chance to see Hungary again."

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