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## President's Christmas Message

To celebrate again the birthday of the Prince of Peace is a refreshing and joyous occasion. As Christmas approaches, the minds of men are liberated from the thoughts of war, rumors of war, self-destructive scientific achievement, fear and the mundane things of everyday life. For at least a few short moments of each year, we turn our minds to the true and spiritual values of human life. We become concerned with the welfare of our neighbor. We meditate upon the ills of the world and sympathetically pray that Divine Providence will strengthen those peoples of the world unable to pay homage to the King of Kings. The hope of the world, the joy of peace, an assurance of justice shall only be achieved when the mandate of Christ is followed

in our everyday living to "love one another." The eloquent words of Robert Louis Stevenson express consolation to a confused world: "Give us courage and gaiety and a quiet mind; spare to us our enemies; soften to us our enemies; bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavors."

The Christmas memories of childhood and the realization of our many blessings turn our thoughts to our friends here at home and abroad. It is our prayer and our wish that the Christ Child, the Giver of every perfect gift, bestow upon you and your families a special Christmas blessing of health and happiness and to the entire world, peace.

Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore,  
O.P., President of Providence College

## Frank Devlin Named Editor; Will Succeed Peter White

Last week it was announced by the editorial board of the Cowl that Francis J. Devlin, a member of the class of 1964, shall succeed Peter J. White as editor-in-chief of the Cowl.

Devlin is a graduate of Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn, New York and resides in Sunnyside, New York.

York. He is a member of the Arts Honor Program with a concentration in the political science department's pre-legal course.

Since coming to Providence College, Devlin has been an active participant in many extracurricular affairs. Besides being the Cowl's representative to the Student Congress, he was a member of the Pershing Rifles and the Drill Team for two years.

As of now, he is co-chairman of the Ring Committee of the Class of 1964 and was also co-chairman of the Junior Ring Dance. Devlin is also captain of the PC cheerleaders and chairman of the service committee for the Carolan Club's Dorm Weekend.

At present, Devlin is copy editor of the Cowl, and he will take over as editor-in-chief with the first issue of the second semester.



## Harrington Speaks Tonight On 'Democratic Socialism'

Tonight at 8:00 p.m., the Guild Room will be the scene of a lecture by an outspoken advocate of socialism, Michael Harrington. Mr. Harrington's topic will be "Democratic Socialism." Sponsoring this evening's lecture is the Student Congress speakers committee. John A. McCarthy, committee chairman, in referring to tonight's speaker, said that, "Although Mr. Harrington favors socialism, he is by no means a Marxist."

A graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Mr. Harrington is a free-lance writer. He has been associate editor of the Catholic Worker; organizational secretary for the Worker's Defense League; consultant to the Trade Union Project, Fund for the Republic; and has worked on the Fund for the Republic's study of blacklisting in the entertainment industry. He is also contributing editor to Dissent. As a social worker, Mr. Harrington has lived and worked with the poor; and, for two years, administered to the needs of the men of New York's Bowery. In addition to his other achievements, Mr. Harrington is also an author. His latest book, entitled *The Other American*, has

just been released this past year.

Having a decided aversion to utopian ideals, Mr. Harrington feels that the only way in which America can help its underprivileged is through an expansion of the welfare state. Clearly indicating his belief in socialism, Mr. Harrington has said that, "If it is true that American capitalism never recovered from the great collapse of the 30's, America may well have to face some of these problems of public ownership."

Tonight's lecture is open to both the student body and the general public.

## Annual Met Club Christmas Dance Tickets on Sale

"Tickets for the Met Club's annual Christmas Dance have been moving well since the sale began following the Thanksgiving recess," announced Peter J. Conn, President of the Providence College Metropolitan Club.

The Met Club dance will be held at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, at Broadway and 34th Street in New York, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., on Thursday evening, December 27.

Music for the affair will be provided by the Melody Aces. Tickets are still on sale every evening from 5 to 6 p.m. in Raymond Hall. The price of the bid is \$5.00; a down payment is required and the remainder can be paid the night of the dance. Students are urged to buy their tickets as soon as possible, because the number is limited.

The dance is open to all PC students, along with any friends they care to invite.

## Dorm Weekend Set; 'Roman Holiday' Theme

Co-chairmen of the twenty-sixth annual Dorm Weekend, Larry Ward, '63 and Pete Kennedy, '64, have announced the dates for the affair as February 15, 16, and 17. Price of the bids will be announced later this week, and tickets will go on sale following the Christmas vacation.

Highlight of the weekend, the theme of which is "Roman Holiday," will be a buffet dinner-dance to be held on Saturday evening in Raymond Hall. This event, which will be formal

and non-formal, will feature the music of Tony Abbott's Orchestra. The buffet will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and dancing will run from 9:00 p.m. to midnight.

On Friday evening, there will be an informal dance in Aquinas Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the dance. On Saturday afternoon, there will be a hockey game featuring Providence College against Northeastern University.

Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Hall on Sunday. The celebrant will be the President of the College Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P. Following the Mass, a Communion breakfast will be held in Alumni Hall. Speaker at the breakfast will be Rev. John P. Gerhard, O.P., rector of Stephen Hall.

The co-chairmen also announced the chairmen of the various committees. The ticket committee will be headed by Dick Kearns and Paul Lamarine. Jeff Shea and John Seelinger are in charge of the favors committee; program committee — Brian Sullivan and Dennis Kahrah; decorations and publicity committee — John McMahon and Charles Reidy; communion-breakfast committee — Ed Keohane; invitations — Tom Rogers and Joe Reihling; queen committee — Kevin Keating and Frank Smith; and the service committee — Frank Devlin.

## Biology Award Goes to J. Cello; Lecture Given

At the December 5 meeting of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a plaque was awarded to John P. Cello, class of 1965, as the outstanding freshman biology major of the previous year. The award was presented by Dr. Robert Krasner of the biology department.

Cello was the final choice of a selection committee composed

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The design for the front page of this Christmas issue of *The Cowl* was donated by Rev. Paul Hass, O.S.A., of the philosophy department.

Fr. Hass whose work ranges from the representational to the non-objective abstract, has given freely of his time in advising the members of the Art Club in the elements of color and composition.

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## PC Alumnus Studies at RISD; Has Plans for Painting Career

By JAMES W. FOLEY  
Copy Editor

James Baker, a Providence College graduate of the class of 1959 is now working for his masters degree. He is, however, not an ordinary graduate student from PC. Jim is studying painting at the Rhode Island School of Design. Although this is only his second year at the school, he has one work which has been exhibited before many PC students . . . the large mural in the snack bar of Raymond Hall.

While at PC Baker was quite active in campus clubs, organizations, and athletics. He was captain of the cross country team in his senior year, president of the Art Club for two years, a C/O in Pershing Rifles, vice-president of the Spike Shoe Club, Veritas associate art editor, Cowl art editor, and a member of the Pyramid Players, WDOM, and the Student Congress. In his senior year he was nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After graduation from PC Jim entered RISD as a freshman. There he took art courses as a painting major. He did not have to take any of the liberal arts courses usually required because he held his college degree. He claims, "having taken those courses in my work at PC, I have more time to devote to my art courses here." He also mentioned that others now at RISD hold diplomas from other colleges and universities. Many purposely attend a liberal

arts college, specifically to complete these courses.

While attending the College, Baker participated in the ROTC program. He was commissioned a commanding officer of a basic training unit at Fort Dix, a year after graduation. He served two years with the army and now has resumed his education at RISD. This year he is a sophomore.

"It was Father Slavin," Jim recalled, "who asked me to do the mural in the spring of my senior year. I went to work on it for the whole summer. I drew up cartoons and sketches and finally thought I had it set. I was working around a sports theme. When I saw how the finished mural was going to look, I scrapped the whole thing and in the two days remaining before the opening classes did the one that is now there."

Jim explained his mural by saying that it is "simple." Because of the location he considered the appropriate style one of simple shapes and forms. He said, "since I did not have the background to do anything more profound . . . I kept within my capacity."

"The meaning of the mural is quite simple, it was by no means meant to be 'far out.' It is what it is and nothing more. The colors, blue and green, were chosen because they were strong and masculine and would not lose their strength. The hands signify Divine Providence. The Friar is handing

the torch of learning to the student. It was all created around the school insignia." That was the artist's interpretation.

Jim feels that his years at PC helped him find himself. He doesn't consider them any loss, they gave him something to do while he tried to make up his mind about life. He admitted that with classes and outside activities he always had something to do.

He described the College at present as "undergoing an awakening to the fine arts." He said that not too long ago the chief reason for attendance at college was the financial insurance of the diploma. Now that seems to be changing. More interest in the cultural aspects of college life and life in general is developing. At PC, according to Baker, the students are becoming aware of and interested in some of the fine arts. He feels that this is a very important thing to the College, and expressed a hope that the cultural desires at the College will continue to increase to the extent that they will become an integral part of the institution.

"I would like to do as much for the College as I can in the way of the fine arts," he said. After graduation he is considering teaching at PC if possible. His plans definitely hold a life as a professional artist. An art exhibit at PC of some of his drawings is a desire of his for sometime in the future. Jim was

Above is the mural which is located on the wall of the Raymond Hall snack bar. It was painted by Jim Baker '59 at the request of the late Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., Past President of Providence College.

very emphatic concerning his desire to help the College.

Presently, Jim Baker is living in a small apartment on Benefit Street, not too far from RISD. His room is picturesque, with drawings piled around the floor, and on the walls. He prides himself with his collection of plants in the middle of his room. His furnishings are adequate. Books were scattered about the room . . . most of them of an artistic nature. He has a small kitchen where he eats and prepares his meals. There is really nothing about his physical appearance that would distinguish him from any one of a hundred other college students in Rhode Island . . . not even a beard.

He did explain that often painting and sculpting and working with plaster of paris could get a little on the messy side. Often it is impossible to avoid getting that certain beatnik look, associated with art students. For the most part, as Jim explained, the students at RISD do not go around looking unnecessarily sloppy on purpose. As for the beards . . . he lets that one go as just the individual's choice. Nothing says anybody has to wear a beard, neither does it say they can't.

Jim spends almost all of his time working on his assignments. At RISD the classwork is done by students actually outside of class. The periodic classes are really criticisms of one's work. It takes many hours to prepare for one of these classes, often forty or fifty. Marks are given for the work that is submitted by the student. Most students who do not have some talents in the field of art find their way out of RISD rather quickly. Baker admitted that this is not to say that there are not pseudo-artists attending and that some of them will not make it through.

"Most of the students are really good in their fields and quite dedicated to their work."

This," he noted, "is something that is not found in abundance at many other colleges. At RISD one has to be a full time student."

Jim Baker is, no matter what else, a PC man. He is attempting to find his place in life, to make contributions to life itself, and to help others. He seems happy about life in general and proud of his Providence College background.

## Carolan Club Has Xmas Party

Dave Rabadan and Bill Crotty led the fun at the annual Carolan Club Christmas party in Stephen Hall last Monday evening. The event was attended by over 300 members of the resident student's club.

Entertainment was supplied by some of the more theatrically inclined members. Among them were Tom Dutra and Tom Kelleher playing the guitars, John J. Alquist giving his idea of a Kennedy press conference, John Perrault and group with a folk singing exhibition, and of course many brief monologues were interjected by hosts, Rabadan and Crotty.

Fr. Thomas Coskren, O.P., played selections on the piano and after the distribution of the gifts to the rectors Fr. Raymond St. George led in the singing of Christmas carols. The event was topped off with refreshments.

Dave Rabadan held the show together with his many little jokes and remarks. Among his better monologues was the reading of the faculty "letters to Santa," which was well received by all.

Father James Murphy, O.P., the Dean of Men and also the moderator of the Carolan Club, spoke briefly and recited a poem, one of his own creations.



Jim Baker explains some of his drawings during a recent interview.

## Vote Divided in Frosh Election; Special Polling Deemed Necessary

Four of the five freshman class officers have been filled as a result of the election of December 5. The surprise tie, which occurred between the presidential candidates, Richard Vermeire and Peter McGuiri, will be broken by today's special election.

Both candidates were disappointed by the low vote last week. Said Richard Vermeire, "I hope that in today's election a better percentage of the freshman class will exercise their privilege to vote. Peter McGuiri echoed his statement by saying, 'I hope in today's

election a greater turnout of the freshman class will vote."

Newly elected officers, Malcolm Holmes, secretary, and Dennis Finn, treasurer, thanked the class for support and promised to fulfill their responsibilities.

Vice-president Bryan Hughes also expressed his gratitude to vote in today's election.

The remaining officers, social chairmen Richard Kelly and Edward Fitzgald, promised to "liven things up around here" by improvizing the social life by "almost one hundred percent."

## Fortin Interprets 'Hamlet' At Aquinas Society Meeting

The most recent of the continuing series of lectures that make up Fr. Reid's Aquinas Society program was delivered last Thursday evening, December 6, from 7:30 to 9:00, in Aquinas Hall Lounge.

Dr. Rene Fortin, of PC's English department and an instructor in the Arts Honors Program, presented what was described by Fr. Reid as "a new interpretation of Hamlet."

Dr. Fortin's paper, entitled "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall," was based upon a detailed examination of the structure and imagery of the play, emphasizing the functional value of these elements to the total significance of the drama.

The lecture was followed by a discussion period in which Dr. Fortin dealt with questions ranging from the text of his paper to critical problems in general, such as the validity of ambiguity in literature.

At the next Aquinas lecture, to be presented on "some free Thursday night after Christ-



DR. RENE FORTIN

mas." Rev. Paul Haas, O.P., of the College's philosophy department, will deliver a paper on a possible defense of non-objective abstract art from the viewpoint of phenomenology.

## PC Student Summarizes His Foreign Experiences

By RAYMOND LE PAGE

(Editor's Note: Raymond Le Page, the only PC junior who is spending his junior year abroad, is attending Louvain University in Belgium. This exclusive feature for THE COWL describes the differences he has noted between American and European education and summarizes his experiences at Louvain during the past four months.)

Twenty years ago the ability to converse in a foreign language was an admirable asset. Today with the burgeoning of foreign trade and overseas programs of government and industry, and with the enormous increase in tourism, fluency in at least one modern language is actually a professional and social necessity. Since a month in a country is often worth more than a year in the classroom in acquiring linguistic proficiency, many career-minded students plan to take some part of their college courses abroad. Although the average American college boy or girl can easily enrich his college ex-

perience by spending a year or more in a foreign university, this opportunity is overlooked by most American students. Ask the average American college student or his parents to name four foreign universities. Nine out of ten will think for a moment and then say, "Oxford and Cambridge, where they have the boat races . . . The Sorbonne in Paris and, oh yes . . . that German university where they have the sword fights . . . Heidelberg." Actually, there are nearly two thousand institutions of higher learning throughout the world, of which the Catholic University of Louvain is but one.

Louvain has always been happy to welcome foreign students. This year, there are over 1500 foreign students representing 88 countries. The academic authorities initiated, in 1956-57, a program of studies such as would meet the requirements of the third year of college in America, our so-called "junior year." Every year since then an increasing number of Americans have been enrolled for that program. Mindful that the facilities available to me in the realm of intellectual and social development were not inexhaustible, I arrived at the decision to study abroad. With the help and encouragement from a member of the Language Department, Mr. Laurent Gossie, I decided to go ahead with my idea, and settled on this University partly because it has a fine philosophy department; several professors here are well known in the United States.

Louvain is a co-educational university with approximately 15,000 students who follow their courses in either the French or Flemish section. Belgium being a bi-lingual country. Since we Americans at Louvain generally follow the courses and seminars in French, it is absolutely necessary that we have a working knowledge of this language when we register and we are expected to be able to express ourselves in French with fluency. The idea is that during the year we take part as much as possible in the university life of Belgium. In principle, we follow courses found in the nor-

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## A.E.D. Award . . .

(Continued from Page 1) of AED upper-classmen. The committee had earlier narrowed the field down to four candi-



CELLO and DR. KRASNER

dates, all of whom had at least a 3.0 average in all subjects. A resident of Cambria Heights, N.Y., and graduate of Chaminade High School, Cello had approximately a 3.9 average last year.

Richard Boldrighini, John Norton, and James Crowley received honorable mention.

At this same meeting, Dr. Mendell Robinson, specialist in otolaryngology, spoke on "New Concepts in Surgery to Restore Hearing." The lecture which was illustrated by color slides, centered around the use of stainless steel prosthetic stapes to restore defective and diseased middle ear hearing mechanisms.

As Dr. Robinson explained it, sound vibrations are normally transmitted through the middle ear by three small bones; the malleus, incus, and stapes, which are less technically called the hammer, anvil, and stirrup.

Many cases of hearing loss are due to otosclerosis, an overgrowth of new bone which fixes the stapes in place, and prevents the transmission of vibrations to the oval window of the inner ear. Little could be done for those suffering from this malady until the operating microscope was developed in Germany, causing a veritable revolution in ear surgery.

## IRC Hears Monsour

The International Relations Club of Providence College held its monthly meeting at 8 P.M. December 5. Their guest speaker, Mr. John Monsour, gave a lecture entitled "Recent Politics in the Middle East."

As one of the few members of the U. S. State Department who can speak Arabic fluently, Mr. Monsour has been assigned to the Arabic states, even though he is of Lebanese extraction. The State Department policy which prohibits sending representatives to their native land has been waived in his case.

Mr. Monsour's lecture concerned the problems caused by Communist activity in the Middle East. He attempted to show how these problems arise, what can be done about them,

and the possibility of converting Moslems to Communism.

As background, Mr. Monsour outlined the history of the Arab people and the influence of religion upon their national and international lives. He stated that religion has dominated Moslem history from the time of Mohammed, the prophet who established the Islamic religion, composed the Koran, and instituted the use of the sword to convert the "infidel." Under his leadership, Moslem hordes conquered North Africa, the Iberian Peninsula and most of the Balkans.

The Islamic religion still plays the most important role in Arab affairs. Its followers are devout, even to the point of fanaticism. Mr. Monsour believes that this faith will prohibit conversion into Communism.

So rooted is the Islam religion in Arab affairs that even civil law is determined by codes established in the Koran. It is the state religion in all the Arab states except Lebanon, where the religious groups divide the government according to population.

To illustrate this impossibility, Mr. Monsour discussed the "success" of previous religious attempts. The Presbyterian Church, which established the American University in 1869, has failed to make one conversion. Similarly, the Jesuit missionaries have failed to make a conversion from their university at Baghdad. Mr. Monsour predicts the same fate for the Communists.

"The Arab people are looking for the country which will give them the most materially," said Mr. Monsour. "If we are to retain their loyalty, we must try to help them in this manner."

## New Officers Sworn in; Christmas Drive Is Off

The three newly elected officers of the class of 1966 were officially sworn in Monday night at the Student Congress meeting. Almost immediately after their inauguration they were compelled to vote on an amendment to the Student Congress Constitution changing the voting procedure for the incoming freshmen class.

This amendment, introduced by Edmund Kuszmars at the previous meeting, provided for the election of four Student Congress Representatives as well as four freshmen class officers at the November elections. The bill also provided for one officer to be a dorm student and one a day student. The measure needed a two-thirds majority of the total membership to pass but Mr. Kuszmars could only muster ten votes and the motion was defeated.

Other business taken care of was the report by the Athletic Committee on an investigation

into allowing those students who have not received their Athletic Identification Cards to pick them up. It was noted by John Bucci that three hundred students did not pick up their cards before October 1st and the Athletic Department because of other important matters cannot now afford the time to begin the process all over again. It was also decided that further investigation into this matter was necessary and the full report should be ready by the next meeting.

The "toy drive" was cancelled because of lack of interest and the Christmas Party which was to be held at Rhode Island Memorial Center was cancelled because of conflicting dates.

It was also announced that a run-off election is to be held today to choose a freshmen president. The two candidates that are running are Rich Vermeire and Pete McGuire.

## Mystery of Plaques Explained

By TONY MURPHY

Frequently many students of PC amble through the hallways of Harkins Hall and never notice the ochre-toned plaques hanging over doorways and on the walls of the second and third floors. The fact is that they are sculptor's models for

St. Vincent Ferrer Church at 66th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. They were designed by Ralph Adams Cram, a famous name in architecture. The purpose of these plaques was to serve as final stone cutting.

Originally the plaques were brought to PC from New York where they were made and used, to serve as studies for students in the proposed fine arts department. Father Joseph J. Sullivan, O.P., began collecting the material but the program was eventually halted completely. The plaster model of the Annunciation in Room 300 is one of the three panels over the interior of the 66th St. entrance to St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Father Hunt of the Art Department, pointed out evidence of great vitality in this particular model. Longer statues are on the corners of turrets on either side of the main entrance on Lexington

Avenue about three stories above the street level.

The plaques were sculptured at the end of the Eclectic Period in American architecture. They deal with broad volumes and show signs of vivacity, movement and coloring.





# Editorially Speaking

## Christmas Incongruity . . .

Is there such a person as an unhappy child on Christmas Day? We hate to think so, but this year it looks as if some of the more unfortunate children in the area, who depend on others for their Christmas gifts, will have no gifts to make them happy on December 25.

Why? Because the students of Providence College contributed exactly nothing to the Student Congress sponsored drive for underprivileged children in the area.

Because of this lack of support and

## Planning Would Help . . .

Students in college today often have a tendency to elect diverse courses rather than to concentrate heavily in their major field. The reason for this is easy to explain. Students have realized that a diverse course offers more opportunity to investigate various fields of study and that this type of study develops a more mature and broad-minded individual.

Two of the areas of study in which students at PC have taken a noticeable interest are those of politics and art.

Students have become acutely aware of the fact that politics plays a dynamic role in the administration of a nation, especially in the light of the increased concern in our national government. Student interest in this field is often fostered by informal seminars which concern politics and by increased reading on the part of students themselves

## Att: Professor I. M. Lost . . .

One couldn't help but notice the attitude of some professors whose classes had been suspended for the pep rally or for freshmen elections speeches held last week. Summed up, the feeling seemed to be "what — a class suspended? How am I supposed to get this work covered? We've only got some three weeks before semester exams start and I've yet to start to cover this material deeply."

And so it went. But it's not the professors who are being put under pressure and strain, it's the students' who have to take on the extra load of work due to the fact that Professor I. M. Lost has fallen behind in his schedule and now has to go like sixty to cover the last material.

It's during times such as this that students have a tendency to become

interested, the drive had to be cancelled by the Student Congress.

It certainly is a sad state of affairs when the students of this college cannot show by example the charity they are supposed to possess in their hearts and minds. And it is even sadder to think of the children who expected to find a gift under a tree and now will find nothing. It's incongruous — kids, unhappiness . . . and Christmas . . . but it is going to happen, thanks to the thoughtlessness of P.C. students.

in this area of study.

Another field to which students have turned because of an increased interest is that of the fine arts, and, more specifically, the history of art. The student today realizes that man cannot always express his feelings through the media of language, be it either written or spoken. Thus, man has turned to the fine arts to express his ideas and communicate them to his fellow-man.

Providence College has, in the past, fostered an interest in the fine arts. However, in response to the increased interest in this field evidenced by the students of PC, the College might do well to consider an expansion and further development of the fine arts courses. This would give the students an opportunity to acquire understanding of art as a necessary component in the foundations of the well-educated man.

irritated with the professors because they feel the strain of the extra work and because they feel they are losing knowledge about material which could have been covered if more foresight and planning were exercised earlier in the semester.

By losing a class or two last week and then complaining about increased student activities, which took their class time, a number of professors showed that their weakness lies in not considering both time and material in planning their course.

Students respect a teacher who is able to organize work properly and efficiently so that the last minute pressure is avoided and so that the subject matter is presented clearly instead of in a haphazard subway rush style.

## Father Gardner Notes Increase in Assistance

By Dick Cole

While the cost of a college education is often a difficult obstacle for students to overcome, many individuals are taking advantage of the assistance being offered from sources outside the college.

In a recent interview with the Cowl, Rev. Royal J. Gardner, O.P., Director of Admissions at Providence College, noted that

"Nearly 50% of all P.C. students are receiving financial assistance in some form or another. This shows an increased interest in education," Father Gardner continued, "by not only large industrial and civic groups but also private individuals. While pleased with this generosity on the part of the education minded, the College is naturally seeking to further augment the amount of aid available to Providence College students through dealings with local groups and alumni."

While some of the assistance being offered is limited, such as a lump sum of money sufficient to provide one student with aid, other grants are renewed annually and provide for the needs of a number of students. Whatever the case, a careful investigation of financial aid available could prove profitable for interested students.

In concluding, Father Gardner commended the students involved for their resourcefulness and initiative in seeking out financial assistance on their own and expressed the hope that others would follow their example. The following is a re-

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

It has been my unfortunate experience to observe each week in the Cowl an article entitled "Students in the News," by Ray Lajeunesse. I had hoped that before now someone would have spoken out against this biased and uncalled for column.

Mr. Lajeunesse, as everyone who has ever read his article knows (and I suspect few actually read it), is an arch-conservative of the Barry Goldwater type.

Last week in a three column spread he defended Barry Goldwater and all that he stands for, quite subtly but quite eloquently. My question, certainly not denying Mr. Lajeunesse's right to express his views (perish the thought), is why does the Cowl consistently publish only this conservative viewpoint? Is the Cowl a conservative newspaper? Certainly not judging by the liberal views expressed in the editorial section. But why does the Cowl allow Mr. Lajeunesse to have his little say without any other opinion — and why title the article "Students in the News?" A more realistic title would be "The Conservative Viewpoint," "Barry Goldwater for President," or "Lajeunesse Speaks."

A November 14 issue found Lajeunesse attacking the AFL-CIO organization. However, Lajeunesse is smart; he only quotes items taken from some source. Only at the conclusion of his article does he express his agreement with everything in it. Naturally his source material is from conservative publications.

The time has come for the Cowl to either change the title of this article, publish the liberal view right next to that of Mr. Lajeunesse, or discontinue his sounding board completely.

Edward Bartolini '63

port submitted by Father Gardner on the current scholastic aid situation.

In its annual report for the academic year 1962-63 the Committee on Scholarships and Grants at the College has noted the substantiation of recurrent national reports concerning the growth of assistance from outside agencies, both corporate and personal, to institutions of higher learning.

Recurrent reports in collegiate and non-collegiate circles have noted again and again the increase of outside interest in higher education during the past seven year space. As one member of the Committee said: "Without a doubt this is one factor in our American history for which future generations will bestow some credit on the influence of the U.S.S.R. and its leaders — and rightly so. Sputnik and the revelation of educational advanced a few years back brought our own pathetic concept of education from 'the dark cellar' so to speak into which it had fallen and onto the bright heights to which it had risen recently."

As one of the most concrete evidences of such interest in higher education financial assistance in varying forms speaks most loudly. It acts rather as the concretization of lofty desires and eloquent words. Even the intense and prolonged debate in Congress concerning federal funds for educational purposes highlights importance of the issue at hand.

The National Defense Student Loan Program was the first overt step taken by the Federal Government in this quarter and this has been followed by numerous State Programs coming into existence. Such programs in turn have stirred the interest of business and industry. The result has been much study and generous programming of educational funds from corporation and individuals.

Primarily, the numerical increase of scholarships and grants is to be found in assistance and awards made to individual students. These range from minimal grants of \$100 to others of \$1250 from private sources, high school alumni and civic groups, corporations and foundations. Our own Rhode Island State Scholarship Program grants awards from \$200 to a \$1000; this program is in its third year of operation.

Providence College Regional Alumni Associations, such as New York, New Haven, New York, have assisted substantially in this endeavor to assist Providence College men. One of the healthiest signs along these lines for the College has been the initiative taken by some individual living alumni to establish funds of assistance for worthy students as happened this year with alumni establishing such aid for students from the Taunton area.

With 1117 — almost 50% — members of the student body receiving financial assistance of some form this year either from the College directly or from other sources the Committee on Scholarships and Grants reported that 723 are receiving this aid from "outside agencies" of one sort or another amounting to \$379,225.



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# High School Seniors Greeted

Fr. Dore Welcomes High School Seniors  
To Eleventh High School Science Day

Approximately 225 high school seniors and faculty members attended the eleventh annual High School Science Day sponsored by the Providence College science students last Wednesday afternoon, December 5, in the Albertus Magnus Science Hall and the Edward J. Hickey Laboratory. This year's science day was held in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of Nuclear Progress.

The students were officially greeted in Albertus Magnus Auditorium by the Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P. In his greeting, Father Dore commented on the need for a well rounded higher education in this age in which automation has displaced unskilled and even semi-skilled workers.

"We hope," said Father Dore, "that your visit to Providence College will not only be interesting and educationally stimulating, but that it will inspire you to make even greater strides; not only in the natural and biological sciences, but also in the companion areas of the liberal arts—the social sciences and humanities."

Following the opening assembly, the students were invited to tour the various exhibitions and demonstrations in our science laboratories. Films were shown during the latter part of



the program in Albertus Magnus Auditorium.

Presented in Albertus Magnus Hall were exhibits in biology, chemistry, and physics. Biology exhibits included: Comparative Anatomy, Histology, Botany, Zoology, Bacteriology, and Biological Research. Chemistry exhibits were: Inorganic Chemistry, Qualitative Analysis, Quantitative Analysis, Organic Chemistry, and Physical Chemistry. Exhibits in physics were: Optics, Optics II, Modern Physics, and Electronics. The Radiation Laboratory and the Computer Center were also on display.

Exhibits in the Edward J. Hickey Laboratory included:

Special Problems in Biology, Chemistry Research, and Medical Research. During the program, light refreshments were provided for the visiting students and faculty members in Albertus Magnus.

Both Dr. Robert I. Krasner and Dr. Theodore T. Galkowski, the coordinators of the affair, were very pleased with the calibre of the demonstrations and the attitude of our science students in making the day profitable for the visiting students. They were also grateful to the members of the Phi Chi Club, the Albertus Magnus Club, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and the Friars Club for their hard work and co-operation.

# Academic Program Gets Boost; Senior Elective System Revised

By Tim Welsh

A departmental reading list of classics and a revised system for the selection of junior and senior elective courses may soon be added to the Providence College academic program. As results of the 1962-63 school year, these proposals represent the Student-Faculty Board's effort to act as a sounding-board for student opinion in academic affairs.

Under the guidance of Rev. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., the Student-Faculty Board convenes three times weekly during the 10:20 break. At this time, the three faculty and

three student representatives discuss the educational aspects of college life by attempting to show where possible improvements may be made.

The reading list, proposed by the board, requests each department chairman to select the most important writings from his field. Separate lists would then be distributed to each student according to his major concentration. All books from this list would be available in the library, and each student would be expected to familiarize himself with these books before graduation.

Passage of a proposal by the Student-Faculty Board does not assure its acceptance by the College. Everything approved by the board must be submitted to the Committee on Studies as a recommendation. This committee makes all final decisions in these matters. In the words of senior member Bob Silva, "Chances of acceptance by the Student-Faculty Board are slight. But if an action is passed, it stands a good chance of being totally or partially accepted by the Committee on Studies."

This year, as in the past, elective courses will be chosen in the spring. The new proposal, however, calls for earlier posting of available electives and suggests that the range of choices be expanded. This widening would be accomplished by asking

each department chairman to indicate the additional courses his section could offer.

A fourth question discussed by the board involved the notion of testing and the relationship of "quizzes" to quarterlies. The decision, made according to previous school policy, stated that "quizzes" may be given at any time, but quarterlies should be announced and administered according to the schedule prepared by the Dean's office.

Last on the agenda stood the problem of the bookstore and the reason for its insufficient supply of textbooks and notebooks at the beginning of the year. The reason, said junior representative Bob Fiondella, is that professors of elective courses do not always have a completely accurate tabulation of the books required, and ordering is done by "intelligent" guessing.

Working from the principle of in loco parentis or academic freedom, the Student-Faculty Board is currently discussing the disciplinary role and responsibility of Providence College with regard to its students.

Members of this year's Student-Faculty Board are: Rev. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., dean of studies; Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P., assistant dean of studies; Mr. Zygmunt Friedemann, political science instructor; senior Robert Silva; senior John McCarthy; and junior Robert Fiondella.

## Military Obligation

## Military Service Obligation Discussed by Capt. Grant

By CAPT. JOHN C. GRANT

This is the second in a series of COWL articles prepared by the staff of the Military Service Department. The first, appearing in the November 7 edition, outlined various programs available to PC students by which they could fulfill their military service obligation as commissioned officers.

In a previous article we discussed officer programs available to PC students for fulfillment of military service commitments. Obviously, either for reasons of their own choosing, or officer selection systems, every young man is not going to be an officer. With this in mind, we will point out the current enlisted programs applicable to PC students.

In an analysis of the many enlisted options, it can generally be stated that those programs with short active duty tours logically require longer Reserve service and little choice of branch, specialty or location of assignment. Conversely, programs with longer active duty tours require shorter Reserve service and offer better assignment opportunities.

Before discussing the various options available, one other factor should be clarified. There are two categories of Reserve status associated with these options. The first category is the Ready Reserve which requires participation by the individual in an organized Reserve unit near his home. Normally this includes 48 weekly drill periods plus a two week summer training period annually. This group, being composed of the youngest and most freshly trained is subject to recall to active duty first. They can be recalled by a presidential proclamation of emergency.

The second category is the Standby Reserve. Here the individual has his name included on the Reserve rolls but is not required to attend either weekly or summer training periods. Men in this category are less

likely to be recalled, as it takes a congressional resolution to return them to active service.

As with the officer programs discussed previously, the options below are frequently revised to meet the needs of the services and are subject to change without notification. Detailed aspects of each of these programs can be gained by contacting representatives of the appropriate service.

### Army

Waiting for the draft is perhaps the least "painful" means of entering the Army. Here the individual spends two years in active service assigned where the Army feels he can best be used. The "draftee" incurs a Reserve commitment of two years in the Ready Reserve and another two in the Standby Reserve.

The Reserve Forces Act passed in 1955 provides probably the most popular options for Army enlisted service. Here the individual enlists initially in an Army Reserve unit. He then must enter active duty for either six months or two years. The six-month option incurs a five and one half year Ready Reserve commitment. The two-year active duty program gives the individual a two-year Ready Reserve and two-year Standby Reserve commitment. A third option is available for people involved in critical defense work in their civilian occupation. In this case the man goes on active duty for only three months and then completes the balance of a total eight-year commitment in the Standby Reserve.

The National Guard also involves a six-month active duty tour. Here the individual enlists in the National Guard, goes on active duty and then must spend five and one-half years in the National Guard program.

The final Army option is to voluntarily enlist in the Regular Army. This requires three years on active duty but offers the advantages of choice of Army branch of specialty, or choice of location of assignment. The Reserve commitment here is one year in the Ready and two years in the Standby Reserve.

### Navy

The Navy offers two programs for enlisted service. The first requires that the individual enlist in a Navy Reserve unit. He then must go into the active Navy for two years. This is followed by a three-year commitment to the Ready Reserve and one year in the Standby Reserve.

The second Navy choice is that of voluntary enlistment in the Regular Navy. The minimum active duty requirement in this case is three years with two more spent in the Ready Reserve and one year in the Standby Reserve.

### Marines

The Marine options require active tours of either six months, two years, or three years. In the six-month and two-year programs, the individual first enlists in a Marine Reserve unit. He then goes into active service. This is followed in the case of the "six-monther" by five and one half years in a Ready Reserve unit.

## Rings Praised By Jr. Class

By ED SOWA

This week the Junior Class expressed their opinions of the new class rings which were manufactured by Herff-Jones Co. of Indianapolis, Indiana. The following are some of the viewpoints revealed:

Art Gressel—"I think the ring is very nice and up to, if not surpassing, the standards of past rings. The selections were great and the prices reasonable."

Bert Pinard—"These rings are definitely up to par with any other college ring in the country. I have heard no comment of dissatisfaction from any of my classmates. The company has completed all its obligations."

Jim LeBlanc—"I think the company did a fine job; they produced an outstanding ring with quality and showmanship."

Pat Coughlin—"I think they are great and creditable to the class of 1964."

Mike Seich—"I think our

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## ROTC Award

In a recent ROTC drill period, Cadet Francis T. Hill, Jr., was selected as the "best drilled" cadet in the sophomore class. Selected in a "drill down" involving all sophomore ROTC cadets, Hill was awarded a Letter of Commendation from Lt. Colonel Lawrence V. Troiano, Professor of Military Science. The letter commended Hill for his "outstanding manual dexterity and more significantly an obvious desire to excel."

A competitor in previous events of this type, last year he was a recipient of the Chicago Tribune Award for "academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and excellence in military drill competition."

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# PC Student Summarizes . . .

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mial university program, and do so in the language normally used for these courses. We board in the same quarters as our European friends, attend their cultural meetings and take part in their sports.

There are no "prefects" or "rectors" in the university residences. The large majority of men students stay in private houses which are subject to the approval of the University. There is no supervision of a student's personal life. No curfew or a set of rules as a guideline are to be followed; in short, no Dean of Men or Dean of Discipline. As with the student personnel administrative system, so too is the continental educational system, generally speaking, more flexible than the system prevalent in America. At Louvain, more is left to the initiative of the individual student. Lecture courses range from one to five hours per week. No fixed assignments are given, and except for the final oral exams, no tests either. Advanced students attend seminars in their chosen fields, and prepare papers to be read at a seminar meeting. Students are thus free to read as much—or as little—on a given subject as interests them, and they can choose the courses in which they will write their papers.

There are, however, noteworthy disadvantages. There is no personal contact between a professor and a student. The Belgians put their professors on a pedestal. They are as hesitant to approach a professor as an

American college student would be to approach his university president. There are no questions allowed in class and if a student wishes to have some point clarified by the teacher or anything else pertinent to the subject-matter, he can do so only by appointment at the latter's convenience. Once the lecture has begun, no student is allowed to enter and the only way one leaves during the lecture is if he or she (notably she) is carried out. Nonetheless, the students do have certain traditional "rights." For instance, if the students disagree with what a professor says (a corny joke), or what he does on a spur of sarcasm (writing the name "Descartes" on the blackboard to insure correct spelling can be very insulting to French-speaking people), they vehemently stomp their feet on the ground (no hissing). On the other hand if they approve, they shuffle their feet.

Every year in the undergraduate studies, forty to fifty percent of the students flunk. The mortality rate is especially high with the female students. The professors are by no means prejudiced, but from what we've heard talking with the students, the former go on the assumption that one third of the girls come to the University with a matrimonial objective in mind (which proves that human nature is the same in every country), another third just "come for the ride," while the other girls are really here to take advantage of the academic progress. The male students are by far much more serious in their studies. A probable explanation for this mortality rate is the fact that Louvain, as with most European universities, is not competitive for admittance. If a student has a certificate from a "Lycee" (high school) and the 4,800 Belgian francs (\$80) for the tuition, he or she may register at the University.

Living in a foreign country is in itself an education. Getting adjusted to a different set of standards, different opinions, new manners and styles is a broadening experience. Before long, though, you become accepted as part of the group. You find yourself skiing with your Belgian friends in the French Alps, eating and sleeping in the mountain chalets

with friends from other universities, rock climbing on the Saleve, meeting with African delegate groups, UN representatives and listening to noted statesmen. This is notably significant of a large European university like Louvain where, on a given day, one can attend an informal political discussion held by German Vice-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and listen to Belgium's own Paul-Henri Spaak speak on the European economy the next. Coffee and talk go together, knowledge increasing with every word.

Contact with a foreign people is immensely broadening my cultural, political, and social outlook. Discussions with my fellow students are making me aware of many viewpoints on world affairs. Strangely enough, through them I am also learning a great deal about America. For the first time I can view our country from a distance. Only now do I realize how our policies are received in Europe and what impressions we are making, as individuals, on the Europeans. Each day is a new and unique experience. It is by this experience that I am coming to get the feel of the problems that confront the younger generation of the "Old World."

## Military Ball Set for Feb. 8

The Annual Military Ball sponsored by the Cadet Officers' Honor Club of Providence College will take place on Friday evening, February 8, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Alpine Country Club in Cranston, R. I. Tickets for the dance will be priced at \$5 per couple.

Cadet Capt. T. E. Sullivan, chairman of the affair and Special Services Officer for the Cadet Officers' Honor Club, announced that music for the event will be provided by Ralph Stewart's Band. This band played at the Military Ball two years ago.

Tickets will be placed on sale at the beginning of second semester.

# Debaters Present Aims Of Lacordaire Society

By MIKE CHASE

Through the use of constant logical repetition, to enable one to understand the truths and falsities of things, and thus to be better able to perceive and speak the truth," said Vice-President Harry Brent "can well express the aim of the Lacordaire Debating Society. Not principally to win debates, but to learn how to communicate logically with others, is its primary function."

Although not as well known on the Providence College campus as are many other organizations, the Lacordaire Society is, in the words of President Robert McGowan, "one of the most important and worthwhile clubs on the campus." This may well be so when one realizes that an ability or lack of ability to effectively make known one's ideas can be the determining factor of either success or failure in a chosen career. "It is too bad," said McGowan, "that more people do not realize this fact."

The club, which is under the direction of the Reverend John Skalko, has unceasingly tried to engender in each of its members the foresight and mechanics necessary for a good debate. This ability can have far reaching consequences, both in formal debate and in association with others throughout life. This fact is well recognized by the club members. Freshman David Prior vigorously supported this fact. Said Prior, "The club presents a wonderful opportunity for active engagement in logical argumentation." Prior, a political science major

anticipating a law career, continued, "This ability is extremely valuable, especially as a lawyer where an ability to reason and speak logically and without hesitation is a prime necessity."

In order to develop these qualities within the members, each new candidate is required to undergo a training period. During this time, the members are instructed in the basic fundamentals which are essential parts of good debating.

Following this, the members take part in actual debates.

It is here where practical use of the fundamentals is applied. "Through practical application," said freshman Charles Lawrence, "one develops a very worthwhile ability in public speaking, so very important in relating one's ideas to others."

The debates themselves are composed of two teams, a negative and an affirmative, each containing two men. The club members must be able to argue for either side, regardless of personal opinion. This increases within them the ability to convincingly present a solution to a given topic. At the same time it enables them to understand both sides of the issue. This, in the words of secretary Richard Poli, "develops a logical order of thought and speech so necessary to successful communication of one's thoughts and opinions."

## Holiday Dance Set By Springfield Club

The Providence College Alumni and Undergraduate Club of Greater Springfield will sponsor a Holiday Dinner Dance on Thursday evening, December 27. The dance will be held at Twin Oaks, Agawam, Massachusetts.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained from any of the officers of the club. The event will feature cocktails, a smorgasbord dinner and dancing.

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## Alpha Pi Omega

### Elects Officers

Alpha Phi Omega, a service society composed of former Boy Scouts and Explorers, held its third meeting last Thursday evening in Room 107, Harkins Hall. At that time, the group elected its temporary officers.

The officers elected for the society's organizational period were: Tom Gibney, '65, president; Frank Devlin, '64, secretary; and Robert LaFrance, '65, treasurer. This executive committee appointed Paul Cloutier as chairman of the service committee and Edward Kaergeris as head of the membership committee.

# Military Service Obligations . . .

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The two-year-man spends three years in the Ready Reserve and one year Standby.

The three-year active duty program requires voluntary enlistment in the Regular Marine Corps. Again the Reserve commitment is two in the Ready Reserve and one in the Standby group.

### Air Force

The Air Force has three programs. The Air Force six-month program requires enlistment in an Air Force Reserve unit. Following active duty, the individual incurs a minimum six-year Ready Reserve commitment dependent upon his technical specialty.

The Air National Guard requires eight weeks to one year on active duty and at least

three years in an Air National Guard unit. Total time obligations are dependent upon technical specialty.

Choice of career field is the advantage of enlisting in the Regular Air Force. Here the man spends four years in active service followed by two years in the Standby Reserve.

### Coast Guard

Enlistment in a Coast Guard Reserve unit requires a minimum active duty commitment of six months followed by five and one-half years in the Ready Reserve and two years in the Standby Reserve. Enlistment in the Regular Coast Guard has a four year active duty requirement followed by one year in the Ready Reserve and one in the Standby.

On purpose in the past two articles has not been one of recruitment for one service or

another, but rather to point out objectively the many programs available to PC students for fulfillment of military service commitments. It would be impossible for the author to establish which of these many options is best for the non-ROTC student. This must, of course, be an individual choice based on personal preferences and career plans of the individual. It is our hope that these past two discussions will assist in these plans.

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## Junior Rings...

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class ring has come up to all our expectations. It is a beautiful ring and we all should be proud to wear it."

Joe Reihling—"I am very pleased with our class ring. I think the ring committee did an outstanding job in design and choice of company. It has fulfilled all my expectations of what I wanted in my class ring."

Mickey McMahon—"This year's class ring is definitely the best I've seen in my three years at PC. The ring committee did an excellent job."

Terry Russell—"Everything about the ring satisfies me. It accomplishes its task of carrying on the tradition of PC and the class of '64."

Charlie Reidy—"This year's ring is everything it should be, something we can really be proud of always."

Joe Bianchi—"Our ring is all that I expected it to be and more. I believe the end product (i.e., the class ring) is a tribute to our class and to those who worked to make it possible."

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Jerry De Maria, '64 is available to PC gentlemen on Thursday evening from 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. and on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Drop in, say hello, and look at the finest clothes ever designed, and priced for the collegian's pocket book.



## Pats Beat Shamrocks; Oppose Western Mass.

The Boston Patriots walloped the Boston Shamrocks 39 to 6 on Wednesday, Dec. 5th and will play the Western Mass. Club for the championship of the Intramural League on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 3:00 p.m. In an earlier meeting between the two clubs the Western Mass. Club won by a score of 19 to 6 and went on to an undefeated season. The Pats strengthened by the addition of four key men went through the rest of their schedule unbeaten and thus constitute a definite threat to Western Mass. title hopes. If the Western Mass. team wins this game, it will become the intramural football champion. But if the Pats win, there will be another game on Thursday, Dec. 13th, which will be the decisive match.

### Intramural Basketball

The Intramural Athletic Association Basketball League got underway last week. The Boston Celtics ushered in the season with a resounding 77 to 20 victory over Providence "B" Team. The Boston Bishops forfeited to the Providence "C" Team. In a comparatively low scoring ball game the Met "A" Team beat the Pine Tree Club 9 to 21. The Boston Shamrocks won a squeaker from the Providence "A" Team 38 to 36. In a defensive contest the Hartford "B" Club emerged the victor in a match with the New Bedford Club. The score was 34 to 14. The Hartford "A" Club closed out the week with a 50 to 35 decision over the New Haven Club.

### Intramural League Basketball schedule:

Wednesday, December 12th  
1:00 Boston Bishops vs Providence "C"  
2:00 Cranston Thunderbolts vs Providence "B"  
5:15 Boston Shamrocks vs. Waterbury Club  
5:15 Glee Club vs. Pine Tree Club  
5:15 Western Mass. vs. Hartford "B"  
On Thursday, Dec. 13th:  
1:00 Bristol County vs. Providence "B"  
1:00 Cranston Thunderbolts vs Providence "C"  
1:00 Boston Celtics vs. Providence "A"  
5:15 Hartford Club "A" vs. et "A"  
5:15 Hartford Club "B" vs. et "B"

**Intramural Meeting**  
On Wednesday, Dec. 12th, there will be an important meeting of the Intramural Athletic Association Council. All

## Friar Nimrods Lose In Varsity Match To BC, BU Squads

The varsity rifle team of Providence College lost their fourth straight match last Saturday at Commonwealth Armory in Boston. The Nimrods, who have been unable to produce a victory yet this season, were beaten by both Boston College and Boston University in the tri-match. Although the Friars finished third, they scored 1963, only six behind second place BC who had 1369. BU, who won the match, tallied a score of 1378, fifteen ahead of the Friars.

Tarr of Boston University had the individual high in the match with 284. For the Friars junior John Carr was high with 280. He was followed by Joe O'Brien with 276 and Captain Al Theriault with 270. The others who placed for the Friars were Paul Baillargeon who scored 271, and Bill Larsen with 266.

## Frosh. . .

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much more hustle in the process. Jim Benedict led all scorers with 23 and Bill Blair picked up 18.

"Changes to look for in the line-up will be perhaps Ed Heroux, an All Rhode Island Starter, Class B from Central Falls; Bill Degnan, or Jack Kirk," commented Mr. Gavitt. "What we need is a quarterback for the team, a person who will sacrifice himself as a player and who can run the ball offensively."

The frosh continue their schedule tonight at Hanscomb Air Force Base and Friday night against the Quonset Flyers in Alumni Hall, preceding the varsity game. A rematch with Brown is scheduled as the last frosh tilt of the season, March 7, at Brown.

## B-B Preview. . .

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meet the Eagles of Boston College. This also should be an exciting game, as shown by the thin victory margin of 2 points in the home game last year. The Eagles aren't expected to be very strong this year as everyone is looking ahead to next year when Bob Cousy will take over as head coach. They have already lost two games this year, to Miami and University of Connecticut. Top man will be Gerry Ward, who averaged 13 points and who also is the top rebounder in BC history. The Eagles have lost Jim Hooley and Chuck Chevalier and will have to wait until next year with Bob Cousy and their sophomores.

Providence center John Thompson snared rebound high above Miami guard Carl Stauri (11). Sparked by the torrid shooting and rebounding of forwards Rick Barry and Jack Spisak, the Hurricanes sent the Friars reeling down to their first loss on the Alumni Hall boards in almost two years.

—COWL Staff by Poley

## NOTES FROM THE

## SPORTSDESK

By Bill Joyce  
Cowl Sports Editor

Like Gulliver romping through Brobdingnag, economy-sized Vinnie Ernst scooted around and under and generally befuddled Miami's family-sized front-line the other night. The trouble was that Miami's over-sized collection of bombers shot too often and too well. Thusly, the Friars are now 1-1.

Ernst, who looks so out of place on a basketball court that he appears to be playing only because it's his ball, led the Friars surge that nearly erased a 21 point deficit. Of course, that there was a 21 point deficit in the first place, had Coach Joe Mullane hastening his balding processes.

Things just didn't pan out for the Friar mentor who had planned a ball-control offense. As it turned out, the Black and White became caught up in the pro-style run-and-shoot offense of the Hurricanes. Back to the drawing board coach.

The sad thing is the attitude of the Providence fans. Rather than view the club as a sound, college basketball team, the P.C. backers prefer to think of their boys "as a collection of super-human Bill Russells, Elgin Bayers, and Bob Cousys who should be able to handle any team on their schedule."

**Good Team? — Great Team?**  
This is definitely a fine college team, potentially the best in New England. However, the expectations of the fans, have created an atmosphere in which the team itself gets wrapped up in the tension which demands nothing less than a resounding victory.

This almost unjustified pressure is a result of successes achieved by underrated, underdog Friar basketball teams in recent seasons. Since P.C. staggered through a relatively wet field to win the N.I.T. two seasons ago, the pressure for victory has become almost unbearable.

All together now . . . let's all get off the back of a sound college basketball team and let them relax and play the normal game. Let's all accept this team for what it is: a good club that is going to make mistakes and even lose (yes, lose!) some games this season. They'll be a lot better if this unbearable pressure is lifted. Moderation anyone?

Attention J. Vincent Cuddy: would you please improve the quality of the P.A. system so that we can all hear what the announcer has to say? Out of 3300 fans in Alumni Hall last Saturday night, how many heard the score of P.C.-Merrimack game announced? The poor guy might as well have been talking to himself most of the night.

**Let's Have Some Ice!**  
Considering the amount of ice-time the hockey team gets at the Rhode Island Auditorium, it's a wonder they do as well as they do. For a college hockey team to have only two hours of practice time the week before their opening game is a disgraceful situation. Let's have some action and correct this condition.

If Coach Tom Eccleston's sophomores can adjust to the faster-paced level of varsity competition, look for a relative-

ly successful hockey season. The defense, which looked shaky at the beginning of practice, this year, has begun to jell. If the sophomores fit in and the Athletic Department can find a hockey rink somewhere in the state they can use for a few hours a week, the varsity six will surprise.

## PC Icemen. . .

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Harkness and holds the distinction of being the last Eastern team to win the national championship, which was in 1956. The Engineers roster is all Canadians, but Eccleston, nevertheless feels that the Friars stand their best chance against the host team from Troy. Eccleston also commented on the fact that he wished the PC sextet had more than just three games "under their belt" (two with Merrimack and one with Princeton) since the competition which they will encounter will be extremely rugged.

The schedule for the RPI Invitational Tournament is as follows: December 27: PC vs. Minnesota, McMaster College vs. RPI; December 28: McMaster vs. Minnesota, PC vs RPI; and December 29: McMaster vs. PC, Minnesota vs. RPI.

## Merrimack. . .

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ney was barraged by shots. The "Moon" got an assist on that play from Captain Lou Lamoriello. With 2:35 remaining, Mooney again took a pass from linemate Lamoriello and slammed the puck into the nets.

PC's Hornestein finished up the game with a total of twenty-five saves as compared with Merrimack's Downey, who kicked out thirty-one.

Commenting on the game, Captain Lamoriello thought that Merrimack displayed a tremendous amount of hustle, but couldn't cash in for goals when the Friars were short-handed.

Coach Tom Eccleston noted that both Danny Hornestein and defenseman Larry Kish played a sound game, and kept PC out of hot water in the hectic first period.

"Offensively Mooney and Lamoriello were the key factors in our close win. Generally, though, I wasn't too satisfied with the team's performance, even discounting that it was the first game of the campaign. The unit as a whole was jittery and played at times during the first period and a half a very unorganized brand of hockey. I'm hoping for a definite overall improvement in the next game."

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## PC Icemen Face Princeton; To Play in RPI Tournament

By PAUL MARTIN

Coach Tom Eccleston's varsity hockey team encounters a rugged schedule in the coming weeks when it faces Princeton in New Jersey, participates in Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Invitational Tournament at Troy, and then faces the University of New Hampshire at the Rhode Island Auditorium.

With Princeton first on the docket, much will depend on the Friars' sophomore element which Eccleston terms as "the best he has had in his tenure at PC." The Tigers, coached by Norman Woods, have proved to be the PC pucksters' jinx team over the past few seasons. This is due to the fact that the Friars have failed to notch a victory over Princeton in the last three seasons. Last year the Ecclestonmen gained a 1-1 tie. In the preceding year, victory was snatched from the grasp of the Friar sextet when it tied the game 6-6 with twenty seconds remaining only to lose in overtime 7-6.

Led by All-East wing Bill Cook, who made All-Ivy League in his sophomore and junior years and scored five goals in an earlier encounter against Northeastern this season, Princeton poses as a crucial test to the Friars. This game may give a good indication of how PC hockey fortunes will crystallize this season.

### R. P. I. Tournament

A real challenge, however, faces the Black and White when they compete in the RPI Invitational Tournament at Troy on December 27, 28 and 29. Besides host RPI, always a contender for Eastern honors, the pucksters will oppose the University of Minnesota and McMaster College of Canada. Coach John Marucci's Minnesota Gophers are termed by Coach Eccleston as "a real powerhouse" and are the favorites

of the tournament. This is no doubt attributed to their big victory over Michigan Tech, last year's national champions. With twelve lettermen returning, the Gopher sextet is indeed a team to be reckoned with.

Another fine team is the Canadian entry, McMaster College, which turned in a near upset when it tied Denver 3-3 earlier this season. Denver is currently picked by many experts as the team which stands the best chance this year to dethrone Michigan Tech from the latter's national laurels.

### Sophs Lead RPI

RPI, a sophomore laden team like PC, is coached by Ned (Continued on Page 7)

## Frosh Team Loses; Benedict and Blair Lead Pointmakers

The Providence College frosh basketball squad dropped their first tilt of the season to a snappy Brown quintet, 64-54, in the Alumni gym, last Saturday night.

"I scouted this team and I knew that they were a jump shooting outfit," remarked Coach Dave Gavitt, "But I didn't think that they were a better team, at least not ten points better." The frosh quintet led at the half 28-24, but a lack of aggressiveness and slow defense amounted to the decisive factors of the game. "In the first half, we didn't move the ball fast enough, and consequently all our shots were forced. Also Brown picked up more loose balls and rebounds off their own backboard," said Gavitt. "What we needed was a little more help for Bill Blair under the boards."

Gavitt looks for the squad to improve offensively, picking up (Continued on Page 7)

## Second Half Rally Falls Short As Hurricanes Defeat Friars

By GEORGE O'BRIEN

The Hurricanes of Miami invaded PC last Saturday and dropped the Friar hoopers 82-75. It was the first loss at home for Providence in almost two years and it squared the season record at 1-1. Next Friday's game with St. Louis now looms as a vital one if the Friars intend to prove that the Miami loss was the result of a bad night.

Miami dominated most of the play. They led by eleven at the half and increased that lead to 21 points before they showed any signs of slowing down. They hit a cold spell for a few minutes in the middle of the second half and their lead dwindled to 10. But they came back to finish strong and snuff out any hopes PC had for a late rally.

### Fell Behind Early

The Friars lost because they had gotten so far behind in the early stages of the game. They were completely outplayed and outshouted in the first half. They hurried their shots instead of waiting for a better one to come along. They rarely got to a second shot, as Miami domin-

ated both boards throughout the game.

Miami went with a quick run and shoot offense, rarely setting up plays. Against this offense Providence failed to get back quick enough to set up any kind of a defense.

Coach Mullaney was extremely disappointed after the game. He said, "It couldn't be pinned down to one thing. For most of the game we did everything wrong. They were taking shots that weren't there. Later when we fell behind we had to gamble on the shots." When asked if he planned any changes before Friday, he said, "No there'll be no changes. We'll just have to work harder at what we've supposed to have been doing all along."

### Hale Jovial

On the other side, Miami's coach, Bruce Hale, was jovial and confident. He was asked to compare PC with Boston College and URI, both of which were beaten by Miami last week. He replied, "Well, Providence has the advantage over the other two in personnel." He seemed to imply that BC had

## Hoopsters to Take On St. Louis Univ. Dec. 14



John Thompson (left) and Bob Kovalski (center) battle Miami's Rick Barry (24) for a rebound in Saturday night's game with Miami. Intently watching the action are Miami's Jack Spik (31) and PC forward Jim Stone (far right). The Hurricanes won, 82-75.

COWLOto by Jim Foley

## Icemen Edge Warriors; Look for Improvement

The Providence College varsity hockey team registered a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over a stubborn Merrimack College squad last Saturday night at Andover, Mass. The game was the first of the season for the Black and White, while Merrimack had previously lost in

overtime to Bowdoin College.

Experiencing first game tenseness, the Friars couldn't seem to capitalize on numerous opportunities and found themselves outshot during the first period. Merrimack scored first as Bill Mahoney tipped in Frank Pollard's blue line shot at 9:08.

PC, starting to move the puck more, evened the count at 13:30 when sophomore Grant Heffernan, taking assists from Friar Kish and Ray Mooney, faked Merrimack goalie, Paul Downey, to the ice and slipped the puck into the cage.

### Downey Brilliant

Throughout the second period the Friars dominated the action but were unable to connect for the tiebreaker, due to some brilliant netminding by Downey.

In the third period Merrimack tallied as Fran Miller drew PC goalie, Dan Hornstein, out of the crease and flipped the disc by him.

Then coming up ice, Mooney struck home at 6:51, after Dow-

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## TICKET NOTICE

The Providence College Athletic Department announced this week that because of alumni homecoming tickets for that weekend's basketball game with Scranton University will be limited to one per student. Tickets for that January 26 contest will go on sale for the student body on January 9.

Student tickets for the basketball game between PC and Boston College to be played on the BC campus on January 5 will be available during this week and can be obtained at the PC Athletic business office.

## Garrison to Lead Billikens against PC

In the coming weeks, the Friar hoopers will take to the court to face some of the toughest teams on their schedule. They will be looking to make a comeback after losing to Miami last Saturday night. Victories in the coming games will set them well on their way to a great season.

This Friday, the Billikens from St. Louis University travel to Providence to meet the Friars at Alumni Hall. The Billikens probably have one of the tallest teams in the country. They will bring in nine boys over 6'5" but, with all that height, they are expected to be rather slow on offense. They have been picked to finish behind Cincinnati in the Missouri Valley Conference, the toughest in the country. Seven let-termen are returning from last year's squad, three of whom were starters. Garry Garrison at 6'8" is expected to lead the team in all departments this year, backed up by 6'1" guard Dave Harris and 6'4" forward Don Reid.

### St. Francis Improved

Right after the game, the Friars leave for New York to tangle with St. Francis of Brooklyn in the 68th Regiment Armory on Saturday night. Although the Friars beat the Terriers 75-51 last year, they can look for trouble from Jim Raftery, one of the better ball players in the New York area. The Terriers had a losing 8-15 season last year but hope some of their sophomores will add more strength this year. 6'7" Ted Kitch and 6'5" Ed Leja are expected to supply the rebounding strength that they lacked in the past.

Before leaving for Christmas vacation, Brown moves into Alumni Hall to meet the Friars on December 19. After losing All-Ivy guard Mike Cingiser the Bruins should be expected to be weaker than last year. In this inter-city tilt, all the records can be shattered, however, because Brown perennially has its best games against PC. Gene Barth, 6'7" senior, will carry most of the load for the Bruins this year. Al Young and Frank Driscoll give the Bruins a scrappy backcourt which should help in the rebuilding job. As in the past, look for a very close game.

### ECAC Tourney

On Wednesday, the 27th of December, the Friars open against the University of Delaware in their first game of the ECAC's Quaker City Tournament. The Blue Hens are usually one of the best teams in the Middle Atlantic Conference and are already looking ahead for their "big" game against Providence. They had a 17-4 record last year, losing by only one point to St. Joseph's and LaSalle. Although not an exceptionally tall team they were fifth in the country in rebounding last year. With their big stars Nate Cloud (17.1) and Dave Spoko (17.1) returning, the Blue Hens pose a strong threat to the Friars' chances in the tournament.

The first weekend in January the Friars travel to Boston to (Continued on Page 7)