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## Ball, Beach Party Featured At Commencement Weekend

With Commencement approaching, the Class of 1964 has announced plans for this year's Commencement Weekend, to be held on May 29 and 30.

The affair will begin with the Commencement Ball on May 29 at the King Philip Ballroom in Wrentham, Mass. Formal and floral, the dance will be from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

On Saturday, May 30, there will be a boat ride to Block Island. Leaving Point Judith at 11:30 a.m., the M. V. Block Island will dock at the island where refreshments will be served during a beach party at the Ocean View Hotel.

Dinner will be served in the form of a catered cookout on the beach at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include steak sandwiches, beans, cole slaw, and potato salad. Following the cookout, there will be an informal dance at the Ocean View Hotel from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. From the New Harbor Wharf, the boat will leave the island at 11 p.m. and return to Point Judith.

Co-chairmen for the weekend are Arthur Parrin and Stephen Kane. Bids are priced at \$12.00.

On Sunday morning, the Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. and a Commencement rehearsal will be held immediately after Mass. Monday, June 1, will be Senior Class Day. At the exercises, Allan S. Noonan, a graduate of Classical High School and an NIH student from Johnston, R. I., will deliver the class oration. Parents' Night will begin at 7:15 p.m. The parents' address will be given by Gerald J. Mussari, a Business major from Carbondale, Penn. Commencement exercises will be held Tuesday morning, June 2, at 10 o'clock.

## Senior Class Assembly

Monday, April 20, 11:50 a.m., Harkins Hall Auditorium, Chairman, Frank Darigan.

Speakers: Class Gift—Father Heath; Alumni Information—Mr. Paul Connolly; Graduation Exercises—Father Danilowicz; Commencement Weekend—Art Parrin; Summary—Frank Darigan. (Assembly will definitely end by 12:45 p.m.)

## Speakers Program

# Edward A. McDermott To Deliver SC Lecture

By Bob Bonnell

Edward A. McDermott, Director of the White House's Office of Emergency Planning and President Johnson's advisor on nonmilitary aspects of defense, will be the next speaker in the Student Congress Speakers Program. His speech, entitled "Black Friday," will be given in Alumni Hall on Friday, April 17, at 10:50 a.m.

In his talk, Mr. McDermott will delve into the activities of his own and other



EDWARD A. McDERMOTT

offices at the time of President Kennedy's assassination.

In his present capacity as director of OEP, it is Mr. McDermott's job to coordinate the "development and establishment of policies and plans for the mobilization and management of the nation's resources and production under various degrees of emergency situations."

He is also in charge of the acquisition, stockpiling, and disposal of strategic materials, the investigation of allegations that articles entering the United States threaten the national security, and the coordination of Federal assistance to states in coping with major disasters, such as in the recent Alaskan earthquake.

He recently returned from Alaska where he served as President Johnson's special representative to survey the earthquake damage.

Mr. McDermott's nomination to this post by the President in February, 1962, was confirmed unanimously by the Senate two months later. Prior to this appointment, he had served (Continued on Page 4)

## Requiem Mass Held For Joseph Tougas

On April 9, word was received at PC of the death of Joseph E. Tougas, a member of the senior class. Joseph had been at the Pratt Diagnostic Institute in Boston for over a month, suffering from aplastic anemia.

A member of the Class of '64, Tougas majored in economics at PC. He was a member of the St. Antonius Club and formerly had belonged to the Spectrum Club. He was born in Royal Oak, Mich., a son of Eudoris (Heroux) and the late Joseph Tougas. He had resided in Central Falls for 11 years and in 1960 graduated from Sacred Heart Academy.

Joseph was to have married Miss Diane Pariseau this June.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Adrian Deslauriers, he leaves a sister, Laura Deslauriers, and a brother, Mark Deslauriers, both of Central Falls. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tougas of Detroit, and his maternal grandmother is Mrs. Laura Heroux of Royal Oak, Mich.

Joseph's wake was held last Saturday and Sunday at the mortuary of L. Heroux & Son in Central Falls. On Monday, a solemn requiem Mass was offered at 9 a.m. at St. Mathieu's Church. Burial was in Notre Dame Cemetery, Pawtucket.

Father Reilly, Chaplain of the College, offered Mass for the repose of his soul on April 10.

The 10:20 Mass on April 20 will be offered for his soul by Father Heath, moderator of the senior class.



JOSEPH TOUGAS

## Cap and Gown Fitting

The second and final cap and gown fitting for seniors will be held April 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parlor at Harkins Hall. Any senior who has not yet been fitted and who fails to go to this final fitting must make his own arrangements to be fitted for cap and gown.

## Michael Murphy Named WDOM Station Manager

In a surprise announcement made today, Michael J. Murphy, '65, has been appointed Station Manager of WDOM. Murphy, who has held the second spot in the recently reorganized station, succeeds John J. Skalko '66.

In making the announcement, Skalko said that "outside obligations" necessitated his stepping down. Skalko, known professionally as Dick Bradley, is leaving his post as News Director of WXTV, Pawtucket, to accept a position in the news department of WPRO, Providence.

"I feel at this time that I ought to concentrate on my new position," said Skalko. "The new job calls for television as well as radio news," he said, "and frankly I feel I should devote extra time to become thoroughly acquainted with all aspects of the new position."

Skalko will remain with the campus organization as a consultant. He stressed that he is merely stepping aside so as not (Continued on Page 2)

## 'Cowl' and Junior Class Plan Queen Contest

In conjunction with the junior class and in preparation for Junior Weekend, "The Cowl" will sponsor a pre-queen contest prior to the weekend. Pictures of the five best entries will be published in the May 6 issue of "The Cowl."

A committee will be formed to judge the entries. George O'Brien, Cowl co-editor, will select members of The Cowl staff to form half of the committee, while Robert K. Pirraglia, outgoing class president, will appoint the other half from the junior class at large.

The committee prefers wallet-size photographs, although any photo submitted will be definitely considered. Along with the photo must be included the name of the candidate as well as that of her escort, her address, school (if any), and age.

Entries may be deposited at Box 123, Friar Station, or room 228 Aquinas Hall. Students are

urged to submit pictures as soon as possible to facilitate the judging.

"A similar contest was attempted a few years ago with (Continued on Page 7)

## Clendenen Announces New History Section At Proposed Library

The Father Reilly Memorial Fund Committee announced last week that plans have been approved to dedicate a special section of the proposed library to the memory of the Rev. Daniel F. Reilly, O.P., late chairman of the history department of Providence College.

The section will be composed of primary source books of American history which will be purchased with the funds donated to the committee by students and friends of Fr. Reilly.

In addition the committee has learned that Rhode Island Congressman Ferdinand St. Germain will procure as many (Continued on Page 7)

## MEMO FROM THE EDITOR:

Oftentimes in the past, students have expressed their dissatisfaction with the "security" on the College's campus. Never before have their complaints been as justifiable as they are now!!!

There have undoubtedly been instances of thievery and vandalism to students' cars in previous years, but never to the extent that it is occurring this semester. When a student's tire is taken off the car and a cinder-block from the dormitory construction substituted, when this is done in the parking lot behind Raymond Hall, something is definitely lacking in the way of security.

If this were the only instance of such stealing, one might possibly be able to excuse it. However, it was only another in a long series of robberies—carburetors, batteries, headlights—and vandalism which have occurred since the opening of the new dormitory students' parking lot in back of Raymond Hall.

It is difficult to understand why the Pinkerton policemen do not patrol the campus between midnight and 8 a.m., the hours when crime is most likely to be committed. The pilfering of automobile equipment and the damaging of cars seems to be the "order of the night" for somebody, and those who are being injured financially are none other than the students of Providence College.

The new parking lot (even without stairs up the now almost non-existent hill to the back of Raymond Hall) was hailed as a much-needed improvement. It is a pity that it has been permitted to turn into a "happy hunting ground" for local thieves.

Something must be done before this situation gets completely out of control. The students should be able to feel reasonably certain that their cars will be found intact each morning.

Lest the thievery and vandalism increase to an unreasonable degree, it would be well for the College and the Dean of Discipline's Office to give due consideration to extending the hours during which the Pinkertons patrol the campus.

FRANK DEVLIN

## WDOM ...

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to impair any future progress by his inability to devote sufficient time to WDOM.

In commenting on the situation at WDOM, Skalko said it was progressing "as well as could be expected." The station is now serving three of the four dormitories on campus, i.e., Stephen, Aquinas and Joseph. Chief Engineer Donald Mara with other members of the engineering department are presently working to assure perfect reception in all parts of these buildings.

In accepting the new position, Murphy said, "the bulk of the groundwork has been laid for full-scale resumption of pro-

gramming. Although there is much to be done, I feel that with full staff co-operation we can continue to progress at a satisfactory pace. John has devoted himself to the station and his help in the future as a consultant will be necessary. The entire staff wishes John well in his new post."

## WDOM PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Monday - Friday  
2:50-3 p.m.—Parade of Music  
5:30 p.m.—Album Spotlight  
Monday - Wednesday  
6 p.m.—Dutch Folklore  
7-11 p.m.—The Night Watch  
Thursday  
7-11 p.m.—SOUNDSTAGE '64

## American Red Cross Award Given to Providence College

Through the work of the Student Congress during the past year, Providence College was recently awarded the American National Red Cross Award in Grateful Recognition of Distinguished Service to Humanity.

Congress president, Paul Dionne, announced the award last Friday. He stated that the award was due to the "conscientious work" done by the Red Cross committee during the '63-'64 academic year.

Around Christmas time the committee sponsored a canned-goods drive to aid the needy families of the state. In addition, several entertainment programs were presented at the various hospitals around the state. The Congress president mentioned in particular that several singing groups were sent to such places as the Veterans'

Hospital to entertain the shut-ins.

Dionne said that a more extensive program is planned for the coming year, to include the recently initiated Tutor Program to aid high school students with deficiencies who wish to attend college.

Dionne concluded, "With hard work we should be able to surpass our accomplishments next year."

## PC Glee Club To Participate At Seton Hall

This Sunday, April 19, marks the participation of the Providence College Glee Club in the Seventh Annual Intercollegiate Glee Club Festival and Competition. Seton Hall University, in South Orange, New Jersey, will be the host college this year.

The sixty member PC Glee Club, under the direction of the Rev. Leo S. Cannon, O.P., and the Rev. Raymond B. St. George, O.P., will compete against such other clubs as St. Peter's, King's, Canisius, Scranton, Fairfield, St. John's, Le Moyne, and St. Bonaventure's.

The PC Glee Club has chosen as its competition numbers Mozart's *Lacrymosa* from his unfinished "Requiem"; the selected competition number, *Cantate Domino* by Croce, which all participating clubs will sing; and *The Chorus of Returning Pilgrims*, a third competitive number.

While in the metropolitan New York area, PC will also appear in concert at Mount Saint Vincent's on the Hudson. Among the concerts scheduled later this year are included one with Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, Mass., and a home concert with Regis on May 15.

## Father Slavin Fund Plans Annual Drive; Tag Day on May 16

The annual Father Slavin Fund Tag Day will be held Thursday, May 16. Jeff Delaney, president-elect of the junior class and the chairman of the Slavin Fund Drive, said that, with Father Dore's approval, the money collected would be "placed in a savings fund." Delaney proposed that the interest earned from the account would be used as a scholarship to be established in Father Slavin's name.

Father Slavin was named president of Providence College in 1947 and died in April, 1951.

Tags will be distributed throughout the day at Alumni Hall and Raymond Hall. A container will be placed in Alumni Hall cafeteria for the reception of contributions. A complete canvas of the dormitories will also be made.

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## Frank Darigan Is First Recipient Of Catholic Young Adult Award

Designated as the Outstanding Catholic Young Adult of 1963, Frank Darigan '64 was presented with a plaque honoring him for this at ceremonies award last Sunday in Alumni Hall. The presentation was made by the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence.

The presentation ceremonies were attended by the Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., President of the College, who delivered a welcoming address, and the Right Rev. Msgr. Frederick

Stevenson of Philadelphia, Director of the National Council of Catholic Youth, who gave the citation. Also present as rostrum guests were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Carroll, Youth Director, Archdiocese of Boston, and New England CYO Director, and Rev. Charles W. McConnell, Diocesan CYO Director.

The award to Darigan is the first of its kind and will be presented annually in recognition of service given and leadership shown by a Catholic Young Adult.

## Social Committee Runs First Mixer; 350 Girls Attend

The newly-elected Social Committee of the Student Congress took a major step in the right direction by running one of the most successful mixers ever at PC last Friday night in Alumni Hall.

The dance was attended by nearly 350 girls from nearby colleges and nursing homes. Social Chairman Ray Heath said that the success of the mixer was a result of a great deal of hard work on the part of the Social Committee. Fifty-six invitations were sent out before the Easter vacation, many to schools which were previously not included on the mailing list.

Flyers were printed and, in general, the advertising played a significant role in the mixer's success.

The Social Committee has planned two more events which will provide the students with a social event every weekend from now until the end of the year. A bus will be sponsored to a mixer at Anna Maria College this Friday night and a mixer is scheduled for Friday, May 1. To conclude the social year, a picnic and mixer are planned for Saturday, May 16.

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## McAleer Selected Editor of 'Veritas'

James J. McAleer, a junior political science major, has been named editor of the 1965 "Veritas," the Providence College yearbook.

A graduate of La Salle Academy where he headed an undefeated debating team in his senior year, McAleer brings to his position experience with numerous clubs and activities on campus. In the past two years he has been a member of the Pershing Rifles, the St. Thomas More Club, the Providence Club, the Barristers, weekend committees, and during his freshman year was a writer on the Freshman Inquirer.

Having worked with previous Veritas staffs, he plans many new and interesting changes in next year's edition.

In an interview with the Cowl, he stated that "we plan to have a sixteen-page spread in full color in which the College will be seen as it is incorporated in the community. In this section, we will show the relationship and contributions of Providence College to the areas surrounding it. We will also denote a section to historic Rhode Island as such."

Expanded coverage of underclassmen activities along with more creative photography and expanded art work in the form of sketches and line drawings will also be emphasized.

"In regard to senior pictures," McAleer stated, "we will no longer use the conventional arrangement, but will employ a new organization of

photos to avoid stacking. The new system will consist of various patterns and arrangements of pictures."

With so much in a yearbook dependent on good photography, McAleer has arranged with the Shepherd photography department to supply all the color photography needed.

"We hope," he said, "to provide for an updating of all faculty photographs. In addition



James McAleer

tion we will try for coverage of ROTC students in the class of '65 at summer camp and at the planned military science department maneuver."

At a recent meeting of the Veritas, members were named to various positions on next year's staff to assist McAleer. Those selected were James Mullen, business editor; Jerry Engel, advertising editor; Ronald Bouchard, photography editor; and John Good, graphics-layouts.

"While the staff has already been chosen," McAleer noted, "we are still looking for photographers to assist us. Those selected will be trained in darkroom procedure by an experienced photographer. Also, we are in need of writers, preferably history majors. Those interested in joining the "Veritas" should contact either James Mullen or myself."

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# Editorially Speaking

## Condolences . . .

The Cowl as well as the student body and faculty of Providence College wish to extend condolences to the family of Joseph Tougas who passed away last Thursday.

At times like this when death strikes

someone very near and dear to us, words fail to express what we wish to express. And so it is with us. All we can say in sincerity and sorrow is that prayers of all at the College are offered for the departing soul of a fellow student.

## Interest Needed . . .

Perhaps a minimum of students are aware that we do have a literary magazine on the Providence College campus. At least all evidence would point that way. For the last week since *The Alembic* (which is the name of the magazine) came out, there has been a lonely pile of the quarterly lying on a table in Raymond Hall dining hall. And if it had not been for some unknown personality, there might have been a similar pile still in the Alumni Hall cafeteria.

There have been charges leveled at *The Alembic*, some unjustly, that the literary quality is below par compared to similar publications on other college campuses. Let us at *The Cowl* state here and now that we are fully in favor of and support *The Alembic*.

The editors and staff devote long hard hours to this publication. Yet the literary quality cannot be judged by their tireless efforts alone, for it is neither their job nor responsibility to write everything that is to go into an issue. Nor is it their prerogative to rewrite a piece of submitted material if the author does not wish his work to be rewritten.

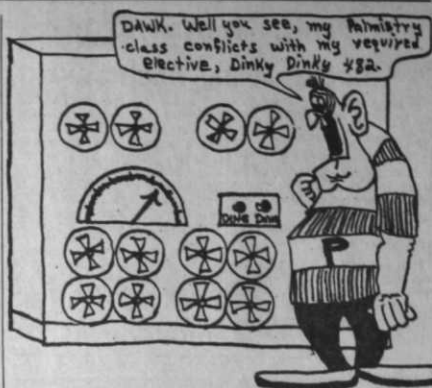
Through some of the staff members we have learned that a number of problems exist. We have discovered that, for a school the size of Providence College, the number of students who submit material to *The Alembic* is very small. It naturally follows that if the material submitted is below average, the editors must select the best of the fair or, as occasionally happens, the poor.

Another existing problem is that of revision. We have been told (and we know from our own experience) that many stories which appear in *The Alembic* could be improved one hundred per cent by rewriting, save for the fact that the author refuses to rewrite. The same is true of much material that is rejected.

A third problem stems from ignorance (possibly of the existence of *The Alembic*). Many students fail to realize that their own class essays and short stories are eligible to appear in the magazine. This common misconception eliminates many competent writings that might surpass much of what we have been reading.

There are also, we presume, many students who feel that their work will not be accepted because it is slightly better than what usually appears. And there are others who are embarrassed to see their stories in print, or fear that someone will criticize what they have written. To these people we can only give our encouragement to overcome these misconceptions.

*The Alembic* serves a useful function on the PC campus in giving the students the opportunity to practice and improve upon their writing abilities. Even if some of the material is "below par," there are students interested enough to contribute something. And it seems to us that if all the "critics" contributed to that publication which they so adamantly criticize, *The Alembic* would never have to worry about quantity.



## New Program Being Tested To Alleviate Day-Student Problem

LISLE, III. (I.P.) — Noting that the Educational Facilities Laboratory, Inc. awarded St. Procopius College a \$3000 grant to study a special approach to the problem of the commuting student on a small college campus, Rev. Daniel W. Kucera, O.S.B., president, states that "it comes as no surprise to those who are aware of the present position of St. Procopius, that this college is ideally suited and situated to conduct such a study."

"The vast majority of our students live within reasonable distance of the college, with about half of them commuting daily to and from their homes. The continuing development of suburban towns within the vicinity of the college indicates that the commuting student will be a dominant figure on campus in the immediate years ahead."

The proposal submitted revolves around an idea that if a commuting student had a place on campus that he could call his own, that would be private and in which he could spend his time between classes or activities, he would feel more a part of the campus and would be more likely to remain on campus to participate fully in all of its activities.

"Specifically, then, we are investigating the feasibility of providing a building that would contain small but completely private rooms, with a desk, chair, bookcase and perhaps very little else. If the rent of the rooms could be kept at a rate within the reach of a commuting student, would it not be then possible to offer these accommodations much in the same manner that a boarding student is offered a room in the traditional sense? The commuting student would then be as-

signed a private study room on campus when he registered. This would become his headquarters and give him, it is hoped, a feeling of belonging.

"With the library open from eight in the morning until ten at night, with cafeteria service at modest prices also available, with the class schedule operating throughout the day because of the shortage of classrooms, the commuting student would find remaining on campus feasible and profitable. To all intents and purposes he can become a member of the campus family almost as much, and perhaps just as much, as the boarding student. The only difference would be that at night he would go home to sleep.

"Low rent private study rooms for commuting students have other potential advantages. If they are constructed with a view to supplying some of the electronic devices that are now developed and are going to be developed for more effective study, there is no end to the possibilities that such accommodations could afford.

"For example, closed circuit television, microfilm pictures related from the library, etc., could all be used for study right in the private cubicle. We do not know the outcome of this study since it depends in large measure upon several factors—the interest of commuting students in such a proposition and the costs of construction.

"Still, with higher education changing so rapidly and opportunities for learning becoming so diversified, it is well worth the realm of possibility that this type of accommodation could greatly revolutionize the concept of commuting and indeed the concept of a college campus."

## Letter

### to the Editor

(The following is a letter which has been sent to the Committee on Studies here at Providence College in regard to the new "cut system" which was put into operation at the beginning of the current academic year.)

Fathers: As the academic year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate you on your foresight and prudence in initiating the reform in the cut system this year. It has won wide approval among the members of the student body and has proven of benefit in many ways.

Of course, a system such as this can neither be fully nor truly tested in the short space of one academic year. However, the significantly larger number of students on the

Dean's List at the end of the first semester augurs favorably for the future of the system, and would seem to justify this new confidence placed in the student. Education is a process that cannot be measured by the number of hours spent in the classroom; the totality of the process must include the opportunity for some measure of freedom and the assumption of responsibility. This, we feel, is the happiest and most valuable aspect of this year's new cut system.

Again, our grateful congratulations are offered. Providence College must continue to grow in more than its physical facilities. The cut system is a definite sign of growth.

Respectfully,  
The Executive Committee  
Theta Chapter  
Delta Epsilon Sigma

## McDermott . . .

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as acting director of OEP, and previously was deputy director of OEP and its predecessor agency, the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

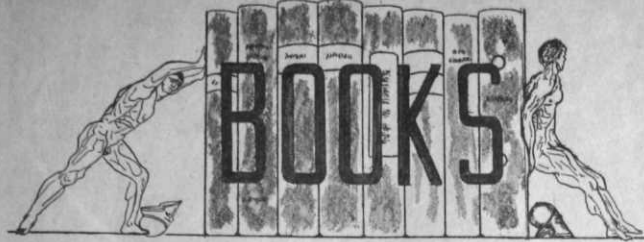
Mr. McDermott received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Lorain College in 1939, and his Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law of Iowa State University in 1942. While practicing private and corporate law in Chicago and Dubuque, Iowa, until the time of his current government service, Mr. McDermott has also served as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, and as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

The Student Congress has formed a committee that is currently investigating possible speakers for next year's program. Chairman of the Speakers Committee, John Nissen, has cited the efforts of non-congress members, Tim Welsh and Marty Abbott, in bringing about the success of this program.



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# England's Great Crime Exposed In Tale of Irish Potato Famine

By KENNETH DALY

The Great Hunger by Cecil Woodham-Smith. Harper and Row. 510 pp.

Because the English have succeeded so well in rewriting history, one wonders less that the first impartial account of their greatest crime has appeared only 120 years after the event than that this book reached the press at all.

As long as vitriolic Irish nationalists monopolized the field of Anglo-Irish history, the English protected their image under the veil of partisanship.

Moreover, by creating an absence of non-polemical studies on their Irish venture, the English set the stage for their greatest victory, that of capturing the world's ear. In this situation, an Irishman gets little sympathy when he bewails the plight of his Rotson Dubb.

**Bubble Bursts**  
But "The Great Hunger" bursts this bubble and fills the air with the stink of English genocide. For the Irish would not have to have the pride and long memories, which they have, to be haunted still by the horrors visited on their grandfathers and great-grandfathers during the Great Famine.

"The history of what then occurred is deeply engraved on the memory of the Irish race; all hope of assimilation with England was then lost, and bitterness without parallel took possession of the Irish mind." (p. 407.)

Dwelling particularly on the injustice and the inhumanity of the Famine, Irish folklore has nurtured this bitterness even to the present day. The Famine inevitably reminds the Irish of the unjust exportation of grain and livestock from Ireland during a period in which two and one-half million people died because the potatoes failed.

But traumatic as the extortion of bread from dying children may have been, the evictions carried out by ruthless landlords so horrified the Irish that in Ireland today it is almost impossible to evict a tenant.

British propaganda has popularized the German annihilation of a Slovak village. How often do they mention Ballinglass? Three hundred peasants lost their farms and their homes at the whim of the landlady.

When they dug ditches to provide some shelter for their families, English soldiers drove the wretches out. The Germans were more humane; they, at least, shot their victims and put them out of their misery.

The English not only left whole families to die by starvation and exposure, but stepped up these evictions as the Famine continued from year to year. Little wonder then that the Irish refused to join the English in World War II, only

twenty years after the English Gestapo, the infamous Black and Tans, had raped Kathleen Ni Houlihan.

**First Rate Social History**  
As an explanation of such things as Irish neutrality or the temperament of Irish-Americans, The Great Hunger deserves a first rank in social history. As an apologist for English policy during the Famine, the author contradicts her own dreadful tales.

Cecil Woodham-Smith divides the activity of the British into two phases, the first characterized by "considerable generosity." Yet, she proves earlier that this very generosity aggravated the suffering of the Irish.

In order to get any food from the government, a farmer had to become a complete pauper, absolutely destitute, without any means to support himself. Moreover, if a man worked on a public works' project, he could not plant a crop or cultivate a farm. In this way, English relief brought the Irish farmer to the brink of disaster over which subsequent potato blights cast him.

Once English "charity" destroyed Ireland's resources to meet the crisis, the humanitarian government decided to let Ireland take care of herself. "A plague on both your houses; let Irish property support Irish poverty." Cromwell may have driven the Irish "To Hell or Connaught" but his posterity outdid him—they almost annihilated the whole race. "Max" Senior, one of the Government's advisors on economic affairs... feared the famine of 1848 would not kill more than a million people, and that would scarcely be enough to do much good." (p. 376.)

In her attempt to mitigate the indefensibility of this course of action, Cecil Woodham-Smith claims that the English government did not foresee the consequences of its decision.

However, she notes in her detailed examination of this phase that Trevelyan and Wood knew that the Irish Poor Law system was bankrupt, unpopular, and inefficient. Nevertheless, these English officials ordered the closure of all relief projects and the collection of the Poor Rates.

**Emigration—Troops**  
In the ensuing chaos of mass confiscation and eviction, starvation and disease, the last hope of Ireland emigrated with her best farmers. To meet this new development, the English flooded Ireland with troops.

In 1845, the potatoes had failed partially so the English sent relief. In 1846, when the potatoes failed completely, the English stopped all aid and sent troops. Trevelyan took such pride in this solution that

he took his family on a French holiday. If I were his grandson, I would relegate the Irish Famine to a footnote, too! (G. M. Trevelyan, *The History of England*, vol. III, p. 135.)

Finally, even the English woke up to the failure of the Poor Rates. Therefore, "the operation of natural causes" became the "final solution" to the Irish problem. Total failure of the potato again in 1848 and the outbreak of Asiatic cholera left the English perplexed—even turning Ireland into a death camp had failed.

The Irish just were not starving fast enough! Relief had failed. Irish Poor Rates had failed, natural causes had failed—the Irish insisted obstinately on living. Nevertheless, Britannia came through.

"Behold, Ireland, your salvation is at hand! The Irish fairy godmother, Queen Victoria, comes to soothe your fevered brow with a kiss of death and cheer you with a dance macabre."

If the English solution was as patently cruel as absurd, what could have been done to relieve the Famine? Remove the causes. Cecil Woodham-Smith's excellent scientific analysis of the potato blight hardly constitutes an etiological diagnosis of the Famine.

The Irish did not starve because the potatoes failed. Rather, two other factors caused the Famine: (1) the economic system imposed on Ireland by England; (2) English presence in Ireland.

As long as the Irish farmer had to sell his grain crops for rent to his English overlord, he was bound to live on the potato. If the potato failed and the farmer ate his rent crops, he was mercilessly evicted to a fate worse than death.

**Requires Evaluation**  
If Cecil Woodham-Smith had analyzed and interpreted her material more, one would have no quarrel with this truly seminal work in social history. But she insists on cluttering up whole pages with data which seems trivial because she often fails to relate it the course of events.

Her insight into the whole problem of emigration makes one wish that she had delved deeper into the indigenous issues of the Famine. Perhaps, the wealth of material on Irish exiles allowed her to be freer in her treatment of them, whereas the scarcity of records in Ireland forced her to be more circumspect in her interpretation.

In any case, "The Great Hunger" should be read and studied as a valuable treatment of a phenomenon which has affected history, particularly American history, more than some would like to admit.



## WELL-KNOWN FAMOUS PEOPLE: No. 1

This is the first in a series of 48 million columns examining the careers of men who have significantly altered the world we live in. We begin today with Max Planck.

Max Planck (or The Pearl of the Pacific, as he is often called) gave to modern physics the law known as Planck's Constant. Many people when they first hear of this law, throw up their hands and exclaim, "Golly whikers, this is too deep for little old me!"

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But I digress. We were speaking of Planck's Constant, which is not, as many think, difficult to understand. It simply states that matter sometimes behaves like waves, and waves sometimes behave like matter. To give you a homely illustration, pick up your pencil and wave it. Your pencil, you will surely agree, is matter—yet look at the little rasal wave! Or take flags. Or Ann-Margret.

Planck's Constant, uncomplicated as it is, nevertheless provided science with the key that unlocked the atom, made space travel possible, and conquered denture slippage. Honors were heaped upon Mr. Planck (or The City of Brotherly Love, as he is familiarly known as). He was awarded the Nobel Prize, the Littre, Brown Jug, and Dimesland. But the honor that pleased Mr. Planck most was that plankton were named after him.

Plankton, as we know, are the floating colonies of one-celled animals on which fishes feed. Plankton, in their turn, feed upon one-half celled animals called krill (named, incidentally, after Dr. Morris Krill who invented the house cat). Krill, in turn, feed upon peanut butter sandwiches mostly—or, when they are in season, cheseburgers.

But I digress. Back to Max Planck who, it must be said, showed no indication of his scientific genius as a youngster. In fact, for the first six years of his life he did not speak at all except to pound his spoon on his bowl and shout "More greek!" Imagine, then, the surprise of his parents when on his seventh birthday little Max suddenly cried, "Papa! Mama! Something is wrong with the Second Law of Thermodynamics!" So astonished were the elder Plancks that they rushed out and dug the Kiel Canal.

Meanwhile Max, constructing a crude Petrie dish out of two small pieces of petrie and his gruel bowl, began to experiment with thermodynamics. By dinner time he had discovered Planck's Constant. Hungry but happy, he rushed to Heidelberg University to announce his findings. He arrived, unfortunately, during the Erich von Stroheim Sequenential, and everyone was so busy dancing and duelling that young Planck could find nobody to listen to him. The festival, however, ended after two years and Planck was finally able to report his discovery.

Well sir, the rest is history. Einstein gaily cried, "E equals me squared!" Edison invented Marconi. Eli Whitney invented Georgia Tech, and Michelangelo invented the ceiling. This later became known as the Humboldt Current.

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The official dates for fitting of class rings and the placing of orders have been set by the ring committee for April 16 and 21. Dieges and Clust will have their representatives on hand in Alumni Hall near the ping pong tables from approximately 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on those two days.

The final design of the 1966 class ring was ironed out by the class ring committee in a series of meetings ending just before the Easter recess. Die-

Prices and all options available to them are explained in detail. A deposit of \$10.00 is necessary to contract for a ring.

Part payments can be made at the Bookstore during the year with delivery planned tentatively for next November. Students' orders will be handled with promptness if the order blanks are filled out wholly or partially in advance.

### BANQUET DATES

Spring time is banquet time at Providence College. In addition to the "Cowl" banquet scheduled for May 6, the following campus organizations have announced the dates of their dinners: The Debating Club on April 16, AED on April 26, Big Brothers on May 1, BES and St. Thomas More Clubs on May 11, and the Friars Club on May 13.



ges and Clust said that the ring committee must have held 25 meetings of 1 to 3 hours in selecting the final design and its manufacturer.

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 a very small turnout," said O'Brien. "We are confident this year of a better response."  
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**Fr. Reilly . . .**

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 copies as possible of the Congressional Record prior to 1920 for donation to the section. The first of these volumes arrived last week and includes part of the first section of the 66th Congress in 1919 and part of the 1907 Congressional session. Each volume covers several months of the respective sessions.

To date, the committee, under the chairmanship of senior Bill Clendennen, has collected \$1253.80 for the purchase of the new books. During this

week members of the committee, which is under the auspices of the History Club, will conduct a drive for additional funds among the history majors of the College.

Speaking of the new drive, Clendennen said, "While 70% of the senior history majors have contributed, I've been very disappointed with the response of the other classes. We would like to see every history major contribute as much as he can to the fund. Any other student who would like to donate to this worthy cause can send their contributions to me at Box 1067, Friar Station."

Mr. Robert Deasy of the history department has been made chairman of a permanent faculty committee to oversee the purchase of books for the section. A preliminary list has already been drawn up.

**NOTES FROM THE**



**SPORTSDESK**

By Joe Reihing

College baseball returns to Smith Hill today as the Friar nine takes on Northeastern at Hendricken Field. It will be no easy chore to duplicate last year's showing but the potential is there. A few breaks along the way could mean another NCAA bid.

Gone from last year's Eastern runner-up team are such notables as Ray Choiniere, Wally Tafe and Bill Canning. These were the nucleus of the club and their loss will not be easy to replace. Choiniere was perhaps the best hitter in PC history and Canning the best pitcher.

**Infield**

But last year is in the past and Captain Lou DeGeorge leads a veteran team which hopes to repeat as NCAA participants. Lou, a three year veteran, is firmly entrenched in the second base position, which he handles flawlessly. Supporting Lou around the infield is the slick fielding Don Reuter at shortstop. Reuter took over this position last year as a sophomore and although he is not noted as a long ball hitter, has hit well in the clutch. Assuming the backstopping chores is Frank Canning, Bill's brother, whose lusty bat should be a big help to the Friars this year. Frank took over the starting berth behind the plate last year as Ray Choiniere moved to right field.

There are two newcomers to the infield array in Bob Bellemore and Jon Choiniere. Bellemore, the goalie for the hockey team, uses his talents at third base in the Spring. Jon Choiniere, a pitcher last year, is now playing first base after an arm injury.

**Outfield**

Three hard hitting veterans patrol the outfield for the Friars. Strong armed Jack Conolly has again been installed in left field. Frank Masso and Al Boddington, back for their third year of play, hold down center and right fields respectively. The speedy Masso would be an asset on any team while Boddington's big bat looms as an important factor what with that short right field fence.

**Question Mark**

Barring any bad slump the hitting seems to be in good shape. The biggest question mark on the team this year would appear to be the pitching corps. Ron Coyle leads a veteran contingency which includes Ray Caddigan, Noel Kinski, Frank Trull, Jim Jones, Joe Twomey, and Hank Karlson. Most of them, although members of the team for the past two years, have little varsity experience. Their play will be the key to the fortunes of the Friars this year.

Baseball seems to be the forgotten sport here at PC. After a winter of basketball and hockey the players participate simply for their own personal satisfaction. Well one can only hope that there are many sunny days this spring when the Friars are home — this will insure a good crowd.

**— Netmen Edged 5-4 —**

The varsity netmen lost the season opener against the Stags of Fairfield University, 5-4, after winning four of the six singles only to be aced out in the three doubles. Victors for the Black and White were Key Phelan, Mike Roland, Harry Coffey and John Norton.

The Friars are scheduled to play ten matches this Spring against some of the better courtmen in New England. Notably are the squads of Tufts, Brown and Holy Cross. Friday PC will visit Merrimack College and on Tuesday they will play host to the Coast Guard Academy.

Coach Dave Gavitt was quite pleased with the turnout for the tennis team this season and hopefully expressed a bolstering of the sport on campus. "Last year we suffered from a lack of interest on the part of the students but both the intramural program and the informal Fall tournament gave our undergraduates the opportunity to workout on the courts before the actual season began." Captain Jack Galvin holds down the number one position followed by Perry Lepoutre, Phelan, Roland, Coffey, and Norton. Tom Brooks, Bill Waterson, Ralph Spahn, Dave McIntyre and Mike Sullivan round out the squad.

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Friar hurlers Ray Caddigan and Ron Coyle warm up during a practice session at Hendricken Field.

## RPI Star Centers All-Opponent Six

By Tony Sabilla

All-American Bob Brinkworth of Rensselaer Poly. Institute is the only unanimous selection on the 1963-64 Providence College All-Opponent Sextet.

Brinkworth is joined on the team by teammate Jerry Knightley, Bob Perani and Jim Salfi of St. Lawrence, Jim Cuniff of Boston College, and Bob Gaudreau of Brown.

Brinkworth centers the line with Knightley and Cuniff on the wings. Gaudreau and Salfi are the rear guards with Perani in the nets.

Brinkworth and Knightley were responsible for RPI's taking two of three games from the Eastern champs. Although Brinkworth was held scoreless for the first time in his brilliant career in the Friars 3-2 victory at Rensselaer, he managed to pick up two goals and five assists in the next two encounters.

Knightley, a junior, was the big gun in RPI's 5-4 victory at the Rhode Island Auditorium. He picked up the hat trick and two assists.

Cuniff was instrumental in

BC's 4-1 victory at Boston. In the wild and woolly 9-8 Friar victory at the Auditorium he tallied once and picked up a pretty assist.

Salfi, a hard-hitting defenseman, spearheaded the Larrie defense which held the high-geared Providence offensive machine to six goals in two games.

Gaudreau, a sophomore, was the highest scoring defenseman in the East. The Bruin backliner scored twice in the 7-6 Providence victory.

Perani, the All-Eastern goalie, was fantastic in the nets as he kicked out 60 shots in two games. In the Eastern championship game, he and the Friars Bob Bellemore engaged in a spectacular battle.

Brinkworth is the only senior on the all-opponent squad so that Providence fans will again be able to see these stars next season.

The Providence players also selected Boston College as the best offensive opponent and St. Lawrence as the toughest defensive squad. B.C. scored 12 goals in two games and St. Lawrence held the Friars to six markers.

## PC Places Third at UConn; Quartets Land Three Firsts

The Providence College track team scored 26 points to place third in the University of Connecticut Relays at Storrs, Conn. on March 21. Finishing ahead of P.C. were Northeastern (45 points) and the University of Rhode Island (33½ points).

Three Friar relay teams copped a blue ribbon. The varsity distance medley relay team headed the field on the strong running of John Douglas (¾ mile, 1:58.7), Joe Ciurylla (¾ mile, 0:52), Jerry Riordian (¾ mile, 3:11.7) and Barry Brown (mile, 4:21.5). Another Friar varsity quartet (Jimmy Harlow, John Douglas, Bill Lavigne and John Hamilton) finished first in the two mile relay, while the freshman distance medley relay team of Paul Harris, Joe Adamec, Ray VanEpps and Bob Powers also hit the tape first.

The Black and White displayed several sparkling individual performances. In the mile run which was won by Olympic prospect Jim Keefe of Central Connecticut, Friar Bob Fusco placed second (4:29),

Jerry Riordian, third (4:34) and Paul Foster, sixth (4:57). In the two-mile run also won by Keefe, PC's Barry Brown placed third (9:42).

Coach Ray Hanlon lauded the team's performances at the UConn Relay and predicted even faster times in the upcoming outdoor meets. He also announced that PC will be represented in the Boston Marathon and finally that the new captains for next season will be: Tom Durie, cross country; John Douglas, indoor track; and Barry Brown and Douglas, co-captains of the outdoor track team.

St. John's Prep. of Danvers, Mass., won the Harry Coates Memorial trophy for the fastest overall time (11:08.4) in the sixteenth annual Providence College Relays, April 4 at the new Bishop Hendricken track in Warwick. Runner-up, La Salle of Providence received the Mal Brown trophy for the fastest time by a Rhode Island entry (11:09.8).

# Stags Blank PC Nine; Play NU Huskies Today

By Vin Marottoli

PC will be host to Northeastern University at Hendricken Field in a ball game this afternoon which gets underway at 2:30. It will be the first home game for the Friars who recently returned from an opening season tour.

The Friars closed the tour with a 4-0 loss to Fairfield Monday afternoon. Marked by a lack of inspiration, the game's shining star was pitcher Jimmy Jones.

His pitching prevented the Stags from turning the game into a scoring spree. John O'Rourke and Frank Masso bagged the only two hits for PC, both line drive singles. Jones went the distance for the Friars in his first start of the season.

This game was completely different than the other two played on the tour. On Sunday, PC dropped a 9-7 decision to Seton Hall, which remains unbeaten and still high in national rankings. The game, nevertheless, displayed the enthusiasm and zeal for victory of the players.

Only by capitalizing on five PC errors were the Pirates able to squeeze out a victory. Out-hit 14-11 and down by 4-1, the Friars came up with four big runs in the fifth inning to take the lead.

Singles by Leo McNamara, Jack Connolly and Lou DeGeorge set up the scoring spurge which broke out when Frank Canning bagged his second triple of the game. Frank had scored in the fourth on a wild pitch by Pirate hurler Bill Watson after he hit his first three-bagger.

But the Pirates came back with two tallies and three more in the seventh to clinch the win. PC's last two runs came in the ninth when Connolly drove in Frank Masso and Don Reuter. Frank had singled and Don got on thanks to an error by relief pitcher Tom Matusz to set up the scoring play.

On two occasions, the Friars threatened Seton Hall with rallies, but the Pirates managed to come up with double plays to cut them short.

On the mound for PC was Ray Caddigan, who pitched for four innings and allowed six hits and four runs. Right-hander Joe Twomey came in on relief and was charged with the loss after two-thirds of an inning's work. Hank Karlson finished up for PC.

In the opening game of the season last Saturday, PC dumped Fairfield Dickinson, 4-2. Although the Knights outhit the Friars, PC came up with four unearned runs and strong pitching by Ron Coyle and Karlson to seal the win.

With bases loaded, DeGeorge drove in Reuter on a Knight's error. Connolly and Bob Bellemore then scored when the Knight catcher, John Porras, made a wild pick-off throw to first base. The final tally came on a trick play by PC. DeGeorge scored as the Knights attempted to catch O'Rourke stealing second. Coyle picked himself up from a poor start and pitched strongly until the eighth inning, when Karlson came in on relief and fanned four Knights to put down the rally.

PC now starts on a four game home stand. Beginning with today with Northeastern, the Friars face Brown Thursday, Boston College Friday and end with a return match with the Pirates of Seton Hall.

## PC Hoopsters Pick Courtin To Lead All-Opponent Team

By Ray Heath

Steve Courtin, senior guard who led St. Joseph's to two victories over the Friars this past season, was unanimously selected to lead the 1963-64 Providence College All Opponent Five.

Also selected on this dream team are Jim Washington and Wally Jones of Villanova, Tony Gennari of Canisius, Wayne Estes of Utah State, and Fred Crawford of St. Bonaventure.

Courtin, who led his team to the N.I.T., was especially effective in both games against the Friars. Although he only scored nine points in the game won by St. Joe's 60-53 in the opening round of the Holiday Festival, he crushed all the Friars hopes for victory by throwing in 23 points in the Hawks 67-62 defeat of the Friars in the Palstra.

Both Washington and Jones contributed to the defeat the Friars suffered at the hands of Villanova in the opening round of the NCAA tournament in Philadelphia. Jones played a tremendous floor game especially in setting up the dead-eyed Richie Moore whose shooting killed the Friars. Washington's boardwork and defensive efforts in doubling up on John Thompson ruined any chances the Friars might have had.

## Linksters Ready To Open Season Against Nichols

The Friar golfers open their 1964 season tomorrow against Nichols College at the Pawtucket Country Club.

The team has six returning veterans. They are from a squad which compiled a 6-4 record, with victories over Holy Cross and Brown.

Pat DiPadua is the number one man off the tee, followed by Captain Roland Allard, Dick Pallazzo, Bruce Gilmore, Dick Plosica, Dave Carroll, Mike Reavey and Joe Monahan. Rounding out the team are Gary Hyde, Dave Greatbanks and Lou Emond.

Coach Joe Prisco was very impressed with the elimination round which were played this week and is looking forward to a very strong season. The climax of the year will be the New England Tournament, which is being held in Rutland, Vermont, on May 7, 8, 9.

Within the next week, the linksters will match Nichols, Merrimack, on Friday at Kirkbrae C. and Holy Cross next Tuesday at the Metacomet Country Club in East Providence.

Big Wayne Estes, a 6-6 junior, came to Alumni Hall with a formidable reputation. Utah State's high scorer lived up to all expectations scoring 34 points. His long hook shots from deep in the corner impressed the Friar faithful and convinced the fans that he deserved to be selected for the Olympic tryouts.

Last, but by no means least, is the senior captain of St. Bonaventure, Fred Crawford. Crawford led the Bonnies in their victory over the Friars with 23 points. Crawford, one of the most versatile ballplayers to appear here, was especially impressive in his appearance here last year.



Soph Joe Twomey gets the feel of the bat at a pre-season batting drill.