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Campus Dorm Avoids Near Disaster McVinney Hall Falls Prey to an Act of Carelessness

by Tricia Connolly
News Editor

On Friday, December 20, 1991, a fire broke out in a dormitory room on the tenth floor of McVinney Hall at about 5:30 p.m.

According to Fr. Tortoric, director of Residence Life, the fire started because of a candle that was left burning. When the student returned to her room after fifteen minutes later, everything was in flames. The Providence Fire Department immediately responded to the call and arrived at the scene within five minutes. Fortunately, the fire was con-

finied to the one room because of the fireproof floor and walls. The sprinklers, located in each room and in the hallway, were set off on the ninth and tenth floors, and the firemen acted swiftly in extinguishing any remaining flames.

"If this incident has taught us anything, it showed that all our [fire] equipment works," said Fr. Tortoric. "We have an incredibly effective and extensive fire system, as well as a good fire education program required of all campus residents."

Captain Bathgate of the campus security force explained security's role in the incident.

When the student returned to her room, everything was in flames.

"When a call like that comes in, all security personnel on duty are instructed to report to the scene. The night of the fire, we made sure that everyone was evacuated from the building; we allowed the firemen to gain access to the locked room, and then followed their direction by helping clear out the room. It was a professional operation all the way down the line."

Most of the damage was caused by smoke and water, but everything was repaired or replaced during the Christmas break. Since the girls were kept out of the dorm until about 11 p.m. that night, they were exempted from their final exams

the next day.

For many of the Dominicans, any fire on campus recalls the tragedy of 1979, when ten female students died in a fire in Aquinas Hall when a hair dryer was left running.

"That one fire changed fire codes throughout Rhode Island," recalls Mr. Ronald J. Kelly, College Judicial Officer. He went on to say that the student responsible for the fire is making full restitution; in addition to making amends for all the damages, she is researching the PC fire of 1979 and is submitting an article to *The Owl*.

PC Loses A Favorite Dominican

by Colleen M. Carson
Editor-in-chief

The familiar face of Reverend James M. Murphy, O.P., who randomly stopped students on campus to chat about anything and everything, will be remembered by all who knew him since his death due to a long illness on January 12, 1992.

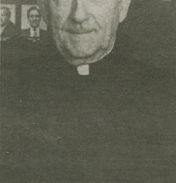
A 1942 graduate of PC with a bachelor's degree in sociology, Fr. Murphy joined the PC faculty in 1957 as a professor of theology and chairman of the Sociology Department. From 1958 to 1964, he was Dean of Men and then was assigned to St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, MA, where he served as prior from 1964 to 1967.

Upon returning to PC in 1967, Fr. Murphy became Vice-President of student relations. The following year, he was named prior of the PC Dominican Community until 1974. The present prior of PC, Reverend Urban Voll, O. P., has known Fr. Murphy since 1940 when they were classmates at PC. "Fr. Murphy was a very charming and witty man who bore his illness very bravely. He devoted himself entirely to the college in the many positions he held and by attending many athletic and social events even when his illness should have kept him at the priory."

In 1975, Fr. Murphy was appointed as Associate Dean of the PC School of Continuing Education and director of the SCE Summer School. He also served for many years as a professor of theology for SCE.

Priest Cunningham stated that his most telling discussion about Fr. Murphy occurred with a 1968 PC graduate who said that he didn't always agree with Fr. Murphy, but had to admit that Fr. Murphy was a good Dominican.

Fr. Murphy has been a member of the American Sociological Society, served as lecturer from time to time at Rhode Island State Police Training



Academy, and in 1981 was appointed by then-Rhode Island Governor J. Joseph Garrahy to serve on the state parole board.

The same year, Fr. Murphy was named moderator of PC Veridames Organization, a position he held until his death. The organization raises scholarship funds for the college and held a memorial Mass last Sunday at Priory Chapel.

This past fall, Fr. Murphy was awarded a citation for his dedication, loyalty, and serv-

ice to PC at the 1991 Annual Fall Faculty Night by colleagues and friends.

In his homily at Fr. Murphy's funeral on Tuesday, January 15, President Cunningham stated, "I first met Fr. Murphy more than forty years ago when he was a newly ordained priest and I was an aspiring student at the Dominican House of Studies. I came to know him best in 1956 when we sailed together for Italy where we both would be doing graduate studies. He could not have been a more congenial traveling companion or a more pleasant colleague during our year together in Rome."

"A poet once wrote 'When I go out, I want to go like a fall day, in an aching blaze of color and light, where my last voice leaps forth like a sharp sun on autumn trees.' There was no such exuberance in Fr. Murphy's passing. He left us quietly and serenely wrapped in the peace of the Lord he served so well. He fought his last illness with tenacity and steadiness of purpose that did his Irish heart proud."

Fr. Murphy leaves four brothers, John Murphy of Boston, Timothy P. Murphy of Enfield, CT, Daniel Murphy of Cambridge, William Murphy of Brockton, MA, and two sisters, Catherine Murphy of Cambridge, and Margaret Finnerty of Belmont, MA.

PC Student Abducted

by Kate Malloy
Assistant News Editor

While many PC students were threatened only with the wrath of final exams, one student sustained a far more serious threat. On December 3, 1991, Jason Thorne, a member of the class of 1993, was robbed by an unidentified man who claimed to have a gun, commandeered his car and forced Thorne to drive to a Allens Avenue where a drug transaction was to take place.

Thorne was apparently walking out of Freeway Liquors on Douglas Avenue at about 7:30 that evening. It was then that the man told Thorne he had a gun and ordered him to

re-enter his car and drive.

"I never saw the gun," said Thorne, "but he threatened to blow my head off if I stopped driving."

Thorne explained that the man forced him to drive around Providence for a period of about 45 minutes. During this time the man, described only as about five foot ten and of Hispanic descent, talked incessantly and explained that he "had just been smoking crack."

Finally, the suspect ordered Thorne to stop at a Allens Avenue bar. "He wanted to meet his cousin there and buy more coke." The suspect then forced Thorne into a back room of the bar where they were

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they were met by several other men.

"At this point, I sprinted out of there and started up my car. The guy ran after me and grabbed onto the door handle," said Thorne. "I ended up dragging him down the street before he finally let go."

"In addition to being upset about the incident itself, Thorne was enraged by an article that appeared in the *Providence Journal* that he says misrepresented what happened. The headline of the article that appeared on December 3rd reads: "College Student Says Man Made Him Buy Drugs." Thorne explained that that this was false because he escaped before he was made to buy anything. In addition, the *Providence Journal* said that Thorne "told police he had walked" to Douglas Avenue. This would be impossible since during the man forced Thorne to drive his

own car. The article went on to say that the man forced Thorne "to buy cocaine before setting him free." Again, there was no actual transaction made, and Thorne described fleeing from the man who abducted him. "I was never 'set free' which is what the article said."

The *Providence Journal* article cited police reports as the source. Yet Thorne said that he provided the police and school officials with a "very detailed" account of what happened. Thorne's opinion is that the author of the article never saw a police report because of the discrepancies. "They even spelled my name wrong," said Thorne.

Jason Thorne and his parents considered using the *Providence Journal*. "I contacted a lawyer," he explained. However, they have since decided against further action.

The Investigation Continues...

by Kate Malloy
Asst. News Editor

Providence College's investigation is still continuing in the incident of last November 24, in which Felix and June Baez of Oakland Avenue told police they were assaulted by a group of college-age men.

"It has not yet been ascertained whether or not PC students were involved," said Ronald Kelly, who serves as Providence College's Judicial Officer.

"Father McPhail and I met with both June Baez and Nancy Palmisciano on December 23. Mrs. Baez was very cooperative and assured us that she was never kicked, punched, or knocked to the ground," explained Mr. Kelly.

By speaking with about ten

to fifteen eye-witnesses and Mrs. Baez, it has been determined that a verbal and then a physical confrontation broke out between Mr. Baez and a group of young men.

"From the eyewitness accounts, no student appears to have been the aggressor," said Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Baez reportedly crossed Oakland Street while holding a baseball bat to confront a group on the other side when a fight broke out.

"This investigation is still ongoing," assured Mr. Kelly. "We would still like to speak to John Healy, the neighbor who initially summoned police, and anyone who has information to add."

For one student's reaction to the Providence Journal's handling of this highly publicized incident, see page 8.

Disciplinary Measures submitted by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services

Cases as of:

November 14, 1991:

The case involved one student and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The student was found guilty of tampering with fire equipment, destruction of college property, underage drinking, and responsibility for conduct of guests on campus. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed: a fine of \$350, personal probation until May 31, 1992, 30 hours of community service, alcohol counseling, and payment for destruction of college property. This payment is as follows: (1) one new fire extinguisher-\$136.00; (2) recharging of two new extinguishers-\$46.00; and (3) a broken cabinet-\$71.00.

December 6, 1991:

The case involved one student and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The student was found guilty of hosting a keg party, underage drinking, and causing a public disturbance. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed: a fine of \$300, probation until May 31, 1992, and 25 hours of community service.

English 101 Policy Challenged

by Jennifer E. MacCallum
Congress Correspondent

At the December 4, 1991 Faculty Senate meeting, a proposal was submitted by Professor Peter Johnson, Director of the English Proficiency Program, to make a course in English proficiency a general degree requirement for all Providence College students.

Presently, English proficiency can be met in a number of ways. Incoming freshmen who receive a verbal SAT score below 460 are automatically enrolled into English 101—Introduction to College Writing. Students who are involved in the Liberal Arts

December 17, 1991:

The case involved five students and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The students were found guilty of malicious mischief. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed for each student: a fine of \$200; disciplinary probation until May 31, 1992; 20 hours of community service; letters of apology to Mrs. D'Amrosia at 161 Isabella Ave. and Mr. Robert Spinella at 297 Modena Ave.; and to pay the cost of any broken merchandise from the addresses.

December 18, 1991:

The first case involved two students and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The students were found guilty of underage drinking, hosting a keg party, and causing a neighborhood disturbance. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed for each student: a fine of \$150, 20 hours of community service, alcohol education, and disciplinary probation until May 31, 1992.

The second case involved one student and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The student was found guilty of fighting, intoxication by means of alcohol abuse, and

malicious mischief. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed: 75 hours of community service; disciplinary probation until May 31, 1992; alcohol education; payment of \$140 for a broken window-\$95 for the window plus \$45 labor; and a recommendation to Residence Life that the student be taken out of a quad and if possible be put in a single room.

December 19, 1991:

The case involved four students and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The students were found guilty of hosting a keg party, underage drinking, and causing a neighborhood disturbance. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed for each student: a fine of \$200, disciplinary probation until May 31, 1992, 20 hours of community service, and alcohol education.

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Honors Program or have received at least a 4 on the English AP Exam are granted proficiency. The remainder of students can facilitate the English proficiency requirement by attaining a passable score on the written proficiency exam offered by the English Department or by enrolling into English 101, English 175—Introduction to Literature, or English 201—Readings in Literature.

In the proposal submitted to the Faculty Senate, Professor Johnson stated that "During the spring of last year, a committee from the English Department reviewed the current English proficiency situation;...except under certain conditions, everyone should enroll in some

kind of writing course."

Presently, a large number of students invited to take the English proficiency exam are not showing up for the exam, opting instead to take a supplement English class which meets the proficiency requirement.

Professor Johnson has been trying to have this proposal passed through the Faculty Senate for the past four to five years now. He said, "This is not an antagonistic proposal; it has passed through the (Faculty Senate) Committee on Studies and the Academic Affairs Committee. I am sympathetic to those concerns (about this requirement). Dr. Hendry and I will be meeting with all the department chairpeople

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At Long Last... Cable in the Apartments Becomes A Reality

by Tracy Allocco
Assistant News Editor

If you've noticed that many of the residents of Apartments A, B and C have hardly stepped foot out of their apartments since the start of the semester and discuss shows on channel such as NESN and VH-1, channels unheard of in the dorms, which usually only receive three or four channels if you're lucky, it is because cable TV has arrived at PC.

During Christmas break, a team of workers installed the cable in each apartment in the three Apartment Complexes as well as in Guzman Lounge. Dale Tuczinski, Apartment Complex Director, says that eventually the school would like to install the cable in the Residence Halls as well. The cable package will include a total of 30 channels as soon as Sportschannel arrives on February 1st. Eventually, the system will include two other channels. The first is a PC Information Channel, which will be much like the one in Slavin Center, except it will be run out of the Apartment Complex office. It will announce campus-wide events as well as specific apartment news and possibly apartment personals. In addition,

there will be a "Security Channel" to enable apartment residents to screen visitors. As of now, the apartments have intercom systems in which the visitor presses the appropriate apartment number button and then can talk to the residents in that apartment. With the new security channel, a camera will be placed in the foyer of the building so that when a visitor buzzes an apartment, the residents can turn to the security channel to view their visitor.

As an added bonus, the school bought each apartment a new 18" color TV with remote control. Tuczinski explains that the TVs are of no expense to the students and were provided by the school to ensure that each apartment would have a cable-ready TV.

While the general consensus about the cable installation has been generally positive, there have been some negative reactions. In fact, one apartment has even refused to pay the cable fee. Judy Torrisi, '93, one of the residents of this apartment explains, "On the application for the apartments we were asked if we would like to have cable. We checked "no" and figured that cable was just an option, not something we would be forced to pay for when we didn't even

want it." Tuczinski could not comment on this situation but only said that it would be handled by the administration.

Another area of debate concerns the channel selection. Sandy Dawson, '93, comments, "We get great reception now and the remote control is really convenient to have. But I find that there are more news than entertainment channels. I was expecting that we would have movie channels such as HBO or Cinemax, as well as MTV." Tuczinski says that many students have complained about the absence of movie channels. He explains that the cable is received by the satellite dishes on top of Guzman and depending on which direction they point at is the group of channels that will be received. He says that the direction they decided upon, the VH-1 direction (as opposed to the MTV direction), offered the greatest selection of channels at the best price. Also movie channels like HBO require a cable box, which is more costly. He adds, "The school reviewed all the cable companies very carefully and the one we chose, NWS Corporation, has a great reputation in the Northeast and offers the best overall package deal for the students."

Come to Know Thea Bowman

On Monday, January 27, 1992, the Providence College Alumni Development Office and Sr. Laura Landen, O.P. of the PC Philosophy Department will co-sponsor a program entitled "Come to Know Thea Bowman." The program will be held in Moore Hall III on the PC campus and begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The program is part of the college's third annual multicultural celebration.

Mississippi-born and raised, Thea Bowman was a black Franciscan sister who died of cancer in March 1990 at the age of 52. In her short lifetime, this granddaughter of a slave attained a Ph.D. in English literature, taught at all educational levels, sang and lectured across the country, and spoke before the annual meeting of American Catholic Bishops.

Sr. Thea's message, which she preached and sang to every audience, is that every person—black or white, Hispanic or Jew, child or adult—is special because each is "a child of God."

The University of Notre Dame awarded its Lactare Medal posthumously to Sr. Thea in May 1990. This is the highest award

bestowed by the Catholic Church in the United States to a lay Catholic. She was also awarded honorary degrees from Georgetown University and Boston College and was the subject of a "60 Minutes" feature story by Mike Wallace in 1987.

The evening will include a special announcement of the establishment of the Sr. Thea Bowman Award at PC.

Sr. Landen is establishing the Sr. Thea Bowman Award at Providence College in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C.C. Landen. The award, which includes a \$500 check, will be presented each spring to a graduating senior who, by service to the college or local community, exemplifies the ideals of Sr. Thea's life.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Sr. Landen joined the PC faculty in 1984 and is assistant professor of philosophy. From 1987 to 1989, Sr. Landen was director of the college's Natural Science Program and is currently writing a book on environmental philosophy. Her interests lie with nature, especially birds and the environment, and she has traveled extensively throughout the United States.

Sr. Landen is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, and holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Catholic University.

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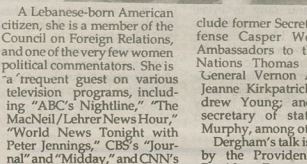
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Diplomatic Correspondent at PC

On Monday, January 27, 1992, Providence College will host Raghida Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for *Al-Hayat*, a highly regarded, independent, London-based Arabic daily newspaper read throughout the Arab world.

Dergham's talk, entitled "The US Role in the Future of the Middle East," is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Moore Hall III. A reception will follow. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

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dia's Prince Shianouk, Afghanistan's Najibullah, Nicaragua's Ortega, Lebanon's President Gemayal, and Iran's President Bani-sadr.

She covered the diplomatic front of the Persian Gulf crisis, numerous non-aligned summits, and the summits between Mikhail Gorbachev and the United States.

Dergham has conducted interviews with the foreign ministers of China, France, Japan, and Iran, as well as former Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, Saudi Arabia's Prince Saud, Kuwait's Al-Sabah, Syria's Fawouk Sharaa, and Iraq's Tarik Aziz, among others.

Senior US officials she has interviewed on the record in-

clude former Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger; Ambassadors to the United Nations Thomas Pickering, General Vernon A. Walters, Joanne Kirkpatrick, and Andrew Young; and assistant secretary of state Richard Murphy, among others.

Dergham's talk is sponsored by the Providence College President Forum on Culture and Values, and is part of the college's third annual multicultural celebration.

For more information, contact Dr. Richard Grace, PC professor of history, at (401)-865-2193.

English 101 Challenged

to allay any concerns." Dr. Carol Crafts, chairperson of the Biology Department, has a number of concerns about this legislation. "In essence, this legislation is not a legislative change in the English 101 program, but a change in the general college degree requirements for English proficiency. These are two different things. English 101 is a course. A general degree requirement is for the whole college; it affects the whole school. All degree re-

quirements have specific objectives and are defined by specific goals. A general degree requirement in English 101 should do the same thing. If it is going to be a requirement of all students, objectives should be established and a criteria made set so that these objectives are met."

Nothing has been officially determined by the Faculty Senate on this matter. The situation was tabled and will be officially decided at a later date.

"A Fusion of Cultures" PC's Third Annual Multicultural Celebration

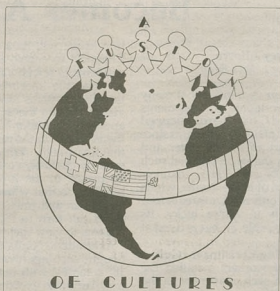
Providence College is pleased to announce its third annual college-wide multicultural celebration, scheduled for January 27, 28 and 29, 1992 on the campus. This year's theme is "A Fusion of Cultures" and the three-day celebration will feature a variety of new programs as well as a few old favorites.

PC's multicultural celebration, which has been quite successful in the past two years, brings together all levels of the college community (faculty, staff and students) and is designed to sensitize and educate the college community to the differences and similarities among various cultures, and to celebrate these differences and similarities.

On January 27, in conjunction with the Providence College President's Forum on Culture and Values, the college will host Raghida Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for *Al-Hayat*, a highly regarded, independent, London-based Arabic daily newspaper read throughout the Arab world. She also works for the only privately-owned Arabic radio station, "Radio Orient" in Paris. Dergham's talk is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Moore Hall III.

A Lebanese-born American citizen, Dergham is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and one of very few women political commentators. She is a frequent guest on television programs, including "ABC's Nightline," "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour," and "World News Tonight With Peter Jennings." She has interviewed Jordan's King Hussein, Egypt's President Mubarak, Lebanon's President Gemayal, and Iran's President Bani-sadr, among others.

On Monday evening at 7 p.m. in Moore Hall III, there will be a program entitled "Come to Know Thea Bowman." Bowman was a Mississippi-born black Franciscan sister who died of cancer in March 1990 at the age of 52. In her short lifetime, this granddaughter of a slave attained a Ph.D. in English literature, sang and lectured across the country, and spoke before the American Catholic bishops.



This logo was designed by Edward Benjamin of Woonsocket, RI, a freshman here at PC. His design was chosen as the winner of a campus-wide logo contest sponsored by the multicultural program planning committee.

Bowman's legacy is multicultural and multidisciplinary. It is a commitment to people, faith, spirituality, and much more which transcends her own black heritage. Bowman's message is: "You are special because you are a child of God."

The multicultural celebration will continue on January 28 at 3 p.m. in Siena Hall, Room 116 with a program by Smith Hill Center entitled "Family Trees: Many Countries on Smith Hill Streets." The program will focus on the diversity within the Smith Hill area and will include a short discussion entitled "Global Politics: Creating Neighborhood Demographics" by Sarah Murphy, executive director of Smith Hill Center, and Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge, coordinator of the alliance between PC and Smith Hill Center. There will also be performances by Russian cellist Valery Korennoy and Russian concert pianist Diana Smirnov, both residents of the Smith Hill area, as well as a short presentation by some Southeast Asian children of Smith Hill. Also, enjoy a program by "Grupe Manantial," a folk group whose members are from Bolivia and Argentina.

The celebration will conclude on January 29 with "Diverse Perspectives: The Experiences of African-Ameri-

can, Latino and Asian-American Students at Providence College." This program will feature a series of hard-hitting skits on race relations performed by student members of PC's Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR). The program begins at 3 p.m. in '64 Hall.

Immediately following this program will be a gala ethnic foodfest, featuring international delights for everyone to sample. During the foodfest, the Providence College Jazz Bank will perform. A fusion of cultures brought about America's contribution to the music of the world. This music, Afro-American in its origin, was called "jazz."

The public is invited to the events scheduled on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28. Admission is free to these events.

The logo chosen for the multicultural celebration was the result of a campus-wide contest and was designed by Edward Benjamin III '95 of Woonsocket.

For more information, contact Jacqueline K. MacKay, PC dean of student development, at (401) 865-2343, or Willesse Comissiong, PC dean of minority student affairs, at (401) 865-2738.

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Editorials

A Look Back At The Gulf

by Anne M. Lee
Editorial Advisor

Much ado has been made to commemorate Jan. 16, 1992, the one year anniversary of the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War. Yet the discourse has focused on whether the war ended too soon, instead of asking whether it was necessary at all. The real issues are being swept under the rug as we turn from the international sphere to our domestic turmoil, where our recessed economy lies in pieces on the ground.

John Shy, history professor at the University of Michigan was quoted in the *New York Times* as calling the Gulf experience an "Andy Warhol war - a quarter-hour of fame and maximum attention and, in retrospect, horrendous losses of life on the other side, but remarkably trivial in its consequences."

Hopefully the Gulf War left an indelible impression for more than fifteen minutes on the thinking minds of America's youth, college students in particular. It was the first time in our memory that war became a reality instead of an abstraction in a history text. Now that the yellow ribbons have come down off the trees and the sand has been swept from our eyes, what can we con-

clude from our collective experience?

The immense power of the military-industrial complex in our country, led by President Bush, was exposed as a monster, dormant for most of the past quarter-century. The maneuvering of tactics it commanded leads us to question how much of a democracy we really are. With Stormin' Norman as our new American icon, the military continues to glow over its "big victory." They minimized casualties ("only" 146 killed) and got to use all their fancy weapons that have been stuffing arsenals for quite some time. The Patriot missile is being carted around the country for homage. However, new research from an MIT professor reveals that the heralded Patriot missile wasn't such a spectacular success after all. In fact, it is argued, only 15% of the Scuds were destroyed by the Patriot. The technological wizardry faltered more than once, for example, when a powdered-milk factory was destroyed, despite Pentagon assertion that the target was a biological weapons factory. When the war appeared to be ending too soon, the military had yet to experiment with one of its new "smart bombs." Their

answer, according to *Newsweek*, was to destroy a bunker killing 300 civilians. We know now that all the hype about precision is as inaccurate as the machinery itself. In our haste and neglect, 35 Americans died in the ultimate of osymorons, "friendly fire."

We discovered that our free press could become handmaidens to the government. Most journalists followed orders to leave Baghdad prior to the bombing; some now wonder whether it was a conspiracy to hide the horrible destruction about to be delivered to the country. CNN's Peter Arnett was called a trader while the rest of the media echoed administration claims.

We learned that our forces are expendable to the will of oil companies. Author Wendell Berry cites as our most troubling aspect of the war, the willingness to impose murder on young people in the military to preserve our way of life with no sacrifices. We still are dependent on oil as we ever were.

Did we learn compassion for other peoples? Cooperation with other cultures in the New World Order? In fact, Iraqis remain as much a non-entity as us in overthrowing their tyr-

rannical leader, Saddam Hussein. To this end, an economic embargo is in place which is slowly starving them. Ninety-nine percent of their population is poor and families are selling everything they have to feed their families. In Basra, the water supply is too contaminated to touch. According to the United Nations, their economy has been hurled back to a pre-industrial age. The Iraqis lost about 25,000 soldiers in combat, according to Alexander Cockburn of *The Nation*. But the numbers of deaths from infant mortality and disease far exceed this number. Greenpeace estimates 243,000 total Iraqi deaths, including 80,000 children.

In addition, the adversary came to include the environment itself. While we gripe about the loss of our spotted owl, the Gulf is a wasteland, and fires continue to ravage Kuwaiti oil fields. The fragile ecosystem was manipulated by the fight in which everyone was a loser in the pillage our planet.

The Kurds continue to be at the mercy of Saddam, as they face another winter huddled in the mountainous northern regions of Iraq. Although we made a great uproar about Saddam's dictatorship, we show little sympathy for his victims. And of course, as Americans bemoan, the tyrant

himself is still entrenched in the country and rabid as ever.

Although history shows that a war can stimulate an economy, we know this to be faulty reasoning. Although our allies picked up a hefty share of the cost (\$54 billion) we still spent \$77 billion. Our armed forces returned home to find their jobs gone and new ones scarce. (Meanwhile, General Schwarzkopf has been promised \$5 million for his autobiography.) As a testament of our troubled times, forty of our fifty states face an aggregate budget deficit of \$33 billion.

Peace is as elusive in the Middle East as ever. Maybe that is the point. As Christopher Hitchens noted in *Harper's*, a Middle East that is divided and embittered is therefore accessible to franchisers of weaponry and owners of black gold.

Our generation's first experience with war was not so quick and painless for all concerned as we had thought. Maybe the lesson we learned was that no war, be definition, ever can be.

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Bush Won't Lose In '92

A Scapegoat for Bad Times, Bush is Still the Man for the Job

by Kevin M. Mullaney '92
Assistant Editorials Editor

Recession. That's all that we ever hear these days. The cold war is over and Russia is now a commonwealth. The war with Iraq is over and Kuwait is liberated. So, now with a void on network T.V. news, America has time to look into the mirror, but it's not liking what it sees. America has decided that it might need some changes, now that that the rest of the world is taking shape. The recession which has hampered this country's productivity for the last few years has long been a tring subject. So, why not blame the President?

Truth be told, we can not assign our disappointments on George Bush, and, deep down, Ameria knows it. A recession, as any economist could tell you, is a cyclical thing, not the direct result of any one campaign. Where were all of these complainers during the eighties? They were probably out pushing their credit-card limits or waiting on line for another bank loan. Now, the same people are taking out loans to pay off their credit card debt. George Bush is not responsible for your

American Express bill.

What George Bush was responsible for was the liberation of Kuwait. Sure, Saddam Hussein is still alive, but not once did Bush ever state that our mission was to kill Hussein. Our nation's agenda in the Middle East was to free Kuwait, and this we did as American flags sold in record numbers. Not only were flags being flown, but they were made into garments that suddenly came into fashion, and we must not forget the National Anthem, recorded by Whitney Houston, which was sought after in record stores across the nation. And who was our President then? Oh, George Bush, of course. The same George Bush that vomited on the Prime Minister of Japan. So what, he's human.

So what about our auto industry? The only reason that Americans are making such a big deal over the ailing auto industry is that George Bush told us that there was a problem and that he would like to try to solve it. So, we went to Japan with the three overpaid auto executives. In doing so, George Bush shed light on an ongoing problem: American ex-

cutives being paid for doing lousy jobs. This problem has been going on for a long time, yet the sense is that it has only been happening recently. Not so. It's just that Bush has raised the issue, so now he's taking a little abuse for the existence of the trade deficit and America's inability to sell cars to the Japanese.

George Bush has turned into a scapegoat, and unfairly so. Bush has done a commendable job as President, as he's sure to continue to do into 1996. He will undoubtedly be the Republican candidate. The Democratic nominee, though still uncertain, will most likely lose. When Americans finally put down their "Where is our recovery?" picket signs, the majority will still welcome back George Bush to the White House.

Oliver Stone - Just Damn Angry

by Michael Saucier
Asst. Copy Editor

The film *JFK* explores an assassination occurring in 1963. In 1992, there is also an assassination in the making. That is, the assassination of three-time Oscar winning and director of *JFK*, Oliver Stone. Stone is getting barraged by the media, scholars, experts, much of the intellectual community and by President Bush (who was quoted as likening Stone's theories to those of Elvis being alive). Is Stone deserving of the assaults his fault-finding critics continue to give?

It seems as though the media has Stone on trial. As *Esquire* writer Robert Sam Anson writes, Stone has been accused of "distorting history and sully[ing] the memory of a martyred president; of recklessness and irresponsibility, mendacity and McCarthyism, paranoia and dementia - even of treason." In the face of all the criticism has stood Stone,

unmoved by it and most of all, just damn angry. Stone tells critics (mostly reporters) that they should go back to school and learn honesty. Stone also retorts that the controversy and anger surrounding his film is intended to try to kill it off and to "maximize negative-adverse impact." Cartoonist-editorialist Garry Trudeau spoke out against the overly critical media when he said, "Significant elements of the Establishment Media do seem hellbent on destroying his reputation."

What are the reasons behind all this "Stone-bashing"? Why do so many try to discredit his film? Could it be, because they are also part of the coverup that *JFK* brings light to? Could the government actually have, as Carl Bernstein uncovered in 1977, four

hundred reporters on its payroll? To many, the questioning of a possible cover-up is seen as a paranoia. Sometimes, the "paranoid" one may actually be on to something. If people had complete trust in the government and failed to question it,

And crusading against blind faith and "the final word" is the essence of Oliver Stone's case in *JFK*.

Watergate and Iran-Contra may never have been brought to light. Although most of the American public believes there may have been a conspiracy, it seems content with the Warren Commission report. Since the assassination 28 years ago, it seems the public has placed a blind faith in the findings of the Warren Commission. The public has a tendency to take what the government gives it as the final word. And crusading against blind faith and "the final word" is the essence of Oliver Stone's case in *JFK*. In Jim Garrison's words, "Let justice be done though the heavens fall," rests the whole idea for the purpose of the film.

An intriguing question the film provokes the viewer to

ask is, "What else don't we know?" If one of the most important events of this century has been covered up, the possibility exists that there are more shocking truths still waiting to be uncovered.

The only way to find the truth is through questioning which is exactly what Stone has done. Oliver Stone ought to be awarded an Oscar for his gall alone. Stone (besides the film's hero Jim Garrison) is the only person in 28 years to try to offer the public the answers to the biggest crime in the history of this country. Stone (unlike some historians and circles of intellectuals who only sit around and talk about things) had the guts to do something about a gross injustice. A man of action should be praised for his intentions, not ridiculed. Who are we to criticize his intentions?

Thunder on the Right

by David E. Nevers
Staff Writer

On February 18, the people of New Hampshire will go to the polls in the nation's first presidential primary of the 1992 campaign. Thus will begin the process of selecting the nominees who will represent the Democratic and Republican parties in the November 3rd general election.

On the right, commentator Patrick J. Buchanan, a passionate, true-believing conservative, is challenging President Bush not only for the GOP nomination, but also, and more significantly, for the heart and soul of the Republican Party. Since announcing his candidacy on December 10, the pugacious Buchanan has been chewing away at George Bush's lead in the polls with the tenacity of a pit bull, and has been having a great

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deal of fun doing so.

Buchanan, 53, is the antithesis of George Bush. He is articulate and principled, tough and straightforward. He has never held political office, though he has served in both the Nixon and Reagan White Houses. Normally, this lack of political experience would be a severe hindrance, but in this current climate of anti-incum-

bency, this fact can be parlayed into an advantage.

Perhaps what most distinguishes Buchanan from the President, or any other current candidate for that matter, is that he has thought carefully about each and every one of the issues. He doesn't need think tanks to craft his positions, nor speech writers to draft his words. He is a reputation of the cynic's charge that such principle and integrity no longer exist in our political candidates.

Buchanan is a veteran of the war within the GOP, back in the early 1960s, between the liberal establishment Republicans and the conservatives. As a young Goldwaterite, he cheered as Barry Goldwater engineered a takeover of the Party, whipped Nelson Rockefeller, and won the

Republican nomination in 1964. Though he lost to Lyndon Johnson, Goldwater paved the way for Ronald Reagan in 1980.

In 1988, Buchanan seriously considered making a run, but backed off for fear of splitting the right wing and dooming Jack Kemp's chances at keeping a conservative in the Oval Office. Over the last three years, watching Bush, among other things, break his "no new taxes" pledge and sign onto a Civil Rights Bill, which de facto, mandates quotas, Buchanan has swallowed about all he can take. And he has come out swinging hard in New Hampshire.

The President has brought this trouble upon himself. Such is the consequence of a

lack of conviction. The budget deal of 1990, on which he was rolled by the Democrats, and which sent taxes and spending soaring to unprecedented levels, deepened, if not caused, the current recession. Time and again, he has acquiesced in negotiations with the liberals on Capitol Hill, and, in so doing, has alienated the conservative wing.

The differences between the two men are too deep. Essentially, George Bush favors the politics of compromise, Patrick Buchanan the politics of confrontation. The battle now being waged reflects the unwillingness on the part of conservatives to readily relinquish control of the Republican Party for four more years.

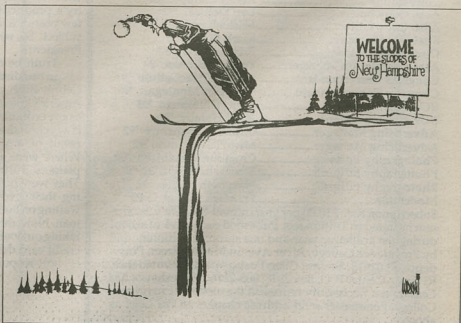
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Roving Photographer

How was your experience with Course Registration? Was there a course you wanted but couldn't get into?



Pete Mayer, '92: I think the problem is not whether you get into courses but finding courses that are interesting. It's like CD companies you sign up for. You exhaust your choices after three years.



Jen Henschke, '93 and Karen Leahy, '93: We had a bad experience. We tried to overenroll in a course but could never find the professor.



Michelle Fortin, '93 and Carol Velez, '93: No 8:30s! Can't complain...



Geoff Gaunt, '92: I register with special student status (both day and night school), so I'm guaranteed my courses. Nothing could be worse than registration at the first college I attended.



Frank Malinoski, '95: As a freshmen, I basically didn't get anything I wanted and it was a matter of taking whatever was left.



David Beggs, '94 and Sean McDonald, '94: We got into all our courses but it was a pain to add/drop.



Jill Coghlin, '94 and Maura Green, '94: Everyone gives you the run-around. Someone even accused me (Maura) of forging a signature. If you have a bad registration one semester, you should get a better time the next semester.



Glenn Stewart, '94: I had the first day so I thought I'd get the courses I wanted, but I still got 8:30s.

Commentary

Pro-Choice Is Anti-Life

by Michael P. Mullins
Contributing Writer

When does life begin? This question has plagued the country and spawned movements such as pro-life and pro-choice. Many people would have you believe that by pinpointing the exact moment life begins, this would debate could be ended. It is easy to get bogged down in the weight of statistical and theological evidence promulgated by each side. However, I suggest we take a more common sense approach in regard to abortion. It is no great secret that when a woman becomes pregnant she will give birth to a human baby. By intentionally engaging in any action that terminates the natural process of pregnancy, you are rendering the birth of that baby impossible. It should not matter whether this action takes place one day after conception, or eight months - a human life has been prevented from entering this world.

Brendan Hanlon, in his Dec. 5 Letter to the Editor, asked, "How can we murder

something which cannot survive outside the womb?" His rationale seems to be that if a person is not self-sufficient then they lose their right to life. Using this as a basis, it would also be reasonable to murder newborn babies. After all, a newborn can't feed itself or clothe itself, it certainly cannot survive without assistance. This killing could also be extended to the elderly or those on life support systems. Are we to deny all people dependent on others the right to life? Of course not, but abortion activists would have you believe that the frail and the needy of society have no rights.

Mr. Hanlon claims that he does not personally believe in abortion but defends the woman's right to choose. This is a commonly heard stance of neutrality. Americans cherish their freedoms and are always hesitant to restrict them. However, unrestricted freedoms lead to anarchy and the decay of society. We do not live in a world where people act in iso-

There are a myriad of reasons for these evils, but the underlying message is always the same - a basic disregard for our fellow human beings.

lation. Unfortunately, the act of one person has ramifications and consequences on the whole of society. People look at the world today and wonder what has gone wrong. Teenage pregnancy, crime, violence and hatred have gripped our country. There are a myriad of reasons for these evils, but the underlying message is always the same - a basic disregard for our fellow human beings.

To state my point simply, people are not absolutely free

to do as they please. The rights of one person end when they infringe on the rights of another. I am not free to choke the life out of somebody that I no longer want in this world. Although this would be invoking my right to live a happy existence, it would be infringing on that person's right to life and to society's right to the benefits that person might have possessed. Hence, when the abortion issue is looked at rationally, it boils down to a clash of rights. The right to choose vs. the right to exist. Clearly, the right to existence is the stronger of the two.

As society continues to erode and the role of humanity decreases, we must look at the message we are sending our youth. I am not advocating the legalization of morality, just common sense. The children are the future, this nation will rise or fall depending on the strength of future genera-

tions. What stellar advice are we to leave these future leaders - that rationalizing away murder is acceptable or that life is precious and deserves protection? Let's you think I am overexaggerating the problem of abortion, here are some facts:

The total American dead from the Vietnam, Korean, and two World Wars adds up to 426,000. Obviously, this portrays a substantial loss to society, one which conjures up strong emotional feelings. No one likes to be reminded of death. In 1988 alone, 1,590,800 American lives were lost to abortion. Why no outrage? Because there are the surgical deaths that take place behind closed doors. They are not highlighted on CNN. Their potential accomplishments will never be known. They are truly the forgotten dead, disposed of because they were defenseless. It is horrifying to think that this nation can mobilize almost instantaneously to save the whales, the dolphins or the baby seals - but the slaughter of millions of human babies takes place every year, right under our noses, without so much as a fleeting thought.

Letters To The Editor

Student Stands Up To Providence Journal

The following was printed as a letter to the editor in the January 9th Providence Journal, and written by Eric Swanson, who is a member of the Senior Class. It refers to the Providence Journal's coverage of an incident which occurred November 24, 1991 on Oakland Avenue.

Dear Editor:

As a Providence College student - a 22 year old senior, I might add - I feel compelled to assess your tactics and practices.

A few weeks ago, I, as well as several of my fellow students, were astounded by the front-page article concerning the apparent incident involving a complaint from a Smith Hill couple and a group of college-age students. Though there was no evidence of who the apparent attackers were, you stated that PC students were suspect. There was no justification for this statement when the police did not have any suspects in the case at the time of your article. What is true is that the incident did occur in an area close to the PC campus. However, you chose to print this article on the front page, and base it only on the initial police report, which turned out to be a complaint by the victims.

An investigation is taking place by the PC administration, in which witnesses have given their side of the story. I'm sure the Providence Police Department is also concurrently investigating the incident. I hope that the Journal will report the findings of these investigations. As the only major newspaper in Rhode Island, I would hope to convey my displeasure at the lack of ethical standards that is often displayed in the Journal. Though you did not accuse Providence College students of performing this deplorable act, our reputation as both representatives of PC and as citizens is only worsened by your article.

Eric Swanson, '92

Appreciating PC's Finest

This letter was received by Father McPhail prior to Christmas break.

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the guests and staff at the Women's Center of Rhode Island, a shelter for abused and homeless women and their children, I wish to thank you for your "gift" of a group of wonderful female students who came here Thanksgiving week to prepare and serve dinner. Our guests' youthful exuberance, effort, time and beaming faces made this Thanksgiving one of the happiest in recent memory.

You should certainly be proud of these students; they are truly Providence College's finest.

Sincerely yours,
Dianne Ise
Household Coordinator

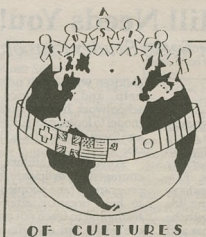
Pep Band Deserves Credit, Too

Dear Editor:

The Providence College Pep Band writes to you in response to Coach Barnes' "special thanks" in December 5th issue of *The Owl*. In this issue, he expressed his appreciation to the Sixth-Man Society for their "support with the New Hampshire game and making the trip to New Jersey for the ACC-Big East Challenge." Their "encouragement and spirit" he said, was "inspirational." We also support the Sixth-Man Society and are pleased that they have been recognized for their efforts; however, the Providence College Pep Band, which has been serving PC for over twenty-five years, has yet to receive any such recognition. We feel especially disturbed since we were also in attendance at the New Hampshire game and the ACC-Big East Challenge. In addition to those games, the Pep Band was present at the game against the University of Vermont on Dec. 21 and the game against Georgetown on Jan. 6; both games took place over Christmas break.

The Providence College Pep Band attends approximately forty-five games per year, which includes men's and women's basketball and men's hockey. The Pep Band is a devoted group that promotes school spirit at every game. When permissible, the Pep Band accompanies the Friars to various tournaments across the country. Over Thanksgiving break, we traveled with the men's and women's teams to Hawaii for the Maui Invitation and the Lady Wahine Classic respectively. With the help of our friend Pat Nero and some fund raising, the band worked hard to reach its funding goal, but in reality, most of the money came from our own pockets. Our efforts to attend these tournaments began in April, 1991. We enjoyed ourselves immensely in Hawaii, and the women's team expressed much thanks for our presence (thank you for recognizing us!); however, we don't know how much the men's team appreciated us, or if they appreciated us at all. Our goal as a group is not to be repeatedly thanked; we are there for ourselves as well as for the fans and the team. By our definition, a "pep band" is a group dedicated to inspiring spirit among spectators in support of their team. We feel neglected by Coach Barnes; nevertheless, we will continue to offer support to our teams. We feel that our "encouragement and spirit is inspirational." We feel justified in writing this response, because, as Coach Barnes stated, "We're all PC Friars."

Sincerely,
Brian Cunningham, '94
Jennifer Gobeille, '94



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Monday, January 27, 1992

3 P.M. "The U.S. Role in the Future of the Middle East"

In Moore Hall III, Raghida Dergham, senior diplomatic correspondent for *Al-Hayat*, a highly-regarded, independent, London-based Arabic daily newspaper, will talk about "The U.S. Role in the Future of the Middle East."

Dergham, a Lebanese-born American citizen and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, is one of very few women political commentators and has been a frequent guest on television programs such as "ABC's Nightline," "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour," and "World News Tonight With Peter Jennings." She has interviewed Jordan's King Hussein and Egypt's President Mubarak, among many other statesmen. Sponsored in conjunction with the President's Forum.

Afterwards, enjoy a reception featuring a variety of Middle Eastern foods.

7 P.M. "Come to Know Thea Bowman"

Thea Bowman was a Mississippi-born black Franciscan sister who died of cancer in March 1990 at the age of 52. In her short lifetime, this granddaughter of a slave attained a Ph.D. in English literature, sang and lectured across the country, and spoke before the American Catholic Bishops.

Bowman's life's work was multicultural and multidisciplinary. Her message, which she preached and sang to every audience, and which she leaves as her legacy to us, is that every person — black or white, Hispanic or Jew, child or adult — is special because each is "a child of God."

The program will be presented by Sr. Laura Landen, O.P. (Philosophy) in Moore Hall III and is co-sponsored by the PC Alumni/Development Office. Refreshments will follow.

Come and learn more about this remarkable woman, Thea Bowman, and the award that will be given to PC students in her name!

Tuesday, January 28, 1992

3 P.M. "Family Trees: Many Countries on Smith Hill Streets."

In Siena Hall, Room 116, meet your neighbors on Smith Hill! This program, presented by Smith Hill Center, will focus on the diversity within the Smith Hill area, and includes a short discussion by Sarah Murphy and Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge (Smith Hill Center) entitled "Global Politics: Creating Neighborhood Demographics."

Then sit back and relax to the beautiful sounds of Russian cellist Valery Korennoy and Russian concert pianist Diana Smirnov, both residents of the Smith Hill area, and "Grupe Manantial," a folk group whose members are from Bolivia and Argentina. Also, enjoy a short presentation by some Southeast Asian children of Smith Hill.

Smith Hill is a fascinating microcosm of our wonderfully diverse world. Come and see for yourself!

Wednesday, January 29, 1992

3 P.M. "Diverse Perspectives: The Experiences of African-American, Latino, and Asian-American Students at Providence College."

In '64 Hall, Slavin Center, experience first-hand a series of hard-hitting skits on race relations performed by student members of PC's Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR). Students participating include Lucia Araujo '95, Jerry Brito '94, Stephen Charles '94, Kathleen Cronin '92, Marlon Davis '94, Marisol Garcia '94, Nelson LaSalle '94, Ivan Rodriguez '94, Todd Watkins '94, and John Wong '93.

Following each skit, discussions will be led by faculty members Eric Hirsch (Sociology) and Judith Morse (Business Administration).

Gala Ethnic Foodfest with PC Jazz Band Entertainment

Immediately following the skit program will be a gala ethnic foodfest in upper Slavin Center, featuring international delights for everyone to sample. During the foodfest, the Providence College Jazz Band will perform. A fusion of cultures brought about America's contribution to the music of the world. This music, Afro-American in its origin, was called "jazz."

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ALSO...

Look for displays of cultural artifacts and artwork in Phillips Memorial Library and Slavin Center throughout the celebration.

For more information, contact Jacqueline MacKay (Student Development) at Ext. 2343 or Wilesse Comissiong (Minority Student Affairs) at Ext. 2738.

"Think globally. Use the opportunity of a Providence College experience to collaborate with a classmate from a different culture. To leave here never having interacted with someone from a different culture is to cheat yourself."

-Wilesse Comissiong

Getting Into the Spirit

by Mark Ruggeri
Student Congress President

I would like to welcome everyone back from break. I hope everyone's break was restful and fun and I wish everyone the best of luck this semester, especially the Class of 1992. May everyone have a fun and productive spring semester.

I would like to congratulate Alyson Molloy and Megan Churback the Commencement Core Committee, and the Senior Class Officers and Representatives for a job well done with the semi-formal dance they put on last Friday



concern(s) about this issue, please talk to the two student Corporation members, Scott Blaszek '92 or Jennifer Bush '93, who have dealt with this project directly, or to any Student Congress member. We appreciate your opinions.

Besides offering input about a topic, I invite you to attend a Student Congress meeting to learn about what Student Congress is all about. If you are thinking about running for office, I suggest that you attend a meeting. Student Congress meets every Monday night at 5:30 p.m. in Slavin room 203 and the meetings are open to the entire student body.

Rappin'
with
Rugga

night at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence. May the rest of their Commencement activities be as successful.

The week of January 27th-31st is Diversity Week. Dean Comissioning and Mrs. McKay have been planning the events for this week. I encourage all students to attend the events. If the events are similar to last year's, the week will be a great success.

This coming semester Student Congress will be dealing with very important issues, such as the Student Housing Plan. For those of you who are unaware of this plan, it was put forth by a Corporation subcommittee. This plan is the opinions of the subcommittee as to what should be done with resident housing. It lays out various housing options and some suggestions. If you have any

Now is a perfect time to start thinking about getting involved in various clubs and organizations during the 1992-1993 school year. Elections for Student Congress, Intramural Athletic Board, Board of Programmers, Board of Minority Student Affairs, Off-Campus Resident Organization, Resident Board, Apartment Complex Council, and the Friars Club, as well as other clubs and interviews for *The Cow* staff, will be taking place in the next few months.

By the way, you do not have to join a club to get involved, you can simply attend a club sponsored event (such as the Jello-wrestling sponsored by the Class of 1994) or an athletic game to show your school spirit.

Best of luck in all your endeavors this semester.

Smith Hill Needs You!
Volunteer Program Seeks Student Involvement

by Kathy Parrella
Student Congress Correspondent

The Smith Hill Center has recently approached Providence College about helping to institute a volunteer program geared towards helping the inner city children that the center serves. Pastoral Council and Student Congress have both taken an interest in pursuing this project and have held meetings with the Smith Hill Center to discuss ideas and details for starting this volunteer service program here at PC.

The program has been divided up into six different aspects. Chairpeople and committees are needed to help work on a newsletter, a Metro-Arts Program for both visual and performing arts, tutorial and coaching programs, and a substance abuse speaker program.

Currently a multi-lingual newsletter is being put out at Smith Hill with help from many PC faculty members. However, this is geared primarily towards adults and Smith Hill would like to have an additional newsletter put out by and for the children. This would be an ideal involvement for any students interested in journalism.

The Metro-Arts Program will be divided into two sections—one for art and one for theatre. The art section will be focused on designing and making outdoor murals in the spring as a form of beautifying the neighborhood. The theatre section will aim towards putting together drama workshops and children's theatre productions. Both sections will help the children to better appreciate, understand, and enjoy the arts.

Academic tutors are also needed to not only help children with their homework and class assignments, but to act as mentors for them as well. Many

children will benefit not only from the help and assistance with their schoolwork, but also from having a role model to look up to, someone to encourage them to stay in school and not give up.

Anyone with athletic abilities is encouraged to participate in the coaching program. These people will be needed to help organize after-school sports teams and to teach not only the skills of the game, but also the importance of good sportsmanship.

Finally, the substance abuse speaker program will travel to various elementary and high schools to discuss the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse. Creativity is needed here to come up with different ways of conveying this extremely important message.

For all those interested in participating in this program, there will be an informational meeting held on Wednesday, January 31st, at 3:00 p.m. in Slavin 203. All volunteers who would like to help with this program are welcome. Additionally, anyone wishing to chair one of these committees will be able to receive information at a later date in regard to preparing a resume and arranging an interview. If you are interested in this project but are unable to attend the meeting, please drop a note in Jen Meehan's mailbox in the Student Congress office, Slavin 109.

This program is being done on an entirely volunteer basis only. Community service should be just as much a part of your college experience as anything else. All students are encouraged to consider devoting an afternoon a week to this very worthy cause. The sacrifice is small when compared to the incredible satisfaction that will result in the end product.

JELLO MANIA

The Sporting Event of the Year

by John Ryan
Class of 1994 President

The Class of 1994 will be hosting JELLO MANIA on Friday, January 31st, at 7:30 p.m. in Peterson. If you would like to participate or just watch, come to our table in Lower Slavin. Both participants (friends) must be present when signing up for a match.

This event will take place in a complete ring with ropes. The ring will be filled with real Jello, and a referee will be in the ring to enforce rules. An M.C. will guide us through the entire evening.

This event will be limited to single sex, one on one tag team matches. Instart replay will be on call if any decisions on the part of the referee are debatable. As a participant you may invent a wrestling name, weight, height, wear costumes to enhance your character, and include additional comments about your career. You can even choose music to accompany your entrance to the ring. Roughness will result in disqualification. Proper attire is required and intoxicated persons will not be allowed to participate.

We expect a great turnout and hope to see you there, January 31st, at 7:30 p.m.!

The Class of 1994
presents

JELLO MANIA!

- January 31, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in Peterson Recreation Center
- Register in Lower Slavin
- One on One, single sex tag team matches

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Commerce Center

8:30 p.m.- Fennell Gates

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General Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28th

Slavin 203

JOIN US!

There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, January 31st at 3:00 p.m.** in **Slavin 203** for all students interested in learning about the **Smith Hill Volunteer Program**. Come and join us!

Student Congress

The Friar's Club A Christian Service Organization

by Christine Boyle
Friar's Club Member

During this semester, the Friar's Club will be electing 10 freshmen, 12 sophomores and 14 juniors to fill the vacancy that the 36 senior members will create upon graduation. A number of events have been planned by the club for students interested in becoming a member.

The Friar's Club is a student organization of Providence College whose members volunteer their service to Providence College and the surrounding community. It was started in the original constitution of the Friar's Club in 1928 that the organization is dedicated "to the promotion and furtherance of all Providence College endeavors."

Today's Friar's Club still retains and seeks fulfillment of this pledge of service to PC. Some of the events in which its members serve include Freshman Parent's Day, Harvestfest, Parent's Weekend, alumni functions, ushering at theater productions and hockey games,

neighborhood clean-ups, Commencement exercises, and affairs of the Diocese of Providence.

Perhaps the most important form of service offered to PC by the members of the Friar's Club is acting as official tour guides for visitors to Providence College.

All candidates for the Friar's Club must fill out an application and attend an informal interview. The only requirements to apply to the club are: at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and freedom from disciplinary probation.

On Monday, February 3rd, and Tuesday, February 4th, interviews will be held for the Class of 1995 from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Freshmen interested in becoming a club member should come to Slavin Pit on the stated dates with their completed application.

An Informational Coffeehouse will be held on Wednesday, February 12th from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge for sophomores and juniors who are interested in becoming members of the

Friar's Club. Current members of the Friar's Club will be on hand to answer questions and applications will be available.

Monday, February 24th, and Tuesday, February 25th, from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., interviews for the Class of 1994 will be held. Interested sophomores should come to Slavin Pit on those two nights with their completed application.

Finally, on Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd, from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., interviews for the Class of 1993 will be held. Interested juniors should come to Slavin Pit on the above two nights with their completed application.

Freshmen who are unable to come to the Informational Coffeehouse, held on Wednesday, January 23rd, and wish to try-out for the Friar's Club, please come to the Friar's Club office, lower Slavin room 103 to pick up an application.

If anyone has any questions regarding the upcoming events, please stop by the Friar's Club office, Lower Slavin room 103 or call x2139.

by Joann Moran
Pastoral Council Member

A brief update from Pastoral Council.

Pastoral Council, comprised of fourteen different committees, is involved in various volunteer activities both within the PC and Providence communities. Here are the highlights of what we accomplished during last semester.

AIDS Awareness: This committee was created by Rich Dye and Alexa Shuman. Its goal is to educate and inform PC about the AIDS virus, more specifically, the implications AIDS has on college campuses. As a first step, the committee sponsored an AIDS Awareness meeting at which prominent physicians on AIDS spoke. They plan to sponsor additional lectures next semester.

CCD: Over seventy PC students teach CCD to children in thirteen parishes.

Fundraising works to raise money for Covenant House. Look for their upcoming events pictures with Santa.

Social Action: Volunteers go to McAuley House Soup Kitchen every Saturday morning to serve a meal. The Metro Arts program provides an alternative to drugs for young people. Volunteer PC students help the artists and the children in various art related projects including drawing, sewing, and cinematography. Additionally, other PC students volunteer

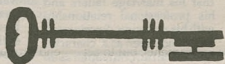
their time at the Smith Hill Center. Some are involved in an intergenerational program which records the oral history of local elderly persons. Others work with the young children as mentors, tutors, and as friends.

Best Buddies: Best Buddies of America is a national program that pairs physical and mentally impaired persons with a buddy here at PC. Everyone must meet with their buddy at least twice a month individually, as well as in a group setting held each month. The bonds of friendship are becoming more and more permanent as time goes by.

Special Events would like to thank the faculty, staff, and students who contributed over \$3,500 and twenty cartons of food to the Canned Food Drive. During the holiday season, the annual Giving Tree Christmas gift drive for needy children was a success.

Finally, five PC students participated in a Day of Community Service. The students helped clean Indian Point Park, worked in soup kitchens, and made poster for an orphanage. Pastoral Council would like to thank all their volunteers; without your help, none of these events would have been possible! If anyone is interested in joining a committee, please stop in our office, Slavin 211. Thank you very much! Have a successful semester!

The Friar's Club



Freshman Interviews:

Monday, February 3 and Tuesday, February 4
from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Slavin Pit

☆☆☆Please bring completed application☆☆☆
Applications are available in Slavin room 103

Sophomore and Junior Coffeehouse:

Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
in the Aquinas Lounge

Current Friar's Club members will be on hand to answer questions and applications will be available

Sophomore Interviews:

Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25
from 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Slavin Pit

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Applications are available in Slavin room 103

Junior Interviews:

Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3 from
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Slavin Pit

☆☆☆Please bring completed application☆☆☆
Applications are available in Slavin room 103

Juniors: Get Ready for Commencement 1993

by Mike Howard
Class of 1993 President

Even though it's only January of our junior year, it's not too early to start planning for our Commencement week, because the earlier we get started, the better our Commencement will be.

The class officers and representatives are preparing for the Commencement Core Committee interviews, which will be held on March 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

There will be an informational meeting in February about the different positions available for the Commencement Core, so

Class of 1993 Commencement Core

Interview Dates:

Monday, March 9th
Tuesday, March 10th
Wednesday, March 11th
Thursday, March 12

Watch for Further Details

keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

Also, in preparing for the interview, keep in mind that our Commencement is the 75th Diamond Jubilee. This might help you to come up with some new and exciting ideas for our Commencement activities.

In other news, the class officers and representatives are planning different activities for the class during this semester, including a Clambake planned for sometime in April. Also, class sweatshirts will be sold again this semester.

If you have any questions or ideas regarding class activities, please do not hesitate to stop by the Congress office in lower Slavin room 09 and let one of the class officers or representatives know your concerns.

NEW LOCATION

The Off: Campus Housing Office is now located in **Joseph Hall Room 111**

Access can be gained through the Audio Visual side entrance or the entrance facing Stephen Hall on the opposite end of the building from the Residence Life entrance.

Arts & Entertainment

The Controversy of JFK

by Lisa Carroll
A&E Editor

"Who killed Kennedy? Don't you get it? It's a mystery... it's a mystery wrapped in a riddle inside an enigma."

In trying to find an answer to the mystery of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Oliver Stone has produced the intricate, complex and intriguing film *JFK*. As possibly the best and most notable large-scale who-dunnit filmmaker, *JFK* captivates its audience and forces the viewer to contemplate not only the mystery surrounding the assassination, but the condition and role of the American government as well. *JFK* succeeds in affecting its audience in both its technical achievements and in content.

The plot centers on the character of District Attorney Jim Garrison (Kevin Costner) who brings the only case ever that involves the Kennedy assassination to trial. Throughout the proceedings, a number of the buried and covered-up facts surrounding the assassination are revealed. While focusing on the theory that Kennedy's death was the result of a coup involving CIA, FBI, and Military Intelligence, director Oliver Stone adds a complicated twist by presenting additional theories as well. These include Cuban involvement, Soviet involvement, Ma-

fia involvement, and the possible connections of the Martin Luther King Jr. - Robert Kennedy assassinations. The reason for including all of these theories is because we cannot know for sure what's right and who knew what because so much evidence has been destroyed, covered-up, or locked in a vault; therefore, Stone allows us to have all of the available information.

Stone's artistic genius and technical achievements in directing are evident throughout *JFK*. Stone uses actual documentary footage (i.e. the Zapruder film-an amateur film which shows the actual shooting of Kennedy) and interjects that with the many different types and grains of film that he himself used. The combining of the raw footage with Stone's filming, and the fast-paced cuts throughout the film, contribute greatly to the confusion and chaos of the incident, purposely leaving the viewer with a sense absolute incredulity and disenchantment. Stone also effectively uses lighting and prop techniques to make an impact on the viewer. For example, the prevalence of smokers in the film places in the viewer a sense of anxiety and nervousness; a sense that something is definitely amiss. Seemingly everyone involved with the assassination smokes continually, from the chain-smoking, high-strung main figure, David Perry (Joe Pesci), to the judge who presides over the trial. The lighting, although subtle, is used very

effectively in portraying Garrison as enlightened. In the scene where Garrison is reviewing the testimony of the Warren Commission, Kevin Costner is basked in early morning sunlight upon the realization that evidence has been destroyed and covered-up.

Through the direction of Stone and the incredible performances of Costner and Pesci, along with cameos by amazing actors such as Jack Lemmon, Kevin Bacon, and John Candy, *JFK* is an incredibly moving and thought-provoking film. *JFK* proves beyond doubt, if nothing else, that Lee Harvey Oswald could not possibly have acted alone; therefore, there must have been some sort of conspiracy. Stone successfully reveals the documented information and facts necessary to question the Warren Commission's Report. Ironically, one of these facts is that we do not have all of the information, and we won't until the year 2029 when the secret files of the investigation will be revealed. Through *JFK*, Stone places each and every viewer if the jurors box at the never-ending trial of the Kennedy assassination and demands, just as the character X (played magnificently by Donald Sutherland) says, "Don't take my word for it. You have to work it out for yourself." But until 2029, "it" will still be a mystery.

by Dawn DeMatto
Asst. A&E Editor

Did Lee Harvey Oswald act alone or was he merely a "patsy" in a conspiracy which included the CIA, the Secret Service, J. Edgar Hoover, and Cuban nationalists who were seeking revenge for the Bay of Pigs fiasco? Oliver Stone's controversial new film *JFK* not only attempts to discredit the lone hitman theory produced by the Warren Commission in 1964, but implies that there were several conspiracies involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Kevin Costner stars as New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who launches a personal crusade to prove that the Kennedy assassination was the direct result of a coup d'etat initiated by the CIA. Oliver Stone's decision to glorify Garrison as the film's protagonist has raised eyebrows because Garrison was largely discredited as a publicity-seeking crackpot when he brought his case to trial in 1969. As portrayed by Costner, Garrison is a man so possessed by his own nagging doubts concerning the circumstances of the murder that his marriage falters and his professional relationship with his assistants deteriorates. This is not seen as a character flaw in the film, but rather as an indication of Garrison's heroic nobility to uncover the truth.

In his initial investigation, Garrison discovers that Oswald was a poor marksman, and was not capable of shooting President Kennedy with such speed and precision. In fact, it took longer than 15.6 seconds, the time which elapsed from the moment the first bullet hit President Kennedy in the neck to the moment the last bullet tore off the rear portion of his head, for Oswald to reload his rifle and fire the deadly shots. Garrison believes that the shots were not fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, but from the grassy knoll directly in front of the motorcade.

Garrison supports this the-

ory from the testimonials of bystanders who claimed that they heard shots and saw smoke from the grassy knoll. He also uses the footage filmed by Abraham Zapruder to support his theory that the shots were fired from the front as President Kennedy slumps backward and toward the left as the fatal bullet shatters his skull. Garrison also criticizes the Warren Commission's "pristine bullet" theory. According to the Commission's findings, one bullet pierced Kennedy's back and neck, then Texas Governor John Connolly's chest, wrist, and hand, and ended up on Connolly's stretcher virtually untouched. This implausible explanation only serves to reinforce Garrison's commitment to uncover the circumstances clouding the assassination.

By the end of *JFK*, Stone has created a story so fascinating and terrifying that his theory about the assassination appears to be the only acceptable explanation. Stone emphasizes that the assassination was initiated by the CIA as a desire to prevent JFK's intention to withdraw advisers from Vietnam and to hinder Kennedy's plan to eliminate the agency. Since war is profitable for powerful men in the government, Stone's theory does not seem to be entirely implausible. In his view, Kennedy became a late-day Hamlet. Kennedy was the king who was murdered by a corrupt and power-hungry false king, the CIA.

Although Stone weaves an excellent and enthralling story, *JFK* can be deceiving. He mixes actual footage of the assassination in Dealey Plaza with his own recreated filming of the event. As a result, it is often hard to tell where fact meets fiction in the film. Although Stone's version of the assassination is convincing, it is important to remember that this is only his opinion. However, *JFK* is a film that will make you think and is a definite must-see for anyone who has been entranced by the Kennedy assassination.

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Call symphony charge at 831-3123.

PC DANCE COMPANY

Auditions will be held on Monday, January 27th, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Dance Studio (behind Bedford Hall).

For more information contact Wendy Oliver, Dance Director at extension 2206.

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GRAND CANYON -
Warwick - 1:10, 4:00, 7:15,
10:00
Seekonk 1-8 - 1:10, 4:00,
7:10, 10:00

JFK
Warwick - 12:00, 3:35, 7:30
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:00, 3:35,
7:30

RUSH
Warwick - 1:30, 4:15, 7:15,
9:50
Seekonk 9-10 - 1:15, 4:15,
7:20, 9:55

BUGSY
Warwick - 2:40, 7:20, 10:05
Seekonk 1-8 - 2:15, 9:40

FATHER OF THE BRIDE
Warwick - 12:30, 2:40, 4:50,
7:35, 9:50
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:30, 2:45, 5:00,
7:30, 9:50

THE LAST BOYSCOUT
Warwick - 7:40, 10:05
Seekonk 1-8 - 1:35, 7:40, 10:05

FREEJACK
Warwick - 12:00, 2:20, 4:35,
7:25, 9:55
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:00, 2:20, 4:40,
7:25, 10:00

KUFFS
Warwick - 12:10, 2:25, 4:40,
7:25, 9:45
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:15, 2:30, 4:45,
7:35, 9:55

CAPE FEAR
Warwick - 12:00, 4:50, 9:45

THE PRINCE OF TIDES
Warwick - 12:45, 3:45, 7:10,
9:55
Seekonk 9-10 - 1:00, 4:00, 7:10,
9:50

JUICE
Warwick - 1:10, 3:10, 5:10,
7:30, 9:40
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:45, 2:50, 4:55,
7:30, 9:45

THE ADAMS FAMILY
Warwick - 2:30, 4:40, 7:30

STAR TREK VI
Warwick - 12:00, 2:20, 7:35,
10:00
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:00, 4:50, 7:15

AN AMERICAN TAIL
Warwick - 1:00, 5:15
Seekonk 1-8 - 12:00, 3:55, 5:30

MY GIRL
Warwick - 12:30, 2:45, 5:00

THE WARWICK
MALL

**HAND THAT ROCKS
THE CRADLE**
12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55

HOOK
1:30, 4:25, 8:00

**BEASTY AND THE
BEAST**
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

TELEVISION

The American Music Awards
Monday, January 27th, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., on ABC. Hammer hosts live from the Shrine Auditorium Los Angeles, California.

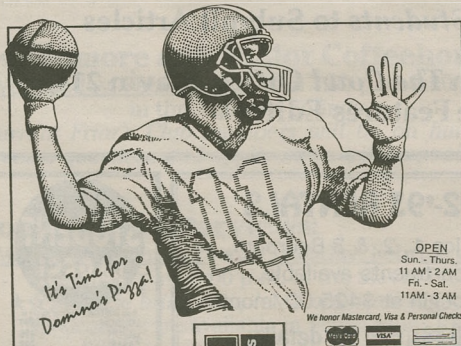
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*Daniel Wiener Sculpture, Main Gallery, January 21st - February 21st. Lecture by the artist, January 21st at 2:00 p.m.

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Features

They Cannot Be Held Accountable

by Bill Fennell
Features Writer

Before I begin this article, I would like to alert you all to something very important that's happening tomorrow. No, not an all-nude Grotto Mass, but something much more exciting. Yes, friends. Tomorrow, January 24th, is Neil Diamond's 51st birthday. If that's not cause for celebration, then by God I don't know what is. So, for Neil's sake, please throw huge parties all over the place in his honor. Or, you can throw a party solely for the fact that we once actually had a president named Rutherford. In any case, I just wanted to alert you of this important date. Now I would like to talk to you about accounting.

Accounting is something that I happen to be quite proficient in, if I may toot my own horn. For example, I know that accountants are not ALL a bunch of horn-rimmed, pencil-neck, briefcase-toting dweebs. In fact, many of them wear contact lenses. I also know that accountants have a special gift for fitting large numbers in very small spaces, and making those numbers look the same each time they're written. So don't tell me I don't know anything about accounting. Well, accountants at least. Accountancy is something more complicated, but I will do my best to simplify it for all to understand.

Perhaps the best way to start out is to tell you what accounting isn't. Accounting is NOT sitting in a room all by yourself writing numbers in little boxes which are not even large enough to fit a flea's privates. On the contrary, you sit in a room with

a lot of other people, most of whom are named Buford. Accounting is also not something which takes up your whole life, leaving you no time whatsoever to yourself. You ARE permitted to use the john when necessary. But being an accountant means so much more than dealing with numbers. You also have to deal with other accountants, which some people say is actually as exciting as oral surgery. But enough about the actual accountants. Let us now move on to the (marginally) exciting world of accounting!

Accounting is a highly complex field, and as such, it is

split into many different branches. First, there is the financial accounting branch. In this branch, words such as "debit," "credit," and "expense" are used quite often. Although no one actually knows exactly what a "debit" is, there are several theories. The first one is that it is an inaccurate spelling of "debit," an equally goofy word. Another theory is that it was brought to this country by Italian immigrants to mean "Help!" My gondola is stuck in the mud!" the word "credit" has a fairly obvious meaning. As used in the term "credit card," it means "money that is not actually there, but which I can use to buy things on impulse, such as the new Ronco Hamster

Hacker." An "expense" is the amount of money or "credit" that you have spent. Now that you know the accurate definitions, I'll give you a rock-hard, practical example of how these terms are applied in real life, using my credit card statement.

Looking at my credit card statement, one of the first things we see is my credit card number, 5426-0922-4961-374. Under that, we have my name, address, and my account balance. The account balance is how much money you have left in your account. In my case, the amount is \$2.84. Then, below that, in nice, organized columns, is a list of all my transactions, or "expenses." The

first item on the list reads "Madame Fiona's Ecstasy Ranch." Next to that, in a column marked "amount of sale" is a charge of \$472.23. The amount that I spent is known as "expense." In this case, it was a very big expense, and I am in debt to Madame Fiona for over four hundred dollars. The amount I owe is also called a "debit," which means that I must have gotten my gondola stuck in the mud while I was there (although I honestly do not remember any part of that evening). The next item on the list reads "Spuds-O-Rama." Next to that, in a column marked "credit" (pay attention here), it says "Balance Due - \$7193." This is the amount of money (not credit, actual money) that I have to pay to my credit card company. However, being a college student, I haven't where near that amount of money, so I will have to resort to desperate means, such as selling my body. If I do that, I should have the whole thing paid off in about seventy years.

I had originally planned to tell you about other types of accounting, but I just realized that they're all pretty much the same. Let's face it - they all have something to do with numbers, and you most likely will need a calculator, so if that's not enough similarity, then I don't know what is. As always, if you have any questions, or would like me to go into more intricate detail, please let me know. I hope that this has been as informative for you as it has been for me. I've got to be going now, because I want to find out what exactly Madame Fiona did with my gondola that night.



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Features

The Sleeper Effect

by Brian Cappello
Asst. Features Editor

It's official. Whether we like it or not, there is no denying that we are officially back to the bars... oops, I mean the books. For many, the semester's academic cycle hasn't fully begun as that requires a trip to the dreaded library. Yet virtually every student (that expects above a .23 GPA) has experienced the first few days of classes. On opening day, most enter their respective new class with the hopes of being in and out within fifteen to twenty minutes. Unfortunately, there are still a few professors who are unaware of the Federal Law prohibiting any form of mental activity on the first day of class, especially in the form of note taking. As a result of such ignorance, not only are we behind the Japanese, but even worse, we must suffer through a full fifty minute lecture.

If the student is subjected to a full class on the first day, he or she should at least be able to expect to have a professor worthy of listening to. Personally, my biggest fear on the first day is not that I'll get stuck sitting next to a kid who hasn't showered since Christmas, but rather that I'll get stuck with a Sleeper. By that I am referring to a professor whose lectures are only slightly more stimulating than my left armpit. In other words, professors who could make the typical house cat look like a world class speaker. While that may sound a bit harsh, the fact is we've all had them and for the

\$250 an hour I'm paying for every class, I feel the right to be a bit selective.

While I try not to reflect on Sleepers often as doing so makes me quite drowsy, I do so occasionally and as a result I've come up with a few questions. Do they actually believe that they deliver highly stimulating lectures, or are they aware of the fact that they are more boring than the typical Iowan corn farmer? Personally, I truly believe that I sound like a Grammy-award winning singer, yet that isn't consistent with the fact that the sound of my vocal cords can clear out a room faster than my father can after a hearty bowl of

chili. Thus, you'd think if I were bright enough to know not to take my act on the road, Sleepers would know enough to seek a new profession. I often wonder if they were planning to become accountants or hypnotists and at the last minute heard a voice telling them that they were meant to see that students receive enough sleep while away from home. Did they ever think that maybe they were meant to write textbooks rather than teach from them?

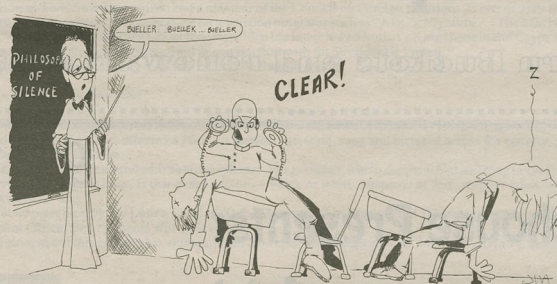
The best teachers, Srepeels (that's Sleepers backwards) usually get to know their students, relay the practicality of the material, add personal inflections, tell stories, and some even attempt a

joke or two. Yet Sleepers usually do not satisfy any of those requirements, except for perhaps the joke category, as I know a few that got quite a few laughs upon wearing outfits seemingly taken from the Beatles Era. While the professor's goal should be to captivate the students attention for the full fifty minutes, Sleepers cannot usually do so for more than five to ten. I often wonder, are they thinking to themselves, "Gee, these kids are trying to concentrate so hard that they are shutting out their sense of sight in order to maximize their sense of hearing." If so, then they

should really get some help.

While I applaud these people for making an honest living, I cannot help but hope that they are eventually exposed as human sleeping pills and transferred to a College for Hopeless Insomniacs. In fact, in order to speed up this process, I've come up with a suggestion. Why not videotape teachers in "action"? (A rather relative term given the Sleeper effect). That way both the teachers themselves and those who hired them can be forced to view the tapes (on five to seven hours sleep). If they are not approaching a comatose state within ten to fifteen minutes (as virtually all students of Sleepers surely would be), then they have potential. Once professors are found to be sleepers, they should either be terminated immediately, or at the very least, an asterisk should be put next to their names indicating that they are in fact duller than the common butter knife. The value of these tapes do not stop here however as one could make a healthy profit selling them as a side-effect-free substitute to Doans (sleeping) Pills.

The fact is, Sleepers have been around for years and it is likely that they'll be around for many more to come. Perhaps the best use for such people involves deterring crime. Forget capital punishment, I say simply bring in a few Sleepers to lecture to the inmates. If the thought of being subjected to that doesn't keep people from committing crime, I can't conceive of anything that will.



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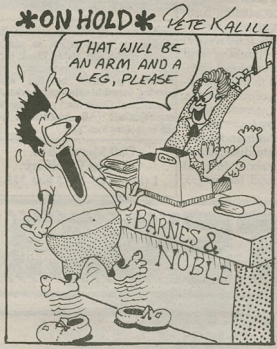
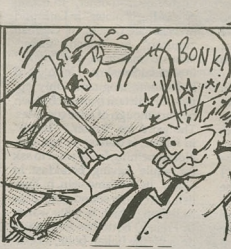
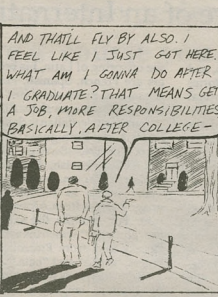
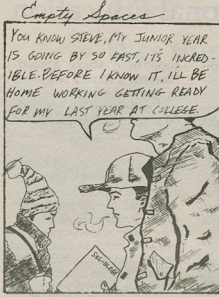
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Academia

On Language Study and the Importance of an International Education

by Dr. Giacomo Striuli
Professor of Italian

Donatello, Leonardo, Michelangelo, and Raphael, are familiar heroes with many young people. But few of them know that the four teen-age mutant ninja turtles have been named after the four equally portentious stars of the Italian Renaissance. As a native Italian educator, I am grateful: what a splendid way to celebrate the arts while internationalizing American pop culture!

It is in every educator's mind to seek new ways to foster cultural understanding especially since we all recognize that the world ahead will be a very different place: a global community where people with different backgrounds are working closely together. If we wish to be ready for the twenty-first century, we may have to consider learning more about other cultures and languages. As a foreign citizen and educator, I would like to share my thoughts on the merits of an international education.

As a child growing up in Italy, I was fascinated by American life as I saw depicted in American films. I would have loved to join the fiction of a cellulose world of Marlon Brando, Paul Newman, Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe, Sidney Poitier, just to mention the few heroes and heroines that come to mind. I envied children playing with such wonderful creatures as Lassie or Rin Tin Tin. My life in Milan, Italy, was typical of all those who live in the reality of asphalt and concrete. To me, living in a big home, being able to ride my bicycle down the street to a playground or to a nearby pond to fish with my dog seemed a truly wonderful life. I never expected to join my heroes in their real American world and to speak English which sounded in those films so captivating. My dreams came true when I came to study in the United States. Years later, however, when I returned to Italy, I underwent a second phase of cultural shock. I had become Americanized to the

point that I felt uncomfortable with some of the "old" ways. I had changed somehow my cultural habits. Having learned English, I had acquired a new set of values, I had personally experienced the fact that speaking and thinking are inextricably intertwined: to speak is to be.

Knowing English changed the course of my life. I could take advantage of two different cultures. It opened many doors that afforded practical as well as intellectual rewards. This is why I believe that studying foreign language will greatly enhance our lives in a world reduced in size by technology and science. Language study is important because it gives a sense of identity to our lives by shaping our thoughts into forms which can be shared with and understood by others. It is through language that we express love and emotions, not just practical information.

Some people are reluctant, and often suspicious of the values languages provide. They feel that multi-linguism generates chaos and confusion. In my own country during World War II, Mussolini wanted a single national language - that of the wealthy and educated. Consequently, he abhorred dialects which he considered lower linguistic forms which deviated from the norm - the ideal Italian written by the great masters of Italian literature. Thus Mussolini imposed to all his linguistic imperative to speak in standard Italian. He was not aware by suppressing dialects he was at the same time uprooting human beings from their past, and depriving many Italians of personal identity, cultural heritage, and self respect.

In language study we rediscover cultural origins. Over one hundred thousand years ago, huddled around the warmth and comfort of a fire in the darkness of a pre-

historic cave, men, women, and children sat exchanging stories about hunting and supernatural events. They did not own furniture of tools, but they had the most sublime gift of all, the power of communication. At this early time, our stone-age ancestors had a very limited use of language as we think of it today.

Their way of verbal communication was limited to few words, hissing and harsh sounds, and a lot of gestures. A few millennia later, scientists believe that a Homo Sapiens, the Wise Man, gave names to the things he saw around him: forest, rain, sun, eat, drink, and so on. They were short, simple words and he chose the most beautiful to describe what he loved most.

The centrality of language in the history of civilization is documented in the Bible where verbal metaphors punctuate the text. Jesus describes himself as the beginning and the end of the universe in alphabetic terms: "I am alpha and the omega." The story of the tower of Babel not only describes man's pride and arrogance, but also alludes to the need for better defined languages, territories and boundaries, national languages were essential to affirm political identity and unification.

With regard to the debate on Western versus non-western culture, we should remember that all European languages were created under the impetus of Asian migrations four or five thousand years ago. At that time the Arians (people inhabiting from the central/eastern portion of Europe, roughly today's Iran and Armenia) were being pushed west by Asiatic hordes. As these Indo European populations moved into Germany, France, and Italy they fused their language to that of the local inhabitants. From this linguistic symbiosis resulted Latin in Italy, Greek in Greece, German, Swedish, Slavic, and all other European languages.

In fact, all languages in the world have influenced each other. "Cognates" describe familial relationships between words. Italian, for example, is

the offspring of Latin, his brothers are French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Rumanian. Just like families, languages share different similarities: Italian is closer to Spanish and Portuguese than to French; Danish to Swedish; Dutch resembles Flemish, English is similar to German. Furthermore, many words in Western languages derive from African culture. For example, the name of the "alphabet," which the ancient Greeks took from Phoenicians' letters, "alpha" and "beta."

There are words which appear in different languages almost unchanged: "mother," in Italian is "madre," "mater" in Latin and in classical Greek; in German "mutter," in French "mere," "matka" in Russia, and "maka" in ancient Sanskrit. Unexpected links unite languages only apparently distant from each other, beware though of false cognates. The word for "butter," "burro" in Italian, is donkey in Spanish. Not something I may want to ask for while having breakfast in Spain. In the same vein, in English, cold water sounds like calda in Italian, which is quite warm. In French, Botte has nothing to do with the Italian botte, a cask-of-wine, but is rather close to the English boot. So much unity in such great diversity!

English, not Esperanto, has become the international language, especially in business. The word, however, is no longer divided into two super-powers, US/Russia. In the aftermath of the demise of communism, a new world order is being set. Nationalities are re-emerging. Europeans are at a clear advantage: they have direct contact with these new political realities. Many high school students in Europe are competent in at least a second language. Video satellite communications can provide instant access to the world. If we want to understand the thinking and ways of life of our global community, we need to internationalize the curricula of our students.

Colleges can internationalize the curriculum by fostering the exchange of students and teachers, creating interdisciplinary courses, teaching about different ethnic cultures and languages,

supporting study abroad. Learning a second language, or more, is essential for advancement in a chosen profession. But it is crucial also because an international curriculum celebrates our multicultural heritage. And more importantly, language study secures a well rounded education while enriching one's life. Immeasurable are the benefits in terms of personal growth and development. Those who fail to recognize the value of an international education risk to become anachronisms in their own time.

This Week in Providence College History

by Robert L. Deasy

1927 January saw Providence play and win its first intercollegiate hockey game. Providence won its debut, defeating Springfield College 6-4.

1951 Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, President of Providence College, announced that starting in the following September ROTC would be mandatory for all physically fit freshmen. (This was in the midst of the Korean Conflict.)

1953 Rev. John B. Larnen, Professor of English, was interviewed by the Providence Journal concerning his third play "The Angelic Doctor" which was about to open at the Blackfriars Theatre, then located on 57th Street in New York. It would later be Father Larnen's third successful off Broadway production.

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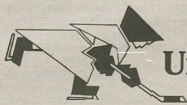
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a tense-filled second before dipping into the net and filling Alumni Hall with thunderous applause. Lewis completed the three-point play with seven minutes remaining to pull PC within two. One of the main reasons behind the Lady Friars' ability to hang tough with the undefeated Canes was their knack for virtually perfecting the inbounds pass from underneath the basket.

"It's not a simple thing," explains Coach Foley. "We practice it. You figure how often does a team practice defending it?"

The combination of picks and rolls accounted for eight first half points.

The final twenty minutes of this game was divided between Miami's perseverance and the Stephanie Cole show. Despite PC's renewed enthusiasm in the press and overall defensive improvements, Miami continued to successfully go inside and take advantage of their height. They scored 13 less points than their first half total, but it was enough. Cole simply obeyed the request of her coach.

"I told Steph that this is your half," Foley informed me. "She is a money player."

The senior answered by scoring 18 points that gave PC a chance. It boiled down to Miami keeping the Lady Friars at arms length. Just when PC narrowed the margin to two the Hurricanes came back with clutch shooting of their own to end it 87-83.

The Lady Friars began a

three game road trip with an impressive win over the Orangewomen of Syracuse. After getting behind early 5-0, PC a Fontanella lay-up began an eight point run. PC never relinquished the lead. Tracy Lis led all first half scorers with 10.

It was also nice to see Maura McDonald contribute with a three-pointer. Syracuse hung tough in the second half and with under four minutes remaining a 59-48 Providence lead began to crumble. A Karen Zajick trifecta with 54 seconds left made it a four point game. One goal that the Lady Friars set for themselves before the season was to lead the nation in free throw percentage. Presently the team is fourth with a percentage of 77.4. Stephanie Cole took one step closer to accomplishing this feat by sinking two attempts late in the game. Lis added the finishing touches with a couple of her own from the charity stripe to put it out of reach. The Lady Friars were aided by an excellent game by Lucie Fontanella who along with her 12 points hauled down eight rebounds. The secret to Providence's success against the Orangewomen was no different from any of their other 10 wins this season. They got contributions from several players rather than just one individual. Six player scored at least six points in the game. Lis and Fontanella led the charge but the shooting of Cole, Lewis, and McDonnell can't be overlooked as they had seven, six and six point efforts, respectively. A balanced attack is what PC needs to win and that was exactly what they

didn't get in their next contest at Gampel Pavilion.

Poor shooting resulted in PC's third Big East loss at the hands of the UConn Huskies.

"You can't shoot 18% on the road and expect to win," explains Foley. Nothing was falling for the Lady Friars and 13 first half turnovers didn't aid their cause. Nevertheless, PC was miraculously still in the game at halftime only down 32-28. The lone bright spot was 15 points by Cole. In the second half the Lady Friars succumbed to the mighty Huskies and were quite frankly run off the court. UConn forced PC to shoot from outside by claiming the paint as their own domain. The Lady Friars never found their touch. McDonnell connected on PC's only three-point basket of the half in a game where the Lady Friars were three of 27 from downtown.

"Our frustration got bigger and bigger," explains Foley, "and when you play in front of a crowd like that well it's tough."

Connecticut's 88-64 win enabled them to catch up with Providence in the Big East standings with each possessing 4-3 records.

The Lady Friars are tied for third in the Big East and will need a solid second half to make up some ground. The still flawless Hurricanes are atop the heap and the rest of the league doesn't present any automatic wins. Next up for PC is Villanova followed by a home game versus Seton Hall.

A Dandy In the Dome

While Joe Gibbs will never be confused with a gutsy motivator like George Allen or a stern disciplinarian named Lombardi, the cerebral, North Carolina native is carving his own place in NFL history. His 14-4 playoff record is highly commendable, if not amazing. He quotes passages from the Bible with repeated regularity, but don't be fooled, Gibbs is a hard-nosed, hard-working individual, who demands excellence from his players and staff.

Mary Levy is a terse often quick-witted individual whose stubbornness and loyalty keep the Buffalo Bills "No Fuddle" approach in high gear. Sometimes curd with the media, his dedication to the Bills organization cannot be questioned. His resilient character has driven Buffalo to a couple of Super Sunday's, and packed that frozen-food market of an arena, Rich Stadium, where crazed maniacs cavort on the Sabbath.

The Bills and Bills are as different as the towns they call home and as diverse as the philosophies their two head coaches employ. They are similarities, however. Both have high-powered offenses, both have stingy defenses, and both organizations are the pride of their respective conferences.

The Bills are lead by the charismatic Jim Kelly, graduate of Quarterback U, and popular salesman of Nuprin pain reliever. Mark Rypien, that stud quarterback

(snore) hails from Washington State, and his charm and appeal are somewhere in left field. He's also about exciting as a lecture on Nietzsche. But, both field generals have talented arsenals at their disposal. Thermal Thomas, the "Toose", James Lofton, Ernest Byner, and two incredible offensive lines are some of the weaponry that Jimbo and Ryp will be using this weekend.

That's swell, but Super Bowl XXVI will be decided by the defenses. That's where the Boys from DC have the edge. They blue-collar defensive tackles will force Jim Kelly into some hurried passes. And the "Skins 5 Plan-B" signees will prove that GM Charlie Caserly doesn't need Bobby Beathard around. Without their spiritual defensive leader, Leonard Smith, the Bills could be missing that needed ingredient of intensity.

You get the picture. The Redskins will get the W on Super Sunday. Joe Gibbs will prove he can win a Lombardi trophy in a non-strike year and the Bills will be compared to the Broncos and Vikings. Jim Kelly will be forced to "Nurpe It" after a few headbutts from Charles Mann and Co. Come Sunday, Joe Gibbs will prove he can win an Lombardi trophy in a non-strike year and the Bills will be compared to the Broncos and Vikings. Jim Kelly will be forced to "Nurpe It" after a few headbutts from Charles Mann and Co. Come Sunday around supertime, the astroturf in Minnesota will be stamped with 22 pugnaicous football players. Sit back and enjoy. It should be a dandy.

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-Chip Sextari

Smith, continued from p. 24 his competitive will.

Charles Barkley was quoted on a recent commercial, "Any moron can score. It takes a real man to rebound." And rebounding is indeed Michael Smith's forte. He is incredibly adept at anticipating where the basketball will land. I guess you could call it a sixth sense of sorts. Rebounding is hard work. There aren't any ifs, ands, or buts about it. "Just go do it," was Smith's quick reply when I asked him about his rebounding technique. "There really is no style to it," added Smith. As of Wednesday, Michael Smith is the second leading rebounder (10.6) in the Big East. Smith is a sure-fire pick for Dick (Loudmouth) Vitale's "All-Windef Team." Get out the

Windex, baby. Smitty can clean the glass with the best of them.

Michael Smith is pure proof that something good can indeed come out of something bad. Last year, he was playing Intramural basketball in the Rec Center, wallowing in anonymity. What a difference a year makes. If it wasn't for his hometown friend Lawrence "Poetry in" Moten of Syracuse, Michael Smith would probably be Rookie of the Year in the Big East.

While boxing out Billy Curley, setting a pick for a teammate, or throwing down a powerful dunk, Michael Smith is sure to find simple pleasures and for Michael Smith, basketball is the simplest pleasure of all. Anyway the ball bounces, Michael Smith has been a rebounding success.

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Lady Friars Burning Up the Ice

by Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

Providence College women's ice hockey is riding high. Almost half way through the 1991-92 season, the Lady Friars are 10-1 and in position to battle for their third ECAC title.

Winter break found the Lady Friars in Toronto for the Marion Hillard Invitational Tournament. Laurie Lashomb, Beth Beagan and Cammi Granato each scored two goals as Providence rolled to an 8-2 victory over Queen's in the opening game. Sara Coan added a goal and four assists and Stephanie O'Sullivan a goal and an assist to the winning cause.

The University of Guelph was the next victim on the Lady Friars' tear through Canada. Providence racked up seven straight goals before Guelph got on the board with three minutes left in the game. Granato and Beagan notched two goals apiece. O'Sullivan, Lynn Manning and Lisa Capotosta rounded out the scoring for the Lady Friars. Providence goalie Gina Martinello turned away 33 Guelph shots in the victory.

The University of Toronto gave the Lady Friars their only struggle of the weekend in the final game of the tournament. The score was tied at two with ten minutes left in the second period when Providence exploded for four goals in the second and third periods. Toronto added a goal with four

minutes left in the game, but it wasn't enough and the Lady Friars came away with the 6-3 win in the game and the tournament victory.

"Based on the idea that we'd only been back from vacation a week, we played very well up in Canada," commented Coach John Marchetti.

Providence travelled to Boston last weekend for the Northeastern Invitational with

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New Hampshire, Concordia and host school Northeastern.

The Lady Friars continued to roll with a 2-1 win over a tough New Hampshire team on Friday night in the first round of the round-robin tournament. New Hampshire got on the board first with 6:13 left in the first period. The Lady Friars answered with two in the second period from Stephanie O'Sullivan and Cammi Granato. Lady Wildcat goalie Erin Whitten turned away 35 Providence shots in the game. Providence was handed

their first defeat of the season on Saturday in a 7-4 loss to Northeastern. The Lady Huskies took a 4-2 lead in the first period and never looked back. The Lady Friar goals came from Granato (2), Beagan and Kim Dowd, with assists from O'Sullivan and Beagan.

Providence rebounded on Sunday to beat Concordia 8-5. Cammi Granato and Beth Beagan continued to lead the Lady Friars in the scoring column. Granato scored three goals for the hat trick and added two assists, while Beagan, last year's assist-leader for Providence, had one goal and four assists. Stephanie O'Sullivan also continued her scoring streak with a goal and two assists. Sara Coan, Laurie Lashomb and Melissa Mills each added goals for the Lady Friars.

"Overall, the weekend was successful," said Coach Marchetti. "We didn't play well against Northeastern and they beat us. We came back on Sunday and I guess found enough energy to play well against Concordia. We're improving. I think that's the important thing here. This is a new season in itself because it's second semester and we've shown definite signs of improvement and that's very encouraging."

The Lady Friars face tough competition this weekend with games against New Hampshire and Cornell. According to Coach Marchetti, "UNH will

Friars Re-Writing Record Books

by Terry Brennan
Sports Writer

As the holidays come to a completion and the rested student body returns to campus, the men's and women's Friar swim teams has already completed a good chunk of their schedule. And with great success, I might add. With the men's team posting an 8-2 record and the women's team at 9-2, things are certainly looking up for Coach John O'Neill's squads.

Both teams handled a key quad meet at Williams College against Williams, Vermont and Northeastern beating all of the teams involved. Another successful trip was to Kingston, RI to meet URI and the University of Massachusetts. The men hammered the Rams but dropped one to UMass. The Lady Friars took both schools. Coach O'Neill recalls, "We've had two really good meets. At Williams in a quad meet we were swimming tired from workouts but we still put

up good times."

At the meet at URI, the men's team posted several Providence College records including sophomore Christopher Holt who broke one with a posted 1:43.57 time in the 200 Freestyle and busted an older PC record in the 1000 Freestyle with a time of 9:42.77. A new PC mark was also set in the 200 Backstroke at 1:59.54 by Allen Eggert.

And the men aren't the only ones rewriting the books. Lady Friar Allison Dunleavy took care of the 100 Butterfly record by swimming a 59.44 at the Rhode Island meet as well.

"We've had some injuries and illnesses but people have come through for us," continued an optimistic Coach O'Neill. "We're looking for a top four finish, men and women, in the New England Championships."

What do both teams have ahead? Two more very difficult dual meets: on Saturday at Brown and next week at Syracuse. Then it's on to the New England's in early February. As O'Neill says, their "Biggest challenge is to stay healthy" and the teams should surprise everyone.

be another test for us. They're a strong team. Coan has shown some improvement since the beginning of the year. Both games are at home and they're both going to be good, competitive games.

"We're continuing to work on the little things to

make us a better hockey team. We're looking to improve our passing and our skating, our offensive systems and our defensive coverages. We think that if we continue to improve as a hockey team that we will be very competitive by the end of the year."

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Sports

Jeff Robison: Mt. Saint Charles to PC to the LA Kings? It could happen.

by Michael Tripoli
Sports Interviewer

Now that the frigid New England winter has stricken the campus of Providence College, it is time to turn our attention to winter sports. There are no more soccer games on mild September afternoons, and it is too early for baseball on a crisp, clear spring day. Winter sports are pretty much confined to indoor arenas. One of those is Schneider Arena where you can find Jeff Robison and the rest of the PC Men's Hockey Team.

Jeff is a senior right defenseman for this year's contingent. Jeff started skating when he was five years old and has not stopped since. "I used to watch kids play street hockey when I

was young and that is how I got interested," commented Jeff. "My mom was the one who taught me to skate because my dad was always at work."

Jeff participated in youth hockey leagues and eventually attended Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, RI. Mount, along with Bishop Hedrick, are perennially known as hockey powerhouse in the state of Rhode Island. When it came time to choose a college Jeff narrowed his choices to PC, Brown, and Merrimack. The decision was not a difficult one. "I wanted to go to PC," Jeff remarked. "It was my first choice. I wanted to stay close to home and my father wanted the chance to be able to see me play."

Proximity was not the only reason Jeff chose PC. Providence belongs to Hockey East which is one of the most prestigious hockey conferences in the United States. "Hockey East is a great conference," stated Jeff. "Hockey East and the WHCA are always two of the best conferences." Jeff's statement is supported by the fact that Hockey East has two teams in the nation's top ten and also sent four teams to last year's national tournament.

Last year the Friars were among those four. This year things could be different. According to Jeff, "The team is playing well but I don't think that we've peaked yet. I think that our best hockey is yet to come. If we could reach our

peak near playoff time it would be great."

Making the tournament would require a significant amount of victories. However, Coach McShane does not set a goal for the amount of games the team should win. "We emphasize good team play, not a certain amount of wins," said Jeff. "We want to improve as a team as the season goes along. Personally, I come to play hard every night and to give my best effort for the team."

Since Jeff is a defenseman, his success cannot be measured in goals or assists. He doesn't get all of the press clippings or newsreel highlights that a prolific scorer would get. But Jeff is an unselfish player who realizes that defense is just as much a part of the game as offense.

Jeff has gone all out for the Friars for three and a half years. There is still time left to create some lasting memories. Up to this point in his career, Jeff has two favorite memories of his endeavors on the ice. "One is definitely freshman year when we lost to Maine in the NCAA's," he recalled. "We lost the third game of the series in overtime. If we had won that game we would have made the

Final Four." The other moment? "Sophomore year against UNH when I scored my first career goal."

Playing hockey has offered Jeff some opportunities to travel. In the sixth grade he was on a team that played games in Helsinki, Moscow, and Leningrad. Unbeknown to Jeff, two of his future Friar teammates, Rob Gaudreau and Bob Creamer, were also members of that team. Through hockey Jeff developed friendships with Rob and Bob long before the three would don the Friar black and white hockey uniforms.

On May 17, Jeff and the rest of the Class of 1992 will don a different black and white uniform. This one will consist of a cap and gown. After this momentous day Jeff would like to continue to play hockey. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings and they still own his NHL rights. "The Kings have the option of whether or not to offer me a contract," stated Jeff. "I want to go on playing hockey some where next year. It would be great to be a part of the Kings' system." A PC grad playing on the same team as the immortal Wayne Gretzky? You never know. It could happen.

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Sunday, Jan. 26	WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY VS. CORNELL	1:00p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SYRACUSE	8:00p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SETON HALL	7:00p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31	Women's Track at Terrier Classic (Boston University) Men's Track at Terrier Classic (Boston University) WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY VS. NORTHEASTERN	9:00a.m. 9:00a.m. 6:00p.m.

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Sports

Lady Friars 4-3 in Big East; Dedicate Season to Jen Mead

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

The most important moment in the Lady Friars '91-'92 season won't be when and if they win the Big East crown. Nor will it be the day they are destined to receive another bid the coveted NCAA Tournament. PC's campaign took its most pivotal turn in mid January before a game against St. John's. It was then that the team decided to dedicate this year to Jennifer Mead. The Lady Friars 5'10" center has been diagnosed with a congenital heart defect of the atrial wall. She is scheduled for surgery early next month and will miss the remainder of the season. Mead had been averaging 19.7 points and was the main reason for PC's improved inside game.

"It's nice to know that they care and are supportive," replied Jen in response to her teammate's decision.

Her presence will be sorely missed in the games, but Jen still contributes in any way possible as she attends practices and games. While the loss is a devastating one it may provide PC with the emotional strength it needs to compete in a very balanced Big East.

The Lady Friars got off to a good start in league play with only one set back in their first four games. PC's first matchup of 1992 was in Alumni Hall against Pittsburgh and the

team's 109-90 victory marked their seventh win in a row. Two days later however they were faced with a much improved Georgetown club that would find itself getting off to their best start in school history. The Lady Friars fell to the rejuvenated Hoyas in a scoring dual that reached triple figures for both sides. When the final buzzer sounded Georgetown emerged victorious 115-106. It was only PC's third defeat of the year but the startling feature of the loss was where it occurred. Up until that game the Lady Friars had only lost 10 games at home during Bob Foley's six years as head coach.

On the eighth of January PC paid a visit to Powers Gymnasium for a date with the Eagles of Boston College and according to Coach Foley, "We were lucky to get out of there with a win." Providence made up a 10 point deficit by shooting a remarkable .708 from the field led by Sonya Lewis' career high 24 points. The Lady Friars may have been fortunate, but there was nothing lucky about center Jen Mead's efforts in what would be her final game of the season. She scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to help PC get back in the win column.

Providence's next opponent was St. John's and while the matchup itself was overshadowed by its pre-game dedication, the contest revealed the talents of this group in a way

that was nothing short of remarkable. Coach Foley told me that one of the truly good things about this game is seeing the younger kids step up, face a challenge, and rise to the occasion. Sophomore Stefanie Goetsche did just that in place of the injured Mead. The Westport, CT, native had career bests in scoring and rebounding with 14 and nine respectively. Tracy Lis and Lucie Fontanelle prouced it on by combining for 55 of the team's 89 points. PC returned home with a 3-1 Big East record and headed into post Christmas break action with emotion on their side.

"Wasn't that a great game?" exclaimed Coach Foley.

I didn't expect this kind of optimistic welcoming from a man who in the past few days not only lost a key player for the remainder of the year but a chance to knock off the 19th ranked Miami Hurricanes as well. But Coach Foley was looking beyond mere numbers on the scoreboard and saw the game for what it really was: a wonderful exhibition of basketball. Miami attacked with pinpoint passing around the perimeter and muscle inside provided by the game's leading scorer and rebounder Frances Savage. They made 23 of their 33 field goal attempts in the first half. A number of breakaway layups showcased their speed. Providence countered with a balanced attack that

Friar Runners Off to Good Start in Indoor Season

by Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

Collegiate track and field, both indoor and outdoor, are concerned with one thing - qualifying as many as possible for the end of the season championships: the ECAC's, New England's, IC4A's and NCAA's. The Providence men's and women's teams began the long road to the championships with good showings at their first two meets of the indoor season at Dartmouth and Yale.

At Dartmouth on January 11th, Dionne Wilson, Geraldine Nolan and Anita Philpott earned invitations to the ECAC Championships, while Nanette DeSouza qualified for the New England Championships. Wilson finished third in the 400 meters in 57.1 seconds, Nolan ran the 800 meters in 2:14.1 for a third place finish. Philpott earned her spot at ECAC's with a sixth place in the mile in 4:55.9. DeSouza finished fourth in the long jump at 17'7 1/2" to qualify for New England's. Also at Dartmouth, Bridget Bowers and Jean Hughes finished third and fourth in the 3000 meters.

On the men's side, Andy Keith and Chris Teague each brought home first place fin-

ished and tickets to the IC4A Championships. Keith won the 800 meters in 1:50.7 and Teague won the mile in 4:09.9. The two-mile (4 x 800m) relay team of Jack Davidson, Matt Kirwan, Tim Devitt and Peter Calcuth combined for a fourth place finish.

Dominique Fernandez set a school record in the high jump at Yale last weekend with a jump of 6'9 1/2". The freshman qualified for the IC4A Championships on his first jump as a Friar. TJ Rouso finished fourth at Yale, throwing the weight 42'.

Jean Hughes, Leanne Burke, Dionne Wilson and Vanessa Molloy team up for a second place finish in the distance medley relay and a spot at the ECAC Championships. In the two-mile relay, Laura Perucci, Maggie Mirecki, Patty Gallagher and Cesarina Santana finished fifth in 9:53.7.

This weekend, the Friars have their first big invitational meet at Harvard University. Coach Tracy will have "all the big guns out. We should qualify a lot of people for the NCAA's over the next two weekends, this weekend at the New England Invitational and next weekend at the Terrier Classic at Boston University."

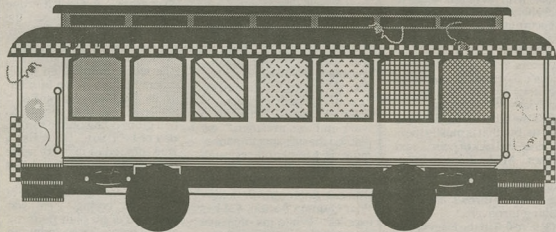
Marie Kennedy by making some important plays in the first half. In particular, one of her layups hung on the rim for

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Sports

Movin' On Up...to Second Place

Friars Move Into Second in Hockey East with Wins Over Lowell and N'Eastern

By Russell Newell
Sports Writer

Last weekend the men's ice hockey team racked up two victories in Hockey East action to improve their league record to 6-3-1, and their overall record to 15-6-1. The two victories against UMass-Lowell Friday night, and Northeastern Saturday night moved the Friars into second place in Hockey East.

The Friars finally beat a Lowell team that has caused them all sorts of problems this year. The 7-4 victory Friday night was the first against the Chiefs this year and ended the series this season at 1-2-1. Bob Cowan gave a strong performance scoring two goals, and Mike Boback continued his scorching scoring with a goal and three assists. The man everyone hoped would score a goal that night did not. Rob Gaudreau, failed in his bid to become Providence's all-time leading scorer by scoring his

hundredth goal. He came close on a few opportunities but it was not meant to be until the next night at Northeastern.

The Friars came out of the blocks against the Huskies, blazing to a 5-0 lead on route to a 6-3 victory. Brian Jefferies opened the scoring with his first goal of the year, and Brady Kramer followed with a short-handed goal. Then Gaudreau re-wrote the record books.

Gaudreau got the goal on his ninth power play goal of the season. He now also leads the nation as the top scoring defenseman (18-24-42), and needs only two more points to become the third player in PC history to go over 200 points in his career. Coach McShane stated, "Robbie's achievement was a great accomplishment. Now he can put that aside and take the next step."

After the Friars closed out Northeastern with goals by Chad Quenneville, Craig Darby, and Mike Boback, and a 41 save performance by Brad

Mullahy, the next step is this weekend when the PC faces University of New Hampshire and Maine.

New Hampshire comes to Schneider Arena trailing PC by one point in the Hockey East standings, and Maine, the number one team in the nation, faces the Friars at the Civic Center. Coach McShane gave this view on the upcoming weekend, "We're playing two great clubs. We're trying to stay alive with our injuries (Peterson, Creamer, Socha, Ridolfi), and we're going to just plow through them."

McShane also added, "I would like to do a better job checking. Our scoring has been going good in the last weeks, but we could still move the puck better." Fans who want to see how well the Friars perform against two top teams can visit Schneider Friday at 7:00 pm, and The Providence Civic Center at 1:00 pm Saturday.



Brad Mullahy came up with 41 save versus Northeastern on Saturday

UConn Stings PC in OT

By John Raposo
Sports Editor

Ouch! This one really hurt. For the fifth consecutive Big East game, the Friars squandered a legitimate opportunity to capture their first conference victory. Again, it was not executing the "little things" which are so crucial in close games that plagued the Friars. After not scoring from the field in the last 2:44 of the second half, the Friars clanged their 12 field goal attempts in overtime to fall, 97-86, to 7th-ranked Connecticut.

"They did a perfectly good job battling us and following their shots," explained UConn coach Jim Calhoun, his standing as state hero of Connecticut growing with every win. "They battled the hell out of us. When you have high ranking, people are going to make your games a priority. I thought Torrino's [Walker] rebounding and Donyell's [Marshall] blocks were paramount."

PC rode a late 8-3 spurt at the end of the second half to necessitate an overtime session. After Scott Burrell, immense all night with 25 pts, on 67 shooting form three land, buried a trifecta, the Friars trailed 78-75. Trent Forbes (15 pts), answered the Husky bulge with three free throws and a slashing 16 footer. After Donyell Marshall, UConn's heralded freshman swatting beanpole, slammed home a baseline drive, Michael Smith made one of two from the line for a 80-79 lead. Forbes stripped Marshall on the baseline and Dickey Simpkins was fouled on the subsequent trip down the court.

Simpkins calmly sank his free throws with only 56 remaining in the game. The Huskies missed their overtime shot, but Torrino Walker was fouled

and hit one of his freebies to knot the game up at 81-81. With seconds remaining, Forbes weaved around the top of the key before spotting up for a three, which fell short.

In overtime, Marshall (17 pts), and Rod Sellers struck UConn to a three point lead, as PC missed three of its first four shots at the charity stripe. UConn, opportunistic if given the chance, capitalized on its trips to the free throw line by converting 11 of their 14 shots to cement their 14th win in 15 tries.

Although the Friars suffered their sixth consecutive Big East loss, the Friars did receive significant contributions from two sources, one expected the other unexpected. The expected one, of course, was Michael Smith, who registered a non-Marvin Barnes Civic Center record with 22 boards, 10 offensive. In the last nine games, Smith has pulled down 114 rebounds for an average of 12.7 a game. The other hero for the black-and-white was Matt Alosa, who was maligned in recent newspaper articles for his paltry contribution.

Alosa contributed with 12 points, on 4-4 shooting (3-3 in three land), without any turnovers in only fourteen minutes. Alosa was the Friars stabilizing force as his range into the game at the seven minute mark of the first half ignited a 9-4 Friar run. More importantly, Alosa's contributions marked the first time all season long that the Friars received solid error-free play from the point guard position.

"He and I had a talk earlier this week," Coach Barnes commented after the game.

"He said that the articles written in the paper were way out of line because he felt he hadn't

been doing the things I asked of him. We watched films of the Kansas State game and their point guard was running around like a kamikaze idiot. Well, Matt played like that in practice, so he deserved to play."

After two Marshall slams and a three pointer to start the game, the Friars trudged out to their typical slow start. The insertion of Alosa not only pleased the local crowd, but it breathed life into the Friar offense. After a Marcus Bragg (13 pts, 14 rb) hook and a Smith free throw, Alosa launched the first of his three threes to propel PC to their largest lead of the game, 20-14. Tony Turner's buzzer beater managed to cut the Husky lead to 38-35 at the half, despite anemic 39.3% shooting by the Friars in the first half.

In the second half, Burrell sandwiched two threes in between a Smith trifecta as UConn opened a 47-39 lead. After a Forbes three-pointer and a Bragg lay up, Rob Phelps and Alosa, with his hands raised to the rafters, traded threes to even the score at 53-53. Alosa found Bragg cutting to the basket on an inbound play to again tie the score at 65 with 10:00 left. Alosa's five straight points set the stage for Forbes to guide the Friars into overtime.

"It's the little things that have beat us, but that is mostly inexperience and lack of poise," said Barnes. Michael Smith interjected, "We worked hard as a team, but we have to stop missing the free throws and stop making turnovers."

"We're 0-6 in the league, but we could be 6-0," added Alosa. "I don't think the Big East can keep us down any longer."

On Saturday, Villanova will see.

Michael Smith:
A Rebounding SuccessBy Chip Scutari
Sports Columnist

There is an old military saying that goes, "those who attack first usually survive." While not competing on a conventional battlefield, Michael Smith takes a belligerent attitude with him every time he steps onto the hard court. The 6'8" (actually closer to 6'9") sophomore has captivated Big East audiences from the fields of Pittsburgh, PA to the streets of Jamaica - that's Jamaica, N.Y. His rebounding forays and hard-hitting style has endeared him to the Civic Center fans and to his teammates and coaches. "We Like Mike" has been heard reverberating throughout the rafters in the Providence Civic Center on a number of occasions. "Smithy's" pillage and plunder on the offensive glass is truly remarkable. Especially in a league where few survive and even fewer flourish.

Michael Smith, like his teammate and friend Rob Phelps, was a victim of the NCAA's Proposition 48 last year. He was relegated to the role of a spectator. So close to the action, yet so painfully far away. "I couldn't help the team. I couldn't practice. I just had to work out on my own," explained the soft-spoken sophomore. But, unlike other casualties of the Proposition 48 plague, like Anthony Avent, Rumeal Robinson, or fellow Friar Quinton Burton, #34 has excelled. While his offensive repertoire is a limited package, his agility, quickness, and lithe body has enabled Smith to earn high marks on his first semester report card in the Big East.

If you watch Michael Smith

during warm-ups, you will see a subdued, laid back individual, a casual demeanor. This behavior, though, is truly transient. When the zebra tosses up that first ball, the Washington, D.C., native plays with a ferocious abandon. Grabbing rebound after rebound, bumping heads with Big East foes or swinging those lethal weapons called Elbows, Smithy is a precocious talent whose efforts have been lauded around the league. "Michael will be one of the greats in this league before long," boasted a proud Rick Barnes. "He's like five guys in one," said an impressed Lou Carnesecca.

While not blessed with an outstanding leaping ability, a chiseled figure, or an incredible first step, Michael Smith makes up for all that he lacks with an abundance of intensity, desire and aggressiveness. Smith drew the ire of the Pitt faithful because of his physical play, swatted Malik Sealy with a vengeance, and took it strong to the hoop against Almonzo, the All-American from G.Town. Michael told me he has played around tough people all his life. The word intimidation never enters Smith's frame of reference. He looks forward to a challenge with the anticipation of a ground hog on the second day of February. He is also a true competitor in every sense of the word. After a tough loss to Boston College, Michael went to Coach Barnes' office at 1:00 a.m. crying. He was ashamed of his poor performance (4 points, 2 rebounds) and promised it would never happen again. His last two Big East contests (38 rebounds and 38 points) are a testimony to

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Congratulations to Rob Gaudreau on his 100th collegiate goal: January 18, 1992