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No Friar Connection With Local Gambling Ring

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

The gambling tempest which has wracked the campuses of neighboring Bryant College and URI has, at least for the moment, steered clear of Providence College. The fallout from Wednesday's arrest of Bryant College senior Matthew Zimmerman, a 21-year-old finance major from Mattapoisett, MA, has led to the arrest of two other students, the formation of task forces at both schools, and the swirling of unsubstantiated rumors concerning possibility of the URI basketball team being involved, in particularly Jeff Kent, whose brother was included in the investigation. On Tuesday, four members of the Bryant basketball team were suspended for amassing a \$54,000 debt with Zimmerman.

That PC has not been implicated in the investigation does not mean gambling does not exist at PC—it does. Nor does it mean that PC students who do tender bets are not involved with Zimmerman. At this point in the investigation, the RI State Police have not found evidence incriminating PC.

"Within the state of Rhode Island, Bryant and URI are the only two schools that have been mentioned in the probe," Capt. Brian Andrews of the RI State Police said on Wednesday afternoon. "However, we have evidence that suggests that this gambling operation went beyond Rhode Island and into Massachusetts. We don't have anything on PC that would imply that PC was connected with the operation."

Father McPhail confirmed that the administration had not been contacted as to any possible PC involvement in the

gambling ring. "It is possible that students at PC gamble, but I can't say that any stu-

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dent was involved with him [Zimmerman]," said Fr. McPhail. "Gambling's a prob-

lem that crisscrosses ages and economic lines, so it might have involved some of our students. The investigation has not touched our campus, though."

The investigation, headed by Capt. Andrews, may not have reached the PC campus, but Zimmerman does have a link to Providence College. For two years, Zimmerman was enrolled in the ROTC program here at PC. Capt. Gregory Borden of the ROTC program was not at liberty, under the guidelines of the Privacy Act of 1974, to offer details about Zimmerman's decision to leave the program.

Furthermore, the close proximity of Bryant and URI and the fact that PC has a big-time college basketball program would suggest that Zimmerman may have had some connections on campus. Zimmerman, who was expelled from Bryant College

on Friday, started his operation small with football cards, and like the Michelangelo virus, spread his dealings into more expensive endeavors. His downfall began when Steve Kent, the brother of URI basketball star Jeff Kent, was threatened by more pressure after falling behind in a \$7000 debt. Two female friends of Kent reported this incident to the police, and the police created an undercover sting to capture Zimmerman.

On Sunday night, at National Sportsmanship Day in Alumni Hall, Capt. Andrews spoke about the dangers of gambling involvement. "A lot of people start innocently with football cards," warned Capt. Andrews in a fifteen minute exhortation. "Before you know it you start losing more than you win, and you're down thousands of dollars. Then the organized crime figures pay visits."

Money Matters: An Update On Senior Spending

by Sean Coady
Senior Class Vice President

Last year, as a newly elected member of student congress, I had the opportunity to work the commencement week activities. The week was a tremendous success and everyone had a great time. After experiencing commencement week, I was excited to return to school as a senior, get to work planning activities for the senior class, and help the commencement core committee plan the week. When school resumed, however, student congress found that commencement week had a few problems.

First of all, it is not a week; it is three days. Secondly, the class of '92 was only allocated \$29,000, as compared to \$80,000 last year; the reason this figure is so low is that last year's commencement overspent, and the bills did not arrive at school until after the seniors had graduated. At this point, the school had no choice but to pay the bills; but because the seniors had graduated, no one was held responsible. The amount of overspending has not been made available to the student congress, but we do know that of \$400,000 Congress was allocated for clubs and activities, \$120,000 had to be used to pay last year's bills.

Because of administrative and bookkeeping inaccuracy, the class of '92 activities fee, which all seniors pay, is being used to pay for last year's commencement.

This year's senior class had saved \$30,000 because of underspending on IRW, and the class had made money on events the previous three years. This money was donated to the commencement core so they could try to plan more quality events for the seniors.

Because all class funds were given to commencement, the senior class officers are forced to run events that break even. One example of the cutbacks is that at this Friday's '92 Days party, there will be no dance floor (even without a dance

floor, it will still be a great time). Chairs and tables may also not be available because they must be rented and the class officers do not want to overcharge their classmates.

The senior class officers are doing their best to provide quality and enjoyable events for the class, even though the position in which the administration has placed the class does not make this easy. They would appreciate all support and cooperation in this time of financial trouble. The situation with commencement might seem to some as the straw that broke the camel's back, but as a class, we must make our farewell from Providence College a time to remember!

by Colleen Carson
Editor-in-Chief

Walking through the halls in Harkins these days, seniors appear to be talking about one thing - money, whether it is commencement budget allocations, parking tickets, or monthly living expenses. And now there is another item to add to the list.

The PC Alumni Development Office has recently established a program for members of the senior class to pledge donations to the school before graduation. Operations in the Senior Giving Program involve nine students organized by the Alumni Office to be team lead-

ers of senior class volunteers who will then solicit donations from other senior class members.

The program aims for seniors to pledge specified amounts during the campaign period March 23-April 10. The Alumni office stresses that students will not be billed until November, 1992, and payment will be due June 30, 1993. The donations are set up as follows: \$10 for '92-'93, \$20 for '93-'94, \$30 for '94-'95, and \$40 for '95-'96, totalling \$100 donation from each pledge. All proceeds will be used for financial aid according to Ken Binder, director of Corporate and Community Relations, Alumni Development.

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Commencement Comparative Analysis

	1990	1991	1992
Formal:	\$48,971	\$47,000	\$37,000
Entertainment:	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$4,250
Slideshow:	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$6,000
Semi-Formal:	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$000
TOTAL:	\$150,000	\$160,000	\$106,350
ALLOCATED:	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$29,000
IRW:	Broke Even	Overspent	Underspent

Disciplinary Measures

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

Cases as of:

March 2, 1992:

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 party condoning underage drinking, and causing a neighborhood disturbance. Consequently, the following penalties have been assessed: disciplinary probation until May 31, 1992, 20 hours of community service, \$125 fine, and alcohol education.

To All Seniors:

It is a requirement of the College for graduation that one must complete all disciplinary sanctions. This year the completion date is May 1st. Failure to complete assigned penalties will result in any or all of the following being implemented; final grades being withheld; transcripts being denied; forbidden to participate in Commencement and its activities; and the diploma being withheld. Any concerns should be addressed to the Vice President for Student Services as soon as possible.

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Options For Life

by Julie Shea, '95
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, members of PC For Life were guests of The Ivy League Coalition for Life at a convention hosted by Brown for Life. One of the many activities of the weekend was a lecture given by Mary Cunningham Agee, the founder and Executive Director of the Nurturing Network. The Nurturing Network is a nation-wide charitable organization committed to helping women who are faced with unexpected pregnancies. The Nurturing Network is concerned with the welfare of both the mother and the child.

The Nurturing Network began as a practical solution to the increasing number of abortions that are performed annually. Mrs. Agee realized that many women had a feeling that they would have no other choice but to have an abortion. She did a survey of one hundred women who had undergone an abortion. Ninety-one of the women said that they would have not had an abortion if there were a practical solution. Then she discovered that 81% of women who has abortions were twenty

or older. With this knowledge in hand, she set out to start an organization that was geared toward the needs of college age and working women.

The Network consists of 10,500 members and combines the resources of 225 universities, 450 employers, medical

passionate, nurturing care that they need to carry their child to term. The support does not end after the child is born. The women have the option of keeping the child or giving it up for adoption (25% of the women choose adoption). If they keep the child, they receive support in learning how to be an effective parent.

The Nurturing Network is committed to providing this support without charge, to the extent that donated resources permit. If anyone finds themselves in need of help, they can contact The Nurturing Network at 1-800-TINN-4MOM. One of the focuses of the Nurturing Network is providing compassionate care. As their pamphlet says, "There is one more gift The Nurturing Network offers. You can't look it up in a book, or walk up to a counter and ask for it...we're speaking of human kindness, that precious quality for which there is no substitute."

Recognizing the importance of helping mothers, PC for Life will be selling flowers to be distributed on St. Patrick's Day to benefit The Little Flower Home (a home for unwed mothers). The flowers will be on sale next week in Slavin.

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doctors, counsellors, and 750 Nurturing Houses to help 1,000 pregnant women annually. The woman have the option of staying at their present university or job. If they transfer, they are placed at an approved Nurturing Home, receive medical care, and are linked to mentors and/or counsellors. The clients receive the com-

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have been chosen based on their active participation in college life and have worked with the Alumni Office previously with fundraising," stated Binder. These team leaders include Maribeth DePalma, Dawn Guerriero, Jeanne Handy, Katie Keough, Kathy Marlowe, Sue Namarato, Julie Neveira, Jay Costa, and Erin Rosch. Currently the Alumni Office is still looking for 75 class volunteers to each solicit 15 additional seniors face to face. On Tuesday, March 10, a Class Volunteer dinner meeting to introduce the program and bring together participants will be held in '64 Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Three additional students comprise the main link between the team leaders and Alumni Development Office. Deirdre Carly is chairperson of the Senior Giving Program, Murray Whitehead is publicity chairperson and Jay Costa, also a team leader, is included as class of '92 President.

"Because of the economic situation, I think many students will view our efforts negatively, but once they learn and understand our goals, I feel we will have a good turnout. This is the year to get the program implemented and off the ground so in the upcoming years it will increase and expand," stated Jay Costa.

"Unfortunately we are the guinea pigs of the program," stated Deirdre Carly. "I recog-

nize that the program will take a lot of slack, but within the next ten years this program should be as successful as similar programs at other schools such as Dartmouth which now has an 80% return where they had 50% their first year. Reasons for being an active member in this program are important because our diploma will grow with the growth of the school."

Both student team leaders

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expressed their desire to achieve a 50% participation from the senior class, but will aim for more.

Solicitation letters further explaining details of the Senior Giving Program will be distributed to all seniors on March 16. Besides the face to face soliciting among students, a table will also be set up in lower Slavin for donations during the campaign period of March 23 - April 10.

Every senior who pledges a donation will be given a 10% discount card to be used on purchases in the PC bookstore during Senior Week, May 13-18. Murray Whitehead, Publicity Chairperson, is currently researching possible discounts in the mini-mall for senior pledges.

The Alumni Office has highlighted some of the benefits alumni receive for donating to PC which will also be available for seniors participating in the Senior Giving Program. Donating alumni are placed on the mailing list for all issues of Providence Magazine, special events notices, and invitations for regional activities. Donators receive ticket priority for all College sponsored activities such as Alumni Weekend, Harvestfest, athletic contests, etc. They are eligible for appointive office and to vote in elections for alumni board, regional clubs and committees, etc. And they are listed in the Annual Report and receive a membership card for the library, Peterson Rec, etc.

The current donating response from alumni classes '89-'91 has been around 40-45% according to Binder. "Overall percentage of donations has reached 50% which places PC alumni among the top 1% of giving to colleges in the country. We definitely have a loyal alumni group and hope to expand this loyalty to the senior class," stated Binder.

The Search Is On: Quest for VPAA Sparks Controversy As Final Candidates Are Chosen

by Anne M. Lee
Editorials Editor

participation in the search was not "window dressing."

The move drew criticism from the faculty, which had previously hailed the search as open and fair. Dr. Richard Murphy, chairman of the Faculty Senate, explains: "As the search was originally laid out, it showed real promise - openness, professionalism, and a consideration of the faculty and its concern for academic advancement of our institution. The Faculty Senate had contributed recommendations to follow AAUP guidelines for the search and the search committee had incorporated them into operations. So far, so good. Without saying that the president of the college has no power to alter ground rules at any point in the procedure, I believe that it is important to recognize what the effect of such alteration is upon the morale of the faculty at large."

In a year peppered with questions on the nature of the college curriculum as it tries to maintain its Catholic identity into the next century, the job for Vice-President for Academic Affairs is wide open.

Or maybe not so wide open. The task of the search committee, which has been working since the fall to fill the position, was recently superseded by President Cunningham who asked for an alteration in the names of the final five candidates.

According to Dr. Jack King, head of the search committee, although the field had been narrowed, Cunningham requested that all in-house candidates go through the visiting day, which is the step reserved for the finalists. Therefore, Dr. Mario DiNunzio, director of the Development of Western Civilization Program, a candidate who was not among the final five, was listed as a sixth possible choice.

Father Cunningham defended the move as a policy of "professional courtesy." He later wrote a letter to the committee, assuring them that their partici-

AAUP guidelines noted by Murphy are re-iterated in this month's PC chapter newsletter. Its Joint Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities includes the following: "The selection of academic deans and other chief academic officers should be the responsibility of the president with the advice of, and in consultation with, the

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appropriate faculty." The faculty is now requesting that further clarification of the AAUP process be voiced, as it specifically mentions the importance of a faculty component.

The Search Process

The position of Vice-President for Academic Administration (VPAA) will be open as of July 1, 1992, when Dr. Mackay will step down. After his announcement of resignation earlier this year, President Cunningham appointed the search committee. Besides John King of the Math Dept., the following members make up the committee: Richard Alsfield, political science; Wanda Ingham, Asst. Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Edward Meyers, O.P. Vice-President for finance; S. Terrie Curran, english; Matthew Powell, O.P., theater; and Francis Trainor, alumni president. King noted that this committee represents a cross-section of the Providence College community.

They set to work by adver-

tising for the position in the Chronicle for Higher Education, a national publication. The job description notes that the VPAA will be responsible for reporting to the president; supervising overall planning of the curriculum; coordinating the hiring, promotion and tenure of the faculty; and chairing the Rank and Tenure committee. The VPAA is the chief academic officer of the college and serves on all major administrative committees.

The application requested an earned doctorate or recognized terminal degree, as well as strong administrative, leadership and communication skills. In addition, the Vice-President for Academic Affairs must be able to promote the mission of the college.

Nearly 100 applications were received. At a series of meetings, most were eliminated due to a number of factors, such as experience and job changes. King noted that as an equal opportunity employer, Providence College showed no regard to race, color or gender when reviewing applications.

Regarding religion, Catholics were part of the application pool, per Plan 2000 which stresses the need to maintain the Catholic identity of the college; however, they were given no preferential treatment.

Once ten applications remained, the committee conducted over-the-phone interviews and discussed salary range with them. They then eliminated two more candidates after averaging the votes of committee members. Finally, five candidates were invited to take part in a visiting day, with three others put "on hold." Dr. DiNunzio's name was among those in the holding position. It was at this point that Father Cunningham intervened.

The visit days, scheduled to run on successive Wednesdays until April, will include interviews, a luncheon, and hour-long presentations to the college community, including students. This talk will focus on candidates' views on Catholic higher education, with ample time for questions from the audience. Concluding the day will be a committee dinner with the applicant.

On March 11, Dr. Jeanie Watson from Hamline University will be here, followed by PC's Director of the Social Science Program Dr. Charlotte O'Kelly on March 18. Dr. Robert Wall from Gannon College will visit on March 25, followed by Dr. DiNunzio on April 1.

Written comments are welcome on these candidates, and can be directed to Dr. John King, Chair, Search Committee, Hickey Hall, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918.

After all finalists have come to the campus, the committee will submit three names to President Cunningham who will review resumes and conduct hour-long interviews with each of the three. He will then submit his choice to the Providence College corporation, who will cast the deciding vote. Cunningham has not said he will choose one of the three suggested names, but it is expected that he will do so.

Politics Of Higher Education
The views of the newly appointed VPAA will have a direct impact on the future of Providence College, especially at a time of changing definition

of the role of an institution of higher education. Increasingly, the college's focus on a strict Western liberal-arts approach is coming under fire from both students and faculty. Dr. DiNunzio is a founder and director of the mainstay of this approach, the Development of Western Civilization course.

The new VPAA will have to consider the college's growing proportion of minorities and non-traditional students, integrating their needs and concerns with those of the traditional, white, middle-upper class student.

Cernam noted that the college is not adequately prepared for the changes of the future have been voiced. One faculty member noted, "This school is so conservative. Any element of change is frightening to it."

Other issues surrounding the position of VPAA are Providence College's maintenance of its Catholic image, budget constraints affecting academic programs, faculty salaries, and minority recruitment.



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Student Congress Treasurer Determined To Avoid Making The Same Mistake Twice

by Kate Malloy
Assistant News Editor

The shortage of allotted money for the 1991-1992 school year has affected almost every student, whether in the form of a shortened 1992 Commencement or by a diminished number of school and club activities. The glaring \$120,000 deficit left primarily by prior classes and the 1991 Commencement bill had to be ratified this year with significantly smaller budgets for clubs, BOP, and other events such as Junior King Week-end.

Albert Tomatore '92, who replaced Kathleen Ley '92, in January as the Executive Treasurer of the Student Congress, recently described changes that are being made to avoid over-

spending in the future.

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"As of this year, no PC student can sell beer or beer tickets at any school event," he

explained.

Another restriction was put on the print room, where, in the past, it was easy for clubs to get 3,000 flyers to distribute to every undergraduate. To remedy this expensive practice "every request for copies is now reviewed and needs my signature," explained Tomatore.

Another important step being taken is an attempt to simplify the bookkeeping of the treasury. As of now, the book keeping is literally "kept in books." Tomatore feels budgets kept on computers would be more effective.

Despite the challenges faced by all involved in the budget crunch, Tomatore is optimistic. "Things are going well this year, and I don't expect any overspending."

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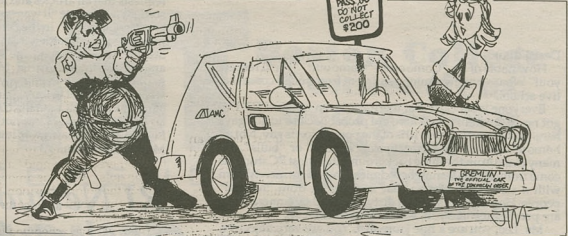
by Margaret Sonner
Assist. Editorial Editor

Have you been selected as one of the lucky ones picked to get a parking ticket on Huxley Avenue? No sidewalks to be seen, no NO PARKING signs in sight, (okay, except that bleached and faded one about ten feet from the NO TURN ON RED sign that now says "turn on red" with the "no" sprayspainted black), but...the meter checker is there, watching, sitting behind that tree, with her dark sunglasses on, waiting...just waiting until you go to that fateful class. At that time, Wham Bam!, 1-2-3, every car gets a little, though not unrecognizable, orange tag affixed to their car. By the time you realize it, she is a mere dust cloud heading for the back of Slavin, her mouth watering, continuing on in her search for other "offenders."

As I got my visit from the ticket-fairy, rumors were spreading of Fr. McPhail's defending the student body on this issue.

I must admit, I was skeptical. However, in my conversation with him, I was pleasantly surprised that priests do get tickets too. Although he has his problems with the decision, he acted out of proper Rhode Island etiquette...he bargained with the Police Department, this way, he was given a few days' grace period before they started to enforce this seemingly arbitrary decision. More importantly, Fr. McPhail was able to send a small notice, to the all informative Cowl, warning students of the Providence Police Department's evil intentions. He did this with the seeming agreement that the meter-person would hold back her (or his) red pen for a short grace period, hard though it may be. That is all fine and good, but after my phone conversation with the Vice President of Student Services and, more importantly, MY PAYMENT, I found that the notice was in the Feb 12th issue of The Cowl...my ticket was given on the 10th of Feb.

This \$15 fine is no small affair to any college student, even those at Providence College. I want to take this matter further by saying that the school could help us out a bit by not being so tight about parking in "C" and



"D" lots for commuters. For once, the administration could participate in their students' fight against unfair treatment. Okay, we were given the chance to obtain a parking sticker at the beginning of the school year, although you are not obligated to pay for one, you are also not guaranteed one. But, in September, I was also under the impression that I COULD PARK ON HUXLEY AVENUE.

But the "good" neighbors, as Fr. McPhail referred to them (little does he know how much they hate us!), want to take walks without the threat of being flattened by those cars

that use Huxley as an air-landing strip. So, in Providence's abounding efficiency and brilliance, they choose to penalize harmless parked cars instead of enforcing the speed limit on that particular avenue or, better yet, paving a curbed sidewalk to ensure these peoples' safety.

I recommend three solutions, not to the resolution of the situation, but to the assurance of equality in the handling of the situation: 1) since there is a justifiable argument against the authenticity of the so-called "sidewalk," the most significant solution would be for the city of Providence to pave a curbed

sidewalk in the area in question, 2) if the Providence Police Dept. insists on taking \$15 from each offender, they should at least set aside a fund to construct a sidewalk in the future, and 3) PC might explore the idea of letting up on the unnecessary restrictions of the "C" and "D" parking areas, it seems as though there are plenty of spaces available. These recommendations are merely alternatives to the unfair treatment. In other words LET'S KEEP PROVIDENCE ON THEIR TOES, instead of stepping on ours.

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Cops and Robbers

America's Criminals Meet Prime Time

by Kevin M. Mullaney '92
Assistant Editorials Editor

America seems to be obsessed lately with Fox's TV show "COPS," as well as other similar shows that entertain us with real-life hardships. Good or bad, COPS-type shows are the latest fad. It seems that we just can't get enough of misery in the news. It's not just one show, either. There are a growing number of misery-related shows, such as *Rescue-911* (CBS), *FBI Untold Stories* (ABC), *Top Cops* (CBS), and *America's Most Wanted* (Fox).

The key to COPS, and other similar shows is that the viewer gets to watch an unscripted, real-life cops and robbers show. The fascination with "good guy vs. bad guy" begins at youth. Just as we play cops and robbers with our childhood friends, or a survival game among adults, the interest in violence is the same. The response has proved that our interest in danger and evil is never outgrown, it remains a part of us.

Ironically, just as America has become fascinated with COPS, the Justice Department is conducting an investigation into the abuse in the nation's police departments. Stories of police brutality have ruffled many feathers in America. Yet, we still love to watch them arrest the bad

guys on TV, and the more violent the arrest, the better. Watching the police on TV is different than reading about them in the newspapers. On TV, they are stars, our risking their lives in

The fascination with "good guy vs. bad guy" begins at youth.

order to protect "us" by either shooting or locking up the bad guys. The newspapers portray the police as civil servants, and we all know how corrupt they can be. So, which is it, do we love cops or don't we?

The TV show COPS is interesting, and to risk sounding inhumanely insensitive, it is entertaining. The sad part about COPS is that it exploits extremely sensitive situations. People who have robbed banks or stolen cars deserve to have their faces put on TV. These criminals have forfeited their rights in their abuse of the law. However, these shows' producers should

realize that not all police situations warrant TV exposure. Watching a mother being torn away from her children because she is addicted to crack and can't afford to feed her kids isn't grant for prime time. It's sick. Knowing about this type of situation is one thing, but filming it live for the purpose of attracting viewers and raising ratings is tasteless.

TV viewers love to watch COPS fulfill its "necessity," it also should teach us something. We shouldn't forget that we are watching real people in real situations. Instead of cheering on the violence, we must try to find a way to end it once and for all. We must make peace a top priority in our nation. We owe it to ourselves, and ultimately, our posterity.

Letters To The Editor

Response To Gays Not All Favorable

Dear Editor:

How noble of us. "Come out!" "Come out!" "We'll respect you!" What a heartwarming sentiment from such a conservative school.

Everyone is shocked that there are "even gays at PC." I've got news for all of you. There are probably close to 400 gays here. Statistics show that 10% of the population is gay. Not all homosexuals are the stereotypical "queens" or "bulls" and many come from the same background that most PC students come from. It's really not their choice. Gays were merely born with a sexual orientation that is different from "normal" people. Homosexuals are not dirty, nor are they sinners. They are people, just like you, with one difference.

Ms. Lee, you are a fine journalist. You are very objective, articulate, and open-minded, but the article "For Gays, PC and Rutgers are a World Apart" (*The Cowl*, Feb. 6) gives credit where none is due. Let me give you a sample of some of the comments I've heard since the letters were published. "Man, fags around here?" "Maybe I'll transfer." "Fudgepackers at PC, wow." "What did you think of that fag article?" Not particularly encouraging, is it? Granted, there are some open-minded people here, but you would find these people anywhere. The majority are close-minded bigots. I've been hassled, not because I'm gay, but because I have gay friends. If someone who associates with gays has problems, how do you think the homosexuals themselves will be treated? Does the term "gay bashing" mean anything to you? I wish it was otherwise and homosexuals could come out, because, quite frankly, gay men are, in many cases, more fun to hang out with than straight men. Sadly, however, it is not reasonable to expect that the student body at large will accept them.

I'm sure that many of us would like to think that we're open-minded but when it comes down to it, we can't escape what our parents and society have taught us.

Brendan Hanlon, '94

Special Thanks To A Student Congress Representative

Dear Editor:

On any chilly Monday evening, walk into a Student Congress meeting and you will be sure to find one person whose devotion to her class apparent - Kristen Gallagher! She has remained true to her friends, school and ideals as a Student Congress Representative, but it is her loyalty to the class of '95 which stands alone. With faith in her fellow classmates, she looks forward to each and every day with a smile, seeking her share of the load to carry. There is heart breaking beauty in her personality that fits into place with our community and so is able to populate Providence with those dreams that reflect the ideals of students living in harmony and in touch with one another. Kristen, along with the entire Student Congress, has created a caring environment where the individual can develop free from fear, encouraged by positive affirmation, and yet still be aware of the balance between individual freedom and social responsibility. The point that has to be made is that her personable approach marks the beginning, and the more the personal touch is maintained, the more the work is apt to bring our class together as a spirited community. Kristen and the other officers have made great contributions to our personal and academic lives while serving the freshmen class and they should be commended for their extraordinary efforts.

I want to express my thanks to the freshmen class officers for all your hard work and input as representatives of the freshmen class. I would also like to extend a very special word of thanks to Kristen Gallagher for her effort towards such goals as the Boston trip and the Red Eye Dance because your leadership is very much appreciated by the freshmen class and me. I hope your work and attitude serve as an inspiration to others living at Providence College.

Thank you again, and I wish you well.

Sincerely,

Christopher Stanley, '95

Don't Judge My Reaction!

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to start off by quoting part of *The Cowl* Editorial Policy IV: "The staff respectfully requests that all articles and letters contain no personal attacks." I would like for the anonymous gay student who wrote "It was somewhat disappointing to read the immature last remarks of Mr. Stanley and Mr. Christian" in the Feb. 12 edition of *The Cowl* to read that part of the policy once again before handling in another letter, anonymous no doubt, labeling people immature. Having consulted Mr. Stanley, we feel that no one's reactions should be put under scrutiny by an anonymous student, or anyone else for that matter. Mr. Stanley and I have just as much right to react to a question as you do to be gay. So I say to you, my anonymous peer, criticize if you must, but do not stand in judgment where you do not belong. To end this I would like to take a quotation from Kevin Mullaney's article "Can You Say HOMOSEXUAL?" in the Feb. 6 edition of *The Cowl*: "Homosexuality is very often treated with humor...it is not fair to say that making gay jokes is a symptom of homophobia," nor, I might add, is it a sign of immaturity.

Michael Christian, '93

RI Network For Gay Student Alliances Offers Support

Dear Editor:

It was with great interest that I read the articles on homosexuality at PC. There is an outlet for discussion available - I recently formed the Rhode Island Network of Gay Student Alliances. Gay students are not the only members of these organizations - heterosexuals as well as gays can get involved in a support system for the gay college community.

Even if PC cannot get involved in a gay student organization on campus, I encourage the members of your college community who are interested to contact the Network. Confidentiality is assured - Network meetings float from campus to campus. Contact us through RISD's Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance: RISD LGBA Attn: RI Network, RISD Box E-6, Two College St., Providence, RI 02903.

Sincerely,
Terry Sapp
RISD LGBA, R.I. Network

Do You Want To Join A Jogging Club?

Dear Editor:

I wanted to address a situation I've noticed only recently. We as students are all aware of the fact that the area surrounding PC is not exactly safe. There have been numerous attacks on students and community members alike. Despite this fact, I have noticed many female joggers, whom I recognized as students, out alone after 4 p.m. I confronted one of these joggers, who is a close friend of mine, while she was running on Douglas Ave. near Freeway Liquors. (I'm sure most people who read *The Cowl* remember what happened to a student there a short while ago.) When I asked her why she was running alone, she said stubbornly, "I have no one else to run with." I find this very difficult to believe, given the amount of spandex running around this school. I am sure there are numerous other people who feel uneasy about running alone at dusk, but have no other choice for one reason or another, so they do it regardless. I would like to know if any runners are interested in forming a club with a phone list and weekly time schedule so that nobody, male or female, has to put themselves at risk and run alone. I don't know all the clubs on campus, but maybe one of them would be interested in addressing what should be considered a problem.

Michael Christian, '93

Editorial Policy

I. Commentary articles and Letters to the Editor are welcome from any member of the PC student body, faculty and administration. Submissions from those outside the PC community may be printed if space permits.

II. All submissions to the Editorial Department are subject to the editing of the Editorial Staff. If there is a specific part

of your article or letter you do not wish to be cut, please see one of the Editorial Staff members prior to publication.

III. All letters must be typed, double spaced and limited to 500 words. Letters must be signed; however, if you do not wish your name to appear in print, please contact Colleen Carson, Editor-in-Chief, Anne Lee, Editorial Editor,

or Fr. Mark Nowel, *Cowl* advisor. Complete anonymity may be granted if the subject is of a particularly personal nature.

IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles and letters contain no personal attacks.

V. All submissions should be in *The Cowl* office no later than Monday at noon prior to publication on Wednesday.

Roving Photographer

In light of recent investigations into gambling at URI and Bryant College, do you think gambling is a problem here at PC?



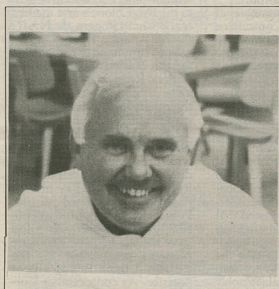
Mike Suchenski, '93: I don't think it exists here. We're not involved in a nationwide ring, although people make bets among friends.



"Z", Club Eagles member: I don't think it's a problem but I know it exists. It's existed as long as I've been here, playing ball around campus.



Joe Dowling, '92, Tom Finocchio, '92 and Brenda Outwater, '92: Yes, definitely, but on the other hand, that's how we support our weekend drinking habits.



Fr. J. Stuart McPhail, Vice President of Student Services: Gambling is a concern at every college and university because it's a concern in society. Providence College has to be vigilant about it, too.



Jennifer Sinclair, '93: Gambling at PC is not a serious problem. I've heard of guys gambling on sports events. I've even bet on the Super Bowl!



Mike Leuzzi, '95, student worker in Athletic Dept.: I personally don't gamble unless it's a big event like the Super Bowl or the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Anyone who throws their money away on a weekly basis gets screwed in the long run.



Ann Marie Kennedy, '92, Varsity Basketball Player: Yes, I know as a matter of fact it is a problem. We had a man come for National Sportsmanship Day to talk about it. The senior class is a bunch of gamblers!



Tom Murray, '93 and Mark Krukonis, '92, Varsity Baseball Players: It exists but we don't think it's a problem. Definitely don't bet on our games! As far as Providence sports go, people only bet on basketball.



Meghan Conboy, '94 and Daniella Pasquariello, '94: I don't think it is because it would have come out when it was coming out about URI and Bryant.

Commentary

Shooting From The Hip...Again

by Mike Saucier and
Chuckie Potatos
Staff Cynics

-Why don't graffiti writers think up some new original insults? Who cares about "who's gay" and such? Also, mother jokes are getting lame.

- I don't know about you but I am eating a nice, juicy hamburger every Friday from now until Easter.

- If dogs were in charge, would it be a people eat people world?

- Why does the Admissions Office insist upon admitting more "Mikes" and "Jens" to perpetuate confusion?

- More women should wear baseball hats.

- P.C. = Predominantly Confomists.

- I bet Jeffrey Dahmer's really a nice guy if you get to

know him.

- Aaron's, Ronzio's and Mural delivery people don't deliver for their health; tip others like you would expect to be tipped.

- Raymond Field is loaded with rocks; why don't we put all those rocks together and make a couple of outdoor basketball courts out of them?

- Whatever happened to Duran Duran? ("The Reflex...")

- I'm giving up eating lint for Lent.

- I'm also giving up doing laundry.

- How many of you have made jokes about yourself or somebody else being the one who wrote the homosexual letters; if you have, maybe you

shouldn't, because it's people like you who perpetuate myths and stereotypes surrounding homosexuality.

- Isn't it appalling how Boston fans marvel over John Havlicek's (white player) steal in 1965 but neglected the more crucial steal of Gerald Henderson (black player) in the '84 finals?

- Everyone busts on the Providence Journal all the time but you can't buy one around here after 3 p.m., can you?

- I'm not complaining, mind you. The Journal still sucks.

- How about this at a twist? We give grizzly bears shotguns and have the NRA run naked through the woods.

- Why would anyone go on

"Love Connection"?

- If a pro-life club is forming at P.C., would it be out of the question to start to form a pro-choice club?

- Isn't the Dennis Miller Show a refreshing change from the brown nosing of Arsenio and the lameness of *The Tonight Show*?

- Why do some senior citizens feel that the world owes them everything?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: I don't wanna stand in line like everybody else.

And I don't wanna bid my time like everybody else.

I won't say that I feel fine like everybody else.

'Cos I'm not like everybody

else. (The Kinks)

- You can't trust a man who smokes Marlboro Lights.

- Will somebody please oil the annoying, squeaky doors that lead into lower Slavin?

- Steve Perry. What a set of pipes!

- Why can't more professors be like Dr. Kroll (i.e. makes you want to come to class just to hear her insights).

- Our basketball team has the coolest looking away uniforms in the whole Big East, if not the whole NCAA.

- This school needs more people like Bill Fennell.

- And remember, "silence isn't golden when you're holding it inside" (Ax, 1992).

Responsibility Must Be Taken For Military Action

by Russell F. Demoe
Contributing Writer
and Alumnus

Not having a glob of silicone gel between my ears or toys in my attic (brain), I must disagree with the Bush campaign ad in which retired marine Commandant General P.X. Kelley said, "When Pat Buchanan opposed Desert Storm, that was a disappointment to all military people, a disappointment to all Americans who supported the Gulf war - and I took it personally." Mr. Buchanan did support the Presidentence hostilities commenced. He declared his position as commentator for the TV program *Crossfire* and as a question of the *McLaughlin Group* program.

One could take it personally that former President Ronald Reagan appointed General Kelley the Marine Commandant in 1983 as this 37-year veteran has to share the blame in the Beirut truck bombing of the Marine headquarters in the same year that killed 241 Marines. This constituted more American combat deaths than in the Gulf War.

I don't think General Kelley was an efficient commandant

because of the following: General Kelley, prior to the truck bombing, repeatedly expressed confidence in the security measures at the Beirut Airport where the tragedy occurred. As commandant, General Kelley was the "number one Marine." The "buck stops" with him. The General has to share in the responsibility for the actions of the local Marine Commandant at the airport. The commandant made a number of mistakes in military basics which increased the vulnerability of his men. He ignored the elementary practice of always dispersing one's men in a combat area. Instead, he garrisoned almost 300 men, one-fourth of his total force, in a single building. He also failed to provide sufficient security in and around the garrison area. There were no physical barriers to stop or slow an approaching vehicle. A single strand of concertina wire and a metal fence - with a gate left open all the time - was all that

stood between the enemy and its target. No security precautions were taken to check or routinely observe the traffic in the airport parking lot, from which the terrorist staged the attack. The attack vehicle drove between two Marine checkpoints to reach its target, but the Marines had orders not to carry loaded weapons. Not a single Marine was able to bring the vehicle under fire as it hurtled towards its target. Note should be made, following the bombing of the United States Embassy in Beirut in April 1983, killing 63 people, including 17 Americans, that the Marine guards always carried loaded weapons, whereas those at the airport were not allowed to. Those at the Embassy were permitted to return fire immediately, whereas the Marines at the airport had to obtain permission of an officer first. The area around the Embassy looked like a fortress, and traffic approaching it was closely watched and restricted. This

wasn't so at the airport.

Both the Congressional Investigation Committee and the Long Committee (chaired on behalf of the Dept. of Defense by retired Admiral Robert Long) placed the blame on these failures at the airport on the Marine Unit Commanders and other members of the military chain of command. The Marine Commanders at the airport were Colonel Timothy Gerahy and Lieutenant Colonel Howard Gerlach. The reports found that they had concentrated too many men in a single building and failed "to take the security measures necessary to preclude the catastrophic loss of life." The Long Report recommended that disciplinary action be taken against the Marine Colonels. However, Dept. of Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger decreed that no punitive action be taken but that nonpunitive admini-

stration letters of caution be sent to the two Colonels and to General Beknard Rogers, the NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) commander responsible for the Marines at the airport. General Kelley did not receive a letter of caution. He, more than the others in the chain of command, was "let off the hook."

President Reagan accepted blame for the tragedy. He did what President John F. Kennedy did by taking "sole responsibility" following the Bay of Pigs fiasco and disciplined no one. President Carter took full responsibility for the Desert fiasco and gave medals to those Pentagon planners responsible for the debacle. I think this is a poor practice. As conservative journalist Charles Krauthammer aptly put it, "Responsibility must carry with it some consequences, for reasons not of vengeance, but of justice - and of one of our few deterrents against fatal negligence. Responsibility that has no consequences is not just an exercise in cover-up; it is an invitation to the debacles of the future.

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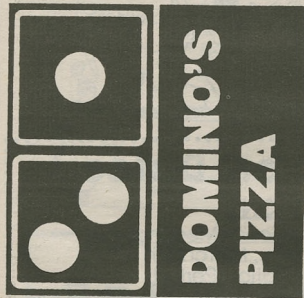
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Student Congress

LET'S GO FRIARS!

Big East Tournament Ticket Information

by Mark Ruggieri
Executive President

It's that time of the year again! March Basketball Madness is quickly speeding on us.

The Providence College Men's Basketball team will be participating in the annual Big East Tournament. The Friars will be playing their first game on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at Madison Square Garden against the Boston College Eagles.

Student Congress will be selling Big East Tournament student tickets on Monday, March 9 at 7:00 a.m. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis.

Vouchers will also be sold for the Friday and Saturday games. These vouchers will be sold in advance because no tickets can be sold at Madison Square Garden if we win.

In order to buy a voucher for Friday's and/or Saturday's game(s) you must buy a ticket for Thursday's game.

Each game ticket/voucher costs \$10.00 and each bus pass is \$5.00. The total ticket and bus package costs \$45.00.

Once we win, you will exchange your voucher for the following game's ticket.

In the event we lose, your voucher and your bus pass will be refunded on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:45 a.m. Please see the guidelines in *The Cow!* or contact the Student Congress office (Slavin room 109, x2419).

In other sporting news, both the Men's Hockey team and the Women's Basketball team are participating in league tournaments.

The Hockey team will be playing in the quarterfinals of the Hockey East Tournament here at PC on Friday night, March 6th. Tickets are on sale now for

Friday's game.

If the Friars win on Friday night, they will proceed to the Hockey East semifinal round, held at Boston Garden on Thursday, March 12th. If we win, tickets will go on sale Monday, March 9th for Thursday's game.

Should we go on to the Hockey East finals, the game will be played on Saturday, March 14th.

The Lady Friars will be playing in the Big East Tournament, held Friday, March 6th-Monday, March 9th at UCONN. This game is free. For more information contact the Athletic office.

Now for some good news. Peterson Recreation Center is open later on the weekends. Peterson is now open until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Please be aware that if you park on Huxley Ave, the Providence Police will be ticketing cars because Huxley Ave is a No Parking Zone.

Finally, keep in mind that Executive Board and Congress elections are approaching very quickly.

If you are interested in running for office, there are two informational meetings.

The first informational meeting is for any student wishing to be a candidate in the Executive Board elections. That meeting is on Monday, March 6th.

The second meeting, for students wishing to run for class office, will be held on Monday, March 30th.

Start thinking about getting involved now!

If you have any questions regarding the Big East Tournament, Peterson Rec. Huxley Ave, or anything else, please contact the Student Congress Office at x2419.

by Maureen E. Montegari
Congress Correspondent

This week "Pride in Community" takes a look at the Volunteer Services for Animals Committee (VSA) of the Environmental Wildlife Club which participates in a unique activity. On Saturdays they travel to the Providence Animal Shelter and visit the dogs and cats. Alysha Biondino and Karen Leahy chair this committee and both have found it to be a fulfilling experience.

Most of the time is spent walking the dogs so they can get exercise. The shelter has been very receptive to the club's activities and often calls during breaks wondering where the kids from PC are. A strong communication has developed and the PC students have been recognized in a newsletter for their volunteer work.

Professors at PC have also remarked about the interesting activity. One professor, after reading the club's newsletter, *What On Earth*, commented to Alysha that he thought it was great idea. Alysha and Karen are really excited about the reaction people have when they hear what the committee does.

"We're not just about saving the ozone," Alysha says. VSA is concerned with helping animals. Their other activities include petitioning

companies which use animals for testing. Last year they petitioned against L'Oréal.

They also hope to work with the Animal Rescue League and the activities would be similar to those at the shelter. Volunteers would need to attend an orientation session because the League requires that all participants are trained. The date is tentatively set for March 21st.

Karen and Alysha have noticed the strong reactions from the people who go to the shelter. "Lots of kids have pets at home and really enjoy being with the dogs." One PC student even adopted a dog after spending one afternoon with it.

The students also learn the compassion of the shelter employees. Many people are under the impression that a dog has a specific amount of time in the shelter before it is destroyed. This is not the case in Providence. Shelter employees make every effort to save the dogs and have them remain in the shelter for as long as possible.

Upcoming VSA events include a trip to the Metro Park Zoo, the Mystic Aquarium, the Science Museum, and a clean-up with Congress, and a Whale Watch. All students are welcome and encouraged to come to the club meeting on March 11th at 3:00 p.m.



Big East Ticket Information

- Tickets go on sale for the first round game at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9th in the Student Congress office, Slavin room 109.
- Ticket cost is \$10.00 per game and optional bus passes cost \$5.00 per game.
- YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PC ID TO PURCHASE A TICKET. Only one ticket per ID.
- On Monday morning you have the option to buy vouchers for Friday's and Saturday's game(s). Each voucher is \$10.00 and each bus pass is \$5.00. (In the event of a loss, the money will be refunded). NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD at Madison Square Garden, if we win, so buy vouchers on Monday.
- Any tickets which are not traded for vouchers will be sold on Friday morning or Saturday morning of their respective games.
- Anyone who wishes to purchase a voucher on Monday, must buy a ticket for Thursday's game. In the event that there are any vouchers left over, they will go on sale Tuesday, March 10th at 10:45 a.m.
- NO ONE can HOLD a spot for someone else (on the line).
- Any questions, contact the Student Congress office, Slavin room 109, 865-2419.

Game Time Information

- **Thursday, March 12th:** Buses leave Slavin at 1:00 p.m.; Game time is at 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, March 13th:** Buses leave Slavin at 9:00 a.m.; Game time is at 2:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 14th:** Buses leave Slavin at 8:30 a.m.; Game time is at 1:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 15th:** Buses leave Slavin at 8:30 a.m.; Game time is at 12:30 p.m.

Election Dates

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

Informational Meeting:

Monday, March 6th

Nomination Period:

Tuesday, March 17th @ 9:00 a.m. - Thursday,

March 19th @ 4:00 p.m.

Campaign Period:

Monday, March 23rd @ Midnight -

Wednesday, March 25th @ 11:59 p.m.

Election:

Thursday, March 26th

Class Elections:

Informational Meeting:

Monday, March 30th

Nomination Period:

Tuesday, March 31st @ 9:00 a.m. - Thursday,

April 4th @ 4:00 p.m.

Campaign Period:

Monday, April 6th @ Midnight - Wednesday,

April 8th @ 11:59 p.m.

Election:

Thursday, April 9th

Student Congress

It's in the Book!

by Michelle Consiglio
O.C.R.O.

Last spring, Maureen Marro was appointed as chairman for the Course Description committee by the Student Congress Executive board. Although Maureen was very excited about being a member of Student Congress, she knew she would have a lot of work to do during the year.

The Course Description book is published by Student Congress every three semesters. Every class that is not team taught and has ten or more students in it is surveyed during the semester that the book is being comprised. The Course Description book's purpose is to evaluate the course as a whole—not just the professor or subject. This year, students were requested to fill out surveys during the fall semester. The book that this year's Course Description committee is working on will be released next year.

Maureen began working on

the this task during the summer. She and her roommates prepared a packet for the over 400 classes offered last semester.

In November, Maureen formally notified each professor here at PC about the upcoming survey. With this thought in mind, Maureen realized some of the questions had to be altered. Dr. McCrorie, of the English Department, was consulted to assist with the question alteration.

Maureen began to alter the question's direction with careful phrasing. Dr. McCrorie was pleased with the new questions and persuaded many professors, who were previously apprehensive, to re-evaluate their negative impressions and participate in the surveying. 11,000 surveys were printed and distributed by students in the classes. In general, about 80% of the surveys were returned completed.

For Maureen and her committee, the hardest part was still to come. From January

27th-February 14th, all members of the Course Description and Academic Affairs committees spent about two hours every afternoon entering the data comprised into a computer program.

Ed Chase, of Computer Services, programmed the disks to tabulate and sort the information.

Maureen and her committee can breathe a little easier again. The book will be distributed during the Fall, 1992 semester.

Students must realize that the Course Description book is an aid. The information is only as complete and honest as the respondents answers. Students should use the book as a reference for what course to take, not what class to take.

Maureen is proud of her project. She is anxious to see the final results in the fall. Due to budget restraints, the books are only available on a first come, first served basis, so every student will not receive one.

Student Congress Minutes from the March 2nd Meeting

The minutes for the March 2nd Congress meeting are as follows:
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Volunteers are needed to help at the BDB pre-balls.

• The March 15th BDB is cancelled due to lack of interest.

• At the March 30th meeting nominations will be made for the three Congress Person of the Year Awards: Non-Congress, Congress, and Faculty.

• There will be a meeting on March 6th at 3:00 p.m. for anyone interested in planning the Congress Banquet.

• Congress Person of the Month is Katie Griffiths '95.

• Big East tickets will go on sale Monday, March 9th at 7:00 a.m. \$10.00 at ticket, \$5.00 bus pass. Vouchers will be sold to be exchanged for the Friday and Saturday games. The whole package will cost \$30.00 in advance. Vouchers not used will be refunded.

COMMITTEES:

Course Description: Maureen Marro thanked her committee and the Academic Affairs Committee for their good job. Most of the information is in the computer.

BHICS: Mike Vodarsik received a cut for missing an office hour.

Legislative Affairs: Resolution SS-02-42 was presented. Election of Executive Treasurer procedure.

Student Life: Mindy Miller will be looking into getting a recycling bin for the mail room.

Public Relations: *Peaceful Co-Existence* will be distributed Saturday, March 7th at noon.

Everyone should meet in the Pit.

New Business: Introduction of Resolution SS-02-42. Resolution was passed stating any sophomore or junior who has served one term on Congress is eligible to run for the election of Executive Treasurer. The incumbent Treasurer will

train the newly elected person.

BOARDS:

BOP: Calendars for the month of March have been sent out.

ACC: There will be an Italian dinner on March 8th in Mural Lounge. Tickets are \$8.00.

COA: The committee would like to lower the number of students accepted.

CLASSES:

'92: '92 Days is Friday, March 6th in Peterson from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$6.00.

'93: Club Nite is Thursday, March 5th at Six from 7:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00.

'94: Club Nite on March 28th at Six.

'95: The Red Eye Dance was a raging success.

MODERATOR'S COMMENTS:

Off-campus activity has risen and students are warned that the police are still patrolling the area and will break up parties.

Club Announcements:

PC's Amnesty International

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Thursday, March 19th at 8:00 p.m. at

The Campus Club

Tickets will be on sale for \$8.00 in lower Slavin on Wed. March 11th and Thursday, March 12th

Environmental Club

Trip to Metro Park Zoo in Boston on Saturday, March 14th

Cost: \$2.50

Sign-up in lower Slavin on Wednesday, March 11th

Pastoral Council

The AIDS Awareness Committee

would like to thank Frey Florist

for donating carnations to their

Valentine's Day fundraiser

Tutoring Committee

Workshop for VIPS

When: Tuesday, March 10th

Where: Classical High School, 770 Westminster Street

Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Information: Call Erin Tierney at 861-1231

The Political Science Club

presents

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Wed., March 11, 7:00 p.m., Moore Hall III

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Saturday, March 7th @ 12:00 p.m., Slavin Pit

SENIORS!

'92 Days

Friday, March 6th in Peterson from 9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

The Smith Hill Center is looking for students to work on the first edition of a community newspaper. If you enjoy writing, reporting, interviewing, typing, drawing, or taking pictures, please join us. Volunteer as little or as much time as you want. No effort is too small.

If interested, please contact Kristen at 865-4101 or Kelly at 273-7438.

Class Announcements

'92 Commencement '93 Commencement

Reservations for the Marriot Hotel

(site of the

Commencement Formal)

should be made by

APRIL 16TH.

Start thinking about Commencement.

Unfortunately, it's coming soon!

The Marriot's phone number is (617) 236-5800.

Sign-up in the Congress office for an interview time.

Interviews will be conducted Sunday, March 8th-Wednesday, March 11th.

For more information contact the Class of '93 at 865-2419.

Arts & Entertainment

Prelude to a Kiss: A Comedy With a Heart

by Dawn Demattos
Asst. A&E Editor

On the surface, Craig Lucas' *Prelude to a Kiss* is such a charming, sentimental play that it occasionally resembles a romantic version of the film *10 Again*. But as Lucas develops his fable of lovers struggling to reaffirm their love for each other in the midst of a potentially dangerous identity crisis, the play becomes completely original.

Peter and Rita (Dan Welch and Nance Williamson) are New York Yuppies who are introduced at a party. Peter is instantly interested in Rita, but Rita isn't as immediately smit-

ten. Later, in a bar where Rita works, Peter tells Rita that he's lived in Europe for ten years and works for a microfiche company. Rita is a graphic designer who has lost sight of her career. Gradually, Peter and Rita discover that they have many things in common, including a fondness for spaetzle, and they fall in love. Although Rita is deeply in love with Peter, she tells him that she doesn't want to have children because of her fears of an approaching apocalypse. Rita's anxiety about her uncertain future prompts her to wish that she could control the events in her life. This fear becomes the piv-

otal action in the play.

On their wedding day, a mysterious old man suddenly appears at the church. Rita graciously accepts his request to "kiss the bride." At this moment, Rita looks into the eyes of the old man and thinks, "Look at that guy. If I could get inside that somehow...to have lived all that time, and be so alive, so sure of something, anything." Likewise, the old man, recently widowed and terminally ill, looks at Rita and Peter and wonders, "Young people starting a life...Look at the shine in those eyes."

With their eyes locked together and their innermost thoughts in perfect synch, Rita and the old man exchange souls and make their wishes come true. Unfortunately, Rita and the old man discover that some wishes should never be granted.

Lucas' characters are extremely likeable. Nance Williamson is impressive as Rita. Ms. Williamson is a terrific comic actress and is completely believable in her role. Dan Welch delivers a heartfelt performance as Peter as he attempts to discover the "real" Rita before it is too late. As the old man, Richard Kneeland is

utterly convincing as "Rita," and at times hysterically funny as his character develops more feminine traits. The supporting cast is outstanding, particularly Barbara Blossom and Jack Willis as Rita's blustering, but loving parents.

Prelude to a Kiss is the rare kind of play that delivers a message without being overly preachy. Take advantage of BOP's upcoming trip to Trinity Repertory to see *Prelude to a Kiss*. But be warned. Once you experience *Prelude to a Kiss*, you'll want to see it again and again.



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ATTENTION: ALL PROVIDENCE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FACULTY Highland Court, an elegant retirement community located on the east side of Providence, is looking for individuals interested in performing for senior adults. Talent in areas such as readings, poetry, music, dancing, games, hobbies, etc. are of interest. Reimbursement commensurate with level of activity. If interested, contact Highland Court at 273-2220.

WDOM sports a new look!

This new and improved logo for WDOM was created by Logo contest winner Katie Collins, '95. Katie's entry was chosen out of over 15 entries.

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by Maureen Marro
Director of Publicity-WDOM

Along with the new year, WDOM has received a new face lift. Along with last semester's remodelled station and new equipment, WDOM has a new logo. After a long overdue contest (that included much competition), Katie Collins '95 submitted the winning logo. We have finally torched that infamous triangle and have adopted a more modern look. Congratulations to Katie and thanks to all those who sent in entries.

The station has also em-

barked on a series of giveaways, including the latest "CD-PAK." It consists of a combination pack of disk singles featuring great music from Right Said Fred, Psychedelic Furs, and Shamen. Tune in to 91.3 after 6:00 p.m. weekdays for a chance to win a CD-PAK by merely calling in at 865-2091. Not only can you get free CD's, but tapes as well. Every two weeks WDOM will randomly stuff students' mailboxes. Be on the lookout! Quite a few students received free cassettes on Valentine's Day. Free tickets to the Campus Club and Club Bayhead are also on our give away list, so tune into the station and check out the latest featured music groups.

If you're an ice cream fanatic, listen in and win a Ben and Jerry's Cone Coupon, for a free scoop cone at the Ben and Jerry's on Meeting Street (off of Thayer Street).

As a commercial-free station, the directors at WDOM have been trying to cater to the students. If any club or organization would like to publicize up coming events, lectures, or relay information over the air, send the information to WDOM in Joseph's Hall room106. We want the students and faculty to utilize the station as another means of publicizing material. After all, this is the college's radio station.

Don't miss out on the latest college music every night after 6:00 p.m., as well as our fabulous jazz and classical hours. For late nighters, every Friday through Sunday 12-2 a.m. heavy metal is played. If you have any questions about the station, concerts, or shows, don't hesitate to call our office at 865-2460. Take advantage to WDOM and listen in and win—we have a lot to offer.

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Features

An Inquiring Solution

Local Elderly Abuse Rights Advocate

by Brian Cappello
Ass't. Features Editor

In the recent months, a vast array of controversial issues have surfaced on the seemingly carefree PC campus. Such issues have ranged from the diversity of Civ to the "homosexuals: Do they really exist at PC or is this all just a cruel hoax" debate. Oddly enough, rather than commending students for bringing these topics to light, it seems that the administration just wishes they'd all just pique down.

I'm sure almost everyone has heard the old saying that goes something like, "the only thing that doesn't change is change itself." While this statement is seemingly impossible to refute, it seems the PC administration consistently tries to do so through their actions. They seem quite content with their present beliefs and practices, and it appears the only thing on campus they ever plan to consider changing is their underwear. So who are these people disturbing the pastoral peace by insisting that the administration recognize

the "few" years that have passed since the turn of the 15th century? For instance, why would homosexuals come to a school that does not care to recognize them? Well, aside from the benefit of single-sex dorms, I'm not really sure. And since ideally, everyone should have heard of the core of the Western Civ program long before entering PC, why do some still complain about its contents? Well, perhaps the reasons for this phenomenon is that everyone isn't aware of exactly what they're getting into upon entering the wonderful world of Providence College.

So perhaps it's time PC took steps to make the potential student more aware of its fundamentals. For starters, perhaps they could rework the school's bulletin/guidebook. First, they could outline the school's modern views on the first two lines, and then use the remaining sixty pages to overview its more primitive outlooks. Along with that, perhaps the Friars Club could make the school sound a little less like a Utopia and a little more like a

monastery. And perhaps the most effective way to educate the prospective students would be for the school to administer the following questionnaire:

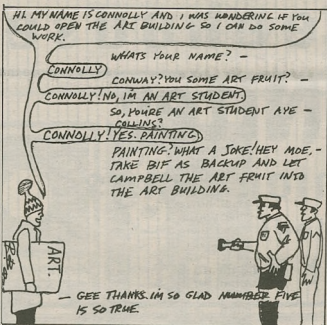
- 1) Have you ever experienced a liberal thought at any point in your life?
- 2) Have you ever been anything but repulsed by the sight of the naked body of a member of the same sex?
- 3) Do you have a problem with co-habiting solely with members of the same sex thus leading to a setting where the only true "sober" male-female interaction is within the classroom?
- 4) Do you have a problem with being fined hundreds of dollars for simply trying to make the most of your college years?
- 5) Would you expect to have a security force consisting of young (friendly) trained professionals? (great job keeping commuters out of the computer lot, by the way)
- 6) If you knew of a seemingly controversial issue, would you expect it to be brought to light rather than simply ignored?
- 7) Would you object to taking a few classes that while sounding "LOGICal" and "ETHICal" are actually quite useless? (according to a survey of 98% of all students)
- 8) Are you aware that the word parietals starts with the same three letters as the word parents because it basically means you're still living with them?
- 9) Would you mind if a school-unifying event such as Spring Weekend was, say, banned for life?

To minorities:
10) Would you object to being forced to study nothing but the history of the majority day in and day out for two years?

At the end of this questionnaire, the school need only stipulate that those responding "yes" to any of the questions might be better suited at another school. And if they still agree to come to this school, then they must come willing to "quietly" accept the school along with its fundamentals. While the whole idea may sound a bit absurd, the fact is if the school is going to stick by their primitive outlook, they should take steps to make the potential student more aware. While that may send their enrollment figures plummeting, it should bring an end to any further controversies.

Eileen Trinity (right) of Providence and a Providence College student recently completed an eight hour training course to become a volunteer Elderly Abuse Rights Advocate. She is joined by Sandy Centazzo (left), executive director of Rhode Island Meals on Wheels, and Maureen Maigret, director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs.

The Elderly Abuse Support Project recruits, trains, and places volunteers with elderly abuse victims. They work closely with the Department of Elderly Affairs staff and community case managers and they offer support, assistance and encouragement in activities that will enhance the clients' self esteem. They also are available to transport or accompany abuse victims through the court system if they choose to take legal action.



Top Ten Things Dominicans Do When People Aren't Looking

by Mike Saucier
Ass't. Copy Editor

- 10) Bungee jumping off the top of McVinney
- 9) Wear glow in the dark "Yes/No" boxers under their habits
- 8) Write hate mail to R.E.M. for writing his song "Losing My Religion"
- 7) Kickbox
- 6) Prank call gullible freshmen and ask if "Lou Zer" is there
- 5) Watch reruns of *The Flying Nun*
- 4) Secretly feed campus squirrels while making Father Fergus out to be "that weirdo squirrel guy"
- 3) Streak the library
- 2) Gather in Peterson after closing to practice the electric slide (so they can look cool at the next stag bash)
- 1) Squabble over who has to wear the silly Phantom Friar costume at the next game

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Tuesday, 10

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9 - 12 pm in the Last Resort

Saturday, 14

TOM DELUCA**"Hypnotist"****7:30 pm****Alumni Hall**

Comics

MUNTY PHEON RIP-OFFS??

I TELL YA PETE - UP HERE IN OUR ROOM IS THE BEST WE REALX. TAKE THE SUN, SHAUT DOWN YOURS THINGS AT PEOPLE AND WE ALWAYS GO UNSEEN.



YEAH! LOOK AT THE POOR SLAB COMING OUT OF PHASE ONE. NICE HAIR!!

SEE, HE DIDN'T EVEN HEAR US!!



SUBDENTLY, THE ARTIST SUFFERED A FATAL HEART ATTACK AND THE THREAT OF SR. USULVA WAS NO MORE.

Red Comics 93



HEY ROB! LOOK! THERE'S SOME USULVA FROM YOUR RELIGION CLASS!

HEY SIZER! YOU CHEATED ON HIS EXAM!!

the castle of AAAAAAAG!!

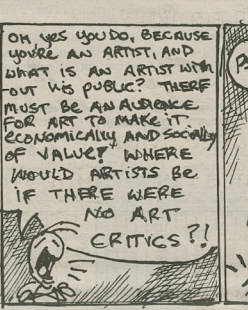
run away.. run away!!!

THE TANK



HEY YOUR STUFF SUCKS!

I DONT CARE WHAT YOU THINK!



OH YES YOU DO, BECAUSE YOU'RE AN ARTIST, AND WHAT IS AN ARTIST WITH OUT HIS PUBLIC? THERE MUST BE AN AUDIENCE FOR ART TO MAKE IT. ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY OF VALUE! WHERE WOULD ARTISTS BE IF THERE WERE NO ART CRITICS?!



EFFE CARPORIZZO

* ON HOLD * Pete Hall

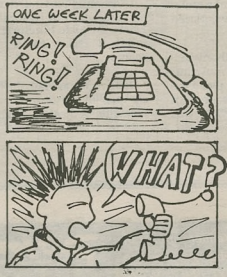


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ONE WEEK LATER

RING! RING!



NEXT DAY

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY SHE DOESN'T HAVE SCURVY!

HA HA! SHOULD SHE GIVE SCURVY?

HA HA!



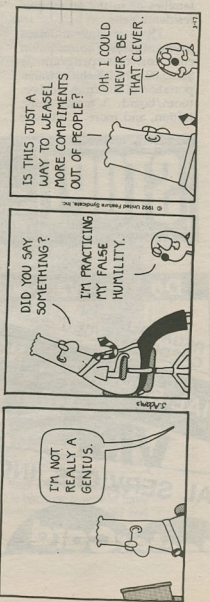
DUSTY (COMIN' SOON... DUSTY: THE EARLY YEARS) - PETE MITCHELL

REAL LUTE. CHEEZY JIM DAVIS BACKSCORING

PETE, DUDE, YOU HAVE LIKE A CAT OR SOMETHING ON YOUR FACE. FUNNY, VERY FUNNY.

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OH, I COULD NEVER BE THAT CLEVER.

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

I'M PRACTICING MY FALSE HUMILITY.

YOU GUYS WONT BE LAUGHING WHEN IT GROWS IN!

NO, I'M SERIOUS

I'M NOT REALLY A GENIUS.

Academia

Un Ete de Francais

by Jennifer MacCallum
Congress Correspondent

Have you always wanted to study abroad, but without missing a semester here at PC?

Would you like to study a foreign language, but are unable to because your major does not leave you much room for electives?

If you answered "yes" to either of the above questions, the "Summer at Laval" is the program for you.

The Quebec Delegation in New England is pleased to announce a summer program of French immersion at Laval University, Quebec, Canada.

Under the directorship of Dr. Raymond W. Lavallee of the Department of Modern Languages here at PC, "Summer at Laval" is a six-week quality academic program that will run this summer from July 6-August 14, 1992.

Quebec is the most European city in North America, and more than 90% of its population speaks French. Students enroll in a special French immersion program at Laval, the oldest French-speaking university in the Americas.

Courses are available from the elementary level (for students who are beginners in studying the French language) through the advanced level in language, culture and literature.

Classes are conducted five days a week for four hours each day. Students may receive up to 12 maximum credits from a total of 120 class hours.

There are no course prerequisites, only a desire to study and speak French for 6 consecutive weeks.

Living accommodations can be arranged with Quebecois families or in the on-campus residence halls.

There are four different payment plans. The maximum cost for this program is \$2225.00, which includes transportation to and from Quebec, room/board, 3 meals daily, tuition, and more. Alternate

plans range from \$1710.00-2025.00.

"Summer at Laval" is an incredible program to participate in. I was a student, along with Charles Curtis '93 and Jayne Sullivan '93, in this special immersion program during the summer of 1990.

My courses were challenging, but fun. The campus life at Laval was amazing. "Les Animateurs," 16 enthusiastic student programmers ran numerous events every day of the six-week session.

Scott Solloway '93 participated in "Summer at Laval" during the summer of 1991, along with Ronan Campbell '92 and Catherine Larson '92.

"Teachers from all different parts of the world are instructors in the program and the small classes meant that there was always personal attention. I had classmates from all over the world. It was a great experience."

Quebec is an amazing city. Not only is it rich in history, but there are so many things to do during the summer.

"The Quebecois went out of their way to converse with you in French," said Scott.

Finally, and most importantly, Dr. Lavallee remains on-campus at Laval during the entire program to guide and assist all participants from PC enrolled in classes.

This program is open to students (must be 18 years of age by July 6, 1992), teachers, business professionals, etc.

For more information and application materials contact "Summer at Laval," ATTN: Raymond W. Lavallee Ph.D., Department of Modern Languages, Providence College, or call (401) 865-2111 from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. or (401) 949-2844 after 5:00 p.m.

Application deadline is March 15, 1992.

"This is a real quality program!"

This Day in History

by Robert L. Deasy

On This Day in:

1777 The promotion of Benedict Arnold was supported by George Washington.

1778 British explorer Captain James Cook arrived off the coast of what today is the state of Oregon while searching for the Northwest Passage. This fact was used by the British while negotiating the Convention of 1818 with the United States allowing for joint occupation of this entire area for periods of ten years renewable.

1836 Besieged by 3,000 Mexicans, a force of 187 Americans was annihilated at the Battle of the Alamo. Who was the only Rhode Islander killed in this siege? (1) (Answer may be found at the end of this chronology.)

1857 The United States Supreme Court handed down the controversial Dred Scott v. Sandford decision declaring that slaves were merely property. On this day in 1819, the Court handed down the McCulloch v. Maryland decision and in 1947, upheld a lower court ruling fining John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers \$710,000.

1865 General Joseph Johnston was made commander of all Confederate troops in Carolina. At the beginning of the war, Johnston was upset that a lower ranking Robert E. Lee was placed over him.

1884 Susan B. Anthony visited President Chester A. Arthur in the White House to plead the case for women's suffrage. (An amendment to this effect was

finally ratified August 26, 1920.)

1942 The United States began moving out Japanese-Americans from the West Coast to inland camps because of fear of their possible associations with their homeland. Who issued the order and who pled the case before the high court in California? (2)

1957 The former Gold Coast and Togoland were joined to form the new nation of Ghana under its new Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah. Who were the two Americans chosen to represent this country at the ceremonies? (3)

This Week in Providence College History:

1274 Marked the death of Saint Thomas Aquinas, eminent Dominican philosopher, theologian, and teacher who is patron saint of Catholic Schools.

1910 Marked the opening of the Providence City Hospital, later called the Charles V. Chapin Hospital which is now the location of the lower campus.

1928 Through the instrumentality of John E. Farrell, the Friars Club held its first meeting.

1929 Saint Pius Church moved off campus from its location in Riankams Hall to Elmhurst where today it serves as the parish school.

1940 Aquinas Hall, the first on campus men's dormitory, was formally dedicated. What fa-

mous Hollywood figure had made a sizeable donation towards its construction? (4)

1942 A Mother's Tea, the first function of the Veridames, was held.

1944 The 500 man Army Specialized Training Corps unit marched off the campus for the last time headed for war in Europe.

1972 The last official men's varsity basketball game was held in Alumni Hall. Who played and what was the final? (5)

1991 President John F. Cunningham, O.P. notified the Faculty Senate that he had approved the request for academic minors.


Birthdays:

1475 Michelangelo Buonarati
1806 Elizabeth Barrett Browning
1885 King Lardner
1900 Robert "Lefty" Grove
1941 Willie Stargell

Answers to This Day in History Trivia Questions:

- Albert Martin
- The order was issued by President Franklin Roosevelt and the idea was upheld by California Attorney General Earl Warren.
- Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King
- Judge Garland
- Providence College beat St. John's 73-65

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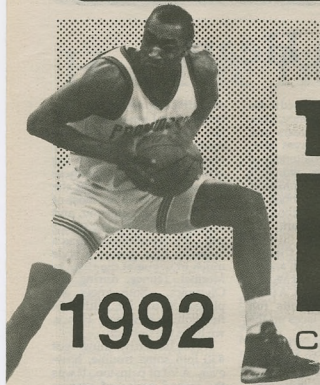
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12:30 PM

Ticket Information

- Tickets go on sale for the first round at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9th in the Student Congress office, Slavin room 109.
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- Saturday, March 14th:** Buses leave at 8:30 a.m.
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Short On Height, Long On Heart

by Chip Scutari
Sports Interviewer

Most people grow up with the perception that people who wear masks, crouch between goal posts, and use waffles for defense are forced to accept the praise with the blame. They are characters, similar to catchers, relegated to secondary status in the world of sports. The last line of defense. Goal-tenders live in relative obscurity, away from the scorer's limelight, away from the hat tricks and glory, in their own realm of consciousness. Yes, anonymity and goaltending go hand in hand, like a kick save of a Brett Hull blast.

If ever a team epitomized this anonymous aura, it is the 1991-92 edition of the Lady Friars hockey team. Rodney

Dangerfield can claim more respect than this group. They finished the season with only two smudges on their collective resume, an ECAC championship intact, and a #1 ranking alongside their names, yet a large majority of the 3,800 PC student body still would query—do we have a lady's hockey team? For a squad of talented yet obscure athletes, who better to talk to than the goalie of this group? Gee, how much more anonymous can you get? Just kidding, Jill.

Standing at a whisker over five feet, Jill Rennie is an "imposing" figure. She is soft spoken, a bit shy, unassuming, and easily embarrassed (notice the constant red checks). She likes to laugh, and she's about as pretentious as a salt and

pepper shaker on a table at Mondo cafe. And another thing, she's one hell of a goalie. Check out the stats. She saved over 92% of the shots that came her way (a Ray LeBlanc-like stat). Jill capped off her last hurrah at Schneider arena with an undefeated campaign (14-0-1). Then came the real champagne.

Hockey began quite innocently for Ms. Rennie. She originally donned the blades at the ripe age of eight. "A neighbor, Marisa Zona, and I started playing hockey on the ponds in third grade with the guys. We'd play early in the morning with the guy teams," confessed Rennie. Defense was Jill's first vocation on the ice. She was 13 before she slipped on the goalie pads. It was only temporary, she was told. This Wally Pipp

like occurrence happened in the youth leagues of Quincy, Massachusetts. Eight years and thousands of kick saves later, Jill Rennie is the goaltender of all goaltenders in women's hockey. Ironically, Rennie and her PC teammates drubbed the Saints of St. Lawrence 9-1. A defender on that team was named Marisa Zona. "It feels good to beat an old friend," chuckled Rennie. Jill's easy going exterior belies her aggressive, competitive drive. A competitive drive that hits full throttle when she laces up the skates.

Wait a minute—girls and hockey—why is all I ask? I always thought it was sugar and spice and everything nice. Apparently, I was wrong. "It's exciting, challenging, competitive, but most of all fun. I

wouldn't call myself a hockey fanatic, but I am a big Bruin's fan. I especially like to watch Andy Moog and Patrick Roy play," said Rennie with a big grin on her face. Unlike these two netminders, Jill lacks the anatomy to cover up most of the net. Reflex, reaction, and concentration are Jill's strong suit. Jill classifies herself as a butterfly type goalie, a style much in vogue at the rinks in Meribel, France, during the Olympics. Both knees are placed on the ice, with legs functioning as wings. Hence, we have the butterfly.

This butterfly "thing" got #30 into some trouble, however. A lot of pain, too. It was the second period of a game versus archrival New Hamp-

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"Out for Revenge"

Hendricken Has a National Track Title in Her Sights

by Michael Tripoli
Sports Interviewer

Making a decision on where to attend college is one of the first "adult" decisions that an 18-year-old high school graduate makes. People choose where to go because, among other reasons, a member of their family went there, the school is a good party school, or because the school has the academic curriculum which they are looking for. But should making a decision on where to spend supposedly the best four years of your life be partly based upon liking a picture of the school's main academic building? As simple as it may sound, that was one of the criteria that made Geraldine Hendricken choose to attend Providence College.

Geraldine Hendricken, member of the class of 1992, is

a member of both the women's cross country and track teams here at PC. And yes, believe it or not, the picture of Harkins Hall on the front of the Providence College Bulletin was one of the factors that influenced Geraldine come to PC. "I saw Harkins and liked the picture," she mentioned in a recent interview. "I knew that there were good athletes here and I got along with the coach (Ray Treacy) so that is why I decided to come here."

Unlike most of the students who attend PC, Geraldine never had a chance to visit the campus before she came here. You see, she is a native of Carlow, Ireland, and never had the chance to make the long trek across the ocean before making her decision to enroll.

It is a good thing that pictures can be worth a thousand words because Geraldine has made some significant contri-

butions to the running program at PC. This year alone she has won the Big East 1000 meter and 3000m races as well as anchoring the final leg of the second place two mile relay team. For her accomplishments Geraldine was named Woman Athlete of the Meet at the Big East Championships.

Last week Geraldine's stellar performances continued as she won the mile in a school record 4:36.14 at the New England Championships.

Despite being perennially successful, Geraldine and the running program at PC do not get the attention with the local media that they deserve. But that is fine with Geraldine. "We all run well I am satisfied with every meet whether we get a lot of attention or not," she noted. "We know that we have good runners that can finish first or second in every race. We don't need a lot of attention

for other teams to be afraid of us because they know that we are good."

Part of being a good team has to do with having good team practices. Coach Treacy makes the practices competitive by dividing the team into groups and having them run against each other. The competition creates a good atmosphere. "We always cheer each other on and support our teammates," Geraldine said. "I used to run by myself in the morning and it wouldn't be a good workout because I was tired. Now we all work out at the same time in Peterson. I like it because I get pumped up by the aerobics music."

Just like any other quality athlete, Geraldine has certain strengths and weaknesses on the track. Among her strengths are being a smart runner and being able to come strong at the end of a race. Geraldine's

main weakness is that she sometimes relies too much on being able to finish strong. Therefore, she tends to fall back in the pack too often. But Geraldine is a gamer and is working on her weakness. "I'm trying to work on fighting to stay in the race more," she said. "I want to work on not falling back so I can move up to another level."

Even with a minor weakness Geraldine is considered the favorite in the NCAA's to win the 3000m. Does being the top dog put any pressure on her? "Kind of," she responded. "I'll be disappointed if I don't win it this time. Last year I was favored to win but got over-tired and lost my form. It was my most disappointing race ever."

Not living up to expectations last year has given Geraldine the incentive she needs to win this year. "I want revenge," she remarked. "I don't care if they have to scrape me off the track. I want it bad." Spoken like a true competitor.

Geraldine may be graduating this May with the rest of her fellow classmates, but by no means will she be putting an end to her days at Providence College. Next fall Geraldine will come back to PC to study as a graduate student and to help other runners as an assistant coach.

But those aren't her only plans. "I want to compete for Ireland nationally," she said. "I'd like to make the Olympic team and compete this summer." Geraldine has already taken the first step toward competing for her homeland. She has been named a member of the Irish team that will compete in the World Cross Country Championships.

While watching the Olympic games from Barcelona this summer, make sure and pay attention. No, not to see if Dave beats Dan in the decathlon, but to see if one of the faces you see on the Irish team is one of the same faces you see walking around the PC campus.

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Street Hockey Titans Square Off

by Scott Dumais
IAB Correspondent

Last week's street hockey action was by far the most exciting of the season. The team are beginning to spread out and the true leaders are pulling away from the pack.

The Coolburns went 2-0 last week, defeating Shot In The Dark and Rogan's Heroes. They are closing in on the leaders of the division.

Last week finally saw the league titans square off against each other. Yes...Chicks Dig Our Sticks and Chicks Dig Our Sticks Suck met on Peterson's

floor and battled for the number one position. There would no longer be any more speculation on the outcome of the would-be game.

Both teams entered the game undefeated. The game lived up to its expectations. John Gambino had a spectacular game getting a hat trick for his winning Chicks Dig Our Sticks squad. Larry (when talking street hockey, his first name will do) set up Gambino for two of his three goals in his usual "showtime" style. Pete Russell and Tim Archer also continued to play great hockey for the unbeaten, number one

ranked Chicks Dig Our Sticks. Dan Driscoll netted both goals for the losing squad.

This game was a preview of what the finals could look like, but you can bet that a much stronger Chicks Dig Our Sticks Suck team will show up if these two giants meet again!

The league standings are in, and the top seven teams are as follows:

- 1) Chicks Dig Our Sticks
- 2) Chicks Dig Our Sticks Suck
- 3) Collburns
- 4) Rogan's Heroes
- 5) Providence Slashers
- 6) Stumpleinze
- 7) The Hansons

Field Hockey Teams Battle for First Place

by Scott Dumais
IAB Correspondent

As the close of another exciting field hockey season quickly approaches, the battle for first place is still up for grabs.

The unbeaten senior team, Hot Shots, remain perfect with a 4-0 record. They are neck and neck with competitors the

Ultimate Team. They remain 3-0-1.

Also in the running for top spots in the playoffs are the Funky Bunch (4-1) and Sticks (3-1).

The race is on and this week's action should spread the competition out and the leaders will surface before tournament play begins.

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shire on February 21st. "I went to pockcheck the puck away and I was run over by a very large UNH defender and my knee twisted in a way it wasn't supposed to. I suffered strained ligaments and some tendinitis in my left knee. I managed to finish the period, though. The trainer said there was only a slim chance that I would play for the remainder of the season. I wore a leg immobilizer and worked out for two and a half hours a day in the trainer's room. It was extremely hard sitting out the Senior game but I made it back for our final game."

That's right. This past Saturday, only eight days after the UNH disaster, it was Jill Renne between the pipes for the Lady Friars. It was Jill Renne who allowed only one puck to slip past her. And it


was Jill Rennie's sheer determination and perseverance that prevailed. She overcame her pain and suffering to emerge from the crowd. Emerge as a champion. That's short on stature, long on resiliency; a winner with a capital W.

As the Big East and Hockey East tournaments beckon, there will be no hoopla given to the Lady Friar hockey accomplishments. That's a shame. "It would be nice if our team was more publicized, but the personal satisfaction will always stay with us," commented the modest Rennie. Substance over style reigns in the mecca of competitive sports. And the women's hockey team will ultimately leave an indelible mark on their sport. Jill Rennie is an integral part of that mark and that mark will always be a part of her.

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Friday, March 6	MEN'S HOCKEY VS. LOWELL (Hockey East Quarterfinals) Baseball at St. Thomas	7:00p.m. 2:00p.m.
Saturday, March 7	Baseball vs. Purdue	7:30p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MIAMI Women's Basketball vs. St. John's (Big East Quarterfinals - Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, CT)	8:00p.m. 6:00p.m.
Sunday, March 8	Women's Track at ECAC Championships (Syracuse)	9:00a.m.
	Men's Track at IC4A Championships (Syracuse)	9:00a.m.
Monday, March 9	Baseball vs. La Salle	12:00p.m.
	MEN'S TENNIS VS. ARMY	9:00a.m.
Wednesday, March 11	Women's Basketball at Big East Tournament (Semifinals)	4:00p.m.
	WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. RUTGERS	9:00a.m.
Thursday, March 12	Women's Baseball at Big East Tournament (Championship)	7:00p.m.
	Men's Tennis at Brown	2:00p.m.
Friday, March 13	Men's Basketball at Big East (Madison Square Garden)	TBA
	Men's Hockey at HockeyFest (Hockey East Semifinals - Boston Garden)	TBA
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It's Tournament Time...

Lady Friars' Fourth Straight 20-Win Season

Ends With Victory Over Seton Hall

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

"When you're at home you have a whole different attitude," Coach Foley.

Yes it's different when you're playing at their place. One month ago Seton Hall came to Alumni Hall and left with more than a loss. They were thoroughly beaten by the Lady Friars 97-63. But, for PC's final regular season game the sight was Walsh's Gym and these were not the same Pirates.

The Hall had the lead for most of the first half, despite a quick start by Providence. Amando Makarewicz led all first half scorers with fourteen which enabled the Pirates to stay with the Lady Friars and not let things get out of control like their last meeting. They didn't. Seton Hall refused to allow the second half to be meaningless and instead made it interesting. The home team was up by three at the intermission.

Providence relied heavily on their starting five to pull away with the win. Fontanella

and Lewis both had 18 points while the combination of Cole and Lis proved to be the deciding factor.

"Tracy moved well without the ball," explained Foley. "Steph was able to find her which made for a lot of lay-ups."

The Pirates had potential winning shots near the game's end but all was for not and the Lady Friars got by the "other Pirates," 71-68. PC finished in a three-way tie for second place in the Big East with UConn and Georgetown.

Connecticut is the place and St. John's is the opponent in the opening round of the Big East Tournament. The games begin this Friday with Pittsburgh against Boston College and Syracuse verses Seton Hall. In other quarterfinal action, Georgetown plays Villanova, Connecticut hosts the Pitt/BC winner and #1 Miami is faced with the Syracuse/Seton Hall victor. The Express (not the Redwomen) went 14-13 overall and 7-11 in conference play. Two of those defeats were at the hands of the Lady Friars but Coach Foley still shows concern about the matchup.

"We've beaten them twice but the second time was close (82-79)," he commented.

"We have to concentrate on our post defense. They have a strong inside game and we have to control the boards."

The Lady Friars will need to stand their ground in the paint and not allow St. John's control of the glass. Supposedly it's a cardinal sin to look beyond your next game but one can't hesitate to peer ahead into round two of the tournament.

Just past the red jerseys and waiting in the wings are the infamous Hurricanes of Miami. If all goes according to plan, PC and the league perfect Canes will meet for the third time this year in the semifinals. Is Coach Foley looking ahead?

"No, I could care less what happens in that game (Miami vs. Syracuse or Seton Hall)."

Nevertheless, it's easy to measure the game's importance. In all likelihood an invitation to the NCAA Tournament hangs in the balance for the Lady Friars.

Lady Friars Make A Splash at New Englands

by Terry Brennan
Sports Interviewer

A month ago, coming off an above average season, the men and women swimming Friars prepared to enter into what makes the whole season worthwhile: tournaments! The New England Championships and Big East Championships to be precise. It looked as if the men's and women's teams were of equal caliber at that time, but it has turned out that the Lady Friars are the over-achievers and the men are unfortunately, the under-achievers.

A week after the women's team swam and dove their way to number two in New England, the men had to settle with a disappointing seventh.

At the men's New England meet, the hero seemed to be Chris Holt. Holt picked up first places in the 500 meter freestyle and the 400m individual medley. He also contrib-

uted to three Providence College records. But Holt's first places were PC's only ones, and although the team managed to break six school records, they just didn't seem to size up against the fierce competition of New England teams.

While the majority of the student population of PC was either soaking up the rays in Cancun or relaxing in the house with Mom and Dad, the Friar swimmers and divers journeyed to the University of Pittsburgh to see how they fit into the grand scheme of the always competitive Big East.

The women finished at a predictable fifth in the conference, led by Allyson Dunleavy, and the men finished at a disappointing eighth. Overall, the women should be congratulated on a fine season and the men just seemed to fold to the competition of the tournaments, but enjoyed a fine regular season nonetheless.

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Sports

It Keeps Going... Going... Going...

by Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

They keep running and they keep winning. And running. And winning. It never seems to stop. Just when you think they can't possibly run any faster, the men's and women's track teams turn in another outstanding weekend. This time it was at Boston University and the New England Track and Field Championships.

Andy Keith and Chris Teague took control of the 1500 meter race, finishing one-two. Teague led for the first part of the race, then Keith took control and ran the last 800 meters in one minute, 54 seconds. He finished in 3:40.2, the equivalent of a 3:57.2 mile and a new meet record, school record and New England collegiate record. Teague's time of 3:42.33 (a 3:59.83 mile), is a provisional qualifier for the NCAA Championships in two weeks, but Coach Ray Teacy thinks it will hold.

"They were flying. It was a great, great race to watch," said Coach Teacy. "It's obvious Andy has a lot more in him and it's obvious as well that Chris has a super 3000 meters in him. Andy's next race is going to be the mile at the NCAA's and hopefully he'll keep his unbeaten record out there."

Mark Carroll finished third

in the 3000m in 8:11, and Scott Cody is returning to his top form with a fifth place in 8:15.

In the women's meet Geraldine-Hendricken, who has qualified for the National Championships in the mile, 3000m and two-mile relay, led the Lady Friars to a one-two-three-five finish in the mile. She finished in 4:36.14, the fastest time in the country for a collegian this year, a new meet record and a new school indoor record. Hendricken has also been named as a member of the Irish team to compete at the World Cross Country Championships which take place in Boston later this month. Sinead Delahunty was second in 4:38.63, Anita Philpott was third in 4:43.91, and Amy Rudolph rounded out the group with a fifth place finish and a personal best in 4:52.6.

"It was a great race," Coach Teacy commented. "Anita led early for the first 800 meters and then Geraldine took over. There was a big pickup in the pace, the second half was much faster than the first half, which is a good indicator of the type of strength the both Geraldine and Sinead have right now. Even with Geraldine running the 3000m at NCAA's, Sinead will probably go in as the number one or two seed in the mile."

Dionne Wilson broke the

Friars' third school record of the weekend with a second place finish in the 400m. Her time of 55.86 is a new Providence indoor record. Geraldine Nolan won the 800 meter race in 2:08.45, with Leanne Burke third in 2:13.04. Jean Hughes race a good race in the 3000m, crossing the line third in a personal best of 9:55.07, and qualified for next weekend's ECAC Championships.

Hendricken, Philpott and Delahunty will get this weekend off to prepare for the NCAA's. Coach Teacy wants to qualify a two mile relay team at ECAC's with Geraldine Nolan, Leanne Burke, Amy Rudolph and Dionne Wilson.

"Obviously everything is going really well and we look forward to the next two weeks," said Coach Teacy. "It should be an exciting NCAA meet. With all going well, there's a possibility that PC will have their first-ever NCAA female champion [Geraldine Hendricken]. We've had two men's champions back in 1978. They are the only two NCAA champions PC has had in any sport, but we've never had a female and hopefully this will be it."

The Friars have one more stop before heading to Indianapolis for Nationals. They will battle the best of the ECAC (Women) and IC4A (men) this weekend at Syracuse.

Men's Hockey

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play. The record dropped them the third place in Hockey East and matched them against the sixth place Chiefs.

Coach McShane stated the importance of fan support on Friday night. "We really need home support. Weneed LOUD and CRAZY students!" he said. "Against Lowell we are going to play hard and aggressive, disciplined hockey. They have a first team all-Hockey East goalie, so we have to get a good pace going."

Providence is coming off a weekend of games against Maine, the number one team in the nation. They traveled to the Black Bears' lair on Friday night and lost 5-2. The Friars only managed a season-low 15 shots on goal. Brian Ridolfi continued his strong post-injury goal by scoring a short handed goal, and Mike Boback added a late goal. Brad Mulally made 19 saves in the loss.

Saturday night's game continued the intensity and excitement of post season play. The

Friars showed solid play all-around, but fell short 4-3. Coach McShane said, "We played a great game. The kids played fantastic. It was a tough loss, but it goes both ways. Hopefully, we'll get a break." Chad Quenneville, Brady Kramer and Chris Therien scored for the Friars.

Tickets for the Hockey East Quarterfinal game against UMass-Lowell on Friday night at Schneider Arena are on sale at the Providence College ticket office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$6 for students and kids 15 and under. For ticket information, call (401) 865-2271.

So if you want to see Mike Boback, Hockey East's national scoring champion (22-47-69) and Hobey Baker candidate, or Rob Gaudreau, the nation's leading defenseman, or a group of other Friars who will be creating quite a fuss in games to come, then stop what you are doing, Friday night and visit Schneider Arena. It's the right thing to do.



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"National" Champs!

by Beth Albertini
Assistant Sports Editor

It seemed inevitable. All season, the Lady Friars were on top of the ECAC, losing only twice. It seemed a given that Providence would win the ECAC title, womens ice hockey's version of a national championship. The only thing that stood in their way was the conference tournament and the prospect of facing Northeastern or New Hampshire, the only two teams to beat the Lady Friars this season. However, PC got over that barrier on Saturday when they beat New Hampshire 2-1 at Schneider Arena to claim their third ECAC title.

The Lady Friars advanced to Saturday's game by beating Princeton on Friday 5-2. PC got off to a quick start with four goals in the first period and never looked back. Cammi Granato, the tournament MVP, put the Lady Friars up 1-0 only four minutes into the contest. The lead was doubled five minutes later when Laurie Lashomb brought the puck from behind the net and poked it in the right side. Granato got her second of the night from Stephanie O'Sullivan at the 14:08 mark. Lynn Manning gave the Lady Friars a 4-0 lead 21 seconds later. Providence pummelled Princeton starting goalie Kari Rosenkrantz with 16shots in the first period, while PC goalie Kathy Sloan only faced one.

PC added a short-handed

goal by Stephanie O'Sullivan in the second before Princeton got on the scoreboard with only 40 seconds left in the period. The Lady Tigers' Elle Griffith gave Princeton a second goal on a bullet from the blue line past Kathy Sloan in the third, but PC had the game tied up, 5-2.

New Hampshire earned their spot in Saturday's final with a 5-4 overtime victory on Friday night over Northeastern. Northeastern netting two goals early in the opening period and looked in control, but the Wildcats scored with 1:11 left to cut the lead in half. They carried that momentum into the second period, tying the game 2-2 at 10. Northeastern regained the lead at the 7:16 mark, then New Hampshire knotted the score with another late goal, this one with one second left in the period.

Again the Wildcats took advantage of their late surge and scored only 28 seconds into the final period to take the lead. This time it was Northeastern's turn to tie and they did it five minutes later. The two teams stayed tied at four until two minutes into the first overtime when New Hampshire's Jocelyn Johnson netted the game-winner. UNH goalie Erin Whitten was great between the pipes, stopping 37 Northeastern shots.

As cold as it was outside on Saturday afternoon, the action was hot inside Schneider as PC and UNH did battle. New Hampshire has won the ECAC title five time in the last six years, but the Lady Friars were

ready. Back in goal for PC was senior Jill Rennie who missed the last two games of the regular season with a knee injury. Rennie, 134-11 this season, took a 21:27 goals against average and a 91.1 save percentage into the game. "Jill was out of her head," said senior co-captain Laurie Lashomb. "We didn't even know until that day that she would play. That gave us a big boost; we knew that we'll win in front of her."

Beth Beagan said, "Jill has all the heart in the world and the best morale. Seeing her play gave us more determination."

Once again, Cammi Granato scored the game's first goal for the Lady Friars. Granato took a pass from Kathy Brophy and Stephanie O'Sullivan in front of the net and pushed it through goalie Erin Whitten's pads.

After both teams were shut down in the second and most of the third period, Melissa Mills gave PC a two goal lead with five minutes left in the game. UNH came back with a goal of their own a minutes later, but it wasn't enough and Rennie and the Lady Friars came away with the 2-1 victory and their third ECAC title.

"In the tournament, we got the whole team involved and not just two or three lines and the goalies," said senior co-captain Sara Coan. "The goalies deserve a lot of credit, especially Jill, after spending three years on the bench and then going undefeated on the year. Coming in as freshmen, I think we had a lot of fun and we wanted that to continue. The

end showed what we had worked for."

The win wrapped up a 22-2-1 season for the Lady Friars. Junior Cammi Granato led the Lady Friars with 48 goals and 32 assists (80 points). Sophomore Vicky Movsessian found her spot on the defense and finished with 22 goals and 35 assists (67 points).

"The season went very well, better than we expected, I think, in the beginning," said Movsessian. "We had a good freshman group coming in, so we were confident in that. In the middle of the season we all pulled together and focused on what we wanted to do in order to realize our potential. Coach helped out a lot and we owe a lot to him, and I think people overlook that, how much time he puts into things and what he really does for us. I think definitely we can repeat with the confidence on the team, the morale and just everybody playing together. I don't really think it's necessarily that a team has to have so much talent, it's the heart that brought us to where we wanted to be."

"I'm glad it's over because four years is enough, but it's nice to win because it's senior year," Beth Beagan commented. "It's been a like a four year tour and I'm relieved. I hasn't sunk in yet that we won. After the first semester, going into second semester when we went up to Toronto and that weekend at Northeastern we lasted it and knew it was in our grasp. We decided there was no reason we wouldn't win; it was almost expected. I was nerv-

ous on Thursday night [before the tournament], playing Princeton after we had a hard time with them last time. I took nothing for granted. Watching the Northeastern-UNH game, I got more confidence. After PC took a 4-0 lead over Northeastern we kind of let down and didn't finish as strong as we started."

"Everybody keeps asking, 'Are you sad it's over?' I guess I am sad it's over," said Laurie Lashomb. "I love hockey, but it couldn't have ended in any other way. We were playing in the senior game at Brown and Beth [Beagan] and I were on the same team and Sara [Coan] was on the other one. Halfway through the game, Beth turned to me and said, 'We won.' Regardless of whether we won or lost, it was my favorite year of hockey. The fans really made a difference, too, this year. It means something when you have somebody in the stands that you're playing for. You can play for yourself and you can play for each other, but sometimes you like other people there, too. In past years in the locker room after we lost, everybody would be crying and it was sad. My roommate plays field hockey and this year when they won the Big East up at BC, I went in the locker room, and it was the most happy place I've ever seen. I mean champagne was flying everywhere, everybody was so happy. I said to myself, 'We are winning it this year, because this is the way I want my year to end.' It was exactly what happened."

Friars Ready to be Loud and Crazy

by Russell Newell
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Forget what you are planning for Friday night at 7:00 p.m. No staying home to do homework, no Louie's, go late to 92 days. The best show in town that night will be Providence College men's ice hockey.

The Friars open the Hockey East Quarterfinals at Schneider Arena Friday at 7:00 p.m. They face the UMass-Lowell

Chiefs, a team that played PC very tough this year. The Chiefs won the first two games at Providence, by scores of 4-1 and 8-6. The Friars then tied them at Lowell, 4-4, and finally defeated them back home by a score of 7-4.

Providence goes into the contest with an 0-2-1 record in its last four games, leaving them with a 20-12-2 overall record and an 11-8-2 record in league

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by John Raposo
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Okay, in plain and simple English, the Friars have played themselves out of the NIT Tournament. Based on the Friars' 13-16 record, the NIT selection committee's refusal to consider sub .500 teams and the Friars' head-over-heels stumble through the end of the regular season—don't they remind you of that poor Moroccan downhill skier—the Friars will play their last home game of the season on Saturday.

With all due respects to the Bible, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a sub .500 team to gain entry into the Kingdom of the NIT. "It's impossible for a sub .500 team to make post season play," explained Greg Burk, PC's assistant athletic director.

There is, however, slim, a chance that PC could earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament. If, and only if, the Friars make it to Manhattan and capture next weekend's Big East Tournament will the Friars see PROVIDENCE across the screen on Selection Sunday.

Is it possible for the Friars to win the tournament despite their 5-12 league record and ninth seed? Well, in this strange leap year, when short-

people are dubbed vertically challenged, when the fortunes of the Friars have gone up and down like a bungee cord, anything is possible. However, the prospect of the PC Friars playing little basketball on four consecutive nights remains to be seen.

Though a Big East Tournament championship would automatically clinch an invitation to the Big Dance, entrance into the NIT, the NCAA Tournament's odd, ugly sister, is mathematically impossible. Assuming the Friars beat Miami on Saturday, the best record they could post, without winning the Big East Tournament, would be 17-17 (three wins and a loss in the Tournament).

"It's not written in blood, but the committee doesn't consider teams that are below .500," said Bill Esposito, publisher of the NIT Tournament. "As a matter of fact, no team with a 500 record has ever been selected for the NIT."

In fact, the official handbook for the NIT lists the criteria for post season selection after win-loss records. "Everything being equal between potential invitees the following become important factors: strong second half of the season (5-10 for the Friars), outstanding performers (no All-Americans this year), injuries (none), potential 'Cinderella' team and margins

of victory over quality opponents."

Sure, the Friars could beat any team potentially in the NIT ("Cinderella" team). And, yes, PC defeated Villanova by eight, Syracuse by 14, Georgetown by 23 and BC by 13. The fact remains, however, that the Friars' record will ruin any shot the Friars have of ever seeing the Promised Land.

On Tuesday night, the Friars' 1992 Achilles heels—can you have three of these?—proved to be their major undoing. A lack of perimeter shooting (3-18 from three point shooting, all three by Rob Phelps), poor free throw shooting (20-33 from the line), and high turnovers (15) all contributed to a 75-65 Villanova victory, the Friars' third straight loss.

Saturday night marks Senior Night, and a quintet of seniors will be goodbyes to the fans in attendance. There will be roses for their moms, hugs from their teammates and a standing ovation from the fans. The PC Dancers will stir the stuff at halftime, but their will be emptiness for these seniors. For two of these seniors—Marques Bragg and Marvin Saddler—it will mark the first time that PROVIDENCE is not written across somebody's wish list.



Lost weekend at Alford leaves Friars on the bubble