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PC Priory Under Investigation for Keg Party

by Jane Doe
Associated Press

Due to the censorship nature of this newspaper, all names have been eliminated for confidentiality and legal concerns.

Confusion and chaos surmounted as ten Providence police cars surrounded the Providence College Priory at approximately 9 p.m. last Saturday night to break up a large, noisy keg party.

While no arrests were made, a local Providence College priest has been charged by the school with failure to register a party and having more than 18 priests in his room at one time.

Police say they were attracted to the second floor first because of loud rap music emanating out to River Ave., sights of white robes dancing in the windows, and large two-foot funnels hanging out the windows.

"The party was taking place throughout the entire building," said the police chief, "but only one partying priest was taken downtown, because he confessed to organizing the event. Several priests scattered as we entered the building, while others continued dancing and playing the drinking game 'three man'."

"I was afraid they were going to book me," stated the priest taken downtown. "Now I understand how my students feel when they are arrested for ridiculous rea-

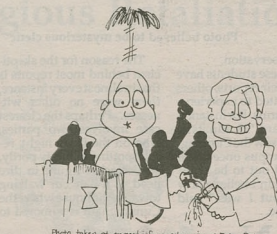


Photo taken at moment of apprehension at Priory Party (Photo UP)

sons."
"I hope that if PC students learn one thing from this fiasco, it's that priests are human and make mistakes, but we also know how to have fun," he concluded.

According to neighbors, the party had been going on for several hours and numerous complaints to the police went unrecognized until a call came from Marshfield.

Twelve kegs were confiscated and various bottles of wine and liquor were found stashed in the pews of the priory chapel said school officials.

Apparently an adequate liquor license had been obtained by the PC priests from the city of Providence and no one was soliciting funds to cover the alcohol costs. Therefore, being of proper

age requirements, police could not find cause for any arrests.

The alleged priest who admitted to organizing the gala event was ultimately charged by the school in a secret midnight disciplinary session of the same evening. This offender has been given 1,500 hours of community service, a \$10,000 fine and he must write a letter of apology to the PC community to be printed in the *Providence Journal*.

Witnesses from the Elmhurst community claim that this was the biggest PC party busted since St. Patrick's Day. "I understand that the pressures of college life need an outlet," said one witness. "But this was another Mardi Gras."

Students Up In Arms Over Administrative Changes

Hordes of PC students picketed in front of Harkins Hall yesterday in protest of the recently announced changes to PC's administrative policies, effective as of the 1992-93 school year. By far, the four most controversial changes involve the following.

1) Banning all useless classes from the PC curriculum - Perhaps the most upsetting result of this is that doing so only leaves students with the choice of three religion classes and only one philosophy class. All the rest, as well as quite a few natural science classes, were deemed "nothing but a waste of the student's time and money."

One of the heads of the student protests, Mark "Morty" Fallon, '93, was quoted as saying, "We won't stand for such drastic measures. I learned more from my two philosophy classes than most newborns and house cats learn in a week." To this, Tim "Beansie" Farley, '93, added, "Morty's right. Plus, my religion and philosophy classes are so intriguing, practical and stimulating that I almost never want to doze off into a coma."

Naturally, since we were at the sight of a controversy, administrative members flocked to the scene in an effort to resolve these "fam-

ily" matters. Father Shuteye, head of the Committee on Torturous Classes, stated, "The committee felt that the students were being forced to memorize hordes of terms and definitions that, quite frankly, they'll forget in five minutes and will never use again."

To this, Sean Higgins '93, replied, "That's nonsense! Why, just the other day in the grocery store I was asked by the clerk for the precise definition of a law. If I hadn't taken Ethics, I would have looked like a real jackass." Colin "Swiss" Hoehn, '93, supported Sean in saying, "Such a definition will surely come in handy when Trivia Pursuit releases their *Incredibly Useless Definitions You Learned in College* edition. And that's when I'll know I got the most out of my \$70,000 investment."

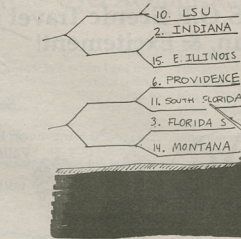
2) Lowering the Book Store Prices - I was able to speak with Yule B. Riptoff, head of the bookstore's Highway Robbery division, who told me, "We heard that word had gotten out about the prices we've been charging and were afraid the government was going to catch up with us. I'd probably get life without parole for that kind of larceny."

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PC Men's Basketball Team Still Alive

by Bill Reynolds
Staff Writer

In a surprise announcement yesterday, the NCAA stated that they made a grave error in omitting Providence College from the men's NCAA tournament and that they are going to start the tourney all over. Matthew Zimmerman, President of the NCAA, revealed that PC was supposed to have been in Georgetown's spot. Speculation has it that Georgetown's coach John Thompson, still angered at PC for blowing out his team at home, broke into the NCAA office and switched the



teams' names.
Mr. Zimmerman stated that they evaluated PC not by their actual record (14-17) but by what it would have been had they shot free

throws better than his 98-year old grandmother. "They would have easily been top 20 in the country," said Zimmerman. When asked how they viewed PC's early



losses to Chamainade and Brown (teams that Ray Charles or Stevie Wonder could probably have started on), he stated that he was able to convince most of the com-

mittee that it was actually PC's JV squad that played in those games and had the varsity played, they would have won handily.

Coach Barnes said he was elated in hearing of the news and when asked if he planned to do anything differently for the tournament, he said, "Certainly. For every free throw the miss, they have to watch an entire Richard Simmons *Sweatin' to the Oldies* workout video" (why didn't he think of that sooner). That is his only change, however, as he still plans to use his players with the consistency of the New England weather.

The Mystery Continues...

by Tom Brokaw
Staff Writer

First there was the mystery of the Loch Ness monster; then came Bigfoot; and now a similar mystery has hit the PC campus in the form of the Mighty Cunningham. This "creature" is rumored to have actually been spotted on campus grounds. While most contend that the Cunningham is just a figment of the administration's imagination, there is significant evidence arising that points otherwise.

Numerous Cunningham sightings have been reported to the Unidentified Reported Figures Bureau of the FBI. Unfortunately, as Mr. I. C. Nothing, head of this division, told me, most report these sightings anonymously for fear of being exposed and mocked as a hallucinating lunatic. One student, who would only give the name Archibald, claims that ever since his reported Cunningham sighting last month, he



Cunningham sightings on campus

has been labeled a psycho who's just out to get attention (he'll be releasing his autobiography next month). Another student, who now goes by the name Jehovah, once claimed he actually saw the Cunningham conversing with students in Mondo cafe. Luckily, this freak show was quickly apprehended and sent away to undergo psy-

chiatric observation.

While these students have stuck by their reports, others have admitted to experiencing false alarms. For instance, Mike Howard, '93, admits he thought he saw the Cunningham on campus once but it just turned out to be Elvis. "You wouldn't believe how bummed out I was," said young Mike.



Photo believed to be mysterious cleric

The reason for the skepticism behind most reports is that in almost every instance, there were no other witnesses. Perhaps the clearest case involves two parties, who on the same night, recall spotting a slightly portly, bespectacled figure in dire need of a hair cut walking towards the house where the Cunningham is rumored to

reside.

I spoke with two students who claim they broke into that house once and found nothing but letters addressed to the *Cowl* in response to recent controversies that apparently had never been mailed. As a matter of fact the students turned in those letters and one will be printed in the *Cowl* this week.

Yet most still contend that there is no such thing as a Cunningham. One theory holds that much like the *Wizard of Oz*, he is just some guy named Sal or Marvin who hides behind the office door playing Nintendo all day.

The mystery of the Cunningham is one that much like the Loch Ness and Bigfoot controversies may never be solved. The FBI asks that anyone who believes he has experienced a Cunningham sighting call 1-800-U-SAW-WHO?

Faculty Senate Votes No for Senior Final Exams

The Providence College Faculty Senate voted Monday to eliminate final exams for all seniors for the spring, 1992 exam period.

The legislation to vote on this bill came from the President of the college who desired to reward the senior class for the hard work they've done over the past four years.

The vote passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate for the main reason that professors will have less papers to correct in May according to the President of the Faculty Senate.

"Professors have enough work to do making up exams for students and then finding creative things to keep themselves busy during the two hour exam time. This legislation will alleviate extra work for professors that keeps them from concentrating on correcting the underclassmen's exams," stated the Faculty Senate President.

"It is common knowledge

among professors that most seniors start to slack off around April, so by exam time they don't even think about studying for an exam," said the Faculty Senate President. "We feel that if seniors aren't going to do work for us, then we shouldn't do any work for them."

The President of the College had a different reason in mind for voting on this legislation. He stated, "Seniors have been studying for the past four years. This is evident in their efforts to expand library hours and allow Eagles and Louie's to go bankrupt. I feel the college is therefore obligated to recognize the good deeds of the senior class."

Apparently several members of the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes were sighted picketing in protest of this decision around the front of Harkins Hall early Tuesday morning according to school officials. So far no arrests have been made as

officials are unaware of which students were picketing and no other evidence has been found. No other picketers were sighted for the rest of the day, though rumors say that an underground movement has begun with plans for a sit-in.

"I hope this vote does not cause turmoil among the other classes," said the Senior Class President. "But in all fairness the school owes us for all the work we've done and especially for slighting us for Commencement funds. And if the Faculty Senate decides to keep this ruling for upcoming years, each class will get its due turn to miss out on final exams."

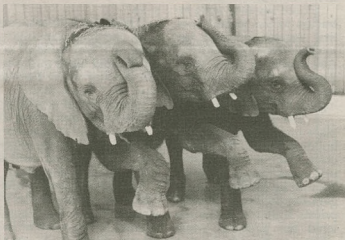


Photo taken at PC Faculty Halloween Party last year. Professors in costumes refuse to admit identity for fear of Roger Williams Park Zoo officials inquiry of three escaped elephants last Spring.

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Entertainment News Flash...

Are you feeling a tad bit depressed because you were not one of the lucky few to snag U2 tickets for their recent concerts at the Boston Garden and Providence Civic Center? Well, take that razor blade away from your wrist because U2 is coming to Providence College!!!! Yes, you can believe your eyes! This is not a misprint!

During U2's concert at the Providence Civic Center on March 15th, lead singer Bono noticed that a large majority of the audience hailed from Providence College. "I looked out into the audience and saw a sea of Providence College sweatshirts, baseball caps, claddagh rings, and L. L. Bean jackets. To tell you the truth, it was kind of scary because everyone looked the same! Nevertheless, I was impressed by the enthusiasm of the students, and decided to hold a special, once in a lifetime concert at PC!"

The concert will be held in Alumni Hall on April 3, 1992, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale April 1, 1992, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reptile Revenge or Religious Retaliation?



Fr. Mark in harmony during simpler times with rambunctious reptile

Upon entering the biology lab to feed his twelve foot boa constrictor its monthly ration of rats, a PC biology professor was strangled almost to the point of asphyxiation. Fr. Mark Nowel was rushed to Our Lady of Fatima Hospital yesterday and remains in stable condition today.

PC officials specu-

late that various priests had previously trained the reptile to attack Fr. Mark as an act of revenge. Apparently Fr. Nowel has been neglecting his daily Mass duties and some priests are tired of making up the slack.

One biology student commented that it appeared the lock to the biology lab containing the snake had

been tampered with several times during the week.

Fr. Mark has declined to press charges and refused to initiate an investigation for fear of repercussions. He is currently receiving visitors in Room 214 of Our Lady of Fatima Hospital but only if they bring Hershey's Plain and Almond-Chocolate kisses.

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In reply to this, John "Gibba" McCormack, '93, said, "Nonsense. I am proud to help stimulate the economy by paying these priests. So what if the book is only worth \$5.00, and we pay \$50.00. Big Deal. What's an extra 0 added on to the price?"

3) Co-ed dorms - President Runningham, who ran down to the protest scene, stated, "We're hoping to revitalize the entire student body's interest in the opposite sex. Besides, the students have to drop their primitive attitude and realize we're no longer living in the 14th century. This is the 1990s, people."

Chris "Dolans" Dubois,

'93, was quick to reply, "Great, just when I got used to looking at guys for twenty hours a day, they decide to make a change. And I suppose this means that guys will no longer be looked upon merely as sex objects by females? What fun is that?"

In regard to co-ed dorms, Tom "Pine" Hall, '94, asks, "Does this mean I might actually meet a few females before moving off-campus?" Mike Tarnelli, '93, adds, "Oh, and I suppose this means my days of running naked down the dorm hallways, after midnight are over."

When asked her opinion of co-ed dorms, Maura Galvin, '95, replied, "What!

You mean there are guys at this school?!"

4) Banning the fining system - During a brief interview, Father Yule B. Broke told me, "We've been ripping these kids off for years, and to tell you the truth, it's really become quite boring. Plus, my beach house on the Cape is all paid off and we're still ripping the kids off for tuition, so this is really no big deal."

Brian Tierney, '93, says that this decision is absurd. "Fining us hundreds of dollars for hosting a keg party is definitely the right thing to do. So what if we're actually doing the school a service since half of their students would surely transfer if it

Dear Editor,

If there one's thing I can't stand, it's when people make unwarranted attacks on this great college of ours. I am, of course, referring to certain members of the newspaper staff who have been rather uncomplimentary towards the administration and certain college offices. I suppose the thing that really burns me up is when people make direct attacks on individual people.

I'm sure that I am not alone in my disgust. After all, without the administration to back us up, where would we be? Nowhere, that's where. I suggest that we depart from our vitriolic ways and start treating the administration with the respect that it deserves. I'd like to ask you all a question. If the administration started to give in to the whim of every nabby-pamby liberal pinko on campus, can you imagine the state that this school would be in? Not only would we all be up to our armpits in filthy, immoral practices, but we would also be compromising our very selves in the process. Allow me to illustrate.

Say, for example, that the college were to allow a club on campus that gave beer lovers an organization so that they wouldn't feel so threatened by those of us who stay in on the weekends. This would be an outrage! An organization like that would just encourage other groups to try and organize their own clubs. But, as I'm sure you all know, there have been certain people that have challenged the college's position on this particular issue. This

cannot be tolerated. We must, as a collective group of students, stand up to this kind of deliberate attempt to undermine the college.

One of the biggest problems we have as a society is trying to help people. If we would just think about how it was done in the old days, when people were left to fend for themselves, and they always found a way to get through. That is what this college is all about - trying to keep things the way that they were, because things were always better 'way back when'.

The other main thing that really perturbs me is the way people deliberately attack the services of the school that do the most for them. In their defense, I would like to say that they do the most on this campus, and they get nothing but lip service from everyone. I challenge anyone to do a better job than say the maintenance workers. It's not easy to accommodate so many people so successfully. Not only do they maintain cleanliness and freshness, they strongly believe in recycling and the importance of separating trash to save the environment. And don't forget the little mints left every afternoon in every room on campus where they empty the trash. I, for one, would like to give my full support and congratulations to the maintenance crew and I hope that someday you will get the respect and recognition that you properly deserve.

That's enough babbling for now!
Sincerely,
A Concerned Conservative

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Roving Photographer: If you were the Easter Bunny, how would you do things differently?



Typical PC male:
Ya dude, I'd uh, hey Rocky put down my electric guitar, what was the question?



Nancy Palmisciano:
I would give all the special PC students an extra Cadbury Cream Egg and a keg of beer!



PC Dancers:
We think the Easter bunny should give spandex and sequins to everyone and not make the eggs so hard to find.



Joe Clark:
If I were the Easter bunny, I would give all school principals baseball bats and make all students go to class on Easter Monday.

WDOM Top Ten Play List Week Ending 4/1

1. "Hocus Pocus" - Focus
2. "Billy Don't Be a Hero" - Bo Donaldson and the Hey woods
3. "Elvira" - The Oak Ridge Boys
4. "Der Kommissar" - Falco
5. "Pac Man Fever" - Buckler and Garcia
6. "The Ballad of the Green Berets" - Sgt. Barry Saddler
7. "The Night Chicago Died" - Paper Lace
8. "Whatsa Matter You" - Joe Shívone
9. "Pina Colada" - Rupert Holmes
10. "Theme from SWAT" - Rhythm Heritage

DJ Picks:
"Rhinstone Cowboy" - Glen Campbell
"In-a-gadda-da-vida" - Iron Butterfly
"Seasons in the Sun" - Terry Jacks
"It's Not Unusual" - Tom Jones
"Babe" - Styx
"Stayin' Alive" - The Bee Gees

PC Ranked Among Safest Schools in Nation

The US Dept. of Safety and Health has announced that Providence College is among the safest schools in the country. Ranking top colleges and universities in occurrence of crime, violence, and general harassment, they found PC to be virtually free of all these problems.

Father McPhail, Vice President of Student Services, was jubilant at the news. "I thought so all along," he said. He encouraged students to enjoy the safety of the surrounding area by taking walks at night. Especially safe is Douglas Avenue, he noted. Women were urged to walk to Old Eagles whenever they wanted, or simply to stroll around Chad Brown for fresh air.

The local neighbors were cited in the Department's reports as being very amiable to their Providence College student neighbors. "I wish all my neighbors were PC kids," exclaimed Nancy Palmisciano. "I just want to open my home to these well-mannered, polite young men and women."

Because of the high marks PC received in the report, Providence

College has decided to relax security controls around campus, in order to make better use of school funds. Among the changes will be the dismantling of all gates surrounding the school and termination of all security personnel. The off-campus shuttle bus will now be available for student road trips to Boston and Newport, it was announced.

It is expected that enrollment at Providence College will now increase, according to the Admissions Office. "We are especially hoping more minorities will come experience our free and open environment. Since security will be let go, these students need never carry their IDs with them again."

To celebrate the positive results of this report, Providence College will host an all-night block party in the tradition of Spring Weekend. Off-campus residents are invited to come and drink heavily, since violence is no longer a concern. However, police may still be present to look out for bombing attempts. (You can just never be too sure!)

"Your Mother's Home Cooking" Scoreboard

This Week in Providence College Athletics

Week of April 1 - 8

- Wed., Apr. 1 WOMEN'S TIDDLEWINKS vs SLIPPERY ROCK 2:30
Men's Polish Football at Miami, FL - 4:00 p.m.
Mixed Naked Luge at Oberlin College - 12:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Apr. 2 Tag Team Checkers at Smith Hill Center - 1:00 p.m.
MEN'S BOCCCE BALL vs SONS OF ITALY - 3:30 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 3 Men's Curling at BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIPS - 3:00
WOMEN'S SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING - 3:30 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 4 WOMEN'S HORIZONTAL HULA vs BEAVER U 1:00
Men's Polish Football at Pittsburgh Steelers - 3:00 p.m.
- Sun., Apr. 5 NOTHING
- Mon., Apr. 6 MEN'S CROQUET vs NOVA UNIVERSITY - 2:00 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse at Smith - 2:30 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 7 MEN'S POLISH FOOTBALL vs MIKE DITKA - 1:30
Women's Shuffleboard at Kalamazoo College - 7:00

All Home Games in Caps



Providence College increases security measures

Editor's Note:

APRIL FOOLS DAY!!!!!!!