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PC Remembers Greg Aucoin and Scott Lyons



Memorial Mass for Greg and Scott photo by K. Mullaney

by Todd Spittler
Assistant News Editor

On Wednesday March 13, the Providence College Student Congress and the class of 1991 held an anniversary Mass in memory of Gregory Dennis Aucoin and Scott Howard Lyons. Their lives were lost in a tragic plane crash just one year ago. Mass was held in Aquinas Chapel and was attended by students, faculty, and family members of the deceased. Dominicans in attendance were the Very Reverend Adrian Dabash, Fr. Stuart MacPhail, Fr. Mark Nowel, and President John F. Cunningham.

Homilist Father Dabash made poignant remarks about the appropriateness of this Mass because we are in the Eucharistic season and it is a "fitting time to celebrate not death, but life. It is the saving act of God's love and His gift of unending life that causes us to rejoice." He also added that "through the Lord, we will have the strength to continue pursuing the ideals Greg and Scott represent." Father Dabash's words were uplifting and inspirational to all. The other celebrants, Father MacPhail, Father Nowel,

and President Cunningham, also spoke of our need to remember Greg and Scott of the fond and lasting memories they continue to offer us.

After Mass, those in attendance proceeded to the Apartment complex for the Dedication and Blessing ceremony of the bronze plaques in memory of the two gentlemen. Kristin Powell, a senior at PC, read a heartfelt poem which stressed that their absence is only a physical absence and they are still alive and well in our hearts. Student Congress officers for the class of 1991, Chris Murphy and Bill Myers, dedicated the plaques in honor of our deceased classmates.

Father Dabash followed the emotional reading with his blessing of the plaques in honor of Greg and Scott. He urged those around him to remember that the freshly planted tree between the plaques represents the sign of life. Seniors and fellow friends of the deceased, George Mesch and Mike Curran, then presented commemorative plaques to Mr. and Mrs. Aucoin and Mr. and Mrs. Lyons. Please express your condolences if you pass through apartments DiTraglia and B.

Marvin Barnes, Former Friar B-Ball Player, Denounces Drugs

by Kate Malloy
Staff Writer

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." Marvin Barnes, PC alumni basketball player, used these words to describe his experience with drugs during his lecture in Moore Hall on Monday night. This former All-American basketball player went on to play for the St. Louis Spirits, the Detroit Pistons, the Buffalo Braves, the San Diego Clippers and the Boston Celtics.

Barnes shared with the audience his personal account of signing a 2.2 million dollar contract with St. Louis his first year after graduation. He went on to win Rookie of the Year with the Spirits. With his newly found success and wealth, he could also support his newly found drug habit. He discussed how he lost focus on all that he had worked for and "ventured onto the darkside."

Barnes spoke of the low point in his life while living in California. He described him-



Marvin Barnes talks about his recovery from drug abuse photo by Kevin Mullaney

self as a homeless "dope fiend," stealing to support his habit. Looking at the floor, he commented on the irony of his fame in the basketball world turning into fame in the world of drugs and crime. After five or six unsuccessful attempts at sobriety in various rehab centers, it finally took a jail sentence to

beat his addiction.

After recently being out of jail for six months, Marvin Barnes is full of plans for the future. He expressed interest in coaching basketball, opening a drug rehabilitation center. He will continue to teach and counsel others, and he would also like to write a book.

Kelly Rohrer Chosen as General Manager of WDOM for '91-'92

by Jenn MacCallum
Congress Correspondent

On Friday, March 1, 1991, Kelly Rohrer of the class of '93 was chosen as the new General Station Manager for WDOM-91.3 F.M. for the 1991-1992 academic year.

Kelly was chosen through an interview with Father McPhail, Brother T.A. Dolan, station moderator, Tara Kramer, 1990-1991 General Station Manager, and Meg Hines, a member of Student Congress. The duties of the General Sta-



Kelly Rohrer photo by K. Mullaney

tion Manager are to oversee all of the station's operations.

Kelly became involved with WDOM her freshman year when she was a Classical DJ. This year, she was Classical Director and a Co-DJ of a Tuesday night rock show with Matt Leonard. "I always liked speaking in front of people, and decided to become a DJ. I worked from there," said Kelly, about what attracted her to WDOM.

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by Anne M. Lee
Assistant Editorial Editor

"I've Always Been a Liar" was the resolution that clinched the final debate during a tournament held on the PC campus Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16. The winning team was a hybrid duo from M.I.T. and Fairfield.

Providence College Debate Society hosted over 20 teams from 10 schools, including Harvard, Brown, M.I.T., Wesleyan, Wellesley, R.I.C., Johns Hopkins, Fairfield, Quinpiac College and Sacred Heart for this weekend event. Teams participated in five rounds of debates, three on

Friday and two on Saturday, as well as joining in a pizza dinner on Friday and the traditional Saturday luncheon banquet.

Traditional parliamentary debate procedure was livened by resolutions taken from famous movie quotes compiled by Guy Benoit. These topics spurred debate on everything from U.S. aid and King Hussein of Jordan, to shoelaces vs. velcro.

PC Debating Secretary Alex Brough had positive things to say about the tournament and emphasized that all the debate officers were pleased by the

weekend's outcome. These officers are Marge O'Brien, President; Steve Hartnet, Vice-President, and Larry Saladin, Treasurer.

The team wishes to thank students who volunteered as judges, and Fr. Tortorici in the Residence office. Special thanks goes to Professor Deasy of the History Department who serves as the PC debate advisor. Dr. Deasy was the speaker of the house for the final round and was much admired by all for his eloquence and dignified approach to the skill of debating.

PC Hosts Debate Tournament

Award-Winning Poet and Author Joseph Bruchac to Deliver Lecture at PC

Award-winning poet and storyteller, Joseph Bruchac, author of two novels, 14 collections of poetry, and two non-fiction books, will present an evening of his poetry and prose on Thursday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in Moore Hall III.

Bruchac, of Native American (Abenaki), English, and Slovak descent, draws on his Native American heritage for much of his writing and storytelling. He is also deeply concerned about the environmental health of the world and puts strong emphasis in his work on the importance of ecological and spiritual balance.

Bruchac's non-fiction works include *Survival This Way: Interviews With American Indian Poets* and *How to Start and Sustain a Literary Magazine*. His folk stories include *Return of the Sun: Native American Tales from the Eastern Woodlands*; *The Faithful Hunter and Other Abenaki Sto-*

ries; and *Iroquois Stories: Heroes and Heroines, Monsters and Magic*.

He is also the editor of several anthologies, including *New Voices from the Longhouse: Contemporary Iroquois Writing*, and *Breaking Silence: Contemporary Asian American Poets*.

Bruchac is the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, including the New York State Council on the Arts Editors Fellowships (1986); The Cherokee Nation Award (prose, 1986); American Book Award for *Breaking Silence* (1984); and the Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship (1982).

He holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Cornell University, a Master's Degree in literature and creative writing from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. in comparative literature from Union Graduate School.

In addition to telling stories, work which has taken him to 40 states and several other coun-

tries, Bruchac also includes traditional Native American songs and Adirondack folk songs in many of his performances.

As a storyteller, he is the author of five collections of retellings of traditional tales from the Abenaki and the Iroquois, which include *The Faithful Hunter and Return of the Sun*. He is also co-author with Michael Caduto of *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*.

A resident of Greenfield Center in the Adirondack foothills, Bruchac and his wife, Carol, are the founders and co-directors of The Greenfield Review Press and Literary Center.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend this poetry and prose reading. For more information, contact the PC English Department at 865-2292.

Kelly Rohrer

Kelly hopes that WDOM will become more well known on-campus next year. She hopes to have more on-air give aways and promotions and have more sessions with the station's adviser from WPRO, in order to assist the DJ's and other staff members in carrying out their duties.

WDOM, which is funded by the school, operates everyday from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. The different jobs within WDOM include

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DJ (rock, jazz, classical, urban contemporary, reggae, and metal), news and sports announcers, public relations, productions, promotions, live functions, general manager, office manager and directors of each department.

Students are able to become involved with WDOM by signing up at the fall Club Fair or by contacting the station at 865-2091.

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Eight PC Students Qualify for Theatre Arts Honor Society

Eight Providence College students have qualified for membership in Theta Alpha Phi National Theatre Arts Honor Society. Membership is based on a student's overall contribution to the theatre.

The new members are seniors Courtney Byrne, Edward Connelly, Christine Gillespie, and Heather Marie Grady; juniors Alexandra Dadourian and Daniel Z. DeGuzman; and

sophomores Dwayne E. Shepard and Dana Williams.

Seven other current PC students were inducted last year: seniors Peter Borchetta, Beth Drury, and Janet Gaynor; and juniors Brendan Byrnes, Aidan Connolly, Anne Marie Higgins, and David E. Sullivan.

Founded in 1919, Theta Alpha Phi is the oldest theatre honorary in the world. According to its constitutions, its

purposes are: "to increase interest, stimulate creativeness and recognize excellence in all of the allied arts and crafts of the theatre." Providence College has had a chapter of Theta Alpha Phi since 1989.

Disciplinary Measures

*Disciplinary Measures as
Submitted from the Office of Vice
President for Student Services*

Cases as of:
March 6, 1991:

The case involved one student and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The student violated disciplinary probation and college regulations. Specifically, having keg parties with paid admission and contributing to underage drinking on a deliberately controlled basis. In addition, for physically abusing a fellow student by committing an act of violence.

Consequently, the following penalties were assessed:

Disciplinary probation until May 10, 1991. The student will serve thirty hours of community service and pay a two hundred dollar (\$200) fine.

March 12, 1991:

The case involved three students and the following charges have been adjudicated by the College Judiciary Officer. The students had a keg party within a residence hall. As well, having an unregistered party with noise and loud music.

Consequently, the charged students will be on disciplinary probation until May 10, 1991. They will serve thirty hours of community service and pay a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200).

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"Vote For The Best Candidate, Not Your Best Friend"

by Anne M. Lee
Assistant Editorial Editor

It's that time again - the big clubs on campus are choosing their leaders and their members for the upcoming year. With election day looming, the student body must weigh their decisions carefully. For those of you who do not choose to vote, remember, when the ballots are in, do not complain at the results.

I do vote and thus I have a right to my opinion. My opinion is that some of the major clubs on campus are hindered by a system of nepotism which must be terminated. Webster's defines nepotism as favoritism shown on the basis of relationships, as in business or politics. This includes relationships between roommates, friends, etc. This is unfortunate, to say the least.

Certainly we are in not alone in this respect, considering

there is a word in the dictionary to describe it. Everything from national elections to local politics and corporate boards falls prey to these networks.

The way I see it, PC, like many other fine institutions, is caught on the horns of a dilemma. Its students are accepted on the basis of academics, but also on activities. Freshmen enter PC after serving as class officers, varsity sport captains, and members of Student Council. They must start again at the bottom if they want to regain prominent positions in college. Yet, often their path becomes blocked by this insidious who-do-you-know policy.

There are many clubs on campus to become involved in which do not require election procedure but these tend

to be smaller and less well-funded. For the student who aims to be a Friar or a BOP board member, their hopes are often thwarted.

Out of a student body of approximately 4,000, the three major clubs comprise about 165 students. Part of their prestige is the fact that they remain somewhat 'exclusive.' However, take into account that some of these individuals may serve on more than one of the major PC organizations. Of course, it is ridiculous to assume that certain groups can accept everyone. What is not ridiculous, on the other hand, is trying to minimize the chance of favoritism working on certain people's behalf.

There are many dedicated, hard-working students working through school associations to better the quality of Providence College. Sadly, though, there are still more of these students who can't seem to get their foot in the door. Therefore, it is imperative that we take the upcoming election as a starting point for a policy that will choose the most qualified people for the job.

Judging from the Student Congress debate, this task becomes even more critical. The debate could have been termed, "A Study in Vagueness." While all candidates presented themselves well and spoke with confidence, I left with the nagging feeling that many difficult questions had not been answered satisfactorily. Already I have heard predictions based on popularity. Just because people have many friends does not exempt them from obtaining prominent positions, as long as this is not the sole criterion.

When considering which way to cast your ballot, do not say, "S/he is a good person. I've parted with them a couple of times and, therefore, they deserve my vote." Instead, question, "What are they willing to do for the entire student body?" What policies and plans can they put down on paper and say, "This is what I plan to accomplish next year." Only when these questions are answered straightforwardly will PC begin to be fair to all parties involved.

Eating Lobster: The Newest Sacrifice

by Lisa Cyr
Editorial Editor

As I stood in line at Alumni cafeteria on Friday and asked for a "BLT" I was reminded that Alumni cafeteria doesn't serve meat on Fridays during Lent. I began to wonder to myself about the sacrifice involved in abstaining from meat on Fridays. Where is the sacrifice in eating lobster, salmon, swordfish or even manicotti on Fridays? Unfortunately, this ritual sacrifice has lost much meaning to many of today's Catholics, who need a new understanding of the meaning of abstinence. Whereas it once had a specific and necessary purpose, today, abstinence for most Catholics has become an empty ritual.

In the time of Jesus of Nazareth, only the wealthy ate meat. The wealthy, in collusion with the church, put aside Friday as a day of abstinence. Historically, for Catholics, asceticism was adopted for the purpose of joining with Christ in his sufferings on the cross. According to *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, "abstinence is the depravity of one's self of certain kinds of food, in a reasonable manner, for the purpose of benefiting the soul." Here within lies the hypocrisy of abstaining from meat on Fridays. Eating lobster and shrimp is not benefiting the soul. Moreover, with today's fish prices, especially lobster, abstaining from meat is no sacrifice, but an extravagance. Extravagance does not add to the spiritual good but more importantly, does not benefit the soul!

John Reedy, in *The Catholic Fact Book*, reiterates the spirit of penance intended by the church: "The church's discipline with respect to fast and abstinence derives from a desire to bring a spirit of penance into the life of Catholic's individually... In the church's view, self-denial is bound up with reform and repentance, and a fundamental form of self-denial is fasting and abstaining." Reform and repentance, as expressed in *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, "is thus an act of courage or fortitude wherein one is willing to accept those acts of mortification, prayer, and resolve to struggle against future sins, not out of a fear of God, but out of a love for God and a sense of humility." This struggle against future sins, coupled with a great sense of humility, is ultimately bound within the philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus of Nazareth, on whose life and works the Catholic church is founded, is incredibly important to the analysis of abstinence. For in joining with Christ on the cross, we are trying to emulate his life. Jesus of Nazareth spent his life challenging the political-religious status quo of his day. Jesus of Nazareth upset many social conventions by choosing to associate with lepers and prostitutes. His vision included equal distribution of wealth and a world characterized as a fellowship of equals. Jesus' main mission was to free the Jews from the oppression they had long endured. It would then seem necessary that a form of asceticism, like abstinence be made relevant to the suffering endured by the oppressed. Jesus of Nazareth is the voice of the oppressed. Thus, in a day and age when abstention from meat has little to do with sacrifice, we must try to apply the concept in a different form. Instead of eating lobster, for example, why not give the money that has been saved to a worthy cause, such as a homeless shelter.

Although it is not my practice to quote the Bible, perhaps in this instance it will make the most impact on people. In the first chapter of Isaiah, God urges the people to help those in need: "What care I for the number of your sacrifices? says the Lord. I have had enough of whole-burnt rams...Bring me no more worthless offerings... Though you pray the more, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood! Wash yourselves clean!...cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim." (Isaiah 1:11-18) In chapter 58, God criticizes people's actions: "Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits, ...Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with wicked claw.... This, rather, is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, ...sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless..." (Isaiah 58:3-8)

What should become apparent is that if abstinence has become an empty ritual for many, which I believe it has, then something should take its place which is more of a sacrifice. Fridays during Lent should not be days of extravagance, but days of sacrifice, days to remember Jesus of Nazareth's true purpose in suffering. Days in which we should reach out and help someone in need, thus proving our dignity and worth as human beings.

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Administration Responds To Assault Concerns

Dear Editor:

Providence College is very concerned about assaults, whether they are physical or sexual. Such violent crimes are the complete antithesis to what an academic institution represents. Providence College, because of these concerns, is participating in the Permanent Advisory Commission on Women in Rhode Island. This task force is concerned with sexual assaults on college campuses.

This task force, chaired by Ms. Terry Curtis, will be meeting on a monthly basis studying issues pertaining to sexual assaults on collegiate campuses, recommending guidelines which institutions of higher education can elect to implement on their campuses reflecting their particular needs.

Mrs. Jacqueline MacKay, the Dean of the Student Development Center, and Ms. Ann Gibbons, a student at the college, are representing Providence College.

Along with the procedures and policies which Providence College presently has in place, I believe this committee will be of some assistance in the college's constant vigilance and review of preventing and appropriate response to the problem of sexual assaults.

Respectfully,
Reverend J. Stuart McPhail, O.P.
Vice President
Student Services

William F. Buckley, Jr. Commends PC

Dear Editor:

The following letter was issued to subscribers of The National Review:

Nearly 20 years ago, two campuses in Providence, Rhode Island were transformed.

At one, Brown University - course distribution requirements were abolished and the grading system was watered down. (Brown, you may recall, is where Ted Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, and Jane Fonda have sent their children - celebrity school).

Across town, Providence College latched on to a different trend. The college reaffirmed the concept of a core curriculum, and of the "privileged position" of the humanities in that curriculum.

While students at Brown can while away their time in courses such as "Rock and Roll is Here to Stay," PC students are required to take a two-year sequence of courses in history, literature, philosophy, and religious studies.

Every graduating PC student has studied Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Virgil, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Rabelais, Cervantes, Shakespeare, Milton, Voltaire, Goethe, Hegel, Marx (yes), Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, Sartre, Solzhenitsyn.

Says a PC publication, "The goal of a liberal education is the freeing of the mind from the restraints of ignorance, and the elevation of the spirit to an awareness of the values which enrich human life with dignity and significance." Brown's statement of purpose? If there is one, we haven't heard it.

Much of the quality we have come to associate with the Ivy League is, in fact, to be found elsewhere. But it's Brown that is still rated among the top colleges in the country. Tops in whose book? Not ours!

Faithfully,
William F. Buckley, Jr.

What About Women Of Distinction?

Dear Editor:

Providence College has been co-ed for over twenty years. One can look at the college bulletin and wonder why most of the distinctive PC positions are held by men. One can also wonder why most of the PC campus buildings are named after men.

In the near future, I suggest that some of the more distinctive PC positions be given to qualified women. I'm quite sure that there are many women who are eligible.

If PC decides to add another main building to its physical plant, then I suggest it be named after three distinctive school principals of St. Pius School: Sister Catherine, O.P., Sister Daniel, O.P., and Sister Vincent Carmel, O.P. These very good Dominican sisters educated and helped form the characters of many future PC students during the Great Depression of the 1930's and during the years of World War II. The President of PC knew all three. These were the days when the male students wore knickers and the female students were not allowed to wear lipstick.

Most Sincerely,
Russell P. Demoe
24 Olney Ave.
North Providence

"Immature Classman" Speaks Out

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the letters written in last week's *Cowl* concerning the Big East ticket sales. I am the "immature underclassman who took your seat" (and by the way I am not an underclassman). I would like to congratulate you on winning the raffle because that was the only fair way for you to get tickets.

It is unfortunate that you had to take a midterm that day but you should have looked ahead and found someone to wait in your place. I gave up the induction banquet to Phi Alpha Theta to wait in that line. This was a time for proper planning and sacrifice. I stood in line from 3:30 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next morning. You, on the other hand, dropped your things off and returned several hours later without ever having anyone represent your group.

I would also like to say that I was not speaking up for myself because my place in line assured me of a ticket. I spoke up for the approximately fifty people in line behind me that you were trying to get ahead of. Although I could not control the way everyone waiting in line conducted themselves, I did have an opportunity to speak out against an unfair situation in my part of the line.

As for your argument about being seniors - grow up ladies - who cares? I am sure that the people waiting behind me did not care. Regarding my immature tantrum, I was just wondering if you thought the President of Student Congress was having a tantrum as well when she sent you to the back of the line?

Christine Anzalone, '92

P.S. Don't flatter yourselves - the only sleep I lost that night was due to good times and loud noises - your outbursts had no effect on me.

Commentary

Can You Be Bought?

by Patrick R. Sparks
Asst. Editorial Editor

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Every time I see one of these commercials on TV I am truly disgusted and very discouraged about the state of our society. These ambulance chasing lawyers have lost sight of what it is to be a professional. Law is not just another economic activity, where marketing and advertising are reasonable ways to stir up business. These people have sacrificed professional integrity for the almighty buck.

Justice is not a commodity to be bought and sold. Justice is the ultimate goal of our system of jurisprudence and ultimately, our society at large. It should not and cannot be used to fulfill personal ends.

These commercialized personal injury attorneys have moved from being the protectors and stalwarts of justice to being "hired guns" and sophists. They pledge to take your case, "free of charge" unless they get you a monetary award. In reality what they are doing is stimulating civil complaints in order to personally enrich themselves. Furthermore, they have little or no interest in the personal injuries of their clients. They could care less whether or not the doctor or employer was actually negligent as long as they can win the case. In this way, what is really important (justice) has been pushed to the side. By making these commercials, lawyers are creating legal activity when they should be concerned with the overall integrity of their profession. There is more to being a lawyer than making money. Just as there is more to being a doctor than doing surgery and more to being a police officer than writing speeding tickets. At the heart of each profession is a certain art or skill that is far more valuable than money or power.

There is a valuable lesson to be learned from these cheap imitations of legal professionals. Many of us here at PC (including myself) aspire to various professional careers. In light of this fact, we must not lose sight of what is really important in the professional world. Wealth and success admittedly, are important to many of us, but they must not come at the expense of our personal or professional integrity. We must use our skills, both the skills we have learned here at PC and the ones we have yet to learn, to contribute to the community, to make a difference.

About a year ago, my father sent me to see an extremely successful lawyer in Boston. I wanted to talk to someone about the benefits of a career in law. What this man said to me from his corner office, will never leave my side. He said that there will come a time in my life, no matter what career I choose, when I will ask myself if I am making a difference, if the world is any better for my work as a professional. His wisdom struck a cord deep in my heart. I long for the day when I can rest my head against my pillow and sleep comfortably, knowing that the world is a little bit better place because of my brief presence in it.

So, to all future professionals out there, I ask, what are you prepared to do? Are you going to chase ambulances and dollar signs or are you going to better the world through your profession?

Editorials

Roving Photographer

If You Were The Roving Photographer, What Question Would You Ask?



Mark Sullivan '94: Why do you think Providence didn't get into the NCAA tournament?



Tim Esler '91: Why didn't "Marshfield" have a party? Why can you only get one beer an hour at on campus events? Why do we pay such an outrageous tuition to be treated like kids?



Mike Sims '92 and Dave Hyland '92: Why are these two guys single?



Todd Tucker '91: Why isn't Men's Volleyball A varsity sport?



Jennie Fazio '91: What are your plans for spring break?



Dr. MacKay: Are PC students challenged enough academically?



Jill Coghlin '94 and Karen Flaherty '94: Why can't Raymond be based on a point system like other schools?



Julie Jay '92 and Julie Day '92: Why ask why? Drink Bud Dry?



Jeff Mansfield '91, Brian Mundy '91 and Sean Casey '91: Do girls enjoy us as much as we like to tell ourselves?

Student Congress

The Lottery System: The Original Student Congress Proposal

The following was Student Congress' response to the proposed lottery system.

INTRODUCTION

In our discussion with Fr. Tortorici and Dennis DelGizzo of the office of Residence Life there was significant opportunity for students, representing various aspects of Providence College, to air their opinions concerning the new method of conduction the room lottery and the selection of rooms that will be available.

This document reflects the concerns of the overwhelming majority of students represented at the meeting, held Monday, February 25, 1991. We as the Student Congress, elected by the student body at large, feel it is our duty and responsibility to place these concerns and suggestions in a comprehensive report so that both parties may begin to arrive at a mutually acceptable housing allocation system.

It is the feeling of many students that the present lottery system creates an atmosphere of animosity and disappointment. We as the members of Student Congress recognize that this process also places a tremendous amount of stress and misdirected anger upon the office of Residence Life. Thus it becomes obvious that some changes must occur.

Upon reviewing the proposed procedure for the 1991 lottery, we see many advantages to the improvements made.

1. LOTTERY NUMBERS:

This elimination of the "number" will prevent much of the historic anxiety that accompanies a low lottery number. We agree that any efforts to make the lottery less of a trial for students should be supported. This instalment of the time for a student is to arrive at the lottery is both systematic and familiar to students.

Another point that we strongly support is the process of prioritizing lottery times not only by class seniority but also by current campus location. To this end we feel it is appropriate that those students who currently reside on east campus have an opportunity to experience living on the west campus.

2. SQUATTERS RIGHTS:

We see this as a great advantage to the proposed lottery system. Our reasoning for this opinion will become clear as we develop this response further.

3. DEPOSITS, LOTTERY ENTRANCE, AND ALTERNATE PLANS

We see these aspects of the proposal as consistent to the commitment of the Residence Life Office to providing a smooth and fair lottery system. These elements of the proposal do not impose any new procedures on the students. We support these efforts wholeheartedly and recognize their effectiveness.

Our sole objection to this proposed procedure is the concept of an "open campus" We conclude that the concept of an "open campus" could potentially diminish the sense of community that was some important to those students who shared their diverse experiences with residence hall living.

Several points have been expressed by students in opposition to this concept. We would like to highlight those major concerns.

They are as follows:

- The tendency of students to group themselves according to graduating classes will result in a campus that presents large sections of residence halls that will have a high concentration of same class.
- Given the current and expected desirability of the halls on west campus, we see the eventual outcome of an open campus resulting in the west campus consisting of primarily sophomores and east campus primarily freshmen.
- Given the current feeling by students that an east campus living experience is somehow inferior to that of west campus it would only foster a negative feeling among freshmen about their initial residence, and consequently PC experience. With the age of competition between colleges for applicants squarely upon us, it will be the incoming freshmen who will be responsible for relaying first hand information to high school seniors.
- The downfall of this "segregation" includes a lack of sophomore experience available to freshmen. The experience sophomores bring to incoming freshmen is one of guidance and support. This guidance consists of classroom locations, time management skills, study skills, academic opportunities, social life options, and how to best integrate themselves to PC. As a result of this support, freshmen feel that there is someone nearby who can answer a wide range of questions that may surface.
- In an ideal situation, a freshman can approach their RA, with the previously mentioned questions and concerns. However, it is unreasonable to expect one person to be available for all freshman at all times. Understanding the potential for all freshman residence halls and/or floors, students with RA experience have admitted that they in no way would be able to meet the needs of all the potential problems. In short, to expect a student to become a "Super RA" is unrealistic.
- Students with experience in giving tours have found that when parents and applicants are informed that Providence College does not have segregated

freshman and sophomore residence halls, they are extremely pleased and surprised. This aspect of PC seems to be a large "selling point" and is unique to colleges of our type.

SUGGESTED CHANGES

Allow us to reiterate that your proposal will greatly improve the lottery system and we as students support any effort to do so. Where we see the necessity for these procedures, we do not see the urgency for all of them to be put into practice in one year. We approve of enacting the proposal that has been submitted by the Residence Life office with the strong exception of the institution of an "open campus" policy.

Once the new procedure has had time to take effect we are confident that the previous reasons for student dissatisfaction will diminish particularly due to "squatters rights." With the potential success of "squatters rights" along with the other administrative changes we feel there will never be a need to institute an "open campus" policy.

We suggest that:

- All of the residence halls have as goal a 50-50 makeup (50% upperclassmen and 50% freshmen). This will insure that all the benefits of having upperclassmen in your hall will remain.

We understand the complaints by those sophomores who are forced to move down to lower campus. Those complaints have been heavy in the past because there are so few sophomores living on east campus. As a result, those few students feel alienated from their classmates.

With an approximate 50-50 split you would still receive some complaints, but the majority of sophomores will be satisfied because there would be a much greater number of sophomores located in each hall. Students will also be able to coordinate with their friends, who may also be limited to east campus. The supposed "inferiority" of east campus would diminish because it will provide a opportunity for groups of friends to live in the same general area.

- In an era of ever increasing competition for applicants, we suggest the Residence office re-examine the possible ramifications that this new policy would have on PC's efforts to recruit high school seniors.

Given the fact that a new freshman class often serves as an avenue for high school seniors to obtain information about PC, a bad freshman residence experience could be devastating to the Admissions Office efforts.

We also recognize the fact that there are a large number of current applicants to PC that are under the impression that there is no established "freshman campus." Many of these applicants will be accepted to PC, and accept admission armed with a potentially false conception of their living arrangements.

- We would suggest that a letter be sent to all parents outlining the procedure to be followed. Included in this letter will be the explanation that current students have the option to remain in their current room, known as "squatters rights." It should be main known to all that if they do not choose this option they are subject to the lottery and could possibly not be able to get the room of their first choice.

This letter will serve two purposes. First, it will inform parents of the procedure ahead of time and allow parents to address concerns before the lottery occurs. Secondly, it will prepare students and their parents for the possibility of disappointment from entering the lottery system.

CONCLUSION

One idea that we can all agree on is the strength of community that exists at PC. However, an open campus will run contrary to this mission.

We recognize at the root of many residence problems is the students' perception of east campus as inferior. If this perception can be corrected all parties would benefit. To this end we would like to work with the Residence Life office to change this inequity.

Until both campuses are satisfactory to students we strongly urge you to seriously consider our suggestions as they clearly represent the result of long hours of discussion and debate by students from all classes. We do not want any incoming student to miss out on the experiences that so many students have expressed as vital to their success at Providence College.

The Residence Life office accepted our revision to the proposed lottery system. The newly installed lottery will include lottery times allocated in order of class seniority and to those residents of east campus, but it will not include "squatters rights." We, the Student Congress, understand the apprehension and concern of the Class of 1994 to the changing of the original lottery policy. However as the Student Congress, we based our decision on what was the best for the entire student body here at Providence College. If you would have any comments or suggestions to the Student Congress about the lottery change, please forward them to President Mariane Monte, c/o Student Congress, Slavin 109, 865-2419.

Commencement Update

- Bids will go on sale Wednesday, April 17th
- Schedule of Events:
 - Saturday, May 11: Cookout on Slavin Lawn
 - Sunday, May 12: Cruise
 - Tuesday, May 14: Formal in Boston at the Sheraton Towers Hotel
 - Wednesday, May 15: Field Day- Clambake
 - Thursday, May 16: Senior Continental Breakfast followed by slide show and events end with the Great Gatsby Semi-Formal

- Drop off all pictures you want to be in the slideshow this week in the Congress office. Pictures should include name and PO Box
- All information containing rentals of costumes for the Great Gatsby semi-formal will be forthcoming in the next few weeks

Providence College

What is the COA?

An Interview with the Student Representative, Tom Idzol

by Kathy Collins
'94 Class Representative

Tom Idzol is the student representative to the Committee on Administration.

Kathy: What is the COA?

Tom: COA stands for the Committee on Administration. Next to the Corporation, it is the highest policy forming body at P.C.

Kathy: What does it do and what is your specific job?

Tom: I see the COA as serving two functions. The first function is to serve as a reporting avenue for the vice-presidents to let the other departments of the college know what is happening. For example, the vice-president for Academic Administration gives weekly updates on the admission applications. The treasurer will report on how the collection of tuition and fees are progressing. I, as the student representative, report each week on major student events and happenings. Every member of the COA gets a chance to report each week.

The second function of the COA is to serve as a place for the presentation, discussion, and action on significant policy proposals. Such proposals could include making a change in the faculty handbook, insuring the safety of the students in the Providence-in-Europe program during the Gulf war, or the handling of the off-campus situation. If a

member wishes to introduce a proposal, they will produce a written proposal and present it to the COA. Then each member of the committee has an opportunity to voice their opinion.

My job is to present a student's point of view on all matters, especially when the policy or topic directly involves student affairs.

Kathy: How did you get your position?

Tom: I interviewed for the position and then was appointed to the COA by the president of P.C. upon recommendation of the president of Student Congress.

Kathy: What are some of the major things the committee has done so far this school year?

Tom: 1) The Arbor Glen issue has been a major consideration for the COA. Permission to purchase the property had to be granted by the Corporation of P.C. The Corporation gave Fr. Cunningham the power to make the final decision. While Fr. Cunningham was making his decision, he used the COA to sound out ideas and hear opinions.

2) The off-campus situation has been another major issue. Every aspect of the college is affected by the problems off-campus. Fr. Cunningham wanted to send a letter to the parents about his concerns and the COA gave him advice and opinions as to

how to best go about handling the problem.

3) The sixth course option originated with a letter from a parent. The COA read the letter and examined the current policy pertaining to sixth courses. After much consideration and discussion, a proposal was presented by the VP for academic administration to change the policy. Now students may take one extra course each semester by juniors and seniors if they follow some conditions.

Kathy: How much influence do you have on the decisions made?

Tom: Many of the specifics of policies are created outside the COA, by the concerned departments and VP's. However, I feel that the student's opinion is still important to hear before the final decisions are made. Fr. Cunningham always has the final say, but he uses the COA to insure those decisions are informed and considerate.

Kathy: What about the Arbor Glen situation?

Tom: The proposal to buy the property was turned down in a decision made by Fr. Cunningham, after significant consideration and discussion with many members of the P.C. community. In the final analysis, Fr. Cunningham felt that the mission of P.C. included a close-knit community, and the purchase of Arbor Glen would unfortunately split the

campus and that closeness that the college tries to achieve.

Kathy: Who is on the COA?

Tom: The president, Fr. Cunningham; the executive vice-president, Fr. Quigley; the vice-president for academic administration, Dr. McKay; the vice-president for business affairs, Mr. Nero; the vice-president for institutional relations, Fr. McGreevy; the vice-president for student services, Fr. McPhail; the vice-president for Alumni Development, Mr. Brum; the vice-president for finance, Fr. Myers; a faculty representative, Mrs. O'Connell; and myself, the student representative.

Kathy: How does a student get involved in something like the COA?

Tom: Most of the student input is channelled through Student Congress. I listen to comments from the students and try and take those feelings and ideas to the COA.

Kathy: What is the relationship between the COA and the Corporation?

Tom: The Corporation is the top governing body of Providence College. Fr. Cunningham, as president, is responsible to the Corporation. Fr. Cunningham uses the COA as a medium to be informed, create policy, and obtain opinions on important decisions.

'94 F.Y.I.: The Lottery System

by John Ryan
'94 Vice-President

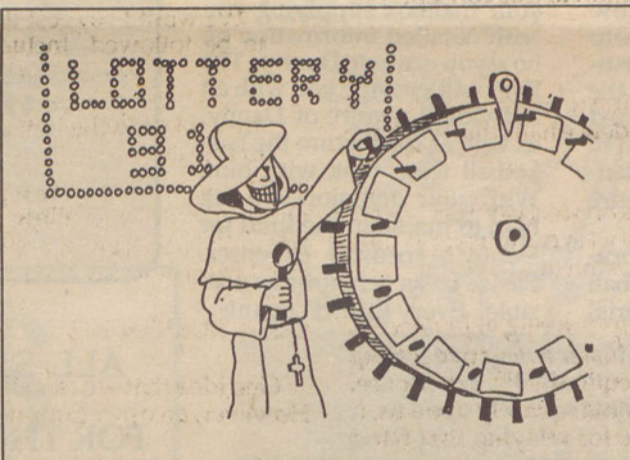
Most of the student body and especially the class of '94 are now aware that a new lottery system has been put into effect. Some of the changes include the removal of the possibility of squatters rights and the controversy over east (lower) campus choosing housing before the rest of the class of '94.

The lottery and provisions which followed were introduced to both the congress and the student body only recently. The original lottery had been developed last November in the office of Residence Life. Later, we were informed that the student body had been "consulted" with by a committee organized in the office of Residence Life. This committee consisted of two students and staff of P.C. The Student Congress, as representative organization of the student body, deserves consideration for this information

sooner than a few days before the final lottery decision is made.

The Student Congress (consisting of 54 members), other organizational representatives, RA's, and some students attended an open Congress meeting where concerns were voiced to the office of Residence Life. The outcome of this meeting resulted in the submission of a proposal by the Student Congress. The Congress was responsible for representing the current classes and incoming freshmen of '95. Congress felt the potential of freshmen dorms would take away from the close knit integrated community that is unique to PC.

Congress proposal included giving consideration to those currently living on the east campus. Most of the student



body feels the east campus isn't as enjoyable an experience due to its location and facilities. Because most students only spend two years in the residence halls we do not feel PC can deny these students at least the opportunity to experience living on the west campus. This is really the 'unwritten' rule of years past. The office of Residence Life has usually accommodated those who have had grievances for having to live

on the east campus two consecutive years.

The Student Congress was unanimously in support of its proposal. As the members of the freshmen class we felt that with so few beds on the east campus it was irrelevant how many would reside there. The greater good, being the integrated PC com-

munity. This was the focus of the Student Congress and the decision of the office of Residence Life.

At the authority of the office of Residence Life a new committee of concerned students has been established to bring about changes in the east campus to improve the quality of life and furnish an environment more compatible to that of the west campus.

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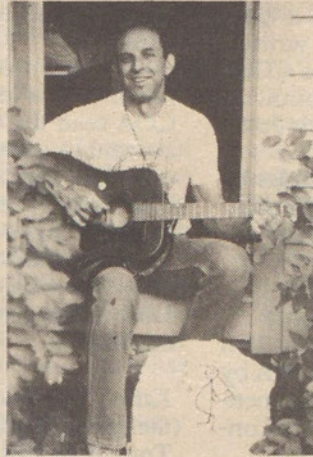
Sweepstake, class gift and refreshments

Features

Joseph Bruchac Coming to PC April 11

Joe Bruchac is a storyteller and writer of Abenaki, English, and Slovak ancestry who lives with his wife Carol and their two sons, Jim and Jesse, in the Adirondack foothills town of Greenfield Center in the same house where he was raised by his maternal grandparents. Much of his writing draws on his Native American heritage and he believes that poetry and storytelling natural to, and needed by all human beings. He is also deeply concerned about the environmental health of our world and puts strong emphasis in his writing, his storytelling, and his life, on the importance of ecological and spiritual balance—respect for all living things. He and Carol are the founders and co-directors of the Greenfield Review Press and Literary Center.

His poems and stories have appeared in more than 400 magazines and anthologies and he is the author of two published novels, 14 collections of poetry and non-fiction books. The winner of the NEA Creative Writing Fellowship, a CCLM Editors Fellowship, A Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship, two New York State CAPS Poetry Fellowships, a PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, and the Cherokee Nation Prose Award, his poems and stories have been translated into German, Danish, French, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Swedish, Czechoslovakian, Macedonian, Russian, and Frisian. He is also the editor of a dozen different anthologies of poetry and fiction and the author of *Survival This Way: Interviews with Ameri-*



Storyteller Joe Bruchac
can Indian Poets.

As a storyteller, he is the author of five collections of retellings of traditional tales from the Abenaki and the Iroquois, which include *The Faithful Hunter* and *Return of the*

Sun. He is also co-author with Michael Caduto of *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*. He has been storyteller-in-residence at the Onondaga Indian School and the Akwesasne Mohawk School and is frequently called upon by the Abenaki Nation of Vermont to represent them as a storyteller. In 1989, he testified, as a traditional storyteller, on behalf of the Abenaki Nation of Vermont in the fish-in trials. In addition to telling stories, he also includes traditional songs and songs of his own composition in many of his performances. His work as a storyteller has taken him to 40 states, including Alaska and Hawaii; England, Germany, and Austria. He has also been a featured storyteller, has sung and

conducted workshops at the St. Louis Storytelling Festival, The Old Songs Festival, The Clearwater Revival, The New England Storytelling Festival, The Three Apples Storytelling Festival, The Rochester Storytelling Conference the Alaska Midnight Sun Writers Conference, and the Champlain Valley Festival. A frequent contributor to *Cricket Magazine*, *Parabola*, and *The Eagle*, he writes a regular storytelling feature "On Turtle's Back" under his Abenaki name of Sozap for P-3, the *Environmental Magazine for Children*.

In his storytelling, he tries to follow, as far as possible, the old ways and, because storytelling was traditionally only done between first and last frosts, he does not engage in live performances during the summer months of the year.

PC Juniors Help A Child in Need

By Tracy E. Campbell and
Veronica Sullivan
Class of 1992

On February 22, 1991, four juniors (Tracy Campbell, Beth Dietz, Susan Namorato, and Veronica Sullivan) put a wonderful idea into action. They started the foundation of a fund for a child named Danny Hoyt. First, you must be wondering how the idea began.

An excess amount of money was raised at a junior class function. Usually, this money is put back into the class treasury. However, this time, it was put toward a good cause. Someone suggested that the money be donated to a child in need. Thereafter, contact was made with Memorial Hospital. The head nurse of pediatrics was informed of the idea. She was thrilled. Immediately, she chose a child on her floor, Danny Hoyt. He would be rewarded with the gift of the junior class.

In December of 1990, a trip was made to Memorial Hospital. Danny was presented with a \$50 gift certificate to Toys 'R Us and a \$50 gift certificate to Stop & Shop. Memorial Hospital presented Danny with a Mickey Mouse doll along with the gift certificates. It was amazing how much enthusiasm was radiated by such a little boy!

Danny is afflicted with

a brain degenerative disease. It is difficult for him to move some areas of his body, and other parts he cannot move at all. He is twenty-two months old and a brilliant little boy. He has an aura about him which can capture the heart of anyone who meets him.

After the trip to Memorial Hospital in December, the juniors took their idea a step further. They wanted to find a way to start a fund for Danny, which would allow people to donate money to help support him with his unfortunate illness. In order to get the PC student body acquainted with Danny, it was decided to have the men's Friar basketball team pose in a picture with him.

As a result, on February 22, the men's basketball team traveled to Memorial

Hospital to take a picture with Danny. Coach Barnes and Coach Schyatt accompanied the team and were able to meet Danny, as well as his parents. The team presented Danny with an autographed picture as well as a Providence College basketball. He was ecstatic. The team provided Danny with a memory that will last his lifetime.

Within the next few weeks, you will find a flyer in your mailbox supplying you with detailed information on how you can help Danny. The flyer will provide you with an individual picture of Danny, as well as the picture the basketball team took with him. With your donation, we can help to maintain the fund for Danny's medical expenses. Please be as generous as possible. Every little bit counts.



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Features

Where In Hell Are You Going For Spring Break?

by Bill Fennell
Features Writer

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ATMOSPHERE

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not stop in at the 'Taj-Mahell', the new casino that was built by Donald Trump himself! Or, if you prefer a more relaxed style of vacationing, you can lounge around one of the rims of our many volcanoes, or perhaps get a tan down at the tarpits. If you want REALLY exciting nightlife, then the 'Bat out of Hell' races are a must! Then, you can go back to your hotel room and cook up a great meal while watching a complimentary film, such as "Hell-raiser," "Night of the Living Dead," and "The Towering Inferno." Then, settle back on one of our soothing boiling waterbeds - millions have, and still do, enjoy the pleasures of having searing hot water burn right through their flesh. Why not give it a try yourself?

COSTS

If you are having second thoughts about coming to Hell, because of the costs, don't worry. You don't need to pay a penny of money to come to Hell. All you need to do is heinously murder someone with a hacksaw or routinely push old ladies into open manholes. IT'S THAT SIMPLE! But remember, in Hell, we don't take any 'cold shoulders', and we DON'T take American Express (or anything else for that matter, with the exception of your firstborn child, or the firstborn child of someone you know). All of the goods and services in Hell

are absolutely free of charge at first. When we feel you are ready to pay, we will sneak up behind you and ram a white-hot poker into the back of your head while making really annoying screeching noises. Then you'll know it's time to pay. But don't worry about that now, because you're coming to Hell, and we want to make it as pleasurable as possible for you.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

In Hell, not only will you get the legendary hospitality that we are famous for, but you can also meet many famous people! Think of all the times you asked yourself, "Whatever happened to Judas?" Well, now you can find out! Is he in Hell? WE won't tell you, so come on down and find out! While you're in the theater district, why not come and see the many exciting plays? See Hitler, Mussolini, Atilla the Hun, and Marie Antionette in the wacky farse "Three Men and an Evil Lady." And, coming soon, we'll have Saddam Hussein in the one man show "My Hands Are Washed - The Life and Times of Pontious Pilate." In Hell, we not only want you to be warm, but we also want to show you a good time. That's why we've just constructed a

brand new amusement park - "666 Flags Lucifun Land," which houses some of our most exciting rides and attractions. You can ride the "Lava Flume", and ride on the "Roller Toaster," the most fun you'll ever have getting singed! Also, visit our "Hall of Evil" and the new haunted house, "Gates of Heaven." There's always fun things for the kids to do, too! In our special kiddie park, they can play "Pin the Tail on the Bishop" and "Whack-a-Pope." In the new petting zoo, the kids will have a 'devil of a time' trying to keep their hands off the hellhounds, and we also offer a special showing of "Lassie Goes Loony," in which the lovable collie can be seen tearing little Timmy into strips of bloody, quivering flesh. Fun for the whole family! For your inconvenience, we offer showings at ten o'clock, with no movie screen.

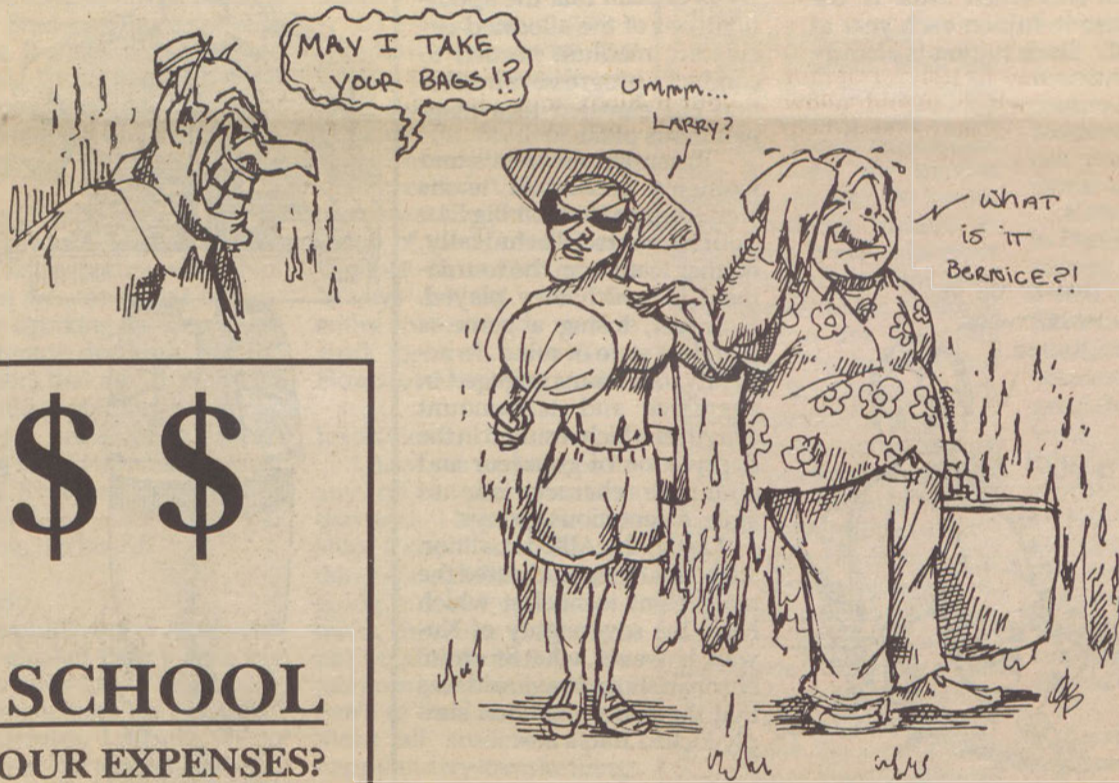
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Features

We Need Some Excorsize!

by Megan Grennan
Asst. Features Editor

Honest, I'm not in general an exorcism advocate or fanatic. I'm not paranoid about ghosts, spirits or spooks, I don't own a hand cross and I've never in my life worn a garland of garlic. But I've got to tell someone before something terrible and mysterious happens to us and the cause is left unknown. I realize I am putting myself in great peril by publicizing this, but let it be known: **OUR APARTMENT IS POSSESSED.** I don't mean haunted, like we see diaphanous figures floating about the room and hear unexplained noises at night. I'm talking possessed, and this article is my last plea for help.

We should have realized there was something unique about the building before we ever signed the lease last April. I mean, we had gone to parties there for years and were amazed that no matter how many hundreds of

people were crammed into the room, not a peep could be heard from outside. The security siren would sound, the red alarm lights would pulsate outside, and the swarms of students in stupors would scream—yet no one took notice. Police cars would pass without glancing at the house, while they flashed probing lights into the apartments on either side. Security guards would look right through the building, unable to see the thousands of party-goers tearing through the doors. Being an invisible house, we figured we'd be safe and free from unwanted intrusion. Little did we know then that the intruders in our apartment would be of a preternatural nature.

Ever since we have been habitating in our humble abode these harrowing happenings have height-

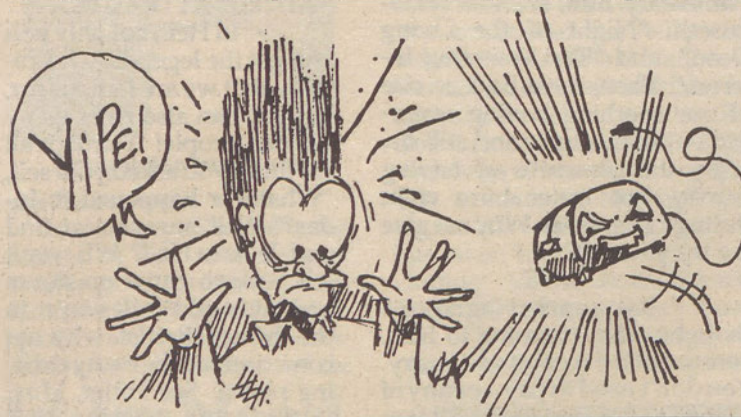
ened, much to our horror. When at first our toaster oven blew up, we marked it off as a cheap purchase. But when it was followed by the explosions of our microwave, can opener (no, I didn't think they could blow up, either), and then our toaster, we began to be concerned. Soon we noticed our ornery, temperamental light switches had personalities all their own, and our bathroom ceiling would take it upon it-

self when we were forgetful to water our plants. And yesterday we almost became very well acquainted with the guys upstairs when the living room ceiling pegged us with a plethora of plaster pellets.

One of my roommates' boyfriends is an electrician, and set out in search of a rational explanation for our kitchen light's capacity to turn on or off without our intervention. He lifted up the ceiling tiles and

discovered, much to our chagrin, that there is an entire ceiling above the one we see which has completely collapsed. Perhaps the spirits abide in the intermittent area. Maybe they are in cahoots with our landlord, employed by him to terrify us because we were a day late with last month's rent. Or maybe the school rigged it up so we would be too afraid to stay home and would relocate in the library, thus improving the apartment-wide GPA. Or it could be just the spirits themselves, thinking the time ripe to establish contact with the living, breathing world.

We are not the least bit superstitious. But we are very much awake and alive, and would like to stay that way. Know any good exorcists? We would greatly appreciate your referring us to them, before our apartment gets its final revenge.



Where is Cliff Clavin When I Need Him?

by Michael Walsh
Features Editor

Consider this:

You are a freshman or a sophomore and you have just received a "F" for the semester in Development of Western Civilization. What do you tell your parents? Be diplomatic and tell them you really did not get an "F". Tell them you just chose to forego the acquisition and comprehension of indispensable enlightenment to procure an acceptable mark.

For most of you seniors still without any career options, when a fellow peer asks if you have a job yet, tell them the truth. You merely have to say that at this point you are exploring a proportional amount of alternatives to those propositions which as of yet have not been solicited by the desired parties.

If any of you young men have been rejected by a young woman before, I am sure it can be devastating. Telling your male friends can be just as painful, so without bending the truth, give them something to think about. Do not say "Lisa" rejected your offer to

go out for dinner, say that "Lisa" just decided that presently she is pursuing discretionary options to secure a more optative escort.

One problem our parents are concerned with is the raise in tuition each year at PC. Since tuition is already

very expensive, parents are not to pleased each year to receive the "fateful" letter from the administration announcing a raise in the tuition. In the future, the administration might try to explain that the apportionment of the allocated circulating medium needed to conduct a progressive institution has elevated to a unanimous plane.

Recently, our men's and women's basketball teams were engaged in their Big East Tournaments. Technically, neither team won the tournament in which they played. However, losing a game is merely a state of mind. In actuality, our teams engaged in aggressive and tantamount activities which resulted in the deprivation of grandeur and eminence characteristic of agile, ostentatious groups.

Lastly, the Allied coalition stated that they eradicated the malevolent iconoclast which beset the sovereignty of Kuwait, however, what Stormin' Norman should have said was that the Allied coalition simply kicked Iraq's a—.



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The 1991 Guide to Student Elections

A Recap of the Presidential Debates

Student Congress

by M. Iain Thistle
Assistant News Editor

The list of candidates running for this vaunted position is very short. Three individuals from Mass., one sophomore and two juniors, are competing for a position presently held by Ms. Marianne Monte, President of Student Congress.

The candidates, sophomore Mark Ruggeri, juniors Bennett Walsh and Jason Costa spoke to a small minority of the student population, in an attempt to get their messages across. Each candidate has experience in the daily routines of the bureaucracy which runs PC. Mark Ruggeri served as a representative for the class of '93. Bennett Walsh has served as President of the class of '92 for the past three years, while Jason Costa is currently serving as President of Off-Campus Residence Organization. The candidates possess different qualities from their experience in student government, in which the student body, the Administration, and the surrounding community, can benefit from.

In their opening statements, each candidate addressed his reasons for wanting to become President of Student Congress. "Being a sophomore will help, rather than hinder Student Congress...Being a sophomore, I'll be more concerned about the future of the school, since I'll be here for two years," said Mark Ruggeri. His main goals as President are to get Student Congress more involved, "so that the student can be best represented," and the improvement of student relationships between themselves and the faculty of PC.

Bennett Walsh stressed that the major problems at PC, such as the alcoholic policy, or selling Big East

tickets to students, can be remedied through direct communication between the students and the Administration. "Students, bar none, come first," said Walsh.

Jason Costa based his candidacy on his "experience, hard-work ethic, and dedication to fulfill the job." He feels that the "student body needs a strong voice, to be heard by the administration." Furthermore, he said, "every problem that is attacked and solved, must be remedied in the students' best interest, not the Administrations'."

The following is one of the major questions asked during the debate: What PC policy, if any, would you work to change?

Bennett Walsh:

I think the most pressing problem right now would have to be this alcoholic policy we have. The one beer limit per hour at campus events. Its the one that needs to be looked at the most, if I'm Student Congress President. If we are old enough to drink, 21 or above, I think that we should have that right to drink as many beers as we want.

Jason Costa:

I would have to say the alcoholic policy also. Not from the standpoint of I see free drinking or I condone underage drinking, but the seniors that are 21 years old should be able to drink freely. People drink freely at Parents Weekend and Harvest Fest. Everyone there is 21 or older. Why can't it be a fair across the board?

Mark:

I would have to agree with the alcohol policy as a big issue, but to say something different from the other two candidates, I would try to combat the apathy problem here at PC.

The way I would combat this problem is that I would start up pride organizations, try to improve relations, have more pep rally type events to bring the PC community closer together.

The debate ended with the closing arguments of each candidate. The following are excerpts from each candidates' closing argument:

Mark Ruggeri:

I would just like to reiterate my values, my ability to communicate, and my honesty in which the students would benefit the most. And I feel that would be the most important aspect that I could bring as President of Student Congress.

Bennett Walsh:

I believe because of my leadership skills, Congress and Administrative experience, and the ability to put the students first at all times, that I'm the best candidate for Student Congress President...

...I would like to give a couple of Marine terms, that I hold pretty close to my heart, that sum up my idea of working on Student Congress. There is an old Marine saying called 'Gung Ho'-it means work together and the motto of the Marine Corps, 'Semper Paratus,' which means 'always faithful.' We, the entire student body need to work together, to be Gung Ho about everything we do...

Jason Costa:

I have the experience for any off-campus situations that arise. I have the leadership. I know what the students want and need. I'm not going to stand up here and make promises that might not be able to be kept. I'm just going to promise you I'll work as hard as possible to make all students at PC happy and try to make things peaceful.

From the President's Desk

by Marianne Monte
Student Congress President

Anyone who knows me knows that I am not a big fan of exercise. Actually anyone who doesn't know me can tell that I'm not a big fan of exercise.

However, there is one form of exercise that I take advantage of every chance I get: THAT IS EXERCISING MY RIGHT TO VOTE!!

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exercise that right.

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to show up and vote. If you care enough to voice your opinions, than take two minutes out of your busy schedule and vote!

We spend all year working to make a difference for you—you've got to take time to make a difference for yourself! You've got to vote!!

Please take that two minutes out of your busy schedule to exercise your right. Maybe, just maybe, you will see me doing the form of exercise that I like the least, but don't hold your breath!

BOP

by Todd Spittler
Assistant News Editor

There are two candidates running for the top seat of the Executive Board for the Board of Programers. Their names are: Kate Wilson and Jody Santos.

Presently, Kate and Jody are both juniors and members of BOP and have aspirations for the presidency. With this office comes much responsibility and expectation from the Board members as well as the thousands of students they will program for. With the latest turn of events, such as the controversial revision of the alcohol policy on campus, the pressure will be on these candidates to work in conjunction with many restrictions. The trick for them will be to program successfully for those of and under the drinking age.

Run by staff members of *The Cowl*, moderator Patrick Sparks, fielded questions from Jerry Jellig, Tricia Connolly, Lisa Cyr, and Dennis Keohane.

Opening statements:

Kate Wilson: Kate has been on BOP for two years and is currently part of the Film and Travel committee. This includes the movies students see and the sunny spots students venture to over spring break. Her most valued experience has been as a delegate to the National Association for Campus Activities. This has provided her with insight from various colleges and universities on how they program events.

Kate has attended regional as well as national conferences in Nashville and Chicago, among others. She prides her campaign on an endorsement from current President Matthew Gaffney and hopes to fill some rather large shoes as his term winds down. Her goal is primarily to improve the area of communication, specifically with the administration. Kate said, "The BOP is for the kids, run by the kids, and its leadership should be voted solely by the kids."

Jody Santos: has been a member of the Board of Programers for three years. He is currently a member of the Social Committee and organizes concerts, lip syncs, and stag bashes. Through these events, Jody has much experience in the handling of contracts and dealing with agents.

He stresses that students should feel free to come into the BOP office and give suggestions. As president, Jody wants to improve upon the attendance of BOP events and will be open to all forms of constructive criticism. His motto stands, "What do you want us to do for you, tell us and we will do the best we can to program."

QUESTIONS:

Jerry: What will you do when the needs of the students conflict with the needs of the administration?

Kate: The alcohol policy is a good example of how there is little communication and how no one really knows the facts. A good way to have alleviated this problem, could have been through Matt Gaffney's BOP page in *The Cowl*.

Jody: I hope to do as good a job as Matt Gaffney has done in dealing with the administration. He has had the luxury of serving for the past two years and has learned how to work with them.

Tricia: You stressed the need for communication, how will you go about using this to combat apathy among students?

Jody: Greater use of the video monitors will help provide more information to students about upcoming events sponsored by the BOP. A suggestion box can also serve as a simple but effective tool to access direct feedback from the students. Another innovation that I see could work is a datebook that has events pre-registered and can provide space for students' personal schedules.

Kate: Again, Matt's page in *The Cowl* is a useful way to convey the goals of the BOP. I also believe monitors in Raymond cafeteria will reach students more effectively because students spend a great deal of time there each week. To improve accessibility of the BOP to students, a profile of each committee should be available to anyone interested in what activities they are involved in. These are just a few suggestions that will hopefully improve students' confidence.

Lisa: There is a common lag between election promises and what those elected really do. How can we hold those elected accountable for candidate's promises?

Kate: I believe that when students vote, this is a 'check' on those who are elected and the process naturally holds them accountable for their actions. Students also pay an activity fee in their tuition, so the money BOP spends should be answered by the president. Matt always asks us, "Would your friend or roommate want to go to this event we are planning?"

Jody: I think one way to hold who is elected accountable, is to balance their election promises with the actual work they do in office. The budget is a good example of how a president can be held accountable for their actions. That is, how BOP funds are allocated to various events we program.

Who's Who in the Elections ?

Student Congress Presidential Candidates

1 on Ballot



Mark Ruggeri
Class: '93
Major: Bus. Administration
Previous Positions:
Class of '93 Vice President
Clubs/ Organizations Chairperson
"Since coming to PC, I have enjoyed contributing to the PC community to the best of my ability. I am running for President of Congress because I care about PC and most importantly, my peers."

#2 on Ballot



Bennett W. Walsh
Class: '92
Major: Political Science
Previous Positions:
Class of '92 President
Clubs/ Organizations Chairperson
Committee
"Having been a class president for three straight years, and a United States Marine Corps Officer Candidate, I believe I have the necessary leadership skills and discipline for the important job of Student Congress President."

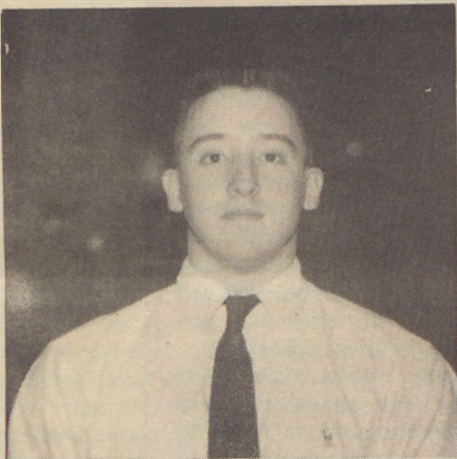
3 on Ballot



Jason Costa
Class: '92
Major: Finance
Previous Positions:
Residence Board Vice President
President of Off-Campus Residence Organization (OCRO)
"I am running because the students need a louder voice in the policies that affect the school. I do not want Student Congress to be engulfed by the administration."

Vice - Presidential Candidates

1 on Ballot



Vincent Colonna
Class: '93
Major: Business Administration
Previous Positions:
Class of '93 President ('90-'91)
Class of '93 Vice-President ('89-'90)
"Holding past key positions on Student Congress has enabled me to represent the students of PC to the best of my ability. As Vice President of Student Congress, I intend to not only be a representative of the student body, but to be an integral part of Congress and a vital support to the President."

2 on Ballot



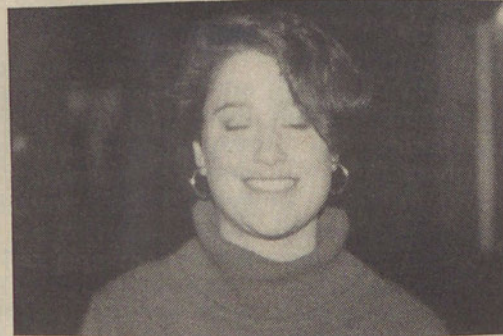
Doug Morgan
Class: '92
Major: Social Science
Previous Positions:
Class of '92 Representative
"After a year of representing the class of '92, I would like to serve the student body in an executive position."

Treasurer



Kathleen Ley
Class: '92
Major: Political Science
Previous Positions:
Student Congress Treasurer
Class of '92 Treasurer
"I want to continue my service to the PC students."

Secretary



Jennifer M. Meehan
Class: '93
Major: Special Education/
Elementary Education
Previous Positions:
Food Committee Chairperson
Class of '93 Secretary
"I am very pleased and excited to serve the PC student body as Secretary for the upcoming years."

President



Michele Consiglio
Class: '92
Major: Marketing/ French
Previous Positions:
Residence Board Member
McVinney Hall Treasurer

Vice - President



May Toscano
Class: '92
Major: Math/Education
Previous Positions:
Aquinas Hall Treasurer
Residence Board President
OCRO Vice-President

OCRO

"As OCRO, we hope to work towards an improved relationship between the residents of the neighborhoods surrounding PC and the students who share these neighborhoods. We would also like to see an improvement in the safety of the PC area. A further main objective of OCRO, 1991-92, would be to continue our relationship with the Smith Hill Seniors Center by the creation of additional programs."

Treasurer



Michele M. Boussy
Class: '92
Major: Psychology
Previous Positions:
Aquinas Hall RA
Bedford Hall RA

Secretary



Christine Moran
Class: '92
Major: Psychology
Previous Positions:
McVinney Hall President
ACC-Apartment
Chairperson

Board of Programers

President

1 on Ballot



Kate Wilson
Class: 1992
Major: Political Science
Previous Positions:
Travel and Film Committees
Chairperson

"I intend to continue the effective programming of the past BOP, while integrating the entire student body into the planning of events. Being chosen to attend three conventions for the National Association of Campus Activities has proven my dedication to PC and has given me the experience as well as the understanding to take charge of BOP in '91-'92."

2 on Ballot



Joseph D. "Jody" Santos
Class: 1992
Major: Finance
Previous Positions:
Social Committee Chairperson
Summer Orientation Leader

"For the past three years, I have analyzed the wants and needs of our student body. As a chairperson of the Social Committee, I have organized stags, concerts and lip syncs. These events were programmed so that the student body could have fun. As President, I want to initiate an atmosphere of excitement that will carry into our events and onto you."

Vice - President

1 on Ballot



Kevin J. Kraus
Class: 1992
Major: History
Previous Positions:
Coffeeshouse Chairperson

"If elected as Vice-President of BOP, I intend, in cooperation with the President of BOP, to carry forth the excellence of the previous executive board. By attending national and regional programming activity conventions, I have gained valuable experience and an enduring dedication to becoming Vice-President of BOP for '91-'92."

2 on Ballot



Julie M. Gladu
Class: 1993
Major: History
Previous Positions:
JRW Publicity Chair
BOP Publicity Chair (Mgr.)

"My position as Chairperson of Publicity on BOP and Publicity Chairperson for the class of 1993 JRW has provided me with numerous chances to interact with the student body, meet many people and devote my energy into something positive for the PC community."

BOP Treasurer

1 on Ballot



Gioia Perugini
Class: 1993
Major: Art History
Previous Positions:
BOP Film Committee

"If elected, I will work towards helping the committees program events by keeping them aware of the budget money available, as well as the other duties this position entails. Budget consciousness programming is something which I feel has become much more important in light of recent college cutbacks, and that is something I hope to deal with as well."

2 on Ballot



Shannon O'Connor
Class: 1992
Major: Accounting
Previous Positions:
Co-Chair Social and Entertainment Committees

"Being on BOP has been fun as well as hard work. It has been well worth it. I intend to continue working for the student body in planning, organizing, and promoting new events for the upcoming year. The present Treasurer, Katie Sullivan, has pointed me in the right direction, and I would proudly follow in her footsteps."

IAB President



Tim Archer
Class: 1992
Major: Accounting
Previous Positions:
IAB Vice-President

"Being a member of IAB since freshmen year, I have managed to learn a great deal about the way to run the Intramural Athletic Board efficiently. I am knowledgeable of all areas and feel that I am the best suited for the job."

IAB Vice - President

1 on Ballot



Annie Elcock
Class: 1992
Major: History
Previous Positions:
Member since 1989

"As Vice-President of IAB, I would work to get more students involved in various sports. I would also be open to new ideas and help start new intramural sports. I think intramurals is a great organization, and can be even better with good leadership and student involvement."

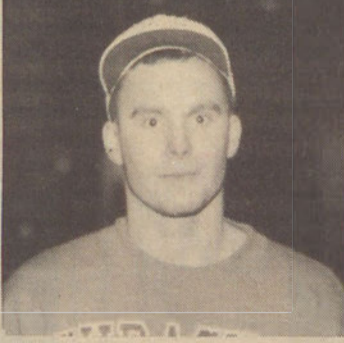
2 on Ballot



Jenn Greer
Class: 1992
Major: English
Previous Positions:
IAB member for 2 years

"As Vice-President, I would target the incoming students to familiarize them with intramurals and to get them involved immediately. If elected, I would work to make intramurals as positive an experience for everyone as it is for me."

3 on Ballot



Chris Woods
Class: 1992
Major: Business Administration
Previous Positions:
IAB member for 2 years

"After being on the Board for the past two years, I feel as Vice-President I can organize and keep up with events with increased vigor."

Presidential Candidates

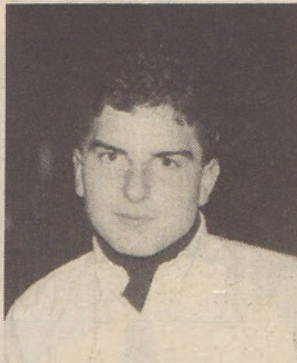
1 on Ballot



Melissa Silva
Class: '94
Major: History/
Education
Previous Positions:
High School Senior
Class President and
Student Congress
Treasurer

"I am running because I feel that we need more activities among the dorms. I also want to improve the quality of dorms and dorm life."

2 on Ballot



Michael Robinson
Class: '94
Major: Political
Science
Previous Positions:
Guzman Hall Repre-
sentative

"I am running because I know that I am the best candidate for President of Residence Life. I have the ambition and know how to get things done."

3 on Ballot



Mark J. Ziady
Class: '94
Major: Undecided
Previous Positions:
none

"I am pursuing this position because I believe that it is of utmost importance in our community. I believe that I can be the 'effective medium' between the students and the executives. I believe that I'm able to avoid the types of problems that we all experienced through the confusion involved with the lottery system."

Vice - President



Jennifer Aborn
Class: '94
Major: Psychology
Previous Positions:
Student Life Committee member
"I plan to work to the best of my ability to unify the dorms by enhancing the school spirit for planned campus activities."

Treasurer

1 on Ballot



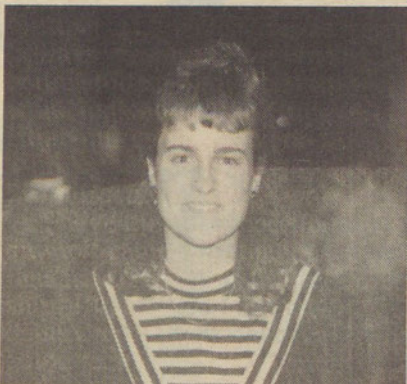
Mary Joan Sheridan
Class: '94
Major: Psychology/ Business Studies
Previous Positions: none
"In light of all the discussion and controversy over the upcoming lottery, I decided that instead of complaining, or just talking among friends, I should get involved in the Residence Board."

2 on Ballot



Maki Itoh
Class: '94
Major: Psychology
Previous Positions: none
"I am running because I am interested in getting more involved in student activities. I had been on Student Council during high school and I am very interested in a leadership position."

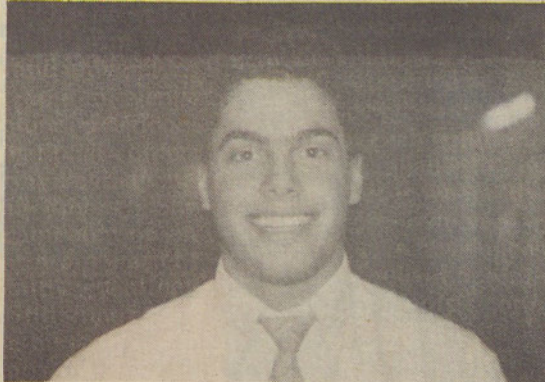
Secretary



Sarah Ross
Class: '94
Major: Undecided
Previous Positions:
Dorm Floor Leader
"I plan to work with the PC students to organize dorm activities and ultimately generate enthusiasm within the residence halls. Having been a floor leader this year, I have attended Residence Board meetings, and I feel that this is something I would like to be further involved in."

Apartment Complex Council President

1 on Ballot



Michael Vodarski
Class: '93
Major: Business Administration
Previous Positions:
Fennell Hall President
Student Rep on Honor Code Committee
"Because of my past experience and close relationship with Student Congress members, I know that I would be a positive attribute to the ACC and I would make the apartments a nicer place to live."

2 on Ballot



Lori M. Auclair
Class: '92
Major: Biology
Previous Positions:
Apartment "C" Chairperson
JRW Semiformal and Publicity Committees
"I am running for ACC because I would like to help make the apartments a fun place to live for everyone by planning activities that would be enjoyable and participated by many people."

ACC Vice - President



Mindy Hartmann
Class: '92
Major: Biology/Chemistry
Previous Positions:
Apartment Complex Committee
JRW Semi Formal & Publicity
"I am running for ACC Vice-President because I'd like to make life in the apartments the best ever!"

Treasurer



Debbie Pelletier
Class: '92
Major: Biology
Previous Positions:
Apartment Complex Committee
JRW Semi Formal & Publicity
"I hope to make more activities and events available to the apartment residents for a fun-filled year."

Secretary



Ann M. Babigian
Class: '93
Major: Political Science
Previous Positions:
Residence Board
Big Sisters
JRW Committee

Finnegan's Wake

By Margaret Sonner
A&E Editor

that was on a Tuesday night).

You want authenticity? Look no further than the menu. If the names don't give it away with "The Wearing of the Green" to describe a salad of green spinach, sunflower seeds, raisins, hard-boiled eggs, cheddar cheese, tomatoes and alfalfa sprouts, or "The Donegal," describing a sandwich specialty of crabmeat, broccoli and melted cheddar cheese, then the stews and Irish bread will restate the tradition.

With these menu items also being priced between \$4 and \$6 for lunch and \$6 and \$10 for dinner, they better expect many a student to frequent for more than just a beer and a good time. But never fret, devout PC students, their Friday special is none other than Fish-n-Chips!

According to those of age, a plus is the Guinness, Harp and Bass Ale ready on tap. This advantage is enhanced by the atmosphere. Live entertainment will be sponsored by Finnegan's Wake Wednesday nights 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Thursdays through Saturdays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m., and Fridays there will be an added show at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Each week different entertainers will perform.

And as the song goes... "Wasn't it the truth I told you, lots of fun at Finnegan's Wake!"

"Tim Finnegan lived on Walker Street, a gentle Irishman mighty odd..." Many an Irishman are going to be looking for Finnegan, not on Walker Street, but possibly on Westminster Street in the downtown area of Providence. Here I discovered, on St. Patrick's Day, a taste of what my parents tell me of the 'old country.' As a plaque states above the bar of Finnegan's Wake: "There are no strangers here, just friends you haven't met." And how true it is!

Just a five minute drive from the college, Finnegan's Wake is on its way to grand stardom. With a student body composed of O'Days, Shanleys, Sheas and Walsh's, how can an Irish restaurant be unsuccessful? To give it even a further advantage, just look at our professors (their potential customers): names such as Houlhan, McPhail, Kehew and Hayman (just to name a few).

If you are a true Irishman, Irish at heart, or, as most of us are, only 50% Irish and 101% Irish-looking, you will be well received at this new establishment. As the manager, Elaine, said, "[I'm] hoping to make it a friendly, fun place." Judging from the course of their first week of business, they have proved successful. As I called Providence 4-1-1 information to obtain their phone number, even the operator said, "Finnegan's—they are sure having a party over there tonight! They are showing lots of excitement!" (Mind you-

R.E.M. . Highlights Reviews

by Andy DiGiovanni
A&E Staff Writer

R.E.M.: *Out of Time*

Another welcome comeback for R.E.M. is making *Out of Time* a very pleasing record. But ahh, folks...the band's style has taken a detour. The move to using keyboards and organ more often was made possible by drummer Bill Berry and bassist Mike Mills. Let's also consider the horns and strings...and how about an appearance by (get this...) rapper KRS-1 on the playful leadoff rocker, "Radio Song." Michael Stipe sings, "...The world is collapsing around our ears/I turned up the radio/But I can't hear it...I try to sing along/But damn that radio song..." I don't mind the fact that R.E.M. has become more versatile, but I really miss the folksy, guitar-mingling arrangement on older songs such as "South Central Rain" and "Talk About the Passion." Was it that Stipe tried to avoid getting caught up in his own rehashfulness?

You've probably heard "Losing My Religion," so I need not say much about that fun single. Another one of its nature is "Shiny Happy People," in which Kate Pierson of the B-52's gives background vocals. "Near Wild Heaven" has a very memorable melody, and "Texarkana" contains a fine bass line to compliment Stipe's routine of singing "Catch me if I fall." Stipe has never sung more clearly, and that goes along with the album's fresh sound. His vocals remain per-

sonal and in the "first person" fashion...as in "Me In Honey," for example. R.E.M. fans will think that *Out of Time* is out of the ordinary for the Georgian band, but the change was actually worth it. Trust me. (AAD/44:11)

still be available for the Civic Center on March 30 and an added show at the Worcester Centrum on March 31. Try Ticketworld at (203) 249-1000 or Ray's Home Entertainment at 274-4050.

Yellowjackets: *Greenhouse*

It seems like the Yellowjackets keep getting better and more interesting with every album they release. Their brand new CD, *Greenhouse*, is more diverse in sound than their previous work. You may have heard *Politics* and *The Spin*, which were their last two albums and did not go far at all beyond the simple but awesome combination of sax, drums and percussion, bass and keyboards. Now, more ground is covered...including a bass clarinet, violins, violas, a bassoon, and cellos. At the same time, they leave behind the superlative deliverance of Marc Russo's saxophone, which has been replaced by that of special guest Bob Mintzer. What's going on, guys?

Alas, the result is exuberating and very relaxing as well. Tracks like "Seven Stars," "Freedomland" and "Invisible People" are only part of the musical escape to be found on *Greenhouse*. What is still best about the band is William Kennedy's amazing drumming talent, but the others aren't too bad either! Ha! (ADD/60:54)

Paul Simon: *The Rhythm of the Saints*

In 1986, Paul Simon made a great comeback with the South African-influenced *Graceland*. Now, Simon has returned again with *The Rhythm of the Saints*, a work of mindful creativity that gives us a refreshing breeze of South American air.

Simon's ability to fuse together Brazilian melodies, rhythms and instruments with modern, contemporary styles is fascinating. This record has such a warm, inviting disposition to it that it's irresistible. The bongos, guitars, congas and percussion steal the show, with Simon's alluring voice in the frontline of its eloquent melodiousness.

Also featured on this CD are musicians like Steve Gadd on drums and Michael Brecker on saxophones. Through "The Obvious Child," "The Coast," "She Moves On" and the rest, this one is a winner. (Total time 44:41)

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Arts & Entertainment

METAMORPHOSIS

By FRANZ KAFKA

By Dwayne E. Sheppard
A&E Staff Writer

"When Gregor Samsa woke up one morning from unsettling dreams, he found himself changed in his bed into a monstrous vermin." With this shocking first sentence, Franz Kafka begins *The Metamorphosis*. During the spring semester of a Providence College student's sophomore year, most D.W.C. teams have a lecture on this author and his masterpiece. This year, PC students have the advantage of viewing Steven Berkoff's adaption of Kafka's short story at the Blackfriars Theatre on campus. Opening weekend saw many PC students attended this Modernist drama. Those who have not seen it, are encouraged to do so this weekend (Thursday - Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon).

Upon entering the theatre, one feels like one has entered an asylum. The set, by Nancy Pontius, surrounds the stage and audience with white, padded walls. At center stage is a metal pipe cage. The audience becomes one with the characters in this sterile environment.

Several times during the production, the cast runs through the aisles, invading the sanctuary and mind of the audience. Like Gregor, the audience feels trapped, unable to escape.

Gregor is played brilliantly by Brendan Byrnes. He approaches the portrayal of Gregor as a bug with an emotional dignity. Byrnes was awesome in his gymnastic movement as the insect crawling over the floor and up the cage. Brian Thomas Clark, Anne Marie Higgins and Elizabeth Chilsolm- Mr. Samsa, Mrs. Samsa and Grete, respectively-give poignant performances as Gregor's family. Their portrayals are symbolic, depicting both love for what Gregor once was and horror for what Gregor now is.

This relatively dramatic production had sporadic humor in the form of the clerk and lodgers (minor characters). Wearing tap shoes, the clerk portrayed by Sarah K. McGrath is very visual. Her facial expressions often provoked laughter from the audience. Toward the end of the play, the Lodgers- Jeff Tulliszewski, Christopher Ford and Aidan Connolly- penetrate the Samsa home. The three identically dressed men were synchro-

nized in actions and speech. Their machine-like attitude is often the source of chuckling from the audience.

The sound is of special mention. Two PC students- Bill Nobrega and Daniel Brill- composed and performed the music for this production. They draw the audience in with their rhythmic sound. Several times during the show, sound enhanced the distortion of the characters voices. They had the effect of heightening tension and suspense.

David Costa-Cabral, costume designer, clothed the characters in basic black, white and grey. The drabness of setting is also enhanced by the lighting, as commanded by Kathy Giebler. At one point, shocking red light is employed along with distorting sound to create a maddening effect.

Finally, John Garrity, director of this production, deserves praise for his tackling of *Metamorphosis*. This often vague play is given direction by Garrity and the audience is able to come away from the show intellectually affected.

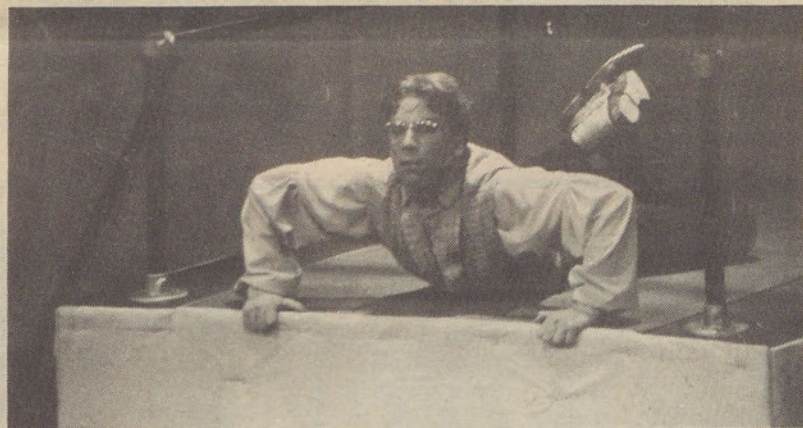


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Top Right - Brendan Byrnes as Gregor With Mr. Samsa and Mrs. Samsa

Bottom Left - Byrnes as Gregor

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Academia

Islam: Religion, Political Order, Way of Life - Part 1 of 2

by Thomas L. Fallon, O.P.

What follows is an attempt to help the population of Providence College (i.e., the reading public of *The Cowl*) to understand a bit better than most do now, the reality, the nature of Islam and Pan-Arabism, which is so intimately connected with Islam.

A caution must be immediately presented. The writer, as many of you know, is a Dominican priest. He is not a Muslim; nor is he Arabic. Therefore, everyone should read his narrative with awareness that the author writes from an acquired point of view about Islamic and Arabic realities, not from an innate lifetime familiarity with the religion and culture which are the subjects of this essay.

Islam is the religion, the social way of life, the political organization founded upon and emanating from the person, the life, and the communications of a sixth to seventh century C.E. man named Muhammad (c.570-632 C.E.). The most recent exemplification of the Prophet's family is as follows. (Muhammad is regularly called "The Prophet.") His family is almost immeasurably important in the sequential history of Islam.

Arabia, at the time of Muhammad's childhood and youth, was neither a unified nor a highly cultured country. In fact, it could hardly have been called a "nation" at all. It was a melange of a good number of independent nomadic tribes. Each tribe

existed under the paternal nomadic dominance of a major sheikh, to whom were associated within family ties, other lesser sheikhs. Religion, what there was of it, was grossly polytheistic and largely animistic. Various nature gods and goddesses were recognized as well as numerous spirits of hills, valleys, streams, places etc. Furthermore, a variety of jinns, or genies, were recognized in Arabic tribal legends. Some were good jinns, and some were evil. It was a time, so said Muhammad, of ignorance. He became convinced that Allah (an Arabic contraction of al-Illah, meaning the God) had chosen him to lead his beloved Arabic tribal peoples out of ignorance and into the worship of Allah, the one God.

When Muhammad was 25 years old (595 C.E.) he married, at her behest, a woman named Khadija. She was a wealthy widow, owner and operator of a successful and far-flung trading venture. She was fifteen years older than her new husband. Muhammad became her manager of operations. He began to experience first hand the exhilarations and trials of a conductor of camel trade caravans with which he travelled all around the Fertile Crescent. From Mecca he would travel to Basra, to Baghdad, to Ctesiphon, to Mosul, to Aleppo, to Hama, to Homs, to Damascus, to Tyre, to Sidon, to Beirut, to Jerusalem and then back to the Hejaz and Mecca. All along this Fertile Crescent he would have been in contact with Jews and Christians. Many of the Christians were heretical and from them he picked up some of the misun-

derstandings of Christianity and apocryphal legends which he recounted in his communications to his followers. Moreover, in Arabia itself there were fairly large populations of Jews and some Christians. In his youth, Muhammad used to associate with a group of young Arabs (called Hanafs) who were quite disillusioned with traditional Arabic polytheism. Many of them had adopted for themselves a monotheistic religion with Allah as their God. Many of these Hanafs had become Jews before Muhammad was inspired to enunciate his own "received" version of monotheistic worship and social order.

In 610 C.E., having experienced mystical visits, which he identified as communications of Allah through the angel Gibreel, Muhammad began to preach and to proselytize his monotheism among the population of Mecca, his native city. He was a member of the Quraysh tribe, in a poverty-stricken branch. The Quraysh leadership were wealthy merchants of Mecca. Much of their wealth was derived from the shrines present in Mecca, especially the Kaaba, which all Arabian tribes visited periodically, at least annually. (The Kaaba is the square building in Mecca which contains a black stone, primitively sacred to the moon goddess, but which, in Muslim tradition, was given to Abraham by the angel Gibreel. It is and has been the central and most important shrine of Islam.) Muhammad's preaching of the monotheistic worship of Allah and his diatribes against the gross superstitions of the animistic worship of the moon goddess and various local spirits were interfering with the Quraysh profits from religious trade and tourism.

Muhammad experienced serious and sometimes violent opposition from the leadership of Mecca. He made few converts in the city. The first was his own cousin, Ali. Among the early converts were also Abu Bakr, Umar, and Uthman. But the opposition in Mecca became so strong and violent that Muhammad and his few followers were constrained to flee from Mecca to the region of the Hejaz whence his mother had come, Yathrib, some 200 miles north of Mecca. This flight from Mecca to Yathrib (later called Medina, and hereafter so called) is called Hijra, or in our parlance the Hegira. It occurred in 622 C.E. It has become the year #1 in Arabic, Islamic time computation. The Arabic-Muslim year is based upon the cycles of the moon around the earth, not the cycle of the earth about the sun. As a result the A.H. (after Hejira) years do not run concurrently with our years in the common western computation.

To make a long story a bit shorter, the population of Yathrib/Medina received the Meccan refugees very warmly. Muhammad quickly made many converts. He tried to convert the large indigenous Jewish population, for he was at first sure that they worshipped the one God and would quickly

perceive the perfection and the finality of his own prophetic word and experience. He was terribly chagrined and disappointed when the entire Jewish community rejected his overtures to conversion. By reason of his tribal affiliations he was able to force many Jews to leave Medina. Many of those who did not leave were slaughtered.

These Arabic forces now gathered about Muhammad became focused enough and numerous enough to challenge the trade routes and caravans of the Meccan traders. After several victorious raids and a disastrous defeat, Muhammad was able, in the year 630 C.E., to gather a mounted force sufficient to approach Mecca itself for the purpose of the incursion. When Muhammad's armed party arrived at the confines of Mecca, the Quraysdh leadership, reading the writing on the wall, so to speak, came willingly out of Mecca to receive Muhammad and his horde with rejoicing into the city. Muhammad had won.

To observers outside the aura of the Islamic faith it seems that Muhammad had come to realize that the antique pilgrimage traditions and deep attachment to ancient polytheistic and animistic shrines at Mecca, especially about the Kaaba, were too strong and too engrained to eradicate totally from the consciousness of those who were believers. So ancient polytheistic traditions were monotheized and tribal pilgrim-

age customs had to be changed only a very little. As a matter of religious fact and practice, Muhammad himself explained that he was making his pilgrimage to the Kaaba. He legitimized for Islam the liturgies of pilgrimage by associating them to Abraham, Ishmael and Hagar. He made Hajj a pillar of Islam.

In two years (632 C.E.) Muhammad was dead. Since about 610 C.E. he had been communicating his "recitation" to his companions. Alfred Guillaume (d.1965), an Arabic and Islamic expert and university professor, describes the origin of the Qur'an in the following fashion: "The recording of the prophet's words in the beginning was haphazard. Verses were written on palm leaves, stones, the shoulder-blades of animals - in short, on any material which was available. Tradition associates the collection of all this material, together with what men had committed to memory, to Abu Bakr, the first Caliph, and alternatively to his successor Umar who died before the work was completed. The prophet's secretary Zayd is said to have given all that he had collected to Umar's daughter Hafsa, one of the prophet's widows. Before an authorized version was established under the the caliph Uthman, there were four rival editions in use. These have long have since disappeared, but we are told that they differed from the authorized version, some containing more and some less than the latter." [Islam, by Alfred Guillaume, A Pelican Book, 1973 printing, p.57.]

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This Day in History

by Robert L. Deasy

1602: The Dutch East India Company was established as the age of exploration and colonization was begun in earnest by the the Netherlands.

1782: Lord North resigned as Prime Minister in Great Britain as it was becoming obvious that the "rebellious colonies" were about to be recognized as the United States of America.

1787: Rufus king strongly urged Elbridge Gerry to attend the upcoming Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Gerry, always associated with the dubious political maneuver called "gerrymandering," would later become Vice-President only to die in office while Rufus king would run twice for that office and once for the presidency itself always in a losing manner. One of his descendants would, however, become Vice-President only to die in that position before he ever reached Washington, D.C. Another of his descendants would finish a brilliant career in the United States Navy only to join the Modern Language Department here at Providence College.

1832: The United States and Siam signed a commercial treaty at Bangkok.

1862: *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, by Harriet Beecher Stowe, which was to have such an impact on the problem of slavery both in

this country and in Europe, was published for the first time.

1865: Because of a change in plans President Lincoln didn't visit the Soldier's Home in Washington, D.C. There he was supposed to have been captured by John Wilkes booth and taken to Richmond and held for ransom in hopes of working out a settlement advantageous to the South.

1940: Edouard Deladier resigned his position of power in France — accused of following a "phony war" policy (sitzkrieg). He was replaced by Paul Reynold who promised more positive action only to have France totally collapse and surrender to Germany the following June.

1942: Gen. Douglas MacArthur, in his first public statement since arriving in Australia from Corregidor said, "I came through and I shall return." He did in October of 1944.

SPORTS: Terry Sawchuk registered his twelfth shutout of the season (1955) as the Detroit RedWings captured their seventh consecutive NHL season title.

1943: In the time before fiberglass was fashionable Cornelius Warmerdam set a new world's record with a pole vault of 15'81/2".

BOARD OF PROGRAMERS

A WORD FROM OUR CANDIDATES . . .

I was appointed a member of the BOP in the spring of my freshman year and have served on both the Film and Travel committees. As a member of the Film committee, I faithfully planned, executed, and attended an entire year's worth of movies (by the standards of minimum wage, I should be a millionaire now and living off of the interest!) While on Travel, I arranged the trip to Montreal as well as excursions to Medieval Manor in Boston. Currently, my committee is making the final arrangements for the Spring Break trip to Jamaica which boasts the attendance of 300 students, the largest group in the history of PC.

Over the two years that I have been a member of the BOP, I have been chosen to attend 3 conventions for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA). At these conferences I developed leadership, communication, and planning skills through educational sessions, contacts with agents, and interaction with other student leaders.

Since I have returned from NACA, I have spoken to several agents concerning possible events for next year. I am very interested in coordinating at least the entire fall semester before the '91-'92 school year begins. My goal is to publish a Fall calendar in conjunction with the other clubs and organizations, as well as the dates for athletic events.

I believe that one of the biggest problems that we, as students, face today is communicating our interests and desires to the Administration. As President of the BOP, I am confident that I possess the determination, patience, and courage that it takes to do so.

So please, come and vote on March 21 (seniors, too!!) Remember that I am ready and willing to take on this job and stick to it until the end! Make the Great Choice - VOTE Kate #1 on the ballot.

Hi, my name is Jody Santos and I am running for President of the Board of Programers. Since my freshman year I have been a chairperson of the Social Committee. The Social Committee has organized Stags, Outdoor Concerts, and other "social" events. I joined the Social Committee because I enjoy communicating with people and I believe that communication is the key to the success of the BOP.

The Board of Programers is not just an organization for social events, but all cultural activities. We run a Coffeehouse which displays local musical talent, lectures, and movies. As President, I will continue to program these activities, but I want the BOP to be a club that maximizes your satisfaction. I want our calendar of events to reflect your interests, so please feel free to offer any ideas or criticisms.

In the past, relations between us and the neighborhood have been tense. As President, I would continue to strive for peace and I feel that the only way the BOP can improve this situation is through programming more on-campus events. I know that the BOP and the administration can work hand-in-hand to make PC more energetic.

Many students are upset about the drinking policy, but you must remember that the BOP does not sponsor underage drinking. For those who are of age, we have the Last Resort. I know that the attendance at the Resort has been diminishing, therefore, my goal is to bring alive the Last Resort to what it used to be.

I hope that you will give me the chance to fulfill my goals. If you elect me as President, I know that the BOP can make things happen. Please vote this Thursday and vote for Jody Santos for BOP President.

Thank you,
Jody Santos

STOP! AND READ THIS:

Kevin Kraus Vice-President of Board of Programers #1 on ballot

Once again, we've hit election time designated for this Thursday, March 21st in lower Slavin. It is a time when posters are strewn across campus with zanny slogans and designs. And let's not forget those cringing videos where the campaigner is splashed on the TV monitors for an agonizing three days. Yes, I'm up there with what my friends call a "boofed" hairdo and my polka-dotted tie. Actually, the videos are probably the best thing going for the elections: Visual Recognition. Look For Me!

Anyway, I bet you're wondering who is this kid and what to do as Vice-President of BOP for the '91-'92 year. Well, for starters I'm the guy that works at Student Services and takes those great looking mug shots for your ID. Also, I'm the chairperson on the Coffeehouse committee with my crazy fellow co-workers Carrie Atkins and George Mattie. Together we bring in acoustic acts every Tuesday night from 9-12 at the Last Resort with very tasty food to boot, like Chipwiches.

OK, here's why I should be Vice-President of BOP for the '91-'92 year. It can be summed up in these words: trustworthy, experienced, and easygoing, especially with the administration. Will I do a great job? Hell, ya! A main issue like the Alcohol Policy has to be revised, although steps have been taken to change it. I figure 12 sips of beer for 1 hour should preserve my beer for the one beer per person per hour policy. Come on! We ARE responsible young adults (at least most of us are).

Also, I would like to see a whole plethora of activities and programs brought to PC to unite the whole student body. The Board of Programers is an organization for you! Instantly, recollections of previous events are conjured up: The days of Frank Santos entertaining the whole crowd with his hypnotic comedy act and all sorts of students dancing the night away at the Stags!

So help make the 1991-92 year a great and fun-filled year for the BOP and the students.

Help make a change - Vote for Kevin Kraus, Vice-President of BOP #1 on the ballot!

Tired of the same old crowd at Louie's and Brad's? Roommates getting on your nerves? Classes getting a little too much to handle? It must be March at PC. Chances are, it's raining out. We all have those pre-Spring Break blues. St. Patrick's Day came and went, leaving us with only a bad headache. But then, a bright spot comes along: Executive Board elections! I know what you're thinking: not exactly the bright spot you had in mind, is it? Besides, you're thinking "I can't vote" or "I don't have the time to vote." Wrong!! All four classes can vote, and it won't take you more than two minutes on your way through Slavin. It won't matter if you get to Mondo a little later than usual. So please, vote on Thursday!

Now for some info you need to know. My name is Gioia Perugini and I'm running for BOP Treasurer. I know, I know, you're saying "How do you say that name?" Very simple - "Joy-a." See? That wasn't hard, was it? You movie buffs might know me - I'm that smiling face who takes your dollars at the movies on Thursdays and Sundays (I have to count them all afterwards, too. See-I have experience at this!) Now all you have to do is remember that when you go to vote. I have a lot of ideas to help the Board bring you those events all around campus that you so love - Stag Dances in Peterson, movies in '64 Hall, Coffeehouses in the Last Resort, not to mention all of the other great events that BOP sponsors. But the thing is, it costs money for these events. That's why you need me as treasurer. I hope to be able to work with our budgets to help every committee program a calendar for a semester packed with fun-filled events.

So remember, I want to help make the '91-'92 school year "En-Gioia-ble" for all. So please vote this Thursday. Gioia Perugini for BOP Treasurer - #1 on the Ballot!

Julie Gladu - Vice-Presidential Candidate for BOP

I am a member of the class of '93 and have been an active member on the Board of Programers since October 1989. In the past two years, I've been a part of the Publicity Committee on BOP, this year serving as the Publicity Manager. I represented Providence College at the National Association for Campus Activities convention (NACA) in Chicago last year where I learned much about programming college events and generating enthusiasm and interest in them. My work on BOP this year has included various facets of Publicity work that includes making sure publicity is completed for all up-coming events, designing monthly display cases, and informing the PC community about everything the Board of Programers plans and programs. In addition to my work with the Board of Programers, I am busy on the Junior Ring Weekend Core Committee (as Publicity, Bids and Favors Chairperson) planning the class of '93's JRW next fall.

I would be a smart choice as Vice-President for the Board of Programers because of my energy and enthusiasm. My experience in working with the administrators and ability to communicate with others will enable myself to be an effective Vice-President. On Thursday, vote for Julie Gladu . . . you'll be "Gladu" did!

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The BOP will be sponsoring a series of events on Sunday, April 14th to raise money for children with cancer. All proceeds from the event will go to the Tomorrow Fund, an organization that raises funds to help children with cancer at Rhode Island Hospital.

There will be a 2.5 mile road race starting at 3:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$5.00

and prizes will be given to a number of racers in varying age categories. There will be a table in Slavin Center the week before the race for those who wish to sign up to run, jog, or walk the course. For a \$10.00 fee, one can enter the race and receive a Tomorrow Fund t-shirt. All members of the college community - students, adminis-

trators, faculty, staff- and anyone else willing to donate \$5.00 are warmly invited to enter.

At 5:00 p.m., there will be a cookout on campus, with a nominal charge for hot dogs and hamburgers to help raise more money. Faculty and students who will later play in a

benefit basketball game will be doing the cooking.

The annual Senior-Faculty/Staff basketball contest will be the final event of the day at Alumni Hall at 7:00 p.m. The seniors will be looking for their first win in two years, as the Faculty-Staff team beat the Class of 1989 by one point in double overtime and blew

out the Class of 1990 by 24 points. Last year's game MVP, Professor Forrest Gander of the English Department, said he expects a competitive game from the class of 1991. Price of admission to the game is \$2.00, and tickets will be on sale in advance from BOP members.

Rain date for the race and cookout is Sunday, April 21.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Margaret Mead (1901-1978)



As an anthropologist, Margaret Mead greatly influenced the study of culture and its place in our lives. Educated at home by her grandmother, she became a serious student of other cultures around the world when she was at college. Her earliest published books, about life in Samoa and New Guinea, were best sellers

that gave Americans a new perspective on their own way of life. In all, she wrote over 30 books and hundreds of articles and pamphlets. In 1979, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for the contributions her scientific research had made to our understanding of other cultures and ourselves.

Sports

The Razor was still sharp

by Chip Scutari
Asst. Sports Editor

While not another "Thriller in Manila", the Tyson/Ruddock fight showed flashes of brilliance similar to the great heavyweight bouts of the '70's. Unfortunately, this fight was abruptly stopped through the hands of Steele. A terrible judgement by referee Richard Steele ended the bout prematurely and sent the crowd at the Mirage into an uproar. Iron Mike had landed four solid punches that forced a reeling Ruddock to the ropes but referee Richard Steele stepped in immediately and called off Tyson. While Ruddock had been pounded by the Tyson 7th round flurry, he appeared to be all right. Steele blatantly neglected to check out Ruddock's condition and ended the fight with his back to the Jamaican native. After the fighters embraced in the traditional post-fight hug, a brawl erupted between both camps initiated by Murad Muhammed, Ruddock's outspoken manager. Truly, Richard Steele's decision was a direct repercussion of the tragic deaths of Duk Koo Kim and Benny Paret. Sure, these deaths are unfortunate, indeed, but to stop a heavyweight bout of this magnitude without checking a man's capacity to fight is a travesty.

"Razor" Ruddock took Tyson's best shot and clearly displayed that he is a formidable opponent. Round One commenced with Iron Mike stalking Ruddock around the squared circle. A bit nervous at first, Ruddock slowly began to realize that he could box with the former champ. Wearing his trunks extremely high like an Abbot and Costello skit, Ruddock appeared to suffer several low blows and swinging elbows. These were deceiving, though, due to the height of Ruddock's trunks and the short frame of Tyson. As the fight progressed, Mighty Mike piled up the points until

Ruddock stunned Tyson at the conclusion of the 6th round. Tyson's vulnerability to the longer reach of Ruddock finally surfaced. After Razor's initial exchange of punches, he failed to capitalize on his only legitimate chance of the fight. The infamous 7th round started in similar fashion as the previous rounds did with Tyson connecting on a variety of punches but not registering that killer punch. Ruddock continually tied up Tyson and waited for that proverbial second wind. Throughout the fight I thought that both commentators, Steve Albert and Freddie Pacheco, did an excellent job of providing insight and supplying pertinent background information.

Although Richard Steele's decision will spark controversy throughout the boxing world, the fight game in general is in a mess. Don King provides the perfect symbol for the fallen boxing world. Prancing around the ring with his crazy hairdo and holding American flags, his actions are a disgrace to the sport. The integrity of promoting has all but disappeared and fighters take greater interest in dollar signs than championship belts.

On a different note, March Madness is in full swing and its time for my Final Four picks.
EAST-North Carolina- NC will breeze past Eastern Michigan and Oklahoma State for another Final Four for the Dean of coaches.
SOUTHEAST- Alabama- Wimp's gang is my sleeper team and they will squeak by Arkansas and Indiana for a spot in Indianapolis.
MIDWEST-Duke- Coach K will make his fifth Final Four in six years.
WEST-Seton Hall- That's right the Pirates are on a roll and UNLV will be upset by the Utah Utes. Hey, it's too easy to pick UNLV. I love underdogs.

The Ref TKO's Ruddock

by Brian DeCesare
Asst. Sports Editor

Referee Richard Steele may have interrupted a piece of boxing history in the making last Monday night when he stopped the heavyweight bout between Mike Tyson and Donovan "Razor" Ruddock at 2:22 of the seventh round, giving Tyson a controversial TKO victory.

"We are gladiators and we know the risks being taken," said Ruddock after the fight. "We get paid a lot of money and should be allowed to finish."

The match was surprisingly turning out to be one of the best slugfests since the Buster Douglas vs. Tyson fight over a year ago in Tokyo.

The first five rounds clearly belonged to Tyson, who looked to be in the best shape of his career. He relentlessly went after Ruddock, chopping him down with crushing body blows that sounded like a baseball hitting a catcher's mit. Ruddock went down once in

the third round, but survived the next two. He then came alive in the sixth, when he stunned Tyson with a flurry of punches that electrified the crowd and brought it to its feet.

As the seventh round approached, the tone of the bout seemed to resemble the same tone when Tyson lost to Douglass. However, in the final minute of the round, Tyson landed a barrage of punches to the head and body of Ruddock, sending him backwards into the ropes, but not knocked down. At that point, Steele stepped in and stopped the fight, causing a four-minute melee inside the ring, as chaos struck throughout the outdoor arena.

Ruddock most likely would have been KO'd eventually, but one will never know if he could have come back and handed Tyson his second career loss.

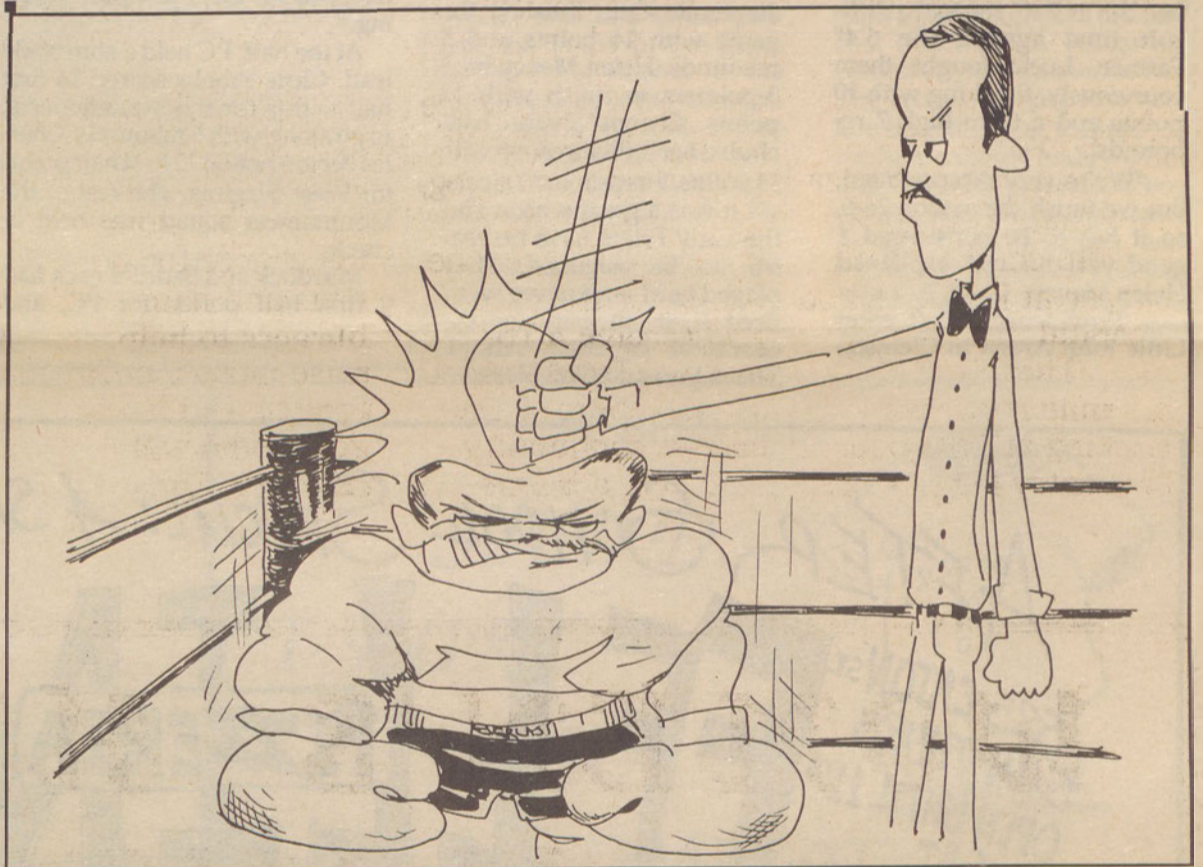
Let the boxers decide who wins and loses, not the referee. The fans and view-

ers definitely got robbed of a spectacular heavyweight brawl with no holds barred; the way boxing should be fought.

This is the second time that referee Steele has decided a fight prematurely. Just one year ago on March 17, 1990, he stopped the Julio Caesar Chavez vs. Broderick Taylor match with only two seconds remaining in the eighth round, giving the undefeated Chavez a TKO win. Ironically, Ruddock's corner said after the fight that they had been reluctant all along with Steele as the referee, and they predicted that he was going to do exactly what he did end up doing.

Not taking anything away from Tyson, Ruddock has definitely proved himself to be a formidable heavyweight opponent, aside from knocking Michael Dokes out cold for twelve minutes, earlier this month. There will most likely be a rematch after what happened last night, and I hope that Richard Steele won't be officiating this time.

Last night's incident just reinforces the fact that boxing is unfortunately on a decline, and it continues to lose its credibility.



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Sports

Clemson ends the Dream

Tigers outrebound PC, 66 to 30

by Jerry Jellig
Sports Editor

It was a superb season for the Lady Friars, one that I thoroughly enjoyed. They always played hard, and they usually won. However, their luck came to an end last Saturday, and so did their season, as the Clemson Tigers defeated PC, 103-91.

The fact that they only lost by 12 is a real tribute to the Lady Friars tenacity. They were out-rebounded by Clemson, 66-30. PC shot just 39%, compared to 54% for the Lady Tigers. Those two statistics in favor of Clemson can be directly attributed to their huge height advantage. Jackie Farmer looked like Fred Campbell's twin sister, as she pulled down 19 rebounds, to go along with 20 points and 4 blocks.

Lucie Fontenella is an extraordinary freshman, and someday will be able to stop players of Jackie Farmer's caliber. But at 5'9", she had a difficult time against the 6'4" Farmer. Lucie fought them courteously, finishing with 10 points and a team high 7 rebounds.

"We're very disappointed, but we finish the season 26-6, so it has to be considered a good year for us," explained Helen Mency.

Providence didn't enter Little John Arena in Clemson

with the intention to keep it close before rolling over. PC held several leads in the first half, and only trailed 48-45 at the half.

Lucie Fontanella scored all 10 of her points in the first half, and Tracy Lis and Helen Mency added 8 apiece. Kerry Boyatt led Clemson in the half with 11 points on 5-5 shooting. As a team, the Lady Tigers shot a blistering 61% for the half.

The second half began with both teams coming out aggressive, but the lead remained small. Then the rebounding of Clemson's big players like Farmer and Shandy Bryan (12) took its toll. When asked if they felt the Clemson players were going over their backs to get the rebounds, Helen Mency answered, "We had good inside position on them, but they were able to go over our backs, grab the ball, and never even touch us."

All three seniors finished their career on a positive note. Stephanie Cole finished the game with 14 points and 5 rebounds. Helen Mency hit 5 3-pointers to finish with 19 points. Shanya Evans concluded her brilliant career with 11 points, 9 assists and 3 steals.

It was a great season and the Lady Friars have no reason to be ashamed. They played hard, and never sacrificed their integrity, or the character of their school. Thank you and God bless.

PC Sends Mountaineers Packing

Marvin Saddler was feeling it as he hit 9 of 11 shots from deep

by Jerry Jellig
Sports Editor

After a thrilling double overtime win over James Madison last Wednesday, Coach Barnes and the Friars hoped for a less eventful game Monday night. It didn't have nearly the drama of the marathon with JMU, but West Virginia gave Providence all they wanted, before falling to the Friars, 85-79.

The bad news is that Eric Murdock is still hurting, and managed just 12 points in 39 minutes. His lower back has taken its toll on his shooting touch, as he went 3-13 from the floor and 5-8 from the line. Marvin Saddler picked up the slack, and then some.

Marvin hit 9 of 11 shots to finish the game 21 points. The amazing thing was the way in which he made those shots. Marvin hit jump shots from 19, 17, 15, 12 and 10 feet out, often with a defender in his face.

"I had a lot of confidence in my shot tonight," explained Saddler. He added, "After the first few dropped for me, I just kept shooting."

At the half, PC held a slim 38-36 lead. Chris Brooks scored 16 first half points for the Mountaineers, to go along with 6 rebounds. Charles Becton netted 12 first half points for West Virginia. The rest of the Mountaineer squad was held in check.

Murdock and Saddler each had 9 first half points for PC, and

Marques Bragg added 5 points and 5 rebounds. Corey Floyd was again a key factor in the Friars attack. He came off the bench to score 6 first half points on 3-4 shooting. Corey finished the game with 16 points, 7 assists and 5 rebounds.

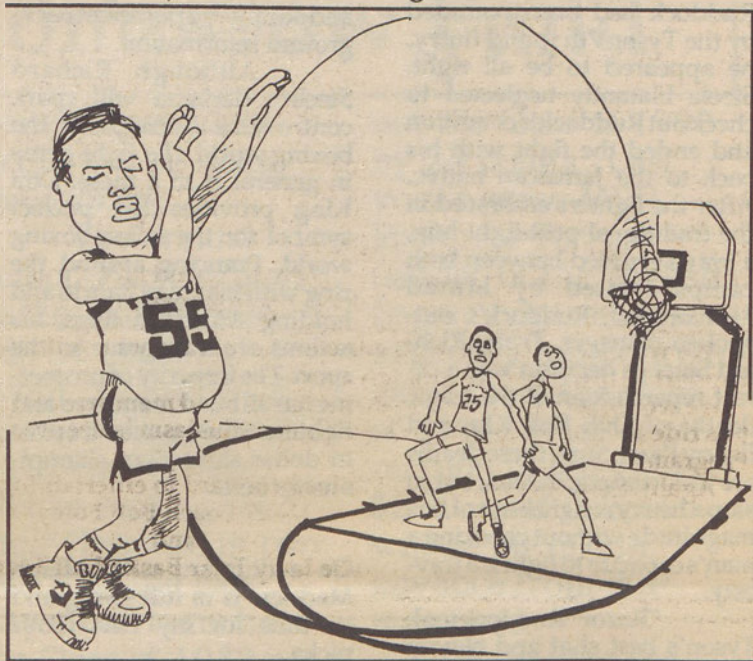
PC came out of the locker room a little slow, and WV was able to take the lead by 2 with 16 minutes to play. Providence quickly regained the lead with baskets by Dickie Simpkins and Marques Bragg.

The lead stayed between 2 and 6 points for the next 12 minutes. Then, after Floyd hit an 18-footer and 2 free throws, PC held a 72-62

lead with 6 minutes to play. Fred Campbell later scored on successive lay ups, to push the lead to 13 with 2:32 left.

West Virginia fought back, and after a 3-pointer by Perivres Greene the Friar lead was cut to 5 with a minute left. Fred Campbell, most noted for his defensive prowess, scored again to finish the Mountaineer season. Fred Campbell ended the game with 10 points and 10 rebounds, to go along with his strong defense.

"I think once again, we did the things we had to do to win, and we're still playing," said Coach Barnes. "We were only expected to win 12 or 13 games and we've won 19. We're 4-4 against the Sweet 16."



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Sports

Lady Friars Shock Fairfield Providence erases late 13 point deficit

by Jerry Jellig
Sports Editor

When 2 teams with identical records of 25-5, from the same region in New England, square off in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, one would expect a hard fought, tightly contested game. The 2000+ fans at Alumni Hall, from both Providence College and Fairfield University, weren't disappointed as PC fought back and won in the closing seconds, 88-87.

PC trailed for most of the game, including at the half, when Fairfield led the Lady Friars, 52-45. The Lady Stags held a 15 point lead late in the second half, before PC's press began taking its toll on FU. Clutch free throw shooting and tough defense put Shanya Evans in position to hit the game winner with :11 remaining.

If one thing kept Fairfield ahead, it was the rebounding and strong inside play that translated into easy baskets. Trish Elser had 5 to 6 inches on every Lady Friar who at-

tempted to guard her. As a result, the 6'3" junior amassed 20 points and 10 rebounds. On the game FU out-rebounded PC 50-40.

Shanya Evans made the winning basket for the Lady Friars, now 26-5. She also contributed 14 points, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. However, Tracy Lis deserves the credit for this win. Picking up the slack for an ice-cold Helen Mency (0-9), Tracy recorded game highs in scoring, with 33 points and rebounding, with 13 boards. Tracy also made the most of her opportunities, hitting 10 of 14 shots, and 12 of 15 free throws.

PC got out to an early lead, led by Lis and Stephanie Cole, who finished with 13 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. Then Fairfield began to heat up, finishing the half shooting at a 50% clip, compared to 43% for PC. The Lady Stags also made the most of their 3 point opportunities, converting 5 of 9, verses 2 of 14 for the Lady Friars.

Then in the 2nd half, Providence made several mini-runs,

but Fairfield always had the answer. Whether it was Sue Bly hitting one of her three 3-pointers, or Lisa Mikelic pulling down one of her 10 rebounds, the Lady Stags had a response. However, with 6 minutes to play, the Lady Friars had had enough.

Helen Mency fouled out in the midst of the 6 minute run by Providence, and Lucie Fontenella came up huge off the bench. She had 9 points and 5 rebounds, 4 offensive, against the much taller and older Fairfield players. Lucie also coolly hit 2 free throws in the closing minutes to keep the pressure on the shell-shocked Lady Stags.

There was a period in the beginning of this 6 minute run, where for several possessions, Fairfield was unable to get the ball across mid-court. The Lady Stags played a superb game and very nearly beat the best team in New England. But on this night, the Lady Friars would not be denied, proving once again, God is a Dominican.

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Friar Hockey, cont.

suffered a hairline fracture of his wrist.

Heinke, playing in his first game since February 16th, was scintillating in net, kicking out 35 saves.

Saturday night, the solid specialty teams' play which had won the previous game, deserted the Friars. On Friday, PC scored two power play goals, one shorthanded goal and staved off three Gopher power play opportunities. However, the Gophers converted three out of seven power plays to propel UM to an 8-4 decision.

The Golden Gophers, on a 5-on-3 power play situation, worked the puck around until Larry Olimb connected with a cutting Ken Gernander for a 1-0 lead. Heinke's stellar play kept the Friars in the game despite being outshot in the first period by a 14-2 margin. In the second period, Olimb and Gernander clicked again as the Gophers registered their second power play goal of the year.

The fiery Ridolfi cut the Gophers lead in half as he poked in the rebound of a Mike Boback shot. UM countered

Ridolfi's score as Cory Laylin came up with a goal after the Gophers peppered Heinke with four consecutive shots. The hockey Friars again cut the Gopher advantage when Gary Socha handled the carom of a Chris Therien rebound and banked it inside the left post.

Boback's second goal of the game, a nifty rush down center ice, made the score, 3-2, which was the closest PC would come the rest of the way. The Golden Gophers stormed out of the gates in the third period scoring four goals to seal the victory. Brian McCarthy's goal at 19:43 of the third period accounted for the 8-4 score.

Although the Friars ended the season on a rather sour note, McShane's Boys have much to be proud of. Picked to finish sixth by the preseason Hockey East Coach's Poll, PC far exceeded anyone's expectations. The Friars only lose four seniors from this year's squad, so the future should bode well for the PC sextet. To the departing seniors- Lyle Wildgoose, Larry Rooney, Pat Madigan and Mario Aube- good luck in your future endeavors. The Friars will return to NCAA's next year.

We would like to thank all our wonderful fans who followed us throughout the season. Your support helped carry us through a great season.

We would especially like to thank the 21 band members and cheerleaders who took the 18-hour bus ride to support us at Clemson. Your enthusiasm is deeply appreciated by the entire Lady Friar Program

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That #33 Guy..."

Chris Watts leads PC past JMU

by Jerry Jellig
Sports Editor

As I was walking home from the Cowl office at 1:30 am Wednesday morning, I passed the Aquinas Chapel, and much to my surprise, out came Chris Watts with his book bag slung over his shoulder. I've never seen "Smoothie" so serious in three years. When I caught up to Chris in front of Apartment A, I said to him sarcastically, "What are you praying for?" He promptly answered, "You know."

Ask and you shall receive. That's exactly what Chris did, and it payed high dividends. Many of the 6,829 fans on hand at the Civic Center were ready to go home when Eric Murdock fouled out in the first overtime of Wednesday night's game vs. James Madison. However, #33 was not.

"I thought we had the game won, and then that #33 guy hit a pro 3-pointer," explained JMU Coach Lefty Dreisell. With PC trailing 89-86 and under two minutes to play in OT #2, Chris pulled up from 25 feet out on the right side, and coolly nailed a trey, knotting things at 89 all.

Then Steve Hood hit 2 free throws to give JMU a 91-89 lead with 1:28 to play. Trent Forbes, who kept PC in the game during the first half, knocked down a 17 footer, to tie the score at 91 with 1:19 left in OT #2. After an offensive foul, Corey Floyd hit 1 of 2 free throws for a one point lead.

With :16 remaining, Chris Watts was fouled. He nailed both attempts to give PC a 94-

91 lead. He was again fouled with :9 remaining, and PC leading by only 3. JMU tried to ice Chris with a time out, but to no avail. The senior showed why he's a captain, hitting both free throws for a 96-91 lead. He would add two more with :1 remaining.

Chris finished the game with 15 points, well above his season average. But the thing he gave PC that won't show up in any box score is outstanding leadership in Murdock's absence, and the ability to score when needed. He scored 9 of PC's 17 overtime points.

"I new when Eric fouled out that some of the young guys would have a hard time with the pressure. I tried to step up and lead the guys when we needed it," said Watts.

JMU was a highly underrated team. They had 19 wins on the season, playing a tough schedule. They were led by senior Steve Hood who finished with 27 points. Kenny Brooks added 23 points, 4 assists and 3 steals for James Madison.

The game was won on the boards, as PC outrebounded JMU, 43-25. James Madison kept the Friars at bay in the first half shooting a blistering 65%. They were paced by Steve Hood's 15 first half points. Enter the second Friar hero.

Fred Campbell scored just 2 points in the game, although it was a huge basket off an offensive rebound in the first OT. But the job he did on Hood in the second half earned high praise from the coaches and fans. Hood hit just 2 of 10 shots in the second half. Additionally, Hood had the ball at the

end of the first OT, and missed a 17 footer at the buzzer, largely do to the tight defense of Campbell, who had him in single coverage. Enter hero #3.

Trent Forbes came off the bench with PC down by six. He then hit a 13 footer, two 3-pointers and a pair of free throws in the next 5 minutes. He finished the half a perfect 4-4 from the field, 2-2 from three point range, and 2-2 from the line. Trent also hit a clutch 17 footer in the second OT to tie the score.

"I told him (Trent) to go in and he looked at me like I was asking him for a glass of water," joked Coach Rick Barnes. Enter the 4th Friar hero.

The "Man of Steal" didn't have one of his best nights, but at the end of the game, and in the beginning of the first OT, he made the shots for Providence. Eric finished with 20 points, 4 rebounds, 8 assists and 2 steals. He also became an inspirational assistant coach after fouling out, keeping the players poised and confident. Enter hero #5.

Marques Bragg was perhaps the biggest hero for the Friars over the course of the entire game. Marques scored a team high 21 points, and pulled down a game high 12 rebounds. Perhaps the greatest compliment one can pay Marques is for his incredible physical condition. The enormous arms and cut calves are outwardly obvious. But Marques doesn't work out for show. He payed an amazing 47 minutes during this 50 minute contest, at 110% effort the entire way.

PC will face West Virginia on Monday, March 18th in the second round of the N.I.T.



With Eric Murdock and Corey Floyd fouled out, Chris Watts took over at the point.

Friar Hockey Wins a Battle, but Loses the War

by John Raposo
Sports Writer

Reality finally caught up to the upstart Providence College cemen. As if facing the Minnesota Golden Gophers in their old, loud barnyard of an arena were not enough, PC was without the services of Lyle Wildgoose (knee injury), Brad Mullahy (pulled groin) and Mario Aube (out for a game and a half with a fractured wrist). After upsetting the high-anked Gophers in the opening night, 4-3, the fatigued Friars dropped the next two games of the best-of-three series, 8-4 and 3-3, respectively.

After falling behind early in the rubber match of the series, PC's Rob Gaudreau netted one of the strangest goals you'll ever see in hockey. With Brian Ridolfi penalized for roughing, the hockey Friars found themselves shorthanded. Mike Boback won the faceoff at center ice and drew the puck back to Gaudreau at the blue line. Gaudreau unleashed a floating, 125-foot slapshot that deflected off the fingertips of a Gopher defenseman by a startled UM goaltender.

The tie score, however, was short-lived as UM's Ken Gerander, who tallied four goals in the series, redirected a blast on the point by Mike Heinke.

The vociferous, sellout crowd of 7682 at Mariucci Arena watched as the Gophers scored the next two goals to take a commanding 3-1 lead.

The never-say-die Friars momentarily silenced the raucous crowd as Gaudreau drilled a blast over the outstretched glove of UM's goaltender, Jeff Stolp. Gaudreau's goal, his 34th of the season, left him tied with Gord Cruickshank and Paul Guay for the most goals in a season.

Just when it appeared that the hockey Friars would mount a comeback, the metallic roof of Mariucci Arena caved in on the Friars' plans. PC's Brian McCarthy and UM's goon, Ben Hankinson, got tangled up in the corner and the subsequent penalties resulted in a four-on-four situation.

The Gophers used their speed to capitalize on the more wide-open area and scored two goals to put the contest out of reach. Down two goals, the Friars sent three men into the offensive zone and the result was four converted Gopher breakaways in less than four minutes. PC's freshman goalie, Mike Heinke, did not have a chance as he was besieged by wave after wave of maroon and white jerseys.

Friar defenseman, Larry Rooney, playing his last game,

collected Boback's feed from the circle and fired home his eighth goal of the season.

Although the Friars ended up losing the game by five goals, the score was truly not indicative of PC's outstanding effort. "I thought we had it at 4-2," explained Mike McShane, "then we got that 4-on-4 and it killed us. We totally outplayed them in the second period, but our key guys were fatigued. We took some chances down two goals and that was it."

Golden Gopher head coach, Doug Woog, agreed with McShane's assessment: "PC played better tonight than the night they beat us. They came at us for fifty minutes and then it all exploded."

Heinke, although giving up sixteen goals in the last two games, demonstrated the poise and stamina of a seasoned veteran. "It's tough to play three nights in a row, especially for a freshman," Woog said after the game. "He probably faced about 100 shots." Actually, Heinke faced 105 shots in the three-game series.

The weekend started off on a more positive note for the PC entourage as the Friars posted a 4-3 victory in Friday night's contest. There was an unmistakable Friar atmosphere in Mariucci as PC's resilient ath-

letic director, John Marinatto, convinced the UCONN band to play at the game. The UCONN band, in town for the NCAA basketball tournament, donned the black-and-white playing such Friar favorites as "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Eat 'Em Up."

After Mario Aube joined teammate Brian McCarthy in the penalty box, the Gophers were left with a 5-on-3 man advantage. Mike Boback, who played all series with the speed and grit that earned him First Team, All-Hockey East status a year ago, stripped UM defenseman Travis Richards at the blue line. Boback bore down the right side and lifted a wrist shot past Stolp's glove hand. After the PC specialty teams killed off the remainder of the penalties, the Friars were accorded their own power play. UM's goaltender, Jeff Stolp, made a sprawling save on the initial shot by Gaudreau, but Aube pounced on the rebound and fired it into the open net giving PC a 2-0 lead.

The Friars held that lead until 3:36 of the second stanza. UM's Larry Olimb received a pass in front of the net and waited until Heinke had committed before blasting the shot underneath the crossbar. Two minutes later, Rooney sent Brian Ridolfi in for a break-

way. The freshman from Pawtucket tucked a neat, 25-foot wrist shot to the far side increasing the Friar bulge to 3-1.

UM controlled the rest of the second period, outshooting PC, 18-6, in that span. After tying the game at three apiece, the Gophers were penalized for that infamous penalty—playing without a helmet. Friar fans may remember a similar call which affected the outcome of the Jan. 20, 1990 PC-BU game at Walter Brown Arena. Tony Amonte, who fed Shawn McEachern with the apparent game-winning goal, was called for playing without a helmet and the goal was nullified giving the Friars a controversial 1-1 tie.

This time, UM's strapping defenseman, Chris McAlpine, lost his helmet and continued playing. If he had reported back to the bench, as Ridolfi did earlier in the game, the penalty would not have been called. The PC power play unit took full advantage of the freshman's mistake. Boback, PC's offensive star of the series, skated out of a flurry of players in front of the net and scored the game-winner on a backhand. The victory was a costly one for the Friars sextet as Aube, the team's 4th leading scorer, cont. on pg 19