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To Triumph Over Tragedy

A Class Of '90 Grad Fights A Battle Against Paralysis

by Jennifer Brinkman
Asst. News Editor

"As to me, I know of nothing else but miracles."

--Walt Whitman

Although Walt Whitman spoke the words of the above quote, it seems John McAleavey, Jr.'s life confirms this statement.

Early in the morning of August 19, 1992, John McAleavey, Jr., a 1990 graduate of Providence College, collapsed twice in his Millburn, NJ home and awoke without the ability to feel anything in his body.

John, a 3-sport athlete at Millburn High School, arose that morning at 5 a.m. He began the day as typically as every other day, early enough for his 3-mile morning run, shower, breakfast, and to report to work.

Details of that day seem very hazy to John now. He recalls not feeling well, with symptoms such as a severe headache, rapid heartbeat, and

sweating all over his entire body. "I felt sick all over and wondered if I was having a heart attack or a stroke," John said.

Without the energy to climb the stairs, John collapsed at the foot of the staircase, struck his head, and fell into unconsciousness. Although he does not clearly remember, John believes he revived, began climbing the stairs, fell backwards and struck his head a second time.

What John does remember was finally awakening without the queasy feelings he felt earlier. There were no aches and no pains any longer, but even worse, there was no feeling at all. John was paralyzed from the neck down.

Fortunately, John's parents' vacation to the New Jersey shore was cut short due to the rainy weather this summer. The "two thuds" heard outside their bedroom door awoke John's mother and she scurried to the hallway to find her son lying completely helpless at the bottom of the stair-

case. She immediately called the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad and John was rushed to Overlook continued on page 3

John McAleavey, Jr. '90 in his yearbook photo



Human Rights Now!

by Meridith Byrne
Contributing Writer

On Monday night you might have noticed something a bit odd going on in the Raymond cafeteria. Students clad in black were roaming betwixt the tables with a strip of tape covering their mouths. No, they were not protesting the Yankee Pot Roast. They were representing prisoners of conscience, people held by a government for their beliefs, race, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, language, or religion who have never used nor advocated violence. Be-

national. Amnesty is a worldwide, impartial organization that works for the release of all prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, end to all torture, ill treatment, and executions in all cases, and an end to extra judicial executions and disappearances. These violations of human rights happen every day all over the world.

To increase awareness within the Providence College community, our student Amnesty group has been busy this week. On Tuesday, as a Guerilla theater demonstration, students were removed from



Amnesty in action; in Raymond Cafeteria

cause of their situation, these prisoners cannot speak for themselves.

This demonstration was part of a week long Human Rights Awareness campaign sponsored by Amnesty Inter-

their classrooms without charge or explanation. They represented the disappeared, those who are wrongly taken out of their lives for no apparent reason, never to be heard continued on page 3

Friars Edged Out By Rams

The Brooklyn Bomber Meets A Sly Fox

by Steve McCorry
Asst. Sports Editor

Tuesday night at the Civic Center: It was the 103rd meeting between intrastate rivals the University of Rhode Island Rams and the Providence College Friars. There were fans in the blue seats (even section 218), a pair of bands, and two boisterous student sections. People booed when the Rams began their warm up drills, ESPN covered the game, and those seated behind the baskets screamed at each other until the last second ticked off the clock. You had overtime. You had Rob Phelps clapping to fans in the second row and Abdul Fox urging his backers on with waving arms. It was classic college athletics with all the trimmings. "This was a great college basketball game," said Coach Rick Barnes.

The first half for the Friars was a matter of getting the ball inside and keeping their composure during two Rhody rallies. Before the tip, even those in the "nice seats" stood and applauded the announcement of PC's starting five (Abdullah, Alosa, Simpkins, Phelps and Smith). This was the real beginning of our basketball season. Farewell to lining up against guys sponsored by oil

companies. Smith got the ball early, which has not been a custom for the Friars. After sinking two straight foul shots (hold that thought), number 34 muscled his way for a short lay in.

Troy Brown came in and

"I'm glad we're going to learn now that you have to play forty minutes."

--Coach Barnes

continued to flex some muscle in the paint. He, too, was fouled on a post up play, and went 1 for 2 from the charity stripe (not bad but...). A great sequence put the Friars up 22-10. Troy blocked a shot, and Mike Brown pushed it up the floor and gave it up to Maciej for the score.

The Friars kept the Rams at arms length, but not without difficulties. Our crosstown rivals tried a full court press, and forced an immediate turn-

over. Abdul "Quick As A" Fox canned the three-point shot and URI, down now only by 5, was fired up. Let's go to the bench! Forbes for three...yes! Abdul Abdullah found Trent downcourt on the next play for a lay up and Providence took back the momentum. With a seemingly comfortable lead of 30-17, one Ram did what he does best, to show why his Atlantic 10 team belongs on the floor with our beasts of the east. I'm referring to Fox, who loves to shoot and can back it up. His back to back jumpers prevented a blowout. PC held off another brief assault to walk away ahead 39-27 at the half.

In this corner, standing at 6-6, 180 pounds, a junior from Astoria, New York- Abdul Fox. And in this corner weighing in at 198 pounds, standing 6-5, a junior from Brooklyn, New York-Rob Phelps. In the middle of PC's free throw-missing and defense lacking second half was this fantastic one on one matchup. Rob's twelve footer off an inbounds pass provided Providence's first second half points, but we were the second horse out of the gate. "In the second half, we didn't come out with the same intensity," said Coach Barnes. "I'm glad we're

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For The Holidays

A student's departure to college affects the entire family. For families who are accustomed to spending time together, having someone leave and/or be away at college can mean a big adjustment. The daily communication and shared activities will have to be replaced by short phone calls and possible weekend visits.

Cohen, in his article "From In Loco Parentis to Auxilio Parentum", suggests that college students are really dual citizens of both the family community and the university community. At times the expectations of both groups can cause tremendous stress on one another. The same is true when "going home for the holidays." Because expectations between child/student and parent are usually different, an immediate conflict arises. When each party has a different agenda, communication and compromise must occur. As a result, vacations which are supposed to be times of relaxation and pleasure become overwhelming and stressful.

According to the book Let-

ting Go, students do not like parental attempts to control their comings and goings, their behavior, or their schedules. Students have been used to the independence of college life, but feel uncertain about their adult status within the context of the family, so parents may find it tricky to strike a balance between respecting their son or daughter's emerging independence and wanting to run their household with some degree of order. They may need to modify their old rules in light of the increased independence their child has become accustomed to.

As a result, it is important to do the following:

1. Set realistic goals and expectations with your parents and/or family (siblings).

2. Communicate each of your NEEDS and WANTS.

3. Compromise.

In closing, once each party involved knows what the other party expects, then a happy and hopefully pleasant vacation and/or holiday will occur.

by Alicia Pitrone '93
Career Assistant

How soon is too soon to begin to look for a summer job? To develop an internship? "No time like the present" is our motto at the Career Planning Service. But...where do you start to look? How do I as a PC student gain the competitive advantage over a whole sea of college students seeking some form of employment? UGH! Can it be done? Nowadays, even volunteer positions often require an application and interview process. It is a very competitive market, it helps out there beyond Friarland. To gain an edge over others in the job market, it helps enormously to develop certain crucial communications skills such as cover letter writing, resume formatting, informational interviewing and networking.

There are lots of resources right on campus to get you started in your summer or even spring internship search. The Career Planning Service of the Student Development Center regularly offers workshops on this topic in addition to individual consultation with students and numerous

resources.

If you didn't have a chance to attend a seminar this semester, you may want to stop by Slavin 209 and pick up a copy of helpful "how to" guides such as: Advice in Summer Jobs, Guidelines for Developing a School-Year Internship, The Knack of Networking, Resume Writing, Interview Skills, etc. As you may know, there are also listings of opportunities on file and national directories of internship opportunities available for you to review. You can even put an application on file to be notified of opportunities and/or speak individually with a Career Counselor.

So, back to what you can do over the winter break...a key strategy to summer job or internship development (and, of course, for full time employment) is NETWORKING!! In a nutshell, it involves speaking with a professional in a career field of interest or speaking with a neighbor or relative who can refer you to someone in a field of interest. These people can provide you with valuable advice, or even job leads!

Networking is similar to the information exchanges which occur every semester around

registration time—"Did you ever take Dr. History for Western Civ?" Did you like his lectures?" Think of this, what better time to network than at all of those holiday parties you'll attend. "Aunt 'Lawyer' Matilda, I'm interested in law, could we sit down, have a glass of egg nog, and...discuss the possibility of a summer experience at your firm or a referral to other professionals?"

As many of us know, finding a job or an internship on short notice is usually a frustrating experience if not impossible. Often times, if you are lucky enough to land a position, it turns out to be a lot less enriching than you would have liked it to be. And so, if you're interested in getting a jump on developing an internship or summer job, start thinking about who you can "network" with during the winter break. Also, do not forget your early Christmas presents from the Career Planning Service. Pick up any packets or guidelines you need to get started on writing your resume, sending cover letters, and conducting informational or career research interviews. You can all go home now with the ammunition necessary to start your search. Who said there weren't any assignments over the winter break?

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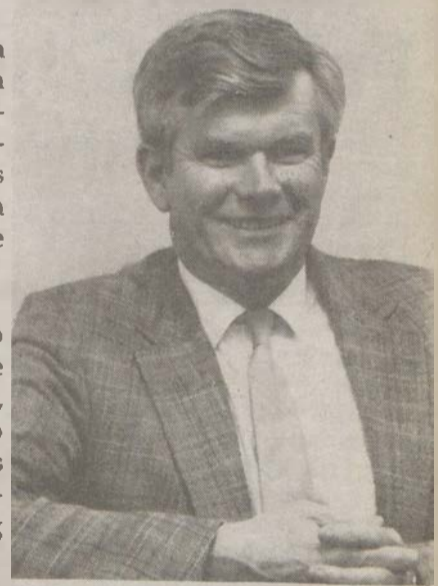
Dean Leo O'Hara Honored

Leo J. O'Hara, Dean of the Providence College School of Continuing Education, was recently elected president of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society at a meeting of the national counselors of the society in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is the only campus based national honor society for continuing education students and has more than 180 chapters at colleges and universities across the country. The Chapter was established at Providence College in 1991.

The national society, which was established in 1964, has a twofold purpose: to honor academic excellence among continuing education students and to give these students an opportunity to participate more fully in college life.

Dean O'Hara was also elected vice president of the Adult Education Foundation, an organization devoted to raising money for scholarships and related activities beneficial to adult and continuing education.



Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary Measures as submitted from the office of the vice president for Student Services.

Cases as of:

December 4, 1992

A case involved one student who broke (punched) a fire door window in McDermott Hall. The student was charged with personal probation during participation in the college's alcohol education program, and participation in the alcohol education program of Student Services. Full restitution of replacing the broken window including the cost of the window and labor was also rendered.

December 8, 1992

On October 20, five students were charged with violation of civil laws, violation of standards of conduct at PC, and use of marijuana. The students were found guilty and were fined \$250 each and must participate in the Student Ser-

vice alcohol/drug education program. They will be on disciplinary probation until February 1, 1993, and will complete a 10 page research paper on the subject "Marijuana and its Effect on the Human Body". This was an on-campus matter.

December 9, 1992

A case involved two students who cut down an evergreen tree on the campus of the college. Because of the destruction and misappropriation of the college property, the students were charged with participation in the Student Service alcohol/awareness classes. They must pay a fine of \$150 each and be on probation until all sanctions are completed.

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Cadets Pitch In

by Annette Monahan '93
ROTC

The Patriot Battalion is the organization of ROTC cadets here at Providence College. As ROTC cadets, these students are preparing to serve the nation as future Army Officers. Besides getting up at the crack of dawn to work out, training in the woods on some weekends, and dressing up in green on Wednesdays, these cadets have found time to fit volunteer work into their busy schedules to help the local community.

Patriot Battalion cadets have participated in such volunteer work as: aiding in the distribution of Federal food stuffs for the Smith Hill Center, various manual labor projects for elderly people in our community, and working with the Habitat for Humanity program. These community service acts add to the well-roundedness of the cadets and helps put them in touch with the needs of our community. It is very easy to get caught up in our own small world here at PC. The elderly, hungry, homeless people, and the people running the programs such as Smith Hill and Habitat for Humanity that help these people, have been more than grateful for the efforts of these cadets. To date, the cadets have contributed over 110 hours to their community service efforts.

So, next Wednesday when you see cadets all dressed in their uniforms, know that they are citizens who care about the well being of our community as well as our country.

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Hospital.

"John was suffering from a congenital neck vertebrae problem," John's father, John McAleavey, Sr., informed. Due to the fall, his third and fourth cervical vertebrae were injured, his spinal cord was pinched and he was declared "an upside-down paraplegic."

The surgery John underwent while staying at Overlook involved taking a piece of his hip bone and grafting it to the vertebrae in his neck. Following the surgery he was moved to the Kessler Institute of Rehabilitation.

At Kessler, John works out in an intensive therapeutic program. He averages five hours of therapy each day and his father claims that "he loves it."

His therapy consists of a combination of occupational and physical treatments. The occupational work is designed to teach John to be independent, to learn "how to use what you have to do what needs to be done," explains John.

With the help of therapists, John has been able to take his first steps. He describes himself as "walking like a drunken sailor."

"Everyday he shows continued progress," says his father. "He is starting to walk but he still does not have use of his arms and hands. We are hopeful."

Since his fall, John has received an overwhelming amount of support from friends and fellow athletes. He has received over 500 cards, a

basketball autographed by the PC Friars, one signed by the Seton Hall players and a football autographed by the Notre Dame squad. Marty Conlon, a 1990 graduate and former basketball player for PC, calls John twice a week from California where he is now playing for the Sacramento Kings.

John is optimistic for the future that lies ahead. He is certain he will regain use of his arms and hands in another 5 to 7 months. His doctors are encouraged and in part because of the "tremendous attitude" John has in regard to his condition.

Prior to the accident, John had dreams of being a television sportscaster on one of the major networks. ESPN has contacted him since, encouraging his therapy and offering a job when he feels stronger and healthier.

John has a long way to go and the battle is far from over. However, phrases such as "when I get my arms back" or "when this is over" convey the strength and hope John McAleavey, Jr. has in obtaining his miracle.

Friends of the family have established a fund to help defray medical costs not covered by insurance. The fund organized a "Fabulous Holiday Buffet and a Special Reunion with John McAleavey, Jr." The event will take place on December 27, 1992 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at The Hilton in Short Hills, NJ. All donations should be made to The John McAleavey, Jr. Fund, P.O. Box 83, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

Human Rights Now

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from again.

Wednesday night a candlelight vigil was held in the freezing cold Grotto. Though Amnesty International does work, there are those who were not saved in time. The vigil was held in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the battle for human rights.

The center of the whole week was Thursday, National Human Rights Day. PC's Amnesty group thought it was a good reason to have this week as a celebration of human rights.

And celebrate we will! Tonight is the culmination of a week of work. In '64 Hall, Twirling Teabags, Ants in the Cellar, and Skipping Sequence will be performing together for the first time in a benefit concert. With the help of a Sound and Stage, Amnesty has put together what promises to be an excellent show! Doors will open at 7:30 and tickets are only \$3.00; if you sign a petition they're \$2.00.

Providence College has learned a great deal this week. Feedback has been positive from both faculty and students. Many had not realized before that these violations of human rights happen so often in today's world. This is why Amnesty chose the stick figure as its sign for the week. It is nameless, faceless, sexless, colorless, raceless, and creedless. It shows that you too, could be arrested.

Holiday Wellness

by Dr. John Hogan
Director of Personal Counseling
Student Development Center

Everyone in a college environment knows that the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation is a high-pressure period. Yet we tend to forget now we end up doing everything at the last minute, including "cramming" for exams, wrapping gifts moments before they are opened, going from one reception to another, and making late night runs to shopping malls. The paradox is that each year, our collective amnesia causes us to look forward to this happy time without any change in strategy.

We experience stress during the holidays because we abandon, at least temporarily, the mechanisms that give our lives balance and even joy. Adequate sleep, moderation in food and drink, time to relax, time to meditate or pray, normal routine and structure, as well as time with friends and loved ones, all are essential ingredients for a calm, centered lifestyle, the foundation

The holidays can be a time of mythic expectations or a sad time of recalled disappointments.

for a "happy holiday".

If we remember what we have learned in the past, we can enjoy the holidays in the present, much as Scrooge realized there was still time to change. The first step is to **set priorities**. Who and what in your life is most important to you? Which activities should you eliminate or moderate?

The second step is to **be realistic**. The holidays can be a romanticized time of mythic expectations or a sad time of recalled disappointments. Remember that inner peace can be found or rediscovered if you make decisions based on realistic expectations of yourself and others.

The third step is to **take charge**. Manage your time, your body, your expectations, and the expectations of others. Decide what has to be done in each area of your life and do it. Then limit or eliminate unnecessary stresses. Don't be afraid to decide that you would rather stay home than take the "traditional" ski trip to New Hampshire with your high school buddies. If you only go to a few receptions and decide to limit yourself to a brief stay at others, you will feel more in control and less stuffed. Knowing when to stop shopping, even though you haven't found the "perfect gift", will allow you the opportunity to give yourself, and perhaps your loved ones, a far better gift, "quality time".

Hopefully, all of us will enter the New Year and the next semester energized and healthy. The choice is primarily up to us.

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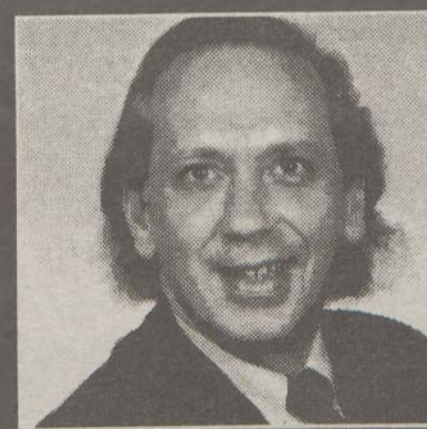
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PC's Team Captains Are In The Giving Spirit

During the weekend of November 14-15, 120 of Providence College's student-athletes collected hundreds of cans of food from Elmhurst neighborhood residents to be donated to Providence's Camden Avenue and Reservoir Avenue schools and to the Rhode Island Food Bank for Thanksgiving Baskets. Money was donated by each of the athletic teams to buy turkeys for the baskets. In all, 17 baskets were delivered, one from each of the PC's athletic teams.

The food drive was organized by PC's Captain Club, an association of the college's athletic team cap-

tains which fosters leadership among students while helping out in the community. The team captains who delivered the food to Camden Avenue school are: (foreground, left to right), Danny Bianco '93 of North Providence, RI, lacrosse, and Dionne Wilson '93 of Hartford, CT, track; and (rear, left to right), Merry Perkoski '93, softball, of Attleboro, MA, ; John Rock, PC associate head athletic trainer, who helped to coordinate the drive; Linda Jones, teacher and volunteer coordinator at Camden Avenue School; Samuel Greenstein, Camden's principal; Donna Lombardi, also a

teacher and volunteer coordinator at Camden; and Meredith Zenowich '96, a freshman member of the field hockey and softball

teams, of Marbledale, CT. (Not shown is Bonnie Goodwin, PC assistant athletic trainer, also a coordinator of the food drive.)

More than 100 PC student-athletes currently participate in a pilot program at Camden Avenue School by serving as mentors and tutors of students.



Attention Off-Campus Students!!

Better Be Safe Than Sorry...

Do you live far away and can't take all of your valuables home with you over the holidays?

Instead of leaving your valuables at risk in an empty apartment, Student Services is providing an alternative. Students are invited to leave items in safe storage in Slavin over the holidays.

Dates for drop-off will be December 15, 16, and 17 from 11 am -3 pm. Items must be picked up on January 25 and 26 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Interested students can contact the office of Student Services for further details.

A Letter to Santa

by Jennifer MacCallum
Asst. Editorials Editor

Dear Santa,

I know that during the weeks preceding Christmas, you are normally inundated with letters by children from around the world who write to you at this time of the year asking you for a multitude of toys and gifts, but I was hoping you would take time out of your busy toy-making schedule to try to alleviate the present world situation. I realize that millions look up to you as a mystical being who is able to grant reasonable wishes, and that it is not unusual for you to receive out-of-the-world requests. However, maybe this Christmas you could make an effort to alleviate your tremendous work load by not fulfilling so many material wishes and really trying to do something about the state of the world today.

Santa, peace on earth is a nice concept, but it seems that the most emphasis humanity places on this idea is during the holiday season. It appeared that true world harmony amongst nations was occurring earlier in this decade when the ideological Cold War ended. Unfortunately, the end of the Cold War did not end the aggressions of nations against one another. Santa, is there any way that you could end the

senseless fighting going on in many areas of the world today? Far too much blood is being spilled in Yugoslavia and other remote areas of our globe. Also, as the result of an on-going civil war in Somalia, far too many Somalians are suffering and dying of starvation there. Finally, war is not the only act of violence that is killing people. Ethnic and religious tensions throughout the world are causing the senseless deaths of so many. Santa, don't you think it is time to put a greater emphasis on humanity than on material possessions?

Finally, Santa, do you think you could teach us the importance of giving throughout the year? For many, giving is an act that is only done during the holiday season. Is there some way that you could encourage people not to just give material possessions, but their time and efforts to a variety of causes that do not end once Christmas is over? Shouldn't the spirit of Christmas live on throughout the year?

Santa, I hope that you aren't too busy to just mull over these basic requests. If you can't handle my simple petitions by Christmas Day, I wouldn't mind if they were settled at a later date. These wishes are far too important me for them to be passed by this year.

Merry Christmas Santa, and I hope that 1993 is a better year for humanity.

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This program is open to students (must be 18 years of age by July 5, 1993), teachers, business professionals, etc. Credits may be transferred to home institutions.

Application Deadline: March 15, 1992

Editorial Policy

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

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

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

III. All letters must be typed and double spaced. Letters must be signed; however, if you do not wish your name to appear in print, please contact Patricia E. Connolly, Editor-in-Chief; Lisa A. Carroll, Editorial Editor; or Father Mark Nowel. Complete anonymity may be granted if the sub-

ject is of a particularly personal nature.

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

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

Want To Become Part Of *The Cowl* Staff?

We are seeking interested students to fill the positions of news editor, sports editor, advertising manager, and circulation manager for the 1993-94 school year. Applications will be available in *The Cowl* office during exam week, and the deadline for applications will be the first week of the second semester. Interviews will be held the week after application deadline. Those students hired will serve as apprentices to the current editors for the rest of this year, until they take over in the spring. If you are highly motivated and are willing to put in long hours of your spare time with a fun group of people, *The Cowl* is for you! Remember to pick up your application in *The Cowl* office before break. For more information, contact Tricia Connolly at 865-2214.

Get involved!



The Loss of Santa



by Susan Viau
Sociology/Social Work and Anthropology Dept.

My husband and I have lived in the Providence College community for seventeen years. I work here at PC and my husband graduated from PC, so we have a bond here.

Two years ago, someone climbed up our home's porch railing and crushed the Christmas lights, while stealing our large plastic snowman. But our Santa survived.

Friday night, my husband and father-in-law spent several hours putting up the Christmas decorations. A little more than an hour later, five college men released body fluids on a nearby neighbor's lawn. They proceeded to go to our house and tear down Santa. The noise woke my family up. I pulled up the shade to see a man carrying Santa by the top of the hat. My husband jumped out of bed and ran down the stairs. The

terror on my children's faces from the noise that woke them up is unforgettable. A witness saw all this happen and felt

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others.*

helpless. The five men ran down Chad Brown Street and separated at Pinehurst. My husband drove around the neighborhood to see if he could find Santa but had no luck.

You men may have enjoyed the thrill of tearing down Santa. But I want you to realize the emotional heartache you left my family. The terror of being awakened by a loud noise. The humiliation that neighbors warned us that the decorations would be stolen and were. The vandalism of lights broken and torn away from the house when Santa was pulled and the inconvenience of having to take out the ladder to take down the lights that were left dangling from the tree. Having to wait in the cold of the night for the police and to talk to a witness. The fact that after all this happened, the witness thought Santa was thrown somewhere.

We were lucky to have our Santa for about twelve years, and he will be missed. If you have any compassion, please think before you destroy.

While standing outside waiting for the police, a group

of college students said they liked our lights and that we did a nice job decorating. We enjoy decorating and yes, we do take a chance putting decorations outside. But I don't want to feel home bound; we enjoy displaying decorations for all to enjoy. We also observed a lot of college-aged people walking the streets, some singing and yelling. Others so drunk they could not walk by themselves but needed assistance from friends. In the morning when I took my dog for her walk, I couldn't help but notice the bottles, cans and empty cartons all over the streets and sidewalks. There must have been a party in the neighborhood. You do have a right to fun, but not at the expense of others.

If you are enjoying the use of Santa this year, that's nice, but please return him to our yard after the season is over.

Correction: The following corrections are regarding the article "Out of the Draft" by Howard Lisnoff which appeared in *The Cowl* on November 19, 1992. South Vietnam fell to the North Vietnamese in 1975, not in 1973 as is noted in the article. The late Frank Licht was the Governor of Rhode Island at the time the author was ordered to report for a military physical, not Major General Leonard Holland as is stated in the article.

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Letters to the Editor

Coach Barnes Must be in the Front Row

To the Editor:

Dear Rick Barnes,

If you are only going to watch the game, then you can pay nine dollars for a ticket just like the rest of us.

Sincerely,

Jim Evangeliou, '92

Confusing Signals

To the Editor:

Retired PC Vice-President Father Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., criticized Bishop Louis E. Gelineau in the November 26, 1992 issue of the *Providence Visitor*. He disagrees with the "Ask the Bishop" column [*Visitor*, Oct. 29]. Fr. Lennon said, "The Bishop sends confusing signals to Catholics." On the one hand, the Bishop states, "Abortion is not the only issue upon which to make voting judgment." On the other hand, according to Fr. Lennon, the Bishop says, "When you have evaluated each candidate on all other important issues, then examine them... on the fundamental issue—life." Fr. Lennon believes that to equate the sanctity of unborn life with less important issues of human living is bad theology.

I received a similarly confused signal when PC invited former Vice-President Walter Mondale to be its commencement speaker and award him an honorary doctoral degree. Mr. Mondale was Jimmy Carter's running mate in 1976 and 1980. He supported both Democratic Party platform planks which gave a woman the freedom to decide her own reproductive fate. Ditto in 1984 when Mr. Mondale ran as the Democratic Party Presidential candidate. In *Catholic Bishops in American Politics* by Timothy A. Byrnes, the author interviewed Mr. Robert Beckel, Mondale's campaign manager. Beckel said, "Mondale was in favor of abortion, it was as simple as that. So we never spent resources nor time trying to convince the Catholic bishops that they ought to be for Walter Mondale."

Father Lennon also said, "I do think the church militant is ill-served when Bishops—interpreters of the magisterium—are unable to get their act together on vital matters of faith and discipline." Being preachers of pro-life, did the Dominicans have their act together when they rewarded Vice-President Mondale with an honorary doctoral degree? Incidentally, Bishop Gelineau sat on the dais with Mr. Mondale and other dignitaries during the commencement exercises.

It has not been my intent to deride Fr. Lennon. We have known each other for many years. I just want to share my feelings with the PC community on this subject.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe, '73

More Letters to the Editor found on page 7.



Letters to the Editor

PC Alum
Concerned
About Hiring
Policy

To the Editor:

Quite frankly, I cannot see how a diverse faculty threatens the Catholic mission of the College. Each student will have to make her own choices; a Catholic background could be strengthened, potentially energized, in a diverse environment. Questions of faith remain energetic and important questions; the presence of non-Catholic faculty will not change that. Overwhelmingly, the Providence College population consists of upper middle class white students. If instituted, I fear that the new faculty policy will increase the pasteurization rate for an already homogenous community. Students deserve the best their institution can offer.

Pursuant to the question of PC's "academic stature": If the Dominicans wish to establish PC as a center for Dominican Theological Thought, more power to them. If that will propel PC into a "world class institution," fine. However, other opportunities for academic enrichment remain open. At the moment, supply exceeds demand within academic professions. For this academic year, the University of Connecticut has ten tenure-track positions open in the English department; talking with colleagues, I find that the situation resonates through UConn. While the state's budget won't allow those positions to be filled, UConn currently hires adjunct professors, recent internal and external PhD's to fill those positions. Five UConn PhD's, one Boston University PhD and a UPenn PhD round out our department. When quality teachers and scholars find only adjunct positions open, it seems to provide ample opportunity for Providence College to advance its academic reputation by hiring young, energetic, and highly-trained faculty. Dominican candidates have recourse to the same academic institutions, but I would hope that Providence College would have the foresight to round out its faculty while extremely capable candidates abound instead of closing faculty searches when "a qualified Dominican is available."

I remain proud of what I accomplished at Providence College; talking with other graduates, I find that we all valued the opportunity to make the best of our academic world. Individual students bear the responsibility for their own academic success; to

achieve success, their resources, faculty amongst them, should remain diverse.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Cahill
Dept. of English
University of Connecticut

Dennis Miller
Makes People
Think

To the Editor:

In last week's *Cowl* we received some words of wisdom from Anna Sullivan, the chairperson of the Rhode Island Right to Life Committee. After reading them, I felt that I had to comment.

First, she attacks Dennis Miller's performance by saying, "It's bizarre that a comedian would stop in the middle of the act to start talking about pro-life versus pro-choice." Well, Anna, you must have never seen or heard Mr. Miller perform before because he always mixes his personal views with his material to make people think. Whether it offends or enlightens, you must admit that he accomplished just that. Ms. Sullivan also said that "...you would expect that he'd violate certain norms on decency and satire." I didn't know that Ms. Sullivan is an expert on stand-up comedy and knows exactly what can be considered satire.

Next, she goes on to say that we as students, "don't know when to be offended" and that in her day she would've "walked out on a show like that." First of all, not all of the students here are Catholic or Pro-Life. Secondly, the students who are Catholic and Pro-Life handled Dennis Miller's comments in a much more mature, intelligent manner than you would've. The students who attended showed me that they understood that every person's opinion, whether or not you agree with it, deserves the proper respect of being heard. That is what it means to live in a democracy and to have an open mind. Apparently, Ms. Sullivan would rather have the students put their fingers in their ears and sing "I'm not listening! La la la!" like a Pro-Life Pee-Wee Herman. Ms. Sullivan, at an "institute of higher learning," we should hear all sides of a story in order to formulate our own opinions. That's part of being an adult.

I'm not condemning or condoning the personal views of Anna Sullivan or Dennis Miller. I just wanted to say that Ms. Sullivan reacted wrongly in attacking our stu-

dent body for the comments of one individual. Ms. Sullivan, I believe it is you who owe us an apology.

Sincerely,
Paul Tremblay, '93

Malcolm X:
Interpretation,
Not Fact

To the Editor:

I am very happy that you decided to devote space to *Malcolm X* last week. And your article, explaining your viewing experience of the recently released movie, was thoughtful and interesting. It is always a good thing when movies are viewed and discussed; audiences are encouraged, when watching a movie, to interpret for themselves what they see on screen. This is why, however, Spike Lee's insistence that he was better qualified to direct the *Malcolm X* movie than Norman Jewison is faulty. No matter who directed the movie, the story on screen would be an interpretation of the man's life, which would then be further interpreted and understood differently by each member of the audience.

Some background: For years, many screenwriters and novelists, including James Baldwin, attempted to adapt *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* for the movies. For one reason or another, the movie was never made. Then, recently, Jewison obtained the screen rights to the book and announced that he was to direct an adaptation. Lee then went on a crusade, primarily through the media, ridiculing the notion that Jewison, as a "white" Canadian, could properly do justice to the life of Malcolm X. Lee reasoned that, as an African-American, his life experiences made him more qualified to recreate another African-American's life — obviously more than Jewison. But this does not mean that he would do a "better" job, for movies based on novels or autobiographies are interpretations — they are not fact. What is currently being shown on screen today is one person's interpretation of a man's life based on books and other writings. If Jewison had made the movie — and he, too, proclaimed an admiration for Malcolm X — it would have been his interpretation. No interpretation is more valid than another interpretation — provided they are carefully and thoughtfully worked out, analyzed, and discussed. Certainly, both Lee and Jewison have attempted to do this in the past.

Movies are not real life. They are interpretive acts, primarily collaborative creations. I'd be happy to discuss this further with anyone.

Richard Testa
Director of the American
Studies Program

Fighting for
Equality
at PC

To the Editor:

Emotions fly high when you are affected with pain. At Providence College, pain comes in many forms and is visible everyday. Every little thing that has any meaning to me is stripped away. Recently, Raymond Cafe employees rearranged our place of dining. My friends and myself have been gathering in this one specific area for a long time, and now we are forced to eat apart from each other, at separate tables. As director of the cafe, why would you separate a group of people that you know has been sitting there for so many years? It's not a lot to ask to be with friends when you eat. But then I forget, this is Providence College!

When it comes to my other concerns about this campus, I start to wonder why PC is the way it is and why I am so upset about the present conditions. Is it because we, as people of color, don't count or because the school is scared, and cover up the truth due to their own ignorance? Both. Evil can only be contained for so long. If I can survive here, I can survive anywhere.

Many people can say that they can sympathize with what I am feeling. That's fine, but they will never feel and understand what people of color go through everyday. While living in America, you begin to realize that you can't take anything for granted. Nothing comes easy when your skin is dark. It's so easy for our truth to become a lie or remain untold in America's so called great history.

Ever since grade school, history told me that I was sold, but they didn't tell me I was bold. It told me I wasn't smart, but didn't tell me I liberated my people, so I had to be smart with a lot of heart. Once you know the truth, it has to be kept alive. And if that means by fighting everyday, so be it. Because my fighting has just begun. A fighting from the darkside.

*The dark side in the rear
Waiting to come to the frontline
We've gone under deep cover
To plan a return
Fly, fly away the lies you hold*

so dear

*From human to race to color
Something you start to fear
Your revolution is gone
That freed you
Time to invent a new game
A game with no rules
The game is a brand new
revolution
My deputies on mission
All in black
The ones you left in the back
Watch the brothers
With a smile and Freedom on
face
And witness a take over
Of something that was in the
right place.*

Sincerely,
Lacy McDowell '95

Library Woes

To the Editor:

Adam Yourell's letter "Pump Up the Gym" prompted me to write about the library. I am an architect, studying for a teaching certificate, so maybe I'm more aware of building deficiencies than most. It doesn't take Frank Lloyd Wright, however, to notice some obvious deficiencies with this important building.

(1) The door next to the first floor copying machine has been squeaking (loudly) for over one year. Fix it please.

(2) The copying machine is a noisy machine which requires coins to be fed into it, producing a continual clanging noise. Also there is often a line of students who socialize (at full volume) while standing in line waiting to use a machine. These machines should be moved to a less conspicuous location.

(3) The men's room does not have any soap dispensers. Please install one.

Sincerely,
Lee Juskalian '93

To the Editor:

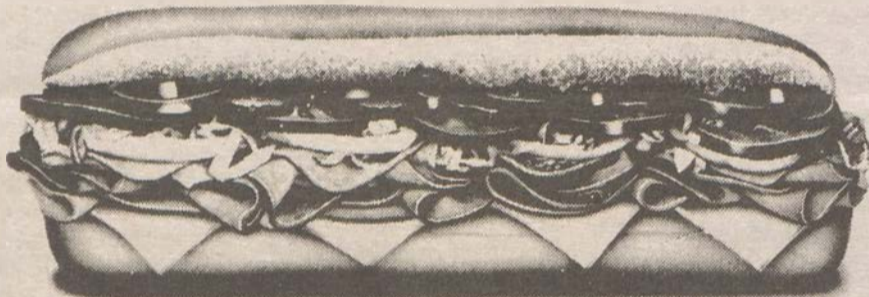
As the "wannabe" good student that I am, I tend to spend a great deal of time slaving away in the library on weeknights. I am not the only one who does this, and proof can be found through the graffiti drawn on the desks. I hate to admit it, but I enjoy reading these study-break words of wisdom when my brain needs a rest from books and facts. However, many people take this juvenile behavior way too far. Even if I did not want to see it, it's hard not to spot a pornographic drawing of a woman's naked body staring up at me through my papers. I've seen more than one picture of a female being forcefully raped and some of the prose and poetry are not repeatable. Maybe it would not be necessary to put those Rape-Hotline stickers in the ladies' rooms if these "students" were not always competing with each other over how sick they can make their graffiti. I am presently writing this letter at the library and I just want to tell the person who has been at this particular desk that I am glad you enjoy your sexual escapades, but why don't you keep that personal information to yourself because I don't care about your sex life.

Suzanne Grodzinski '93



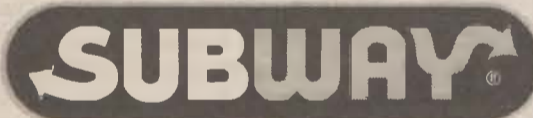
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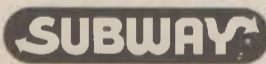
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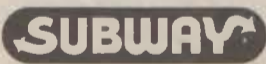
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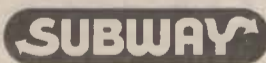
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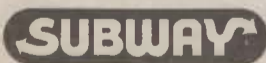
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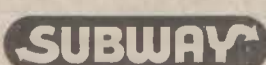
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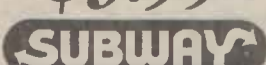
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SEMESTER.**

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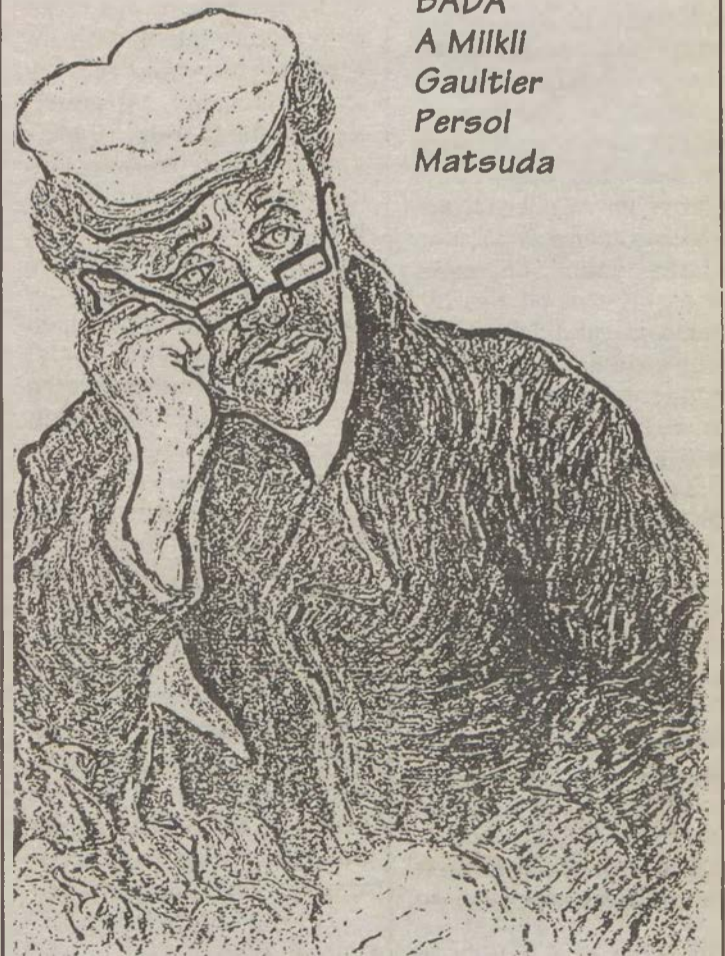


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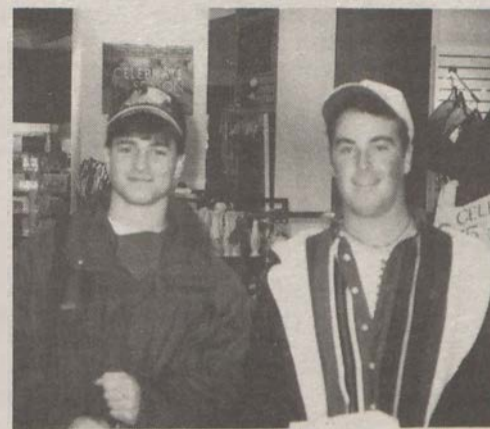
In light of the recent debates at Rhode Island College, do you think that condoms should be available on campus?



Bertha Stradavinski '94 and Jennifer Kelly '94: We think they should be distributed at Mondo.



Greg Barisonek '93 and Michelle Dansreau '93: Sure, it would save us a walk to CVS.



Jarred Rucci '95 and Jonathan Boynton '95: No, because the girls here make it unnecessary.



Jenny Brown '93: What is a condom?



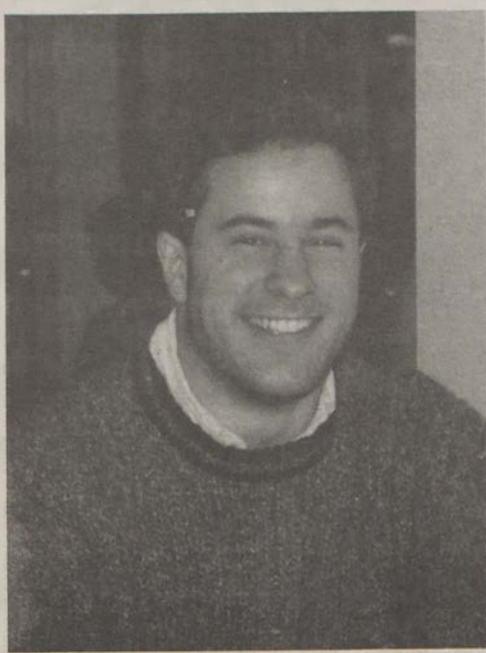
Tim Henzy '94, Sadie Troy '95 and Kerry McDonough '94: Yes, people should access to them, but they should be aware that they are not fool proof.



Dave Keane '96, Jacque Lebeau '96, Matt Heslin '96 and Ed Hunt '96: Yes, because we can never find one when we need one.



Paulina Zolotarevsky '96 and Bridgette McMeel '96: Yes, because of what we see on the weekends it's obvious that there is a need!



Brian Whelehan '93: Jenny Brown is my girlfriend - enough said.



Shannon Pyne '94 and Anne Lapointe '94: We feel the rhythm method is more effective.

Rick & Dave: Only if they're recyclable.

Semester End Balances for Clubs and Organizations

by Lisa Walsh
Executive Treasurer

Thank you to all Club Treasurers! You've done a great job so far, and have made my job a lot easier! If there are any discrepancies with the amounts posted and the amounts you have recorded on your books, please contact me as soon as possible so that the differences can be accounted for. Just a reminder to those clubs that have not used their allocated money - this money will not be carried over into next year's account. It will be wiped out when the books close in mid-April. This money was given to your club so that it would be used for the good of its members. Instead of having the money go to waste, please begin programming events next semester, because there is a lot of money available for your use!

Again, thanks to all of the clubs/organizations for your cooperation. Hopefully, things next semester will run just as well as this one did!

Student Congress	527.81	Italian	319.07
Class of 1993	54,167.50	Karate	250.00
Class of 1994	7,995.07	Marketing	662.05
Class of 1995	2,892.80	Management	180.95
Class of 1996	684.49	NAACP	200.00
ACC	4,092.75	OCRO	538.51
ACM	155.75	PC Pals	2,968.00
Accounting Association	1,021.00	Pastoral Council	7301.82
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BMSA	900.00	Racquetball	3,000.00
CEC	973.85	Residence Board	2,718.41
College Republicans	600.00	Rorschach Theater	500.00
Dance Club	550.00	Rugby (Men's)	2,404.00
Democrats	560.00	Rugby (Women's)	650.96
Economics	700.00	SADD	700.90
Environmental	1,000.00	Sailing	750.00
Finance	563.22	SOAR	970.75
French	40.49	Spanish	600.00
Gender Equality	600.00	Snow Boarding	100.00
Health Policy Management	150.00	Volleyball	1,400.00
History	252.00	Weightlifting	400.00

Minutes from the Student Congress Meeting

Minutes for the December 7th meeting are as follows:

COMMITTEES:

Ethics: Congress Person of the Month award went to Maureen Marro for all of her work on Course Description.

Finance: The Student Congress budget is down to \$500.00 due to the fact that the bills from last year's shuttle busses to Thayer St. had to still be paid.

Election: Dates for elections for Executive Board - March 18 - Executive information meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Slavin room 203. Nomination period is from March 22nd - 24th. There will be an information meeting on March 25th. The campaign will be from March 29th - 31st. Executive elections will be Thursday, April 1st. **Class Elections -** Information meeting on April 15th at 4:00 p.m. in Slavin room 217. Nomination period will be from April 19th - 21st. The campaign meeting will be on April 22nd. The campaign period will go from April 26th - 28th. The Class elections will be on April 29th.

Dates for next semester posted on the Time and Space Board in the Congress Office.

Student Life: There is not enough money in the budget for a bike rack in the front of Slavin, Lights in the Slavin Pit and Lights behind Slavin

(Sidelines exit). The colling system in the weight room is fixed!

Public Relations: Thank you to all who handed out *Peaceful Coexistence*.

Time and Space: Thanks to all for a super job this semester!

New Business: Resolution FS-10-43 concerning the introduction of the Portugese Club. Concern for too many clubs - perhaps combine some of the language clubs. This will make more sense when allocations are distributed. Decision was to vote on this resolution and to meet after combining clubs in the future. Passed resolution FS-10-43.

BOARDS:

OCRO: Will be decorating the Senior Center this week.

Residence Board: Tuck Ins begin this week.

ACC: December 12th - 22nd there will be a food drive to benefit Smith Hill in the apartments.

CLASSES:

'94: Good Luck to Karen Pedlow who is going abroad next semester. Welcome to Patti Polizzi who will take her place.

'95: Tickets for the Winter Ball are on sale this week. The Ski Trip is open to all classes.

'96: Saturday, December 12th there will be busses to Quincy Market for last minute Christmas shopping.

by John Ryan
'94 Class President

Junior Ring Weekend was a remarkable success. I hope everyone had a great time. Profits from the weekend will go towards future class events and Commencement.

Since the student directory was not published, the class of '94 is working to have it ready when everyone gets back in January. Also, we are putting

in an order for more sweatshirts. Look for dates when we will be selling them. We plan to kick off next semester with a club night at an all new location. Other events being planned include a '94 T-shirt contest, class cruise, '20's Dance, clambake at 12 Acres and Jello Mania II. I hope that some of these events interest you.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or if you have any

great ideas for the class leave a note in the Student Congress Class of '94 Suggestion Box. We need your input and most importantly, your attendance.

We all wish Karen Pedlow good luck abroad in Spain next semester. Taking her place is Patti Polizzi who has been elected to the position of class representative.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Class of 1994 News

Class of 1994

Hey Juniors!!

Is there anything we haven't done for you yet?

WE WANT TO KNOW!!

Put ideas in the box in the Congress office, Slavin 109, or contact a class officer.

Apartments Got Their MTV

by Melissa Silva
ACC President

A few weeks ago MTV, Music Television, was added to the Apartment Complex cable system, thanks to the efforts of the Apartment Complex Council.

When cable was introduced in the apartments last year, MTV was not included. This was due to the opposition of some administration and faculty members.

One of the main concerns of the apartment residents was that they were not able to make the choice to watch MTV themselves. The ACC formed

a petition and collected signatures of the Apartment residents. They took this, along with a proposal written by the council, to Fr. Tortorici, the Director of Residence Life. He in turn presented this argument and petition to Fr. McPhail, the Vice President or Student Services. One week later, the ACC received word that their request was granted and that MTV would be added to the cable system.

I would like to thank all of the members of the ACC for all of their time and hard work that they put in to help meet the demands of the Apartment residents.

Peaceful Coexistence A Successful Distribution Gets Media Coverage

by Maureen Montegari
Congress Correspondent

During the recent Media Focus Group, students expressed that they felt the media overlooked the positive aspects of PC. Well, this past Saturday approximately 125 students were the center of attention for Channel 12 News and the *Providence Journal*. The occasion was the distribution of the Student Congress newsletter *Peaceful Coexistence* to the PC community.

An article appeared in *Sunday's Journal* and a short segment was on Saturday's Channel 12 broadcast about the distribution. Students and neighbors interviewed by the *Journal*, except for one student on Pembroke, had only positive things to say about this semester. It seems that there is more or a sense of awareness on the part of the students. According to the article, "...the college has been working hard

to heal the rift with the community, and [Saturday] it appeared that its efforts are paying off." Other neighbors who students spoke with expressed that, aside from isolated incidents, they were generally satisfied with their neighborhood, specifically the behavior of the students.

Peaceful Coexistence was conceived two years ago by Student Congress to increase communication and ease tensions between the students and neighbors. Due to its great success in its mission, it has been included as a component of the Good Neighbor Plan. Now students and residents of the area surrounding PC receive the newsletter on a monthly basis. Students who are not satisfied with the neighborhood should consider joining the Block Council in their area, writing a letter to the editor of *Peaceful Coexistence*, or simply approaching a member of Student Congress.

All concerns are important because without understanding of what the problem in the neighborhood are, they cannot be addressed. If you did not receive a newsletter and would like to, please let someone on Congress know. Also, all letters to the editor should be dropped off in the Congress office.

As stated in the *Journal* article, the distributions have done a great deal to restore the reputation of PC students in the eyes of its neighbors. Special thanks to the members of BOP, Pastoral Council, Rorschach Theater Club, Amnesty International, some members of the Men's Rugby team, and everyone else who volunteered on Saturday. Positive media coverage, support from clubs and organizations, and most importantly, the continued cooperation of the off-campus students will also strengthen the harmony felt in the community.

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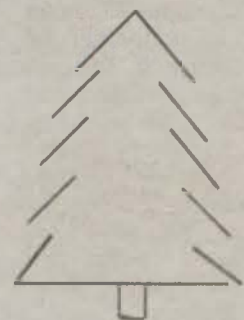
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Eddie Murphy Puts The "Con" In Congressman

by Mike Saucier
A&E Editor

Since *Beverly Hills Cop*, Eddie Murphy's career has fizzled, to say the least. Unfortunately, *The Distinguished Gentleman* does not offer him redemption. Murphy is far from impressive in a not-too-demanding role. The movie as a whole is light and easy to watch. It's a movie that you have to go into without high expectations. If you are going to the movies just to relax, you may find yourself warming to *The Distinguished Gentleman* rather quickly. Murphy does not "distinguish" himself in this film basically because he relies on the same rehashed kind of humor that worked for him in *Beverly Hills Cop*. One has to wonder why Murphy or anyone else would think his audiences chuckle when he flashes that imitation-Buckwheat, "in your face" toothy smile.

Once again, we find Murphy in a role which he is

the smooth talking, ultra-cool guy who preys on uptight, easily-shamed, conventional people. However, there is a glimmer of hope for the comedian/actor in the film. He shows a most impressive ability to imitate others. He imitates everyone from a phone sex woman to a white congressman to a Yiddish person. He performs these imitations with striking accuracy and shows he can slip in and out of his imitations quickly and skillfully.

The movie follows Eddie Murphy's character, Thomas Jefferson Johnson, as a first rate con man and then as a Congressman from Florida. He runs for Congress for the sole reason of reaping all the benefits and privileges that come with being a member of Congress. Once he is in office, he learns how to manipulate and take advantage of the system. He then goes into a psychological tailspin after meeting with a young cancer victim who was contaminated be-

cause of dangerous high tension lines near her school. Congressman Johnson finally comes to the realization that people have needs that the government is obligated to meet. In the process of trying to help the girl and her cause (the removal of the dangerous tension lines), Congressman Johnson discovers and then exposes the corruption and heartlessness of some of the members on the hill. He ultimately learns that being good is not so bad after all, and that our government is unfortunately not quite "for the people" and "by the people".

The Distinguished Gentleman may get lost in this Christmas season full of box office powerhouses (*Aladdin*, *Malcolm X*, *Home Alone 2*) but it was definitely a movie that relaxes and prompts a few chuckles.

**Friars Club
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Thursday, Jan. 28
6:30-8:30
Aquinas Lounge**

Indigo Girls: Musicians With A Message

by Maureen Marro
and Jody Torrisi
Contributing Writers

"Secure yourself to heaven,
Hold on tight, the night has come
Fasten up your earthly burdens,
You have just begun."

"Secure Yourself"

The Indigo Girls rocked the Providence Performing Arts Center on Thursday, December 1, with a two hour concert. The Roches opened for Amy and Emily and provided an upbeat, but brief, warm-up for the Indigo Girls.

The duo first came on the music scene in 1989, but actually began recording together at Emory University in 1985. Amy Ray and Emily Saliers put together an energized and powerful show that highlighted their contrasting yet complimentary songs and styles.

The Indigo Girls opened with "World Falls", a favorite track from their second album, *Nomads, Indians, Saints*. After the song, they told the screaming audience that PPAC was beautiful and that we could "...make it smaller by singing and dancing." With that, the Indigo Girls led into their recently popular tune "Hammer and Nail" to really get the crowd on their feet. The program encompassed tracks off of all three albums, including "Love's Recovery" and "Prince of Darkness" off their self-titled album; "Pushing the Needle Too Far" off of *Nomads, Indians, Saints*; and "Galileo" and "Joking" from "Rights of Passage."

The most impressive aspect

about the Indigo Girls is their social consciousness and politically correct messages. Songs like "Let It Be Me" reflected hopeful views on our federal government and election process. As we walked into PPAC, signs for Greenpeace and messages for world peace flooded our view.

The Indigo Girls are true musicians; their talent speaks for itself without the fanfare that many other performers rely on. The genuine concern for freedom for all is apparent in their profound lyrics. The music is reminiscent of some of the legends like Joan Baez and Janis Joplin. How fitting that they should perform Bob Dylan's "Tangled Up in Blues" as an encore. The crowd begged for more. As the entire audience rose to their feet, the Indigo Girls concluded the concert with an overpowering performance of a favorite track off of their first album, "Closer to Fine".

In between songs, the Indigo Girls were personable and connected with the audience. A devoted fan could see the development from the first album to the third, by the new additions of a violinist, cellist, bassist, and drummer. Their talent was evident as they amazed the crowd with their harmonies and guitar playing. We left the concert inspired and even humming their tunes. If the Indigo Girls ever return to Providence, do not miss out.

In My Opinion...

compiled by
Ken Cornwell

Hey, COWL staff. What is your favorite Christmas special or movie and why do you like it?

"Definitely *A Year Without a Santa Claus*. I love the Heat Miser, and his brother's pretty cool too... although, I am partial to the singing snowman (Burl Ives) in *Rudolph*."

--Tim Ridge, BOP Correspondent

"I like *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. It's the best one. It's the only one I sit down and watch every Christmas about 5 times.

--Kristen Garipey, Features Staff

"My favorite is *Emmett Otter's Jugband Christmas* because you can see the muppets' feet!"

--Tricia Connolly, Editor-in-chief

"It's *A Wonderful Life* is a true Christmas classic, in my opinion. George Bailey (played by Jimmy Stewart) is by far one of my favorite fictional characters. He's gentle, sensitive, and kind of reminds me of my own father."

--Theresa Brophy, Asst. A&E Editor

"*Ziggy's Christmas Gift*. In addition to sending a message of peace and harmony, it is also completely hilarious. Also, you can watch it over and over and see something new happening in the background- now that's pure Christmas entertainment! Really, who could ask for more than the Turkey guy?"

--Lisa Carroll, Editorials Editor

"I absolutely love the concept and idea behind the story in *Miracle on 34th Street*- it is refreshing to be reminded about the true magic of Christmas and that nobody is too old to believe in Santa Claus! A close second to this, however, is *The Year Without a Santa Claus* because of the Heat Miser/Cold Miser Song!"

--Kathy Parella, BOP Correspondent

"Of course, the Grinch will always be the best Christmas special. As for movies, I seem to end up watching *White Christmas* every year, for some reason. I love the fact that these big musical numbers just seem to start up in the middle of a scene, and nobody notices."

--Ken Cornwell, Asst. A&E Editor

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A Christmas Carol Of A Different Tune

by Theresa Brophy
Asst. A&E Editor

'Tis the season to be jolly, and there's no time like the present to get into the Christmas spirit. Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, directed by Neal Baron, is playing at Trinity Repertory Theatre throughout the month of December. If you have some free time on your hands between studying for exams and shopping for Christmas gifts, don't miss this holiday treat.

The talented Trinity Repertory Company does a creative and unique job of setting the scene for this all-time favorite. The play takes place in London, England at Christmas time in the year 1843 and focuses on Ebenezer Scrooge, a cantankerous and greedy man who is blind to the true meaning and merriment of Christmas time and refuses to look beyond his belief that "Money makes the world go 'round." Timothy Crowe, who plays Scrooge, handles his character cleverly and consistently with his disgruntled facial expressions and "Bah, humbugs!" drawing several laughs from the audience. He clearly sets the pace for the other performers.

Trinity's version of *A Christmas Carol* is filled with twists and special effects which include the use of trap doors and flash pots and an original

music score which sets it apart from other depictions of this Christmas tale. On the night before Christmas, Ebenezer is called on by the spirits of Christmas Past, Christmas Present, and Christmas Yet to Come, who guide him with reflections of his own life. First, however, he receives a visit from the ghost of his partner Jacob Marley, played by Dan Welch. Marley's ghost is flown into the theatre from an upper window highlighted by strobe lights flashing and playing with his ragged and white figure. Welch's somersaults and swinging arms and legs are accompanied by bells ringing and screams from the company which give his entrance an eerie but humorous effect and are rewarded with a sudden applause. Marley teasingly warns Scrooge of his possible fate, but leaves the actual moral lesson in the hands of the three ghosts.

Robert J. Colonna as The Ghost of Christmas Past is delightfully clumsy and amusing as he takes Scrooge on a journey back in time to reveal shadows of his childhood days. In this scene, Young Scrooge (Jacob Cooper) and Young Marley (Ian Westcott) participate in the festivities at the home of their jolly and fun-loving employer Mr. Fezziwig (Wyatt Paul Davis). The scene changes are made by the com-

pany members themselves who include men, women, and children of various ages. This scene is just a part of the well-choreographed merry-making of the entire company singing, dancing, and playing their own musical instruments composed of fiddles, harmonicas, banjos, and accordians. The children work well with the adult cast members, and the combination is powerful and uplifting.

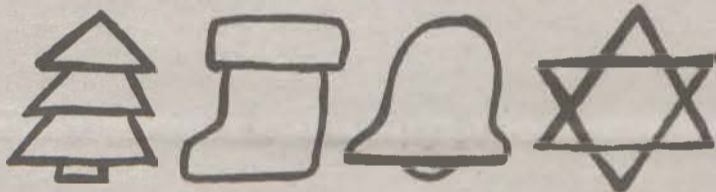
Janice Duclos, adorned in a dark green velvet gown and a crown made of holly leaves, plays the wise-cracking, energetic and jovial Ghost of Christmas Present who gives Scrooge a glimpse of his current life and the lives of others around him at present time. This scene centers on the family of his employee Bob Cratchit

(William Damkoehler). The familiar scene is disappointing because of its lack of authenticity and strength in characters. With Tiny Tim's entrance comes expectations for a revelation of the story's meaning which are left unfulfilled by the performance of the Cratchit family as a whole. The portrayal leaves a slight gap in the play which is gratefully redeemed by the following scene when the Ghost of Christmas Present shifts Scrooge's focus to a poor group of people gathered by a fire and singing a heart-warm-

ing "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Scrooge's transformation is ultimately provoked by the final visit he receives from the Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come, an enormous and intriguing puppet-like creature who silently reveals the future of Ebenezer Scrooge. Ultimately, Scrooge is brought to his knees and comes to realize that he must change the direction of his life's course. Crowe plays the rejuvenated Scrooge with inviting zest and enthusiasm. The entire company unites in song illuminated by white lights around the theatre and the small white candles they hold. A touch of snow is added which enhances the Christmas mood, and the play's culmination is felt by everyone in the audience. Trinity has done it again.

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Executive Corner: Secretary Announces Spring Break Trip to Cancun, Mexico!

by Carrie Atkins '93
BOP Secretary



During the cold winter months, with all the extra insulation we've acquired from holiday indulgences it's hard to believe the sweaters will soon be shed as we head to our Spring Break destinations. At BOP, we truly care about you, which is why our own Travel Committee members—Jenn Rice, Don Dilauro, and Mark Cieccko have planned a fun-filled, eight day get away to beautiful Cancun, Mexico.

Your fantasy vacation will begin February 27th on a chartered 747 flight from Logan Airport (bus transportation to and from PC will be provided) and will touch down in tropical paradise. The Travel Committee went above and beyond the call of duty and trekked all the way to Cancun to select accommodations they felt "best met the desires of the PC student." I'm

not sure about you, but I could definitely be happy sunning myself at the lovely waterfront hotel equipped with full "Beverage Service" right on the beach and a snack bar and restaurant only steps away.

For daytime fun, the hotel provides several watersports including water-skiing, parasailing, scuba lessons, and jet skiing to keep you busy, as well as tennis courts and a pool right on the beach. If that's not enough to fill the day, various side excursions have been planned...a private cruise, a snorkeling trip a mile off the coast, and a day trip to the Ancient Mayan temples.

You'll be amazed with Cancun's incredible night life as you dance the night away in New York style clubs, including the world-famous Spring Break hotspot: Carlos & Charlie's.

I know by now you are asking yourself "How can I take part in this once in a lifetime offer?" It's easy. Just come down to the BOP Office and tell us you are ready to have the time of your life. All this for the low, low price of \$549—a small price to pay for the opportunity to see Don Dilauro in his leopard skin speedo! But, please, ACT NOW because deposits will only be accepted until December 15th!

Thursday, December 10th
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A Christmas Story

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'64 Hall

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Matt Worthen '95

CONGRATULATIONS!

Travel Presents: **CANCUN INFORMATION!!!**

Spring Break Trip: February 27th - March 6th
(Saturday to Saturday)

* Residence Halls close on Friday, February 26th, but we will make special arrangements for anyone who lives on-campus to stay an extra night!

Airport: Logan Airport, Boston

* There will be a bus provided to take everyone to the airport.

* The flight is on Key Air--an airline owned by Continental. STS has chartered the flight for students.

* The flight times are not definite yet, but we will fly out on the morning of the 27th.

Hotel: Calinda Beach Resort

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* About a 5 minute cab ride to a large shopping area, fast-food restaurants, bars, and clubs. The cost of the cab ride is about \$3.00.

Excursions:

* STS is running a bunch of excursions that are extra-flyers are available (that explain each one, gives prices, and tells you how to sign up.

Cost:

* Total cost is \$549, plus a \$28 departure tax that must be brought to the airport. This cost is based on quad occupancies. Checks and credit cards are accepted. All \$100 deposits are due by December 15th. (\$25 charge for use of credit cards)

Trim the Trees and Skim the Books

by Noelle Cusack
Asst. Features Editor

Every year, the same thing happens. On Thanksgiving, families gather 'round the TV to check out this year's Macy's Parade. Most of the morning (and, in some cases, most of the afternoon) is spent sipping egg nog and trying to get a freshly cut tree to balance on its stump in the middle of the living room. By the time the tree is up, basically everyone is in the mood for Christmas. They look forward to going to the malls, rummaging through half-stocked shelves of worthless merchandise marked "Special For Christmas Only", and finishing their less-than-productive day by fighting their way through car-jacking infested parking lots only to find that four other carloads are vying for the space. Actually, my Christmas tree (which is realistically artificial) has been up since Halloween. My point? Why is it that everyone in the country gets to take part in the frivolity of Christmas while college kids, (who, I might add, really do know the true meaning of Christmas) have to go to classes, write papers, and study for finals? By the time they get home for Christmas break it's even too late for them to take advantage of the "Specials for Christmas Only".

A few things on this campus can get us psyched for Christmas. After all, there are the annual caroling festivities such as the candlelight walk

through the quad, singing in the bitter cold, and ending up at Slavin to meet up with everyone from the media who are eager to report if we change the words to "Frosty the Snowman". They don't seem to realize that changing the words to Frosty is almost as illegal as making 'Twas the Night Before Christmas an X-rated endeavor. Speaking of which, I hear that President Cunningham annually performs an extraordinary rendition of this classic.

To make a long story short, folks, Reading Period is upon us. This is the time for freshmen and sophomores to stay in all weekend and study for Civ. Actually, their only two thrills between now and December 15th will be to go to

Raymond for dessert (which is actually just left over from dinner) and go to the Civ scream to watch a bunch of people who aren't studying for Civ streak the quad. Beware, though, that in many instances, this is not really a legitimate reason to stop studying. How will you explain your final grade? "Sorry Mom, I didn't study for Civ because I was too busy watching Jim run naked through the quad"? I don't think so.

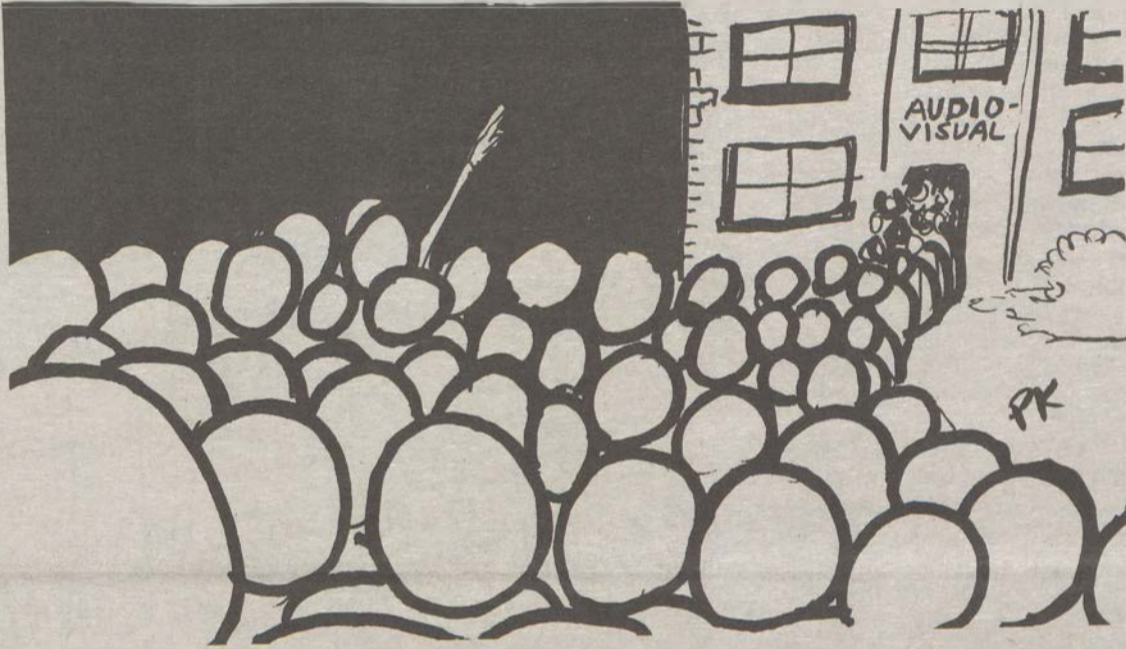
Hopefully, juniors had enough sense to schedule their classes so that their exams would be evenly divided into one exam, one night out, one exam, one night out, one exam, you get the picture. Seniors usually have it the best, though. After all, some of the

lucky ones who got in gear and wrote their resumes by now have actually received job offers. The other seniors scheduled classes that were workshops, creative writing classes, or other classes that do not require a final. For those seniors who have yet to write their resumes, have yet to look for a tie that matches their suit (What's a suit?), and have yet to avoid scheduling their exams correctly, get a grip. Maybe you should use the reading period to get yourself at least partially organized (after all, Louie's doesn't open until after two).

All in all, reading period means that the library is over-run with even more people who want to make sure they're not missing out on any good

gossip that the other 683 people there might know. Until December 15th, the audio-visual center will be mobbed with people who want to listen to those Civ tapes just one more time before A-V erases them to make room for next semester's lectures. (Upperclassmen, remember: these tapes are open to the entire PC community, so take advantage of your last chance at the first semester tapes!) Mondo is crowded with study groups almost all day and all night. CVS has to order a new supply of something that you can never seem to find in the PC bookstore - naturally I mean "AA" walkman batteries.

Of course, reading period means that means Christmas is coming. First, get your exams over with (Civ really isn't that difficult, not that I care). Then, pack up your valuables, empty out your refrigerator, and take home your fish (or flush him, either method is fine). Over break, go home and buy Christmas presents for everyone. After all, your friends should be able to relate to the fact that you have no time to shop for them. Maybe if you're really lucky, like me, your friend will tell you that she's going to Ireland over break and you're welcome to come (or maybe she'll just buy you something really great while she's there). Lastly, enjoy your break, and for those who are still wondering about what to buy, now you can read our Top Ten.



It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas

by Bridget Hughes '96
Contributing Writer

You know it's Christmas time when time is running out and stress is running high. It is hard to believe that the semester is almost over and exams are upon us, not to mention that there are only two weeks left to Christmas shop. Yes, as I said before, the stress is running high. As each day passes, it is another day that I haven't studied for my Civ final and another day that I haven't gotten a Christmas present for anyone. What do I do all day? If I'm not studying, then you'd think I would be spending my time preparing for Christmas. But, no... I sit around and think about what I have to do instead of actually doing it.

I have to admit, I never used to be one to procrastinate. For instance, last year, my Christmas shopping was not only finished by this time, but all my presents were wrapped and ready to go under the tree. OK - so this year, I have gotten a late start. Oh, who am I kidding, I haven't even reached the starting line yet. Maybe it is the fact that I really couldn't be bothered. I mean, don't get me wrong, I love Christmas just as much as the next person, but I think that it has gotten out of hand. Christmas shopping is not just a simple thing anymore. I mean, you can't just hop in the car,

go to the mall, and leave. It is a whole process that is very involved, and if you don't have 4-5 hours to spare - forget it.

The very first thing to know about Christmas shopping is that it has to be done alone. If you try to go with your friends, nothing will get done, as everyone wants to go to different stores. The next step in the art of Christmas shopping is parking the car. Finding a parking space is definitely an adventure. Plan on having a full tank of gas, because you will spend a lot of time driving up and down aisles of the parking lot looking for a vacant spot. And just when you locate a spot, it is usually either a) too far a way, b) too small for your car to fit into, or c) you have to fight another car for it, in which case you usually lose the battle. When you actually find one, you tell yourself that it is good exercise to walk, but who are you kidding, because no one likes to walk twenty miles in twenty degree weather in 100 mph winds.

When you finally get to the entrance of the mall, get ready to fight your way through the crowds. Crossing from one store to the next is like crossing the street. Take extra precautions, and look both ways for wound up children who just had their picture taken with Santa, tired and worn out parents who are counting the days until December 26th, and make extra sure that you don't

get hit with strollers and old people in scooters motorizing themselves around the mall.

Shopping for the gifts is another problem in itself. The gift that you wanted to get your mother is out of stock, the present for your father that you planned to get at sale price is back to regular price - and you can't afford it. The CD that you wanted to get your brother is so popular that you can't even get it in the store, and the sweater for your sister is only available in extra small, and she likes her clothes very big. By the time you even think about the gifts for your friends, you're cranky, tired, broke, and cursing the person who thought of Christmas presents. So, three hours later, you are leaving the mall with an empty wallet and a bunch of bags with things that you never even planned on buying, but did anyway out of desperation. The only thing that is keeping your sanity is the thought that Christmas shopping is done for another year. This is when you remember that you have to lug yourself, not to mention your bags, back to the car (which is a mile away) in the freezing weather. You have reached the breaking point, no longer care if you bump into little kids as you walk, and you hurriedly plow through the masses of people so you can get out of the mall and find the car. "Will this ever end?" you

mutter to yourself, as you tread through the parking lot. Finally, you reach the spot where you think your car is, and it is not there. Alarm bells go off in your head, as you realize that you forgot where you parked your car!!! The next half hour is spent trying to find the car, at which you spend another 15 minutes scraping the ice that accumulated on the windshield while you were in the mall for three hours.

When you finally arrive home and all the packages are wrapped, you can relax - especially when you figure out your strategy for next year. While everyone is at the malls trying fight for good sales you will be home shopping from the catalogs. When you finally realize the smart way to shop, this is when you have conquered the art of Christmas shopping.

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Give the Gift of Justice

by Bill Fennell
Asst. Features Editor

As we move into the Christmas season, there are certain things we must think about. We have to worry about sending out cards, baking fruitcakes, finding someone strong enough to lift a fruitcake, and getting gifts. Out of all these options, perhaps the most worrisome is buying gifts for people. The reason for this is that there is no real "catch-all" gift that will make everyone happy. Oh, sure, you can give them a fruit basket, and that'll usually appease them, but they won't REALLY enjoy it, because - let's face it - no one enjoys getting a fruit basket. Not only because they come in packages taller than your average refrigerator, but you never know how old the fruit inside them is. The outside may look fresh and delicious, much like Michelle Pfeiffer, but the inside may be all gross and slimy, much like Ted Kennedy. So you want to avoid getting fruit baskets at all costs. What I would like to do now is give you some suggestions for gifts, so you can choose one that will make the person you give it to squeal with delight, much like when a small child is told he's going to see Santa Claus, before the terror of sitting on a strange man's lap sets in. I hope you'll get some ideas.

GARDENING TOOLS - These are the perfect gifts for anyone, whether or not they actually garden. There is such a wide variety of gifts here, from shovels to spades to Gar-

den Weasels to those things that look like they could seriously put out someone's eye if not used properly. You might also want to include "mulch" which is the term that gardeners use for "leftover stuff that has some wood chips and dirt all mixed together." Seeds are always a favorite, because everyone likes to have the satisfaction that they brought another thing to life. Plus, they can always blame their plant's slow, horrible death on the lousy mulch you bought them, and ignore the fact that they didn't water it since the Lewis and Clark expeditions.

GIFT CERTIFICATES - These are a great gift idea, because they give the message that you really care, even if it wouldn't bother you if the recipient got hit by a truck. A very nice feature of gift certificates is that practically every store in the world offers them. What this means is that you can do all your shopping at the same store and have it done in about five minutes. Also, they can't be returned or exchanged, and the person you give them to will feel obligated to act like you just gave him the Crown Jewels, even if you give him a gift certificate to "Hank's Cardboard Emporium."

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS - Not only are these fun to receive, but they are almost ridiculously easy to buy. All you have to do is send in a little card with the person's name on it and drop it in a mailbox. It's that easy. The only problem that you

may run into is that you may get the wrong magazine for the wrong person. For example, you don't want to send *The Week in Hooters* to your aging grandfather with the heart condition. Likewise, you don't want to send your young niece a subscription to *Violent Boxing Accidents*, *Obscene Heavy Metal Monthly*, or *The National Review*. As you can see, you must be careful in choosing the correct type of magazine for your recipient.

CANDY - I say this because everyone enjoys getting candy as a gift, even if they never eat it and let it go bad on the windowsill. One of the most loved and hated candies is candy corn. The main reason for this is because it is so sweet. But candy corn also has some "medicinal" qualities, as was evidenced by Tom Dee, a friend of mine. I was over at Tom's house visiting his roommate, Craig Leonard, when Tom came walking in. Since it was just around Halloween, there

was some candy corn on the table. Tom sat at the table, ate some of the candy, and turned to me and said, "You know what this tastes like? It tastes like justice." This is one of many cases that proves that the repeal of Prohibition was probably a mistake. Oddly enough, when I tasted it, I too tasted justice, so to hell with Prohibition. It's pretty good, that justice. But anyway, candy is always a nice gift to give.

TAPES AND CD'S - Like magazines, these must also be chosen carefully. If you have an avid Pearl Jam fan on your Christmas list, you don't want to rush out and buy the complete *Barry Manilow Sings Neil Diamond* collection. Also, you want to make sure that the person has a CD player before you buy them a compact disc. Otherwise, they'll probably think of you as a clod. One of the nicest things about tapes and CD's is that you really don't have to know much

about a person to get them a musical tape. All you have to do is give them a quick once-over and then make a broad, stereotypical judgment as to what music they listen to. For your convenience, I have broken down the basic categories. Anyone under 21 likes hard rock music, unless they're really weird and like Frank Sinatra or someone like that. Anyone between the ages of 22 and 30 likes old "classic" rock and disco tunes. And anyone above the age of 30 would probably wet their pants in delight if you got them the Barry Manilow/Neil Diamond collection.

RISQUE GIFTS - These are always attention getters, both for you and the recipient of the gift. Risque gifts include such items as lacy underwear, lacy brassieres, lacy nightgowns, and *Cagney and Lacey* reruns. The gifts that you want to stay away from are things like obscenely shaped chocolates, life-size anatomically correct Bryant Gumbel dolls, and anything that requires more than a 9-volt battery.

Well, that's all I really have space for this week, but there are lots more gifts you can give in addition to what I've named above. You can buy books, kitchen utensils, laundry detergent and Spam all at reasonably low prices. If you're looking to spend more, you can always go for the big items like TV's, stereo's, furniture and Spain. I hope you all have a nice holiday, but I must go now, as I have to give Michelle Pfeiffer some "justice".



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Teaching a Foreign Language in a Foreign Land

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

Indisputably, the goal of most instructors is to get their students to comprehend the material they're teaching. For the majority of professors, this task is only as difficult as the material being taught, since (with the exception of those who only speak in "borish") the native language of the teacher and student is one and the same. One man who does not have this luxury, however, is Professor Hisao Sakai.

Sakai-sensee (as his students call him) teaches all four Japanese courses offered at PC, and thus his task involves getting students to comprehend material of a completely foreign language. The class is taught almost entirely in Japanese from day one, which makes his task all the more challenging: "We must use

Sakai's initial exposure to the US came in 1986 when he spent a year teaching Japanese in Kentucky. His time there was recognized by an award presented to him by the Governor of Kentucky for his promotion of international understanding. From there he migrated to Los Angeles, where he taught for almost a year before returning to Japan to continue his studies. Eventually, he took and passed an exam that qualified him to enter a Japanese Exchange program which, in 1989, sent him to lovely Providence, RI (he must have pulled a few strings).

Sakai admits he was not exactly ecstatic with the Providence area at first, as it seemed much poorer than other areas of the US to which he'd been exposed. But much like the rest of the PC community, Sakai has grown to tolerate, if not enjoy the area. He lives

couple). While the two had been friends for ten years, Sakai points out that arranged marriages are still quite common in Japan, and upwards of \$60,000 is spent on a typical wedding reception.

Despite his fondness for the US, Sakai admits his discontent with the US crime rate, which is tremendously higher than Japan's. Another drawback he sees to the US is its high level of discrimination. Since arriving in Providence, he has experienced six discriminatory incidents. "For example," Sakai told me, "four Caucasian males yelled to me and my students from their car, 'you have a yellow servant!' when I took them on a field trip to the Boston Museum of Art. On another occasion, an African-American woman yelled to me from her car, saying, 'Chinese! Go back to China!' near Central High School. I have also been receiving anti-Japan harassment phone calls since the end of last year. Fortunately, I have not experienced any personal racial attacks towards me on campus, and the faculty has been great."

He admits, however, that Japan is a very homogenous country (90% Japanese) and is not immune to discrimination by any means. Despite the negatives of life in the US, Sakai confesses that he does not miss Japan all that much: "Where I lived in Tokyo, the streets are all narrow and overcrowded, especially during rush hour, which is when I commuted. I love the space of America."

Space is certainly hard to come by in Sakai's country. For example, the US averages over twice as much housing space per person than Japan (61.8 square meters vs. 25.0). Sakai recalls that the apart-



Hisao Sakai and his wife Miki, at their Prov. home

ment he used to rent in Japan was only about the size of his office here at PC, despite the \$600 a month price tag (luckily he had a fold up bed). So, naturally, the fact that his apartment here is much larger for less money provides little incentive for him to yearn for his homeland. Of course he does confess to missing a few things back home, such as Japanese food and TV, and especially family and friends.

Another feature Sakai enjoys about America is the opportunity to drive: "In Japan, used cars are very inexpensive since the Japanese typically buy a new car every two years. But the problem is, it costs around \$600-700 a month to park your car, and sometimes as much as \$1000." So even if the streets weren't as packed as Louie's on a Thursday night, it still wouldn't be very efficient to own a car in Japan. "Not to mention, to even get a license is a very difficult process and driving school costs between \$3000 and \$4000." For obvious reasons, Sakai views the high prices in Japan, not just in terms of driving, but virtually everything else, as a significant

drawback of the country.

While Sakai has enjoyed his experience here, he has found himself a bit bored and plans to take on a new experience once his contract ends with PC at the end of next semester. He plans to go to Europe, preferably London, where there are a lot of Japanese-based companies, to work in the business field.

While Sakai loves to teach, he does not love the money it pays. He believes the knowledge of foreign languages to be very important, and hopes salaries will be increased in the future to ensure quality instructors. Unfortunately, that is unlikely to happen in the near future and as a result, the teaching profession will soon be saying Sayonara to a very fine professor.

Editors note: Earlier in the year, I wrote an article encouraging students to take Japanese. Unfortunately, because Elementary Japanese is an (optional) year-long course, new students may not take it until next year. So, if you signed up for it, you best get out as you'll be more lost than Ted Kennedy in a confessional.

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our time efficiently to achieve our goal, so we must speak in Japanese as much as possible," says Sakai.

While most students in Japan do not begin learning English until seventh grade, Sakai began in fifth grade. He continued to study English all the way through to college, where he received his BA degree in law from Tokyo Metropolitan University.

here, along with his wife, Miki, whom he just married this past April. Before coming over here to join Sakai, Miki cut hair for Japanese celebrities for upwards of \$100 a cut. While she barely speaks a word of English, she is currently learning through classes at Brown. Sakai does not teach her himself, because, as he says, "Whenever I try to teach her, we fight." (Typical American

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by Kristen Garipey
 Features Staff Writer

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- 8) A six pack of Mountain Dew - he wants her to last the night (typing, that is)
- 7) His dirty Polo shirt (to wash)
- 6) A Chia pet or troll doll
- 5) A ride in the PC private limo - a.k.a. the shuttle bus
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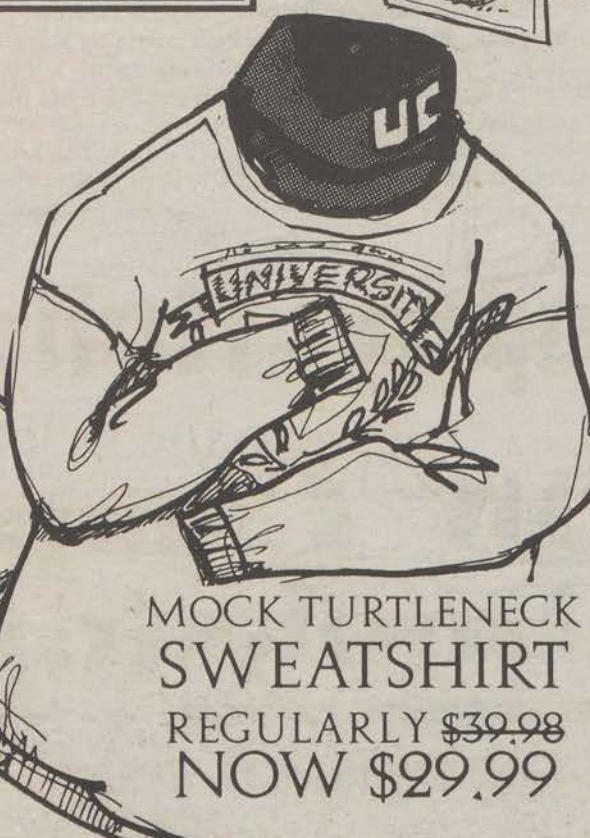
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"I thought we looked tired," Barnes continued. "We didn't screen, and our shot selection was bad. Some guys still don't understand the half court offense. We were sitting around hoping that someone would make a move."

Conventional wisdom would say that you let the street-ball players—Rob Phelps, who had 23 pts. and Michael Smith, who had 16 pts.—play their game. But when the game slows down to a half-court game and there is no movement in your offense, then it is time to make a move. A week into December with Notre Dame, Arizona and the Big schedule ahead, this is really no time for the team not to fully understand the half-court offense.

It was URI, who seemingly could not get over a tenuous six-point deficit, who made all the right moves. Abdul Fox, URI's silky smooth 6'6" small forward, hit shots from all angles, hitting 6 of his 11 field goals in the second half.

The game turned out to be everything that it was supposed to be. PC had Abdul Abdullah, who logged 43 minutes, dishing out eight assists and limiting URI's two point guards—Jason Alexander and Carlos Easterling—to two points. URI had Abdul Fox, who took over, scoring 18 of his 25 in an emotional second half effort.

It was Easterling against Franklin Western. Mike Brown of URI against Mike Brown of PC. An overtime game on ESPN. What more could you ask for, especially if you were an ESPN executive or a URI fan?

For the Friars, though, it was FT's, their scarlet letters from a year ago, that returned to hurt them. PC shot 24-41 (.585) from the charity stripe. Take away Phelps (8-10) and Smith (8-11), and the Friars shot an anemic 8-20 (.400) from the line.

They can shoot free throws in practice until they're blue in the face, but until PC can hit their free throws at a respectable clip, teams such as URI will never really be out of a game.

The biggies are coming to town, and the Friars have a broken front window.

Swimming

A Weekend of Firsts

by Matt Mlodzinski
Sports Writer

The fall portion of the season is over for the Providence College men's and women's swimming teams. I'm willing to bet that some of PC's opponents are happy for that, especially on the women's side. Both teams continued to unfurl their considerable talent at last weekend's National Catholic Championships at URI. With intersession and a five week layoff until their next meet, PC can prepare for a hopefully hot spring.

The women carried a 4-0 record into the meet and they did not disappoint. They weren't carried by any superhuman individual effort, but they were buoyed by excellent teamwork. "All of the girls swam terrific," said Coach O'Neill, "with most of our sophs, juniors, and seniors hitting their goal times." The girls finished second to Notre Dame, their best finish ever at the National Catholics. One highlight came in the form of a 1st place finish in the 200 medley relay, the first relay win ever for the women at this meet. Senior Rita Bopp teamed with sophomores Michele Tamburo and Allyson Dunleavy, and freshman Jessica Lee, for the win.

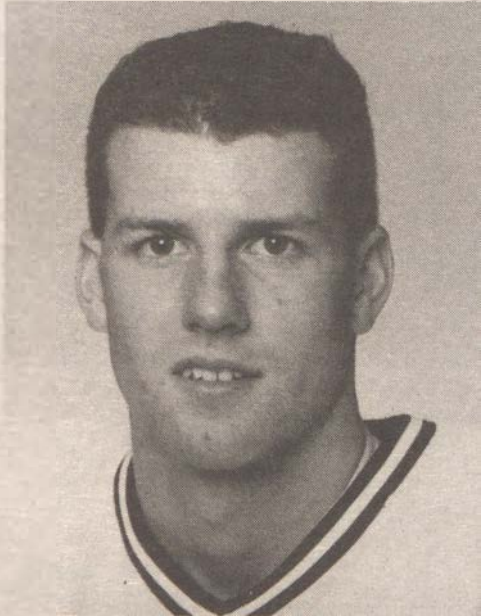
"I think our freshmen gained valuable experience for swimming in championship meets (like the New England and Big East Champs)," said

O'Neill, "because there is much more pressure swimming for your college team. All swimmers want to swim well for themselves and get good times, but the added pressure of swimming for your school in a championship meet can be tough. I think our women showed their massive well of talent and grit with such an inspiring performance." Coach O'Neill was given a bonus reward as he was named the 1992 National Catholic Women's Coach of the Year.

The men also had their best finish this past weekend, a 5th place finish. Much like the women, the men got a strong team effort with Chris Holt, Alan Egbert, and Chris McAllister leading the way. Sophomore Jeff Longo had his best meet as a collegian. He established a school record in the 200 IM, and reached the finals in the 100 and 200 meter breaststrokes. "I am very happy with what the men did," noted O'Neill, "with this being our best placing ever at this meet."

O'Neill thinks that this year's intersession will be "our best training ever." This topic seemed to make O'Neill happy when I talked to him, but I'm sure that none of the swimmers will jump for joy over this. That means that they'll be working their tails off while many of us will be enjoying break. Makes you wish you were a swimmer, huh? NOT!!

CLEARLY CANADIAN Athletes of the Week



Todd Huyber (Rochester, Minn.)

The senior defenseman picked a great time to score his first collegiate goal in 94 games. The goal, which came at 2:50 in overtime, beat BC, 5-4. A physical presence on the ice, the 6'1", 205 pounder launched a slapshot from the blueline to give the 5-7-1 Friars the win. "There was some commotion in front of the net and the goalie came out of the cage. He was down so I shot the puck up."



Lucie Fontanella (Tom's River, NJ)

The junior co-captain of the Lady Friars was named MVP of the Clearly Canadian Tournament, which the Lady Friars won. In PC's victory over Siena, she pulled in 22 points and 5 rebounds. Against Montana in the championship game, Lucie had 18 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists. In three games, she is shooting 70% from the floor and averaging 5.7 rebounds.

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Lady Friars Take Fifth Consecutive Clearly Canadian Classic

by Jim Heffley
Sports Writer

For the fifth straight year, the Providence College Lady Friars basketball team has emerged from the Canadian Classic Basketball Tournament victorious. The Lady Friars remained undefeated and improved their record to 3-0 with impressive wins over Siena in the first round and Montana in the championship game.

The Lady Friars crushed the Siena Saints 85-67 on Saturday behind a choking defense that caused 17 steals. "We are winning with defense," said Lady Friars head coach Bob Foley. "We totally took Siena out of the game."

The Lady Friars poured it on late in the first half. A Lori Penrod lay-up with 1:38 left in the half put the Lady Friars up by 17. Two quick Siena baskets cut PC's lead to 13 as the two teams went into the locker room at half-time.

Siena came out strong in the second half and slowly brought themselves back into the game as they cut the Lady Friars lead to 7 with 9:29 left in the game, but that was as close as they got. The Lady Friars dominated for the rest of the game behind the offense of

junior forward Lucie Fontanella and junior point guard Sonya Lewis. Fontanella led all scorers with 22 points and Sonya Lewis had 20 points along with 8 assists. Junior forward Jen Meade finished the game with 16 points and pulled down 14 rebounds and junior center Stephanie Goettsche had 9 points and 8 rebounds.

The Lady Friars were look-

ing to avenge last year's early season overtime loss to Montana as they faced the Lady Griz in the championship game on Sunday. Montana had defeated George Mason in the first round on Saturday. "Montana was a huge team," continued coach Bob Foley. "Our defense destroyed them in the first 10 minutes."

The Lady Friars were up by 15 midway through the first

half and a Heide Moyano lay-up with 2:33 left before half-time put the Lady Friars up by 19, their biggest lead of the game. Montana was able to close the gap to 13 before the half.

Montana came out of half-time strong and cut the Lady Friars lead to 5 early in the second half. However, just like in the Siena game, the Lady Friars put it in gear and never looked back. A jump shot by freshman Ayanna Walden put the Lady Friars up by 15 with 5:57 left. The Lady Friars were able to hold off a late Montana surge, which cut their lead to 9 with 3:11 left, and went on to win 74-63.

Sonya Lewis led all scorers with 19 points and added 5

assists. Lucie Fontanella scored 18 points and had 6 assists along with 8 rebounds to earn Player Of The Game and tournament Most Valuable Player honors. Jen Meade had 11 points and 7 rebounds, Stephanie Goettsche had 7 points and 7 rebounds, and freshman guard Ayanna Walden added 8 points to the Lady Friars total.

"We had a great team effort," added Coach Foley. "If we set the tempo with defense then our offense will follow."

Along with tournament MVP Fontanella, Sonya Lewis and Jen Meade earned all tournament team honors, along with Ann Lake and Joy Anderson of Montana, and Marcell Harrison of George Mason.



Sonya Lewis contributed 39 points and 13 assists to lead the Lady Friars.

Women's Hockey

Firing Away

Lady Friars Remain Undefeated

by Mike Randolph
Sports Writer

The Lady Friars Ice Hockey team made a perfect three in a row by defeating a winless Princeton squad last Sunday, 6-0.

The Friars were expecting a much tougher game than the one they got, but Princeton couldn't put together any offense against the blanket coverage from the Friars defense. Providence methodically picked apart Princeton's defense and once again found offense from three different players. Goalkeeper Kathy Sloan picked up her second shutout of the season and was rarely called upon to stop the puck at all, registering 11 saves through the first two and a half periods. Coach Marchetti decided to replace her with backup goalie Gina Martinello for the final seven minutes to give her some time between the pipes.

When you are playing against the Lady Friars, you'd better have a goalie who can stop anything. Princeton didn't, and for the Friars on Sunday, good things came in pairs. Lynn Manning opened up the scoring two minutes into the game and added another goal in the third period to give her her second two goal game of the season. Stephanie O'Sullivan also scored a pair of goals, one in the first period and the other to close out the scoring for the Friars late in the third period. Junior left-winger Wendy Cofran got into the act with,

you guessed it, a pair of goals, with one in the second and another in the third. The Friar defense was smothering and they didn't even allow the Princeton forwards a serious chance on net.

The Lady Friars of the ice will go on a hiatus until after the New Year, but they will be working hard while we're getting fat over the Winter Break (three cheers for Mom's cooking). The Lady Friars have a home game on January 8 for those of you die hard fans in the tri-state area. For the handful of you who haven't made it to a game yet, there will be one on January 27, (Wednesday of 2nd semester syllabus week). Let's see the place packed when you all return from your Christmas break to cheer the Lady Friars to victory.

Lady Friar Facts: Let's talk about offense. Through three games to date, the Lady Friars have scored seventeen goals and registered thirty assists. The Manning, Granato, O'Sullivan line has scored fourteen of the goals and fifteen of the assists. Granato leads the team in goals (5) and is second in points with 10. O'Sullivan leads in assists (8) and is first in points with 12. The Defense has been just as impressive. The Lady Friars have only given up three goals in three games and Providence goalkeepers have only seen an average of ten shots per game come their way. Kathy Sloan has stopped 27 out of the 30 shots taken on her for a save percentage of .900.

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In this corner, standing at 6-6, 180 pounds, a junior from Astoria, New York- Abdul Fox. And in this corner, weighing in at 198 pounds, standing 6-5, a junior from Brooklyn, New York-Rob Phelps. In the middle of PC's free throw-missing and defense lacking second half was this fantastic one on one matchup. Rob's twelve footer off an inbounds pass provided Providence's first second half points, but we were the second horse out of the gate. "In the second half, we didn't come out with the same intensity," said Coach Barnes. "I'm glad we're going to learn now that you have to play forty minutes. We were flat."

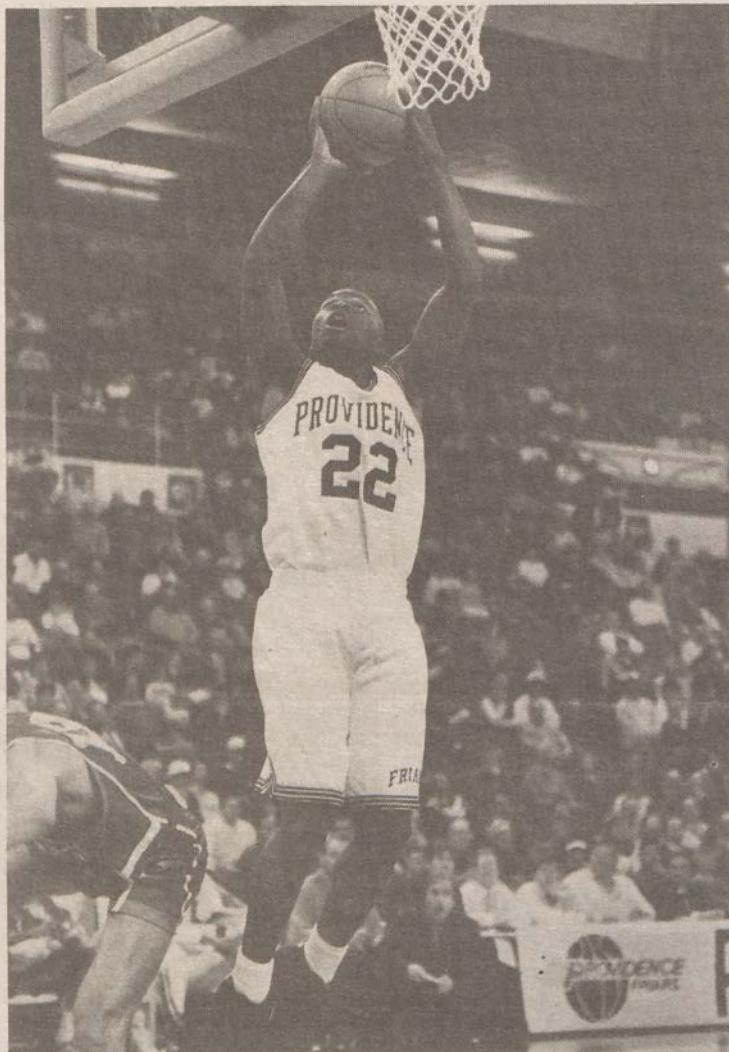
Our Abdul continued to do a good job of drawing fouls on his drives to the hoop, but on the night was 2 for 7 from you know where. With a 56-46 Friar lead, sixth man wonder Abdul Fox tore up the defense. He nailed another three, stole the ball at midcourt and slammed it home, swished again from downtown and sunk both free throws after getting fouled. 61-56 PC and the Civic Center was rocking.

Four minutes left and it was Phelps' turn to play hero. Somebody has to want the ball during clutch time. Michael Smith has taken it upon himself before, and answered. This night, it was the second of Barnes' heralded 1990 recruiting class who took charge. Jordan-like razzle dazzle brought the noise level to a deafening pitch as Rob hung in the air long enough to get the foul and drop the ball through the net. He missed that bonus, but made the big ones with three seconds remaining to tie it at 73.

Phelps started and Fox finished in OT. Rob finished a three-point play to put the Fri-

ars ahead 78-77 with two minutes left. Fox scored over Smith to change leads and a last second shot by Tony Turner didn't fall. "It shouldn't come down to Tony having to make a three pointer," explained Coach Barnes. "If I was in the same situation again, I would run the exact same play. If we make our free throws then we're not in that situation." Ahh yes, free throws. Rhode Island was 21 for 27 while Providence made 24 of 41. There isn't much else to sav.

Good news was Mr. Phelps, who shot 7 for 16 from the field, 8 for 10 from the line and totaled 23 points. He may have won the battle, but URI won the war. Providence can stake claim to the game's first twenty minutes, but credit the Rams for sticking to it for the duration. After PC's first loss of the year, Coach Barnes said, "We're going to be a very good team if we keep improving like we have." The Friars are halfway there.



The explosive Rob Phelps led all Friar scorers with a season-high 23 points.

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Eagles' net to follow a Cowan rebound and the pucks squirted out. Todd Huyber, sitting just inside the blueline winded up for a big slapshot, trying to score for the first time in his career; trying to break his record string of 94 scoreless games. The puck cruised towards the top of the net over BC's goalie and smacked the back of the net. SCORE! Huyber's goal lifted the Friars to the 5-4 overtime win.

Mullahy stressed the importance of the game. "We needed that bad. It is the turning point of the season." He stated that this win could turn the season around. He added, "This is also a big game for me. The season for me was on the line. It was a great game, a big game." Paskowski added, "Everyone was flying. It was a good team win and showed good character and poise. We could have folded but no one

panicked. This is a good sign for a young team."

FRIAR NOTES

The Friars are off until an exhibition game against Moscow-Spartak Dec. 27. The next Providence regular season action is the R.P.I. Tournament Dec. 29, where the Friars will face Clarkson in the opening round...The Friars leading scorers are Chad Quenneville (9-9-18), Brady Kramer (9-6-15), Brian Ridolfi (8-4-12), and Bob Cowan (3-9-12)... Three Friars will continue playing hockey over break. Chris Therien will play for Team Canada in the Spengler Tournament in Switzerland, Chad Quenneville will play for the U.S. in the USA Cup Tournament in Albany NY, and Brady Kramer will head to Sweden representing the national Junior Team in the World Junior Championships.



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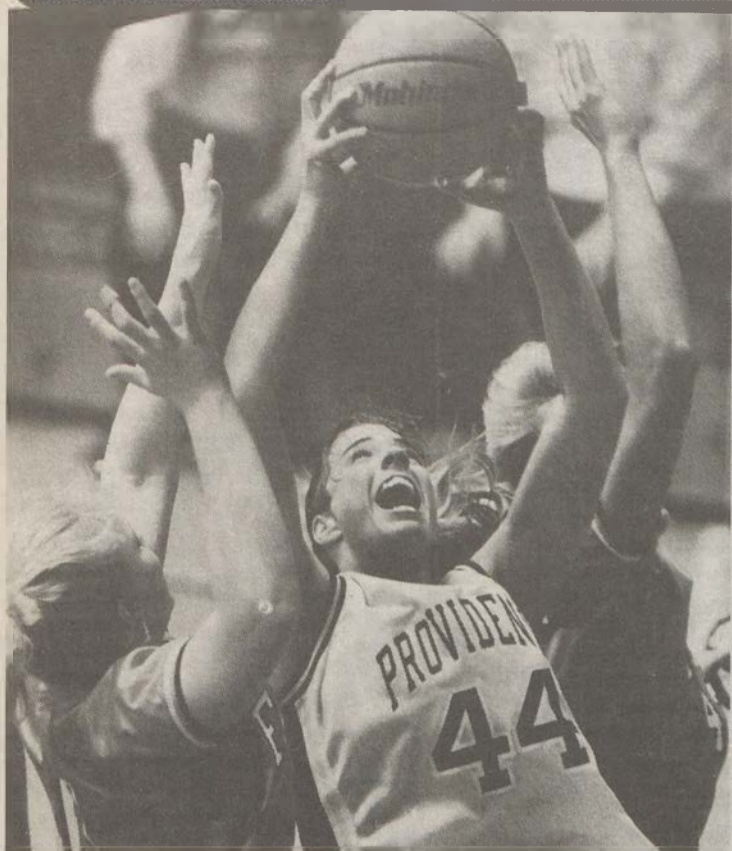
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A Diamond On The Court



PC fans have come to expect an all-out effort from Lucie Fontanella.

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interviewer

When Lady Friar basketball coach Bob Foley recruited Lucie Fontanella from Toms River East High School in New Jersey, he recruited more than a basketball star. He recruited a special person and a true winner.

Lucie is more than the number 44 on her jersey. She is more than a forward who is slated to play more guard this season. Her accomplishments go beyond her impressive statistics. Lucie is the heart and soul of Lady Friar basketball. She may not be the most talented player that the Lady Friars have had, but she is the epitome of desire, competitiveness, and intensity. More importantly, Lucie is positive. She gives 100% in basketball and in life.

I sat down with Lucie re-

cently to ask her about the current 1992-93 season and her experiences as a Lady Friar. This is what happened:

Cowl: Last weekend was the Clearly Canadian Classic. The team won the tournament and you played well personally. Is this a sign of things to come this year?

Lucie: Well, the first game against Siena was a disappointment because we didn't play very well, but we won. I think that the weekend was a positive experience for the team because all the teams in the tournament were pretty good. It was a challenge, and we showed that we can play well for this point in the season.

Cowl: The team is 3-0. What do you think of the teams outlook so far?

Lucie: We have a young team with only one senior and four juniors. We still have a lot of

work to do, but we proved this weekend that we can play together and give a total team effort. We will need this kind of effort all year because we don't have a star on the team. Not having a star brings the team together because we have to rely on everyone on the team to help us win. You must believe in the next person who is going to get the ball.

Cowl: I saw your game versus Boston University last week and the team showed a lot of promise in the running game. Is the running game the most important aspect of your team play?

Lucie: The running game is our forte. We all love to run and everyone on the team is interchangeable. We can really hurt other teams with our quickness in every position. Other teams have slow big girls but our tall forwards can run.

Cowl: On January 25th the Lady Friars travel to Tennessee. What do you think it will be like to play one of the best teams in the country on their home court?

Lucie: I get up for these kind of games. It is going to be great playing in front of about 5,000 fans. They are awesome and it will be a great experience for the team. We won't get killed.

Cowl: Your positive attitude is great. What role do you play on the team now that you are a tri-captain this season? How does your attitude help the team?

Lucie: I love being positive, it's all part of the game. I can't get down during a game because it doesn't help the team to be positive. It is like the domino effect; if I get down or

if other people take a bad attitude then it will spread throughout the team. I'm enthusiastic and I always give my best. As for me being captain, it hasn't changed anything. I've always considered myself a leader.

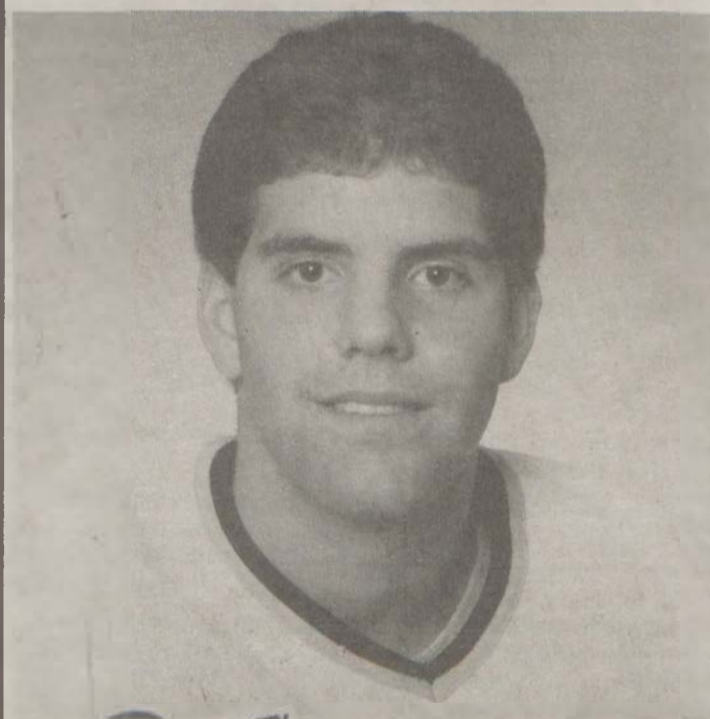
Cowl: Your positive attitude paid off last year and you had a good year, averaging 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game. After the season you were selected to the Big East All-Star team that toured Europe. That must have been fun.

Lucie: It was great. I've gotten so much out of playing basketball here at PC. I've had a lot of opportunities to travel and I've made a lot of great friends. I know I'll be friends with these girls for the rest of my life. Anyway, the Europe trip was fun. We went to London, Belgium, and Holland. We went 4-1—our only loss was by one point. We wanted to win, but the main goal was to

have fun. And we did have fun.

Lucie Fontanella has made a huge impact on Lady Friar basketball in the three years that she has been at PC. As a freshman, she was the first person off the bench for the Friars and was named to the Big East All-Rookie team in 1990-91. Last year, Lucie started all 30 games and developed into one of the most promising players in the Big East. This season holds endless promise for the Lady Friar tri-captain. If you ever met Lucie Fontanella, the first thing you would notice would not be her tenacious defense or her killer jump shot. You would immediately notice her winning attitude and her killer smile. Lucie is a positive force on and off the court at Providence College and we are lucky to have her representing PC. Merry Christmas, basketball fans.

Shark Takes Bite Out Of NHL



Former Friar Rob Gaudreau is off to a flying start in the NHL.

Rob Gaudreau, the hockey Friars' all-time leading goal scorer with 103 goals, has made quite a name for himself in a short time with the NHL's San Jose Sharks. The Cranston, RI native scored three goals on Thursday in his second game in the NHL, a 7-5 loss to Hartford. Gaudreau's hat trick was the first in the franchise history. Gaudreau also scored a goal in Saturday's game against the Pittsburgh Penguins. As of Wednesday, Gaudreau, who skates on a line with Kelly Kisio and Johan Garpenlov, has registered four goals and no assists in three games. The Sharks will face off in Boston on January 18.

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This Month In Providence College Sports

Friday, December 11	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. NOTRE DAME	8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12	Women's Track at Harvard Invitational	10:00 a.m.
	Men's Track at Harvard Invitational	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 20	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. URI	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ARIZONA	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 27	Women's Basketball at Arizona Classic	
	PC vs. Fairfield	2:00 p.m.
	Arizona vs. W. Michigan	4:00 p.m.
Monday, December 28	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. BU	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 29	Women's Basketball at Arizona Classic	
	Consolation	5:00 p.m.
	Championship	7:00 p.m.
	Men's Ice Hockey at RPI Invitational	
	PC vs. Clarkson	5:30 p.m.
	RPI vs. UMASS-Lowell	8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 30	Men's Ice Hockey at RPI Invitational	
	Consolation	5:30 p.m.
	Championship	8:30 p.m.

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MC Puts PC Back In Huyber-Nation

Lose On Wednesday After Todd Huyber's First Goal on Saturday

by Rusty Newell
Sports Writer

Coach McShane was not pleased with the men's ice hockey performance against Merrimack on Wednesday night in their last game before the Christmas break. He had good reason to need a ten minute cooling off period before meeting the press to give his comments on the Friars 4-3 loss to the lowly Merrimack Warriors; the Friars put forth one of the poorer efforts of the season in the overtime game to drop their Hockey East record to 3-6-1 and overall record to 5-8-1.

The Friars came out strong in the first period, showing intensity and good forechecking. Their passing was sharp and Brad Mullahy

made strong early saves, but PC could not put the puck in the net until Craig Darby took a pass from Erik Peterson and dropped it past Merrimack goaltender Mike Doneghey for a 1-0 lead.

The second period began with Providence maintaining a 1-0 edge. Great penalty killing and sharp play by Mullahy helped the Friars hold Merrimack off through a four minute Todd Huyber penalty for holding and roughing, and a Justin Gould two minute holding penalty. Merrimack managed to pop in a goal at even strength with one minute left in the period to tie it up 1-1.

The intensity level of PC dropped considerably in the third period, and their passing was not as sharp or accu-

rate. Mark Devine broke in the left side of the zone to zip one through the pipes to give the Friars a 2-1 cushion. Providence did not hold the lead long and the Warriors capitalized on the Friar lapses to score two goals and take a 3-2 lead. The Friars looked dead in the water until Bob Cowan swept into the zone and fired a shot. Darby collected the rebound and fed Cowan back the puck for Cowan to smack in the tying goal. Overtime lasted fifty-three seconds, and the Friars lost 4-3. PC was outshot 27-26.

McShane stated softly, "We're not finishing. We had our chances but didn't finish, and we gave them too many chances." McShane also added that Huyber's four minute penalty hurt the Friars. "Pen-

alty killing takes a lot out of you." Junior defenseman Ian Paskowski added, "We got a lead but couldn't put it away. We have to learn to put teams away. We can't take any opponent too lightly—whether it's Maine or Merrimack, it's still two points."

Earlier in the week, the Friars split with Boston College, losing 6-3 at Conte Arena Friday night and winning in overtime Saturday at Schneider. Bob Bell took the loss in net in the first game, making 22 saves. At least two of the goals scored by the Eagles were on defensive mistakes that left Bell high and dry. The game was marked by Providence mental lapses that allowed the Eagles to capitalize.

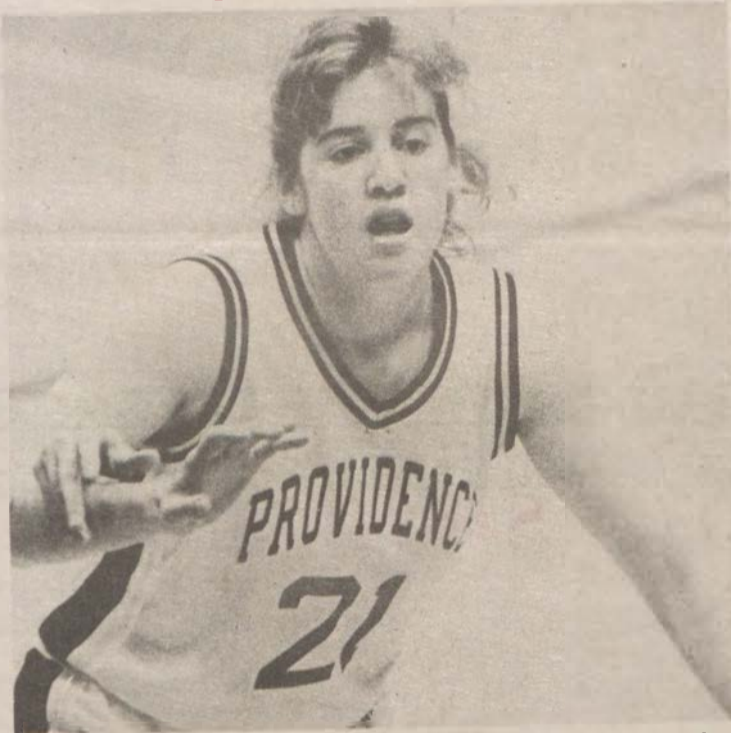
Saturday's game told a different tale. PC came out with

great intensity, played much better defensively, and battled BC in the corners. Mullahy was the story of the game, coming up with huge saves (31 total saves) to stave off the Eagle attack. The Friars took a 3-0 lead early on goals by Jay Kenney, Brian Ridolfi, and George Breen. BC got two back, but Ridolfi scored again in the third to give the Friars a 4-2 lead.

Providence could not shake off the hard-working Eagles and surrendered two more goals in the third to allow BC to tie 4-4 and send the game into overtime. Here is where BC's worst nightmare came true. Joe Hulbig crashed the

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Lady Friars Drop First



Cheryl Daudelin and the Lady Friars lost to Brown for the first time since 1974.

by Justin Macione
Sports Writer

The PC Lady Friar basketball team received their first loss of the season at the hands of the visiting Brown Lady Bears 82-65, Wednesday night at Alumni Hall. The Lady Friars were outclassed by their cross-town rivals for the entire game in their final game before breaking for the exam period.

The first half started out fairly even, with both teams

trading baskets for the first fifteen minutes. Juniors Lucie Fontanella and Jennifer Mead kept the Lady Friars strong in

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the frontcourt, scoring key baskets. Junior guard Sonya Lewis led the team with 7 points, while her backcourt mate freshman Ayanna Walden handled the point competently, making up for her lack of experience by play-

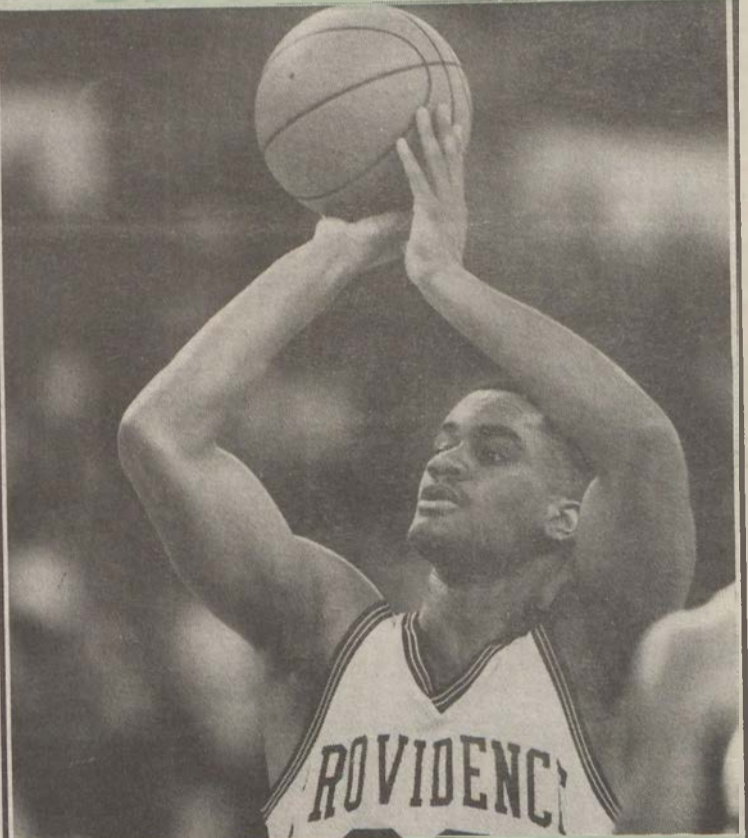
ing tenacious defense. The Lady Bears dominated the final five minutes of the half though, outscoring the Lady Friars 19-2. The main problem was the Lady Friars' inability to stop sharpshooter Shelly Weaver, who scored 18 points, including 3 three pointers in the first half alone, and led all scorers with 24 points. After this disastrous five minutes, the Lady Friars trailed Brown 44-27 going into the second half.

The Lady Friars played much better in the second half, but the Lady Bears were not to be denied, and they held onto their lead throughout the game. Lucie Fontanella scored 16 of her 22 points in the second half and had 8 rebounds to lead the Lady Friars in both categories. The Lady Bears played tight defense for the whole 40 minutes though, never allowing the Lady Friars to get within more than 9 points. The Lady Friars could not keep their rallies going either, eventually falling to Brown 82-65.

Coach Bob Foley, disappointed after the game, will now try to regroup his troops in practice this week. He remarked, "I have always believed that hard work and determination will win out over talent, and Brown played much harder tonight and deserved the ballgame." He was pleased with the play of the freshmen, but felt that "The upperclassmen must play at a higher level." PC missed some key free throws down the stretch, and Coach Foley commented on this, saying, "We'll have to work on our foul shooting in practice."

The Lady Friars, dropping their first game of the year, now stand at 3-1. They will break for exams next week, resuming play on December 20 to face our fierce intrastate rival URI, in what is promised to be a heated battle.

Broken Windows, Broken Hearts



The Friars dropped another game on the free throw line.

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

Just four games into the season, and the Friars learned their first painful lesson.

Through the first three games, they were the young boy playing ball in the house, while his mother continually told him not to. Tuesday night, the ball went through the picture window.

For the fourth straight game, the Friars did not show up for the entire 40 minutes of regulation, blowing a 12 point lead with ten minutes to go in regulation and a five point lead in overtime. In games against the cream puffs—UNH, Brown and Robert Morris—of Division 1 basketball, this matters little, as PC still managed an average margin of victory of 29.5 points. Against the athletic and experienced URI Rams, however, this meant an 81-79 overtime victory in front of a nationally televised audience.

"In the second half, we didn't come out with the kind of intensity you need in a game like this," said Rick Barnes, whose record dropped to 2-11 in overtime games. "In the first half, we got our running game going, but we were just standing around in the second half. People were not making hard cuts or setting hard picks. What concerned me the most in the second half was that we didn't defend and that's what I didn't expect them to do."

With a team that goes 10-12 guys deep, the logical question is why didn't Barnes substitute some players who would set picks and rotate?

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