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Time To Move On President Cunningham Discusses His Intention to Resign

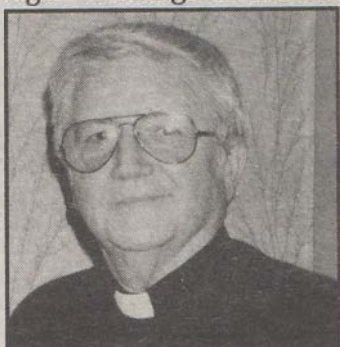
by Kristen Garipey '95
News Editor

Most people are probably familiar with the well-known cliché "Variety is the spice of life." For some, variety means adding an extra spoonful of sugar to their coffee. Others attempt variety by changing their hair color every two weeks. For Providence College President John F. Cunningham, O.P., variety means moving from one experience to another.

"I like to do one thing at a time," says President Cunningham. "I'm not really sure what I'll do with my time after leaving PC. I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."

At the Board of Trustees

meeting held on Tuesday, November 30, President Cunningham announced his intention to resign from his position at Providence College. Although he has not



submitted a formal resignation, President Cunningham plans to leave PC before the conclusion of this academic year.

Why is he resigning after serving eight years as president of Providence College?

"It's time for me to move on. At a majority of other colleges a President serves for a term of maybe four or five years," says President Cunningham. "I'm going to suggest that PC begins using the same procedure."

President Cunningham says he also enjoys teaching and is still in good health. "I love teaching and interacting with the students. As President, I only have time to carry one class per academic year."

Born in Providence in 1928, President Cunningham graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1945 and Providence College in 1949. He received a Licentiate and Lectorate in Sacred Theology from the College of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, continued on page 2

Vice President Al Gore Speaks At Rocky Point Palladium

by Matthew Albanese '94
Contributing Writer

The Rhode Island Democratic State Committee held their annula fundraiser Monday night which featured not only Rhode Island's top politicians, but also the Vice President of the United States, Al Gore. Lewis Weyman '95, a member of the Young Democrats, viewed the rally as a "great opportunity to meet the Vice President." Lauren Varian '96, also of the Young Democrats, procalsimed the event as "definitely a night I'll remember."

Held at the Rocky Point Palladium, democratic contributors along wiht numerous college student s found themselves surrounded by the likes of Governor Bruce Sundlun, Congressman kack Reed, U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell, and last but not least, PC alum and State Representative Patrick Kennedy. Along with Patrick Kennedy was another PC notable who hails from a family dedicated to public service, Bill Daley '94. However, it is a safe bet to assume that the majority of those in attendance came to hear the Vice President.

Fortunately, I was able to meet Governor Sundlun. As most Rhode Islander's will tell

you, Govenor Sundlun does not have the most appealing personality. Nevertheless, some of his attributes are worth noting. For instance, his status as a wealthy businessman elevates him beyond the level of corruption (or has thus far). Yet, many people misconstrue his self-confidence for arrogance. I think most people would rather take competence over congeniality in the wake of tough economic times.

Naturally, Gore centered his message on the on the various successes of the Clinton Administration thus far (i.e. NAFTA, Brady Bill, etc.). He also illustrated the hundreds of millions in savings resulting from the current period of low interest rates. Not surprisingly, the Vice President highlighted the neverending "change" theme and it was certainly justified. Regardless of one's individual political philosophy or party affiliation, no one can deny the substantive achievements of the Clinton Presidency. Granted, it may be early for this assessment. The Clinton-Gore team is well on the road to putting the people first again. At least, that's the feeling in Rhode Island.

It's Gotten Way Out of Hand Students, Parents, Faculty and Administration Express Concerns About Alcohol Use at PC

by Theresa Edo '96
Asst. News Editor

It's a fact that you can come up with an excuse to go out on any night of the week. Monday - football, Tuesday - Lupo's, Wednesday - Muldoon's, Thursday - just because it is Thursday, and Friday and Saturday - of course, because it is the finally weekend. . . The list goes on.

Recently, the problem of alcohol use on and off PC's campus by students has risen to the utmost importance to school administrators. This one issue is now appearing to be not as isolated as once thought, but actually connected to many related factors of campus life. This past Monday Rev. Thomas McGonigle, O.P., Vice President of Academic Administration, addressed the Student Congress about this complex situation.

"These four years should be in a living and learning environment," he said. "It's not just about getting a job and holding it. It's also about wellness and socialization. . . The most prevalent and primary source of socialization, however, is alcohol." Although college stu-

dents are now, for the most part are considered "adults", these same "adults" alcohol use becomes a concern of the school when students and faculty hand their concerns into Fr. McGonigle's office. He poses the question of whether or not people can still come together without it. Also, how can we help find a community for ourselves together?

One of the first meetings

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being held on this subject was the Summit Meeting on Academics and alcohol, held on Wednesday, November 17. The two hour meeting was at PC as well as by nine Student Congress representatives. The purpose was quoted from the minutes, "decide whether the increasing use of alcohol is a systematic problem and. . . how do we proceed to address the issues."

"The Summit on Academics and Alcohol made me realize that there is also a socialization problem on campus," said John Ryan, President of Student Congress and attendee of the Summit. "While everyone offered a different opinion about the solution, the whole group felt the same way about the problem," he concluded.

Some of the other facts reported at the meeting include a study done by Eric Hirsch, conducted in his own classroom, which found that 96% of his students say they drink. Also, he reported that 50 - 100 students are seen weekly by the disciplinary officer. Jacqueline McKay shared the results of surveys taken in the residence halls which say that students feel they are treated differently if they don't drink.

Fr. Tortorici said that Residence Life has dealt with 108 written incidents involving infractions regarding alcohol. While Fr. Bond presented the statistics: a total to date of 143 students have withdrawn, 119 from the freshman and continued on page 2

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sophomore classes, 76 from the freshman class alone. Also, approximately one third of the freshman class received deficiencies on their first report cards.

Dr. Delasanta that students have approached him because they cannot find quiet places to study. While Michael Backes reported that students in the Admissions Ambassadors Program are going home on weekends more frequently. Mark McGovern said that the Food and Socialization Committee's questionnaires to the entire student body showed a lack of places on campus where students can "just hang out." Ed Bailey saw the library as

a new non-alcoholic place to socialize.

By examining the affects of the so called "bar scene" it is easy to see that what is occurring might not be solely a drinking problem. Solutions range from an increase in alcohol-free events and teaching students how to drink responsibly, to an increase in academic workload, particularly in DWC. Possibly, peer education can show that it is okay not to drink. There seemed to be a consensus at the Summit that this issue must be dealt with across the whole campus.

"We think co-ed dorms would definitely help men and women socialize more

easily so that it doesn't come down to only at bars on the weekends," said Megan Wrona '96 and Kristin Grace '96, both members of Student Congress. (Fr. McGonigle also agreed with this in Monday's address.)

An individual may not feel the pressure to drink, or an individual may drink for a variety of reasons. Maybe students perceive the future, the job market, as so bleak and unpromising that they are living it up now, while they can, in college.

After his address, Fr. McGonigle predicted, "There will be further, major dialogues beginning second semester to plan our course of action."

President Cunningham Leaving PC

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D.C. President Cunningham was ordained a Dominican priest in June of 1953.

After being ordained, President Cunningham continued his education at the University of St. Thomas in Rome. At the University he received his doctorate in philosophy and returned to PC as a professor in his field.

President Cunningham continued to pursue his career in the PC community. He has held several administrative positions within the past thirty-five years. Over a period of twenty-two years, he served as Hall Director of Raymond Hall, Director of Residence Life, President of the Faculty Senate, and Dean of the College. President Cunningham resigned from his position as Dean in 1974 and returned to full-time teaching.

President Cunningham took a leave of absence from PC in 1980 to assume duties

as the Vicar Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph and Socius to the Provincial in New York City. In 1985, he returned to resume teaching philosophy and DWC.

On March 12, 1985, the Very Reverend Edward R. Daley, O.P., chairman of the Providence College Corporation, announced the election of President Cunningham as PC's tenth president. President Cunningham officially took off ice on July 1, 1985, succeeding the Very Reverend Thomas R. Peterson, O.P.

With the announcement of the President's intention to resign, it is expected that a search committee for his successor will soon be formed. Search committees sometimes include students, faculty, and alumni. "There is always a good mix on the board," says President Cunningham. "I'm sure they will work very hard to elect a new President."

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And it Continues...

The Feinstein Research Team Develops More Ideas For the Public Service Program

by Judith Colonna '95
News Writer

This past Tuesday evening, at 6:30 in Moore Hall, an audience of about 35 students and faculty gathered together to discuss an up and rising program at Providence College. There was a lecture, a movie, and a group discussion about the program they all felt adamantly about. No one left, and almost everyone spoke during their assembly, and the only ones who didn't benefit were those who weren't there.

In case you didn't know, though you should have already been acquainted with the idea, PC is beginning a Public Service Program. Made possible through a five million dollar grant from Mr. Alan Shawn Feinstein, the Feinstein Institute for Public Service holds the vision of bringing together public and community service with academic work. They feel this new program will make PC a "center of expertise directed toward building healthy vibrant communities and empowering people to the call of service."

Besides being an inspiration to start up the program, Mr. Feinstein's grant gives PC the opportunity to make Public Service as innovative and unique of an academic program as possible. One way they will go about this

is by enrolling a variety of courses that integrate service activities with classroom studies. A research team consisting of eight PC faculty and three students is planning the creation of many of the institute's programs. By reviewing and evaluating service-learning programs throughout the country, as well as soliciting advice from community experts, the Service's Pilot Program will be able to begin at the start of the 1994-95 school year.

This pilot will involve a small number of PC faculty and selected PC students in experimental courses for the future major. As preparation for the Pilot, there will be a Summer Seminar/Practicum for all participants this coming Summer. It will last 6 weeks and will work in preparing the implementation of the Pilot.

After the Pilot is in effect for a year, the phasing of public and community service as a Major and Minor will take place. This is roughly estimated to happen during the years of 1995-1999. For the most part, however, the hardest part about the process will be the beginning and getting the program "off its feet."

Many of the students were concerned about how faculty would be recruited, and what the likelihood of

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Guess What?

Three sexual assault/rape cases have been reported to campus police at Stonehill College causing students to become much more concerned with campus safety. The college's Administration will initiate more self-defense classes and education seminars for awareness and prevention.

Stonehill College *The Summit*
October 21, 1993

Fairfield University will soon be dipping into a \$25 million dollar bond which they have cashed. Administration will be putting \$10 million towards improvements in residence Halls by adding cable vision, voice mail, and long distance telephone plans. The remaining \$15 million dollars will be reinvested for later use.

Hey Father McPhail, Doyawanna pick up my telephone bill?

Fairfield University
The Fairfield Mirror
October 21, 1993

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Piecing Together The Puzzle: The Feinstein Program Still in the Works

continued from page 3 getting a job after graduation would be? As for recruiting faculty, surveys will be conducted, and those faculty who are interested and willing to take the risk of joining this new program, will be educated and trained accordingly. In regards to job opportunities, Public Service is a cross between a Liberal Arts and "pre-career" major, thus, students should generally expect to go on with organizations providing service needs.

The process in which PC is under-going is extremely reputable. Why, even Stanford University is looking at us and applauding our program and its design. Many other institutions have also noted that we are way ahead of everyone dealing with such a program. A couple of the most

admirable aspects of PC's program are the core curriculum that will be set up (courses including those with a sociological, ethical, and managing background), and the idea of performing community service and returning to a classroom setting to reflect and discuss one's experiences.

Guided by understanding human diversity, participative citizenship, social justice, and human solidarity, Feinstein's vision of educating the young about the importance of compassionate service shines through. Accompanied with PC's mission "to equip its students to become productive and responsible citizens of a democratic society," the fundamental mission of the program is to strengthen human solidar-

ity in communities through service and its integration into the Liberal Arts curriculum.

The goal of the Public Service program is to teach and expand knowledge throughout the PC population about the community in which they live. Also, it's hoped that there will be an increase in civic obligations and appreciation of the value of service. Through the techniques of integrating service with academics, a more exciting and interesting learning environment will be created, not to mention an increase in service quality. Therefore, look out for this new and innovative program coming soon to our campus. It will definitely increase ties between PC and its diverse communities, as well as ties within our own communities. For further information, call or write Dr. William Hudson, Acting Director for the Feinstein Institute for Public Service, Providence College, Providence, R.I., 02891, (401) 865-2786.

Dr. Anne Carr: "A Splendid Teacher and Scholar"

by Mary Shaffrey '97
News Writer

Have you ever wondered what it was like to listen to a theologian speak on the mysticism of Christ and on the role of women in the church? On December 1, 1993, Friends of Women's Studies welcomed Dr. Anne Carr Ph.D., a leading Roman Catholic theologian to discuss "Transforming Power:

to Dr. Carr, "Jesus Christ saw ABBA as a maternal figure, therefore when we identify God we should address God as mother, lover and friend. One can't say parent, because parent is too vague and abstract."

"From its inception, feminist thought has been committed to the idea that the personal is the political. Feminist theorists have gone beyond the final critique of

**On Wednesday, December 1st,
Friends of Women Studies Welcomed
Dr. Anne Carr Ph.D. to speak on
"Transforming Power: Mystical and
Political Faith Today"**

Mystical and Political Faith Today." About 75 people attended the lecture which was held in Aquinas Lounge.

Fr. Thomas McGonigle, O.P., Vice President of Academic Affairs, holds Dr. Carr in the highest regard. "Anne Carr is a splendid teacher and scholar. She truly understands what she teaches, and is an outstanding Roman Catholic theologian. I am so glad that she is able to be here tonight. When the Women's Studies program asked me who I thought could come to PC to talk about women in the church, Anne Carr immediately came to mind," he stated as he introduced Dr. Carr at the start of the meeting.

Dr. Carr discussed many topics ranging from the myth that God is a male figure to eroticism in the New Testament. According

the unreal treatment of women in culture, society and church. Since women have traditionally attempted to bind the wounds of evil, pain, separation and helplessness, the experience of women suggests a new kind of education that would recognize the spiritual longings of people and develops an ethics of care," she continued.

Holly Thompson '94 believed that while her lecture was deep, it was also rewarding. "Dr. Carr made references to theologians that I didn't understand, but I think that the underlying point in her message was the fact that there is a new kind of attitude towards a flexible God in theological circles. According to her there are new models relating to God, they are more persuasive, and no longer rooted in the male theory," she commented.

Good Luck on Finals!

Women's Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series Continues...

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Editorials

Dave McGuire's New Year's Resolutions

by David McGuire '94
Editorial Writer

Another year has passed and once again it is about time for us to face our pathetic lives and make those comical resolutions that no one intends to keep, but for some reason make us feel better about ourselves.

Never really caring to lose myself in false ideals, I usually forego the absurdities of New Year's resolutions. If you ask me, they are a waste of valuable New Year's drinking time. This year, however, is different.

I will take the time to make some resolutions this year, but not for myself. Instead, I'll try to predict what other people will set as goals for themselves in the coming year, and how they will try to correct the mistakes of the year past.

Unfortunately, the past year has seen the passing of many people. Some of them I will include because they have given something valuable to our lives. Others I will include just because they were there.

Bill Clinton: Um...Uh... Well...
Tipper Gore: To censor the words "America" and "Freedom".

The pitching staff of the Cleveland Indians: One more season.

James Porter: Enjoy what

you have, and what you get.
Pablo Escobar: No more years of living dangerously. What goes around, comes around.

River "I don't do drugs"
Phoenix: I think you've had enough. May we not make you the next James Dean.
Bill Clinton: Well...I, uh...
James Jordan: To see Michael play one more game.

Vincent Price: For us to remember more than the "Brady Bunch" in Hawaii episode.

Eddie Vedder: Another brooding, apocalyptic year.
David Koresh: To buy some anti-tank artillery.

Those troops killed in Somalia: To find a reason.

Leon Lett: Not to blow a single game.

Reggie Lewis: One more game.

Pat Nixon: A belief in something real.

Bill Bixby: One more broken shirt.

Bill Clinton: Um...uh...ah...

Anthony Burgess: What more can we ask? Yes, you did write another book.

Tipper Gore: To tear up the constitution.

Axl Rose: To put out yet another crappy, multi-platinum album.

Charles Manson: To write a thank you note to Axl Rose for the big bucks.

Davey Allison: One more race.

Jack Kevorkian: A smooth transition.

Kevin Costner: To find a new role.

Harvey Keitel and Robert DeNiro: To make another movie together, full of pain, death, sex, and hatred.

Ronald Reagan: He wouldn't recall it anyway.

Beavis and Butt-head: They're not even worth my time.

Kennedy: She's not either.

MTV: To become CNN for

an ignorant, unthinking generation.

George Foreman: To win another title so he won't have to make any more rotten sitcoms.

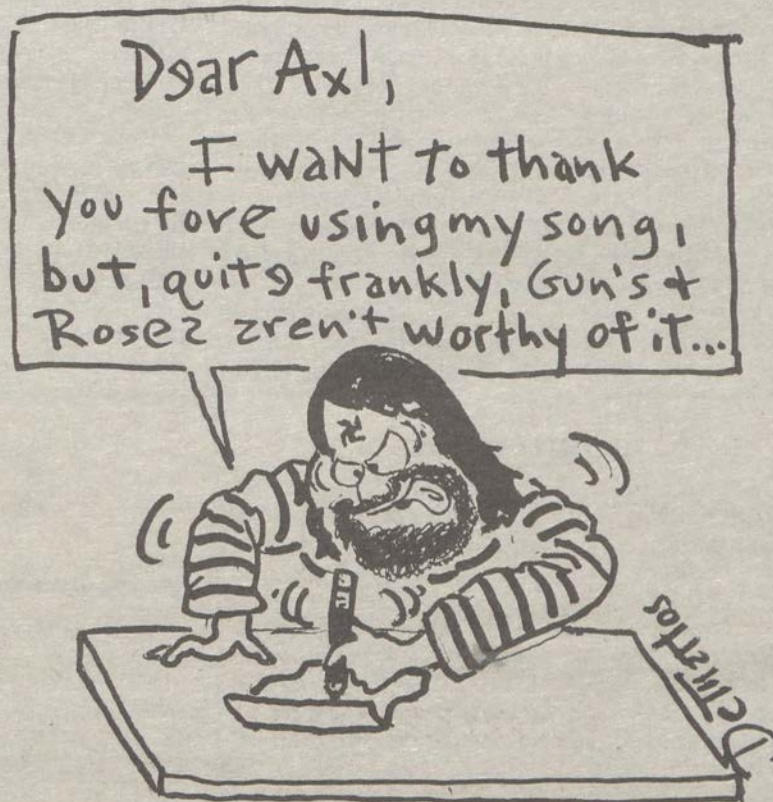
David Letterman: Get a show on both NBC and CBS to keep Conan O'Brien off the air completely.

Tipper Gore: To censor Dave Letterman.

Noelle Cusack: An entire generation of people who wear ties.

Class of '94: Jobs.

Bill Clinton: Oh yes! Everything that I promised the nation during my campaign. For the fellow members of my generation: A definition for "morality" and "compassion". And the hope that maybe we can mend the broken world we are inheriting. Actually, that's far too idealistic. How about we just don't kill ourselves? See you next year!



The way Christmas Ought To Be

by John J. Olohan '95
Editorial Writer

The Christmas season brings out the best in people. One cannot help but reminisce of the days of old while entranced in front of the Christmas tree, seeing the neighborhood light displays, and singing Christmas carols. Our thoughts for the Christmas season, aside from the birth of Christ, should remain focused on our families.

The ones that are closest to us are usually the ones we take for granted the most. Why do we act that way? We seem to think that our family members will always be around.

Many families have suffered the loss of a family member, which tears at the hearts of all. We don't know why God lets tragedies happen but He obviously knows what He is doing.

For the simple fact that we may not, or our family members may not, be alive tomorrow should make us want to let our families know how much we appreciate them. Not only should we appreciate our families but we should do whatever we can to make life easier

and better for them.

Christmas is about the birth of Christ. He was born into a family that was as poor as poor can be. He had no money but He did have His family and His God. Throughout His life He never received a new car, spending money, a finan-

We must sacrifice for our parents...

cially lucrative job, designer clothes, vacations, or a four year college education. He had none of the luxuries that we Americans do and His life has had the greatest impact on the world.

Christ's mother Mary was 14 years old and unwed, when She became pregnant with Christ. If Mary lived in the nineties, Her pregnancy would have been called "unwanted." It is very obvious how a decision to end Her pregnancy would have changed history and the future of the world in a negative way.

Mary saw the value of family. She changed Her

whole life around because of Her immaculately conceived Son. The mother of all mothers did whatever She could for Her Son and Her Son did whatever He could for his mother. We must do the same. We must sacrifice for our parents, brothers, and sisters; by our example people will imitate what it is we do.

Our minds should not be on the giving and receiving of gifts because that is not what Christmas is about. Christmas should be a time for families to spend quality time together, celebrate, and mend any bad feelings that may exist.

Christmas is a sad time for some because mistakes happened in their lives and were never corrected. We have to reconcile with those we have offended because we may not be able to do so tomorrow.

The closer a family is the more special the Christmas season becomes. We should never try to replace our families with power, prestige, material things, or money, because we can't. All the money in the world could never replace a mother, father, brother, or sister. Merry Christmas!

To Whom It May Concern

by Richard Testa
Faculty Moderator

It is with little surprise that I note the many negative responses—both in letters to the editor and in verbal assaults directed towards members of the staff—to a number of issues of *The Cowl* published this semester.

...the criticisms are getting out of hand...

These responses are to be expected; every year, the newspaper is criticized for one thing or another. Ten years ago, when I was an editor for this paper, members of the staff would often hear extremely harsh criticisms from students and faculty. Many times, the criticisms would hurt members of the staff personally—sometimes because the criticisms had merit. Other times, writers would criticize their own work, regretting a lapse in

judgment or in editing. (I once concluded a men's basketball article by writing, "And if you think this is too much of a homer article, you know where you can go."—an incredibly inept and embarrassing finale.) Writing for *The Cowl* is a learning experience—an act of expression and self-discovery.

But—and this often occurs after an idea or belief is allowed to grow and, in effect, take root is unchallenged over a number of years—the criticisms are getting out of hand, taking on a life of their own, to the point where they are now generally accepted as "true" or beyond question, a matter of "fact." Of course, the merits of individual criticisms should be examined in a case-by-case basis, and yet, contrary to "popular" belief, in judgment. But, all in all, the students work very hard to do their best—to provide news, information, and entertainment. That is all anyone should ask of them. Editing a newspaper or a section of a paper is very challenging. They should be proud of their work—and I think they are.

Denny Verdicts - Just Another Bombtrack for L.A.

by Anthony R. Zupka
Silver & Black Hack

"Can't we all just get along?" Rodney King uttered these words of reconciliation shortly after the embers of the worst civil violence in American history had burned themselves out, in April, 1992. The quotes spoken on Tuesday in Los Angeles, however, were of significantly different tone and content.

Shortly after Superior Court Judge John Ouderkirk sentenced her son to 10 years in prison for his part in the Los Angeles riots, Georgina Williams was outside the courtroom lambasting the U.S. judicial system as racist and unfair. The fore person of the supposedly impartial jury was by Mrs. Williams' side embracing her and agreeing about the "excessive charges" Damian "Football" Williams and Henry Watson had faced for beating truck driver

Reginald O. Denny within an inch of his life. Most white residents in Southern California expressed amazement when the verdicts were announced for the rioters last month and sheer outrage when the judge allowed Mr. Watson to walk out of the courtroom, a free man, on Tuesday.

Mr. Watson entered a plea bargain agreement and will serve four years probation and perform 320 hours community service. Mr. Williams will probably only serve four years of his 10 year sentence with credit for time served and good behavior. An ironic similarity can be seen between white sentiment over the sentencing and the betrayal that the black community felt when the four police officers who beat Rodney King were initially acquitted on assault charges.

The wounds of Los Angeles are far from healed; the racial tension that

sparked the riots is as palpable as ever. A significant portion of the African American population of South Central Los Angeles has adopted a confrontational "how does it feel now that it

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of rats,
running after
cheese."**

has happened to you" type attitude, in reference to the "unjust" verdicts in the two cases. On the opposite side of the spectrum, many African Americans believe that the sentencing was fair and that, in a metaphorical sense, the time has finally come to move on.

My hat goes off to the people of Los Angeles, regardless of race or creed,

who have had the courage to stand in the face of the hysterical ranting of individuals like Georgina Williams, and refuse to accept them as Gospel. These are the people who have, from the initial beating of Rodney King - through the sentencing of Damian Williams, maintained a rational perspective about the events that transpired. These are the people who were able to make a distinction between police officers crossing the line into brutality, and, as Football Williams described the riots, mobs acting "like a pack of rats running after cheese." These are the people who have realized that no logical correlation exists between the Florence Ave./Normandie Ave. intersection and the batons of Sgt. Koon and his men. These are the type of Angelenos who will eventually help heal L.A.

Damian Williams now admits that he was unaware of the verdicts in the

King beating trial when he participated in the riots. The magnitude of the violence that occurred over those three days was and is incomparable to the beating of Rodney King. Unfortunately, individuals like Georgina Williams and self-proclaimed community spokesman John Cager of the first AME church continue to spout the false analogies which, in turn, facilitate the myths ensuring Los Angeles remains a city divided.

A 63 year old grandmother from South Central symbolizes the group of individuals I believe Los Angeles should be emulating. "I feel good," she said Tuesday. "He [Williams] deserved it... I hope that it is over now, that we can close the book on the whole deal." Can Los Angeles get along now that the trials are over? As a Californian, I sincerely hope so, but I am not holding my breath. Neither should L.A.

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COMMENTARY

by Jennifer Dauer '94

I have encountered problems with the college's grading policy several times in my academic career. Not only have I experienced difficulty with the grading system, but my friends have as well. The problem with the policy is simply this: There is no concrete college grading policy.

If you turn to the section of the Student Handbook which concerns grades, you will find that an "A" is thought to be superior, a "B" is considered good, and a "C" is named as average. The numerical values which the handbook assigns to these grades are generalized. The grade of "A" is equivalent to a 4.0, a "B" is a 3.0, etc. etc. Therefore, I assume that the professor's discretion is used when applying numerical value to letter grades. A 90 could be considered as an "A" to one professor and a "B+" to another. Yet, this is only an assumption. The handbook makes no solid mention of the professor's role in the grading process. The college's failure to have a set grading scale causes several problems.

When I begin a course, I presuppose that the professor's expectations of me will be expressed in his or her syllabus. I enter the class believing that the grade scale is as follows: 90-100 "A", 80-84 "B", 70-74 "C", 60-64 "D", and below 60 is failing. While most professors adhere to this grade scale, others do not. Last semester, I had a professor which changed this scale and made no mention of the

change to the class. If I had not been forewarned by a roommate, I would have never known of the deviation. This semester, I have a professor who changed the assumed grading scale dramatically. This knowledge was given to the class with only 3 days left in the course. Due to an overwhelmingly negative class response, the

There is no concrete college grading policy.

professor changed her grading scale. At the very least, the issue should have been addressed upon entering the class on the first day. I know of another student whose professor told him that it was his responsibility to find out the professor's grading policy. This is laziness on the professor's part at best. He could have simply cited the change on the syllabus.

Grades are a concern to every student. The indiscernable college grading system should be reviewed. The gaps within the system cause problems which should not be. Professors have the ability to abuse their grading scale because the college policy lacks substance. The college should apply a set grading scale for every PC course. Problems therefore can be avoided. If

a clear scale could be provided by PC, both professors and students would have a common understanding on the issue of grades. The student would not find himself shocked by the professor's policy and the professor would not find herself annoyed at her students for not pursuing the issue.

The Cowl Editorial Policy 1993-1994

I. Commentary articles and letters to the Editor are welcome from any member of the PC student body, faculty, or 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 letter or article you do not wish to have altered, please see one of the Editorial staff members prior to publication.

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IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles contain no personal attacks. V. All submissions should be delivered to the Cowl office no later than Tuesday at noon prior to the publication on Wednesday.

Editorials

COMMENTARY

by Abdul-Wadood
Joel F. Aufiero '94

Providence College has a very crucial opportunity to improve its curriculum base. Very soon a number of students and professors will propose a new academic program to the Administration of PC.

Last year a committee of students and professors began to work diligently to put together an acceptable and practical Black Studies Program. The program's primary focus is to provide to students "the social significance of race. Attention will be given to the importance of race, racism and its consequences." Such a program is long overdue at Providence College.

The problems of race discrimination and racism are rarely discussed, in public, on this campus. Unfortunately, this institution and its students are not above being racially motivated. This is not unique to Providence College, but since we are Providence College students it makes sense that we try to combat racism at Providence College. The best way to do this is to implement an academic program that explores the issues of race and racism. Without an understanding of the problems or racism we cannot hope to solve the problems of racism; it is as simple as that.

The first step to un-

derstanding is always attaining knowledge. In the case of understanding racism, the knowledge will come in the form of the Black Studies Program. With an Asian Studies Program and a Latin American Studies Program already in place the next logical step would be to implement a Black Studies Program.

The proposed program came about after many hours of discussion, debate and brainstorming. Students and professors provided input as to what the program should entail. After the many months of devising draft after draft, an acceptable version was finally chosen.

The program will have an African world view. "The focus here will be on the various factors that played a role in Africa, historically. Past and present dominant themes will be explored." The program will explore the ancient civilization of Africa, the coming of imperialism and colonialism, the development of independent African states and the current situation on the African continent.

The program will explore the rise of slavery in the Americas. It will follow the events leading up to emancipation and the post Civil War era. The return of white supremacy and the reaction, of Blacks, to this revival. It will explore Black power and civil rights move-

ments, their leaders and results.

The program will examine the contemporary situation of Blacks in America. Special attention will be given to urban life, modern political movements, social problems, the role of religion and the rise of urban, Black dialects.

The program will explore the development of Black culture and its impact on art. Literature, the fine arts, theater, dance, music (jazz, hip hop etc.) and Blacks in the film industry will all be explored by the Black Studies Program.

The importance of a program such as this cannot be underrated. Approximately 12% of all Americans are Black, the largest minority group. It is important that institutions like Providence College provide a well rounded curriculum base for its students, especially its white students who are rarely exposed to the topics mentioned above. A Black Studies Program would improve the quality of education received at Providence College; it would produce more well rounded students and begin the first step toward solving the problems of racism on this campus.

The program needs the support of students and faculty. Interest in the program will show the administration that it is a necessary step toward improving Providence College.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religious Freedom

To the Editor,

Abdul-Wadood Joel F. Aufiero's 12/2/93 commentary on Muslims being the target of oppression by the American government is purely emotional and is not backed up with facts. I find it hard to believe that the government is employing methods used by Nazis and Soviets against Muslims and other groups. We are a democratic, capitalist nation that protects our religious rights under the first amendment. I don't know of any Islamic nation that even has a constitution that would protect my religious freedom! Mr. Aufiero also mentions that Islamic nations are suddenly very threatening to American interests. Well, certain Islamic nations will continue to be so until we are no longer targeted by terrorists. Is America supposed to sit back and not seek objective justice against Shaykh Umar, even though he is associated with prominent terrorists? Mr. Aufiero also fails to explain why Islam is a GENUINE alternative to the American "anti-culture." Then again, neither has Saddam Hussein or Mu'ammarr Qadhafi done as much. I hope *The Cowl* will, in the

future, print commentaries that are not so outlandish, but rather of an intelligent, factual basis.

Veritas,
Mike Leeuzzi '95

Kudos for Olohan

To the Editor,

Through a friend who subscribes to *The Cowl*, I have become a regular reader of your newspaper, and, in particular, the editorials of John Olohan. John has impressed me with his mature and articulate dissections of issues ranging from academia to politics to faith and family.

The media has us convinced that the younger generation has nothing to offer but crime and self-indulgence. It would be refreshing if we could read once in a while about young men like John Olohan who have the courage of their convictions and the willingness to stand up for them.

Sincerely,

Patricia Russell

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Booze Ads Not Harmful

To the Editor,

This letter is in response to my outrage on Fr. Tortorici's recent decision to outlaw all posters advertising alcohol in Guzman Hall. I am aware that there have been increased attempts by the administration to curb alcohol abuse on campus this year, but I am confused as to why such a ridiculous measure had to be taken.

Most importantly, I feel this decree disregards my rights as a Providence College student. Since when does the administration have the right to tell me how I can and cannot decorate my room? Are we adults, or are we children? On page 34 of the Student Handbook, it is stated that "Providence College students have the right to free inquiry and free expression, to have and express opinions publicly or privately, whether they be in agreement or disagreement with the opinions of others..." Doesn't instituting such a policy contradict that statement?

In addition, Fr. Tortorici told me that he made this ruling because there was too much "alcohol-inducing stimuli" in Guzman Hall already, which, in turn, is non-conducive to a learning environment. I am confused about the link between students possessing a poster and poor performance in a course. Is Guzman Hall sup-

posed to be some kind of utopia where we are not subject to the alcohol pressures that surround us in society? What about the alcohol advertisements that we are exposed to in the mass media every single day? How is this any different?

Fr. Tortorici and Residence Life should reevaluate this policy and take the necessary steps to revoke it immediately.

Edward M. Giblin '96

Bumper Silly

To the Editor:

The unreinforced plastic imitation bumpers on the Volkswagen Euro Vans are an expensive proposition not calculated into the sticker price of the vehicle. The plastic shell shatters upon minor impacts such as bumping a light pole in the supermarket parking lot. Repair costs can run into the thousands for replacement of the bumper and the rear deck, including large window, rear window wiper, and trim, in addition to increased insurance premiums. A reinforced bumper would absorb the majority of minor impacts without

causing major damage to the bumper and the rear deck door. The gas tank, which Volkswagen claims is safe on the Euro Van, is partially exposed outside the protection of the chassis frame to side impacts on the drivers side. Although a controlled test by the National Highway Safety Administration, where a Chevrolet Caprice was slammed into the side of a Euro Van at 50 MPH has apparently resulted in no explosion, fire, or leakage, the potential is there nevertheless for such a result. Accident



scenarios cannot be controlled and duplicated in a testing laboratory. Placing the gas tank fully inside the chassis frame, which most American car makers have done, would decrease the relative potential for problems associated with the uncontrollable dynamics of broadside collisions. Prospective purchasers of new family mini-vans may want to determine the relative value of unreinforced plastic bumpers and side impact exposed gas tanks before buying.

Rand Knox

Cowl Criticism Unjust

To the Editor,

It has come to my attention that the recent criticisms levied against Ms. Cusack and the Cowl staff are ill-founded. First, I would question the subjective complaints regarding those articles and segments which are "not printed in good taste." Ms. Cusack and the Cowl staff have made tremendous inroads in printing not only their views, but also those of the students. Although I staunchly support any individuals right to question the specific subject matter of a given article, I do not think any student has the need to question the concept or principles pertaining to the publishing of news/features articles. Ms. Cusack's integrity has been intact since day one. She, along with the Cowl staff, have successfully initiated a free-flowing exchange centering on various perspectives of PC students. At the very least, they should be commended for this.

However, I will admit that some articles do raise some eyebrows. For the most part, the content reflects the day-to-day (or, more specifically, night-to-

night) activities in which numerous students engage. Through their use of satire, the Cowl merely provides a descriptive account of what transpires on the social level for many, but not all, PC students. If there is a drinking and proverbial "hook-up" (or pseudo-love making) problem at PC, the Cowl did not cause it, sustain it, or promote it. I do not condone any of these activities. What I do condone/suggest is that students should act like adults by taking responsibility for their own lifestyles. Again, I do not direct this toward the entire student body, but to accuse the Editor-in-chief and her staff of lacking integrity is blatantly unfair and misguided. What is depicted in the Cowl is often the harsh reality of life at PC, whether we like it or not.

Matthew Albanese '94



Brady Bill Not A Victory

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to the article in last week's Cowl concerning the supposed "victory" of the Brady Bill. In reality, this was not a victory.

The law, for those of you who do not know, is that there is now a five day waiting period, as well as a comprehensive background check, required before one is able to purchase a gun anywhere in the United States. This is the supposed victory; "how sweet it is," indeed. And truly, it would have been a victory for advocates of gun control— if, that is, the passing of this small piece of the Brady Bill had really changed anything. What most people fail to understand is that these requirements are already in place, and have been for some time.

In order to purchase a gun, one must first be in possession of two federal documents: a Firearms Identification Card and a pistol per-

mit. In order to obtain these documents, one must go either to city hall or police headquarters (it varies depending upon what state one is in), fill out a form, and wait for them to send these documents in the mail. A person must wait a long time because authorities do a comprehensive check.

What was that about a "victory?"

I'd also like to take this opportunity to provide some more information on the volatile issue of gun control. In these days of skyrocketing crime-rates, many Americans believe that by controlling the sale of guns, handguns in particular, it will lower crime rates. Again, I find a blind spot. Did you know that it is already illegal to buy and sell handguns in cities such as New York and Los Angeles? Did you also know that the crime rates have not gone down as a result of the Brady Bill, but that the number of guns bought and sold

on the black market has soared? Where, I ask once more, is the victory?

I have heard this American all-purpose solution one time too many, and I have to wonder when those who advocate gun control will finally take off their blinders. Gun control is not the answer. The answer is people control. Everyone has heard the National Rifle Association's slogan, "Guns don't kill people; people kill people." And even the person most in favor of gun control has to admit the truth of that statement. New York and Los Angeles have already proven that gun control is not the solution. The bottom line is that if a person really wants to buy a gun on a certain day, he or she will do it, either within or outside of the law. Ultimately, the only thing these laws are going to do is make the respectable, responsible, law-abiding citizen wait five more days for his or her gun.

Shelby Kennedy '94

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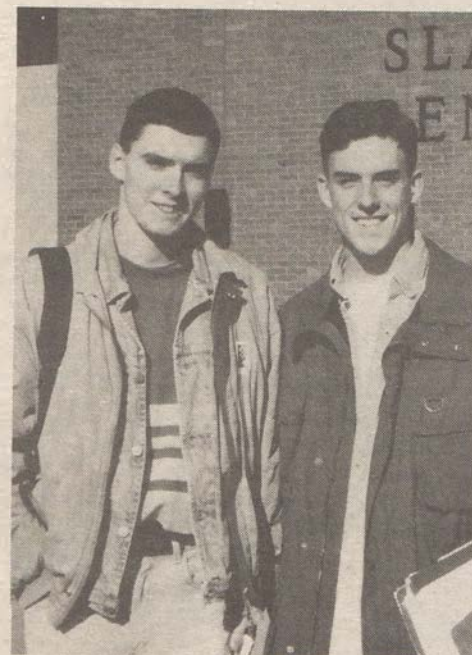
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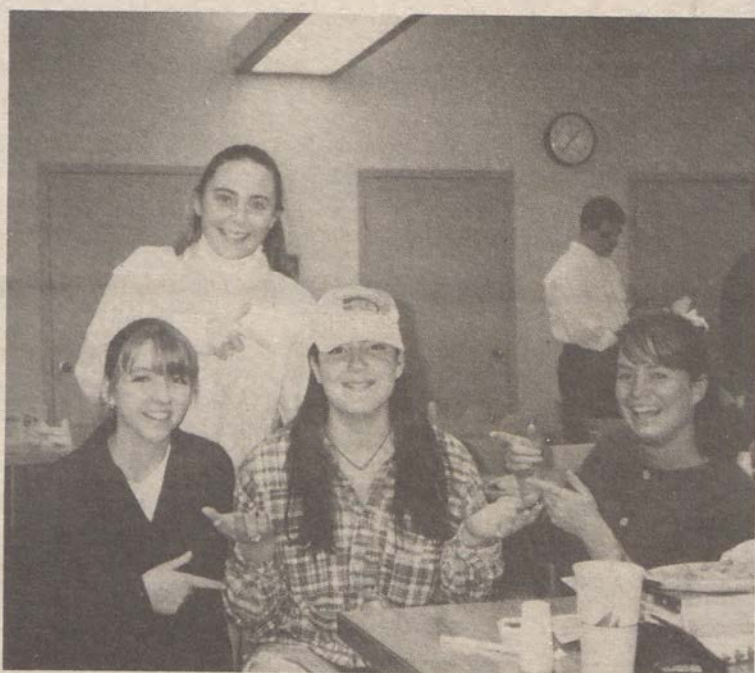
Melissa Silva, Cherie Levesque '94:
John Ryan (Executive Board President)!!



Matt Albanese '94, Mike Rush '96: We would, however, there is a rumor going around that we are on the short list to replace Fr. Quigley.



Keith Shine, Jesse Craine '97: Louie!



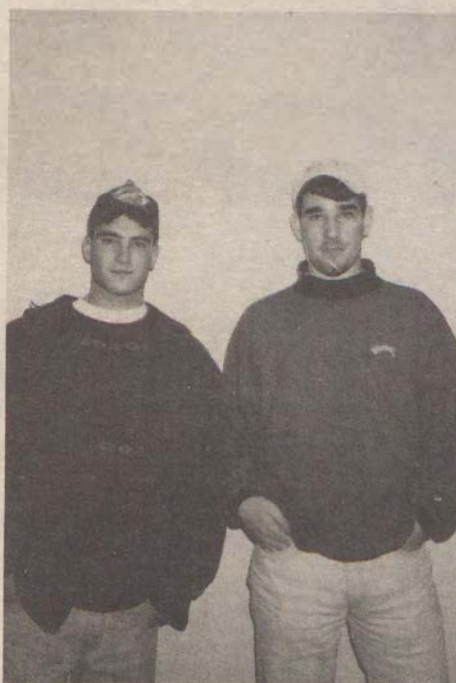
Kristin Ryan, Kerry McDonough, Kristin McCann, Jen Cooney '94: It is a landslide victory for Kristin McCann!! Kristin M.- Since it is going to take me the next 20 years to graduate from this school I may as well get paid for it!



Marisa Murray, Jeanine Cappello, Carrie D'Angelo '97: Fr. Elias Henritz because he looks like Steve McQueen, and he is cute, and he is an awesome theology teacher!



Kate Luciani, Cathy Olender, Suzannah Fetkowitz '97: David Letterman!



John Fitzgerald, Scott Tucker '96: Snoop Dog!



Mary Veideman '95, Jen Eames '95, Tom Cotter (Security Guard), Marguerite Lavoie '95: Tom Cotter!!

Dina & Sue: Bob from Mural Lounge- He's got the PR skills, and he's cool!

etc.

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Student Congress

CLASS OF '97 UPDATE

by Michael James '97
Class President

Merry Christmas!! Ho Ho Ho!! This is your Class President Michael James again putting my wit into the Owl. If any of you 97'ers still don't know me, I'm the one that wears the gray burlap hat that everyone hates.

I have a mouthful to say so I'll begin. Our class is off to a good start. We have already held three events: the Midnight Barbecue, the Red Eye Dance, and Raffle Week. I hope you at least attended one of these events to support our class. If you didn't, I hope you feel guilty and attend the next one. Well, speaking of next ones...We have three more events planned for 1994.

First on February 4th, we are presenting "The Snow Ball" with R.I.'s finest DJ "Ulysses". "Ulysses" brings with him a plethora of music and a giant white screen. His co-workers videotape the evening and you can see all the action on the screen while you're taking part in it yourself. This event will be a semi-formal. We will also be selling goldfish. Not the one's you eat, but the one's that swim around. (At least I hope you won't eat them!) You'll be able to buy your very own PC pet! Finally, the Class of 1997 Ski Trip will be held March 4-6 at Sugarbush in Vermont. The price is \$145.00 and you should see the condos we'll stay in!!

Now I have to talk about the serious stuff. As the President of our class, I always hear about what's going on all over campus. As of late, a lot of attention has been given to the fact that our freshman class, as compared to those of the past, drinks excessively more. Now, you may ask yourself, how can such a conclusion be made?? Well, I'll tell you.

When comparing the four classes currently enrolled at Providence Col-

lege, you must acknowledge the significant increase in academic standards from class to class. Our class exceeds all others in SAT's, GPA's, and overall competitiveness compared to the others. Alright, fine...what does this have to do with anything? Well, you would expect a class of such high caliber to better the reputation of the class before it, right? Let's get into the statistics. How were your mid-semester grades? Even better...How was your Civ grade? Well, as a whole our class received the worst Civ grades in more years that I can count on one hand. In fact, 10% of the Class of 1997 received an F on their mid-sems. That's about 80-90 students. Only 4-5% of the Class of 1996 received an F at this time last year. The statistics have doubled. This increase could, of course, be due to numerous reasons. Perhaps the transition of college life is taking its toll on us, maybe classes aren't interesting enough to keep our attention, or maybe teachers are getting a little too picky on their expectations of what we should know. Whatever the case, campus administrators and faculty are pointing their fingers towards the increase in drinking. Well, what exactly is going to happen? What can they do to us? These questions I can not answer. The point I'm trying to make is that about 96% of the members of our class drink, including myself. Whether it's at bars, off-campus parties, clubs, or in dorm rooms, drinking is a major part of college life. It's not only here, but drinking has increased all over the country in colleges and universities, it's a national trend. We, as a class together, must serve as an example for those classes following us. With that, I challenge you to find it within yourself to be moderate in your drinking habits. Moderation is the only answer.

Pastoral Service Organization?

by Julie Shea '95
PSO President

The Pastoral Service Organization would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who volunteered this past semester. It is through your caring and commitment that many have benefitted. Keep up the great work. At this time we would like to announce our name change. After a great deal of consideration, we decided to change our name to Pastoral Service Organization. We believe that this name more accurately reflects our identity and our mission. We still offer the same volunteer opportunities and we are still located in the same place (Slavin 214).

We would also like to acknowledge the generosity of the PC community in our monthly collections, food drives, and the Skip - a - Meal program. Hope House (a Hospice for those living with HIV), the Little Flower Home (a resource for pregnant women), and the Campaign for Human Development have all benefitted from your donations at our monthly collec-

tions in the coming semester. Please be generous.

Our November Skip - a Meal brought in \$2,437.50 which will be distributed among several local, national and foreign charities. Thank you! We will hold our next skip - a meal on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our food drive. We would like to especially thank the Athletic Department and the Office of Residence Life for all of their generosity and help in collecting food. Many families were helped because of your generosity.

We have many new things planned for the coming semester. We would like to remind everyone that as a result of student input, the mass schedule has been changed. Saturday night mass will be at 4:30 pm in Guzman Chapel. All of Sunday's masses will remain the same. The weekday masses will be at 11:35 am, 4:30 pm, and 9:00 pm in Aquinas. Confessions will be heard Wednesday 4:00 - 4:30 pm and 9:30 - 10:00 pm in Aquinas Chapel and Saturday 4:00

- 4:30 in Guzman Chapel. If you have any questions please contact the Office of Campus Ministry in Slavin 211.

Another new program in 1994 will be our pilot of the Providence College Encounter with Christ. We are very excited about this new retreat program which we hope will have a positive effect on the PC community. It will be held the weekend of April 15-17 in Still River, Massachusetts. Spaces are limited, so keep your eyes open for sign-ups.

We are looking for energetic enthusiastic men and women to be involved in a ministry of greeters. The greeters will be on hand before mass to greet students as they enter, take up the collection, and pass out bulletins. If you are interested in serving the community in this function, please come by the Office of Campus Ministry or the PSO office.

If interested in volunteering for any of our programs, come by the PSO office (Slavin 214).

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ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS:

THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 30 WAS SENT TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS. PLEASE TAKE NOTE.

Dear Club Officers:
I would like to inform you of the upcoming procedure that the Clubs and Organization's Committee of the Student Congress has decided to implement for all clubs on campus. In February, upon our return from the Holiday Break, all clubs will be required to meet with a Committee, once again, as you did for allocations earlier this Fall. At this time your club will be reviewed both financially, as well as in terms of club involvement. This will incur review of your expenditures, events sponsored by your club, membership, monthly reports, and consistency with your constitutions.

Shortly following this letter you will receive a personalized list of any infractions your club may have at the present time. The infractions can be remedied within 28 working/school

days with no further penalty. The more official approach of this year is in response to the campus-wide, valid concern that non-active and non-responsible clubs are allocated funds and should not be permitted to continue to receive Congress recognition when fresher, more energetic clubs are willing to comply with all of the rules and expectations of Student Congress.

Please expect to find the infraction reports in club boxes soon, as well as the November Monthly Reports (due Friday, December 3rd). Furthermore, remind your members to make posters in the appropriate places of Rm. 108. Finally, our paper supply is extremely limited - so use paper sparingly. As always, call Katie Griffiths at 861-1259 with any concerns or questions.

Thank you!

The Following is a List of Clubs and Their Infractions

Ski Club - failure to have a moderator.
College Republicans - failure to have a moderator.
Political Science Club - failure to elect officers; failure to hold meetings; failure to run club-sponsored events; failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
Men's Rugby - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
Sailing Club - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
Health Policy & Management - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report; failure to elect officers.
African American Society - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
AIESEC - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report;

failure to hold meetings; failure to run club-sponsored events.
Italian - failure to have a moderator.
NAACP - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report; failure to have a moderator; failure to elect officers.
Gender Equality - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report; failure to elect officers; failure to hold meetings; failure to run club-sponsored events.
Young Democrats - failure to have a moderator.
Accounting club - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
ACM - failure to hand in a Sept./Oct. monthly report.
Management - failure to elect officers.

Minutes from the December 6 th Student Congress Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fr. McGonigle came and spoke to Student Congress about concerns on campus. He discussed the living and learning environment and alcohol abuse. Concerns he has gotten are that alcohol is the only way people seem to know how to get together. He also commented that violence on campus between students always seems to exist when they have had too much to drink. Comments from members of Congress were that this issue is a community issue, and that the only way men and women are brought together are by alcohol. The suggestion of co-ed dorms was brought up and Fr. McGonigle strongly agreed with this comment. Fr. McGonigle questioned what kinds of events would draw students, and one

comment brought up was bringing bands on campus. In conclusion there was no single reason for drinking, it was just an issue that everyone needs to work on together.

COMMITTEES:
Ethics: Peaceful Coexistence distribution is this Monday and Tuesday December 6 and 7.

Clubs and Organizations: Infractions will be listed this week in the Cowl.

Time and Space: There is a Feinstein Resource Group meeting at 6:30 pm, Tuesday in Moore I. Events Calendar Day is Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 pm in Slavin 203.

BOARDS:
IAB: Ultimate Frisbee will continue next semester. Three on three basketball ends this semester.

BOP: Censorship debate

Monday Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm in Slavin 203. The last Coffeehouse is on Tuesday Dec. 7 from 9-12, there will be a storyteller. Handel's Messiah will be on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

OCRO: Decorating for the Smith Hill senior center is this week.

ACC: Study breaks will be on Tuesday Dec. 14 from 7-9 in Apt. A, 8-10 in Apt. B, and 10-12 in Apt. C. There will be free food.

CLASS REPORTS:
'94: Winterfest is on Friday, Dec. 10 from 8-1. Tickets are \$8.00, volunteers are needed to work.

'95: Tuesday, Dec. 7 is ring fixing day in Slavin 120, and a Ski Trip Meeting at 6:00 pm in Slavin 203.

'96: There will be a semi-formal, on Feb. 4 from 7-12 pm at El Moracco. Tickets will be on sale January 24-28.

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'96 Update

by Susan Walsh '96
Class Representative

Hi, my name is Susan Walsh and I would like to introduce myself to those sophomores whom I am not acquainted with. I currently hold the position of representative for the Class of 1996. I would like to thank you all for giving me the chance to represent you during the 1993 - 1994 school year. The officers and representatives have been trying to make events work for our class. Although we experienced a number of difficulties this past semester, we are now eagerly looking forward to next semester.

We are excited to announce upcoming events which we believe the sophomore class will enjoy. On Friday, February 4 we will have a Semi-Formal Dance at El Moracco in Johnson, Rhode Island from 7-12 pm. Students are welcome to go stag or with a date. The evening will include dinner, dancing and beverages. We hope for a huge turnout to insure that we all have a great time.

Another event which is of great interest to the entire class is the countdown to the end of Civ. As unbelievable as it may seem we only have 67 more

days left of the torture we call Western Civ. Stay posted as the countdown continues.

The JRW Core is hard at work planning for next years Junior Ring Weekend. This past week the Core along with the ring company, Art Carved, have been designing our class rings.

Once again, sweatshirts will be on sale second semester for those of you who have not yet purchased them and would still like to.

Before I close I would like to let the sophomores know that the officers and representatives are doing their best to be creative in planning events that both you as a class will enjoy and the school administration will allow to take place. We are open to all suggestions and encourage anyone to stop by the Congress Office and leave ideas in one of the class officers boxes.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone good luck on their final exams. We hope you all have a healthy and happy Holiday Season. See you next semester!

'96
Event

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Arts & Entertainment

Congrats To Rorschach!

by Cyndi Castello '95
A&E Assistant Editor

Sunday afternoon's rain and cold did not deter fans of art from going to the latest Rorschach production, *Fiberoptics and other mediums of Love*. The Last Resort was jammed packed with students on December 5, which was the last performance of the play. According to director, John Advento and writer, R. J. McCaffery, Friday and Saturday also got amazing turn outs. The members of the club were elated to see such interest on part of their classmates.

As the preview last week hinted, *Fiberoptics and other mediums of Love* approached the topic we all know and hate: Relationships. The great part about this production was the way relationships were discussed so openly and honestly. During the conversations of the six friends I often found myself nodding to agree with the characters' thoughts, feelings and frustrations. The best way to explain this play would be to say that it is an appropriate description of life at Providence College.

On the stage and off, I could tell how well the cast clicked. They all seem to appreciate, admire and respect each other and their talents. Matt Parks, who played the role of Dave, explained that it was his first play ever, but the cast supported him greatly and helped ease his first night nerves. Matt stated he was not fond of his character but he said it was unfortunate that there are real people in the world like this and it is even more unfortunate if you happen to deal with them. He also felt that Dave was not the real manipulator; Heather was the star of back stabbing. Amy Dowd, who played the role of Heather, found her role to be surprisingly enjoyable. She was quick to say that *Fiberoptics and other mediums of Love* "is true - it's real to

life." Gary Keating, who played the role of Andy, expressed himself as a blunt, to the point person, which is exactly as Andy is in the play. Andy was one of the reliefs to watch: He eloquently made light of the heavy topic of love. Andy was not afraid of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time. He said what needed to be said very tactfully. Gary Keating also had something interesting to share with everyone. He announced that he and his roommate were writing a piece that displays honest humor about a topic Gary feels "may be too real." The cast has plans of extending their experiments to film work and Gary hopes his piece maybe one of the first to be worked into the film aspect. Overall, the cast got along very well. They were a fun group who took their work very seriously.

"You've come a long way baby." This Telly Savalis quote is how John Advento began his greeting speech to let the audience know how hard the cast worked and to let the cast know he appreciates their endless efforts. He encourages anybody to come and contribute. The club needs people to build sets, work music, direct, write and act. All the members emphasized that the club is extremely open. Everyone is urged to be themselves in the group.

Rorschach always needs more bodies and more minds. If you feel the need and want to dare to be different, SEEK OUT RORSCHACH! For information or contributions (not monetary) please call John Advento or drop a note in Rorschach's box in the Club Room, Slavin 108. On a closing note I would like to print Michael Brennan's explanation of the club:

"We are the music makers and the dreamers of dreams."

- Willie Wonka

Thumbs Down For Hooters!

by Jack Welch '94
A&E Writer

Over Thanksgiving break I was doing some business in southern Rhode Island. My boss and I finished around noon and drove back north on Route 95. My stomach started to growl so I proceeded to demand a lunch break. Instead of the usual fast food pit stop, my boss decided to surprise me and take me out to lunch. I thought that we'd go to a quaint little bar and grill for a sandwich and a couple of cold beverages. I was soon to be horrified with his choice. We drove by the airport and pulled into Hooters Bar and Grill. For some reason I knew that this lunch would be memorable and probably not in a good way.

As we entered, I first noted the atmosphere, or lack there of. It looked like any other bar in Providence, except tackier. The clientele, to no surprise, was all male. The servers, believe it or not, were all female. Their uniforms [costumes] were absolutely unbelievable. They

lacked just about everything including class. I have no idea how they got into them, but images of a master artist in the back room painting them on kept coming to mind. I actually felt embarrassed for these women. The motto on the back of the menu described Hooters perfectly. It read, "Hooters- Delightfully Tacky Yet Unrefined". After reading the menu filled with other cheesy little cliches, we ordered.

While waiting for our lunches, we were treated to a show. It's not really a show, but mindlessly entertaining regardless. The waitresses actually played silly little games with each other. I thought that I was going to fall off of my seat when they started playing tag in the restaurant. Right about then I was praying that the food would be a bit more substantial than the ambience.

Our food finally arrived, and it didn't look that bad, relatively speaking. I ordered the Philly Cheese Steak [\$5.95], and my boss ordered a hamburger [\$4.95].

The sandwiches didn't include fries which were \$1.69 additional. The sandwich wasn't bad, but it really wasn't that great either. It was just there. I don't think the food is Hooters' claim to fame though, at least I hope not. The service was attentive, but hardly professional.

I honestly don't have that much to say about Hooters, because there really isn't that much to say. It's tacky, overpriced, inconvenient to get to, and the food really isn't any better than that of any other bar or ordinary cheap sandwich shop in the city. The only purpose that it serves in my opinion is to give middle-aged businessmen an excuse to look at half-naked women during their lunch hour. I'm really glad that I wasn't buying.

Quality of food: ΨΨ
Value: Ψ
Service: ΨΨ
Atmosphere: Ψ

A Star Worth Remembering

by Mark Cybulski '95
A&E Editor

The music world lost one of its most innovative and eccentric pioneers last week. Frank Zappa died of prostate cancer at the age of 52 last Saturday, December 4. Zappa's expansive musical career offered a variety of stimulating and dissonant music along with well publicized battles with Congress over the issue of censorship.

Zappa recorded well over thirty albums in his career, including *Wer're Only In It for the Money* (1967), *Uncle Meat* (1969), *Joe's Garage Acts 1, 2 & 3* (1980) and *Jazz From Hell* (1988), for which he won a Grammy. Zappa recorded many of his albums with the Mothers of Invention and Captain Beefheart and has worked with talented guitarists such as Adrian Belew and Steve Vai. Zappa's music could never be easily classified into one category. He went through periods where he

composed rock, jazz and classical and would often combine all three that gave him a distinct sound different from any other musician.

In 1985, Zappa debated with a Senate committee over the issue of censorship and labeling of rock lyrics. Zappa's anti-censorship attitude was evident in his lyrics. With songs such as "Fembot in a Wet T-Shirt", "Crew Slut" and "Jesus Thinks You're a Jerk", Zappa often walked the line of good taste and respectability. The combination of off-color lyrics with complex and intriguing musical compositions made for a unique

combination.

Frank Zappa covered a wide range of musical and social areas in his thirty year musical career. With his musical ingenuity and radical opinions, Zappa influenced a generation of artists and his memory will continue to do so in the future. He will be missed.

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—Arts & Entertainment—

The Ocean Blue: A Band On The Rise

by Mark Cybulski '95
A&E Editor

The Ocean Blue proved to be one of the best bargains of the year last Friday night at Lupo's Heart-break Hotel. The band played for nearly ninety minutes at Lupo's Low Dough Show, where admission was \$5.95 in advance and \$6.95 at the door. The band played most of the songs from the three albums in their relatively short career, while focusing mostly on material from their latest LP, *Beneath the Rhythm and Sound*.

The band was formed in a rural area of Hershey, Pennsylvania in the late 1980s. Singer-guitarist David Schelzel, keyboardist-saxophonist Steve Lau and drummer Rob Minnig were all influenced by the postpunk music that dominated college radio at the time. Without having anywhere in their small community to enhance their musical interests, the trio settled for working in their basements, developing their songwriting and playing abilities. The band later added bassist Bobby Mittan and eventually signed with Sire/Reprise, a division of

Warner Bros. records.

The Ocean Blue released their self-titled debut in 1989, which became popular on college radio with the strength of songs such as "Between Something and Nothing", "Drifting, Falling" and "Love Song." They released their follow-up, *Cerulean*, in 1991, which was well received on the basis of tracks such as "The Planetary Scene" and "Mercury." They released their third album, *Beneath the Rhythm and Sound*, last fall and are following up with an extensive U.S. tour. Schelzel says that the new album combines the best aspects of the last two records with some innovative new elements.

The Ocean Blue's music can be described as somewhat ethereal and dreamy, but it sounds much more solid when heard live. The band opened the show with "Cathedral Bells" and "Don't Believe Everything You Hear", both from the new album. The band then launched into their most well-received song, "Between Something and Nothing". Highlights of the show included stunning versions of "Bliss Is Unaware" and "The Circus Animals" as

well as a fine performance of "Crash", Schelzel's favorite song from the new album. They also incorporated an incredible light show and a fog machine that fit in well with the band's music and overall stage presence.

The band has a reputation of being rather stoic and impersonal onstage. Their performance on Friday should dispell this wide known belief. When I saw them two years ago at the Campus Club, they performed for less than an hour and their songs sounded exactly the same as they did on record. This time around, the Ocean Blue performed a great portion of the songs in their entire catalogue and improvised on several of them. The band seems to be working harder at becoming better live performers and their set on Friday was indicative of their efforts.

The Ocean Blue have come a long way both as musicians and performers. Their performance at Lupo's on Friday showed that they have improved greatly in these two areas. The band can only continue to grow as they become more popular. For the six or seven dollars it costs to see the Ocean Blue on Friday, it can be con-

cluded that the audience members got more than their money's worth.

The Gavin Report's Top Ten College Albums

1. No Alternative
2. Nirvana, *In Utero*
3. Lemonheads, *Come On Feel The Lemonheads*
4. Kate Bush, *The Red Shoes*
5. Afghan Whigs, *Gentlemen*
6. The Breeders, *The Last Splash*
7. Pearl Jam, *Vs.*
8. Smashing Pumpkins, *Siamese Dream*
9. James, *Laid*
10. Cocteau Twins, *Four Calendar Cafe*

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BOP: A Semester in Review and What's Still to Come in '94

Kathy Parrella '94
BOP Correspondent

It seems unbelievable to me that the end of the fall semester is already upon us—Christmas is in the air, and Winter Break plans are already being made with eager anticipation. As the Board of Programers wraps up one of their best semesters to date, they are already in the planning stages for an even bigger and better spring semester! In case anyone may have forgotten some of the quality events that BOP brought to the PC campus, this semester, here's a quick recap:

September saw the "Welcome Freshmen Week" activities, complete with the Social Committee's annual freshman mixer and the Travel Committee's annual Trip to Newport for the Class of '97. Travel took us shopping at the Emerald Square Mall as well as to the many shops on Thayer Street. The Lecture Committee brought us two unforgettable speakers—hypnotist Frank Santos and former *Brady Bunch* child star, Barry Williams, both which were met with a tremendous response from the PC community. Social presented the annual First Stag Dance in Petersen Rec and co-sponsored an outdoor concert with Entertainment featuring Letter to Cleo, airball, and gyro. Over 21 sponsored an evening of entertainment in The Last Resort and, along with the Class of '94, treated the senior class to a Cruise to Nowhere out of Naragansett Bay. The Fine Arts Committee sponsored a sold-out trip to see *Miss Saigon* at The Wang Center in Boston, and our Film and Coffeehouse Committees kept busy with weekly coffeehouses in The Last Resort and bi-weekly

films shown in both Moore and '64 Hall, including this year's annual fall outdoor movie, *Dave*, shown on Slavin Lawn.

October kicked off with the Travel Committee treating us to two all time favorite New England past-time—apple picking and Boston's own Head of the Charles! Fine Arts also invited us to kick off Trinity Repertory Company's thirtieth anniversary season, with their first production of the season, *Mrs. Sedgewick's Head*. Over 21 brought the legal members of the PC community on a trip to Medieval Manor, and also sponsored a Reggae Night in The Last Resort. The Social Committee held a Scavenger Hunt with cash prizes, and tickled our funny bones with their monthly Club Coco-nuts Comedy Night. Coffeehouse continued to sponsor those favorite Tuesday night study breaks, including a French Cafe Night and Evening of Pumpkin carving, in the true spirit of Halloween! Film brought us some classic Disney films, as well as Stallone's latest feature movie, *Cliffhanger*, among others.

As November dawned here at PC, Film and Coffeehouse continued to entertain us on a weekly basis, with such favorites as *Sleepless in Seattle*, The Muppet Movies, and *The Firm*, along with Dr. Seuss Night and a Poetry Slam! Lecture took us to "Europe and the World on 84 Cents a Day" with Gil White, and Entertainment sponsored a late-night concert featuring none other than Angry Salad. Fine Arts took us to Boston again to visit the Museum of Science, and also to Trinity Rep's second production of the season, *Marvin's Room*. Members of BOP attended the annual re-

gional National Association of Campus Activities convention in Danvers, MA and came back with many new and exciting ideas. Finally, Travel ensured us a safe ride to and from home for our Thanksgiving Break.

Well, folks, December is upon us now, and the Travel Committee has helped us get into the spirit by taking us to Attleboro's beautiful LaSalette Shrine and Christmas shopping at the outlet stores in Kittery, ME. Fine Arts has continued its usual good job as they brought a Murder Mystery Dinner to campus and took us to see the only showing of *Handel's Messiah* in the Providence area. The Executive Board sponsored a Red Eye Dance Marathon for AIDS that raised over \$200 for a very worthy cause, and Film and Coffeehouse both brought us some festive reminders with *Home Alone 2* and a professional Christmas storyteller to commemorate the final coffeehouse in The Last Resort.

Next semester promises to bring even more exciting events to PC, so keep your eyes and ears open for details! As a special sneak preview, some events to watch out for include: tickets to Jesus Christ Superstar, PC's own version of *STUDS*, tickets to a Bruins game, A Suitcase Party with incredible prizes, Fun Flicks and Virtue Reality come to Slavin, Spring Break trip to the Bahamas, a big-name band concert, and a student-directed production of *Godspell* to be performed in late April. As always, any ideas or suggestions for programming ideas can be brought to the BOP Office at any time in Slavin 119. Good luck on exams and best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and well-deserved semester break!

Travel Announces:

The deadline for BAHAMAS DEPOSITS has been extended to FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10th

- * Bring \$100 deposits to the BOP Office--only checks, money orders, and credit cards will be accepted!
- * Bring completed slips and deposit slips for everyone in your room!

SPRING BREAK
Friday, March 11th -
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Fine Arts
Announces:
Sun., January 30th

*Jesus Christ
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* For more information, please contact the BOP Office at x2493

Thursday, Dec. 9th

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BOP would like to thank the members of the PC community for helping to make this one of our most successful semesters ever!

We hope to see everyone at our upcoming events next semester--keep your eyes and ears open for more details!

Good Luck on exams, Happy Holidays, and Best of Luck in 1994!!
-Board of Programers

Features

'Twas the Night Before Finals

by Bridget Hughes '96
Asst. Features Editor

'Twas the night before finals and all through PC, every student was studying - especially me. The priests were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of failing students danced in their heads. And I in my sweats, and my roommates in their beds, had just settled down to fill our own heads. When out on the Quad, there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our books to see what was the matter. Away to the window we flew in a dash, tore open the windows and watched someone flash. When what to my wondering eyes should appear - a little man in white that was so full of cheer. With two little feet so lively in haste - I knew right away, it was Father-What-A-Waste. More rapid than eagles - his lectures they came. Then he whistled and shouted each lecture by name. Now Haydn, now Handel, now Mozart, now Bach, on Spener, on Williams, on Edwards, and Locke. To the top of Harkins, to the top of Moore Hall - study away, study away, study away - all! So back to the books we all flew, with a head full of nothing and worries too. And then in a moment I looked and I heard, the screaming and yelling of every Providence nerd. As I drew in my head, and was turning around, into my room came a Friar without making a sound. He was dressed all in white from his head to his feet, and his clothes were all nice and perfectly neat. A bundle of books he had flung on his back, and he looked like a peddler just opening his pack. His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry his cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry. His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, as he thought of the tough final - oh no! I thought him quite handsome - a right, jolly young priest, and I thought of his wisdom to say the least. A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head, soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread. He spoke many words, filling our heads with work, He had finished his task and turned with a jerk. Laying his finger aside of his nose, he sprang out the door, and up to his room he rose. I heard him exclaim, as he disappeared out of sight - Happy studying to all, and to all a goodnight!!



A Holiday Wish

by Jen Stebbins '94
Features Writer

Yes, that time of year is here again. Exams! Papers! Group presentations! Everything you have worked on since September is coming to a close, and of course it's all piled into one week. And if that's not bad enough, seniors are facing withdrawal from their last first-semester at PC. Things are crazy and the stress is just mounting... Time out! Many of you might be feeling this very same way, but aren't we all forgetting the most important part of these final weeks? It's almost Christmas! That's what time of the year it is. And that is something that should calm all of us stressed out students down.



I was feeling really pressured the other day, when all of a sudden it occurred to me that I should actually be happy that I have the stress and demands of college on me. How lucky are those of us who attend an institution that will eventually (hopefully!!) get us the jobs we desire in life. And how fortunate are we to return home at the end of our days to dorms or apartments full of friends. Granted, at times it might seem like there has to be a better apartment to live in (yes, our wall is now crumbling down in the kitchen and an ant colony

has infested our furniture...), but I think about all those people who have no house or family to go home to. There are so many people who have no one to turn to, and during the holiday season, this should cause us to be all the more thankful for what we have.

While I'm on the topic of caring for those less fortunate than myself, I might as well admit that my thoughts drifted from the whole purpose of Christmas. I was thinking about what I had asked for, and I got to thinking of the small things that all of us could do to ensure that others got the things they might need this holiday. Have you thought about the satisfaction that would come from volunteering at a soup

kitchen this vacation? Or from donating your spare change to the Salvation Army? Or how about volunteering to work at a Santa's Village? It might be hard to imagine that such a small commitment will help someone else, but there really are people and families who are in need. There is so much that one person could do; imagine what a whole college community could accomplish.

You might be reading this article thinking, "O.K. Whatever you say, Miss Charity Woman." But I'm only trying to point out that Christmas means so much more than presents. And while you are all aware of this fact (we do all have this great PC education behind us), I just wanted to alleviate some of the stress of this time of the year by giving you some things to think about besides exams. In the whole scheme of things, your work will get finished with or without your stress. I keep telling myself this, and hopefully you've found my sound advice helpful too. I mean, really - a little amount of stress is healthy, but in comparison to the problems that occur in our world these days, it's kind of a pointless waste of time!

Top 10 Christmas Gifts



10. A miracle for Providence Police force to ensure that your off campus apartment will be the way you left it when you get back.

9. A yo-yo to help Oprah to chart her weight with.

8. A fashion consultant to help the Friar's add a little color to their wardrobe.

7. A taste of his own medicine for Dr. Kevorkian.

6. A pair of glasses and some No-Doze for the security professionals on duty during the midnight slashing incident.

5. A movie role that doesn't involve stripping and moaning for Sharon Stone.

4. A clue for Bill Clinton

3. Self respect for Madonna.

2. A handbook explaining the opposite sex in every PC student's mailbox.

1. A set of Ginsu knives and money to help cover the littering fine for Lorena Bobbit.



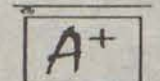
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Features

Facing Facts

by Bridget Hughes '96
Asst. Features Editor

A Perfect Christmas:

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-no hassle with tree lights

-bows that don't fall off packages

-family dinner that doesn't bring up old arguments about things that happened 30 years ago between your grandmother and her sister

-your Christmas shopping is done by Thanksgiving and you knew exactly what to get everyone

-you get everything you wanted, and nothing has to go back

-a perfect outfit to wear

-someone you love to hold tight under the mistletoe

-eating the right amount - without feeling too full or too hungry

-a white Christmas

Cold Hard Reality:

-the needles of the tree have fallen off the tree by the time you get it home

-tangled tree lights, bulbs going out, running out of lights in the middle of the tree, etc.

-by the time the person gets the present, the bows are long gone - probably stuck to someone's butt

-family dinner where the turkey is overcooked, everyone fights, and the tablecloth gets ruined

-you are shopping at 10:30 on Christmas Eve still in search of the perfect gift

-the sailor outfit your grandmother gave you just doesn't fit your style

-you forgot the belt you wear with those pants of your roommate's

-your old Uncle Melvin, who has had one too many, wants to give you a kiss under the mistletoe

-having to unzip your pants because you ate too much

-a rainy Christmas



by Beth Brezinski '94
Features Writer

For people all over the world, Christmas is the most special time of year. It is the season when families get together, old friends send cards or call, Christmas parties can be heard and decorated Christmas trees can be seen. Love is everywhere, and children glow with excitement and wonder.

This is also a season when we begin to reminisce about past Christmases, good times shared with close friends and loved ones, and how much we care about those in our lives now. This

ies and a mug of hot chocolate on the table Christmas Eve, she also left some carrots for the reindeer. I knew that the next morning the food would be gone and there would be a thank you note from Santa next to the empty plate and mug. One Christmas I even heard the hooves of the reindeer on the roof of our house; I couldn't wait to tell my parents the next morning.

Today, I still love to watch all the Christmas cartoons, Scrooge, and my favorite - the Nutcracker Ballet. What do all three have in common? They all try to convey the message that for those

and also from becoming adults. Through the eyes of a child, a parent can relive their childhood. I said to my roommate the other day, "I dream of the day when I have children of my own and can experience the wonder and thrill of Christmas again the way children do. That was the best part of being a kid." It was wonderful to be able to believe that there really was a Santa and that everyone loved everybody else unconditionally.

So to all the parents out there, for all the times they put up with temper tantrums for all the shoelaces



year, I've thought a lot about my parents and family and what it was like when I was a child. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank not only my parents but parents all over the world who have shown constant love and support to their children throughout the years.

First of all, I began thinking the other night after watching Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer about how magical Christmas was to me as a child. It was full of innocence and awe. Santa Claus was not a myth but a real person who actually rode a sleigh with eight real reindeer, one of whom had a glowing red nose. When my mother left a plate of cook-

who truly believe in the spirit of Christmas, magic can be found. Parents are a significant source for their children's faith in things that are magical and pure. They help to preserve children's innocence as well as the belief that there really are things and people in this world that are good. Sometimes I wish I could be a kid again in a heartbeat.

Now I realize why parents sometimes get so upset when they hear their children swear, see them watching violent television shows, or are apprehensive about teaching kids about sex. They want their children to remain free from the cruel and heartless world

they tied and coats they buttoned, for all the meals they cooked for us, the games they played with us, books they read to us, and movies they watched with us, for the times we were sick and they took care of us, for all the smiles they put on our faces, for all the times they laughed, cried, argued, and shared special moments with us, on behalf of all the children out there I'd like to thank our parents this Christmas for everything they've done for us and for all the guidance they've given us. No matter how old we get, we'll always be your little girl or your little boy. Merry Christmas!

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Features

Battle of the Sexes...

Snips & Snails & Puppy Dog Tails?--I'm So Sorry!

by Vera Schomer '96
Features Editor

Enough about Christmas! Yes, we are finally getting out of here. We will soon be home celebrating, veging-out, working, looking ahead into next semester's textbooks (so we say) or doing whatever else students do on a month-long winter break. But I'm writing to remind all of the PC males out there of the countless reasons why you should be dying to get home. You may think that I'm an insensitive male-bashing feminist, but in reality, I really feel for you. I mean my heart goes out to you—honest!

First off, the dating scene for males is as dismal as the females' but in different ways. Some say PC girls "have caviar taste in a cheese and crackers environment." That means they are looking for a knight in shining armor within a land of drunken peasants. But it may not be every guy's fault. Peer pressure around here has created certain unwritten rules for men about relating to members of the opposite sex: 1. You must be drunk or at least pretending to be. 2. Your goal is to simply hook-up; Get as far as you can without having to acknowledge her existence the next day. 3. If you can hook-up with more than one girl in one night, the more of a man you are. 4. Meeting in class, in the cafeteria, at school functions and in dorms or apartments is a no-no; It can only lead to friendships or the ever-dreaded "relationship." 5. If you have a long-distance girlfriend, sure you love her, but you save her for a rainy day ... like long breaks, marriage etc. After all, these are supposed to be the best years of your life, so you must experiment and get the wild temptations out of your system before you settle down. 6. A kiss isn't really cheating and what she doesn't know won't hurt her. Naturally, I would be wrong to say that these rules don't apply to females too. Many students seem to be compromising their values and integrity for the sake of a good time at PC.

Wait! I forgot to mention the rest of the terrific things that guys must endure in the dating department. While they have gotten used to making the first move, they are still in pre-school when it comes to going about it. Guys must spend days thinking up their pick-up lines. From "can I but you a beer?" to "Hey baby, let's get nudy!" the approach is varied and creative but lacks tact. What's a girl to say when a guy finally asks, "So am I

wasting my time or what?!" How about "Yes scum bag, thanks for the beer and feel free to move on to the girl standing next to me." But guys, the reverse can work for you too. What happens when that psycho hook-up from last month keeps following you around and humiliating you in front of your buddies? What if she physically attacks you in public because she wants a simple kiss? You may find yourself doing more running from her than enjoying yourself.

Yet another dismal dilemma for the serious PC guy is how to decipher between the wholesome, relationship worthy girl and the mind-game playing slut. How can guys be expected to get serious with girls if they can't trust them? It seems that the most innocent looking girls are also the most deviant, and these girls ruin the chances for any other girl to be respected.

Jam, chances are, he is not doing much male-bonding with his peers. What clothing of his can be acceptable besides the jeans, button down shirt, bucks, boxers and that old baseball hat? Why can't guys borrow clothes from girls like they do from them? Unfortunately, guys can't act moody to their friends and blame it on PMS, and having moist fantasies at night with roommates can cause quite a sticky situation. If a guy has acne, he can't cover it up with make-up, and if he is innocently dancing with a girl, he can't cover up the banana in his pocket.

Last but not least, let's examine how PC men live. Freshmen and sophomores live on floors that stink like BO and sweaty sneakers. They wash their bodies in gang showers and still haven't gotten the hang of washing their own clothes. When they move on to apartment living, it just gets



In the social setting as a whole, yes, for guys it doesn't get better. It is much more difficult to get into bars and parties, there is lots of pressure to get drunk to the point of puking, girls won't buy a guy a drink unless it's his birthday and it takes mucho bucks to have a "good time" or even to feed a guy's stomach. Worst of all is the violence. Although men and women may be assaulted during a walk home at night, at least women won't get beaten beyond recognition by one of their own classmates. Females can look around in a crowd without being jumped for looking at someone "the wrong way." They can even utter a rude comment without having to worry about being chased by a bunch of raving drunk madmen (unless they are really crazed!). In terms of the Providence Police—who knows?

Now what about the little idiosyncrasies about simply being a PC male? If he is not athletic, what is he? If his hobbies aren't watching sports, drinking, chasing girls and listening to Pearl

worse. First, they are given the glorious choice of all the crumbling hell-hole apartments off campus. Many live on pasta and fried steak-umms, while others will join any social function that serves food to avoid having to cook for themselves. My suggestion? Nutrition and Cooking 101 or moms, tie them up in the kitchen and make them watch you cook. Most guys are messy and probably make one of their neat roommates crazy because he knows that it's not right to clean up after them, no matter how clean he wants their living quarters to be. Ongoing keg parties also don't contribute to the cleanliness. So yes neat guys, you are the victims.

As the holiday season and break approach, the male species at PC should be grateful that they can take time off from the peer pressure, the brutal and humiliating night life, the squalid living conditions, the terrible food, and the expectations to try and act adult like. Yes boys (and Mat), soon you will be back with Mommy.

Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice?

by Mathew Bunnell '95
Features Writer

Aaahhh, not again!! It's back, the subject that won't go away, the topic that everyone's an expert on but no-one has answers to...yes, the male-female gender gap. Seeing how "can't we all just get along" just didn't work, my partner in grime, Vera, and myself will discuss both sides of the issue. Obviously, I will give the pro-choice...err, sorry...pro-male (cue the large sigh of relief from the priory) side of the matter because last time I checked I...umm...could grow facial hair (no that's not it)umm...deep voice (nope)...oh, yeah...something about an extra appendage (WHOA! Good Morning to you too, Mr. Happy!).

Ever since the cavemen dragged their women on the ground behind them, there has been just a little bit of miscommunication between the sexes. I believe it was Plato who said it best, "Women... can't live with 'em...pass the beer nuts." Now don't get me wrong, I think women are great. In fact, I think they're probably the next best thing to a good steak (I'm jokiinnng!). In comparing woman and man physically, if you take away those "thingies" on one side and "Mr. Happy" on the other side, you've pretty much got the same unit (and if you've got both, you're booked on the Geraldo show). But, if you delve deeper (Yes, ooh, deeper! Deeper!!) into it, you will find that females and males are quite different.

First up, we all know that all girls are looking to do is hookup and all guys are looking for are relationships. I find this repulsive! Can't girls think of anything but sex, sex, sex? Sometimes guys give into girls because they feel like they'll be rejected if they don't satisfy the girl's physical needs ('I am woman, hear me roar'). Whatever happened to romance and finding your future wife at college? I don't understand...and again I'm joking. We all know that guys are dogs and girls are the cat's meow (here, kitty, kitty, kitty). Girls have it made; They get into most parties for free, guys buy drinks for 'em and they are able to sweet talk bouncers into letting them in to bars (ooh!...Louie!...if I was only 30 years older...wink, wink!) As far as finding love here at PC—you're trying just a little too hard. There's how many guys here -- 2,000?--and you're trying to find Mr. Right? Wrong! You can't force something like love...it

just happens (oh, he's cute...I wonder what our kids would look like?). Be young, have fun, drink PEPSI. C'mon, these are supposed to be the best years of your life, so why go around husband-hunting? Guys can be good friends too. We are not all sex-craved lunatics...Well, OK, maybe just a little bit.

Another thing that puzzles me is when it's that time of the month...you know...PMS (Pissy Mean Streak). When you're talking to a girl and she's in a bad mood, you wonder, "Is it me or is it nature?" This puts guys in a no-win situation...how the hell are we supposed to know when 'Mother Nature' isn't so 'motherly'. To alleviate this problem, I propose that when it's 'that time', girls should wear a pin saying, "Life sucks...PERIOD." This would prevent any unfortunate Pre-Menstrual Situations from getting out of hand ("My God!! Get out of my way!! You're standing in front of my mailbox!!").

Also, when you think about girls, you think of gossip and 'good cries', late night pajama jammy jams, group junk food binges, peeing possies and trashy romance novels. They're made of "sugar and spice and everything nice" and diamonds are supposed to be their best friend (outside of Mr. Happy). They love watching soap operas and watching weepy dramas. They love listening to ballads like "Lady in Red" and "In Your Eyes" and singing along with their friends to "I Will Survive" and "Oh, What a Night". Well, that's pretty much the extent of my ignorance.

Finally, a couple of reasons why I'm glad I'm not a girl. I'm pretty glad I don't have to go through all the stuff that girls got through to get ready (Makeup! All that hair! Pantyhose!). I'm pretty glad I don't have to go to the gynec...umm...gine...umm...you know the guy that's "got a leg up on everybody". I'm pretty glad I don't have to wear restrictive chest gear (remember Woodstock...Burn, Baby, Burn!!). I'm pretty glad that I don't have to shave my legs or bleach my facial hair. I'm glad I don't have to wear high heels or strapless gowns (well, maybe just once). I'm glad that I can be vulgar and disgusting and be perfectly normal. I'm glad that I don't have to wait in that line for the Stairmaster. Most of all, I'm just glad to be a man (cue Bonanza theme song) so put that in your pipe and smoke it, Vera!

Features

Going Up, Going Crazy!

by Tina Kloter '95
Asst. Features Editor

Dragging my tired old bones all the way from my apartment to Harkins can be very exhausting. By the time I finally get there, panting and out of breath, there is no way that I could make it up four flights of stairs. So, I usually decide to wait for the elevator. When I stepped onto it last week, there was already a woman on it. Wanting to be friendly to my companion for the next 10 to 15 seconds, I said, "Hello lady, how are you?" Not only did she refuse to return my greeting, but she glared at me as if to say, "You lazy kid, what the hell are you doing riding the elevator?" She gave me a confrontational glare, so I could have taken her on and used some of the moves I learned from *The Karate Kid*. But, I decided that she wasn't worth it, and besides, I don't think I could balance on one foot long enough to do that flamingo-kicking thing.

Besides making me feel a little guilty for taking the el-

evator, the antisocial lady made me think about all of the different breeds of elevator riders there are.

Freud-o-vators- These people are your worst elevator nightmare come true. They learned in some psych class about elevator behavior and for some reason feel the need to tell you all about it. **Goofy looking Freud-o-vator kid-** Hey, person who pressed the tenth floor button, did you ever notice that people always face the front in elevators? **You- Yeah, so what? Goofy looking Freud-o-vator kid-** Isn't that cool? **You- No. Goofy looking Freud-o-vator kid-** Well,

I bet you didn't know that whoever you stand closest to on an elevator is the one you like the most. (Raising his eyebrow suggestively.) **You- Yeah, well I heard that Freud wanna be's often die of mysterious causes in elevators.**

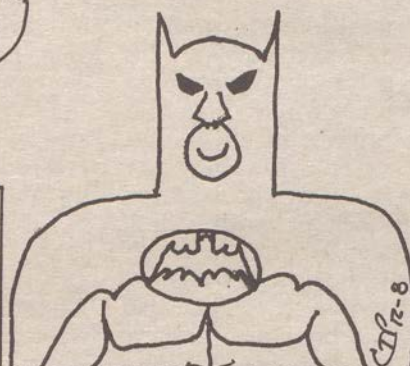
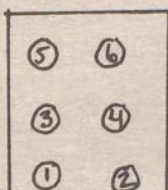
Vator-control freaks- These are the people who make a mad dash for the control panel as soon as they step on the elevator. They then proceed to build a little fortress, using supplies in their backpacks, to prevent anyone else from getting near them. Generally, these people live on the highest floor in the building

and want to prevent the elevator from stopping 615 times before they have to get off. There are some control freaks who are a little more dangerous, however. What they like to do is wait until someone is standing between the open elevator doors and then press the close door button. Sure, they'll say they're sorry as some innocent victim is cut in two, but you'll see the subliminal smile on their faces and hear them say under their breath, "Ha ha ha! Victim number 14!"

Vator phobics- (Yes, there is a phobia for everything.) As soon as the doors close,

the vator phobic starts to cry. The other passengers usually try to pretend not to notice, but occasionally, some kind, saintly type asks if s/he is all right. **Saintly type-** Excuse me, my dear, but you seem distraught. Is there anything that I can do to lessen your distress. **Vator phobic-** WE ARE ALL GOING TO DIE! No, no.... I have to calm down. I know, I'll sing a song. Mary had a little lamb...LAMB. Wait, did you hear that? It's the *Silence of the Lambs* guy up there. The vator phobic will then proceed to rip out his/her hair and then try to manually open the elevator doors. At this point, the doors usually open on their own and the phobic calmly steps out and says, "Have a nice day."

If you have been deprived of the experience of riding an elevator, I suggest that you give it a try. I mean, sure, it's not Disney World or that gyro-thing that they bring on campus every once in a while, but hey, it beats studying for finals and you're guaranteed to meet all kinds of interesting people.



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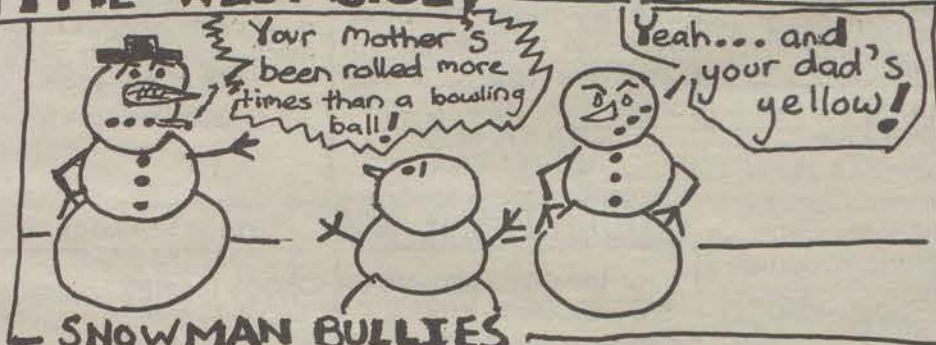
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PC EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK:

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Sports Scoreboard

Nova Game: from page 28

Simpkins each chipped in 9 points. Kittles' 17 points led Villanova, who also got 14 from Eric Eberz.

The game was witness to some sloppy play, especially in the half-court offenses of both teams. The euphoria of a one point victory cannot overlook some problems this PC team has showed in their first two games ('Nova and Saturday's 12 point loss at Pitt). PC's offense has hit some severe funks lately, but that will be covered elsewhere in this issue (p. 26). They also have been averaging 18.5 turnovers a game in Big East play; a stat they must reduce in order to succeed this year. PC likewise hasn't been enjoying their usual rebounding advantage in the last two games: Pitt out-rebounded the Friars by three and PC only snagged two more rebounds than

Villanova.

Make no bones, however; this was a good win for the Friars. Some may argue that we barely beat the worst team in the conference, but remember that Villanova won at Georgetown last Saturday and the Hoyas are predicted to win the Big East. The key was getting a Big East road win early. Rob Phelps noted that the team would've loved to start conference play with two road wins. But he added that "winning at least one of them was very important because road wins are tough to get" in the Big East. Also keep in mind that three of the next four conference games are at home for the Friars.

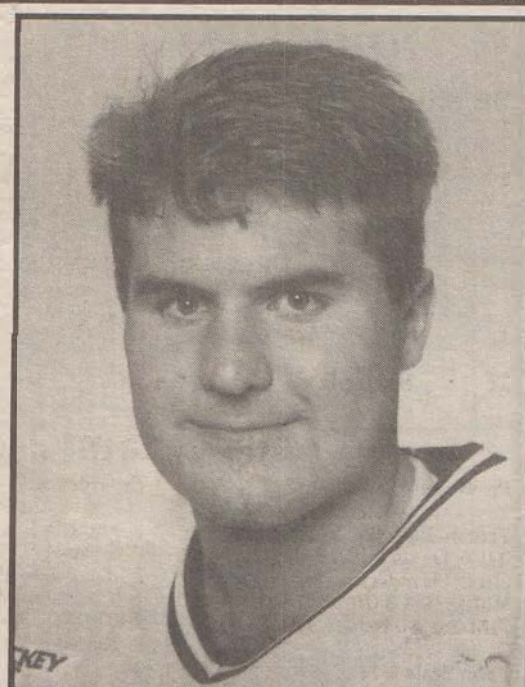
Next up for Barnes' crew is a match-up this weekend against St. Francis before a ten day hiatus due to finals. The Friars will be looking to build on Villanova's win and improve their weaknesses before the brunt of the league schedule hits in January.

Clearly Canadian PC Athletes of the Week



Stefanie Goettsche '94 (Westport, Conn.)
Women's Basketball

Goettsche netted a career high 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a 101-79 win over Boston University. Against 7th ranked Penn State, she had 16 points and a season high 14 rebounds. In Sunday's game at Fordham, she had her fourth double/double of the season (12 points, 12 boards). She is the team's second leading scorer (15.2 ppg) and leading rebounder (12.3 rpg).



Brian Ridolfi '94 (Pawtucket, RI)
Men's Ice Hockey

Ridolfi had two goals and two assists to help the Friars to a split against Boston College last weekend. He had a goal and a pair of assists in Friday's 9-5 win, and then scored PC's lone goal in a 4-1 loss on Saturday. The Friar forward leads the team with six goals and is fourth on the team with nine points. Ridolfi needs just two more points to become the 36th player in PC history to score over 100 points in his career. His career stats to date: 46 goals and 52 assists for 98 points.

Bagge Tribute: from page 23

year's players, but also players from the past 17 years as well as the PC community." And senior captain Missy Dawson, who has started all four years under Coach Bagge, says, "Over the years Dick has coached and brought recognition and honor to Providence College as well as to the sport of volleyball."

When people think of PC Lady Friar Volleyball, they think of Coach Bagge

and his 533 career wins, but Coach Bagge would like to be remembered for this important statistic: "More important than my 500+ wins and Big East titles, I'm most proud of the fact that in my 17 years of coaching, all of my four-year players have graduated on time." That statistic reflects the true role of a coach, not to win games, but to educate his players, developing their minds while also developing their skills. That is every coach would like to be remembered for.

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Sports Scoreboard

Lady Friars Basketball Results/ Schedule

November	Result	PC Leaders
28 RUTGERS	L (106-102 OT)	Saunders- 28 Pts Goettsche-11 Reb
30 at Boston U.	W (101-79)	Goettsche- 23 Pts Goettsche- 12 Reb
December		
3 at Penn State	L (87-67)	Fontanella- 21 Pts Goettsche- 14 Reb
5 at Fordham	W (88-74)	Lewis- 22 Pts Goettsche- 12 Reb

UPCOMING GAMES

9 Thursday	SETON HALL	7:00 PM
11 Saturday	UMASS	4:00 PM

Lady Friars: 2-2

Providence (67)
Goettsche 6-17 4-5 16,
Fontanella 8-18 2-2 21, Penrod 3-4
0-0 6, Davis 1-10 2-5 4, Lewis 0-7
2-6 2, Saunders 5-13 1-2 11,
Walden 0-1 0-0 0, Malcolm 3-5 0-0
7, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Cavallo 0-1 0-0
0.
Penn State (87)
Holloway 2-13 2-3 6,
Donovan 0-2 0-0 0, Masley 6-11 6-7
18, Nicholson 3-7 1-2 8, Mack 6-18
4-7 17, Calhoun 2-6 2-3 6,
Coleman 6-10 3-4 16, Longworth
2-3 2-3 7, Thayer 4-12 0-0 9.
Providence 25-42: 67
Penn State 49-38: 87
3 pt. Goals- PC:
Fontanella 3, Malcolm PSU:
Nicholson, Mack, Coleman,
Longworth, Thayer. Rebs- PC: 38
(Goettsche 14) PSU:53 (Masley 13).
Assists- PC:16 (Saunders 6) PSU:16
(Nicholson 7). TO- PC:34 PSU:22.
Attendance: 3066.

Providence (88)
Goettsche 4-12 4-5 12,
Fontanella 3-11 0-0 8, Penrod 3-4 0-
0 6, Davis 3-8 0-0 7, Lewis 7-11 5-7
22, Saunders 3-9 0-0 6, Miller 1-2 3-
4 5, Cavallo 1-5 0-0 2, Walden 0-6
2-2 2, Malcolm 6-12 2-2 18.
Fordham (74)
Maguire 5-6 0-1 10,
Fitzpatrick 6-12 3-6 15, Borkowski
4-8 0-3 8, Hammersley 5-13 4-5 15,
Howard 3-5 2-2 10, Andrews 0-2 0-
0 0, Byrnes 1-2 2-2 4, Jankunis 4-5 1-
2 9, Racht 1-7 0-0 3.
Providence 37-51: 88
Fordham 39-35: 74
3 Pt. Goals- PC: Malcolm
4, Lewis 3, Fontanella 2, Davis
Fdm: Howard 2, Hammersly,
Racht. Rebs- PC:49 (Goettsche 12)
Fdm:41 (Maguire 9). Assists- PC:18
(Lewis 9) Fdm:18 (Hammersley 8).
TO- PC:19 Fdm:24 A: 147

Friars Basketball Results/ Schedule

November	Result	PC Leaders
26 Friday	at Oklahoma State	L (113-102 OT) Scorer: Western- 28 Rebs.: Smith- 14
29 Monday	BROWN	W (98-57) Scorer: Croshere- 24 Rebs.: Smith- 12
December		
1 Wednesday	NEW HAMPSHIRE	W (92-60) Scorer: Simpkins- 16 Rebs.: Smith- 9
4 Saturday	at Pittsburgh	L (94-82) Scorer: Western 28 Rebs.: Smith 15
7 Tuesday	at Villanova	W (66-65) Scorer: Western 14 Rebs.: Smith 11
11 Saturday	ST. FRANCIS	2:00 PM Providence (82) Western 12-24 2-2 28, Smith 5-13 6-6 16, Simpkins 5-7 3-7 13, Abdullah 0-0 0-0 0, Phelps 3-8 1-1 9, Murdock 0-1 0-0 0, Zielinski 1-1 0-0 2, M. Brown 0-4 1-3 1, Croshere 1-3 2-3 4, Williams 3-10 3-3 9. Pittsburgh (94) Gant 6-12 3-3 15, Antigua 2-6 3-4 7, Mobley 3-9 2-2 8, McCollough 6-13 5-7 19, Shareef 3-8 0-0 6, Alridge 0-0 0-0 0, Peterson 4-5 3-5 11, Aggelou 5- 9 2-2 14, Cauley 4-7 6-9 14. Providence 47-35: 82 Pittsburgh 45-49: 94 3 pt. Goals- PC: Western 2, Phelps 2 Pitt: McCollough 2, Aggelou 2. Rebs- PC: 41 (Smith 15) Pitt:44 (Cauley, Mobley 7). Assists- PC:11 (Abdullah 4) Pitt:17 (McCollough 10). TO- PC:19 Pitt: 16. A: 6,273. Records- PC: 2-2 (0-1 Big East) Pitt: 3-0 (Big East 1-0).

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morning. I'll stay here until my health dictates otherwise."

And volleyball? "I'm going to take a break from it for a while. No more coaching, but I might get back into officiating. It'll be funny, though- next year will be the first time in 48 years that I won't be playing volleyball. I played in my first tournament in 1948, and I played and won a tournament in 1991. I've played volleyball in parts of six decades," says Bagge.

Despite his 533 career win and numerous other achievements, Bagge has also won the respect of his players as a good coach. Cate Rohrs, a senior who walked on and won herself

a starting position the last two years, says, "Coach Bagge was someone that you could talk to about anything. He was a great man on and off the court and he would do anything for anyone- player, employee, friend- whatever." Junior hitter Aileen Koprowski, named to the Big East All-Conference team this season, says, "Coach Bagge has alot of experience coaching. All he expects is 100% from you; if you give it, that's all he will ask for. He is a great guy and we will miss him."

Junior setter Marnie Panek says, "Dick (Coach Bagge) is always a gentleman. He is a great communicator and not only keeps in touch with this

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Month of December in Providence College Sports

Saturday, Dec. 11	Men's and Women's at Harvard Invitational	TBA
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. FRANCIS	2:00 PM
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. UMASS	4:00 PM
	Men's Hockey vs. Boston College	7:00 PM
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. PRINCETON	7:30 PM
	Men's Basketball at Buckler Invitational (Paris, France)	TBA
	Women's Basketball vs. Old Dominion (Western State Showdown- Missoula, MT)	5:30 PM
	Men's Hockey vs. Northern Michigan (Bank One Badger Showdown- Milwaukee)	6:00 PM
	Men's Basketball at Buckler Invitational	TBA
	Men's Hockey at Badger Showdon	TBA
	Women's Basketball at Western State Showdown	TBA
Wednesday, Dec. 29		
Friday, Dec. 31	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SOUTH CAROLINA	7:00 PM

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What's In A Number?

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by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

Numbers. They're everywhere. They are a vital part of our life. No where are numbers more prevalent than in sports. Wins, losses, rank; you name it and there's a number attached to it. Sports revolve around numerals. Perhaps the most interesting part about numbers in sports is their connection to the athletes themselves. The numbers they wear on their uniforms in particular. It is in this special relationship between the player and his or her jersey number that is the subject of much scrutiny. Why do they chose the number(s)? What does the number represent? Who really cares anyway?

Some athletes just accept any old number on a jersey as long as they get a uniform. Others are more diabolical in their schemes. Some digits are coveted more than others. How many players have you seen wear the number 7? Some wear a number in honor of a player who wore that number before them and pay homage to the former player while at the same time saying "Hey, look at me. I'm the second coming of so and so." A good example would be Ken Griffey Jr. of the Seattle Mariners. He wears numero 24 in honor of Willie Mays. But at the same time another comparison is made.

Sports Commentary

Sometimes numbers are so great we retire them. They are placed in the rafters or on the walls of the stadium to be viewed by all as the greatest of all time. It is the highest hope of all athletes that some day their number will be retired and hung in solemn admiration. Why do we retire numbers? Not because they have grown too old to be useful anymore but to elevate them to a higher level. They go to the highest plane of numerical existence. A Heaven for digits. They were the greatest, as were the athletes that wore them, and we recognize this by giving them the tribute they deserve. No other player may wear them now. They've made the hall of fame. They rest assured having earned their rightful place in sporting history.

How does one pick a number? You can't just pick one out of the sky. This is the athlete's chance to show style, originality, flair, or numerical prowess. Some chose their birthday. Others chose the number worn by their sports idol. Some chose to be wacky like Florida Marlin's pitcher Jack Armstrong who sports #77 or World Series choker Mitch Williams who garners #99. These are merely attention "getters". To the players themselves this is a sort of science, a numerology. They develop all sorts of formulas, equations, and the like. I'll show you how it works. My favorite number is #47. How did I get there? It's really quite simple. My sports idol is Kansas City Royal pitcher David Cone. When he played for the New York Mets he wore #44. Then, in tribute to his friend and Mets' great Keith Hernandez, he switched to #17. So I combined 44 and 17 to get to #47. Mathematically this combination is equal to 61 but mathematical principles do not apply to jersey numbers not to mention the fact that I am numerically Dyslexic. $4 + 7 = 11$. $1 + 1 = 2$. That is just an example of the numerology of sports.

There are rules that come with the numbers. No pitcher or quarterback may wear a number below 11 particularly not a single digit. It is just not acceptable. Do not question. The ways of the numbers are mysterious and therefore cannot be explained, at least not to the mere mortal. Some numbers carry more weight than others. The more popular numbers include 3, 7, 16, 23, 24, 33, 34, 44, 55, and 80. Any number doubled like 33 or 44 has an added attraction because it's like no other. But whatever digit an athlete chooses, if the player is great than his/her number will rest alongside those of his fellow greats for all eternity or at least until he/she decides to come out of retirement.

The Black and White

Friars Use Brown Invitational As Gauge For Indoor Season

by Annica Ambrose '96
Sports Writer

PC: the black and white. There have been studies done, showing black to be a "winning" color in school uniforms. Also, black is technically the absence of color. Providence College has a group of runners who are doing a great amount of winning in their black uniforms, proving that the absence of color does not exemplify the absence of talent.

On Saturday, December 4th, the Friars attended Brown Invitational. This was a developmental meet with no team score, allowing runners to get a feel for the track atmosphere and rest up from an outstanding cross-country season.

The women in black began by winning the 4x800 with a time of 9:18. The team comprised of Meghan McCarthy, Vanessa Molloy, Marie McMahon, and Natalie Davey, wasted no time, qualifying themselves for ECAC's. Coach Treacy was very pleased with this performance, seeing that these women have had no speed training, coming right off the cross-country season.

Forgetting all competition, Providence grabbed first, second and third place in the 3000 meter run. Cesarina Santana (10: 27),

Heather Couture (10:49), and Kristy McIsaac (10:50) showed PC's domination in the distance events. Sarah Kreiger came through in the 800meters at 2:42.8.

Laura Perrucci caught her own win in the mile, placing first with a time of 5:21. This junior member helped this year's cross-country team to their spot at fifth in the nation. "Laura has really turned it up a notch since last year," says Coach Treacy, and he thinks

David Healy (4:23). Nick Kent was sixth (4:32) and Mike O'Conner (4:51). Stocking up the 3000meters for the Friars were Andy Wedlake (2nd, 8:35), Steve Myers (6th, 8:56), Matt Kenney (8:56), and Mike Donnelly (9:25).

In the 1000meters it was Jose Libano taking first. This sophomore "just keeps improving with every season," says Treacy, and has a "great mile" in him that we hope to see indoors.

There were also a few newcomers who put Providence down for a few places in the sprints. Running the 300 meters were Hamilkarr Roldan (4th, 38.9) and Brian Byrne (39.9). The 200meters was run by sixth placing soccer player Jason Martin (23.8), followed by Bill Kitsilis (25.5). Chris Boyce's throw of 45' 1 3/4" placed him third in the shot put, and John Folland also tossed but was not marked.

Now that we've distinguished who ran what and placed where, let us talk about some of the specifics that make up this indoor array of events. You have seen the 3000 meters mentioned in results. You know it is long distance, you know Providence could probably take the first 28 places if they wanted to. Did you know that this race is fifteen laps of an indoor track!

Another event many fans may not know about is a field event called the "Hammer throw". Who knows why they have named it after a tool which it does not resemble in the least. The hammer is a 35 pound ball connected to its handle by a chain. The throwers grab the handle and proceed to swing it around, finally sending it hurling through midair. Word to the wise: Duck fast if you see a hammer thrower winding up.

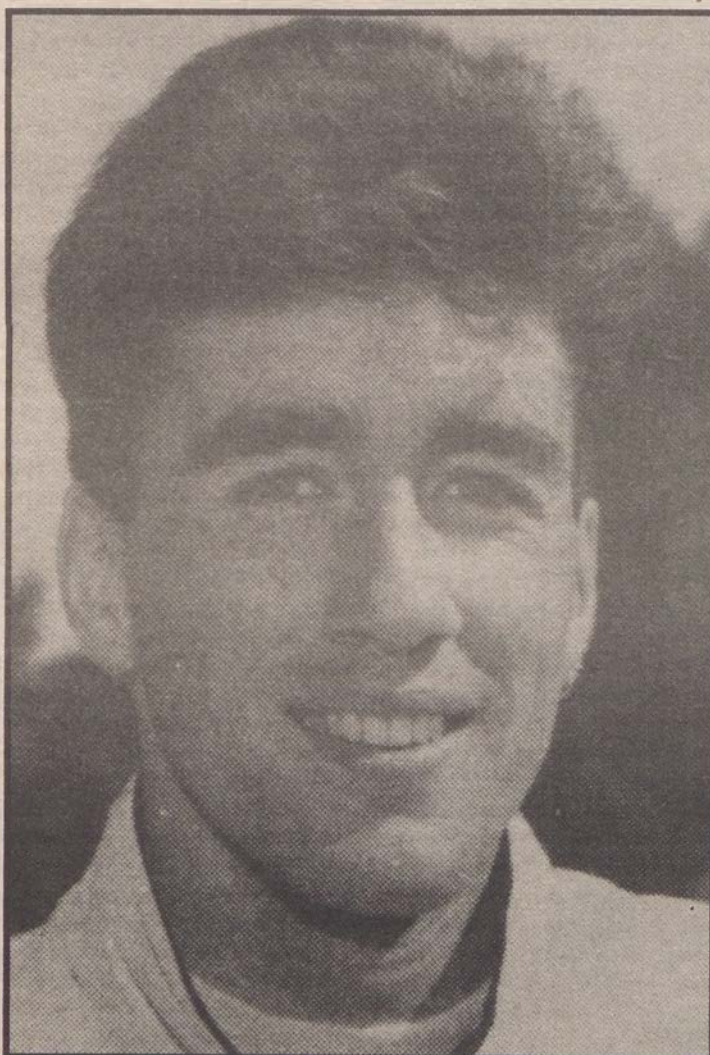
Other track tidbits: Most of you have heard of the long jump as a field event outdoors, but did you know they hold it indoors in college as well? Popular among the most versatile of athletes is the Pentathlon for women, consisting of 55m hurdles, long jump, 800meters, high jump, and shot put. The male counterpart is the Heptathlon with hurdles, pole vault, 1000meters, 200meters, high jump, long jump and shot put. Wish the track team luck in all of their meets over winter break, beginning with their first big meet this weekend at Harvard University.

Indoor Track

this will be proven when her times come down this season.

On the shorter side of things, Margaret Mirecki, a former member of PC's NCAA tournament soccer team, took part in both the 55meter hurdles (9.93) and the high jump (5'0"). Joy Giglio (47.6) and Maura Reagan (49.0) ran the 300meter sprint, and in the 500meters it was Nicole Gasper (1:26.1) and Patricia McNiece (1:26.5).

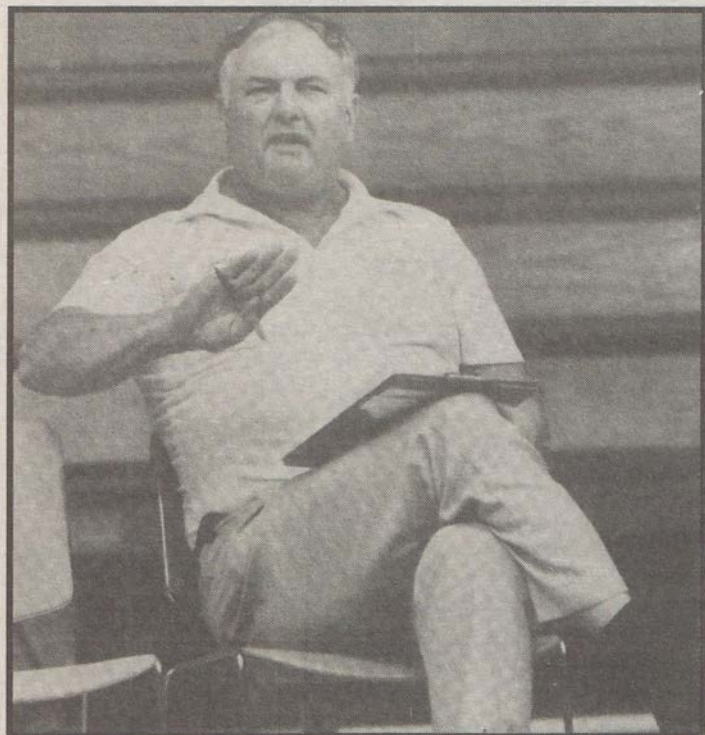
The men were also involved in the "black brigade". Mark Carroll came off his injury quite nicely, with an IC4A qualifying mile time of 4:14. Following Carroll in the mile was the second place finish of



Mark Carroll returned from an injury impressively: he won the mile (4:14- IC4A qualifying) at the Brown Invitational on Saturday.

End Of An Era

Dick Bagge Steps Down As Women's Volleyball Coach



by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

In all of the seventeen years that Providence College has had a women's volleyball team, there has only been one coach. That coach is Dick Bagge, the winningest coach in PC history and he currently ranks ninth among all active collegiate coaches in career wins. He stepped down at the end of this season having compiled a 533-220 record over seventeen seasons of collegiate women's volleyball.

In 1976, the only varsity volleyball team was men's, coached by Joe England. Helen Burt, Women's Athletics Director, approached Coach England and asked him if he knew anyone who would be interested in coaching a women's volleyball at PC, and England recommended a local coach, Dick Bagge, who had been coaching on the club level and had coached a national tourney winner at the club level. Coach Bagge met with Helen Burt and they agreed to try out women's volleyball here at PC to see if there was any interest. And so, in 1976, Providence College women's volleyball was born.

"Our first year we had no games, just practices," remembers Coach Bagge, "In fact, we only had a corner of Alumni Hall that had a basketball backboard hanging over the court. So, whenever we tried to run drills, we would have only one side of the net to work with." But he persisted, and the following year, after showing the interest was there, the women's volleyball was awarded two \$1,500 scholarships, and they started scheduling. "When we first started, we had almost all Rhode Island players, and we weren't even in the NCAA. We played the small college division, then

the large college division of the AIAW until moving into the NCAA's. By 1982 we had joined the Big East women's volleyball conference," said Bagge.

The Big East conference originally was comprised of eight teams, split into two four team divisions, grouped by geography. Since its first year, the Big East has been "taking off. The conference has become more prestigious every year as volleyball became more popular," notes Coach Bagge.

As far as PC women's volleyball went, they were an emerging power within the Big East. They won the conference in 1983 (with a 40-11 record overall) for the first time and then went to the NCAA's, where they faced Penn State at Penn State. "The most important win of that season had to be against Pittsburgh in the Big East tournament. We had beat them in the finals (19-17, 15-7, 15-10), and then advanced to the NCAA's, which proved that we had arrived as a force in the Big East," remembers Coach Bagge, "It also felt good because we had lost to them in the semifinals the previous year." The Lady Friars lost to Penn State in the first round (10-15, 9-15, 9-15), but finished on a up note, looking forward to the next season.

In 1984, Coach Bagge had perhaps his best season. The Lady Friars went 44-4, falling to Pitt in the Big East final in four games. Still, Coach Bagge felt that the '84 team was his best team, despite the fact that their at-large bid was denied in the NCAA's. "That was the best team, competitive-wise, I've ever had. But it exposed me to the politics within NCAA volleyball. A small, east coast team like PC can't compete with other larger

West Coast teams for at-large bid, because the NCAA volleyball selection committee will look to them (West Coast teams) first," says Bagge.

The following season, 1985, Coach Bagge once again won the Big East, beating Pitt in the conference finals and earning a trip to the NCAA's to face Brigham Young University out in Utah. Coach Bagge remembers that trip: "That was one of the highlights of my career. We traveled to BYU around Christmas time, so BYU gave us a Christmas dinner, and they even had musicians, who were members of the team. The next day we came out on the court and they were just huge. My setter was 5'8" and she looked across the net at her counterpart, and her eyes just kept going up," laughs Bagge.

The Lady Friars would go on to win the Big East once more in 1987, and have managed to make it to the Big East conference semi-or final match five times in twelve years. PC has also won the regular season title as recently as 1992, when they shared the title with Pittsburgh and Seton Hall.

Of his decision to step down as coach after the conclusion of the 1993 season, Bagge says he feels it was time: "I had been here seventeen years. That's a long time. I feel comfortable in stepping down now because I know that I have built up the program so that it will be strong enough to continue on without me." He says that he will stay on at his post as supervisor of Peterson Recreation Center here at PC, because he needs "a reason to get up in the

Dick Bagge's Career Statistics

Year	Record	Pct.	Year	Record	Pct.
1977	14-3-0	(.824)	1985	36-12-0	(.750)
1978	33-15-0	(.688)	1986	42-7-0	(.857)
1979	43-14-0	(.754)	1987	28-15-0	(.651)
1980	45-17-3	(.715)	1988	18-23-0	(.439)
1981	43-15-3	(.730)	1989	31-15-0	(.674)
1982	30-17-0	(.638)	1990	17-18-0	(.486)
1983	40-11-0	(.784)	1991	22-10-0	(.688)
1984	44-4-0	(.916)	1992	26-11-0	(.703)
			1993	21-13-0	(.618)

TOTALS

WINS: 533

LOSSES: 220

TIES: 6

Women's Hoops: continued from page 28

points to PSU's 38, shooting .436 from the field and generally outplaying the Lady Lions on both ends. "We played a great twenty minutes, but it was too little too late. It's only our third game- we'll get better. We have to watch our turnovers and we need good shooting. When we shoot well, it gives us the opportunity to press and force turnovers. But when we miss and can't force those turnovers, we won't score and it makes it harder for us to win."

The high points of the Penn State game were another great effort by Stefanie Goettsche, who has registered a double-double every game this season, averaging 12.3 rebounds per game (she had 16 points and 14 boards against PSU) to lead the Big East in rebounding. Fellow senior Lucie Fontanella poured in 21 points with 7 rebounds, and freshman Mandy Saunders chipped in with 10 points and six assists, while senior Sonya Lewis made her return from back problems to play 20 minutes, dishing out 3 assists and making one steal.

The following Sunday, December 5, the Lady Friars traveled to the Bronx to take on Fordham University. This game had a much different result from their last game as they took an 88-74 decision that was marked by an eleven minute, 46-13 scoring run that put Fordham away for good in the second half. "The press worked much better in the second half and we were able to create more turnovers, which led to more scoring opportunities. We were just lethargic in the first half; we were outrebounded and outthustled," commented Coach Foley.

The most promising sign that the Lady Friars may be ready for the Big East opener this Thursday was the return of Sonya Lewis to her previous form, as she scored 22 points, pulled down 8 rebounds, and handed out 9 assists, while shooting 3 for 5 from 3-point land. Stefanie Goettsche hit for 12 points while pulling down 12 boards, while freshman Nadine Malcolm continued to impress, chipping in 18 points on 6 of 12 shooting in 14 minutes.

As for team honors, the Lady Friars are currently leading the Big East in free throw shooting, while scoring 89 points per game. But they are letting up 86 points per game. However, Coach Foley is quick to add that the Lady Friars have played tough teams in the first two weeks of the season and not softer teams for just the sake of a win. "We want the experience so that when it comes time to face the Big East schedule we won't be intimidated by those Big East teams. I don't want this team to just do well in the regular season- I want us to win the Big East tournament and then go into the NCAA tournament and go far. By playing these teams (Penn State and Rutgers), we'll be ready to go far in the postseason," says Coach Foley.

The Lady Friars face Seton Hall Thursday at 7:00 PM and the University of Massachusetts Saturday at 4:00 PM, both at home at Alumni Hall here at PC. "They're both tough teams and we'll have to play well. But if we play to our potential, with almost the entire team healthy (senior Jen Mead is still out), we should be able to beat both teams," remarks Coach Foley, so get on out and support your Lady Friars basketball team as they begin the Big East campaign and let's hope they got those mid-season problems out of their system.

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Sports

Warriors Scalp Friars

Team Looks To Regroup For Trip To Wisconsin Tourney

by Justin Macione '95
Assistant Sports Editor

The PC Friar men's hockey team exhibited both talent and inexperience in their final week of play preceding the final exam break. Clipping the Boston College Eagles 9-5 on Friday night, the Friars encountered travel sickness the following evening at Kelley Arena in Chestnut Hill, falling to the Eagles 4-1.

The Friars then proceeded to visit Merrimack's Volpe Arena, hoping for a cure to their road woes. After playing a solid 60 minutes of hockey though, PC was forced to endure 13 seconds of overtime torture, digesting a harsh 5-4 loss on a long bus ride home.

The Friars appeared to have their hands on the self destruct button for the

minutes later. This capped a three assist evening by the pass minded Kramer.

PC stormed back to tie the game at 4-4, 14:00 into the third period when David Green improved PC's woe-ful power play percentage, with his third of the season. Travis Dillabough and Guzior were credited with assists. The defense, led by Dennis Sousa, also played a major factor in the period, hustling the puck out of their zone effortlessly. All this hard work just led to disappointment when Atkinson muscled the puck into the net almost immediately after the puck was dropped for overtime. "This was a difficult one to lose. I thought we battled back and played two good periods of hockey", observed a dismayed coach McShane.

"We're shocked at how things happened in this game. We catch up to them, but we seem to have no luck

this season", added a frustrated Guzior. PC's freshman sensation felt a sigh of relief, due to the increasingly balanced Friar offense; "Kramer, Quenneville, and Breen played great tonight, and our line feels really comfortable too".

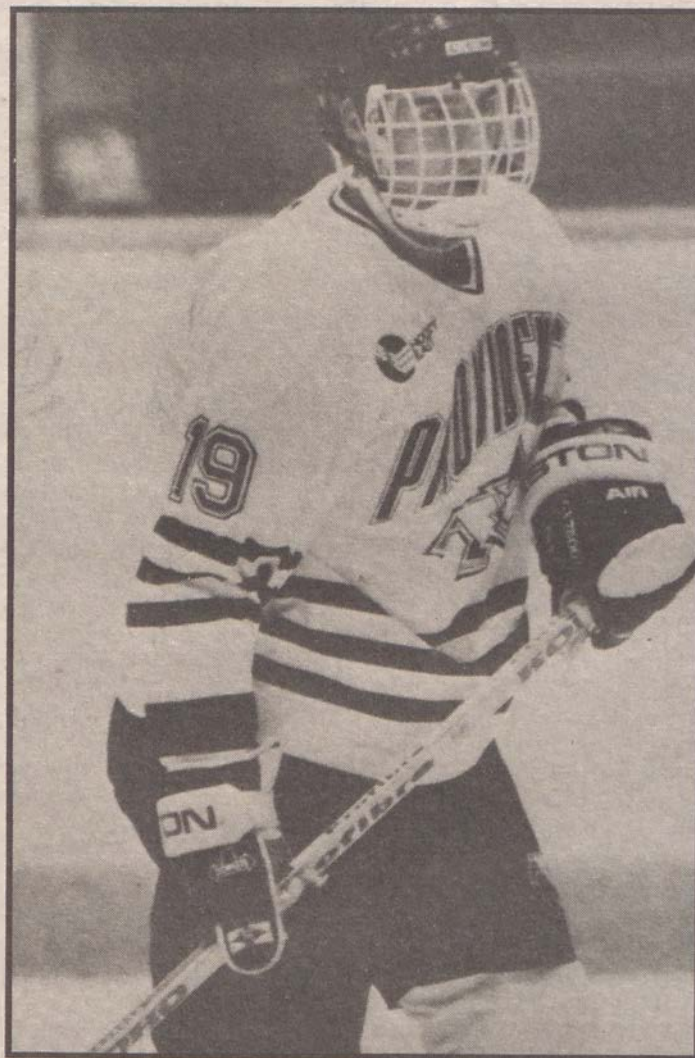
PC's record now stands at 4-9-1, 2-8 and seventh place in Hockey East. The Friars will have two and a half weeks to recover from their first half slump, and then they travel to Milwaukee to face Northern Michigan in the Bank One Badger Showdown on December 28. "This will be a real test for us against tough competition", added Guzior, describing referring to nationally ranked powers like Wisconsin and Alaska-Fairbanks. Following a subsequent road trip to the Air Force Academy, the Friars will return to Schneider on January 7, hosting the Boston University Terriers.

Men's Ice Hockey

first period of last night's contest, coughing up goals to Claudio Peca and Dan Hodge. The Friar offense continued their string of bad luck, outshooting the Warriors 17-8, but failing to crack the net. It didn't help that the ailing Joe Hulbig, recovering from a groin injury on Friday night, could skate only 3 shifts the entire evening.

PC quickly bounced back though, when Russ Guzior was standing in front of the net to connect on Chad Quenneville's feed. "We worked hard on the power play in practice with the coaches and it's starting to pay off", added the sophomore sniper. Merrimack's Rob Atkinson and Peca quickly extended the lead to 4-1, with tallies at 5:52 and 6:37.

Faced with adversity, PC's junior line proceeded to take control of the game. At 11:07 George Breen's loitering around the net paid off when he knocked in the rebound of Brady Kramer's wristshot. Chad Quenneville repeated Breen's trick less than three



George Breen has tallied three goals over PC's last three games. He is the team co-leader with six goals (along with Brian Ridolfi and Russ Guzior).

What Happened To The Offense?

by Matt Mlodzinski '94
Sports Editor

This year's installment of the Providence College men's basketball team has the ability to score at will at times. Unfortunately, they can just as easily go into a mean slump. Even more unfortunate is the fact that the team often slumps at crunch time; that's certainly not the time when you want your offense to fly south for the winter.

Last Saturday's 94-82 loss at Pitt is an example of what I am discussing. The Friars had a lead as large as seven points in the second half. When they had the lead, the offense looked good. They set the offense up in the post and if nothing were available, they looked to send it outside and reset themselves. People were moving without the ball and no one seemed reluctant to shoot when they had an opening. Franklin Western punished Pitt from the outside when the Panthers tried to pack the defense in down low on PC's big men. But then Pitt took the lead.

Granted PC lost some momentum when the refs blew a basket interference call against Pitt on a shot by Michael Smith. The missed shot/call, followed by a technical foul call on Friar head coach Rick Barnes, started Pitt on a 7-0 run and gave them the lead. Then the PC offense stalled badly.

Suddenly, no one wanted to take the shot. People weren't moving without the ball and the slightest sign of pressure from the Pitt defense sometimes caused a Friar to get rid of the ball like a hot potato. On a team with many offensive weapons, the Friars shouldn't hit such unproductive streaks. It seemed like the only Friar willing to pull the trigger was Western (game high 28 points).

Not only does PC struggle when a team takes the lead from them, but you can see them getting hesitant as soon as the lead starts to dwindle. Against Villanova, it seemed like the Wildcats grabbed a five point lead in a flash. That's partially true as PC turned the ball over in several consecutive possessions without so much as a decent look at the hoop.

PC players have different notions as to where the problem lies. "We're not really struggling to score; we're just not executing the plays properly," said Rob Phelps. "Once we get our execution down, we'll be able to avoid cold streaks," Phelps added. Abdul Abdullah feels that as a team "we get a little too conservative in our offense. When we have a small lead, no one wants to take a bad shot that might cost us the lead. Everyone wants to make sure that they take good shots so we get a little tentative."

The key, noted Franklin Western, is not to panic. He stressed the fact that "once you panic, you're in big trouble. You just can't run a smooth offense when you're worried about what the opposing defense is doing."

All of these observations are true. The question is: where do these collapses come from? Here are a few recent observations that may hold the key to the problems the PC offense experienced:

1. Taking the shot: the Friars have several gifted offensive players who have the ability to take key shots (Western, Eric Williams, Abdullah). They need all of their players to feel confident taking an open shot. PC has been losing leads because they haven't been taking good shots when they are available. Remember: 100 percent of the shots you don't take, won't go in.

2. Be patient: if a good shot doesn't appear right away, wait for something to open up. PC has gotten out of control in the last two games as soon as the game tightened up because they rushed the offense.

3. Get the ball to the "creators": in the second half of the Villanova game, Rob Phelps and Eric Williams only took one shot apiece after scoring 9 and 8 first half points respectively. They are two players who can create their own offense, which loosens up opposing defenses. You've got to get them (along with Western and Abdullah) the ball in the clutch.

4. Improve perimeter shooting: PC hasn't shown the consistent ability to knock down the outside shot this season. If PC starts hitting threes, opposing defenses can't pack it in on Smith, Simpkins, and Williams down low.

PC has to improve their half-court offense in the second half of games if they want to compete in the Big East. If they iron out these problems, PC could make their opponents some unhappy campers.

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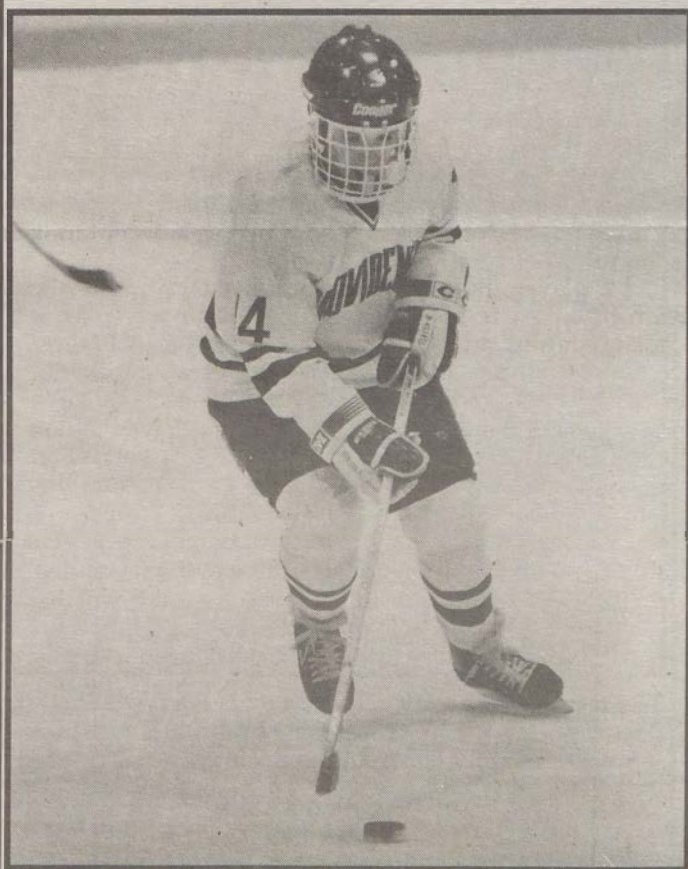
Freshmen Goalies Key 6-1-1 Start

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

With roughly one-fourth of their schedule by the boards, the Providence College women's hockey team is 6-1-1. They currently have a record of 2-0-0 in ECAC play. The Lady Friars have been lighting it up so far this season. Their quick start can be attributed to their very strong and deep goaltending with freshmen Natalie Mancuso and Natasha Fine doing the bulk of the work. This freshman tandem has combined to compile a record of 6-0-1 thus far and show no signs of slowing down. The stellar offense has been lead by Stephanie O'Sullivan. She and Alison Wheeler have gotten the job done on offense for the Lady Friars.

Last week, the Lady Friars took on Dartmouth. In a scoring delight the Lady Friars squeaked out a 5-4 victory at Dartmouth. Once again it was goalie Natasha Fine pulling out all the stops for PC. She made twenty saves, eleven in a frenzied third period, for the win. PC was down

Women's Ice Hockey



Kathleen Brophy knocked in her third goal this season in the Lady Friar's 3-2 loss to Brown.

by a score of 3-1 entering the third period but came back to score four goals in the final period for the win. Lynn Manning scored both the tying and the eventual winning goal. The win brought the Lady Friars record to a sparkling 6-0-1.

In their next game, the Lady Friars faced another Ivy League foe in Brown. This was a hotly contested game with their cross-town rival that saw the Lady Friars drop their first game of the season by a score of 3-2. It was a close game that was a classic battle of defensive skills and puck control. Stephanie O'Sullivan got the offense underway, as she seemingly always does, with her eleventh goal of the season in the first period. Brown answered with a goal of its own. In the second period it was Brown who took the offensive and PC retaliated with Kathleen Brophy's third goal of the season to tie the game at 2 apiece. Goalie Gina Martiniello could not stop Brown as they scored one in the third to put them a head for good as Providence bowed for the first time this season.

With two games left before a month long break the Lady Friars will battle UNH and Northeastern before they take a little time off the ice and rest up for the '94 portion of their schedule. The Lady Friars look determined and destined to make a good run in ECAC play this year. Coach John Marchetti and his players will ask Santa to be generous and give them some added firepower for the new year. And maybe even a championship under their tree!

Up Close: With Stephanie O'Sullivan

Senior Sets Sights On Third Straight ECAC Title

by Derek Stout '95
Sports Interviewer

Growing up with ten other siblings can make life difficult at times. One has to assert themselves to the forefront of a situation to get what he or she desires. PC senior Stephanie O'Sullivan knows this feeling all too well. She has had to overcome obstacles not only in her family life, but athletically in a sport that is not geared towards women in early stages of development.

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Stephanie is currently a captain and the leading point leader (11-7-18) on the PC Women's Hockey team, which surprisingly has been the most successful winter sport the last four years. The Lady Friars have won two ECAC championships in a row dating back to 1991. The 1993-94 season should be no different. The Lady Friars are off to a successful beginning with a 6-1-1 record and along with Northeastern, PC is the favorite to notch a third ECAC title. Stephanie has been a key ingredient in these consecutive championships and sees no reason why they cannot make it three, "We did lose four major skaters who were all seniors, but we have a lot of new freshman. If these

new players can pick up from where we left off last year we can win it again. It mostly depends on our team chemistry being there game in and game out."

The Lady Friars rely on both a finesse and an aggressive style of play where they move the puck up the ice with short, crisp passes, and finish off plays with hard checks. Stephanie realizes as a two year veteran and a captain, she and the seniors have to continue to play in this style in order to be successful. "Chris Bailey, myself and the assistant captains (Movessian, Brophy) have to let everyone know what this team has done and is able to do. Personally I have to step up my game from the last two years and contribute as much as possible. Basically I have to control games by creating plays and improve as the year goes on."

The Lady Friars have already had to conquer their first challenge of the season. Senior goaltender Gina Martiniello is just getting over a field hockey injury that she sustained this fall. As a result two freshman goalies, Natalie Mancuso (2-0-0) and Natasha Fine (4-0-0) had to fill Gina's skates in net, and combined for six wins. Stephanie has been as surprised as anyone about the rookies' performances. "The goalie situation looked pretty

clear entering the season, until we found out about Gina's injury. We did not know what to expect from the freshman when they got here, but we've been very happy as the two have come up strong and have been real solid."

Sibling Rivalry

Playing hockey as a woman in her teen years requires a person of great drive and determination. Very few high schools have the interest and the money to support a woman's program within its budget. Therefore those who want to play have to compete on the men's team; Stephanie O'Sullivan was no different. "I attended Matignon High School and had to play with the guys which was physically demanding and definitely prepared me for when I got to Providence," commented the Dorchester, Massachusetts native. In Dorchester Stephanie constantly had the presence of her brothers around the house which was an advantage to her game: "I am one of eleven kids and have five older brothers all who played while growing up, they played almost everyday and I played with them as I got older which really developed my game the most out of anything in my career."

Looking Towards The Future

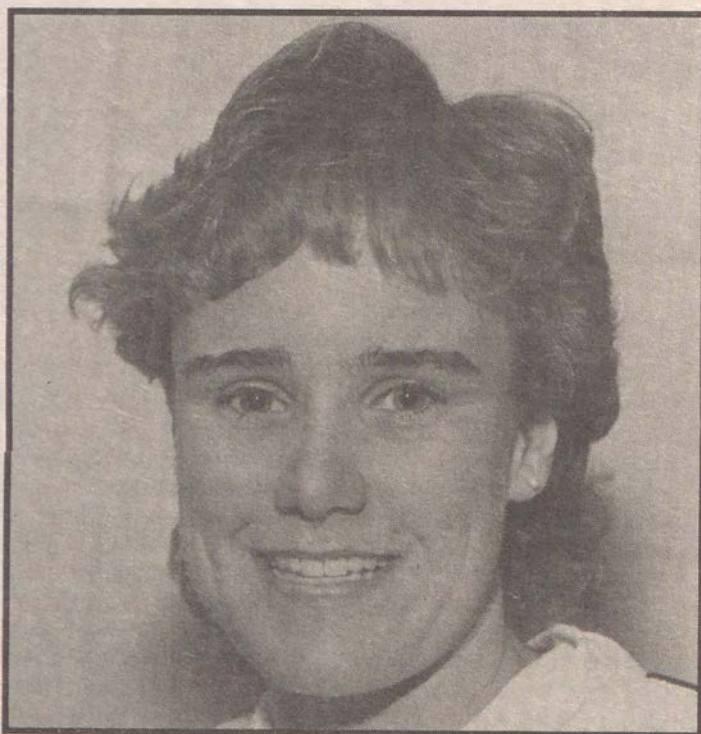
Stephanie's aspirations have not been fulfilled by solely making it to Division I hockey, she still has many more goals she wants to accomplish. "I plan on playing on the 1994 and 1996 National Team which I will try out for during Christmas break. From there I plan to hopefully make the 1996 Olympic team and play with them." Stephanie hopes to continue her college playing days in 1995 as she will head north to Canada and play at a college there, and then play in a professional league in Canada.

Stephanie's happiest moment at PC came last year when the team won its second consecutive ECAC title. Since then the team has remained consistent which has been the trademark of the team since Stephanie O'Sullivan's freshman year. With this year's squad Stephanie and the Lady Friars could easily make it three ECAC titles in a row.



Stephanie O'Sullivan ('94) has goals on the ice beyond PC. She will try out for the United States national team during Christmas break.

Swim Teams Take Fourth at National Catholics



Allyson Dunleavy ('95) won the 200 butterfly at the National Catholic Championships last weekend.

by Todd Bianchi '95
Sports Writer

This past Saturday the National Catholic Swimming and Diving Championships were held at one of the most popular Catholic schools in the country, Notre Dame. The swimming and diving teams both attended and did quite well (both teams finished in fourth

place); however two of the biggest Catholic schools were there as well and placed in front of PC. Boston College finished ahead of PC and the host team of Notre Dame won the championship. The team as a whole did quite well and many of the swimmers had

career performances.

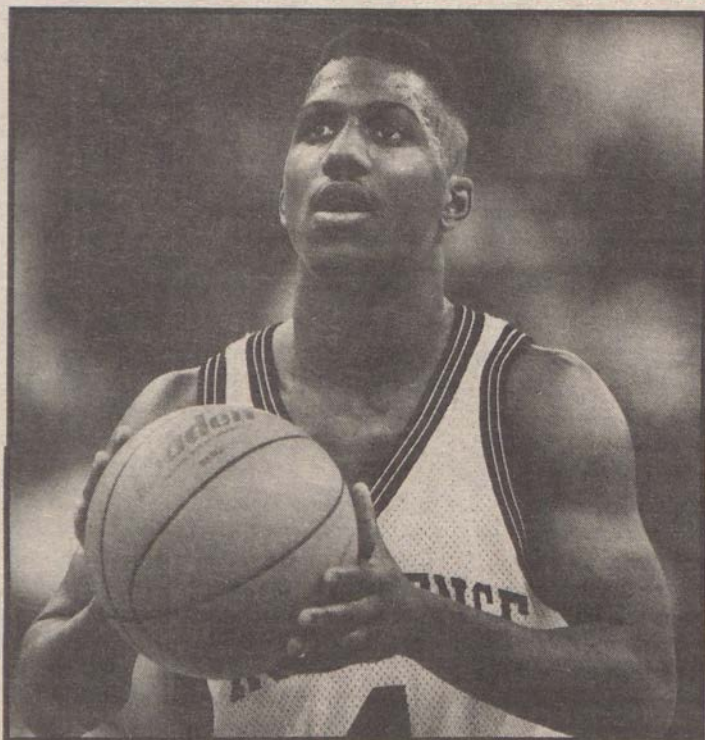
The combination of Sirringhaus, DeBari, Lee, Doyle maintained their winning ways by placing third in the 200 Free Relay. On the men's side Chris McAllister continued his strong swimming in the 200 Medley Relay along with Jeff Longo, Paul Nathe and Mark Tartaglione. They were able to capture third in the event. However, the women's side was able to out do them with a second place finish in the same event. This relay team consisted of Jessica Lee, Stacy Sweetser, Allyson Dunleavy and Sanet Sirringhaus. The 100 Breaststroke was a key race for the Lady Friars and they were able to take the second and third place. Stacy Sweetser and Michelle McWeeney finished 2-3 respectively. Chris McAllister, a specialist in the 100 Backstroke, was able to establish a new PC record in the event, but had to settle for fourth at the meet. The 800 Free Relay Team of Allan Egbert, Mike Ahearn, Paul Mikuszewski and Paul Nathe took third with a time of 7:04.53. Allyson Dunleavy, one of the hottest swimmers on the East coast, captured the lone Friar first place finish by winning

the 200 Butterfly. Jeff Longo came up with a second place finish in the 200 Breaststroke to round out the men's scoring. Overall, the Friars finished with 448 points which was good for fourth place and the Lady Friars totaled 380 for fourth as well.

Now that the first semester has ended I asked some of the swimmers their feelings on this semester and next semester. Senior Rod McGarry said, "Our fourth place finish was our best ever at the Catholic Championships." Captain Chris Holt added that, "For the next month we will be get-

ting it done in practice." Sophomore Eric Mohr commented, "Despite our losing record, the semester was a success... and set ourselves up to make our move at next semesters Big East Championships. Coach O'Neill said, "the men swam well and maintained their health. They did well against St. John's and almost beat BC." The whole team will be here practicing hard during winter break. Coach O'Neill added, "This training will be critical towards what happens next semester."

What A Squeecker! Abdullah's Late Heroics Save Friars



Abdul Abdullah's last second lay-up gave the Friars a much needed 66-65 win over Villanova.

by Matt Mlodzinski '94
Sports Editor

We've seen this one before. Providence basketball with time running down and a chance to win the game. The ball crosses half-court and the friars run their play.

In the past, these situations often resulted in a PC loss and a twenty minute post-game tirade by most PC fans as to why the Friars

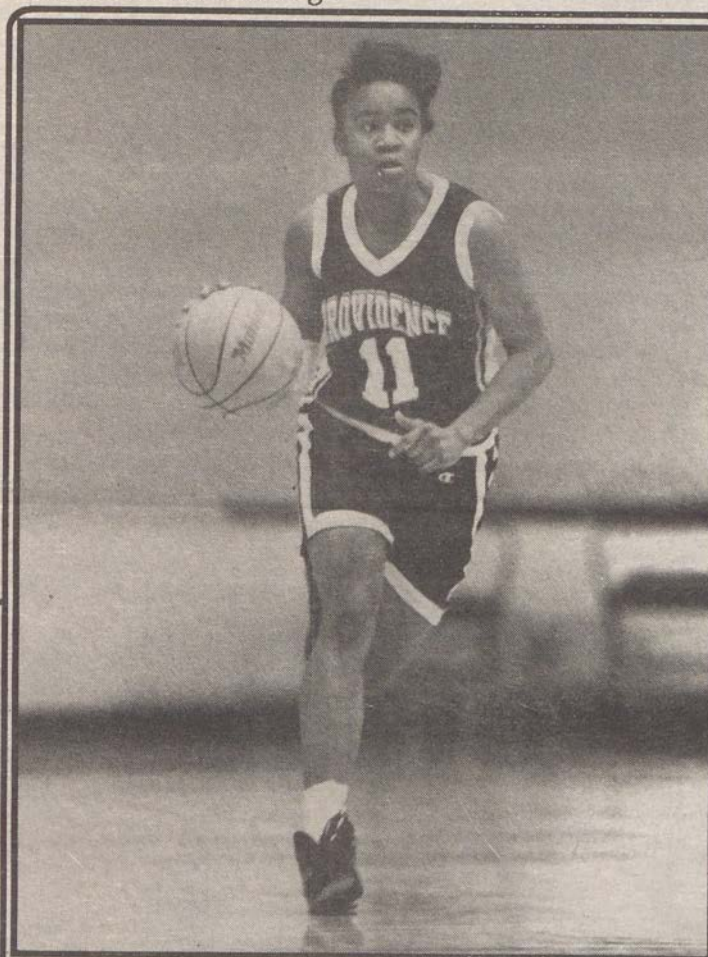
never win these close games. But Tuesday night was different: the Friars got the job done.

Abdul Abdullah blew past Villanova's Jonathan Haynes and laid in a nifty reverse lay-up with 1.6 seconds left to give the Friars a 66-65 road victory over the Wildcats. Abdul Abdullah! Must be a mis-

print, you say. Abdul doesn't shoot; he passes right? Well, that thought must have been going through Haynes' mind before Abdullah rifled past him for the game-winning deuce. The win improved the Friars record to 1-1 in Big East play, while Villanova dropped to 1-1.

Villanova took the lead with 9.9 seconds when Kerry Kittles hit two free throws to give the Wildcats a 65-64 lead. PC quickly moved the ball upcourt to run the play Coach Rick Barnes had called during a timeout before Kittles stepped to the line. The hero Abdullah described the final play: "Coach Barnes set up a play to get Franklin (Western) the ball off of a screen. But he was covered so I just let my instincts take over. I realized that I had an alley to the basket so I took it and was able to get the shot to fall."

Western led PC's offensive effort with 14 points, followed by Michael Smith with 13 points to go along with 11 rebounds. Abdullah, Rob Phelps, and Dickey



The return of a healthy Sonya Lewis was just what the doctor ordered. She struck for 22 points, 9 assists, and 8 rebounds against Fordham on Sunday.

by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

Well, here it is: second week of the PC Lady Friars' basketball season and already they've played a national powerhouse, had injuries to key players, and experienced growing pains. All this in just two weeks. The season is young and already the Friars have played tournament-caliber teams and experienced mid-season problems. And they haven't even begun the Big East conference season yet.

Last Friday, December 3, the Lady Friars traveled to University Park, PA, and the campus of Penn State to square off against the Lady Lions, the number 5 team in the nation. Coach Bob Foley returned back to his old stomping grounds, where he began his coaching career, with the hopes of maybe sneaking out with a win while seeing some of his old friends. He was able to see his friends, but he was stopped at the door and couldn't get out with a win.

The Lady Friars came out cold against the Lady Lions, missing their first 11 three-pointers in the first half. "We got all the shots we wanted; they just wouldn't drop", said Foley, "We weren't in sync." The Lady Friars shot an abysmal .243 (9 for 37) from the field in the first half, with a .154 (2 for 13) from three-point land. Penn State shot an equally unimpressive .383 (18 for 47) from the field, but managed to hit 4 three-pointers in the first half and ended the half with a 49-25 advantage.

Using what Coach Foley called a "little 'pep' talk", the Lady Friars came out in the second half and scored 42

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