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15 Years After The Aquinas Fire, PC Still Mourns



A smoke stained Aquinas Hall after the fire was extinguished on Dec. 13, 1977

by Kate Malloy
 News Editor

The memory is the most painful one in Providence College history. For many who experienced the trauma and sadness of the Aquinas Hall

fire firsthand, the pain still lingers.

Just before last semester drew to a close, December 13th marked a grim anniversary: it was fifteen years since the fire which claimed the lives of ten

young women, injured many others, and is recorded as the worst fire in Rhode Island history. For relatives, survivors and many members of the Providence College community, the fire has made an in-

delible imprint on their lives. In the words of Fr. John Reid, Chaplain of the College, "It has changed the face of the College forever."

According to carbon testing by the Providence Fire De-

partment, the blaze began in the closet of a room on the fourth floor of Aquinas in the North side of the building. Investigators speculate that two hairdryers in the closet were left on to dry clothes still wet from an earlier snowball fight in the quad. From the closet, the fire licked its way into the corridor where it was fueled by numerous paper Christmas decorations that lined the walls.

The four alarm fire took less than 38 minutes to extinguish. Smoke and toxic gasses killed some of the women as they tried to escape or help others to get out. Two of the women, who lived in the room where the fire started, either fell or jumped to their deaths.

While early reports from a fifteen-year-old *Providence Journal-Bulletin* article state

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The Final Chapter Of VPAA Search Closed Father Thomas D. McGonigle O.P. Is Appointed

by Jennifer Brinkman
 Assistant News Editor

On December 16, 1992, the VPAA Search Committee of Providence College elected Fr. Thomas D. McGonigle to the position of Vice President of Academic Administration.

The decision was made final after the many controversies and dilemmas that surrounded the original search in May of 1992. Fr. McGonigle will replace Fr. Hennessey who served a one year interim while the school searched for a permanent administrator to fill the position.

A native of Denver, Colorado, Fr. McGonigle is an ordained Dominican priest with an extensive educational background.

Fr. McGonigle has attained two master degrees, the first being theology and the second in philosophy. He is fluent in four foreign languages and has received his doctorate from Harvard University in Church History.

He has written a tremendous amount of publications with authoritative work on

Fra Angelico.

Once a member of the PC History Department faculty in the early 1980's, Fr. McGonigle was remembered as a popular teacher with the kids. Donna McCaffrey, chairperson of the VPAA, describes him as "charming, astute and a tremendous lecturer." As a teacher at PC he taught Western Civilization and Medieval Graduate courses.

The opportunity to be President of the Theological Union in Chicago caused him to leave

Fr. Thomas McGonigle



PC temporarily. Since then he has twice been vice-president and once president of other academic institutions.

In his former positions he encountered an ecumenical faculty comprised of all religions. However, Fr. McGonigle was able to foster ecumenical development and effectively bring higher accreditation to the institution.

McCaffrey continued by adding, "He was by far the most qualified of all the candidates. He is intelligent, affable and has a great sense of humor. Most importantly, though, he is a genuinely spiritual man."

"He is considered to be a feminist and is highly sought after for women's lectures," said McCaffrey. "This progressive and innovative theological outlook has made him the experienced administrator he is today."

Fr. McGonigle will begin effectively on July 1, 1993. With high hopes and an enthusiastic voice, McCaffrey simply believes "he is the right man, at the right place, at the right time."



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

Cases as of:

December 11, 1992

A case involved one student who was charged with underage drinking and using false identification to obtain alcoholic beverages. The student was intoxicated, violated civil drinking laws, and was responsible for the conduct of guests which was contrary to the college's regulations.

The student will be on disciplinary probation until May 1, 1993, will participate in the Student Service alcohol education program, and will complete thirty hours of community service.

December 18, 1992

A case involved students who used lewd, indecent and obscene conduct, and violated the conduct established by the college's *Handbook* on page 35, paragraph 8. The penalties

determined were disciplinary probation, 50 hours of community service, and a letter of apology.

December 22, 1992

Two students were charged with the violation of visitation hours and violating the rights of respective roommates. The official charges included the violation of the right to privacy, violation of standards in the college's *Handbook*, failure to comply with college officials, and sexual harassment (unwelcomed sexually motivated conduct adversely affecting persons in the living-learning environment).

The penalties given to the students included a fine of \$250 to each student, disciplinary probation until May 15, 1993, discussion of visitation rights with the assistant chaplain, and 30 hours of community service.

If visitation hours are not respected in the future, future charges could result in suspension or dismissal.

Further Updates at Phillips Memorial

As you may be aware, Phillips Memorial Library joined the Higher Education Library Network (HELIN) consortium during the fall of 1992. The HELIN consortium consists of the libraries of the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, and the University of Rhode Island, in addition to Providence College. We are currently automating the library's procedures using the HELIN computer system.

As part of the automation project, we are implementing a new circulation system. This article is to inform you of the changes in circulation procedures that you should expect during the Spring 1993 semester and to enlist your cooperation during the transition to the new system.

First, in order to allow us to clear our manual records, we will not charge any fines for any materials returned by February 14, 1993. Please return any overdue materials during this amnesty period.

All circulation functions which were previously performed manually are now performed using the new computer system. Each time you bring materials to the circulation desk to be checked out, we will ask you for your current student identification card instead of your library card. You will no longer need your library card.

The first time you wish check out materials, we will ask you several questions in order to update your record in the system. Please be patient with us as we prepare your record! Next, we must retrieve from the system the bibliographic record that corresponds to each book that you wish to check out. Searching for these records takes time,

so, again, please be patient. Reserves also will be handled using the new system. You must present your identification card in order to check out reserve materials.

The HELIN consortium agreement includes reciprocal borrowing at each of the HELIN libraries. You may use your Providence College identification card to borrow materials from any of the other HELIN libraries. However, you MUST register with us at Phillips Memorial Library before borrowing materials from another HELIN library.

We expect the new automated circulation system to improve the service we provide to you as students of Providence College. However, during the transition period when we are learning the system, you might encounter delays at the circulation desk. In order to minimize your waiting time, we recommend that you come to the circulation desk to have us update your patron record BEFORE you have a pressing need to check out materials.

Thank you for your cooperation during our implementation of the new system.

The CD Bandit Hits WDOM

by Maureen Marro
Asst. News Editor

Have you ever called the request line at WDOM, asked for a particular song, and the DJ told you the station doesn't have the album or disc? Most likely, the reason for this is not the station's fault, but the crime of theft.

Over the years, WDOM has dealt with this constant dilemma. The rock department at WDOM obtains its music from record companies who send promotional and unreleased tunes of up and coming alternative bands. By sending these CDs free, it is the companies' right to retract the discs and demand WDOM to send them back, because the discs are technically on "loan". Record companies usually only send one copy of the CD, and if this CD mysteriously disappears from the station, the DJs cannot play and promote the band. Rock Directors Lisa Carroll '93 and Tim Angley '93 consistently spend time talking to companies about WDOM's top 35 playlist. If a company realizes that the station is not playing its designated music, they most likely will refrain from sending new music in the future.

Because of WDOM's budget, the station cannot afford a security system. As a result, "trust" is the major factor in protecting the station's music library. WDOM's General Manager, Brian Shilale '93, has taken strides to deter the problem of music theft. This year he instituted that all DJs must pay \$5 in dues which would be used purposely to replace stolen discs. This system has

somewhat worked although theft is still occurring. In many ways, the WDOM cannot monitor the station all the time. Since the station plays music 24 hours, DJs flow in and out, as well as other people. Those caught stealing from the station will be subject to the college's rules on the subject as well as suspension from WDOM. Brian claims, "Everyday I'll go in the station and a CD is missing. When I do a show myself, and I know the CD was there the day before, I get extremely angry and mad at the station as a whole. People don't realize that we're a community station, and because of this, we're not fulfilling our job."

Lisa and Tim claim that they think the prime motivation of music theft is that people want to copy the disc. However, the directors, at any time, are willing to tape music for DJs upon request. Regarding as to who the culprits may be, Tim comments, "I think it may be friends of DJs who come in, or even maybe a very small number of DJs. I don't want to accuse any DJs because they work hard and we put a lot of trust in them. Lisa adds, "I think it's sad and depressing because we're all adults here. It shows a lack of respect for everyone: directors, DJs, and especially the listeners."

The rock directors also stress that they spend much time keeping music updated, talking to companies, and organizing material—all to give the station a good image. "Our efforts are shot down when the hottest new album comes in early for us and then it turns

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that the women "ignored pleas to wait for help, panicked and jumped." Dr. Donna McCaffery of the History Department, who was on the scene on the night of the fire, is convinced that the women did not deliberately jump.

"I would say that the first girl passed out from the smoke and her room mate either fainted or lost her balance out the window." Dr. McCaffery, who held the position of the Director of Residence Life for Women in 1977, based her statement on the accounts of several witnesses on the ground.

With a solemn face and a saddened voice, Dr. McCaffery spoke this week of her nightmarish memories of the fire. She recalled going up the stairs of the smoke filled dorm with firemen to search for those who might be trapped or hurt. She also described rushing to the aid of a woman who wandered out the front door of Aquinas with her "feet and clothes burning."

In all, sixteen were carried down from the dorm by firemen who heroically dangled from fifty foot ladders to grab screaming women. Dr. McCaffery remembered running around the building and scanning each window to

search for additional women who were waiting to be rescued. "My concern was that someone was up there, but too terrified to yell for help," she said.

Despite the horror and tragedy that is remembered with the fire, Dr. McCaffery assured that there was a outpouring of

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help for survivors. "It was the Providence College family's finest hour. Among the residence staff, students, faculty, counselors, the community and the Dominicans there was a tremendous support system—a core of love. I've never seen anything else like it in my life."

In the same way, Fr. Reid, who was also Chaplain of the College in 1977, described the generosity of the students toward each other in dealing

with grief. "There was an incredible expression of the soul of the student body. They were acting as one in the worst crisis anyone had ever faced. People were vigilantly praying for each other." Father Reid spoke specifically of the display of faith by the students at a mass that was held in Alumni Gym at noon the next day, only nine hours after the fatal fire. Three thousand people crowded the mass and gathered to pray for the dead and injured.

Father Reid also gave credit to the many Dominicans who overcame their own shock to provide comfort and spiritual guidance to student survivors and to families of the dead and injured. He repeatedly lauded the leadership and strength of the former President of PC, Fr. Thomas Peterson.

Groups of Dominicans traveled throughout New England, and as far away as Michigan to attend the funerals of each woman who was lost in the fire. A priest or nun was also stationed, around the clock, in every hospital room that contained a victim of the fire.

When asked what final effect the fire has had over the

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The flag flies at half mast to symbolize the loss of 10 women in the fire

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15th Anniversary Of Aquinas Fire

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past fifteen years, Fr. Reid mentioned some of the physical aspects of changes that went into effect around the campus. Additional staircases, sprinkler systems, and fire doors were added to PC's buildings which had already passed strict inspections a year before the fire occurred. Unyielding fire restrictions were put into place and still endure today. Startled by the nationwide media coverage and front page photographs of the Aquinas fire, many colleges around the country strengthened their fire regulations.

Father Reid then spoke of the spiritual legacy of the fire. "It made the school recommit itself to itself to its values. We became much more sensitized to loss, death and grief. I'd like to think that we have kept that sensitivity over the years. I hope that we can provide experienced help with any student's loss today."

Jacqueline MacKay, of the Student Development Center, agrees that the Student Development Center, the Chaplain's office and the Residence Life staff still draw upon the lessons learned during the outpouring of grief that followed the fire.

"Fifteen years ago, death was a more taboo subject. We didn't speak

as freely as we do now," she said. Ms. MacKay had the suddenly enormous task of being the only full time counselor employed by the College at the time of the fire. However, she recalled being overwhelmed by the offers of help from other mental health professionals in the community.

She also described the overwhelming need for the survivors to constantly be together. "In one dorm, the girls were sleeping all together in the hallway. They depended on each other. They were like a family clinging together in crisis."

Dr. McCaffery, Father Reid and Ms. MacKay all had amazing anecdotes of this family spirit at work on both the night of the fire and in the months that followed.

One student mobilized residents of McDermott Hall to aid the firemen in carrying hoses into the smoldering building.

Groups of male students lifted and moved cars parked near Aquinas with their bare hands to make room for fire trucks and rescue vehicles.

Father Peterson and Father Robert Morris moved into Aquinas in the second semester to council the women living in the fire scarred dorm. All these incidents and many others

detail the actions of those who went above and beyond in dealing with the fire.

The parents of the women lost in the fire have continued a crusade that began in 1978 to lobby lawmakers to continue the flurry of fire laws that were passed after the Aquinas fire made front page news across America and was named "one of the top five news stories in 1977."

Frank Repucci of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, whose 18 year old daughter Catherine was killed in the fire, recently spoke of the groups efforts in an article in the *Westerly Sun*. "When we see something positive being accomplished, it makes us feel that perhaps the effort that we put into this is paying some dividends. We do this because of our daughters."

The fifteenth anniversary was marked last month with quiet reflection and silent prayer from all those involved on every level, yet the memory of the devastating fire loudly echoes the crucial importance of fire safety, pays tribute to the ones who lost their lives, and remembers those who suffered both mental and physical trauma on December 13, 1977.

CD Bandit

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up missing," Tim claims. He continues, "The whole idea of the college is 'Veritas'. When you steal from the school, it's an affront to the school. It's such a joke."

Because WDOM is a commercial free station, it allows more music to be played and less "talk". When music is stolen, it only hurts the station as a whole and may decrease the number of listeners. Most students do not realize the vast reputation of the station beyond PC's walls. According to statistics, 60% of listeners are non-PC

students.

Not only are directors upset at the entire situation, but DJs as well. Tuesday night DJ, Paul Tremblay '93, is basically fed up with the theft problem. He says, "Aside from the fact that it makes the station look really unprofessional—when the DJ has to go on the air and say, 'Sorry, I can't find your request'—record companies aren't going to keep sending us discs. It's as simple as no disc, no station."

So, next time you're listening to WDOM and the DJ cannot play your song, keep in mind that some thief is probably listening to it at home.

SPRING BREAK GIVE-A-WAY ON WDOM

With the commencement of a new semester, college students across the country are hitting the books and thinking about nothing else but getting good grades...NOT!!!

Actually, what seems to be the hottest topic discussed (besides the Amy Fisher story) by America's brightest intellectuals, is Spring Break '93 in Daytona Beach, Florida. To kick off this proverbial holiday, when college kids from all walks of life seem to unite in a way that would make Ghandi proud, WDOM brings to you the "Daytona Beach Rocks!" special promotion.

On Monday, February 8, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., and again on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., WDOM will set up a display booth located in Lower Slavin for students to enter the sweepstakes to go to, you guessed it, Daytona Beach, Florida.

In addition to receiving Daytona Beach promotional items, students will have the chance to win t-shirts and koozie cups by participating in a Music Trivia contest hosted by WDOM. Besides the 'must-have' prizes, students are sure to get a fine education in Spring Break/Daytona Beach 101.

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Letters to the Editor

Peterson Closing Questioned

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to those individuals responsible for closing the Peterson Recreation Center for the Christmas Break. The reasons given for closing the facilities were to cut costs and do necessary maintenance. I would like to know how much the college actually saved during the five weeks the field house was closed. The men and women's basketball, hockey, swimming and track teams were all on campus. I am sure these teams were using the athletic complex during the break. Members of the Peterson Recreation Center have shared the facilities with the athletes during past breaks. The only cost saving I can figure is the payroll for a supervisor and the four or five students needed to staff the building. I find it hard to believe these people are so highly paid that eliminating the six hours a day they would normally work saved a significant amount.

I understand the heat was turned down to save on the utilities. However, I doubt that should be a reason for closing. I have swum several times when the heater for the pool wasn't working. The only time the pool was closed was when it was too cold for the teams to practice. Since practice was not

canceled during the break, I assume it never got that cold. The same is true for the rest of the complex if the conditions were adequate for the athletes, I think the members could have handled it. If the college were truly concerned with saving on utility costs, the showers in the pool locker room would be fixed. Three showers must be running to get any hot water. This situation has existed since September. I wonder how much hot water this wasted every day?

Annual membership fees were increased to five hundred dollars in September. The reason given was to cover the rising cost of operating the recreation center. I didn't think there were enough members for the fee increase to make a significant difference to the budget of the athletic department. Closing the recreation center for five weeks is going to reduce the number of memberships and the revenue they generate. This reduction may be more than the cost of savings from being closed. This confirms my suspicion of the actual reason for the fee increase and the shutdown. I have heard that some members of the college administration would like to restrict the athletic complex to students, faculty and staff. A five hundred dollar membership fee and extended shutdowns will

eliminate most memberships. It seems unbelievable that college officials want to discourage members of the alumni association from using the athletic complex, but that is what is happening.

This new policy of the college is very disappointing. I am an alumnus of PC. Five years ago, I decided I could afford to increase my contribution to the annual fund. I did this by eliminating my YMCA membership and using the recreation center for my fitness program. The exercise I get from using the pool and Nautilus room has helped me compensate for my cerebral palsy. I am receiving encouragement, from both the staff and students, which is pushing me to a level of fitness I never thought I could reach. The last five weeks have been very difficult. I have gained weight I can't afford and have lost a noticeable amount of stamina. My condition would be even worse if it were not for the cooperation of some very understanding people. They helped me arrange a limited workout schedule while the center was closed. I realize I can't impose on anyone regularly and I am not comfortable being treated any differently than

anyone else. The shut down hurt everyone who relied on the field house for their fitness needs. Therefore, I guess I should find another facility for my exercise routine. It will be very difficult to find a facility as convenient and accessible as the Peterson Recreation Center. I will especially miss the people I have met at the center.

It is my sincere hope that Providence College achieves its goals, whatever they are. Any change I make to my annual contribution will be decided by the cost of a membership at another fitness center. It will not reflect any change in my feelings towards the college. Providence College will always be very special to me.

Sincerely,

David D. Peterson, '76

Stolen Santa Saga Continues...

To the Editor:

I am a junior at Providence College and, at one time, felt that the extra patrol in our neighborhood would increase the quality of life for a student living off campus. Since the summer, a car stereo was stolen from our driveway, the house was broken into and many items were stolen, and many fights have taken place outside our house causing trash and police activity in our general area. By no means am I blaming this on a lack of effort of anyone. However, I do have cause for dismay, and it stems from an incident occurring on December 23, 1992.

All was well at 58/60 Eaton Street while most of us packed

our belongings into our respective vehicles for the Christmas holidays. A little before noon, though, patrolwoman Rhonda Kessler stopped by to talk to my friends and myself. This was the first time I had ever talked to her. First, she failed to introduce herself, and then proceeded to claim that the Santa ornament in our third floor window was not ours. According to Rhonda, a woman in the neighborhood had a Santa ornament stolen (see *Cowl*, Dec. 11) and apparently we at 60 Eaton, third floor, were the thieves. We were publicly humiliated when Rhonda made us remove Santa, then confiscated him to show to the poor, heart-broken woman. I'm certain I was supposed to be intimidated when Rhonda informed me that the woman worked for Providence College. At that point, I didn't care if she was God's golf-caddie, I was made out to be a Santa thief... which I most certainly am not! My roommate and I purchased Santa from a local hardware store for \$25, and he is ours!

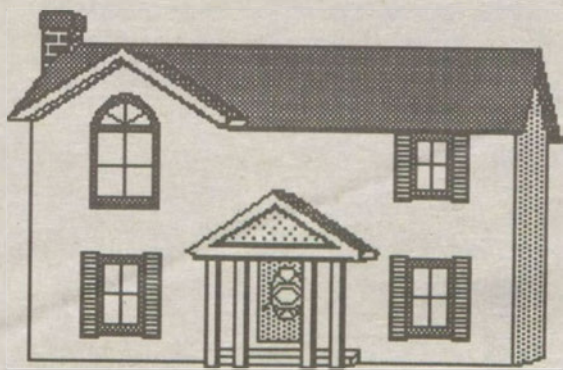
If the Santa-less woman was so concerned, she could have felt free to stop by and look for herself to see if it was her Santa. Obviously, my roommate would have been happy to show her the Visa receipt for the jolly ol' elf. She would know it wasn't her Santa, and would then apologize to us for even thinking we could have taken him.

I am just very disappointed as to how the situation was handled (mishandled). I feel an apology is the least we should expect and deserve. It seems Rhonda is the Grinch who stole Christmas from 60 Eaton, third floor.

When Santa is returned to his rightful owners, we will keep him lighted in homage.

Consternatively Yours,
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Points to Ponder...

by Jennifer MacCallum
Asst. Editorials Editor

After two years of mini Winter Breaks, Providence College finally decided to give us all a worthy vacation. After finals "hell week," I personally found the five weeks we had off to be very refreshing. Among other things, this lengthy break allowed me to catch up on current news, which ranged from the insane to the serious. I have decided to comment on a few of the more "newsworthy" events.

• **Amy Fisher, Mary Jo and Joey Buttafucchio, et al.:** Were three mini-series necessary for a sensationalistic story first brought to the country's attention thanks to tabloid news programs? What's even more pathetic is that the mainstream media decided to report on Amy's trial proceedings. Obviously Amy was not playing with a full deck, but I still can't comprehend the fact that Mary Jo doesn't

think her husband had an extra-marital affair with young Amy. Wake-up Mary Jo!

• **David Letterman, Jay Leno, NBC, CBS:** Well David finally got his dream, a late-night talk show airing at 11:30 PM. Personally I prefer Dave's sarcastic sense of humor over Jay's lame jokes, but is Letterman really worth fourteen million dollars?

• **Bosnia and Herzegovina:** The entire situation in Yugoslavia is a tragedy. I can't even begin to understand the complexities involved within this ethnic strife. I also think it is unfortunate that the Serbs are the only side armed with weapons. Isn't that a little unfair to their victims? What would happen if a war came to your town and you weren't able to defend yourself? More intervention is needed in this war-torn country before more innocent victims are killed.

• **President Clinton, Inauguration Festivities and**

Promises, Promises: Remember that infamous *Brady Bunch* episode when Jan ran for Most Popular Girl? Jan, in order to win the election, promised to do anything for everyone. However, Jan was caught in a quagmire because she couldn't fulfill the numerous promises she made. Jan, through the course of the thirty-minute episode, eventually learned her lesson and everything was once again perfect in Bradyland. This brief trip down memory lane isn't just aimed at Bill Clinton (who did make an extensive amount of promises), it's aimed at the American public and any recently elected public official. Through the course of the election campaign, Clinton made ___ promises to the American public. Hope all the politicians do their best in trying to fulfill campaign promises and they should be held accountable. Also, in future elections, Americans shouldn't expect unreason-

able amounts from elected officials because there are always more promises to be made in a campaign than can possibly be fulfilled. We all pray that President Clinton and Congress is successful in all their endeavors.

There is only one thing to be said about the inauguration: excessive. Sure the inauguration offered a tremendous amount of activities for the general public funded by private organizations, but if that amount of money can be donated for a weeks worth of festivities, can't something be done about pressing problems in this country, such as education, health care or employment?

Also, I think that in light of recent events, President Clinton has finally deduced that foreign policy IS important. For example, when Clinton first commented on the Haitian situation in May, lambasting Bush's policy towards Haitian refugees, he obviously didn't realize that thousands of Haitians

would do anything to escape political unrest in the poorest country in our hemisphere. As a world power, it is the vital interest of the United States to have sound foreign policy objectives. In the end, Clinton's foreign policy initiatives will only be successful if his advising is good, so let's all hope that Secretary of State Warren Christopher does a good job.

Finally, in regards to the President and First Family, I hope that the media is kind to Bill, Hillary and Chelsea. I think it is totally unfair for the media to constantly scrutinize Hillary, and especially Chelsea's behavior. Give them a break. They're not the President.

Now that we're back at school I have little or no time to follow what's occurring out in the world. Insane and serious events can occur, and I probably won't even find out about them until they become a "movie of the week." Such is life.

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Saturday, February 13, 1993



Barbara Fields, Ph.D.

President's Forum Lecture

11:00 a.m. - Slavin '64 Hall

"Race, Politics, and Education"

Barbara Fields, Ph.D., professor of history at Columbia University, noted author, and television commentator, will explore the effects of the concept of "race" on America's political and educational systems

Admission Free To All

Alumni Achievers Symposia
(All begin at 1p.m. in Moore Hall)

Moore Hall I

"Big Cities, Big Problems, Big Potential"

Reflections on the current state of our cities and a forecast for urban America in the 21st century

Presenter : Hon. Raymond Flynn, PC '63

Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts and past chairman of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Moore Hall II

"The Good, The Bad and the Global"

A current and future prognosis for American business and jobs as reflected by the automobile and communication industries

Presenters: Thomas D. Mignanelli, PC '66 President, Nissan of America

Raymond T. Butkus, PC '73 Vice President, AT&T

Moore Hall III

"Tube Trends: Television Programming Today and Tomorrow"

Personal experiences in front of the camera and behind the scenes from two NBC veterans

Presenters: Mike Leonard, PC '70, Feature correspondent, NBC

Edward Scanlon, PC '55, Executive vice president, NBC

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Do you think President Clinton should allow gays in the military ?



Frank "Cheech" Cardona '93: It would give a new meaning to the word "trench" warfare!



Brian Hutchens '94: I think the military should remain as pure, wholesome and homogenous as this here dairy product.



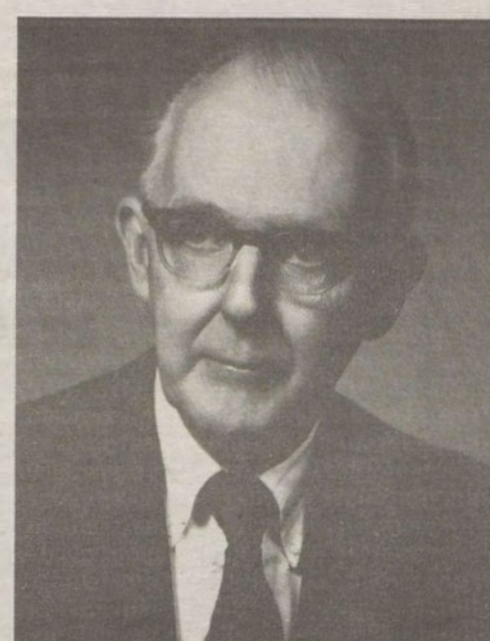
Eric Pearson '94 and Mike Parlosky '94: The fact that there have been gays in the military for years seems to justify allowing more gays in.



Mike Theis (pronounced Tice) '93 and Steve "Kind Bud" Kelly '93: Yes, because our career abitions are to become Naval Officers.



Maggie Demcsak '95 and Jen Dangler '95: No, because it would be a distraction in combat situations and would break tradition.



Richard M. Deasy - Associate Professor, Dept. of History: No, I would not recommend it.



Rosemary McAneny '96 and Kristen Schuster '96: Yes, why should someone be discriminated against because of something they might have been born with?



Michelle Ursino '95 and Maggie Barszcz '94: No, because if we were in the military we would not want to be in close quarters with gay people.



Linda Campell '96 and Lisa Shawcross '96: We will never know if they cause problems unless we allow them into the military.

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Student Congress Minutes

The minutes for the February 1st meeting are as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Congress Retreat this past Sunday. It was a great success! Special thanks to Jen Meehan for organizing the event.

- WDOM is sponsoring a raffle—a trip for two to Daytona for Spring Break. Raffle will be running on Monday and Tuesday of next week from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in Lower Slavin.

COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs: There will be a Faculty Senate meeting the first Wednesday of every month.

Course Description: There will be a survey table set up in Slavin for feed-back about the Course Description booklets all this week.

Bill of Rights: Safety Awareness week is February 8th-12th. Schedule of events include: Monday, Self-Defense, Tuesday, on-campus safety, Wednesday, off-campus safety, Thursday, fire prevention, and Friday, driving safety.

Ethics: No cuts will be given to those who did not go to the Retreat. Thank you to all who did come! Sign up for office hours this week.

Finance: BMSA is asking Congress and other organizations to sponsor a play to promote multi-culturalism.

Legislative Affairs: Resolutions will be posted on the Congress board to that more thought and discussion will go into the passing of a resolution.

Also, this will save paper.

Student Life: Many have asked about a basketball court on lower campus. There needs to be more interest shown from the dorms.

Public Relations: *Peaceful Co-existence* will be distributed on Saturday, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. Meet in Slavin Pit. Mandatory event. Also, the new markers are restricted to Congress use only. All clubs must go to the CLUB ROOM to make posters. There are markers and paper there.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Resolution SS-01-43: The Slap Shot Club. It would promote student spirit at hockey games.

Discussion: Because there are so many clubs already, would it be possible to merge the Sixth Man Society with this club?

A club needs to be approved by Congress before the Athletic Department will recognize it.

There is already almost 200 members in the SSC, and they have raised almost \$1,000.

Conclusion: The passage of Resolution SS-01-43: The Slap Shot Club (with one abstention).

BOARDS:

IAB: Sign up for street hockey, field hockey and 5 on 5.

BMSA: Diversity Week began and was a success on Monday. There will be things going on every day. BMSA wishes to bring a play, "The Meeting" to campus. It is about a fictional meeting between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Total cost would

be \$4,000. Asking other organizations for their help (BOP, Student Services, clubs). BMSA has Congress' support for this event. They need to still get other organizations' support. All money collected will be returned to the organizations who donated. **OCRO:** Keep Providence Beautiful is scheduled for May 1st.

Residence Board: BDB dates are posted in the office.

ACC: Making a proposal to the Marriot Corporation to use the basements in the apartments for a study lounge or recreation room. **Student Lobbyists:** Ann Babigian and Greg Lahr are registering as student lobbyists on February 2nd. If there are any questions concerning the college or the city, see one of them. There was a suggestion to get a sign posted on I95 that says "Providence College."

CLASSES:

'93: '93 Days party is February 19th. More information will follow.

'94: Club Night at Carpano's on February 6th. The new phone book's here! The new phone book's here! Available for on and off-campus. Sweatshirts are on sale for \$37.00. February 25th is Jell-O Mania II.

'95: The Winter Ball was a success. The ski trip is this weekend.

MODERATOR'S COMMENTS: The dorm lottery is soon approaching. Should freshmen have squatter's rights?

In honor of Black History Month, the Student Congress is devoting a section of our pages to the creative, written talents of African-Americans.

Daybreak in Alabama by Langston Hughes

When I get to be a composer
I'm gonna write me some music
about
Daybreak in Alabama
And I'm gonna put the purtiest
songs in it
Rising out of the ground like a
swamp mist
And falling out of heaven like soft
dew
I'm gonna put some tall trees in it
And the scent of pine needles
And the smell of red clay after
rain
And long red necks
And poppy colored faces
And big brown arms
And the field daisy eyes
Of black and white black white
black people
And I'm gonna put white hands
And black hands and brown and
yellow hands
And red clay earth hands in it
Touching everybody with kind
fingers
And touching each other natural
as dew
In that dawn of music when I
Get to be a composer
And write about daybreak
In Alabama.

CLASS OF '94 NEWS

Commencement Interviews

Sign up in the Student Congress Office, in Lower Slavin to interview for positions for the Commencement Core. Interviews will begin on February 7th so sign up soon!

Club Night

Saturday, February 6th
Tickets are only sale this week in Lower Slavin. Transportation will be provided.

Be There!

Safety and Security Awareness Week February 8th-12th

*Watch for more information regarding
these upcoming programs*

February 8th

Date Rape and Self-Defense

February 9th

On-campus Safety

February 10th

Off-campus Safety

2:45 p.m. in '64 Hall

Special guests: The Honorable Vincent A. Cianci, Jr., Mayor of Providence, James H. Reilly, Student Congress Attorney, Sgt. Anthony Balkun and Patrolwoman Rhonda Kessler, both of the Providence Police Department.

February 11th

Fire Safety and Prevention

February 12th

Driving Safety

'95 Ski Trip Meeting

February 3rd
at 5:00 p.m.

Mandatory meeting for all
those going on the trip.

Please remember your
check for \$100.

POETRY READING

The English Department
and The English Club invite
all to an open
Faculty/Student Poetry
Reading on
Tuesday, February 9th at
8:00 p.m. in Moore Hall III.

Come with your own
poetry to read!

Refreshments will be
served!

Sequence No Longer A Secret

PC Band Gaining Credibility

by Theresa Brophy
Asst. A&E Editor

The A & E section featured *Skipping Sequence* in its first issue of the year. Here's a follow-up on where they are now.

The PC band *Skipping Sequence* has dipped into the sea of local Providence bands and established credibility for themselves. Back in September, the foursome, which consists of Chris Ford ('93), Matt Leonard ('93), Chris Herron ('93), and Brian Clark ('94), had only imagined what it would be like to actually play as a group in front of a live audience. Their first months of public performance have been successful, resulting in a total of five shows. They played on the PC campus at the Last Resort and at the Amnesty concert which was held in '64 Hall. Outside of PC, they have made three appearances at Club Babyhead, located in Downtown Providence on Richmond St.

The band would certainly consider playing at other places aside from Babyhead. However, Babyhead is a hot spot for a multitude of area Providence bands each week. The playing time there has paid off; the members of *Skipping Sequence* have earned a name for themselves. They

will be headlined at Babyhead on Wednesday, February 17. The guys give much credit to their fellow PC students for the support they have received. Playing in front of an audience of friends and familiar faces does make an impact. "Other bands always bring different crowds," says Chris F. "The fact that PC supports us and is interested is important. We're very grateful for it." Brian adds, "It's actually

the good response (from PC students) in December that got us the headline."

Not all of the band's fans are known friends; and the reaction has been positive and widespread. Matt admits that the acceptance is gratifying. "It's very cool when people you don't know approach you; although it often catches me off-guard," he says.

Skipping Sequence is making the final touches on a new tape which primarily consists

of the songs which they have been playing live. These original collaborative pieces include "Museum", "I Know Some Things", "Interchange Whisper", and "Arches and Waves". "The songs have a rolling theme," says Brian. "They're not political. A lot of the songs are about what it's like to be twenty and in school when everyone is unsure. So much is happening, and things are moving really fast. It's more like trying to be in tune with what's going on in the general scheme of things." Chris F. adds, "It's a lot about capturing the moment."

Skipping Sequence has come a long way since the summer, when they had only begun to pull the pieces together. The outcome has obviously been successful. The proof is in the pudding. Don't skip their performance on the 17th; you'll be missing out. For any additional information regarding the band or interest in purchasing tapes, call 831-9519.

Check out Lower Slavin on Mon. and Tues. for "Daytona Beach Rocks!" Sweepstakes Booth. Chance for a free trip to Daytona.



Skipping Sequence: Matt Leonard, Chris Ford, Brian Clark, Chris Herron

Auditions for mainstage production *Edith Stein* as well as a student-directed lab production will take place on Monday Feb. 15 and Tuesday Feb. 16 in the Blackfriars Theatre at 7:00. Call x2327 for more details.



DIAMOND JUBILEE PARENT-ALUMNI WEEKEND

PLEASE PICK UP THE TICKETS FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE GALA WEEKEND IN THE HARKINS ROTUNDA, TICKET PICK UP WINDOW (THE WINDOW NEXT TO THE HARKINS INFORMATION WINDOW)

Wednesday, Feb. 3
Thursday, Feb. 4
Friday, Feb. 5
9:00a.m. to 12:00 noon
and
1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

You must bring your Providence College ID card with you

ATTENTION PRE-LAW STUDENTS

ALL PRE-LAW STUDENTS PLANNING TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO LAW SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER, 1994, SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OR BOTH OF THE WORKSHOPS TO BE PRESENTED BY GAIL DYER, PRE-LAW ADVISOR, ENTITLED: "HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE LSAT." ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 7:00 PM IN AQUINAS LOUNGE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STANLEY KAPLAN EDUCATION CENTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS & GIVE A SHORT DIAGNOSTIC TEST. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 6:00PM IN SLAVIN 203, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCETON REVIEW WILL BE PRESENT TO ADMINISTER A FULL DIAGNOSTIC TEST AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. STUDENTS MAY SIGN-UP FOR THE WORKSHOPS IN HARKINS 361. ANY STUDENT WHO CANNOT ATTEND A WORKSHOP SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE THE PRE-LAW ADVISOR

A Rainbow of Expression

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

On Monday, February 1, important strides were made in the fight against racism. "An Artistic Explosion of Culture" was held in '64 Hall which celebrated the artistic diversity of various cultures. The program was intended to encourage people to look at, explore the unfamiliar and open themselves up to new experiences.

The program of poetry, song, and dance was kicked off by the President of Society Organized Against Racism (SOAR), Mari Garcia, who acted as the host for the event. Garcia read a poem in Spanish which she translated into English called "The Explosion." It helped to sum up the nature of the afternoon. Garcia then turned the proceedings over to Jane Lunin Perel, poet and PC professor. Perel read her own poem called "Spring in Auschwitz" which was dedicated to Dora Steinmetz, a survivor of Auschwitz. The moment was a highly emotional one as the horror of Auschwitz was made personal through the story of one woman.

Thomas Mills followed, reading two poems by Fenton Johnson, "New Day" and "No Man's Land." He then invited everyone to join in singing "This Light of Mine." People did not hesitate to join in clapping and singing. Micki Johnson came in just after the song, in time to read the poem written by Maya Angelou for the Clinton inauguration. The reading was especially moving, conjuring up images of unity between the different groups of the country.

Jennifer Maloy read a series of short poems that dealt with the problems of being from more than one race. Calling herself a "biracial" person, Maloy's selections were highly effective, provoking thought

with wit and cleverness.

The long series of poetry readings was interrupted by an energetic performance by the PC Dance Company. Choreographed by Laurie Tautkas and performed by Tautkas, Dana Crawford, Kristen D'Ambruoso, and Claudine Swift, the dance was described as an "Urban Folk Dance," incorporating many different and interesting moves.

Ross Grace used the opportunity to make a few editorial comments. He talked about the culture of the street in which talking in the "western way" is looked down upon. His comments and reading led into the highlight of the evening. Lisa Russell stepped up to the podium and without introduction broke into song, a capella. Her powerful voice echoed throughout the hall and mesmerized the crowd. She sang, "Whatever you have to give / Don't have to be ashamed / Come as you are and present it in Jesus' name." It was an inspiring moment.

After further poetry readings by Dr. Malcolm Holmes, Eric Searight, and Frank Depasquale, the audience was treated to an excellent ethnic feast. While people enjoyed the food from various cultures, they were treated to the music of "Bolu and the Roots of African percussion." The group performed with drums and a synthesizer, achieving an almost tribal effect with their colorful costumes and headdresses. Their rhythmic chanting and the energy of the dancing was exciting and visually stimulating.

"An Artistic Explosion of Culture" was an exciting program that brought out the best in those who contributed. Everyone who participated was inspired by the celebration of diversity that resulted.



MARVELOUS

Damage
by Ken Cornwell



"Damaged people are dangerous because they know they can survive." This is the central theme of this powerful film which involves an older man, a powerful figure in British government, who has an affair with his son's fiancée. The acting is amazing. Jeremy Irons, as the man, expresses more in an expression than could be said in pages of dialogue. Juliette Binoche as the fiancée is a complete mystery. As a damaged person, she is danger wrapped in a pretty package. The story plays out like a Greek drama as the characters are driven by forces they cannot control. In the end, tragedy strikes and seals the fates of the characters.

A River Runs Through It
by Theresa Brophy



Robert Redford's film based on the novella by Norman Maclean is charming in its scenery and character portrayals. The storyline takes place in Montana along the Blackfoot River. The river becomes the central focus of the story of two brothers raised by their firm preacher/father (Tom Skerrit) who instructs them about life according to the ways of the river. Craig Sheffer is sensitive as Norman, the elder son, as Brad Pitt plays the younger and more daring son, Paul. Taught to be "fishers of men", the two spend most of their

A&E Vacation Film Wrap-Up



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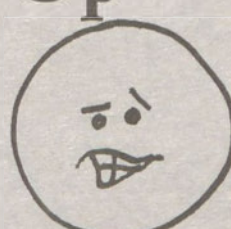
time fly fishing as they experience growing up and growing apart.

The language excerpts from Maclean's book itself are thought provoking and as poetic as the natural surroundings which fill the screen. *A River Runs Through It* explores family bonding, coming of age, and the lack of communication in the relationships of family members. Emily Lloyd gives an especially moving performance as the mother who struggles to keep her family together.

A Few Good Men
by Mike Saucier



A few good men plus one good woman equals one helluva movie. The *Newspaper* calls this film "standard" and "predictable" and claims that the story is "banal". Then again, this is coming from the same paper that rates Eddie Murphy's ridiculous *The Distinguished Gentleman* with three stars which equals "good". Tom Cruise's performance alone makes this movie far from banal. As for being predictable, the only part that can be called grossly predictable is the cliché line, "You don't have to wear a patch on your sleeve to have honor". What I liked most about the film is the fact that it exposes the brainwashing of our military institutions. Also, Kiefer Sutherland gives the performance of a lifetime.



EH...

Alive
by Mike Saucier



If you can never picture yourself eating human flesh—see *Alive* and you will be convinced otherwise. Although the advertisements for the movie stressed the cannibalism, the film gets its strength from the story. *Alive* treats the motivation for cannibalism in compassionate terms. This movie embraces the idea that people feel the most alive when confronting death.

Aladdin
by Theresa Brophy



The highlight of this adventurous animation is unquestionably the Genie (with the unmistakable voice of Robin Williams), who transforms with incredible quickness and dexterity into contemporary figures such as Jack Nicholson, Rodney Dangerfield, and Arsenio Hall, among others.

Aladdin's success is due to its topicality and varying levels of entertainment for an audience of all ages. Its silliness and plot amuse the younger children; but there is an adult humor which elevates it beyond a mere cartoon.

Body of Evidence
by Mike Saucier



Madonna's nude. What else is new?

The Legal Drinking
Age: 18 vs. 21

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American Pictures comes to PC

Jacob Holdt to present his experiences
Wednesday evening



Jacob Holdt (pictured above) will recount his cross-country traveling experiences in "American Pictures" to be presented Wednesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in '64 Hall
(Photo courtesy of Dammah Productions)

by Kathy A. Parrella '94
BOP Correspondent

On Wednesday evening, February 10th, the Board of Programmers Lecture Committee will present *American Pictures* by Jacob Holdt. During the 1970's, Holdt spent over five years hitchhiking across the United States. In that time, he logged over 118,000 miles and he took photographs of everything he saw along the way. *American Pictures* is a documentary created from the pictures of American society which depict an America we thought did not exist. Through the use of slides, music, taped interviews, and narration, Holdt gives an in-depth analysis of the socio-economic oppression and poverty in America. It is also an investigation of the racism Holdt perceived growing in himself as he becomes increasingly involved in his new society.

Holdt did not bring any money with him to support his travels across the United States. Instead, he sold his blood about two times a week so he could afford to purchase film for his camera. For sustenance, he relied on the generosity of others. During his adventure, Holdt lived in over 400 American homes, from the poorest sharecroppers, drug pushers, and prostitutes, to the wealthiest Pabsts and the Rockefellers. He also followed criminals and drug addicts in the ghettos during muggings, sneaked inside to work in southern slave camps, infiltrated a secret Ku Klux Klan meeting, and worked in the Indian rebellion at Wounded

Knee. The photographs he obtained are insightful and make you want to see more like them and hear the stories behind them.

American Pictures has been shown in more than one hundred American colleges, including Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford, Berkeley, Georgetown, Dartmouth, Brown, Boston University, Stonehill, Emerson, University of Texas, and University of Rhode Island, just to name a few. It is known for standing room-only crowds and many colleges have made it mandatory in sociology and American studies courses, along with freshman orientations. Testimonials from these schools have verified that audiences were captivated by Holdt's experiences because he forced them to take a closer look at themselves and open their eyes and minds to another side of America that so many of us are ignorant about.

The show is divided into two parts, with a break in between and a question and answer period afterwards. This show has received praise from many critics who describe it as "...a singular experience—both emotional and intellectual—that is hard to put into words". Jacob Holdt will present *American Pictures* Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in '64 Hall and admission is free. This is an opportunity that *nobody* can afford to miss.

Wednesday, February 10th
Lecture Presents:
American Pictures
by Jacob Holdt
7:00 p.m.
'64 Hall
Admission is **FREE!**

Friday, February 5th
Social Presents:
Valentine's Day
STAG!

8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Peterson Rec Center
Tickets: \$5 in the BOP Office

- * Semi-formal dress
- * Bring PC ID for the bartender on duty

Sunday, February 7th
Fine Arts Presents:
Northeast Local
2:00 p.m.

Trinity Repertory Theatre

Tickets: \$7 in the
BOP Office

- * Directions will be provided

Tuesday, February 9th
Coffeehouse Presents:
Antique Photographs
with
cookie dough served
(both raw and cooked!)
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
The Last Resort
* The first 100
photos are **FREE!**

Film Presents:

Thursday,
February
4th

Spinal Tap

8 & 10:00 p.m.

Moore Hall III

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Admission!

Sunday,
February
7th

Sarafina

8 & 10:00 p.m.

'64 Hall

\$2 Admission

Thursday,
February
11th

The Princess Bride

8 & 10:00 p.m.

Moore Hall III

FREE
Admission!

* Thursday films will all
be shown in Moore
Hall III for **FREE**, and
Sunday films will all be
in '64 Hall for \$2!

All The News That's Unfit to Print

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

During my month's winter respite, I found some time to peruse through a few newspapers (mainly the *Boston Globe* and *USA Today*), and was truly amazed at some of the stories I read. On several occasions, I had to flip to the front page of the paper just to make sure I wasn't actually reading *The Star* or *Enquirer*. For those of you that just didn't find the time or desire to do so, I thought I'd deliver a featured recap of some of the more "tabloidish" stories.

From the "Are you sure you weren't reading the *Enquirer*?" department:

Mexican, 8, Is Said to Give Birth - The baby weighed 7.04 pounds and was delivered after a normal nine-month pregnancy, according to hospital officials who did not know the identity of the father. (*Brian's two cents*) Boy, if it wasn't already hard enough to afford raising a kid these days, this poor girl not only has to pay for babysitting for her daughter, but also for herself.

Mom Goes in for Heart Op - Comes Out with New Baby - Nancy Mahaffey of Los Angeles had gone in for a heart operation, and came out of surgery with a new baby (that wasn't due for nine weeks)! "I couldn't believe it," said Nancy. "It happened while I was under anesthesia, so I didn't know anything about it until I was in the recovery room." (B) Gee, do you think it's too late for her to get her money back for Lamaze class?

From the "There are a lot loonier people out there than you" department:

Quote-unquote - "This is God's order to let out air. Air is from God. This is the solution to the crisis in our country." - Honora Dimagila, 44, a member of a religious cult convinced that flat tires are the key to salvation, who was

among those arrested this week in Manila for letting the air out of tire on buses and cars, paralyzing traffic. (B) If this guy's right and air is from God, I know a few blondes whose heads should be canonized.

From the "What's the big deal?" department:

Home Alone - An Illinois couple abandoned their 9 and 4-year old children at home for nine days while they vacationed in Mexico over Christmas. (B) Sure, critics say they should have brought the kids along, but they would have just wanted to sit around the hotel and watch TV all day anyway.

Expelled - Andrew Martinez, known as "The Naked Guy" because he goes to class nude, was expelled from the University of California-Berkeley. (B) I can only imagine the conversation at the Martinez' dinner table that night: "Well, you see mom and dad, I just didn't fit in there. Who would've thought they had a dress code? I don't remember reading that in the catalog, do you?"

Monkey Business - A Miami federal agent in a gorilla outfit helped catch Mexican zoo officials suspected of smuggling primates to

Mexico. Authorities said the agent was in a cage while Victor Bernal, Zoo and Park Director of the interior state of Mexico, was arranging a \$92,500 deal. (B) You'd think the zoo director would have gotten a bit suspicious when the gorilla had to unzip himself to go the bathroom.

From the "Suddenly, everyone's trying to compete with Santa Claus" department:

Obituary - Terrence Quinn, 21, of Medford (MA), a senior engineering student at Cornell University, died of asphyxiation after becoming stuck in a chimney. Coincidentally enough, he belonged to the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and was believed to have been involved in a frat prank at the time of his death.

(B) This is the third such incident I've heard of over the past few months. The first case involved a guy somewhere in Providence who tried to break in a diner through the chimney. Upon getting stuck, he had to pray for his life until the morning waitress arrived a few hours later, and then depend on the skill of firefighters to cut him out. Another guy (I believe in Mass.) tried to break into a home using this rather dirty method, and had to wait for the mother

of the house to be awakened by his screams before spotting his soiled head as it dangled over the fireplace. What a couple of idiots! I can hear the ads now, "For \$999.95, we'll install a foolproof alarm system - in your chimney."

From the "Was this case really worthy of the high court?" department:

Girl May Keep Treble Name - The high court in La Rochelle, France, has allowed parents to name a child in triplicate, clearing the way for a girl to keep her name: Marie Marie Marie. A previous ruling has disallowed the name, stating that a name in triplicate does not enrich the French heritage. (B) And you teachers thought the name Abdul Abullah sounded a bit silly during rollcall.

From the "Attention all you boring teachers (aka Sleepers)" department:

Two Students Held in Plot to Kill Teacher - Lorain, Ohio - Two junior high school girls plotted to kill their English teacher, and other students bet \$200 on the outcome, police said. Their plan was foiled by an assistant principal who had been alerted of the plan. The 13-year old planned to stab the English teacher while her 12-year old friend restrained

her. (B) I hope all you Sleepers out there (and you know who you are) took note of this instance. It's time you learned that students who don't enjoy napping may seek other ways to avoid listening to your boring lectures.

From the "What was she thinking?" Department:

Woman Abandons Son in Department Store - MA - A five year old boy realized he had lost his mother, only to spot her fleeing out the exit, upon stealing a men's coat, valued at \$40 to \$60. As the boy chased the mother's car while it sped away, he was almost struck by another vehicle. The women was later found and indicted on charges of abandonment and larceny. (B) I can hear the mother now: "Well, officer, I thought I made it clear that he was to find himself a ride and meet me back at home." The thing that really bugs me is, if you're going to abandon your kid for a coat, at least make sure it's worth a good three bills.

From the "Top this one, Geraldo" Department:

TV Show Captures Murder on Film - A Miami-based version of *Hard Copy* was filming an interview with the father of a teenager who had recently committed suicide. When the man's ex-wife drove up to the grave site and got out of her car, he ran over and shot her ten to twelve times in the head. Apparently, the man blamed his ex-wife for his daughter's death, as he believed it was her lover who got his daughter pregnant. (B) I have a funny feeling that this guys' only chance of acquittal is if he miraculously ends up with the same jury as the one that sat in on the Rodney King trial.

From the "Gloria Steinem would be proud" Department:

Domestic Dispute Ends in Death - A 27-year old man was killed when his 29-year old wife kicked him in the abdomen during a domestic argument. (B) Based on this, I think old Billy Clinton ought to think twice before he shoots down any of Hillary's health care reform proposals.

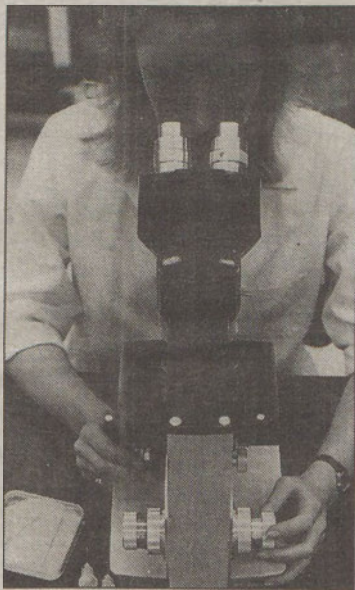


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Hangin' With B.C. in D.C.

by Bridget Hughes
Features Writer

Over break, I did something that I never thought I would do - I went to the Presidential Inauguration. Now, let's forget about the fact that I dislike Bill Clinton as much as I dislike crowds. But, I went because I was visiting my friend at American University, and as long as I was down there... well you get the point. So, in other words, I really didn't have a strong desire to go, but I decided it wouldn't be wise to miss something as important as this. When we left the American University campus, I was surrounded by over-excited people laden with cameras, mittens, scarves, and of course - tickets to ensure them a spot among the thousands of other people. I, too, carried my camera, along with my ticket, as we headed off to catch the 8:30 A.M. Metro that would take us to downtown Washington.

So, there I was - on a crowded subway, then in a crowded street trying to get into the gate where it said "Yellow and Beige Tickets" along with about 10,000 other people who had the same tickets. I honestly have never seen anything like it. The whole street was mobbed with small children, parents, grandparents, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, cheer-

leaders, and any other group that exists in the history of America. You name it - I saw it. Frequently, cameras and video cameras were held above heads, and pictures were taken of the mass of people. The people - who we got to meet from standing so closely to them in lines - were from all over. We probably met about twenty people who were from the state of Arkansas. I guess this shouldn't surprise me, but anyone who would drive or fly to Washington, D.C. from Arkansas just to see Bill Clinton, has got to be a little crazy. But, as I stood there in line, (negatively) taking everything in, something happened. An excitement began to build and a sense of pride came over me. After all, this was my country, I was surrounded by people who made up the United

States, and I was about to see the person who would run our country. I was glad that these people cared enough about our leader to come from great distances to see him. Suddenly, I was glad I had fought the crowds to see the Inaugural Event.

But as we got closer to the Capitol, I realized that I wasn't going to be able to see. In fact, all I could see was the back of someone's hat, and if I looked upward - the dome of the Capitol. I couldn't even get a glimpse of the platform that Clinton would stand on. Then I started to get angry. I had stood in lines to get on the metro, to get off the metro, to get in the entrance, and now that I was here, I couldn't see. I might as well have stayed home and watched it on TV.

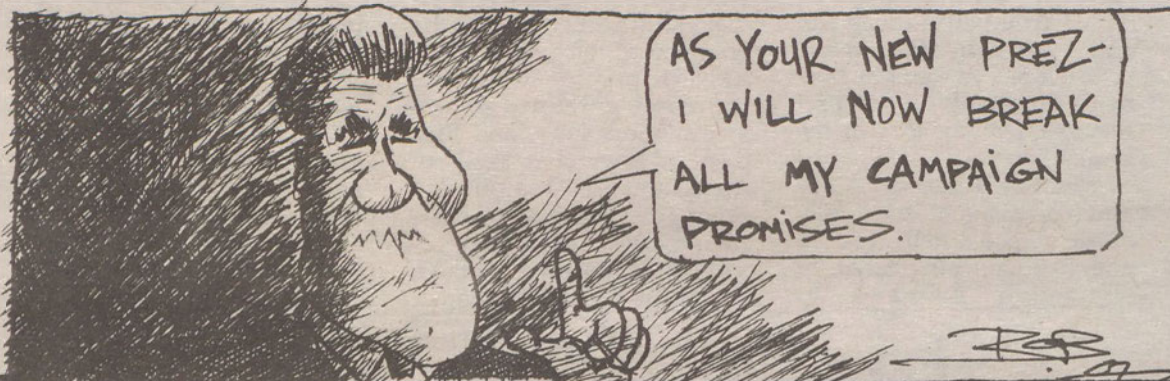
I stood there star-

ing at the ground, giving up on trying to see anything, just listening to the music. Soon, I found that my anger had dissipated, and was being replaced by bewilderment. An era was gone - the Bush/Reagan years were over. Why was I here? Here I was standing amidst Clinton lovers? Was it worth it? Did I belong here, enclosed by Democratic Clinton/Gore lovers. Was I an outsider? Then the music stopped, and Al Gore was sworn in, and then Clinton. What was this...it happened so fast, and I hadn't seen any of it. Disappointment replaced my bewilderment, and the group that I was with decided to leave. Plowing through the crowd, trying to find an exit, we found an open spot where the view suddenly became clear. Everything that I had pictured in my mind vanished as I saw it with my

eyes. I saw the platform, the mass of people, and President Clinton giving his speech. At this moment, I realized that this was worth it. I was no more an outsider than the person next to me. Just to be here, to see the president, to hear his words, to feel the excitement that undulated from the crowd, to capture the feeling of pride, and store it away forever. No one could take this away from me.

As I listened to Bill Clinton's speech, part of me ached for the safety and the security that I felt when I was a child, and had no worries. Now, I was scared and worried about our new leaders. But the other part held a sense of hope. Hope for our future, hope for a better America, hope for tomorrow. As I listened to Maya Angelou as she delivered her poem to our new president, I took note of her words, "Lift up your eyes upon the day breaking for you. Give birth again to the dream."

As he walked away that day from the Capitol and the crowds, and even as I traveled back home, the part of me which held hope dominated over my worries. I decided to try and have faith in Bill Clinton, Al Gore, and the Cabinet. I was doing what Maya Angelou said, "Giving birth again to the dream."



Features Staff Cheers / Jeers of the Week

Jeers- To Phil the Groundhog who saw his shadow and ran back into his hole so fast that you'd think he was being chased by Rhonda Kessler.

Cheers- To Sidelines, which, last Friday night, for the first time ever, actually resembled the bar that it was intended to be.

My Christmas Wrap-Up

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

It's a bit late, but since no one else on the Cowl staff would agree to drive down and put out a winter break edition of the paper, I was forced to hold off my Christmas recap until this week.

My Christmas experience began with my first trip ever to Midnight Mass. I've avoided attending in the past due to my fear that Santa would arrive at my house before I did. That fear subsided rather quickly this year however, as the pastor's sermon went on so long that I realized that not only will Santa have already been to my home, but he will likely have had time to hit every other house in the Northern Hemisphere. Eventually, Father Longwind did get to his point, timing it perfectly with the rising of the sun.

After catching about three hours of sleep, I was awakened at about 8:00 a.m. by my 19 year old sister who apparently fell on her head and thought she was 9 again. From there, my family and I

piled into the livingroom to re-create the events leading up to the birth of Christ, just as we do every Christmas (I played all three Wisemen, of course).

From there, despite the children's insistence that we continue reading from the Bible, my parents forced us to open our gifts. Although, as always, I insisted that I not be given anything but a roof over my head and the undying love of my family, I did have a few gifts awaiting me. Included amongst them was a record player, a green-machine Big Wheel, a Lite Brite, a Nerf football, and a bunch of Play-Doh. Oops, I'm sorry, I was having a flashback to my '80 Christmas. This year, from my parents/Santa, I received a bunch

of clothes; from my siblings, I got some more clothes; and from the rest of my loved ones, I got (yep, you guessed it), a bunch of Play-Doh (go figure).

Speaking of flashbacks, remember the days when you got gifts that you could take out and use right away (wearing = using)? Nowadays, everything I get seems to either go in the closet or the return line. Unfortunately, this year, the majority of my gifts went to the latter: I think I made more returns in a day than an aluminum can collector makes in a year.

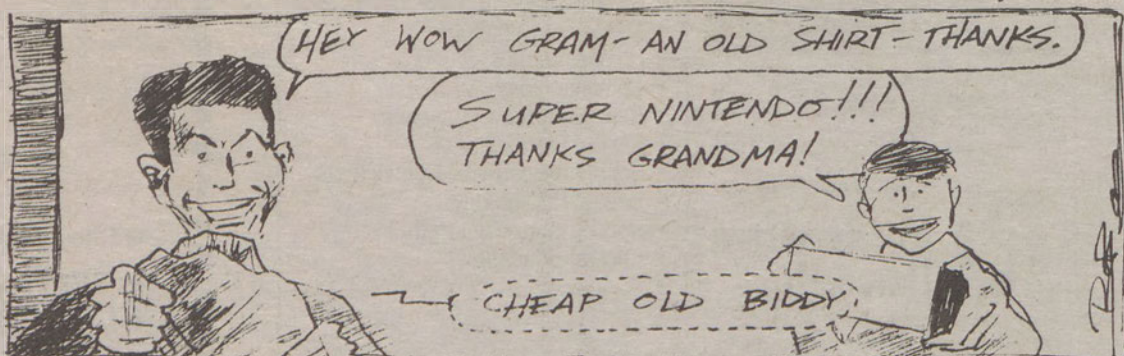
Actually, I did get an instantly usable gift this year in the form of a CD player. Unfortunately, I was unable to take advantage of this feature

as I was unable to locate the one CD I own (Chipmunk Rock). My mother told me she would have bought me a few, but didn't know what I'd want. Mysteriously enough, she was unable to contact my sister (at school) or my brother (who conveniently enough lives right at home) to find out what I'd want. Great excuse - I'll remember that when her birthday comes up and I'm unable to get a hold of my father and the only thing I can think to get her is a set of matching pot holders.

Perhaps the lowlight of my gifts was a heinous polo-type shirt I received from my fairly well-endowed (yet highly frugal) grandmother. From the looks of it, I can only conclude

that she forgot to give it to my father for his eighth birthday, and she just found it in the closet next to a box full of "Ike for President" paraphernalia. If you thought the views of the Catholic church were outdated, just wait you see this shirt; K-Mart would be embarrassed to sell it. To make matters worse, I discovered that my grandmother secretly gave my eight year old cousin Super Nintendo. Naturally, I took him aside and tried to convince him to make an even exchange with me, but he insisted that I throw in the purple velour sweater my Aunt Edith gave me, which for obvious reasons (such as the need for quality dish rags at school), I simply couldn't part with.

Of course, I don't wish to insinuate that I rate my Christmas solely based on the quality of gifts I receive. I also base that judgment on the quality of gifts I give, the quality of time spent with family and friends, the quality of time spent reflecting on the miracle of Jesus' birth by the Virgin Mary, and by far, most importantly, the quality of food served on Christmas day.



Want To Play Games?

by Kristen Gariepy
Features Staff Writer

I need only one word to accurately describe the holidays at my house. Actually, I could use several words, but they all relate to the same general concept: Board games. If my family could award a Nobel Peace Prize or a Greatest American Hero trophy, it would undoubtedly go to the creators of Yahtzee, Monopoly, Scrabble, and Taboo. It's a tradition to sit around the dining room table after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's dinner and play these all-time favorites. Of course, Trivial Pursuit is overlooked because we've already memorized the entire box of answers. P.S. I'm still getting a C in Civ. Isn't that ironic? There's something wrong with the system.

But back to the topic at hand. As I see it, board games are the greatest solution to the problems of boredom and poorness (two which always seem to escalate when I'm stuck living at home). You're

probably thinking, she's wacked. I'm not. I'm just one of those people that can't watch television 24/7 and needs to be entertained constantly. Here's where board games come into play.

YAHTZEE: I think I played more games of yahtzee over Christmas than hours I slept. Six of us went to Loon for a few games and became yahtzee-addicts. Of course, there was one Yahtzee-virgin. I know, it seems impossible. But I'm not lying. After at least twenty games (no exaggeration), one of my co-yahtzeers had still not experienced the exhilarating sensation of rolling a yahtzee. What made it even worse was that the rest of us had gotten it on one roll.

Then there was the player who had never been taught the meaning of the word strategy. It's general yahtzee knowledge that the Three Of a kind category scores by adding up the total of all the dice. What kind of blind and ignorant person would use three 1's as their Three Of a Kind?

MONOPOLY: To date, Monopoly is the best game on the market. Not only is it semi-educational (counting money and paying bills), but it also teaches you to play dirty. Some rules all cheating Monopoly players should remember:

- 1) Always be the banker and launder money for future real estate ventures.
- 2) Always tell your opponents that you just rolled double three's so that you can have another turn.
- 3) Convince the other players that it is a house rule to be able to sell the Get Out of Jail Free card to the bank for \$1000.

Why does everyone always insist on being the car when ever playing this game? I pity the top hat and the shoe. Their silver never seems to tarnish - even the ones from the 1967 edition still look like new. Eventually, someone is going to modernize Monopoly and change the Rolls to a Mercedes, the dog to a Ninja Turtle, and the shoe to a cowboy boot.

SCRABBLE: Supposedly, one is considered to be an ex-

pert Scrabble player if he/she can score above three hundred points. Let me alert you to one fact: I love Scrabble. I can't even explain how frustrating it is to tie someone at 297 points. It happened and I still haven't recovered. I'm plotting serious psychotic revenge.

Again, my blind and ignorant friend comes into the picture (the one that wanted to use 1's in Yahtzee). I've tried to explain to her that making four-letter words out of 1 point letters is not going to produce an all-time Scrabble high score. Words like Zuxeqjk will make you a winner.

Doesn't it always seem that you can never get the Q and a U at the same time? Or you get the Z or the X at the very end of the game when there are no letters to build on? And does anyone ever use the X in a different word other than ax or ox? How about when you have an ingenious word that will use all seven letters and you can't find an open E on the board?

TABOO: The \$25,000 pyra-

mid returns. If you've never heard of or played this game, it's exactly like the television show minus the TV celebrities (the has-beens). The worst is when you're playing with a dyslexic who sees the word gazette as galaxy or award as aware. Or a person who thinks they'll lead you to say the word tongue-depressor with clues like It squirms, It's yellow, It vibrates. I also hate the players who pass on every word. Do they have any vocabulary or sense of imagination? Just give away points. They're irrelevant at the end anyway. Everyone knows that the winner is the player who ends up with the most potato chips.

So I'm here to boost the reputation of Milton Bradley and its competitors. Other board games I neglected to praise include Po-Ke-No, Connect Four, Chutes and Ladders, and the #1 board game of childhood - Candy Land. Next time you're in need for some serious bonding with friends, relatives or neighbors, whip out the dice and tokens. P.S. Cheating is a requirement for an interesting interlude.

Same Thing, Different Semester, Right?

by Noelle Cusack
Asst. Features Editor

For those of you who may still be unaware of what's going on, the week of January 25th officially started the second semester. Teachers used last week to scare off students who never plan to attend their class, the bookstore used the time to make more profits than ever, (especially from me since I'm an English major), and students, of course, occupied their time as wisely as ever. If my friends were any example of what happened last week, they either went out (to the library) every night to meet up with friends they hadn't seen for five weeks, caught up on sleep that they missed out on while they were on break, or stayed up all night and thought of new and different ways to convince their teachers that they really were having scheduling difficulties.

Another first week custom around campus is for girls to show off their Christmas presents, which include matching socks and shirts, and have that new, crisp look. The guys take part in this ritual by wearing their first truly clean clothes that their loving mothers washed for them (because they missed them so much). For most, this tradition dies

out once they've been here for a few semesters.

During the first week, teachers hand out syllabus papers, and try to give the true picture of what their class is going to be like. I'm pretty sure that they exaggerate what their class entails in order to get half the class to drop it. This policy hit an all-time high when I walked into my Modern Society class. Commonly referred to as "The Sex Class", the course deals with relationships and attitudes towards them at PC. It doesn't follow the traditional "regurgitation lecture" form that many philosophy, theology, and science classes follow. After all, it's a sociology class. Where else can you talk about the guy

you talked to all night at Brad's? Where else can you discuss the people who were left all by themselves on the PC shuttle Friday night? Where else can you find out all about what PC students really think of the 'lines' they hear every night when they're out? (For instance, "This is from the guy over there who is really jealous and hurt that you haven't come over to talk to him yet" and "You realize that if my friends leave me here that I'll have to go home with you.") Nowhere, I tell you, nowhere. Don't get me wrong - we talk about other things, like racial prejudice, violence, and how people react to it. The funny thing is, though, that every time we get in-

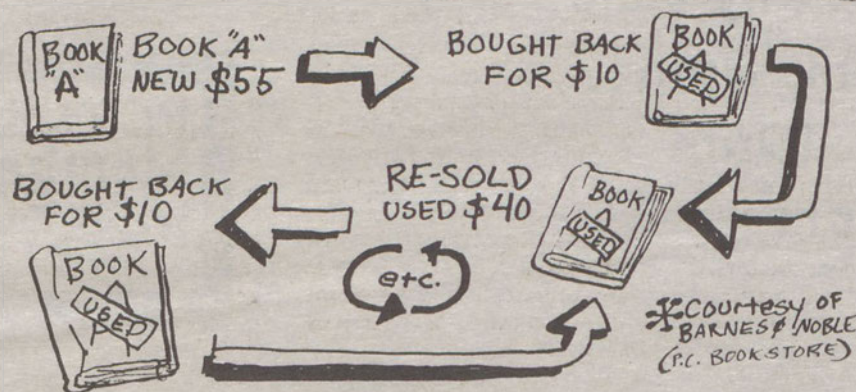
volved with a subject, it seems to end up back at the same place - how we associate with each other. I never thought I'd find a class at PC that I would never even think of skipping, but I actually find myself looking forward to it. It's unbelievable, but true. This beats Natural Science II anyday, and it's definitely more practical.

The bookstore has gone out of their way for students this semester. They have gone above and beyond the call of duty by managing to reprice all of the books that you returned for a grand total of \$6 back for at the end of last semester. I have found that they even got a chance to order a whole bunch of brand new

books (at incredibly reasonable prices) in order to cut down on the sales of books that are full of pointless highlighting and correct homework answers. I have even heard that there has been a run on sophomore Civ philosophy texts. After all, there's only one more semester for these kids to learn about the illegitimate children of Kant.

As for the students, their crazy first week antics have basically subsided, and they are ready to go to class. Unfortunately, the Superbowl is over, but thankfully we did all get to enjoy it as a school because of the cooperation between the NFL and the PC "Let's Make Christmas Break Really Long This Year Just to Make the Kids Really Mad" committee. Now it's time to get back into the swing of things. It's time to get tickets to the Stag, get in touch with the rest of the people you have yet to see, and finish making plans for spring break. I think that about covers everything that PC is bustling about this week (except for the adoption of a dalmation that will make an appearance at Parents Weekend), but you'll have to wait for that scoop until next week when my guide on "How to Deal with Your Parents This Weekend" comes out. 'Til then, I'll see you in SOC 211.

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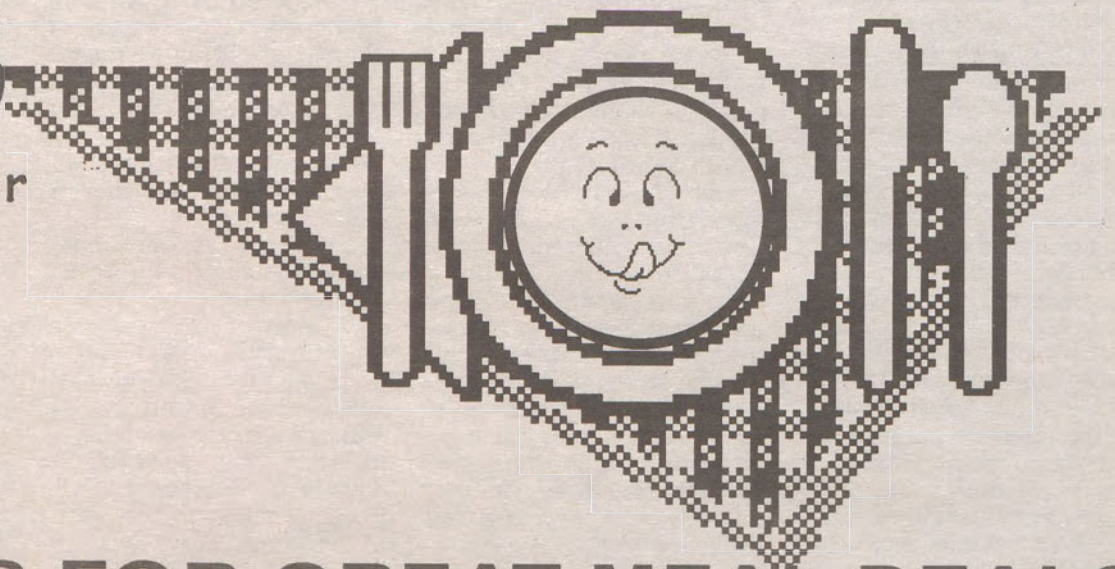
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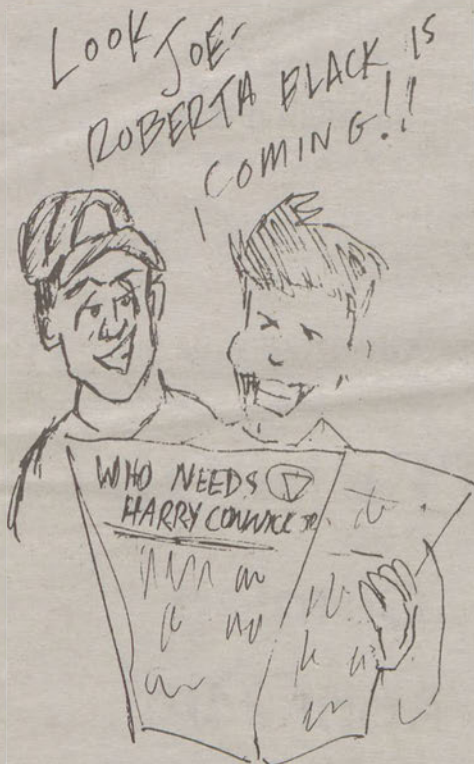
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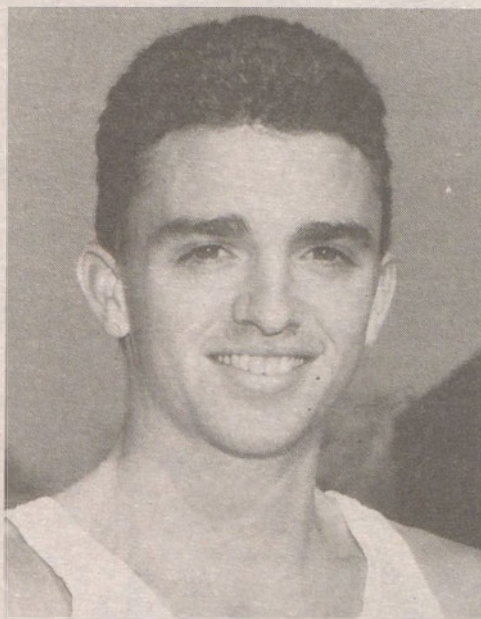
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Scott Cody (Cambridge, MA)

The senior track standout qualified for the NCAA's at the Terrier Classic at BU by finishing third in the 5000 meters with a time of 14:01.38. Scott has fared well in the past couple of weekends, winning the mile and the 3000a t the New England Invitational and New England Challenge, respectively.



Amy Rudolph (Kane, PA)

The sophomore miler qualified for the NCAA's at the Terrier Classic last weekend as she finished fourth in that event. Prior to last weekend, she had finished fourth in the 1000 at the Five-Way meet in Boston three weeks ago and won the mile a week later at the New England Invitational.

IAB Roundup

Compiled by IAB Staff

3-On-3 Basketball

Redemption took the top seed as the playoffs began Monday. They cruised through the regular season and will now meet That Nice, led by Pete "Bad Larry" Barry in what should amount to a tough battle. Balls and Knuckles, led by Claude Johnson, have won their two previous playoff games with relative ease. In a stunning upset, the #2 seed The Fab Four were defeated by Two Grease Balls and a Lefty and One. On Wednesday night they did battle with Skins. And in the other quarter final game Stoiko Dies will battle with The S.T.D's.

Ice Hockey

This year's ice hockey kicked off this week as teams set their sights on the championship. In A league action, Who's Your Daddy skated to a hard fought 6-6 tie with Gary's Old Town Tavern. Both teams looked a little rusty but mustered enough offense to come out with a point. Next up was Old Town Tavern and The Mother Puckas. Old Town Tavern started out slow in the first period. However, they came out firing in the second period to grab a win (9-5) despite having only seven players.

The Mother Puckers beat The Sherpards 9-4 in the only B league game. The Mother Puckers made winning look

too easy...Let's see if they can keep it rolling.

We Just Can't Stop took The Violent Femmes by surprise, winning by a score of 5-3. This game could easily have been a win for The Femmes as the game was much closer than the score. Team X won the only other women's game by a forfeit, as KLM could not find their way to Schneider.

Wiffle-Ball

Wiffle-ball playoffs start this week. IAB Wanna B's are the front runners to take the t-shirts this year but there are some dark horses. Last year's winner The Youngsters II are the second seed, and Busch Beer and Cable TV 2-1-3 should also make some noise. Look for the Water Boys to also make a splash this season.

Ultimate Frisbee

The Frisbee Playoffs kicked off on Tuesday, January 26th. Out of 26 teams, the top 12 teams were chosen and the top four teams received a first round bye. In the first round, Catharsis of the Stockdales beat Friar Flicks, Boyz and Girlz in the Hood knocked out the Floaters, Touch My Discus defeated Classroom Building, and Shark Attack came out on top against U.F.O.'s. In the second round, there were two upsets. Catharsis of the Stockdales beat the fourth seed Jerry Made Us Do It, and Touch My Discus upset Fris A.

The semi-finals turned out to be quite competitive. Catharsis of the Stockdales gave

first seed It Ain't Easy a bit of a scare. However, It Ain't Easy regained their composure and came out on top. Touch My Discus played well against the second seed Team Jello. However, playing well just didn't cut it and Team Jello moved on to the finals.

So now the finals have come down to It Ain't Easy against Team Jello. This game should be very interesting. The rivalry between these two senior teams has spanned 2 years and has been referred to as the most competitive rivalry in Providence College history. Senior analyst/referee Sean Walsh claims, "Judging by the knowledge of each team as to the opponent, the game is predicted to be a low scoring defensive battle."

There is a lot at stake in this final game. No longer has it come down to who wears the t-shirts, but also on the line is a keg and bragging rights!

What's Ahead in IAB

It's second semester again and many of you have asked "What next?" Well, we have an exciting line up of 5 on 5 basketball for both men and women, men's street hockey, and women's field hockey. In carrying on with intramural tradition, we ask that you get rosters in ASAP so we will get tremendous participation such as we had last year. Coming in the near future is Water Polo and Wallyball so look out for posters.



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Lose, 85-84, To Pitt

by Jim Heffley
Sports Writer

Every once and a while, a game is played in which both teams are so evenly matched, it is hard to figure out which one is better. A game in which both teams play so hard and for so long, you hate to see a winner and hope that the game can end up a tie. The PC Lady Friars and Pittsburgh Lady Panthers played that kind of game last night at Alumni Hall. After playing an intensity-filled regulation and two heart stopping overtimes, the Lady Friars were outlasted by the Lady Panthers, and dropped a close one, 85 to 84.

"We played hard for 50 minutes," said Head Coach Bob Foley. "The kids worked their tails off and that is all I can ask."

The Lady Friars hoped to avenge an earlier season loss to the Lady Panthers, who beat them 81-67 at Pittsburgh. The Lady Friars looked as if they were on their way to victory early, as they scored the first seven

points of the game. The Lady Panthers scratched their way back however, closing it to 1 before PC built back their lead. Throughout the first half, the Lady Friars dominated. A Sonya Lewis three pointer with 5:43 left gave PC a nine-point lead, their biggest of the half, before Pitt slowly crawled back into it, cutting the lead to 37-35 at the half. PC opened up the second half the same way they played the first half, increasing their lead to seven with a Heide Moyano three pointer before Pitt made their surge. Pitt took the lead with 7:19 on a Turria Ranson layup. It was the Lady Friars turn to scratch their way back into the game when Pitt jumped to a 6 point lead with 3:39 left. Lucie Fontanella hit the front end of a 1 and 1 with :09 seconds left to tie the game, but couldn't get the second one to fall, and the game went into overtime.

PC and Pitt traded baskets throughout the first overtime. Lucie Fontanella supplied most of the offense for the Lady Friars, pouring in seven points during the

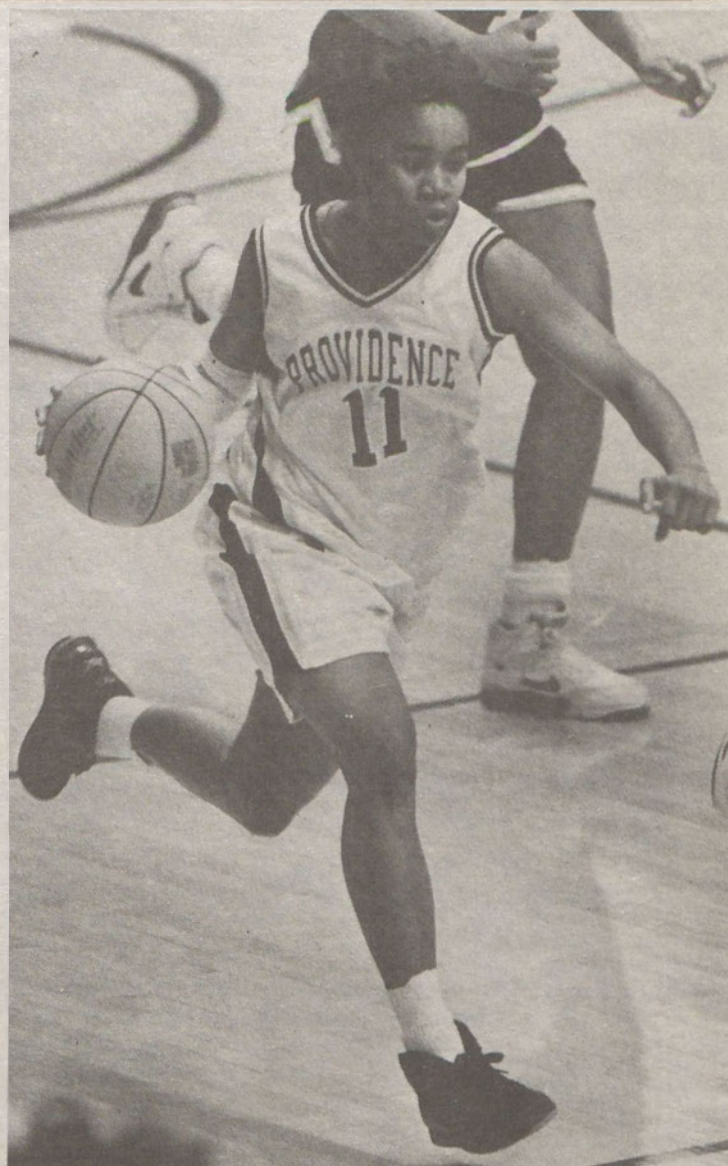
five minute period, including a lay up with :15 seconds left to tie it.

The Lady Friars came out strong in the second overtime, leading by as much as four before Pitt pulled their comeback. A Carolyn Miller layup with :04 left put Pitt up by one. A last chance scoring effort by the Lady Friars was stopped and Pitt held on to win 85 to 84.

"We had a lot of intensity this game," continued Coach Foley. "If we play with this kind of intensity every game, we will win."

Fontanella and junior point guard Sonya Lewis led all PC scorers with 19 points. Heide Moyano had 15 points while connecting on three three-pointers. Fontanella and Jen Meade both pulled down 12 rebounds apiece, and freshman center Lori Penrod had 10 rebounds to go along with her seven points.

The Lady Friars travel south to Florida where they will face the Miami Hurricanes on Saturday.



Junior Sonya Lewis led the Lady Friars with 19 points

Swimmers Enter Final Lap of Season

by Matt Mlodzinski
Sports Writer

The 1992-93 campaign is hitting the stretch run for the men's and women's swim teams. With the New England Championships and Big East Championships coming up in the next few weeks, Coach John O'Neill's troops were looking to have a strong final showing this past weekend. The opponents were Brown and Syracuse, perhaps the two toughest teams the Friars will face this year.

The men came up with a strong overall meet. Despite falling short to both Brown and Syracuse, Coach O'Neill was generally pleased with his team's effort. "Everyone swam very well and I'm looking forward to good results at the upcoming championships," said O'Neill. Chris McAllister broke the school record in the 100 backstroke in leading off the medley relay. Jeff Longo likewise broke his own school record in the 200 breaststroke.

The Friars were swimming without junior Chris Holt, who is injured. O'Neill noted that since it's impossible to replace a swimmer like Holt, one can only hope that others will step up in his place. So far the team has been responding, and O'Neill hopes to see continued improvement through this last stretch of the season.

The women, much like the men, looked good over the

weekend. They lost to Brown, but came up with a tie against Syracuse. The loss to Brown was the first of the season for the women, who had an outstanding record, 11-0, going into the weekend. The tie with Syracuse was a tie in name only because a mistake in the lane assignments for the 200 freestyle forced PC to sacrifice the points they won in the race. The subtraction of those points brought PC down to a tie with the Orange. So the women actually beat Syracuse, though it doesn't say so in the record books.

Individually, Allyson Dunleavy did a super job in winning three races, while Michelle Tamburo looked superb by blazing to two school records in the 100 AND 200 backstrokes. The fact that both Dunleavy and Tamburo are only sophomores bodes well for the PC program and the direction in which it is headed. O'Neill also noted the performance of Heather Virkler, a freshman diver who won the 1 meter diving event on Saturday. O'Neill is pleased with the progress that Virkler and fellow freshman Kelly Mankin have showed and he sees nothing but good things in the future for both girls.

The women finished the regular season with a stellar 11-1-1, while the men finished at a still impressive 8-5. Next up for both teams is the New England Championships in a few weeks.



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Though Craig Darby has had trouble finding the back of the net, he has been busy handing out assists.

cording to the coaches, are to play consistently hard for the full sixty minutes of every game, to continue improving in avoiding dumb penalties, and to contain other teams power plays. The Friars will also have to get solid goaltending from Brad Mullahy and freshman Bob Bell. Mullahy is out for a week due to an injury but should return for the UNH series.

Friars leading the way into

the stretch are Brian Ridolfi (Hockey East Co-Player of the Week, 21-16-37), Chad Quenneville (17-16-33), Bob Cowan (9-18-27), and Brady Kramer (12-13-25). PC's power play has improved greatly, as the Friars have scored on the power play in six straight games, going eight for twenty-seven in that period. Mullahy has played superbly in net, playing in seven straight games (3-1-0, 3.13, .896 save percentage).

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ness.

He became a starter this season, starting at the shooting guard position, where he could use his range to beat zone defenses. Alosa did not have the speed to be a top notch point guard in the Big East, but he found his niche on the perimeter. He averaged almost eight points a year and scored 19 points a couple of times. It looked like he was going to be alright.

But that is all history now. Alosa told radio listeners last night that Barnes constantly harped on his weaknesses, what he couldn't do rather than what he could. Was he a defensive stopper or an end-to-end penetrator? Clearly neither, but he had made great strides in a year of play. Alosa may have been the one who quit the team, but it is readily apparent to anyone who watches this team on a regular basis that the Friars cannot play as a team. Against Dartmouth, a far inferior team in terms of talent, everything was ugly and forced, while Dartmouth sets screens, rotated through the lane and generally dis-

played sound fundamental basketball.

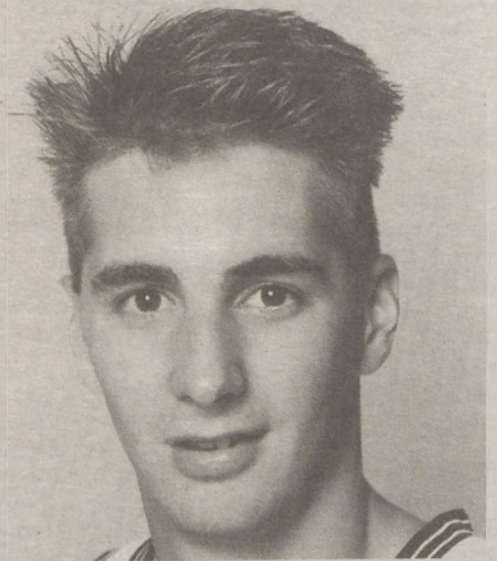
Alosa would excel in a program with a system such as that, not one which continually trips up anytime it faces a zone defense.

Now this once promising season has nosedived into what looks like another tournament-less post-season. When we left for break, the Friars were 6-1 and had just beaten PAC-10 power, Arizona. But we have again descended on another winter of

discontent, losing six of the first nine Big East games.

The offense again lacks imagination. You're more likely to see a sun screen on a Friar than you are of seeing a back screen. But through all of this strife, those in charge at PC have given Barnes a vote of confidence.

Our basketball team is in trouble again. Monday was Groundhog Day, and our furry friend saw his shadow. Another six weeks of winter, and it could get worse.



Alosa is not sure where he will transfer to in the fall.

Harriers Prepping For NCAA's

by Julie Carroll
Assistant Sports Editor

While most PC students were enjoying a super long Christmas vacation, members of the men's and women's indoor track team remained at school engaged in grueling practice and competition. Both teams have already competed in five meets so the beginning of this new semester will also bring a close to their season.

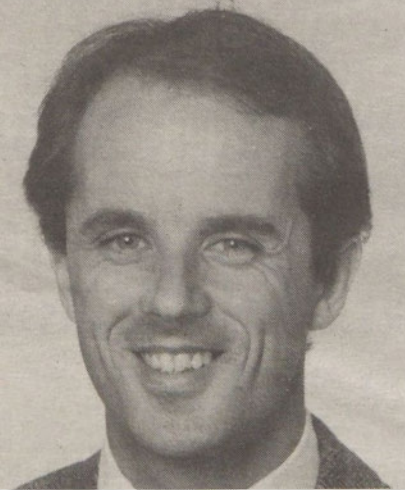
Coach Ray Treacy seemed very impressed with his team's performance thus far. For the women, runners like Amy Rudolph, Dionne Wilson, Vanessa Molloy, and Jean Hughes have been very impressive in competition. Amy Rudolph has already qualified for NCAA competition in the one mile race. Dionne Wilson, an All-American in the 800m last year, is looking for a title in the 400m this season, having gone undefeated thus far. Both Jean Hughes and Vanessa Molloy have already qualified for NCAA competition,

Vanessa in the 3000m and Jean in the 3000m and 5000m.

For the men, Treacy seemed very confident and pleased, especially with Scott Cody, Mark Burdis and Nick Jackson. Scott Cody has already qualified for the IC4A's in the 5000m, 3000m, and the mile. Presently Scott Cody is the fastest 5000m runner in the country, qualifying for the NCAA's in it as well. Mark

Burdis is also qualified for the NCAA's in the 3000m. Nick Jackson has yet to qualify for the NCAA's in the mile but Treacy is very confident that he will.

Both the men's and women's teams will be competing at Brown this weekend, so if you have no plans go and cheer them on, for your support would be greatly appreciated.




At this point, Ray Treacy is pleased with the progress of his squad.

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Friday, Feb 5	Men's Hockey at Northeastern	7:00 p.m.
	Women's Hockey at Concordia Invitational (at Montreal, Quebec)	TBA
Saturday, Feb 6	Women's Basketball at Miami	2:00 p.m.
	Women's Hockey at Concordia Invitational	TBA
	Men's Basketball at Georgetown	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb 7	Track at Alden Invitational (Brown)	10:00 a.m.
	Women's Hockey at Concordia Invitational	TBA
Tuesday, Feb 9	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S	8:00 p.m.
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Brian Ridolfi won Hockey East co-player of the Week after scoring five goals and one assist in two games.

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interviewer

Welcome to 1993, hockey fans! Over Christmas vacation the PC men's hockey team turned their season around. The birth of the new year has given new life to Coach McShane's Friar squad.

After starting the 1992-1993 campaign with a disappointing 0-4-1 mark, the Friars have improved to a respectable 13-11-2 record (6-8-2 in Hockey East). The red hot Friars have been 8-3-1 since Christmas, including big wins over Clarkson (4-3 in OT), RPI (5-4 in OT), and St. Lawrence (6-1).

One player that has contributed greatly to the Friars improved play is left wing Brian Ridolfi.

At 5-8, 185 lbs., Brian Ridolfi has made a huge impact on Hockey East this season. Brian is currently second in goals scored in Big East play (15) behind Maine's Cal Ingraham. Ridolfi (21-16-37 overall 15-7-22 in BE) has been a one man scoring machine during the month of January, tallying 12 goals and 10 assists in 10 games. Brian was rewarded for his efforts last week as he was named co-player of the week in Hockey East play.

Brian was honored after two sterling performances against Hockey East foe Northeastern. The scrappy left wing had 5 goals and 1 assist in the 3-2 and 7-5 important wins over the Huskies. These two wins move PC into a fourth place tie with UMASS-Lowell. On being named the co-player of the week, the modest junior from Pawtucket says, "It feels good to get recognition from the league, but I'm really not a big goal scorer. Right now it seems like the puck is going in the net for me and hopefully it will continue." Brian has steadily improved his play in each of his three seasons as a Friar. In the past, the tough, hard working forward had been overshadowed by the talented play of 1992 graduates Rob Gaudreau and Mike Boback. But the hard work has paid off and Brian now shines as one of the 1992-1993 Friar hockey stars.

As a freshman, Ridolfi made an immediate impact on the team as he played in all 36 games and scored 18 points. Upon returning to the squad for the 1991-1992 season, Brian showed a lot of promise. Unfortunately, Brian broke his wrist during a game in Alaska (long way from home) and missed 15 games. However, the sophomore was still very productive in his limited play, scoring 22 points in 21 games.

But, as a junior on a team with only six seniors, Brian

has become not only an important offensive force, but also a leader on and off the ice. "As a junior I have to have a leadership role on the team. I guess my role on the team is to work hard, dig in the corners for the puck, help the defensemen and score when I can," says Brian. One can immediately see that Brian is a team player first and foremost. He attributes his improved play and co-player of the week honor to the team. "I'm scoring more because I'm getting the opportunity to shoot more. Anyone with the opportunities I have had can score. Coach made a change two weeks ago and I'm on a line with Bob Cowan and Craig Darby now. They're great passers and they give me the opportunity to score."

Ridolfi and the rest of his teammates are gearing up for the final eight games of the season and a possible NCAA tournament bid. But if the Friars don't get invited to the "big dance" they can look to their slow start as the probable cause. Ridolfi holds a very positive outlook on the last few weeks of the regular season. "We are a young team and that hurt us at the start of the season. We missed Rob and Mike. They played a lot of minutes and were big on the power plays."

This is an undeniable fact. The PC power play, since the graduation of Rob and Mike, has fallen from an incredible 31.4% to a dismal 17.6%. When defending against power plays, the 1991-1992 squad posted a strong 87% mark while this year's team has dropped the average by over 10% to 76.9%.

Brian continues, "Now, all the players know their roles. Everyone on the team has a

role and has settled down into it. We can't replace the talent we lost with more talent. We have to replace it with hard work. We have a lot of hard workers on the team." That goes without saying—a lot of teams would have given up in the second half of the season. The Friars have proved that they are full of drive and commitment.

Last year the men's hockey team was not invited to the NCAA tournament. Many hockey fans felt that PC was unfairly passed over for BU (a team that finished behind PC in Hockey East play). The 1992-1993 team wants to right that wrong and continue the post season tradition of PC hockey. "We want to win at least six of the last eight games. Of course, we want our team to take them all but that is hard for any team to do. It's important to finish in the top three in Hockey East and do well in the Hockey East tournament. Usually the top three teams in Hockey East get selected for the NCAA's."

It is now crunch time for Brian Ridolfi and the PC men's hockey team. An incredible turnaround has moved PC to a tie for fourth in Hockey East—well within striking distance of third place. The remainder of the season brings PC to battle against UNH, BU, BC, and UMASS-Lowell for the coveted second and third place standings in Hockey East (Maine has a firm grasp on #1). "We must look forward and work hard because this is a new season for us," Brian continued. "It's the best way to go." The best way to go for the Friars is to continue their positive play and take one game at a time. After the season is over—who knows? Maybe the NCAA's will be knocking on the door.

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final season here at Providence, she should put that total well out of reach for a long time.

Last weekend, the Lady Friars did something that most teams only witness in a nightmare. They played, and won, three full games in less than twenty-four hours. On Saturday, they hosted Queen's College at 3pm at Schneider Arena and after a scoreless first period, turned on the juice to rout the visiting Canadians 6-1. After little more than a break to grab a bite to eat, the Lady Friars were back on the ice to host RIT. The battle-weary Friars disposed of RIT in a 7-1 game that featured some of the heaviest hitting of the year. On Sunday, at high noon, these two teams met in another showdown at Schneider with absolutely no love lost from the night before. Instead of an exhausted and beat up Lady Friar team stepping out onto the ice, the black and white came out of the locker room with a vengeance, and consequently

thrashed the Tigers 8-2 in their second slugfest of the weekend.

They skate, they score, and they back down from no challenge put before them. The '92-'93 Lady Friars Ice hockey team is still one of the best in the country and they are gearing up for the end of the regular season and their post-season tournament. They will be on the road this weekend at the Concordia Invitational and they will return to their home ice on February 11th to face Northeastern at 6:30 p.m. Come out and support your Lady Friars.

LADY FRIAR FACTS: Cammi Granato and Stephanie O'Sullivan are tied for the leading point total this season. Cammi has 26 goals and 21 assists for 47 points. O'Sullivan has lit the lamp 19 times and dished off 28 assists for her 47 points as well. As of this writing, Granato has 208 career points, which puts her in third place for the all-time point total. She needs just 17 more points to tie the all time

mark of 225 total points set by Cindy Curley '81-'85. With nine games left in the season, *The Cowl* would like to wish her the best of luck in reaching this mark.

Goalie Cathy Sloan has a 7-2-2 record with 2.18 goals against per game and a save percentage of .878. Her colleague between the pipes, Gina Martinello, is 4-2, gives up 1.66 per game and saves .900 of the shots that come her way. Michelle Johansson, a senior defenseman, leads her position in total scoring with three goals and fourteen assists for 17 points. There is a battle going on for third place in goals scored for the Lady Friars. Junior left-winger Wendy Cofran currently holds the spot with nine goals and senior Lynn Manning is hot on her heels with seven. The Lady Friars are currently scoring 4.88 gpg, with 83 tallies in 17 games. They are only allowing 2.00 goals against.



Brian Ridolfi has become Mr. January, scoring 12 goals and collecting 10 assists in 10 games.

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Turning It On

Hockey Friars 8-3-1 Since Christmas Break

by Rusty Newell
Sports Writer

"It's crunch time. It's in our hands. It's up to us now." These statements by assistant coach Tim Army are clichés that are heard over and over again in the sports world to the point of nausea. Seasons are always in a team's hands, and every time should be crunch time for teams to compile a good enough record to make the twelve team NCAA tournament. Nevertheless, these statements describe the Providence College men's hockey team's situation perfectly.

The Friars have been playing much better in the latter half of the year, racking up an 8-3-1 record since the Christmas break after starting the season 0-4-1. PC's two victories last week against Northeastern moved them into a fourth place tie with UMass-Lowell in Hockey East. Both teams have 14 points. Provi-

dence is only one point behind third place University of New Hampshire. The Chiefs and Wildcats both have a game in hand on the Friars.

The Friars have eight games left in the regular season before the Hockey East Quarterfinals. The eight games include a game at Northeastern Friday night, two games against UNH, two games against UMass-Lowell, two with Boston College, and the season finale against Boston University. Providence, with a good showing in these games, could move into third place. Second place BU (11-4-1, 23 points) may be out of reach.

Third place standing would give the Friars a higher seed and home ice advantage going into the Hockey East Tournament. Crunch time, therefore, aptly describes the magnitude of this part of the season. Coach McShane stated, "We're a

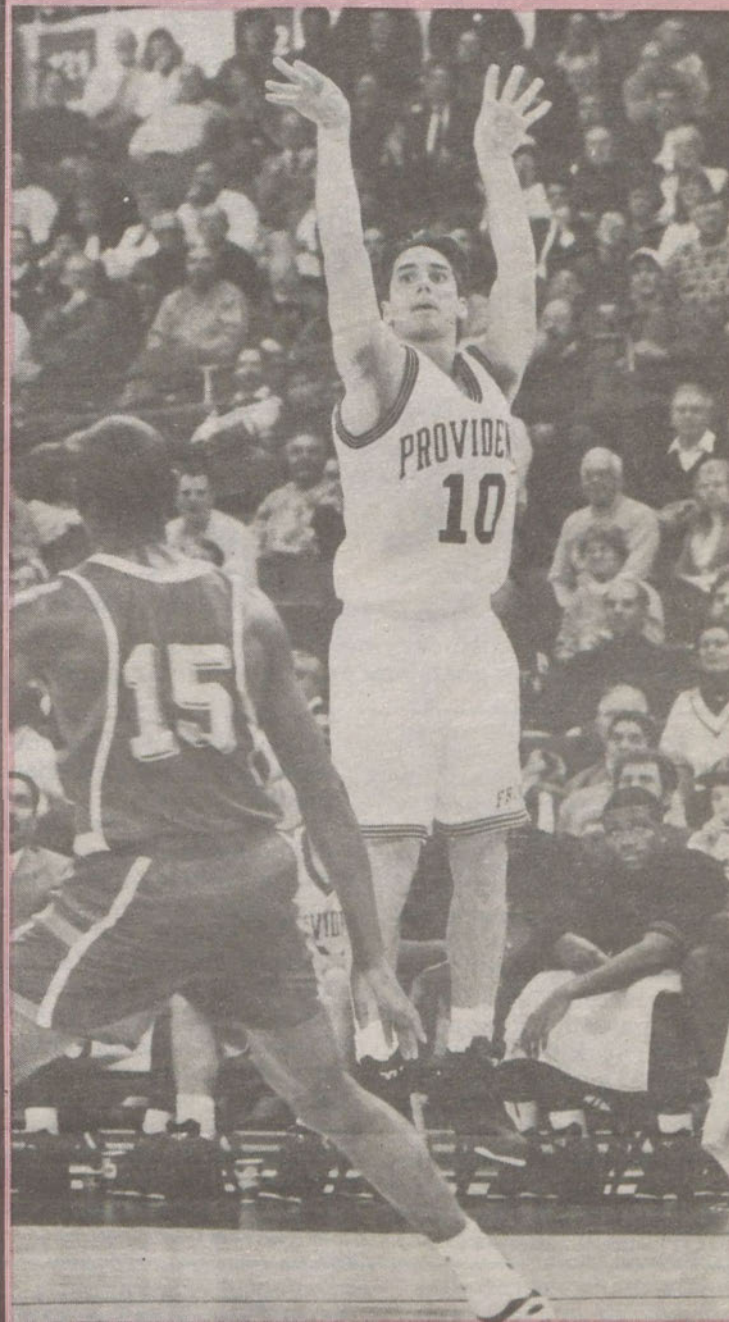
better team than we were in the beginning of the season. Our lines are solidified and we've had good goaltending." McShane added that the Friars also have a tough schedule facing them.

Assistant coach Army stated that the Friars are playing more consistent, better hockey. "We're playing better and some of the guys are starting to score—Ridolfi, Quenneville, Cowan, Breen." Sounds like the Friars are realizing that those clichés about taking their season into their hands, and 'It's up to us now' are what it will take for them to build off the success of the latter half of the season and position themselves for the postseason.

Keys to PC's success in the upcoming games, ac-

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Alosa Bids Friars Adieu



Matt Alosa has hit his last jump shot as a Friar, as he could no longer contend with the coaching philosophy of Rick Barnes.

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

For the first time since he was tearing up the New Hampshire high school basketball circuit, averaging over 35 points a game, Matt Alosa was not a member of the PC Friars. On Monday afternoon, Alosa decided that it was in the best interest of himself and Coach Barnes that he leave the team.

Efforts to reach Alosa on Wednesday were unsuccessful, but he made his reasons for leaving crystal clear in the local newspapers and talk radio wires.

Though he was a starter in 10 of the 16 games he participated in this season, Alosa was not a happy Friar. Nor does it appear he is the only one. He did not see eye-to-eye with the coaching philosophy of Rick Barnes, who would often yank him out of a game and not reinsert him until much later in the contest. He told *The Providence Journal-Bulletin* that he left the team in order to avoid an inevitable confrontation with Barnes. He did not want to embarrass himself or the program. Coming to the Civic Center, he was not sure whether he would play five or 25 minutes. His role on the team was never really clear to him.

That Alosa's career had to come to such an unceremonious finish is a shame, and an indication that Barnes' inconsistent substitution methods and lack of communication with his players are starting to affect the spirit of the team. He committed to PC well before his senior year of high school in the hopes of scratching his name into the PC Honor Roll of Guards. *The Sporting News* ranked him the third best point guard in the nation, and the Rhode Island fans canonized him as the next Ernie DiGregorio.

These testaments were both unfair and off-the-mark, as Alosa found Big East play a huge jump from the New Hampshire high school circuit. He scored 76 points in 26 games as a freshman, but worked harder than any Friar in the off-season. He sometimes slept in the basketball office to get in the gym by 6:00 a.m. He drilled with Ernie D, and turned more than a few heads when he threw down a reverse jam at Midnight Mad-

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Road Bumpy For Lady Friars

Granato Breaks PC Goal Scoring Record

by Mike Randolph
Sports Writer

The Lady Friars ice hockey team returned to the ice January 8th to begin a grueling 14 game schedule spread out over the following 23 days. January featured many highs and lows for the Lady Friars.

They spent most of their "vacation" on a bus and the long road trips may have taken their toll. While they played their hearts out every time on the ice, not every game ended up with one in the win column for the black and white. At a tournament at the University of New Hampshire, they lost one game to Concordia and played to a draw against both Northeastern and UNH, two of their biggest league rivals. Their next road trip began at Dartmouth with a 5-2 loss and from there they traveled to Ithaca for three games in four days. They managed to win two of these, despite being beaten up on the ice by almost everyone they faced. Putting the injuries and long bus rides aside, the mighty Lady Friars still played some great hockey over the long winter break. They improved their



Cammi Granato became the Lady Friars' all-time leading goal scorer.

record to 11-4-2 and with two of the losses coming in exhibition games against Canadian teams, Concordia and U Toronto, the women's team still has an impressive record in league play. The Lady Friars also saw one of their team-

mates set the all-time goal scoring record for a female ice hockey player at Providence College. Cammi Granato etched her name into the number one spot on January 27th in a game that the Friars ended up losing to cross-town rival Brown. Cammi took a pass from junior left-winger Wendy Cofran and stuffed one by Brown's goalie Kate Presbrey at the 4:35 mark in the third period. Cammi broke the old mark of 113 career goals set by the current Providence College women's softball coach Jackie Barto who played from '80-'84. Granato has since added six more goals to that mark and by the end of her

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