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PC Hits The Jackpot

\$2.5 Million Gift, The Largest Donation In The History Of The College, Announced During Diamond Jubilee Weekend

Pointing to national polls and a new federal study citing the declining number of families who can afford a college education, President John F. Cunningham, O.P., announced Sunday that the college has received a \$2.5 million bequest from the late Francis L. Gragnani, PC class of 1940. The gift includes \$500,000 earmarked for need-based scholarships for Fall River area students, by Mr. Gragnani's request.

The bequest is both the largest charitable gift and largest individual gift received in the college's 75-year history, and one of the largest gifts by an individual received by any college or university in Rhode Island.

Some \$2 million of the bequest has been donated unrestricted and will be used to build the college's endowment. The \$500,000 earmarked for a new Fall River-based

scholarship fund will give preference to graduates of B.M.C. Durfee High School (Fall River), also Mr. Gragnani's alma mater.

The first recipient of that scholarship, Miss Katherine

Providence College to continue efforts to self-finance a larger proportion of total financial aid to its students. In 1989, \$6.3 million or 46% of total financial aid to PC students.

"The \$500,000 provides new scholarship opportunities immediately. The \$2 million will enable us to increase our endowment, and continue expansion of financial aid programs in the future."

-Pres. Cunningham

Silvia of Fall River, MA, attended the brunch along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Silvia, Jr. Miss Silvia, a B.M.C. Durfee High School graduate is currently a freshman at PC.

According to Father Cunningham, the infusion of \$500,000 in need-based scholarship funds will enable

The increased commitment in self-funded scholarships and other aid programs has enabled PC to extend financial aid to almost two-thirds of the student body. In 1989, some 1,895 students or 50% of the student body received aid. Today some 2,350 or 62% of total students are receiving financial assistance.

Father Cunningham emphasized that the Gragnani gift provides the college a double benefit in efforts to extend financial aid to even more students. "The \$500,000 provides new scholarship opportunities immediately. The \$2 million will enable us to increase our endowment, and continue expansion of financial aid pro-

grams in the future," Father Cunningham said.

"As the son of a Fall River shoemaker, Francis Gragnani never lost sight of the value of affording others the same opportunity that enabled them to enroll at Providence College right after the Depression," noted Father Cunningham.

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(r to l) Scholarship winner, Katherine Silvia, brother of the benefactor, Mr. Joseph Gragnani, and Pres. John Cunningham

Highlights of the Grand Jubilee

by Kate Malloy News Editor, Tricia Connolly Editor-in-Chief and Theresa Edo Contributing Writer

The wild weather did not dampen the spirits of hundreds of alumni, parents and students who collectively celebrated the various events of The Diamond Jubilee 75th Anniversary Weekend.

As any nearby hotel or restaurant employee could attest, the city of Providence was literally taken over by those who celebrated the anniversary of the school many different ways.

While the city was being dumped with 3 inches of snow and sleet, the capacity crowd (all 3,000 tickets were sold) were enjoying what had become a PC Parents' Weekend tradition: the Friday night dinner dance. This year's dance was distinguished by the superb performance of the Original Count Basie Orchestra, led by Mr. Frank Foster.

Those who recovered early from dancing the night away were probably among the approximately 80 knowledge-seekers who attended Dr. Barbara Fields lectures entitled "Race, Politics and Education." Dr. Fields, who is currently a Professor of History at Columbia University has

published numerous books and articles on the Civil War, slavery and the social history of African Americans. Dr. Fields called upon her vast educational background at



band leader, Frank Foster both Harvard College and Yale University to lead a thought-provoking lecture and discussion.

Later on in the afternoon, Moore Hall was as busy as a typical Civ day, as parents and students packed all three Alumni Achievement Symposium Lectures which took place at 1 p.m.

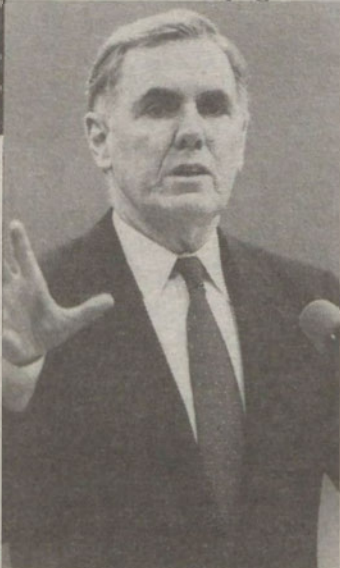
The Honorable Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, the current mayor of Boston and a member of the PC class of 1963, tackled America's Urban Prob-

lems during a lecture entitled "Big Cities...Big Problems...Big Potential." Mayor Flynn campaigned vigorously for Bill Clinton during the campaign, and repeatedly stressed his opinions of Clinton's urban agenda.

Mayor Flynn supported our new president by saying that in the past, "we haven't had the creative or enlightened leadership to deal with our cities."

While Flynn gave a glimpse into the realm of politics, Mr.

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Mayor Ray Flynn

Her Lucky Day

by Jennifer Brinkman
Asst. News Editor

Picture this. It's your freshman year. You are sitting in your dorm room on a typical Thursday night watching The Simpsons when suddenly the telephone rings. No, it is not the front desk telling you that your pizza has arrived. It's also not your friend in Raymond Hall who was just able to locate "your" ID so that you could go to Brad's. Instead, on the other end of the receiver is the next best thing to Ed McMahon.

This past Thursday evening, February 11, 1993, Katherine Silvia received a call from her parents informing her that she was the recipient of a 4-year full scholarship valued at approximately \$68,000.

The scholarship was established by Francis L. Gragnani, a member of PC's Class of 1940, who died in July of 1991, leaving \$2.5 million to Providence College.

Katherine, currently a freshman at PC, exclaimed "I was in shock. All weekend

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there was so much commotion. I was interviewed by Channel 6 and Channel 12 news."

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Silvia, Katherine's parents, received the good news on Wednesday afternoon. Katherine described them as being "so excited because it is so much pressure off of them financially."

Her father, an alumnus of PC, was already planning on attending the 75th Jubilee Weekend but his daughters' award gave him all the more reason to celebrate.

Mr. Silvia knew Mr. Gragnani from their hometown of Fall River, MA. Katherine says she may have met him when she was younger but cannot remember it vividly. What she does know is that the many accounts of people who were personally acquainted with Gragnani describe him as "a great man who was very gen-

erous and hard working."

During the brunch on Sunday, Katherine was fortunate enough to meet Joseph Gragnani of Dartmouth, MA, brother of the late Francis Gragnani. "He kept congratulating me. He seemed pleased that I was the winner of the scholarship." His brother reminded her of what an honor this scholarship truly was by saying his brother "deserves all the

"He kept congratulating me. He seemed pleased that I was the winner.."

money he ever earned. He was an incredibly hard worker and he also did quite a bit of volunteer work."

At her high school, B.M.C. Durfee, which Galgani also attended, Katherine was involved in numerous extracurricular activities. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity cheerleading squad, field hockey team and winter track. She participated in the History and Spanish Clubs and was also vice president of her parish youth group.

Since starting PC in September, she has become a member of the cheerleading squad and she is hoping to get involved in Pastoral Council and possibly the Friar's Club.

Although Francis Gragnani is no longer here, the legacy of a man who committed his life to hard work, devotion and generosity will remain at Providence College for years to come.

Child Care Survey... Your Input Is Needed

Is there a need for child care assistance for children of Providence College Faculty, Administration, and Staff? That's what an upcoming survey will try to find out!

A well-documented increase in the number of women in the American workforce during the past decade has had a tremendous impact on the American family, as women and men find it increasingly difficult balancing work and family responsibilities.

Employers are addressing this concern by offering a variety of policies and programs that demonstrate their commitment toward easing the work/family conflicts of employees.

To develop an understanding of the PC community's attitudes toward the issue of child care, a subcommittee of

the Faculty Benefits Committee of the Faculty Senate is conducting a campus wide child care interest survey of the more than 1,000 employees of the college. Surveys will be distributed through the campus mail during the week of February 15.

The purpose of the survey is twofold: to assess the interest level of all employees in the establishment of a self-supporting college-related child care service, and to estimate the needs of those who currently have eligible children or who anticipate such a need in the future.

Based on survey results, the Faculty Benefits Committee plans to make its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, which in turn, will make recommendations to the administration. Depen-

dent care policies and programs typically include options such as on-site day care, dependent care reimbursements, and flexible benefits plans.

For those of you who are currently using a child care program or foresee a future need, your responses will help guide the subcommittee toward making appropriate recommendations. If your family situation puts you beyond the need for child care, we still want to hear from you so that the attitude of the entire campus community is reflected in the subcommittee's final report to the Faculty Benefits Committee.

Please take the time to fill out the Child Care Interest Survey...we need the input of everyone.

Tax Time

The Providence College Department of Accountancy and the college's student Accounting Association will offer a VITA (Volunteer Tax Assistance) Program in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the official sponsor of the program, each Saturday from February 20, 1993 through April 10, 1993 between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in PC's Alumni Hall lobby.

As a community service, the free tax preparation assistance is open to the public, with special emphasis on serving the Providence College commu-

nity, senior citizens, those with questions about tax rules, and the economically disadvantaged. Those who would like to make use of this service are asked to bring a copy of last year's tax return if at all possible, as well as their W-2 and 1099 forms.

Providence College's Department of Accountancy and student Accounting Association have sponsored a VITA Program at the college in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service for approximately 15 years.

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Do You have a hot story for The Cowl?

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT RI FOODBANK

The Rhode Island Community Food Bank, which provides food for over 106,000 hungry people every month, is in need of volunteers to help sort donated food products. The Food Bank is now open for volunteers on the first and third Saturday of every month, in addition to its regular weekday hours. Volunteering is a great way for individuals as well as groups from organizations, businesses, etc., to help out the community.

Over 40,000 pounds of salvage food items are donated to the Food Bank every week. This food needs to be sorted and checked very carefully for quality before it can be distributed to the thousands of hungry people who are served through over 400 social service agencies, such as soup kitchens, homeless shelters and emergency food pantries. These agencies depend on the Food Bank for a large portion of their food supply.

Volunteers are also needed during the week to help with sorting, pulling food orders from the warehouse, clerical work, and assisting at the front desk when agencies come in and shop for food.

For more information on any of the volunteer opportunities at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, please call Jo Ryan at 826-3073.

Blood Drive

Providence College students, faculty and staff are urged to participate in the College's upcoming blood drive slated for Thursday, February 25, from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in '64 Hall of the Slavin Center. The drive is sponsored by the K of C Friar Council.

All blood donors will be treated to free pizza and soda! Donating blood is safe, simple and quick, requiring about one hour at a time.

The donation process consists of a medical interview, the donation and refreshments. All equipment used

for donating blood is sterile, used for only one donor and then discarded. Donors cannot get any disease by giving blood! It is a completely safe procedure.

Donors should be in general good health, weigh 110 pounds or more and be 17 or older. Those planning to give blood should eat and drink plenty of fluids prior to their donation.

Individuals with colds cannot give blood unless they are symptom free and meet other eligibility requirements.

For more information call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 453-8360.

Highlights of the Diamond Jubilee Weekend

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Thomas Mignanelli, PC '66 and Mr. Raymond Butkus, PC '73, shared their expertise in the business world. Both Mr. Mignanelli (who is the President of Nissan Automotive) and Mr. Butkus (Vice President of AT&T) concurred that the

work television. Mr. Scanlan, Executive Vice President for NBC, addressed the recent departure of David Letterman to CBS; the history of NBC and television/entertainment trends in the future.

"Information and knowledge will never have been more accessible," he said. He

loved about his days at PC.

He cited the banality in the news industry. "The problem is everyone chases the 'big stories,'" he said. "We miss the things in everyday life that effect all of us."

For all devoted sports fans who ventured to the men's and women's hoop games or the men's hockey game, flip to the back page of *The Cowl* for the full scoop. For all the theater-goers anxious for a review of Blackfriars production of *Arms and the Man*, see page 13.

To skip ahead to Sunday morning, the 11:30 mass in Alumni Hall gym was graced by the presence of another distinguished alumnus: The Rev. Thomas A. Kelly, who is the Archbishop of Louisville, one of the largest archdioceses in the country. In a touching homily, Archbishop Kelly recalled his days at PC fondly. Archbishop Kelly is distinguished as the highest ranking Dominican in the country. The mass was perfectly complimented by the inspirational sounds of The PC Choir who filled the room with music.

Following the mass, and after about a 25 minute delay the-again- sold out crowd headed back to Peterson for the Champagne Brunch and Closing Ceremony. Shortly after Pres. Cunningham made his monumental announcement about the Gragnani bequest to the college, and the audience viewed a short Providence College promotional

film, Father R.B. Haller, one of the chief organizers of the weekend's events, introduced Ms. Roberta Flack.

After the grammy award winning singer stepped on stage and glided into her international hit "Killing Me Softly", the crowd immediately forgave her for the wait. Her concert, which lasted a

the perfect finale to a weekend that was filled with

famous faces and lived up to its lofty title of a "Diamond Jubilee."

Father Haller and the staff at the Office of College Events should be commended for their hard work. Father Haller also asked that "the common efforts of Alumni Development, the Physical Plant, Security, Food Services, and

should be thanked for all their efforts."



NBC Feature Correspondent and PC alumnus, Mike Leonard

discipline and values they learned at PC have helped them in their professional lives.

Meanwhile, next door, Mr. Edward Scanlan, PC '55, and Mr. Mike Leonard, PC '70, discussed their impressive careers with NBC net-

encouraged students to become part of the new technology.

Mike Leonard, Feature Correspondent for NBC, whose off-beat and humorous stories often appear on the Today show, amiably reminisced about cafeteria food, among other things he



Roberta Flack wins over the Peterson crowd on Sunday

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leased 2-year study by the National Commission on Responsibilities For Financing Postsecondary Education that recommended sweeping changes in federal financial aid programs. Father Cunningham emphasized that colleges must also meet the challenge of holding down tuition increases while at the same time expanding scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

Father Cunningham pointed out that Providence College's annual tuition increases have averaged between 6 and 7% over the past 3 years compared to average increases of between 9 and 13% at comparable private, liberal arts colleges in the northeast. He added that the \$500,000 Gragnani scholarship fund becomes the 31st scholarship funded earmarked for Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts area students who intend to enroll at Providence College.

Prior to his \$2.5 million bequest, Mr. Gragnani was already the most generous benefactor in the history of PC. His \$1.5 million gift to the college's 1985 Capital Campaign made it possible for PC to build a new residence for the Dominican Friars, the St. Thomas Aquinas Priory/Gragnani Dominican Center, which opened in Fall 1984.

In May 1976, Gragnani received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Providence

College and in May 1978 was honored as Distinguished Alumnus from B.M.C. Durfee High School.

After graduation from Durfee High School, Gragnani enrolled at Providence College in 1936. After receiving his bachelor's degree in philosophy 1940, he worked for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company for a short time before entering the Army Air Corps. He served his country in the Pacific theater during World War II and was honorably discharged from the Air Corps as a full Captain.

After graduation and war-time service, he joined the Japan Division of the Coca-Cola Export Corp., rising through the ranks to a position of vice president. In 1962, he resigned from the Export Corporation and was awarded the Coca-Cola Bottling Franchise for Nagano Bottling Co. in 1974 to return to the United States and embark on a new career as founder and chairman of the Board of Winthrop Financial Co., Inc. of Washington, DC.

He served as the firm's chairman of the board until 1983, when he was elected chairman of the board until 1983, Corporation (formerly Winthrop Financial Co., Inc.).

Mr. Gragnani resided in West Hyattsville, MD, with his wife Charlotte, who survives him. Mr. Joseph Gragnani, brother of the late benefactor, was present at the closing ceremony to hear the deafening applause that erupted after Pres. Cunningham's announcement.

ALUMNI CAFETERIA

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Friday- Tuna Melt, French Fries, and Beverage \$2.50



DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

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

Cases as of:

February 9, 1993

A case involved one student who was charged with tampering with fire safety equipment (fire extinguisher), disorderly conduct, conduct threatening to the health of a student which included spraying the students room with the fire extinguisher, and damage to college property. The student also violated the school's policy on the consumption of alcoholic beverages by person of legal age and also becoming intoxicated. The student was found guilty and must pay \$200, must participate in alcohol education classes, pay all costs of the

mishap, and will be on disciplinary probation until November 1, 1993.

February 10, 1993

Two juniors were charged with drinking and broadcasting under the influence of alcohol, and using vulgar language while broadcasting on WDOM. They violated the standards of conduct established by the college and were disorderly. These are very serious charges because such conduct can endanger the license of WDOM. The two students will be on disciplinary probation until October 31, 1993, will pay \$300 each, and will participate in alcohol education classes. They were removed from WDOM staff and will have no future contact with the radio station. They must also write a letter of apology to Mr.

David Marshall to whom the vulgar comments were focused.

February 11, 1993

A hearing pertaining to one student was conducted to consider the charges which resulted from an altercation on Eaton Street and the lack of cooperation with the directives of the Providence police. The student, a member of the junior class, was found guilty of not complying with the directives of the police in their duties and behaving in a manner which was in violation of the standards of the college as detailed in the student Handbook (pg. 35, paragraph 8). The student will be on disciplinary probation until May 31, 1993, and must serve 15 hours of community service.

'96 AND '95 GUYS!

THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE ROLE MODELS FOR 5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS IN PROVIDENCE. SPEND SOME TIME TUTORING AND PROVIDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHILE MAKING NEW, LITTLE FRIENDS. FOR MORE INFO CALL KRISTEN AT 865-3330 OR THE CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND ALL THE LANGUAGE CLUBS ARE OFFERING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JOHN McGRATH, FROM THE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTER. HE WILL ADDRESS THE LANGUAGE STUDENTS AND ALL INTERESTED ON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT 3:30 P.M. IN SLAVIN 120

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The official Spring semester enrollment period for the program will be Tuesday, January 19th through Friday, March 6th. Detailed information packets about the program with an attached application form are available at 103 Koffler Hall, 9a.m.-4p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mrs Ann Galligan Kelley, Director

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Letters To The Editor

Veritas?

To the Editor:

I think that all Providence College students should be made aware of the repression of truth which is occurring on this campus. It seems that the administration has decided to repress all ideas which do not conform to their own narrow-minded view of life. I am speaking of their refusal to allow people with differing opinions to inform students that there is an alternative way of looking at things. This repression is occurring among guest speakers, teachers, and even students.

First of all, regarding the guest speakers. Some of you may know that the hip-hop artist Chuck D. of Public Enemy was scheduled to speak at Providence College this spring. After much work in organizing the event by many of our dedicated students, the event was cancelled. Suddenly, the school did not have sufficient funds even though the students originally had the project approved. For some reason, it seems that this lack of funds did not affect any of the other major events planned for this year. In this light, one tends to suspect that there may be another motivation for the cancellation of this event. It seems that the administration did not feel that this event was as important as the hoopla that is being made over the seventy-fifth anniversary. They do not seem to realize that the students have come here to learn and not to be dazzled by the illumination of the Harkins Hall facade. This is merely one of the ways in which the administration has decided to limit the students' ability to see the world as it truly is.

They have also managed to coerce the professors into submission to some extent. Some professors have requested that certain subjects not be brought up and it is almost certain that others try their hardest to avoid topics because their beliefs differ from those of the administration. This may be understandable on the part of the professors because their jobs and their livelihoods depend largely upon their remaining in the good graces of the administration. One would assume that the professors have a reason for this fear of expressing their opinions. In light of this, it seems doubtful that the administration would be willing to hire anyone with conflicting opinions and would try to cause trouble for

those who do have such opinions. This may not have been much of a problem in hiring before, because most of the time it was the department who did the hiring. But the new hiring policy instituted by the administration could present an even greater threat to the freedom of ideas on campus. Perhaps this was even one of their motivations in passing this legislation.

Finally, the administration has even managed to have a hand in restricting the expression of ideas by the students. The administration tried to silence at least one student, and if there was one, there probably are more. This particular student was one of the more outspoken students who, because of his background and experiences, saw life in a different way than the administration and many of the students here. This student always tried to help other students understand his experiences and be willing to challenge what they had been taught. He did not tell people what to think, but rather, tried to make them think by presenting them with alternatives. The administration did not seem to like the idea that students might question what the administration wanted them to think. The upper echelons on the administration seems to have made it known to their pawns in the lower levels that they did not approve of this individual's ideas. Since then, this student has received considerably fewer invitations to address the students.

The one thing that should enrage the students about this is that the students are being systematically denied opportunities to discover the truth. The administration seems to want to preserve the rose-tinted image of the world that most students come here with. Unfortunately, this could prove a terrible handicap when these students enter "the real world" because they will not know how to deal with life there. It seems a crime that the administration would prefer to teach acceptance of given ideas rather than the questioning and formulation of ideas on the part of the individual. Do they think that the students here are incapable of thinking on their own, or are they just afraid of the conclusions the students would come to if presented with all of the facts?

Michael Thompson, '95

Acceptable Prejudice?

To the Editor:

What is acceptable prejudice? How would you like someone to define who or what you are simply based on your sexual preference? I am writing in response to the Roving Photographer question, "Do you think President Clinton should allow gays in the military?" featured in the February 4th edition of *The Cowl*.

Instead of providing intelligent answers to this controversial question, some of the students merely emphasized their own immaturity and ignorance. For example, two female students replied that if they were in the military, they would not want to live in "close quarters" with homosexuals. What is the reasoning behind this statement? Do they actually believe that living in "close quarters" with homosexuals would threaten their own sexuality? Or are they afraid that some people still restrict homosexuals to this closed-minded stereotype.

Another student commented that homosexuals should not be allowed in the military because "it would break with tradition." What tradition is this student supporting? Does this student mean the "tradition" of discriminating against a group of people simply because of who they are? If any progress can be made, then this "tradition" must be broken.

Why is gay-bashing acceptable in our society when similar behavior towards other minorities is frowned upon? If the question had been, "Should President Clinton allow more blacks in the military?" would *The Cowl* have printed a picture of two white males wearing blackface and eating watermelon? If the answer to the above question is an obvious "no," then how can *The Cowl* justify printing such derogatory statements about homosexuals?

I understand that the Roving Photographer is a section of *The Cowl* which highlights humorous, and sometimes witty, remarks made by the student body about a current topic. However, these comments were neither humorous or witty. Instead of providing thought-provoking responses to this serious question, most of the students resorted to homophobic jokes and tasteless statements. Until these individuals abandon their outdated viewpoints about homosexuals, and people in general who "break with tradition," they will be forced to live un-

der the shadow of their own label: Prejudiced.

Sincerely,
Dawn DeMattos '92

An Attack on Conservatism

To the Editor:

"We declare our right on this Earth to be a man, to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, on this Earth, in this day, which we intend to bring into existence by any means necessary."

El Hajj-Malik El Shabazz
(Malcolm X)

Since liberal democrats now control the government, conservative republicans have increased their attack on policies which would ensure the inclusion of Africans into American society. In reading *The Cowl* on February 11, 1993, an alumni of Providence College attacked brother Lacy McDowell. My intent is not to defend brother Lacy (he can defend himself) but to disclose conservatism for what it is: racist. Now this alumni believed that brother Lacy's friends would call him a racist. His statement is ignorant because if he knew what racism was, then he would not have made the statement. One person in and of himself or herself cannot be a racist. An individual attitude can only be prejudice. Racism is the collective power of one group to oppress and subordinate another group on the basis of skin color, whether intentional or unintentional. I will give this PC graduate's article as a prime example of conservative thought, specifically on education.

Conservative thought has always amazed me. The logic that Africans sit on their butts and don't try to "achieve" creates a false image which is conceived through ignorance. They continue to judge Africans without knowing African history. This alumni states "Low application numbers are not the fault of White women and men." Let me disprove this falsehood. After the so-called emancipation, 2.2 million African people were left without land, money or education. In a capitalistic society, education is the foundation for "achievement." Former slaves were not only unable to obtain an education but also locked out of education BY LAW; via Jim Crow and segregation. Not until 1954 (*Brown vs. the Board of Education*) did America let the mass of Africans get an educa-

tion.

Now let's examine the present reason why admission numbers are so low. In America, property taxes finance public education. Keep in mind African people could not afford private education. Since the majority of Africans did not own land, Africans had the poorest school systems. Poor education not only manifested through lack of land, but also through the fact that property values in African neighborhoods were very low. How many middle class Whites, in 1954, lived near African people? When people live in poor neighborhoods, they go to poor schools. When people have poor schools, they can't pay quality teachers. When people do not have quality teachers, they receive a poor education. When people receive a poor education, they get poor paying jobs. And finally, when people have a poor paying job, they can only afford to live in that same poor neighborhood.

This is a continuous vicious cycle, which, since slavery, has never been broken. For example, right here in Rhode Island, Africans make up 5.6% of the public school population. In Illinois, Africans make up 18.9% of the public school population, while 83.3% go to segregated schools. I thought segregation was against the law? But, in America, it's not called segregation, it's called privileged. Furthermore, since only 14.9% of African people earn over \$50,000, they go to the poorest school districts. What better way to oppress and subordinate a group than through segregation? Since education is the foundation of "success" how can you expect a person to "achieve" if he or she is denied the basis for "success?"

So to all you conservatives who cry about the redistribution of income, need to look at the exploitation that Africans have endured. The Alabaster's double standard existed centuries ago and the present Alabaster generation benefits today. America has not instituted a law, ordinance, or mandate to ensure the quality education of African people. The time for pointing fingers has past. Until America gives back to resources it stole in slavery, America can neither judge Africans, nor move forward. America will continue to live in the shadow of past injustices which were never corrected.

Peace to the Prophets of RAGE!
Sincerely,
Eddie Searight '94
President, B.M.S.A.

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What Do You Think?
Let Us Know--Get Involved--
Make Change Happen!

Letters to the Editor

Blaming the Victim

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that we as a society which has made so much technological progress within the past century and has a burning desire to understand the inanimate, cannot and do not attempt to understand one another. We find a sick pleasure in violence and justify our actions for taking the lives or allowing the taking of the lives of our brothers and sisters. We look for and thrive on the differences between us and do little to find our similarities. We allow institutions like the media, the church, and the educational systems to control our minds as we blindly accept anything they feed us without questioning it. It is a shame that so few people understand racism and how dangerous it is. Racism kills; if not physically, then, more importantly, mentally. We choose to ignore the problem that made America what it is. It is this unseen underlying problem which puts one man on constant and justifiable defense of another man.

Those of us who have a European background ignore racism for fear of looking in the mirror. All of the elements contribute to a word people refuse to believe is existent: Genocide, the annihilation of a certain similar people with a shared culture for the reason of power, greed, or fear. This is why I, as a young black male, am angry and am in R.A.G.e, a Revolutionary Against Genocide of my people through physical force and mental annihilation.

The conditions of the people of the "Third World" are horrid. To much the same degree, these conditions exist in "the land of opportunity." So many Americans have no concept of the Black, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American concentration camps. Natives live in "reservations" in conditions so horrid, even the US media refuses to acknowledge their existence. The ghettos of New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and many others contain the same conditions and we choose to ignore it. We even have the audacity to express such ignorance by say-

ing things such as, "There are so many options, they're just lazy" or "They're dumb enough to kill each other, why should I care?" We say such nonsense without understanding why so many are caught in the lower rungs of this horrid Western system called capitalism.

We blame the victim and it seems people of color and economically poor people are all victims of western colonization. We of non-white background in this country are descendants of slaves and destroyed peoples. We are victims of false history that covers the atrocities by our Western brothers and sisters. We still live in those areas set aside for our ancestors by our enslavers and murderers. To top it off, we are blamed by the descendants of our murderers for not being able to "make it" (based on money, not humanity) in their system.

We as Afrikan-Americans, were stolen from Afrika as early as 1492 on Christopher Columbus' ship. The first involuntary Afrikan servants arrived in the Americas as early as 1502. We were burned and skinned alive, scalped, castrated, raped, lynched, whipped, mutilated, and mentally destroyed, the effects of which we are still feeling today. We were physically "freed" from slavery on December 18, 1865, a little more than a century ago, and "earned" the right to legally integrate with Caucasians on May 17, 1954. Segregation isn't over. Enter the experiments or projects and ghettos of Amerika where people are separated due not to choice but to economy. Do not say this is exaggerated because this is actually an understatement, because the true horrors cannot be expressed in words. Within the confines of this situation, some have no self-respect because there are no channels available in order to make them feel good about themselves. If we can't respect ourselves, we won't respect anyone else. Frustrated, angry and hopeless, we steal and kill. It's all logical, but we choose to ignore the basic problems.

This system of government is smart because it allows a few people of color to "make it" monetarily. Yes, many people of color have made it in this system, but only because the government has to make it look like things are okay. It's funny that those who claim they want to get ahead work through that same system that promotes racism.

I'm not complaining, I'm stating the facts which many of us aren't aware of; I'm not giving excuses, I'm giving reasons; I don't use my past as a

crutch but as incentive. Don't compare me to others, because although I am a victim, I'm not all victims. There are over 4,000 black on black homicides per year with guns that we don't make, but spend money on, along with alcohol and drugs. My challenge is to humanity: What do we do to make the world better and end racism but complain? What do we actually do? Nothing, or the world would not be in this condition. We owe it to each other— we are one people in one world. We are not islands, and we do not choose the situations we're born in. Until humanity and my Third World brothers and sisters are given equal opportunity morally, spiritually, educationally; until police stop murdering the victims; until colleges contain more than 3% people of color; and until the deliberate allowance of drugs, alcohol and guns are not put in my community, I will continue to be in R.A.G.e. Ross Grace, '95

R.A.Ge

America's Hypocrisy

To the Editor:

In the '60's, there was a socialist/communist organization founded by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, known as the Black Panther Party. Many people believe the myth that what they did was run around killing white people. But in reality, what they did was patrol the black communities, protecting the people who live there from police brutality and white people who would drive through trying to kill the residents. Black people were being killed while trying to vote. The Black Panthers figured that since they were not considered part of America, they shouldn't have to follow America's laws, so they made their own. This eventually led to America getting rid of the Black Panthers.

America likes to kill things and people who they think will end up being "trouble makers." Anyone who has a different opinion is considered to be a threat to the way they think it should be run. But are things being run the right way? How can people say things are fine when I see young kids dying and starving in one neighborhood, but then in another neighborhood people live like kings, only looking out for themselves. America's democracy is nothing but hypocrisy. How can America say things are equal when they get rid of a group like the Black Panthers in less than ten years, but have groups like the Ku Klux Klan and the Skinheads still around? And what do groups

like the Ku Klux Klan and Skinheads do? They kill blacks and any other race that is non-white. America must feel the same way as the Klan and Skinheads, because I haven't seen America make an effort to get rid of them.

I just gave you a small example of genocide, but genocide appears in many different forms and it all starts at where you grow up, and the environment that you live in. Schools lead to genocide by failing to teach about other people's cultures and the important people who have made major contributions to America. And by not knowing about your own culture, you do not have knowledge of self, and that leads to mental slavery. This is also why I consider PC to be an advocate of genocide.

Black people look at their families and see the continuing cycle of poverty and try to find the quickest way to get their family out of the projects and they do it by turning to a life of crime and drug dealing. Not knowing that the only thing they are doing is helping America get rid of us by either dying or being sent to jail. There is no better way of killing a race than by keeping them caged up like animals, for a crime that America has forced them to commit, because of the conditions they live under. 12% of the American population is black, but we make up more than 50% of the people in prisons across America. But they then tell us that there are opportunities for us. They say join the service and we will send you to college. And because black people are so hungry to get their families out of the projects, they are willing to give up their lives for a country that neglects them. This all leads to physical and mental destruction. And you say genocide is something that we make up?

People in the US tend to let America do the thinking for them, while they sit back and believe everything they hear. But why should you believe what America tells you? Why should you believe what I just told you? After all, what I said was my personal opinion that I made from facts that I learned about. What I did was offer you a different point of view, so you can come to your own conclusions and opinions. I wanted to show you a different side that America and PC don't offer you. That's what R.A.G.e (Revolutionaries Against Genocide) is about. So America and PC watch out, because after all, we are what you created.

Len Ramos, '96

R.A.Ge

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Letters to the Editor

It's Up To Us

To the Editor:

R.A.Ge. I think the word speaks for itself. But why am I so frustrated? Because most of us here at PC have been wasting our time with our parent's hard earned money, and destroying our minds for far too long now. Our arrogant refusal to learn from past cultures and civilizations is contributing to the ongoing genocide that the fat old white men have been constantly pumping into our heads. Our refusal to use our own hearts and minds to decide what the truth is, is exactly what the system wants us to do. The system wants us to believe that they have all the answers. They don't want us to challenge their authority. The system fears the limitless powers that our minds are capable of when freed of the constrictions that they place on us. If we become aware of alternatives to the stories that the administration has been presenting to us, we will be able to see through the facade in front of us. But only when we free our own minds will we be able to unite together under some common goals for the good of us all and finally get some real work done.

It's hard to imagine why someone in my situation would want anything to change around here. I am the typical PC student. I come from a white, upper-middle class, European Catholic upbringing. Throughout all of my years in school, I've been taught about my God and about my ancestors' history. I've read my ancestors' literature and studied my ancestors' art. I've always been taught in school that my way was the only way. Did you ever wonder why you never learn much about history from any other culture than western ones? Why we learn only about civilization from one continent? Because that is the history of the majority of people in power in the US today; and, subsequently, the history of the people in power here at PC. The people in power would feel threatened if anyone offered us an alternative way of thought to the one we are being taught. That would be relinquishing their precious power. But if we take a look at the real world, we see that not everyone is as alike as we are here. There are many other cultures for us to learn from. If we do not even make ourselves aware of their existence, then we are contributing to genocide on two levels. First, we are killing our own minds by our blind acceptance of what we see in our Civ notebooks. Secondly, we are refusing the

greatness and glory that past cultures have to offer the world today. How much do we really know about the great civilizations in Kenya and Ethiopia? How much do we know about Guatama Buddha, or the infinite wisdom of Confucius? The only way we are going to be able to free ourselves from the blinders that have been put on our minds, hearts, and souls, is to teach ourselves. You can bet your life that no one here is going to do it for you. Take time to learn more about the huge mass of land to the west of Egypt, there is more to Africa, you know. Take time to learn about the "eastern mystery religions" that we only hear about for a few minutes during one Civ lecture. Even if you're too lazy to bother, at least realize that the story that we are getting is not the only one out there. So remember that we were not given eyes to look with, but to see; we were not given ears to hear with, but to listen; and we were not given minds to know, but to understand. So, I guess it's all up to us.

Ted Johnson, '96

R.A.Ge

Ill Street Blues

To the Editor:

My name is Aris Vasquez, and I am an 18 year old Dominican male from the Bronx, New York. I am writing to express my outrage toward the misleading picture of multiculturalism that is presented by this institution.

Back in the Bronx, part of my heritage is maintained by speaking my native language, Spanish. Through the course of my first year here at PC, I have considered this place to be my second home. I have come to a realization that as a second home, PC does not satisfy the part of my heritage that comes naturally to me while at home in the Bronx. I have found myself losing my language in this so-called diverse campus.

At times, people might think I'm crazy when they hear me speaking Spanish to myself. This presents no problems for me, because I know that I'm trying to accommodate myself in an environment hostile to my individuality as a Hispanic male. This, however, does present a problem for those individuals who want to discover who I am. How are these people expected to understand my culture when they cannot even see me speak the language of my cultural background? The Spanish language must be part of my home here at PC, as it is in the Bronx, so that

white people can learn and appreciate this part of heritage. I already accommodate the system by learning their story, but they take no interest or time to learn my story.

Part of my story includes growing up in the Bronx as a person of a "minority race." In the city, I am aware of culture, heritage, and both sides of the story. This is a result of dedication within the community to eliminate racial tension and ignorance. PC does not demonstrate this type of dedication; instead, it adds to racial tension and ignorance when it cannot incorporate my own language into its weak attempt at diversity. The racial tension that still exists in the Bronx ghettos is in fact very similar to the racial tensions that exist here at PC on a smaller scale.

Segregation is the ghetto. Here at school, segregation takes a different form—it is segregation of heritage in the mind. How is my white "homie" expected to completely share in my experience as a Spanish-speaking minority, growing up in the ghetto, without being able to hear me speak.

This school is obligated to make changes toward a truly "diversado institucion."

Sinceramente,
Aris Vasquez, '96
R.A.Ge

Cries of the Ages

To the Editor:

The rage that has engulfed my soul has taken over. It's an anger that I see from the acts of genocide. Since this so-called land of the free did not subscribe to the genocide convention, I'll say one thing, check yo self, America!

From the forest of hunger to the paths of salvation the mind has been dead to long get up and hear the voices of anger

see the work of corruption at your local institute the flames of prejudice, lies and ill talk from the top gun at the hall in 107

bores me the so called privileged moments received in the years on fight somehow the foul remnants of the sea rise and clinch the people's spirit and draw blood soon the tongues drip of the words free, advance and revenge

barking at the door the dogs have in the house too long dressed in suits and ties screaming we've got diversity

here to mad and educated ears the taste is bitter of the nonsense that has spilled over the counter silence and more silence while the check gets slap but the other has a surprise to embrace the payback.
Lacy McDowell
R.A.Ge

An Apology From I.A.B.

To the Editor:

The Intramural Board would like to apologize for the lack of playing time the intramural teams have received in the past two weeks. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the court scheduling of Intramurals and the student body have suffered. We would like to stress that we are doing the best we can, however, we are not able to move the tables and chairs remaining on the courts from Parents Weekend. It is now three days after the weekend, and there are still tables obstructing the courts. We urge you to be patient and to bear with us during this period.

Sincerely,
Michael T. Gill
Vice-President of I.A.B.

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Take a look an exotic culture living
in the shadows of the modern world.

RITUAL
WAYSBETWEEN
TWO
WORLDS

Film maker and P.C. professor will present two short
films, Tuesday February 23 in '64 Hall at 7:00p.m.

How do you define racism?



Mindy Miller '93, Mike Howard '93, Jennifer Meehan '93, and Alana Tarro '93: Ignorance



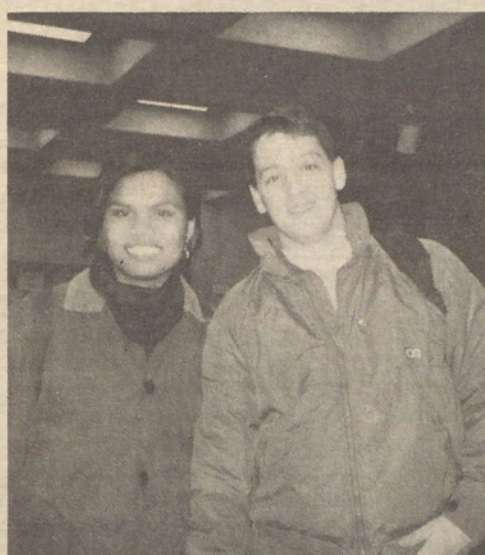
Julie Femino '93: Ignorance of the natural laws that make all humans equally imperfect.



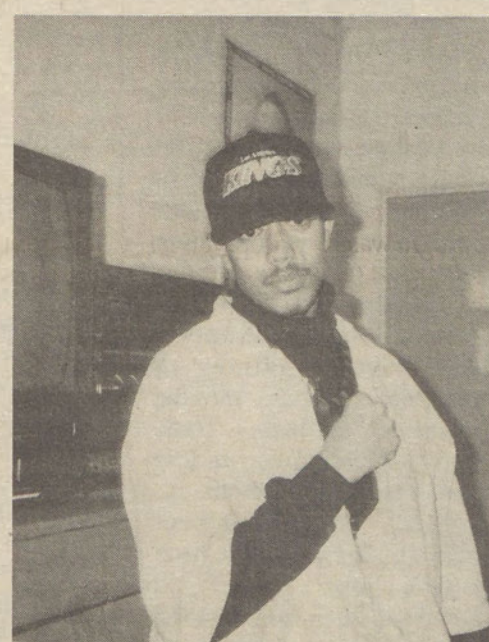
Christian Meyer '96 and Chaka Daley '96: Refusal or inability to understand those of a different race or culture.



Mary Stoddard '96: When a person is prejudiced against because of their race without first trying to understand how they feel.



Wendy Webster '94 and Nick Maffeo '93: Ignorance to the worst degree.



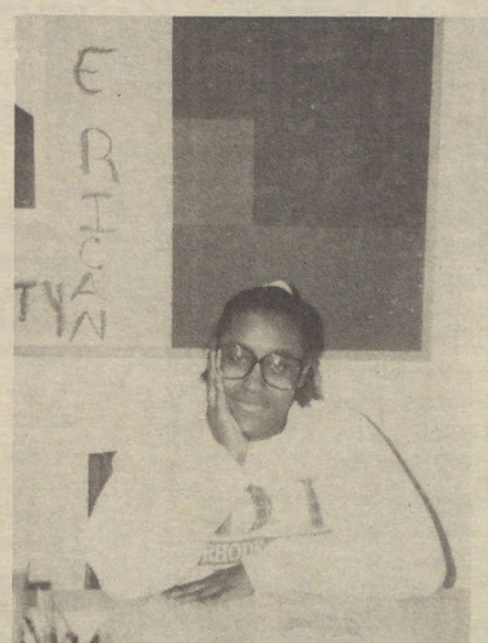
Ross Grace '95: The institutional subordination and maintenance over a group of people based on skin pigmentation and culture.



Derrick Harris '93 and Shawn Ryan '93: People's inability to understand the opinions of others.



Brendan Hanlon '94: Feeling that the difference between races is significant and not just a matter of skin color.



Meekral Johnson '93: A society is racist when one group of people use their advantage to repress the the economic, political and social development/ growth of another people through societal institutions.

Letters to the Editor

Just the Facts...

To the Editor:

As you may or may not know, the Doctrine of Fairness and Balance in Journalism allows me to respond to an article that has been published specifically about me. The following account will give you the facts about the "Stolen Santa Saga," not the fiction, which has been portrayed by six students living at 60 Eaton Street, third floor.

Yes, the so-called incident did begin on December 23, 1992. As I made my way up to the third floor, which was an easy task due to the exterior common hallway door being unlocked and open to the general public, I was greeted by only one resident of the third floor apartment. All the other residents had already left for the holiday break. Not only did I introduce myself as Rhonda, the Elmhurst Community Police Officer, but also it was evident that I was a Police Officer, as I was clad in my usual work attire. I, at no time, laid blame on this student for having a stolen "Santa." I merely explained my case to the student (who I thought was very cooperative) and asked (I did not demand) if I could take the "Santa" to a complainant that had thought

the "Santa" may have been the same "Santa" taken from her house on a previous date. The student gave the "Santa" to me. The student could not produce a receipt for "Santa" at this time.

The students claim that they were publicly humiliated. There was barely a student left in the neighborhood when this incident occurred and as I stated previously, only one student was present in the third floor apartment at 60 Eaton Street.

An article appearing in *The Cowl* called "The loss of Santa" provided the average reader with the knowledge that the complainant who had the "Santa" stolen was a Providence College employee. Your comments about being "intimidated" are inane.

Neighbors report crimes to the police to allow us to concentrate on solving the crime. The complainant reported the "Santa" stolen (Larceny) to me following the theft. Another concerned citizen noticed the "Santa" on the porch of 60 Eaton Street and reported this information to the complainant. The information was passed along to me and I acted on it. That is my job. To act on information provided to me in hopes of solving crimes. People are afraid to confront others who may possibly be

involved in criminal activity. The complainant, in this case, may have been afraid to confront you.

It is all right for you to feel that the situation was mishandled. I, on the other hand, felt that I was more than kind to you. When "Santa" was first given to me I felt that your cooperation was great. You asked that I return the "Santa" to the common hallway. I found it odd that you would leave the common hallway door unlocked throughout the long vacation. I did not return "Santa" to the hallway for fear that anyone entering the hallway could take "Santa" away for good. I kept "Santa" until vacation break was over. When I received a phone call from the owner of "Santa," he was returned within a couple of days. When he was returned, I apologized for any inconvenience that I might have caused the owners. The owner was very kind and appreciative when I returned "Santa." I had no idea that the students of 60 Eaton Street, third floor, were upset about the handling of this incident. This certainly was not evident through conversations I engaged in with them.

Lastly, I would like to comment on the introduction of your article. The fact that your apartment has been broken

into, as well as your automobile, and the fact that fights have taken place outside of your apartment has nothing to do with the current issue of "Santa." I have assisted many Providence College students. Seminars have been given on how to "Target-Harden" your apartments and vehicles against theft. I have and continue to give rides to those students who ask for them. I am out there on the streets for you, the PC student, and I will continue to help out students that are in need of the police.

You asked in your letter for a public apology. I do not feel that my actions warrant this request. I believe that I handled the situation both professionally and courteously. The reason for this letter is to provide a balanced viewpoint about the FACTS of the "Stolen Santa Saga." Sincerely,
Ptlw. Rhonda Kessler
Elmhurst Community Policing

The End of the Santa Saga

To the Editor:

Ken Krilla, Marty Houlihan, Boyd "Woody" Foster, Matt Walsh, John

Harrington, and Lou Zakas. I want to publicly apologize for the humiliation that was caused by the accusation made to you.

When Rhonda asked us if we thought we saw our Santa, we told her there was one on Eaton Street that looked like ours. She said she would ask you for the Santa so we could identify it. I'm glad it wasn't ours, yours was new, ours was used, and things would have gotten very complicated if it was ours. All of you left on December 23rd, so Rhonda was not able to get it back to you until you returned from your holidays at home.

I would not go to a strange person's house and ask if I could see their Santa, that is why Rhonda asked for it. We never wanted any trouble with anyone, this is another humiliation for my family; all we were hoping for was that the thieves would feel guilty enough to return Santa to us in time for the holidays.


You have your Santa back and I saw it lit up, as for us it looks as though we'll never see our Santa again.

THE END!

Sincerely,
Susan Viau
Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology Dept.

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Meehan's Minute

by Jennifer M. Meehan
Executive Vice President

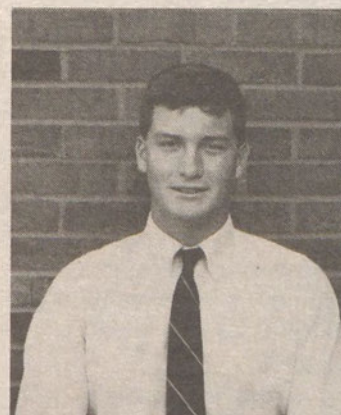
93 days until Gradu..., wait I'm not allowed to say that word (Right, Alana and Trish!!). But, 93 Days is coming up this Friday. Last week Mike Howard and Lisa Mantil mentioned in their articles how important it is that seniors support this event to help keep Commencement bids down! We're all a little poor these days but, if you can try to save \$3.00, (maybe from money your parents hopefully slipped you this past weekend). The money will increase our class funds for Commencement.

There are some other upcoming Congress events to note. On February 25th, the Class of 1994 will be holding Jello Wrestling Mania II; Congress will be selling Big East tickets very soon; Blind Date Balls will be beginning on March 12th through April 16th, and lastly Executive

Board and Class Elections will be beginning in March through to April. Right now the Elections Committee is working on a Resolution which will allow students going abroad to run for office. Further details will be printed in *The Cowl* after the Resolution has been presented and voted on by the entire Congress. We will also be notifying all students going abroad of their new opportunity to run for office. Speaking of Elections, I would like to encourage all students interested in running for office to do so! It's hard to make a difference unless you get involved. Please stop in the Office (lower Slavin, room 119) if you have any questions about Elections or any other upcoming Events. Also, a reminder that our meeting are always open so stop in on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. if you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed.

by Bill Meehan
Class of 1996 Vice President

No time to lose. Once again, the issue of "squatter's rights" has emerged as an issue of importance. As you may have read in the past issue of *The Cowl*, squatter's rights has been a hotly debated issue in Student Congress. At the last meeting, a statement of support was given to Fr. Tortorici concerning these rights. However, this was not an official vote. On Monday the 22nd, the official vote will be taken. This is the time for you to get involved and let us know how



you feel. Your input can have a major impact on how your representative votes. It is important that you talk to your roommates and your friends and let us know how you

feel. If you have any questions on the issue itself, please call us in the congress office at 865-2419, or drop us a note. Remember, the vote is very close right now and you can make the difference! The office is located in Slavin 109, near the Hospital Trust ATMs.

The Class of 1996 will be having an open meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Slavin 217. This meeting will serve a two fold purpose. First, it will be an opportunity to meet your class officers. Second, it will serve as an informational meeting for the "Ski Montreal Trip". Please come and find out what occurs in Congress.

Looking Ahead for the Class of 1996

- Ski Trip for all classes to Montreal. March 12th-14th
- White water rafting trip this spring.
- Civ Slam-- find out what it's all about this spring.
- And much more, so keep watching for further details!

On the Pulse of Morning by Maya Angelou

A Rock, A River, A Tree
Hosts to species long since departed,
Marked the mastodon,
The dinosaur, who left dried tokens
Of their sojourn here
On our planet floor,
Any broad alarm of their hastening doom
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly,
forcefully,
Come, you may stand upon my
Back and face your destiny,
But seek no haven in my shadow.
I will give you no hiding place down here.

You, created only a little lower than
The angels, have crouched too long in
The bruising darkness
Have lain too long
Face down in ignorance.
Your mouths spilling words

Armed for slaughter.
The Rock cries out to us today, you may stand
upon me,
But do not hide your face.

Across the wall of the world,
A River sings a beautiful song. It says,
Come, rest here by my side.

Each of you, a bordered country,
Delicate and strangely made proud,
Yet thrusting perpetually under siege.
Your armed struggles for profit
Have left collars of waste upon
My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.
Yet today I call you to my riverside,
If you will study war no more. Come,
Clad in peace, and I will sing the songs

The Creator gave to me when I and the
Tree and the rock were one.
Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your
Brow and when you yet knew you still
Knew nothing.
The River sang and sings on.

There is a true yearning to respond to
The singing River and the wise Rock.
So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew
The African, the Native American, the Sioux,
The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek
The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheik,
The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,
The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher.
They hear. They all hear
The speaking of the Tree.

They hear the first and last of every Tree
Speak to humankind today. Come to me, here
beside the River.
Plant yourself beside the River.

Each of you, descendant of some passed
On traveller, has been paid for.
You, who gave me my first name, you,
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Cherokee Nation, who rested with me, then
Forced on bloody feat,
Left me to the employment of
Other seekers - desperate for gain,
Starving for gold.
You, the Turk, the Arab, the Swede, the German,
the Eskimo, the Scot,
You the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Kru, bought,
Sold, Stolen, arriving on the nightmare
Praying for a dream.
Here, root yourselves beside me.
I am that Tree planted by the River,
Which will not be moved.
I, the Rock, I, the River, I, the Tree

I am yours- your passages have been paid.
Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need
For this bright morning dawning for you.
History, despite its wrenching pain,
Cannot be unlived, but if faced
With courage, need not be lived again.

Lift up your eyes upon
This day breaking for you.
Give birth again
To the dream.

Women, children, men,
Take it into the palms of your hands,
Mold it into the shape of your most
Private need. Sculpt it into
The image of your most public self.
Lift up your hearts
Each new hour hold new chances
For a new beginning.
Do not be wedded forever
To fear, yoked eternally
To brutishness.

The horizon leans forward,
Offering you space to place new steps of change.
Here, on the pulse of this fine day
You may have the courage
To look up and out and upon me, the
Rock, the River, the Tree, your country.
No less of Midas than the mendicant.
No less to you now than the mastodon then.

Here, on the pulse of this new day
You may have the grace to look up and out
And into your sister's eyes, and into
Your brother's face, your country
And say simply
Very simply
With hope -
Good morning.

Class of '94 Update

by John Ryan
Class 1994 President

I hope everyone's semester is going well. It is hard to believe we are nearing mid-semester and getting closer to the most memorable year at PC. One way we can slow the clock down is by inviting you to class events. If you were among the 400 at Carpano's you probably had a great time. We encourage the class to attend '94 events and support our fund raising efforts for Commencement.

Congratulations to our new Commencement Core Chairpersons: Core Chairperson - Nicole Riva; Formal - Katie Austin; Semi-Formal - Lisa Fote; Special Events Chairpersons (3) - Joan Offenberger, Jackie Driscoll, Kathy Caputo; Entertainment - Bob Gerosa; Publicity - Kerry McDonough; Photography - Beth Brezinski; Slideshow - Trish Montegari.

Thank you to everyone who tried out for Commencement. We hope that many of you will join a committee and be involved with the making of our Commencement.

On Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Peterson Rec. we will be hosting Jello Wrestling II. Jello Wrestling I was a tremendous success last year. Just imagine stepping out onto the floor of Peterson Rec. with your choice of music being played in the background. In front of you stands a 12x12 foot rink filled with lime green jello. Inside the rink is your opponent whom you signed up to wrestle. All competitors receive prizes. Competitors are encouraged to be as creative as they like with wrestling names, weights, costumes and acting. If you just want to watch we encourage you to attend. Jello sign ups and ticket sales will take place February 22nd-25th in Slavin. Singles and tag team matches will be accepted. We hope to see you all there!

Sweatshirts will be sold the week of February 22nd-25th in Slavin. We have both grey and navy blue in stock for a limited time. Make sure you get yours before they are all gone! Keep your eyes open for our next Club Night to take place in March.

Congress Minutes

Minutes from the February 8th Meeting

The minutes for the February 8th meeting are as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rules are suspended for the evening. Guest speaker is Fr. Tortorici, Director of Residence Life.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs: The committee is investigating changing some names of Education courses.

Course Description: There were about 50 responses to the survey conducted about the Course Description booklet. This was a greater number than expected.

Legislative Affairs: There is now a permanent file of all clubs on the computer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fr. Tortorici is present to discuss the possibility of "squatter's rights" in the dorm's lottery system this

year.

Discussion: Father said this would improve the quality and stability of life on campus.

It would make the lottery system more effective.

This would build up an identity and "ownership" of the dorm as a "home", resulting in better treatment of the building.

If three presently are in a dorm room, the same three people may remain there the following year.

If there are only two and one person left because of extenuating circumstances (i.e., transfer), a third party may be brought in and the three could remain in the same room.

Double would work the same way.

Conclusion: More information is needed as to details

about squatter's rights. However, the Congress feels that an experimental year period with this implementation may be a beneficial change.

BOARDS:

IAB: Super Sports is scheduled for April 24th.

BMSA: African Cultural Day is February 23rd from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ACC: There is a social scheduled for March 26th.

Lobbyists: Greg Lahr and Ann Babigian are registered lobbyists.

CLASSES:

'93: '93 Days party is Friday, February 19th in Peterson.

'95: The ski trip was a great success. Thank you goes out to Shawn Carey and Mary Malone for all of their work.

'96: The class is planning a ski trip to Montreal for March 12th.

'93 Days Spring Break Bon Voyage

Friday, February 19th
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Pastoral Council

Social Action Committee
General Meeting

The Social Action Committee of the Pastoral Council is having its first general meeting of the semester on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Slavin rm. 203

Volunteers needed! All are welcome!

African Cultural Day Tuesday, February 23rd

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\$2.00 students, \$3.00 faculty

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Slavin 203

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Confessions of an Actress

by Theresa Brophy
Asst. A&E Editor

I believe in the theatre; I believe in it as the first glamorizer of thought. It restores dramatic dynamics and their relationships to life size.

-Sir Laurence Olivier
Confessions of an Actor

The theatre experience is one which is uniquely collaborative and intriguing. Whether we attend a drama, comedy, or musical, we have to admit that theatre affects us in one way or another. Although the theatrical production encompasses a wide range of background preparation in costuming, technical and scenic devices, and directing, when the lights fade and the play begins, it is the performer who is essentially responsible for bringing the words and actions of a script to life. It is the actor or actress who moves us to tears or causes us to laugh. The experience is immediate and the execution is critical.

PC junior Leigh Price possesses the natural talent of performing which draws the audience into this experience like a magnet. Her list of character portrayals in the Blackfriars Theatre is expansive as is her versatility in tackling various personalities. Her performances include the following roles: Duckling in *Our*



PC's versatile actress Leigh Price

Country's Good, Lady India in *Ring 'Round the Moon*, the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet*, Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Louka in *Arms and the Man*.

Her flexibility in performing both emotional and physical, is something which Leigh recognizes and takes time to perfect. "It is interesting and to my advantage that I play such a wide range of characters," she says. Although it is evident that her acting comes easily, there is more to performing than meets the eye.

"In preparing for a show, you definitely have to do your homework," she explains. "You have to do some research and know the script very well. And then you have to stay on top of it," Leigh says.

Leigh began acting in the fifth grade. She recalls her earliest impressions of watching others perform and the impact it had on her. "When I was about ten or eleven, I watched a lot of soap operas," she says with a smile. "I thought to myself, I can do

that." Leigh studied at the Baker School of Gymnastics, which explains her impressive physical agility in *The Wizard of Oz*. She continued acting in high school and had internship experience with a film company during the summer before her sophomore year at PC. Desert Productions also hired her as an extra in the filming of Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Young Goodman Brown," which was filmed in parts of Salem, MA and Peabody, MA (Leigh's hometown).

The internship was rewarding for Leigh. "I was able to learn every aspect of what goes into putting a film together," says Leigh. "However, in a way the film lost its magic. I was disappointed because I knew how they did everything." Leigh aspires to be a part of the film industry some day, but she values the instant gratification from a theatre performance. "I like the fact that our theatre is small. You can feel the energy from the audience. The electricity helps my characters," she says.

Leigh admits that getting on the stage in front of an audience was difficult at first. "In my first shows, I was very nervous. I felt like I had to prove myself," she says. "But now I get so excited, I want to be out there all the time!" What is the method to her madness? "At this point I rely on my instincts and intuition a lot. I'm not afraid to take a risk or do something different," Leigh says. She certainly has the tools to make it in the world of performing and who knows? Perhaps she'll be right up there with Laurence Olivier!

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Comic Relief From *Arms and the Man*

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

A young woman shelters an enemy soldier and feeds the starving man some of her chocolates, setting in motion a series of events that lead her to true love. This is the story of *Arms and the Man*, the latest production from the talented Blackfriars theater company. The play is a light, witty tale by George Bernard Shaw, in which the famed playwright pokes fun at the romanticized view of warfare and warriors.

The play takes place in the late 1800s during an actual war in which Serbia attempted to invade Bulgaria. Raina (Rebecca Kupka), a wealthy, young woman from an important Bulgarian family, is engaged to Sergius (Dwayne Sheppard), a seemingly romantic and dashing officer in the army. Raina is surprised in her room late one night by the appearance of an enemy soldier, Bluntschli (Matthew Leonard), a Swiss man fighting in the Serbian army; Bluntschli is protected by Raina from capture. As she feeds the starving man chocolates, Raina begins to appreciate Bluntschli's warmth and honesty, falling in love with him in spite of her engagement to Sergius. When Sergius returns after the war has ended, Raina realizes that he is not the heroic figure she imagined; a series of comic mix-ups and mishaps ensue, eventually uniting her with her true love Bluntschli.

The performances by the

actors are by far the best and most memorable aspect of the production. Rebecca Kupka is funny and appealing as Raina, showing a nice comic touch during her verbal sparring matches with both Sergius and Bluntschli. Matt Leonard is excellent as Bluntschli, performing with an air of believability and honesty. His natural touch is a delight. As Sergius, Dwayne Sheppard also comes through with flying colors, deftly portraying Sergius' pompous, vain soul.

The supporting cast also makes a strong contribution

The set of *Arms and the Man*, designed by Nancy J. Pontius, is excellent as are all of the sets that she designs, but helps to demonstrate the key problem of the production. The play contains many themes and issues that have meaning to contemporary times, yet the play fails to resonate with the audience on any level other than comedy. In the program, it is stated that, "The time and location, however, are inconsequential. Shaw actually first wrote the play with no particular place in mind." This would seem to be a green light to place the production in a



Arms and the Man cast: Brian Whelahan, Matt Leonard, Rebecca Kupka, Leigh Price, Dwayne Sheppard, Jodi Botelho, Dan Lesho, and Colin Baerman

to the production. In a nice, spirited performance, Leigh Price captures the comic frustration of her character, Louka, a woman with dreams of rising above her low station in life. Jodi Botelho and Dan Lesho are effective as Raina's parents, as are Brian Whelahan and Colin Baerman who round out the cast as, respectively, a servant engaged to Louka, and a drunken Russian officer.

setting that would have more meaning, adding another dimension to the show. The play remains funny and amusing, but the possibility to go deeper is unexplored.

These complaints aside, the Blackfriars production of *Arms and the Man* remains an entertaining and enjoyable comedy with much to offer. It is an excellent showcase for a talented group of young actors who show great promise for the future, and provides a night of enjoyment for the audience.

Neil Jordan Spins A Riveting Tale in *The Crying Game*

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

Sometimes it's hard to be a woman.

"Stand By Your Man"

As it says in the song "Stand By Your Man" which plays during the last few minutes of *The Crying Game*, "...sometimes it's hard to be a woman." Sometimes, it is also hard to be a man, as Fergus (Stephen Rea) finds out in this disturbing, funny, fascinating new film written and directed by Irish filmmaker Neil Jordan. *The Crying Game* appears on the surface to be simply an interesting political thriller, until it makes a shocking and original turn in a different direction.

The film begins with the abduction of a black British soldier (Forrest Whitaker) by Irish Republican Army terrorists. Fergus is placed in charge of the prisoner and slowly finds himself developing a liking for the soldier. Fergus begins to question his life, and after disaster strikes, he runs away to England. Attempting to put his old life behind him, Fergus adopts a new identity, only to become involved with the girlfriend of the man he kidnapped. The girlfriend, Dil (Jaye Davidson), has her own secrets to hide. This only scratches the surface of the film's complexity.

The theme of the movie revolves around the importance of appearances. Can you know someone simply by how they appear on the outside? Does the appearance of the character reflect their inner nature? Jordan relates these questions to the fundamental tensions in society, racial, sexual, and political. He uses the traditional form of the thriller to undermine our basic assumptions about beauty and appearance. Jordan takes the classic plot of the hero attracted to the beautiful yet dangerous woman, the femme fatale, and twists it around to create something entirely new.

The acting in the film is amazing, especially by Rea as a man with a violent past yet possessing a gentle kind nature. Davidson is appropriately mysterious at first and later touchingly vulnerable in a great debut performance. Miranda Richardson is also excellent in the small role of Jude, Fergus' former lover, a beautiful woman on the surface, a brutal killer underneath.

It is to Jordan's credit that he is able to touch on so many important issues without making the film overstuffed with ideas. At the same time, he is successful simply at the thriller level, spinning a tale that is riveting and engrossing even as it raises troubling questions.

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BOP Spotlight:

*Let the Coffeehouse
Committee Get You
Ready for Spring Break!*



The BOP Coffeehouse Committee (from l. to r.)
Rob Rappa '94, Liz Schmidt '94, and Greg Appicelli '95
(Photo by Dina Asteriades, Photography Editor)

by Kerry McDonough '94
BOP Correspondent

Those of you who have become regulars at the Tuesday night Coffeehouses this year have been witnesses to all the hard work put in by the BOP Coffeehouse Committee, consisting of Greg Appicelli, Rob Rappa, and Liz Schmidt. This week will prove to be no exception! Take a break from all your exams and come get a head start on Spring Break with The Search Party down at The Last Resort this Tuesday night, February 23rd, from 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

The Search Party is a highly energetic six piece band that specializes in the fresh sounds of Caribbean island music. From Calypso, Soca, and Reggae to Latin and their own brand of original World Beat,

The Search Party puts it all together with a rhythm that will keep people dancing all night! Their songs range from "Hot Hot Hot" and "The Banana Boat Song (Day-O)", to "Me & Julio" and "Under the Sea". To add to the festive spirit, tropical drinks (non-alcoholic, of course!), tropical fruit, and chocolate fondue will be available. You can also compete in a limbo contest and win cash prizes! And who couldn't use the extra money towards their Spring Break?!

So, make sure to stop on by and get ready for your Spring Break—for those of you contemplating putting on bathing suits next week, the exercise walking down there couldn't hurt!

**Tuesday, February 23rd
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The Last Resort

Film Presents:

**Thursday, February 18th
Vacation** at 8:00 p.m.

followed by

European Vacation at 10:00 p.m.

Moore Hall III * FREE Admission!

Sunday, February 21st

School Ties at 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

'64 Hall * Admission: \$2 per person

Thursday, February 25th

The Breakfast Club

at 8:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, February 24th

Fine Arts Presents:

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**Thursday, February 18th
Travel Presents:**

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Place: '64 Hall

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Gold Stars of the Week:

Lecture Committee

Danielle Heutz '94

Jim McQuillan '93

CONGRATULATIONS!

Good @!^#%\$# Morning

by Bill Fennell
Asst. Features Editor

Every morning, I awake to a sound that is vaguely reminiscent of trying to erase a blackboard with aluminum foil. Although it is not a pleasant sound, it does wake me up. I can deal with that. So, after I hurl the alarm clock at the wall, I usually just lie there in bed thinking about the events of the day that lie before me. Either that, or I go right back to sleep. Sometimes, when I'm in a particularly ambitious mood, I'll actually raise myself up on one elbow and complain to my roommate, via profanities, that it's too damn early to be getting up. But eventually I'll look at the clock's broken and mangled face and realize that I must get up or I'll miss class. Or I may go right back to sleep again, I never know.

When I actually do get up, it is truly an ordeal. First I have to get out from under the covers, which is an especially grueling task in the winter, because the room gets cold enough to freeze the sheets to the bed. (Stop thinking that! Bedwetting is not something that I do regularly, so just put that thought right out of your mind. And even if I did, I wouldn't tell you anyway).

after I pry the sheets off, I am exposed to the chilling air of my room. Granted, the room does have heat, but it only has two settings, "Off" and "Hell," so I don't really use the heat that much. What's next on this roller coaster ride of a morning, you may ask? Well, I put a towel around me and head for the shower.

Now the shower is a very interesting topic. For one thing, there are no two showers that do anything even remotely similar. Sure, they all spit water at you, but they all do it in varying degrees. For example, the shower that I use has a whole lot of pressure, enabling me to get myself as clean as can be with optimum comfort to sensitive areas. My roommate, on the other hand, has absolutely no water pressure. (In his shower, that is. As for other things, I've no idea.)

Really. I've seen higher water pressure come out of a squirt gun. I just can't understand how he can actually get clean, unless he brings his own pressurized water tanks into the shower with him, which I would not put past him. But anyway, I take my shower, and then I go to get dressed, which is somewhat annoying, according to my roommate.

When I get back into my room from showering, I am usually all wet. Not that this should come as any surprise, but it's important to keep this in mind, because my room at this time is usually ten degrees. Not below zero, but it's still rather cold. It's very hard to dry oneself off when most of the water on your body is solid. What I end up doing is turning the heat to "Hell" and standing right next to it, hoping that I'll be dry before the next papal election. This usually provokes my roommate

to tell me to turn the @!^#%\$# heat down, to which I reply that he can turn his own @!^#%\$# heat down, because I'm @!^#%\$# cold. After I dry off, I'll look outside to see what kind of clothes I should wear. If it looks like a nice day, I'll wear a shirt with jeans and my sneakers. If it looks really nasty outside, I'll add a sweatshirt to my wardrobe. If it's thundering and lightning out, I'll hide under my bed and quiver like a child until it passes.

So after I get dressed, I will go out and eat my breakfast. Depending upon my level of alertness, I will either have a nice, sensible bran cereal (for when I am reasonably awake), or I'll have something that comes in about forty different colors and flavors and is almost 100% sugar (for those days when I want to stay alert for

weeks). Then I'll pack up my books and go off to class, and my day has officially begun. Sometimes I'll do something really wild, like get to my first class three minutes late. Ooohh! After that, I just take the day as it comes, working diligently at whatever tasks are put before me. But then, that's just the type of guy I am.

Well, there you have it. That's the way my day usually starts. I know that there was not a pressing need for me to tell you, but I thought that you might be interested. Yeah, it's pretty boring. Kind of like playing chess with an Irish Setter. But, I did not want to deprive those of you out there who frequently wonder to yourselves, "Gee, I wonder how Bill Fennell starts his day?" After all, if you've got the time on your hands to wonder about that, then you obviously do not get out much. Therefore, you must have lots of time to read this, provided you're not busy counting the number of licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie-Pop (7,519). Now that you know that answer, you can go back to more important things, like reupholstering your cupboards. As for me, I'm going to turn the @!^#%\$# heat on, and to hell with my roommate. I've got to shower.



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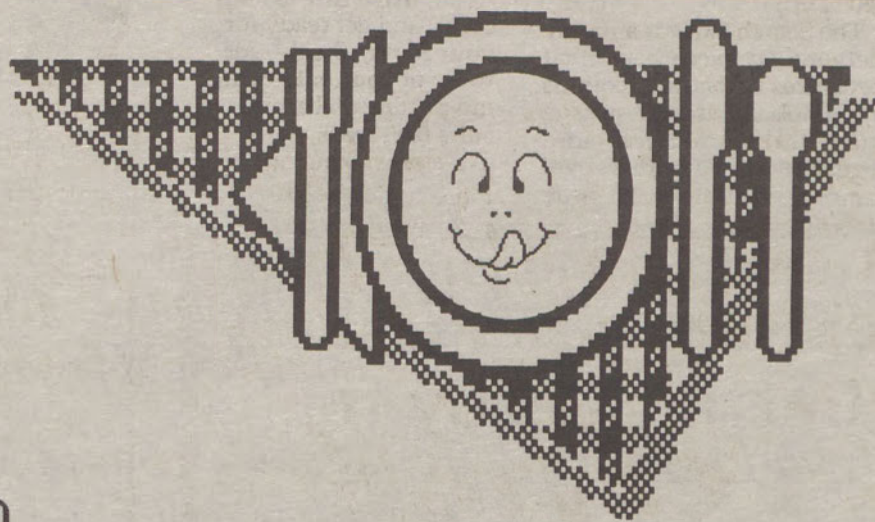
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A Raving Review of Parents' Weekend

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

I must admit, going into Parents' Weekend, I was a bit apprehensive as I knew, being a PC-run event, gross inefficiencies were sure to abound. Yet, I was also a bit excited as I knew that if the brain surgeons behind the PC planning committee proved true to form, I was sure to have a quality article in the works. And now that it's over, all that needs to be said in summary is that my trusty pen was not disappointed.

The Atmospheric conditions - I thought PC had contacts with above - apparently not. Save for a hurricane or monsoon, the conditions could not have been much worse.

The Booze - Apparently stealing the idea from those behind JRW, the planner ever so thoughtfully jacked up the price of alcohol so no one would drink too much. Let's see, the school probably pays about \$12 or so per case, which divided by 24 is about 50 cents a beer, which apparently, according to Father Yule B. Riptoff's calculations, rounds up to an even \$2.00 per beer. And naturally, the mixed drinks, which consume about 52 cents worth of ingredients, round up to exactly \$2.50. Is it just me, or does someone on the planning committee need to buy a new calculator?

The Food - When asked her opinion of the spread, Christine "Sexy C" Cossari, '93, replied, "What food?" Given the \$35 price tag, most patiently waited for their waiter or waitress to come around and ask what kind of dressing they would like on their salad

and if they preferred chicken or steak as their entree. It turned out to be a very long wait however - almost as long as the wait at any one of the three bars servicing over 3000 people. Great ratio. As far as the food that was served goes, word is the Lebanese contribution to the multicultural feast a few weeks ago showed up a bit late, so rather than waste it, they canceled the buffet featuring real food, and served whatever that stuff was instead. (I still haven't found out what Taboulleh is.)

The Music - Despite being a rather impressive sight, the orchestra proved highly unnecessary and what I would imagine amounted to a fat waste of our parent's money. I imagine that had the school simply hired a DJ for a quarter to a third of the money, they would have at least taken 50 cents to a dollar off the price of the ticket (then again you never know with that mysterious calculator they use).

Most people seemed to agree that if anything, the orchestra should have played during the DJs break, instead of the other way around.

The Transportation - Apparently, the same statistics wiz who decided on the one bartender per 400 people ratio was also in on the shuttle decision: "Let's see, a couple thousand parents - five buses (capacity = 15) ought to be adequate." Naturally, not all would take the shuttle, but given the inclement weather, surely a majority would. Of course, the weathermen only gave them about a week's notice - hardly enough time to make a call to another shuttle service or fire up a few of PC's own buses. Due to this absurd situation, my parents were forced to take a cab up to the gala, and, upon waiting for 45 minutes for a shuttle ride back to the hotel, had no choice but to go and find me to give them a ride. Naturally, following PC's precedent, I charged

them \$2.00 each for the ride.

The Next Day - I can't complain much about Saturday since the two events/games I attended proceeded flawlessly (an apparent result of neither being directly run by the school). The only hand the planning committee had in them was raising the ticket prices for both games (by almost double for the hoop) and then pitifully trying to conceal that fact with a little black sticker that read "75th Anniversary" along with the "adjusted" price. I made a few calls and it turns out the price hikes were legit, however, as they needed to pay for all 5000 of those little stickers along with the labor to put them on.

The hoop team (or whoever's team that was) was the highlight of the weekend as they simply demolished Georgetown. It turns out that some of the money from the ticket trip off also came in handy here as the school went out and hired a ringer just for this

one game. I don't know how they did it, but they picked up this kid named Franklin Western, who could not have looked smoother if he was a bowling ball. I'm shocked that Georgetown didn't protest the fact that he wasn't on the team until game time. At least I don't think he was - since otherwise, I'm sure he would have been pouring in 21 points a game all season, right Coach? I also noticed that the school hired David Copperfield to create the illusion that we hit the majority of our free throws (81%). What a brilliant move! And how about Tony Turner sticking the big threes early? I can't believe he wasn't yanked to take a rest after hitting the first two in a row. (Did the school rent a new coach for the game too?)

The Next Day - I can't complain much since having learned our lesson, my family and I only attended mass and then swiftly departed in favor of a more efficient (and much more edible) dining establishment. From what I hear, while I was packing my stomach with fresh eggs, bacon, waffles, and fruit, those back at PC were packing the lobby of Peterson (as well as half the campus) with their bodies while Her Highness conducted her little sound check.

Overall, while there were a "few" negatives to the weekend, most, including myself, seemed to have a great time. I would love to conclude this article with mentions of all the brilliant moves the planning committee made, but that would require me to extend this paragraph by a whole line, and I simply don't have the room.



Cheer of the Week I - To Francis Gragnani (see pg. 1) and his mighty wallet

Cheer of the Week II - To '93 Days only costing \$3 - If only Parents' Weekend was so affordable (as well as 193 Days for that matter).

Jeer of the Week - To the Stolen Santa Saga (see editorials). Why don't we all pitch in a dime and buy her a new one.

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by Kristen Garipey
Features Staff Writer

I've decided to refrain from my usual sarcastic and whining article this week and write about a memorable event - the Class of '95 Ski Trip to Auberge, Canada. Thanks to my parents, (AKA Santa Claus), I was able to be a part of this unforgettable escapade. For some, it was their first time traveling out of the United States. For most, it was their first experience with an over 18 drinking age. For all, it was an escape from the same old of Louie's, Old's, and late nights.

Here's the facts: The entire trip cost \$175 for lodging, transportation, two all-day lift tickets, and food. The schedule was to leave Peterson at 3:00 p.m. on February 5th and return February 7th at 11:00 p.m.. Okay, enough with the boring details.

Here's the deal: After a few meetings with trip organizers Mary Malone and Shawn Carey, the students were given some general information: 1) The bus ride would take approximately 4.5 hours. 2) We could drink (Snapple, of course) on the way to and from Canada. 3) We shouldn't need that much American money because it cashes in for more French money. (\$10 USA = \$12 FR)

The Bus Ride: At 3:00 on Friday, 87 students crammed into two coach buses and prepared to travel. Several cases of Snapple were stashed under the seats eagerly awaiting consumption. First things first, Mary introduced us to our "guide" Steve (who soon became dubbed the new Joey Buttafuoco). He attempted to dash any hopes of Snapple sipping, but was acknowledged and ignored. Maybe, just maybe, Joey ... I mean Steve was a blessing in disguise. After all, he did get us over the border by answering a few simple yes/no questions.

"I want to know the genius who came up with four and a half hours," said Matt Bunnell. For the record, it takes 7 hours to get to Auberge, not 4.5. Okay, so 7 hours later, after Burger King, bad weather, and some serious Snapple bonding, we arrived.

"I'll never complain about the weather in Providence again," said Stephanie Sarantopolous. It was a battle to get inside the hotel before either a) your limbs fell off, b) your nose hairs froze, or c) your eyelashes stuck together. Whose idea was it to change room numbers at the last minute? Did someone get our rap sheets from Father McPhail and then group us according to "Obnoxious Potential" and "Snapple Addiction"?

Most students stayed at the hotel bar for the remainder of Friday night. Luckily, there were some Snapples left over from the ride, so a few students decided to bring them inside instead of allowing them to get cold. Not

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gonna happen. "I thought the guy was going to grab my collar and throw me out the door," said Bunnell. "He took my beer (oops... I mean Snapple), too." Obviously, American Snapples were not welcome in Canada.

Ski Day #1: Some genius requested wake-up call for all Providence College students at 6:15 Saturday morning. Breakfast was at seven, so we had 45 minutes to ignore the call and sleep, curse the caller, and put on six layers of clothing because it was colder in the dining hall than it was outside. Speaking of the dining hall: Where were the Golden Girls? Did I miss the Bingo game? Nice Christmas trees, too.

The bus was scheduled to leave at 8:30. Unfortunately, for those of us who were paying \$175 to ski, one bus re-

fused to wake up before 11 a.m. on the weekends. Two trips were made to the mountain and half of the students were finally skiing at 10:00. Of course, the waiting period was used efficiently - I slept.

The Mountain: It's called Mount Orford and had 39 trails of every skiing level. Beautiful. Great conditions. No lines. No crowds. Thirty degrees Celsius below zero. Some frostbite. The lodge served these great fries mixed with gravy and chunks of mozzarella cheese. A perfect suggestion for Ray Cafe.

The Night Life: Saturday night was worth \$175. Around eight, the buses brought us into town and we dispersed between two bars (I mean libraries) - Bronco Billies and The Big Apple. The Big Apple reminded me of a souped-up Club Eagles with: 3 bars, pool tables, an air hockey game, free popcorn, a wall TV featuring the MTV music awards with French subtitles, and a DJ. Pretty impressive. Too bad they insisted you check coats for 75 cents a piece and charged an arm for a Snapple and a leg for a mixed drink (Snapple and orange juice.) Tips weren't included, we were told, while the waiter or bartender held his hand out for the extra dollar. Despite this and the fact that it felt like they were taking serious advantage of the money exchange, Kevin Mulvehill said, "You can't find a place like that in Providence."

Bronco Billies was a different story. Most students can give you their individual experience on the mechanical bull. Personally, I also had the experience of learning the two-step. Black Bronco Billies cowboy hats were popular for the night, but hidden away when we returned to Providence. "We should have a bucking bronco at Louie's," said Michelle Doucette. (Any volunteers?)

The Wrap-Up: Some skied on Sunday, some recovered. This time it took 4.5 hours just to get out of the parking lot, but we developed piggy back buses and got home safely. Overall, the trip was a huge success. Kim D'Eramo summed it up, "All of PC was like a big family." Here's to more family holidays.

Go Study, Will You Please?

by Noelle Cusack
Asst. Features Editor

It's Tuesday, (I mean Monday ... no, I mean Tuesday), and thanks to Washington and Lincoln, I have five classes. Although I usually pay complete attention to what is going on during Monday classes, my brain knows that it's Tuesday and has officially taken a mental holiday. So now, I'm taking advantage of this class time to write my article.

This past weekend was a lot of things - a time for freshmen to go back home to see their parents, or to go out to all of the places that juniors and seniors usually go, and it was a time for upperclassmen to entertain their parents during the Diamond Jubilee Gala - but that's another article. Come to think of it, since all of the priests in the entire school were on the altar for Sunday Mass in Alumni, the only people left with nothing PC-related to do this weekend were the lay teachers. I guess they all got together and figured that instead of using our extra day off to go out to lunch, go horseback riding, or to recover from the 'official' weekend, we should use the time to study all day long for the four hundred million exams that they scheduled for this week. (I'm not sure what they were thinking, because I, like many of you, have two tests and a paper due this week, but there was no way that I would let that hinder the President's Day festivities.)

My point is that while the students at this fine institution were busy showing their parents a good time, the teachers have decided that we should have been spending our time in the library. Actually, one of my teachers attended all of the events (I could

swear that I saw her dancing like a maniac on the stage Friday night - that is until Security threw her off), yet she still expects us to study for a test this week. Yeah, right.

After all is said and done, it remains that lots of freshmen and sophomores have Civ exams this week, plus other quizzes and tests other than Civ. Juniors have just about gotten their schedules straightened out and now they're dealing with more exams than they have during finals week. Seniors? Let's face it. Most of them have job offers by now and could really care less about theories of art or ancient studies of the Middle East. Their main worries have become what tie to wear with what suit, and if black shoes can be worn with a blue skirt. (Well, can they?)

So, if you have a lot of tests this week, so do the rest of us, so suck it up. For those of you who don't have a lot of tests this week, you know what you can do. I figure that the teachers want us to have all of our tests before break so that we can really enjoy the time off. (Or maybe it's so that we can have our ten to fifteen page papers done early.) Don't start blowing off class, though. Now is the time to attend every class in order to have a good attendance record going into midterm which happens to fall on Saint Patrick's Day this year (that should be a hell of a week). It's only two weeks until Spring Break, so stick it out. If you suddenly find yourself not being able to deal with the stress, make an executive decision that next Monday and Tuesday you'll be following Saturday and Sunday schedule. Now, go study, my class is over and I have nothing left to say.

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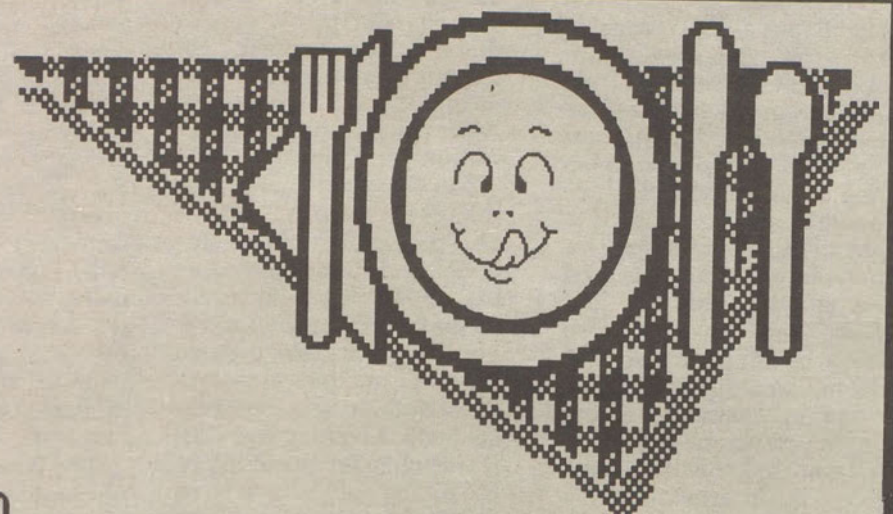
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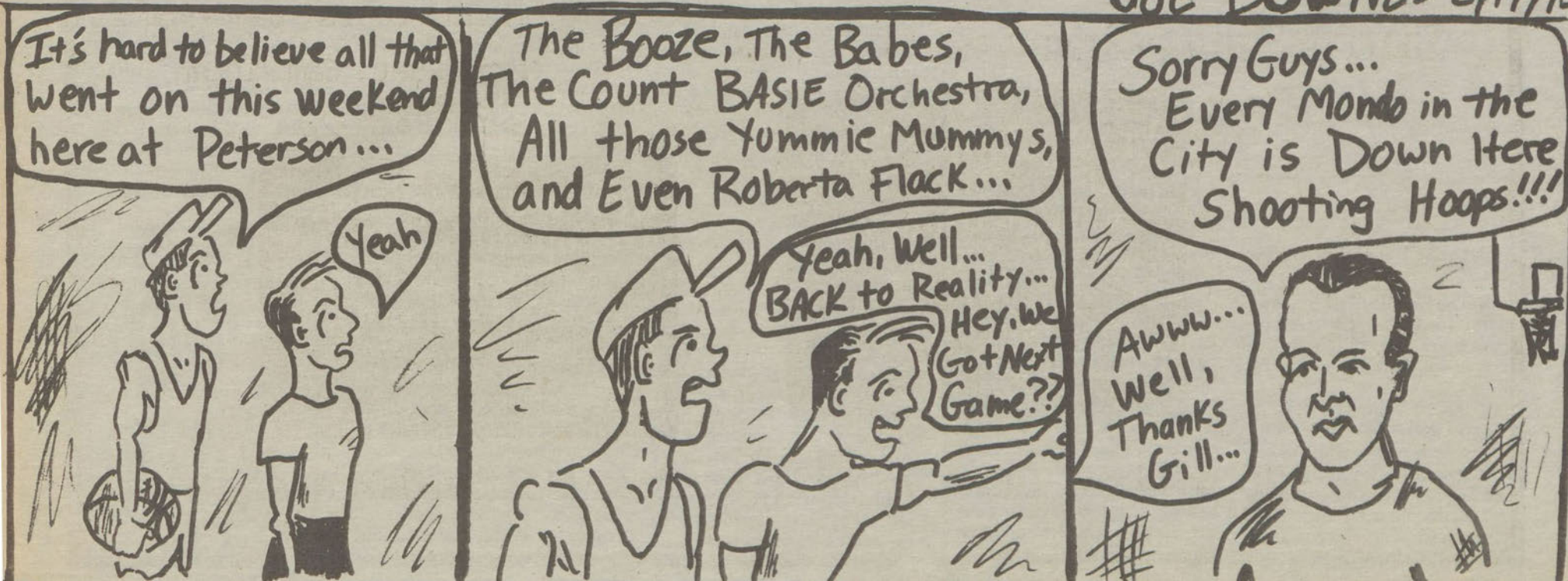
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for the jam. "If anything good deserves to happen to anybody it is Dickey because he works so hard," said Coach

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Barnes. He caught, passed, dribbled, shot and didn't give up on a play. With the Friars holding a comfortable 53-34

lead Michael Brown missed a fast break lay-up. Simpkins trailed the play but his only option was to slam it off the glass as he was so close to Brown. By keeping the ball alive, Franklin Western got fouled and earned a trip to the line. Dickey Simpkins never said never.

An award should go to Coach Barnes for keeping his team competitive during a sometimes forgetful season, and finding a blend of players that can produce. In each of the Friars' last two victories PC's starting five has stayed in the game (from the opening tip) for over six minutes without being substituted. "I think the flow of the game determines a lot of it to," said Barnes. "I think at this time of the year you have to simplify things. When it gets going good you don't want to mess with it." Barnes hasn't given up on this year's squad and he refuses to let them pack it in. The NCAA's is still a long shot, but the Friars are still thinking and playing like a team in contention for a bid.

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how Western won the shooting guard position is not as stable.

Western grew up in the Bronx. He was a member of a Bronx church team that included Jamal Mashburn, Derrick Phelps, Shawnelle Scott and Khalid Reeves. He didn't play his senior year because he was a fifth-year senior, but he was still highly-regarded enough to be named Second Team All-Big East Rookie Team. Ironically, many thought Western was recruited as an insurance policy if Rob Phelps decided to go JUCO. Now, the All-American watches the insurance policy play.

About a month ago, Western almost beat Matt Alosa to the intramural circuit. He had not played much this season after sitting out last year as a redshirt. Barnes challenged him to improve his defense and step up his play in practice and Western responded.

"He was a player that was all but gone," said Barnes after

the Georgetown win. "He asked what he had to do to play and I said, 'Guard people.' The biggest thing he did in the last three weeks was get after it defensively."

Since the game in Miami, he has been a regular contributor. He rarely forces a shot, and he is becoming the scorer that the Friars have lacked for two seasons. He's a poor man's Lawrence Moten, smooth and allowing the game to come to him.

"If you had told me at the beginning of the season, what I thought the roles of Western and Mike Brown would be, I would have told you that they'd be the 12th and 13th players on the bench," said Barnes. "But now they're playing better and more confident with every game. Franklin struggled a little to-night with the shot, but I thought he played a good game."

IAB Roundup

by IAB Staff

Men's Ice Hockey

Intramural Ice Hockey has entered into its third week of games and all of the teams have gotten into the groove of things.

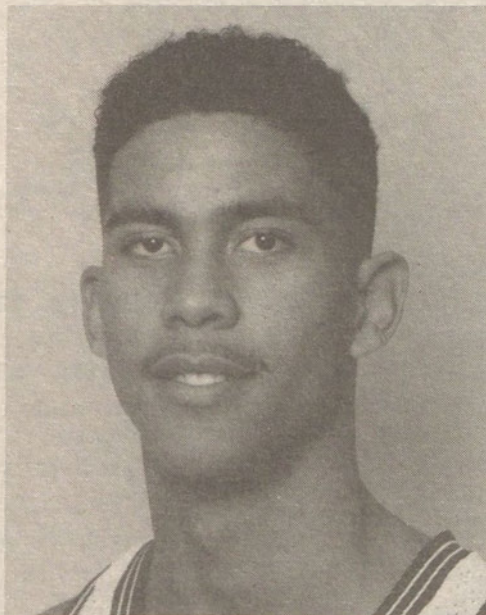
There was only one A League game last week and that was on Wednesday night. Who's Your Daddy and Gary's Old Town Tavern fought it out and skated to a 6-6 tie. This game had some great hits along with a lot of great saves.

Women's Ice Hockey

In Women's Ice Hockey action, KLM earned their first win by beating We Just Can't Stop, 5-4, in a game that came down to the wire. KLM played a physical game and it paid off as they handed We Just Can't Stop their first loss of the season. Next, Team X continued their unbeaten ways by beating the Violent Femmes, 2-1. Team X is on a roll and is the hottest thing to hit the ice this season. And finally, may the boards be soft and the goals be plentiful. GOOD LUCK!!!

CLEARLY CANADIAN

Athletes of the Week



Franklin Western (Bronx, NY)

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Michele Tamburo (Southbury, CT)

The 6'7" junior small forward scored 39 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the Friars two games last week. Against St. John's, he posted career highs in both scoring and rebounding as he netted 18 points and grabbed six rebounds. In PC's 18-point win over Georgetown, he had another career night scoring as he tossed in 21 points (9-16 FG) and was three for three from the charity stripe.

The sophomore swimmer earns the award for the second time this season. This past weekend, she was named New England Swimmer of the Year, as she was instrumental in leading the Lady Friars to their first-ever New England title. She won three events--100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke--with New England records in the 100 and 200 backstroke. She was also a member of four victorious relay teams--200 & 400 free and 200 & 400 medley.

Strength In Low Numbers

Barnes Pares Rotation Down To 7-8

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

Lost in the Friars' current streak—wins in five of their last seven games—has been that Rick Barnes has settled on a steady rotation of seven to eight players. Last night in their 75-60 win over Miami, only seven players played 16 or more minutes.

"At this point in the season, you have to simplify," said Barnes, who authored his 100th career win against 72 losses. "I have about eight or nine players in mind who I want to get into the game every game. That is all determined by their attitudes in practice. But the guys played well together tonight, and I don't want to mess with something that is working."

The rotation that Barnes is most comfortable with is a starting group of Michael Smith, Dickey Simpkins, Tony Turner, Franklin Western, Michael Brown and Rob Phelps, Abdul Abdullah and Troy Brown backing them up. Yes, you may see some spot appearances by Maciej Zielinski, Trent Forbes, or Ira Bowman, but the aforementioned group of eight is what will take PC into the most critical part of the season.

Of the seven Friars playing

over 16 minutes (Phelps only saw seven minutes of action), only Western was held in check. Turner shot the ball well again (17 pts. on 7-13 shooting); Smith was a force on the boards (11 rebounds); and Michael Brown continued his outstanding freshman campaign with 11 points. Abdullah played 26 minutes, dishing out eight assists and pulling down a career-high seven rebounds. Troy Brown had his best game in a while with 10 points and seven rebounds.

But the story of the game was Simpkins, who not only had 18 points and eight rebounds, but limited The Pope of Coral Gables, Constantin Popa to seven points on six shots.

The fact is that the Friars are finally starting to jell offensively because they are becoming more comfortable with each other and each other's roles. When the entire starting five plays over 21 minutes each, then they are going to get a feel for each other. This is certainly one of the reasons that the Friars have shot above 50% in the first half of each of the last two games.

"We're a lot more relaxed on the offensive end," said Barnes. "We have been much more focused in practice, and we're playing more consis-

tently. We just have to keep fighting back."

The Friars are 5-8 in the Big East (tied for eighth with Miami). They travel to Villanova on Saturday in what has emerged as a game that they HAVE to win. We may need a minor miracle to play in the NCAA's, but in the wacky world that is the Big East Conference in 1993, anything is possible.

"Man, these next couple of weeks are going to be hell," said Barnes as he probed the Big East standings for what seemed like the first time all year. "Pitt's 7-6? I thought they were much better than that. I don't like to look at this thing. It makes me sick."

He may feel sick, but for the last couple of games he's cured that nagging substitution sickness.

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could muster, and UNH flipped two more pucks past Bob Bell and an empty net to seal the win.

On Saturday, the prospect of falling into fifth place in Hockey East, the sold out arena, thanks to Jubilee Weekend, and a pre-game chat with Orr inspired the Friars to play one of their better games of the season. The Wildcats struck first when Kevin Thomson snuck a shot past goaltender Brad Mullahy, who was returning from a three game absence due to injuries. PC's Craig Darby matched Thomson's goal to tie up the game until midway through the third period. The Friars used sharp passing and tight defense to set up many great chances, but failed to put the puck in the net, until George Breen's centering pass hit a UNH defender's skate and slipped past Brett Abel for the game winner. PC outshot UNH 30-23 in the first game and 38-26 in the second.

This weekend, Providence faces the UMass-Lowell Chiefs for possession of third place in the league. The Friars host the Chiefs Friday night at 7:00 and then head to Joe Tully Forum for another 7:00 p.m. game. Currently the Friars are 15-12-2, 8-9-2 in Hockey East for 18 points. UMass-Lowell holds a 17-13-0, 9-10-0 Hockey East record for 18 points, locking both teams in a third place tie in league standings.

Craig Darby gave a posi-

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Brad Mullahy returned to the Friar net after a three-game hiatus.

tive analysis of the Friars play of late. "I think we're playing our best hockey now. This is a big weekend; I think if we finish third or fourth in Hockey East, we'll have home ice. If we make it to the Hockey East Finals, we get an automatic bid." The Friars will have to lift their level of play even higher due to a freak injury to left wing Joe Hulbig. The injury occurred during Friday night's game when Hulbig severed a tendon in his left forearm as one of his teammates' skates caught him on the arm during a line change.

After this weekend's series against the Chiefs, the Friars face Boston College twice and

Boston University once to close out the regular season. Only one point separates third, fourth, and fifth place in HE. Amateur hockey analyst Shaun Nolan offers this opinion on the Friars, "At times we look like we could beat Maine, and others we look like we don't belong at the division one level. This team has a lot of potential, but if they do not use it, the golf clubs will be coming out very soon. Players like Darby and Ridolfi will be key in our bid for the NCAA's." Darby has an eight-game scoring streak (2-11-13), and Ridolfi has a seven-game streak (9-6-15). Ridolfi leads the team in scoring (22-18-40).

Women's Hockey

No Stoppin' Them

Lady Friars Top The Polls With Three Wins

by Mike Randolph
Sports Writer

The Lady Friars ice hockey team tightened their grip on their number one ranking this past week by winning three more league games, improving their ECAC record to 14-2-2, 16-4-2 overall.

The black and white moved into the number one spot outright last Thursday when they hosted and defeated the Huskies from Northeastern University at Schneider Arena. After beating the Huskies a week earlier on their home turf in an emotional 5-4 decision, the Lady Friars were expecting an enormous challenge from the Huskies, as well as a hard-hitting battle. The game was somewhat of a letdown after witnessing the game between these two teams only a week ago. Northeastern rolled into Providence missing two of their key players, one of which was goalie Michelle Distefano who played exceptionally well between the pipes in the earlier contest. Kim Flatt got the call in the cage for NU and was brutally assaulted with shots from the PC forwards. Flatt recorded 37 saves through three periods of play and many of those shots should have gotten through. The only problem she had with her 37 saves was that the Lady Friars fired 41 shots on net. NU could only manage one goal for the game, sandwiched between goals in the first period by Friar winger Stephanie O'Sullivan and Center Cammi Granato. Vicki Movsessian gave the Friars a 3-1 lead in the third period and Chris Bailey's empty-netter sealed NU's fate in the closing seconds of the match.

Over the weekend, the Lady Friars traveled to Eli country to face ECAC cellar-dweller Yale University. Yale had only won three games all season long, and this one turned out as expected, with the Lady Friars drumming Yale 9-1. Everyone got into the scoring act for the Lady Friars. Steph O'Sullivan had a hat-trick and one assist, Granato had a six point game with two tallies and four assists, and congratulations go out to

Freshman Shelia Killion who had her first two-goal game of her brief career here at P.C.

Last Tuesday, the Black Attack headed out through the snow and slush over to the East Side for a grudge match with in-state rival Brown. Brown had managed to pull off an upset victory earlier this season, when they came out on the good side of a 4-3 decision at Schneider Arena. Providence headed over to Meehan Auditorium hoping to return the favor. The Lady Friars got what they were hoping for.

The game opened up with Providence and Brown trading a goal apiece in the first three minutes. From there on in, it was all Providence. While the Brown players were continuously holding, tripping, and hitting the Friar forwards from behind, Providence was responding with goals. O'Sullivan got two goals in the first period to give the Friars a 3-1 lead after one period of play. The second period belonged to the Friars with goals by Wendy Cofran, Lynn Manning, and an impressive give-and-go between Cofran and Granato while the Friars were shorthanded. Granato broke up the Bears' power play at the blue line and passed the puck up to Cofran who was breaking over mid-ice. Cofran deked the lone defenseman and fed a beautiful lead pass to Granato who was breaking in on the right wing. The sure-handed Friar center chipped the one-timer by the Brown goalie for the Lady Friars sixth goal of the game.

Brown mounted a small comeback in the third by scoring the first two goals of the period, but were effectively silenced when O'Sullivan completed the hat-trick, her second in the last two games, with under five minutes left in the game. Vicki Movsessian closed out the scoring with an empty-netter with one minute left in the contest.

Two regular season games are left on the schedule for PC as they prepare for their post-season bid for another national title. A tough UNH team will face the Lady Friars at Durham, N.H., this Saturday, and then again at Schneider Arena on Sunday.



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Up And Downs For Lady Friars

Fontanella Nets 1000th Saturday

by Jim Heffley
Sports Writer

With a lay up :50 into the second half, Lucie Fontanella joined 18 other Lady Friars by scoring her 1000th point of her collegiate career. But it was Stefanie Goettsche, Jen Meade, and Sonya Lewis who provided the offensive support as the Lady Friars beat the Syracuse Orangewomen Saturday, 74-65, improving their record to 12-9 (7-6 in the Big East).

"We're playing with more confidence," said head coach Bob Foley. "It has gotten to the point this season that every player on the floor is an offensive threat." Among the offensive threats for the Lady Friars against Syracuse was Stefanie Goettsche who poured in 17 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. Jen Meade scored 14 points while providing key minutes early in the second half to earn player of the game honors and

Sonya Lewis scored 15 points while adding 4 assists. Freshmen Sarah Miller and Lori Penrod scored 10 and 9 points respectively, while Collette Cavallo and Ayanna Walden came off the bench to provide strong defensive support for the Lady Friars. Heide Moyano was also a strong defensive factor while scoring 2 points.

Alas, the Lady Friars good fortunes against Syracuse could not be repeated against UCONN. PC traveled to Storrs on Wednesday to face their Big East arch rivals and hoped to avenge an early season loss. However, in front of a boisterous Gampel Pavilion crowd of nearly 4000, this would not be the case as the Lady Friars were trounced 76-47.

Poor field goal shooting (20% for the entire game) put the Lady Friars in the hole early, a hole that continually got deeper. A Sonya Lewis jumper in the first minute of the game gave PC a 2-0 lead, their only lead of the game.

UCONN quickly got itself in gear and led by super sophomore Rebecca Lobo and freshman Jennifer Rizzotti, jumped out to a 42-20 point lead at half-time. Lobo finished with a game high 22 points while swatting 8 Lady Friar shots. Rizzotti ended up with 18 points. The Lady Friars were led by Lewis who scored 13 points.

"We were playing well over the last several games and I thought it would be a good time to catch them," continued coach Foley. "UCONN rubbed our noses in it and we have to come back fighting."

The 47 points scored by the Lady Friars was the lowest of any Bob Foley coached team and their 29 point loss was their biggest ever to UCONN. "I told my players," added Foley, "it is not how hard you fall but how high you bounce." The Lady Friars hope to bounce back against current league powerhouse Georgetown on Saturday at 2:00 in Alumni Hall.



Lucie Fontanella joined 18 other Lady Friars in the 1000-point club.

self a good diver. Kevin is bigger than most divers so he has to work extra hard on his mechanics to do well."

Kevin is certainly a team player. Coach O'Neill believes that Kevin and fellow senior Chris Maloney have complimented each other over the past four years and that this senior tandem has been very consistent. Kevin would not leave the interview without saying something about

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his buddy Chris. "I felt it was fitting that in our last meet Chris and I won an event. We have worked hard for four years and it was nice for both of us to get a win together in the last meet."

A positive attitude and hard work will lead to consistency. To remain consistent you need

confidence. With this combination of consistency and confidence you will do well. This is winning. Kevin Sears believes in this simple principle and it has carried him to where he is today. Giving your whole heart to what you believe in is more important than wearing a blue ribbon.

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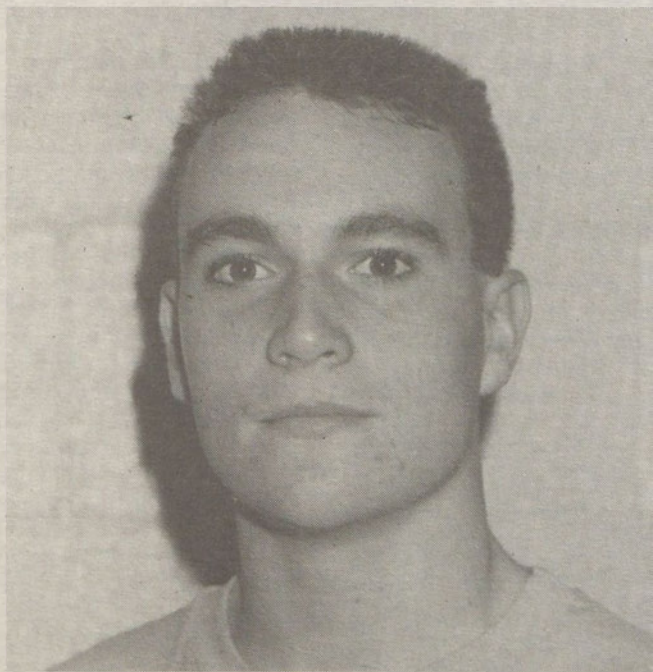
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Just Glad To Be There



Injuries have not dampened the spirits of Kevin Sears.

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interviewer

Kevin Sears and the Providence College men's swim team travel to UCONN this weekend for the New England Championships. The men's team may not duplicate the success that the newly crowned New England Champion PC lady swimmers enjoyed last weekend at URI, but they still plan to win. Winning does not always mean finishing in first place, especially for PC diver Kevin Sears.

"For me, winning means to be able to compete and finish," says the senior from Springfield, Ma. "Having been injured, and unable to dive, I feel grateful to be able to compete." Injuries and adversity have certainly played a large role in Kevin's four years as a Friar diver. Due to injuries, Kevin was unable to compete in the NE Championships in both his freshman and sophomore year. A ruptured ear drum in 1990 and a surgically repaired left knee in 1991 kept PC's most consistent diver out of the pool.

Swimming coach John O'Neill respects what Kevin has been through. "Battling the injuries will make Kevin better for it in the end. He has shown that adversity can be handled and he will be better in the long run," says the father of two. "Kevin has a real positive outlook on life—his family is a real class act—and it has carried over into his diving," says O'Neill.

Fortunately, Kevin stayed healthy during his junior year and finished in 5th place at the NE Championships. Heading into this week's competition, Kevin wants to remain consistent and improve on last season's performance. The 1992-93 campaign has seen Kevin earn the title of Mr. Consistency. He has either won or placed second in nearly every meet this season. "Consistency is the key to diving. If you can be consistent then you will always do well. I strive for consistency," says Kevin.

Part of achieving consistency lies within a positive mind. Kevin Sears has worked hard to perfect his diving tech-

nique and this has given him the special ingredient that all successful athletes possess—confidence. "Confidence is the key to consistency. I have confidence in my ability—I know that I can do the dives. I just have to discipline myself to do the dives. Some people call it cockiness, but I call it confidence," says a not-cocky Kevin.

"Kevin and the other divers are special people," says coach O'Neill. "They come to PC for the school not for diving. The divers put up with a lot. They have to practice the 3m dives at Brown because the ceiling at our pool is too low. A diver must be focused to fine tune their performance level. We have a fantastic dive coach in Newell (Roberts), he keeps them loose, relaxed, and focused when they need to be," says an enthusiastic coach O'Neill.

There is no doubt that Kevin has learned a lot under the coaching of fellow diver Newell Roberts. But, Kevin has his own ideas on what keeps him motivated. "Injury is a key time for every athlete. Being injured made me miss diving and I worked harder to get back into shape to compete. I always try my hardest at whatever I do, whether it is diving, a project, or my friendships. I guess that is just the way that I was raised," says Kevin, who is one of four brothers who have gone or are going to PC. "When the bad times come I

just try to look at the big picture. I know that I want to accomplish and I concentrate on the future for my motivation during the rough times."

These qualities have not only made Kevin Sears a fine diver, but they have also made him a fine person. "Kevin has always been a team person. He looks out for the other guys and tries to help them out," says Kevin's coach and friend Newell Roberts. He continues, "Kevin is like a player/coach—always using his experiences to help the younger divers. He has worked hard and made him-

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Quiet Men, Loud Games



After three-and-a-half years of waiting, Tony Turner is now an established Big East performer.

John Raposo
Sports Editor

All was quiet on the Western front Tuesday night, but that has not been the norm since Franklin Western was inserted into the Friar rotation several weeks ago.

Since stepping into the fold, Western has become the scorer that earned him a spot on the Preseason All-Rookie Team, selected by Big East coaches, two years ago. In three consecutive games, Western established career highs, culminating in a 21-point effort against Georgetown.

He has joined forces with his subdued starting-mate, Tony Turner, to give the Friars an unexpected—and certainly not silent—scoring tandem. While Western did not have much to say against the Miami Hurricanes, Turner poured in 17 points on 7-13 shooting. In the last two games, Turner has piled up 33 points on 12-20 (60%) shooting.

"Tony Turner just knows how to play the game," said Rick Barnes after his 100th career win (75-60) over Miami. "What he lacks in quickness and foot speed, he makes up in heart. I probably never give him his due credit because I expect so much from him."

But entering the season—and up to the eleventh game of the season—Turner's role was to come off the bench to supply some instant offense. Now, he is a fixture in the small forward position, and he has brought the shooting stability and error-free play that was missing with Rob Phelps. He seldom makes mistakes and consistently plays well in all facets of the game.

Like Western, Turner has seized his playing opportunities to establish a couple of career highs in scoring, including a 21-point game in the Friars' win over Villanova.

Unlike Turner, who has been in the thick of things as a contributor off the bench for most of his four years, the story of

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Friday, Feb. 19	Men's Swimming at New England Championship (At UCONN) trials 10:00 a.m. finals 7:00 p.m.
	MEN'S HOCKEY VS. UMASS-LOWELL 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20	Men's Hockey at UMASS-LOWELL 7:00 p.m.
	Men's Swimming at New England Championship (At UCONN) trials 10:00 a.m. finals 7:00 p.m.
	Track at Big East Championship (At Syracuse) 11:00 a.m.
	Men's Basketball at Villanova 8:00 p.m.
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. G'TOWN 2:00 p.m.
	Women's Hockey at UNH 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21	Track at Big East Championship (At Syracuse) 11:00 a.m.
	WOMEN'S HOCKEY VS. UNH 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 22	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. PITT 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 24	Women's Basketball at BC 7:00 p.m.
	Women's Hockey ECAC Quarterfinals TBA
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Simpkins, Friars Hand Barnes His 100th

Friars Win Back-To-Back Big East Games For First Time This Year

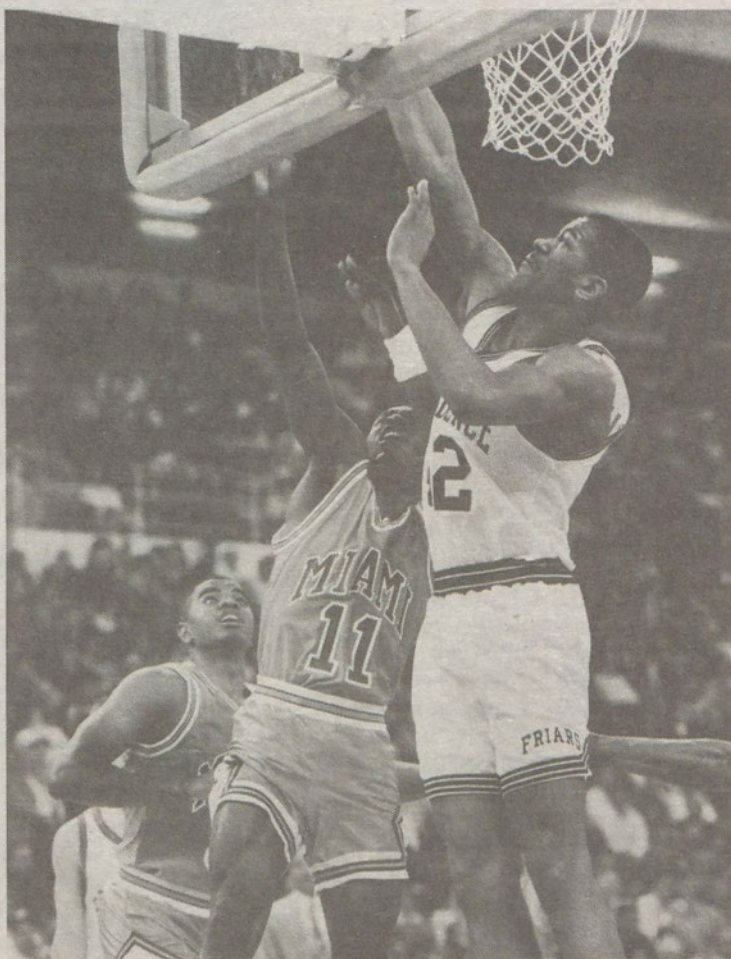
by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

"We are trying to figure out who we are."

-Gene Hackman in the movie *Hoosiers*

Over a week ago the Providence College Friars impressed us with an overtime win at Georgetown. This provoked tournament hopes. Next they stumbled badly to begin a crucial three game homestand by dropping to then first place St. John's. Now everyone is wearing smiles again in Friarville. Coach Barnes has his 100th career win and, for the first time in school history, PC swept the season series with the Hoyas and on Tuesday, the Friars ripped the Miami Hurricanes 75-60. There are Friars and there are Friars. Two-face is a character in *Batman* who can become either a horrendous evil villain or a calm collective citizen of Gotham. PC's second straight Big East win over the 'Canes was most definitely a true team effort. However, the city of Providence witnessed four Friars in particular, and their good sides.

The MVP: There is a consistent shooter on this team



Dickey Simpkins showed the Pope of Coral Gables a thing or two about Providence.

and his name is Tony Turner. First half fire for PC was provided by this senior co-cap-

tain. Once again, he got the Friars on the board first and sparked an early lead. How

many times has Providence been the team that digs itself into a hole early on? After a brief rest, Tony re-entered the game with the score 16-15 in favor of Providence. He promptly stole an inbound pass and layed it in for two. Seconds later, he grabbed his fourth rebound and touched it off the glass for the put back. "Tony knows how to play the game," commented Coach Barnes. "Where he lacks in say quickness, he makes up for with his heart." I think even Father Cunningham has been praying for a steady hand from the outside. Tony was 7 of 13 for 17 points. Our prayers have been answered.

Mr. Consistency: What can you say about Michael Smith? He brings it to every game. It is great to watch this guy rip balls out of the sky. Michael had 11 boards against the 'Canes despite the presence of 7-3 Constantin Popa. There was a brief scare in the first half when Smith collided with Maciej Zielinski, hit the deck and lay motionless. Grabbing his left thigh, he limped off the court suffering only a bruise. If a cast were put on his leg, Smith probably would have played anyway.

A is for Assists: Abdul Abdullah had been struggling

going into this matchup. The man projected to reinstate the position of point guard into an often lifeless offense, couldn't seem to find his magic touch. Before the game Coach Barnes took him aside and reminded him that just like in life you have to keep fighting back. The young man hasn't given up. Against the 'Canes, Abdul dished out a team high 8 assists. He got his team running, like when he tossed a full court pass to Turner for an easy lay-up. A one dimensional player you say? Abdul is supposed to pass. His 5-10 frame is not supposed to get 7 rebounds, but he did just that against Miami.

Mr. Everything: If only Dick Vitale was announcing the game... "Look at Dickey Simpkins go! The big guy is bringing it up the floor. He is shooting from the outside, posting up inside and fighting for every rebound. He can do it all baby!" PC's first four points of the second half displayed Dickey's versatility. First he pulled up and nailed a twelve footer and, on the Friars next possession, he muscled his way around Popa

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Bobby Who?

Orr Watches Friars Turn Away UNH

by Rusty Newell
Sports Writer

At a small school, most of the faces in the local hockey rink look familiar. The same people are at Schneider Arena game after game; the members of the pep band, the Friars Club, superfan Shaun Nolan, Brady Kramer's dad, Bobby Orr. Wait a minute here. Bobby who?

Yes, it's true. One of the all-time greats, Bobby Orr of the Boston Bruins, paid Schneider a visit and treated himself to a PC-UNH matchup. The Fri-

ars did not disappoint Bobby or the rest of the packed house, defeating the Wildcats 2-1.

The victory followed Friday night's 3-1 loss at Snively Arena to the same team. PC faced slush, snow, and sleet during their five hour trip to New Hampshire, and then faced a defense playing as tough as sunbaked leather.

Providence fell behind 1-0 in the second period until Bob Cowan tied it up on a power-play goal. Cowan's goal proved the only scoring PC

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N.E. Champs

Tamburo Named New England Swimmer-of-the-Year

by Matt Mlodzinski
Sports Writer

New England Champions. That's a title that had never been applied to a swim team from Providence College; until last weekend, that is. Buoyed by a superb effort top to bottom, the PC women's team won the first New England Championship ever for the swim program (men or women).

Honors abounded for PC at the meet, as they not only won the team title, but John O'Neill was named New England Coach of the Year and sophomore Michele Tamburo won the award as Swimmer of the Meet. "I felt really confident in the water and it feels great to win such an honor," said Tamburo, who won the 100 & 200 backstrokes and the 100 butterfly.

As was expected, the Friars got a huge meet out of their "SuperSoph" trio. Along with Tamburo, Michele Debari and Allyson Dunleavy played big parts in the victory. Debari won the 200 & 500 freestyles and came in second to Tamburo in the 200 back. Dunleavy was no less spectacular with wins in the 200 & 400 IM's and the 200 butterfly.

But it was not only the performance of these three girls

that won the meet. Debari noted that "everyone swam well, shown by the fact that we swept the relays. Those wins got us important points towards the overall standings." Coach O'Neill concurred: "Everyone had their best swims of the year. As the UConn coach told me, 'No one missed a beat' on our team."

"No one missed a beat on our team."

That's the fact, Jack. The key going into this meet was that everyone needed to swim well, and they did. Freshmen production was strong: Colleen McGarry (3rd- 1650 freestyle, 4th-500 free), Nancy Harkins (5th- 100 and 200 frees) and Jessica Lee (3rd- 50 free, 4th 100 backstroke) all had terrific meets. Ditto for

freshman Ann Bentz, who picked a great time to have perhaps her strongest meet of the year (2nd in 100 breast, 3rd in 200 breast). Other kudos go out to Michelle McWeeney, Jen Porter, Shelley Gesker, and Heidi Paskowski, among others.

"It would be hard for me to say anything about any one person because everyone swam so well," said O'Neill. Building on that, Ann Bentz believes that "the New England's were a big win and the fact that everyone swam well will be a huge confidence builder for the Big East's (in two weeks)."

On the men's side, they head to the men's New England's this weekend. As with the women, O'Neill is looking for good all-around swimmers. He also is looking for some school records in the relays. "Relays are a good indication of how you are swimming, so some records could help us get a good head of steam," observed O'Neill.

With several tough teams in the meet, the Friars are targeting a finish in the 4th-6th place range. Co-captain Matt Kondrath feels that "it'll be a fight for the 4th or 5th spot with teams like URI and Southern Connecticut." Good luck to the guys this weekend.

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