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Friars Denied NCAA Bid Despite Winning 10 of 14

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

"One of the three things we had focused on in the Big East Tournament was getting some respect. I think we did that."
—Dickey Simpkins, after the Friars', 73-55, dismantling of UCONN, which supposedly assured PC a spot in the NCAA's.

What should have been crowning moment in what was widely considered one of the great turnarounds in Big East history became the lowest, most hollow feeling that has gripped the Friar locker room in some time.

After doing everything that was asked of them in the last three weeks of the season, meeting each criterion (finishing .500 in the league and beating UCONN in the quarterfinals), the Friars were overlooked by the NCAA selection committee, which is chaired by Dr. Tom Butters, AD of Duke University.

The respect they had so desperately sought and had rightfully earned in winning

10 of their last 14 contests, including a quarterfinal win in the Big East Tournament last



Senior Tony Turner will not get his long-awaited chance to fight with the nation's best in the NCAA's

Friday, disappeared as the final screen, revealing the final picks disappeared from the television monitor.

The players and coaches had huddled in their Alumni Hall locker room to discover what region and against whom they would open the NCAA's. Instead, the Friars saw "PROVIDENCE" appear on the screen as one of the teams whose "Bubble Had Burst," relegating them to an opening round NIT matchup against James Madison. After an hour-and-a-half of talking to his players and trying—somehow—to lift their spirits, Coach Rick Barnes finally emerged from the locker room to meet television reporters.

"The kids are still young, so they don't understand this yet," Barnes explained. "But there will be times where they're going to feel even worse than this. But I think we belong. It's probably the worst I've felt since I've been a head coach."

The worst part about it is that there is absolutely nothing that can be done to remedy the situation. People can talk until their blue in the face—as analysts such as Dick Vitale, Jim Nantz and Billy Packer had done in assuring that the Fri-

ars had indeed played their way into the tournament—but there is absolutely nothing that can put us in the NCAA's.

What should have put PC into the NCAA's is that the Friars had met nearly every criterion that the selection committee looks at when selecting the field of 64. They peaked at the right time of the season, finishing the year as the hottest team in the Big East next to Seton Hall. They had played well in their conference tournament, bowing out after a valiant effort against Seton Hall, who is playing as well as anyone right now. They had beaten a nationally-ranked, nonleague opponent, Arizona, who had reached as high as fourth in the AP Poll before stumbling in the final week of the season. They had finished .500, after a 1-6 start, in the Big East, which is usually a ticket to The Big Dance. Finally, within the Big East Conference, the Friars had a winning record against the other bubble teams.

All of this should have spelled a berth in the tournament. Friar fans had been reassured by Vitale, the ESPN

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Anecdotes of Appalachia

The Habitat For Humanity W. Virginia Trip, In Our Own Words

by Kathleen Beaucher '93
and Jennifer Bozzuto '94

"You have to wonder how many times in your life you can start a sentence with, 'So I'm building this ramp and there's this 3 and 1/2 legged dog on my leg, and I look in the window and there's a woman who believes J.F.K. is her husband-to-be, and you know, I woke up to the 8-track version of the 'Carmina Burana' etc., etc...and it all feels pretty normal to me..." wrote Chris Laconti, '93 regarding the 1993 spring break trip to Appalachia.

The trip actually began in November when Kathleen Beaucher, Jennifer Bozzuto, and Julie Femino held interviews with more than 60 interested students. From this group 17 were selected to travel to West Virginia and major fundraising began. In order to reach our goal of \$3,500, we sold baked goods, hand-made jewelry, sweaters, flowers and raffle tickets. Each was also responsible for getting sponsored by family, friends and church groups.

The months of planning and fundraising finally came together. Sunday morning, February 28. Ponn

Mahoyosnand, '95, remembers, "4:00 a.m., Sunday morning, I hopped into the van with an open mind, not knowing what in the world to expect. I slept, laughed, listened, and occasionally tried to talk; all of a sudden we hit the Appalachian mountains..." We (20

Providence College students) had traveled 600 miles and 12 hours to Circleville, West Virginia to participate in the Habitat for Humanity 1993 College Challenge, an alternative spring break program. We volunteered in a joint building project to help build simple, affordable housing for families in need in Pendleton County.

"Almost Heaven" Habitat for Humanity Center quickly became a comfortable home for the week. We worked with two other college groups from Vanderbilt University and Johnson State, as well as the local community. During the week we worked on six different sites. There was the demolition work at Lucy's and across the street, tiling at the Vint's, framing at



Seniors Kris Koehne (standing) and Sue Gaudrault are now experts with the power tools.

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Profile On *Prism*

by Kristen Garipey
Features Staff Writer

In the past few weeks, several announcements have been seen in *Slavin* and *The Cowl* regarding a student journal called *Prism*. *Prism*, founded by Editor-in-Chief Jim Ludes '93 and Managing Editor Brian Felicetti '93, publishes essays or term papers on various subjects written by Providence College students.

"It gives students the opportunity to present their academic endeavors to a broader audience. Peers and other faculty members can read the ideas of the author," says Ludes.

The co-founders of *Prism* published their first issue in the Spring of '92 and made it available to students this past September. After receiving strong support from the faculty and administration, a second issue was produced which appeared after Christmas Break. "*Prism* takes the emphasis off of grades and shows the creative ideas and

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March 19th.**

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sideration to
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thoughts of the student," says Jennifer Tomassini '94, who was published in the Winter 1993 issue of *Prism*.

Prism accepts material from undergraduates at PC. Submissions are reviewed by an Editorial Board without any reference to the professor, grade or author. "We're looking for people who wrote down their personal ideas, not just typical themes," says Ludes. "For those students planning on continuing their education beyond PC, being published in *Prism* is definitely an accomplishment they can use on applications."

The goal of *Prism* is to publish five quality essays in every issue. Essays should be timely, appropriate, and well written. The size of the paper can vary as long as it contains quality material and avoids redundancy. Minor editing is possible but is approved by the author.

The deadline for this semester's issue of *Prism* is Friday, March 19. Submissions can be sent to Box 2979. Late papers will be considered and accommodated.

The Mystery Behind The Flu

by Jennifer Laurenzo and Fajaad M. Siddiq
Members of Alpha Epsilon Delta

Have you been experiencing the sniffles, a fever, and aches in the past couple of months? Chances are you've caught the flu from a fellow classmate. But what exactly is "the flu?"

The flu is caused by the influenza virus which belongs to the group called myxoviruses. The illness, however, can also be caused by many other viruses that belong to this group. There are actually three different types of influenza: A, B, and C. Influenza A gives us the most trouble, with B taking a close second. When a person sneezes, air is propelled out of the nose at approximate 200 mph. An individual who comes into contact with the air that is expelled in the sneeze of a flu-infected person, is at risk of contracting the virus. Direct physical contact with nasal and mucous secretions of an infected person also results in infection.

The virus damages the lining of the respiratory tract making it difficult for the lungs and the trachea to clear themselves of bacteria and other foreign material. The virus also has adverse effects on those white blood cells which are responsible for "setting up" and destroying the invading bacteria. Consequently, the influenza virus makes the body much more susceptible to bacterial invasion. It is this bacterial invasion which is responsible for such flu-related symptoms as headaches, dry coughs, and fever.

Although the influenza vaccine helps keep you free of the flu, it is not fool-proof because the virus is continuously mutating. Therefore, even if the vaccine protects you from one strain of the virus, another strain may make them you ill. So, the only real protection you have is to try and stay germ-free!

The Campus Ministry Office at Providence College wishes to give public thanks to all who gave of themselves for their neighbors on Ash Wednesday:

-Thank you to the 950 students who skipped a meal on Ash Wednesday. You contributed \$2,375.00. As promised, \$1,000.00 is on its way to the poor in Pakistan; \$1,000.00 is on its way to the poor in Peru; and \$375.00 is on its way to disaster victims in rural Louisiana.

-Thank you to all who contributed \$150.00 for the poor at the Masses on Ash Wednesday. \$50.00 is on its way to each of the following: Amos House, McAuley House, and St. Martin de Porres Multiservice Center here in Providence.

-Thank you to those who contributed canned goods. They have been sent to the Food Locker at Smith Hill here in the neighborhood.

-Thank you to all of the students, faculty, and staff who gave so much in the face of such need.

Please keep the poor in your prayers and good works during this Lenten season. Please remember that food and alms for the poor are being collected every Friday of Lent in the Campus Ministry Office, Slavin 211, and at all weekend Masses during Lent.

Goodbye Parking Lot, Hello New Apartments

by Maureen Marro
Asst. News Editor

Freshmen, get psyched. Why? Because Providence College has proposed the construction of two new apartment buildings on east campus. The buildings will be complete in July 1994, so the class of '96 will have first dibs to live in the freshly-built apartments.

Father McPhail, Vice President of Student Services, said that the individual apartments will be for four people, including two bedrooms, one bath, a full kitchen with a dinner bar, and a living area. There will be seven apartments per floor, and six floors per building. The two buildings, presently referred to as "Building 1 and 2", will be located on parking lot D. The area of the buildings will cover approximately 160 spots of parking spaces, and the college is currently reviewing where to replace the lost spaces on campus. Parking lot D proved to be an ideal setting for the apartments because placing them there does not take away any recreational space ("green") away from the students. One building will be in the form of an "L" shape, while the other will be in a rectangular shape. When asked about the location of the buildings, McPhail stated, "Why the second campus? Well, why not? The college should be providing competent and complementary liv-

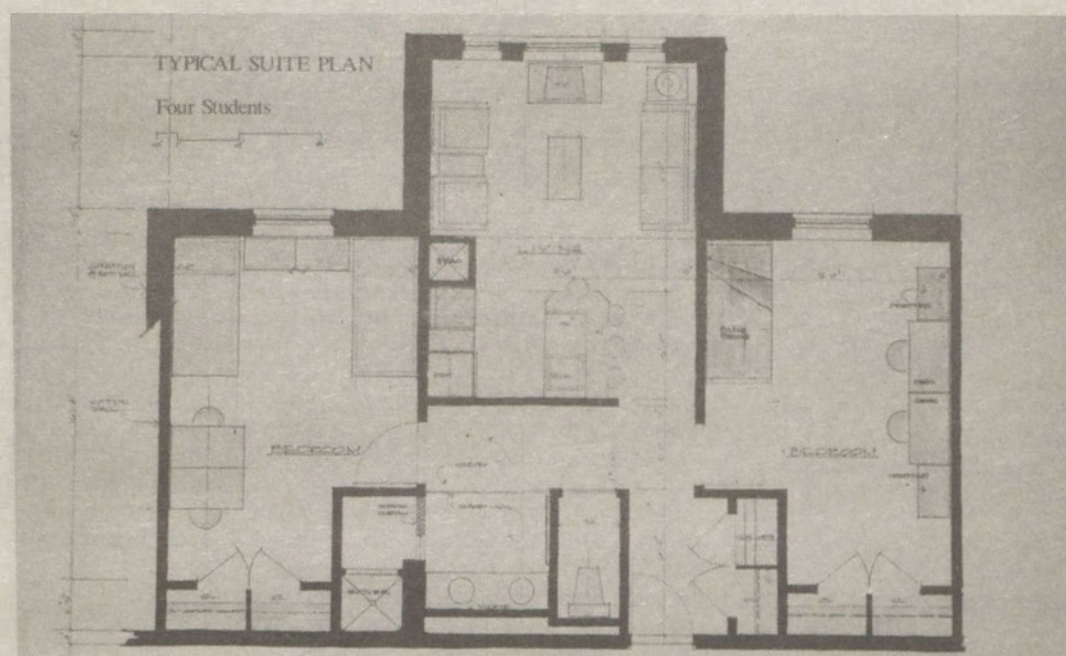
ing situations for the students and this is provided for on east campus."

The idea to create specifically four-person apartments came from student input. Students stressed in the past that to secure six people for an on-campus apartment is difficult. Father McPhail emphasized that he weighs student comments and concerns when situations like this arise. Both Student Congress and the Apartment Complex Council have readily supported the venture, and all feedback has been positive. The new apartments are being built to meet the needs of the students. Father McPhail stressed that the construction is not a result of any presumed "problems" off campus, or a desire to pull students back on-campus; it is merely to offer a better quality of living.

The new apartments will be comparable to the existing on-campus apartments, and "match" the campus in terms of style. The firm of Robinson, Green, and Baretta Co. is the official architect for the new buildings. Although the interior details have not been decided, Father McPhail claimed that the new apartments will be an improvement to the present on-campus ones. For example, sturdier kitchen cabinets will be implemented and perhaps bunkbeds, in order to conserve space.

The construction costs of the building are centered on a

bond, which is basically a loan or grant from a number of organizations and people who must be paid back in a designated number of years. The bond will be resolved sometime this week, and bids for buyers will take place tentatively the week of April 19. Actual construction will begin May 17 of this year, and official occupancy is projected for the fall semester of 1994.



The floor plans for the long awaited four-person apartments which are projected to be ready for occupancy in fall '93.



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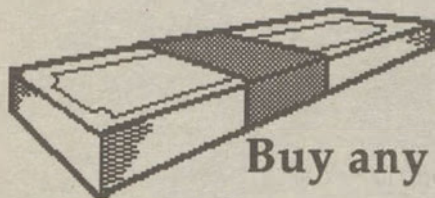
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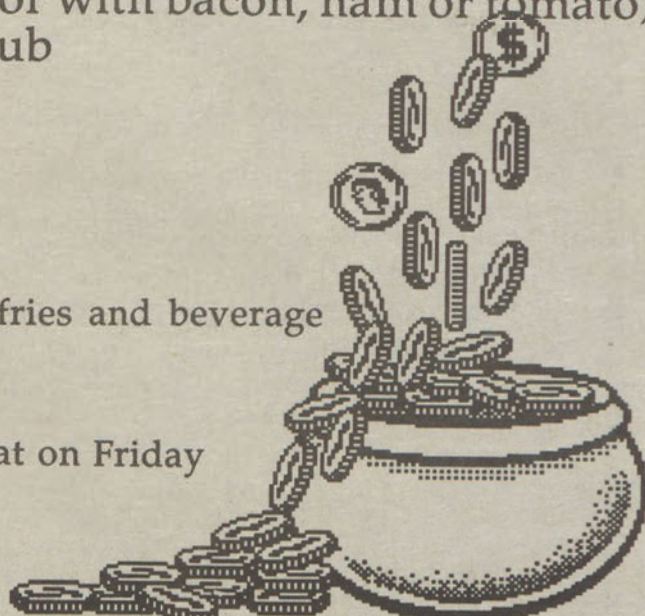
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why we eat for emotions
body image and self-esteem
the role of stress and eating
healthy alternatives for handling stress
beginning to change eating patterns
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eating disorders-what friends should know and do
creating healthier, happier lifestyles

For students interested, sessions will be held weekly on Thursday at 3:00pm in Slavin Center 202. If additional information is needed, please contact Claire Rodriques at Slavin 209 ext. 2343



Anecdotes Of Appalchia

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the Miller's, sheetrocking and electrical wiring at the Youth House, siding at Faith's, and a variety of other jobs. We worked with each of these families who are required to labor for 400 hours as part of Habitat's "Sweat Equity Policy".

Such an experience is difficult to put into words. The trip can be best understood with our thoughts shared in our group journal...

John Rigney, '94, "Personally, I came to find what I already know to be true. Simple things in life are love, sharing, being reasonable and being conscious of the state of the world around you."

Jennifer Bozzuto, '94, "I could see in the sparkle of everyone's eyes and tired smiles that we all feel we are accomplishing our goals here."

Alison Kanter, '93, "'Give a hand...not a handout', I like that Habitat for Humanity quote."

Sam Tombarelli, '96, "Another great day went by at the youth house...I learned a lot today and it was an awesome feeling to know I helped build a house!"

Andrea Boczar, '94, "It's the

third day and each day has been a new rewarding experience...I can only wonder what it's going to be like when we get back to school. I definitely know I'll see things in a different light."

Joanne Ruggiero, '94, "This is a place where 'smiles last a

is an effort to help our brothers. Brothers are not considered underprivileged or poor. And the fact of the matter is that we get more from the experience than they do."

Christy Pardo, '93, "I never understood how rewarding it could be to work with my

dump across the street...I believe that if you can touch one person's life and make it a little better, a little happier, a little easier to deal with - YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED!"

Kate Malloy, '93, "I think God was telling me to relax, stop stressing, and see things simply for a while...the future will build itself gradually. The foundation had been laid, and the floor nailed down. Each experience is like one of those tiny nails that seems small, yet secures the board forever in place."

Sue Gaudrault, '93, "...No newspapers, no TV; just being in the mountains working for a good cause. We're all doing something that will change other people's lives. No longer will they have to live in rusty old motorhomes or dirty shacks. We're giving them an opportunity to start over and they seem so grateful."

Christy Haggerty, '95, "...get out of bed and get a hammer and a nail! Hold your head high, for we created a reality!"

Ali Lent, '94, "By the second day here, I think I was the dirtiest I have ever been in my life, but I felt so alive."

Susanne Nally, '93, "I'm leaving here with valuable les-

sons from unlikely 'professors'—Faith (the name says it all), Heddy, the Vints, the Habitat crew..."

Andrew Blanch, '96, "We would wake up early and feel tired... we would work and feel tired and sore... we would laugh and laugh and laugh and... this would make us feel great and bursting with life."

Kris Koehne, '93, "I feel the incredible positive energy; it is larger than us. We do not possess it, we generate it."

Thomas Rowley, '93, "I find myself on the last night of our trip, with everyone packing, at a loss for words... I wonder how far I'll take what I've gotten this week."

Kathleen Beaucher, '93, "It was an amazing week. I received more from this past week than I ever thought I could have given in return."

Jen Brinkman, '93, "I'll look back on this past week with a smile and an inner glow that nobody will ever take away!"

We all would like to thank our families, friends, and the local businesses who supported us. Our appreciation goes out to the Pastoral Council; and a special thanks to Ken Binder and Sharon Hay for all of their guidance.



PC's John Rigney '94 & Christy Pardo '93 (3rd & 4th from left), Kathleen Beaucher '93 & Tom Rowley '93 (6th & 7th) with students from Vanderbilt and Johnson State.

lifetime and where hours don't combine into time."

Julie Femino, '93, "There are many reasons to be on this trip and regardless of the reason, the fact is that the work we do

hands. To see a finished product right before you and be able to know 'I did that'. We raised walls at the Miller house, put siding on Faith's house and cleaned up a literal

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GET INVOLVED!!

If you have lots of enthusiasm for PC and would like to find out more about the program, join us at an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 24th at 3:30pm in Slavin 217. Current Ambassadors will discuss the program and how to get involved.

No Clue Athletic Association

by Sean Skenyon

Asst. Editorials Editor

Ah, you using the whole fist there doc?

—Irwin Fletcher

Throughout the whole season I've stayed away from editorials concerning the basketball team, although there were many opportunities to criticize Barnes and the rest of the gang. However, something must be said about the travesty that occurred on Sunday night. As a result of the ineptitude of a nine member committee, Providence will once again be relegated to the kiddie table known as the NIT, while questionable teams like Pitt and George Washington feast on the thrills and excitement of the NCAA tournament.

Mike Tranchese, commissioner of the Big East said Provi-

dence "deserved a chance to go." Mike needs to get a little more adamant about this. Plain and simple, PC's play in their last 14 games warranted an NCAA tournament bid. If only 3 Big East teams were going to receive a bid, Providence outplayed and outshined Pitt. Pitt lost 8 out of its last 10 games while Providence won 10 of their last 14. Pitt bowed out of the Big East tournament with a sorry first round loss to Syracuse. On the same day Providence spanked UConn all over the court and advanced to the semi-finals to play Seton Hall. The Hall is one of about 8 teams in the NCAA tournament who has a strong chance of making it to New Orleans. If not for Terry Dehere, Providence would have played in the Big East final. Pitt was a strong team early in the season, but they've faltered over the past

month. So the NCAA committee, in its infinite wisdom, rewarded Pitt with an invitation. Well, neither Pitt or PC are the same teams they were in December and January. In the immortal words of Garth Algar of Wayne's World, "Live in the now."

Even if you think that Pitt should have made it, you would be hard pressed to find someone who would be willing to argue that George Washington is a better team than Providence College. Four Atlantic 10 teams received bids for two reasons, both of which are ridiculous. First of all, the committee and the rest of the country relied too much on the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI). Through most of the year the RPI poll ranked the Atlantic 10 as a stronger conference. While UMass was the only team to receive a Top 25 ranking Dominican member of the Administration that replaces a lay person, the diversity in this school is lost. Diversity is key to understanding different perspectives; those perspectives that we may have to live with or relate to once we leave our safe haven.

Why should you care about PC's identity conflict? Well, it does seem quite likely that many of the social problems on campus we read about in this very section of *The Cowl* find their origin in this conflict. For one, let's face it, it is painfully obvious that heavy snowfalls are not the only reason why we look out our windows

throughout the year, the Big East had at least 5 teams receive a top 25 ranking at some point during the year. The second reason the Atlantic 10 did so well is because the press and the A10 coaches moaned all year about not getting any respect. Hey, start winning some big games, get a top 25 ranking and then we'll talk. It's a victory for little kids everywhere. If you can cry and stomp your feet loud enough, you'll get what you want.

Providence College Men's Basketball team did everything they were told they needed to do in order to get into the NCAA tournament. Somewhere somebody reneged on that promise and that someone is the NCAA committee. So we're relegated to another year in the NIT. At first, I thought the team should boycott it. But how do you tell Tony Turner or and see a white campus. Secondly, if we so much as open our eyes, we can see that with regard to different cultural or ethnic groups, PC really stands for "perpetually cliquey." Many questions must also be asked. Why is it that Providence College finds it difficult to recruit Afro-American, Hispanic, or Asian students without offering incentives? Why do we not hear about students with different religious backgrounds on our campus? Why is PC not "politically correct" instead of "predominantly Catholic?" Maybe before we can answer the why's and how's, we should answer this question: DO WE WANT DIVERSITY?

Franklin Western that they won't have a chance to continue their incredible season? How do you tell Michael Smith that the season is over?

Even if we win, people will still say it's only NIT. However, most of the team is returning for one more year. Before every game next year, especially the early season ones, the team should seriously think back to Sunday, March 14th. Everyone always says next year, but there should not have been any question this year.

Imagine yourself: a high school student of a "minority" for the moment (this may be very difficult for some of us). You are looking to attend a college where you will be both enriched and fulfilled. Do you consider attending a college that is increasingly flaunting its Dominican (white, European, Catholic) identity? Do signs that say "to praise, to bless, to preach" lift your spirits or scare the hell out of you? Do the pamphlets that you read that contain 90% history of the religious order and its application to the school attract your attention or draw pictures of solitude in your head. Would walking down second floor Harkins, with its new religiously nostalgic face, make you feel welcome? Does the thought of being taught a particular message that you have difference with for four years make you want to sign any papers with the words "veritas" written on them? Probably not!

Now imagine yourself a professor of the liberal arts. You are

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Peace is What I Wish

by Leonard Fiorilli, '94

Contributing Writer

For the past several years it seems this school has been undergoing a process that can only be described as a strong affirmation of the Dominican identity it was originally founded on. With imagery, logos, speeches, and recently, policy, the Administration has taken it upon itself to ensure that the students at Providence College obtain the "proper values" of the Dominican Order and recognize "the truth." They intend to show the parents of each student, as well as the world, that

a haven of "good," "Christian values" exists, where a youth can learn "Christian ideals" and not be poisoned with those ideas they believe lead inevitably to social ills. Who can blame them for wanting a Dominican utopia where students learn the "right" way? Many members of the faculty can. They insist that with every sign that goes up or pamphlet that goes out, with every new policy making it easier for Dominicans to teach than lay people, with every line of fine print in contracts that teachers must sign, and with every new

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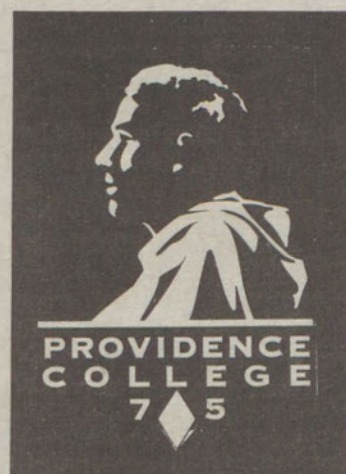
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first rate in your field and are looking for a place to freely express your expertise. Assuming that there are no Dominicans (equally or even slightly less qualified than yourself) applying for the position, would you find signing your name to a contract, that essentially limits your practicing ability, intellectually pleasing? How about if you are ideologically, religiously, ethnically, or in any other way different than the Dominican ideal? If you got the job, would you feel like you were being watched? How about if you found out that the Faculty Senate, the representative body of the Faculty, is only an "advisory body" to the Administration and can make no substantial difference in school policy; a school which holds your academic reputation, as well as that of your colleagues and all students you teach, in the balance?

Imagine, once again, that you are a student of "difference" on this campus (some may not have to imagine). You are surrounded by those different than you (some even hostile toward you)—would you not feel more comfortable with your own kind or at least those more like you? Would you not feel that the huge majority at this school is a clique and would you not wish to form your own? Would you not feel like you were constantly on the defense? Would you not want to transfer?

Now, finally, imagine that you are the majority element of this institution (this should not be difficult for most of us). There are hundreds, even thousands, with similar lifestyles to yours and only a few unlike yours. Do you think you will get a good understanding of those lifestyles unlike your own? Do you think that for the rest of your life you will be as isolated from those lifestyles as you are here?

My point is simple. Having an identity is certainly necessary, but being too loud about it may repel others from you. If someone you meet flaunts his blue eyes and shouts of the greatness of blue eyes, and you have brown eyes, you are not likely to enjoy spending time with him. PC's identity should exist but not persist; persistence causes exclusivity. Providence College should embrace difference in ethnic backgrounds, ideology (including feminism), color, creed, social class or status, and even sexual preference, if it decides diversity is best.

Now that I have said my "peace," and peace is what I wish, it is your turn. You as students, the backbone of this institution, must decide for or against diversity. So flood *The Cowl* with responses and let the decision-makers know if you want diversity or not. Not only do we welcome your replies and opinions, but I would be disappointed if I did not get any.

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Letters to the Editor

Other Cultures Don't Scare Me

To the Editor:

Yesterday I learned that my grandfather, an old pagan in his last few days on earth, was speaking to friends long dead and enjoying visions of the Virgin Mary. So while preparing for one of my eighteen weekly class-hours I found myself wondering again whether God exists and whether we have anything but rot to look forward to after death. Then I had to check my mailbox to sift through applications piling up for three pitiful one-year jobs our department is offering. There were, too, the usual concerns—lunch, bills, preparing taxes, getting home in time to play with my daughter before supper. So I found it instructive to read in *The Cowl* that, as a white man, I had managed to snatch a moment that day to engage in genocide, that the conservative strains in my thought made me a racist, and that as a fat, white professor in the DWC program, I was intimidated by the prospect of studying "other cultures."

As for the charge of genocide, I'll apply a rule I discovered when I was an undergraduate, and which I've since applied to all sorts of fundamentalists: never argue with a drunk. But since there are flashes of serious thought in most of the letters, I thought I'd try to explain the position of a killer like me.

I don't know if I qualify as "conservative" or not, the word has become so debased. But I've always despised the hedonism of my generation, and its self-serving clamoring for rights. I've always been suspicious of the arrogance of "experts," especially those whose domain is the human mind. I dislike big institutions; they are havens of obfuscation, inefficiency and sheer swindling, and I include here big business along with its supposed enemy, big government. I believe that

whether or not we have free will, our laws ought to assume that we do, and that every person ought to be held solely responsible for his or her actions. I believe passionately in human creativity and daring and sweat, and so I've always hated our feel-good, learn-little education accompanying a society based on enterprise and risk. But I do not believe that Americans should end their romance with risk. I believe that people of one color are no better than people of another, and that's no compliment. I believe that law should mainly prohibit, not compel—that it's less tyrannical to name ten things which people must not do, than to name one which they must do. I believe that little in this century is new, and that we'd save ourselves a lot of trouble reinventing wheels if we'd learn to study history sympathetically. I believe in the inviolable dignity of the individual. I believe that pitchers should bat for themselves, on grass fields, before scoreboards whose numbers are turned by hand.

Whether these beliefs qualify me as a "conservative," I don't know. But I do know that the status of blacks in America has nothing to do with them. The letter-writers from R.A.G.e commit what you might call the ego-centric fallacy. That is to believe, for example, that anyone at a party who is laughing or whispering is laughing or whispering at you. Rest assured, most people have better things to do. Now I know that so-called "conservatism" has been used by many to further their bigoted agendas. But to say that conservatives are therefore racists is to commit another fallacy, that of unnecessary association: "X believes that Y (where X is Hitler, Marx, Ronald Reagan, or Rush Limbaugh); X is evil; therefore Y is evil." Sorry, that doesn't work. Conservatism

and liberalism are formidable political philosophies quite apart from the nasty uses to which they have been put. And as the association of conservatism with Jim Crow grows more tenuous, more blacks will become conservatives, for the simple reason that Americans, black and white, like to think for themselves.

Now to exonerate the portly professors. Part of the problem is that the self-styled enraged students do not understand where their professors' allegiance lies. Let me be quite clear. I enjoy cordial relationships with my students, past and present. But they are not the focus of my life as a teacher and scholar, as I hope I am not the focus of their lives as students. Ultimately, I am not important, and they are not important. The works of Plato are important. And as for being intimidated by "other cultures" (as if the *Gilgamesh* and *The Aeneid* and *Beowulf* and *Don Quixote* were all produced by the same culture), I challenge the writer to find a professor here who teaches an array of material more diverse historically, culturally, and intellectually than what I am now teaching. I read—and commonly use in my scholarship and in my teaching—Latin, Italian, French, German, Anglo-Saxon, and some Greek. Alas, I do not read or speak Spanish. This unaccountable oversight of mine seems to have contributed to the oppression of one of the letter-writers, who has no one with whom he can converse in his native tongue. Pardon me; I shall try to do better in the future.

But why study Plato and not Lao-Tzu? The works of both are glorious. I don't want to get into a full-fledged defense of the DWC program. Let it suffice to say that Plato, not Lao-Tzu, is essential for anyone who wishes to delve into any number of intellectual disciplines, including my own. One can be a fine lin-

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Letters to the Editor

guist or political theorist without knowing Lao-Tzu than not; but one cannot be a linguist or a political theorist at all without knowing Plato. Also, for better or for worse, the universe is now viewed through Western mathematical-empirical glasses; students should know the weaknesses inherent in the "scientific" views we moderns take for granted. Moreover, with a few exceptions, we are Westerners here. We believe in hard work, democracy, mobility, civil disobedience, and progress. I'm not saying we should believe in these, but we do, and so we ought to learn about the ancestry of these beliefs. Finally, I doubt that anyone who is bored by Chartres, the Alhambra, and Hagia Sophia is going to be enthralled by Angkor Wat. Professors are delighted to find genuine curiosity about anything beyond the student's self or hometown or narrow job interests. But genuine curiosity is not born of a glib dismissal of the works of art produced by dozens of "western" cultures over the course of thousands of years. To study Lao-Tzu because one has contrived a resentment against "Plato and all the rest" is an injustice both to Plato and Lao-Tzu, neither of whom, it ought to be said, would have tolerated such arrogance.

Finally, I find it strange that students should psychoanalyze professors whom they have not taken the trouble to speak to in private. My door is open. I'll talk to anyone about anything, anytime you can get a hold of me. I'm easy enough to talk to, I think. Easy, that is, if you don't expect flattery or confirmation of your beliefs.

Tony Esolen

Department of English

Beware the Demagogue

To the Editor:

My fellow students, Ross Grace, Eddie Searight, Ariz Vasquez, Len Ramos and other students of non-European descent seem to be very upset, and I cannot say I blame them. There is cause to say that racism and prejudice are as prevalent today as they were in the 1960's. Little has changed. As for the sweeping accusations of genocide by whites, it seems to me to be unwarranted in its generality. Do not forget, there are non-European white people—like Arabs, of which I am one—that are included quite unfairly in the general concept of whites.

Arabs have suffered under the yoke of Euro-American power in the past and still suffer to this very day. The Palestinian Arabs have yet to be given their homeland—due to Israeli power backed by the US (read any newspaper of qual-

ity). Ross Grace wrote about blacks being stolen from Africa. I would like to suggest that Palestinian Arabs have been made to suffer an equal indignity of having their land stolen from them. The US also aided in the destruction of my ancestral homeland of Lebanon—these and other examples of Euro-American suppression bring my Arabness into conflict with my European (Italian/Irish) background and in the sterile American pseudo-culture, that tries so hard to be European, my awareness is severely threatened.

During the Gulf Crisis, Anti-Arab sentiment rose to the surface on campus. But anti-Arab sentiment is not a new phenomenon. How often have you heard or said "Camel Jockey," "Rag Head," "Sand Eater" or similar derision? How often have you generalized the term "Arab" when you really meant Libyan Arab or Iraqi Arab? Or in using the words Muslim and Arab interchangeably? How many of you think Arab and Muslim culture is about having one hundred wives or about half-naked dancing girls prancing in front of a tent of Rudolph Valentinos? If only a few of you can answer these questions with even a minute degree of sensitivity and accuracy, then Ross, Eddie, Ariz, Len and others are right on the money when they say that PC students have an inadequate education and knowledge of other peoples, both colored and non-colored.

I like PC. I think it has potential—enough to be the number one college/university in the US. However, that potential will be wasted if PC does not acknowledge the merit of the history, philosophy, culture, religions and politics of non-European peoples. It is a great challenge to any institution, but even more so for PC, as it becomes embroiled in its attempt to revitalize its Dominican influenced, Roman Catholic identity.

However, it cannot be overstressed that PC is losing face with its non-European population. If such a trend were to continue and degenerate, if it already has not, into insensitivity, then PC is in danger of losing those students, i.e. non-Europeans, who add "flavor" into PC's monochromatic community. Here is a passage from a book read by billions worldwide, that I feel expresses the importance of diversity of language and color in an explicit manner—see if you can name the inspired source: "among His other signs are the creation of the heavens and the earth and the diversity of your tongues and colors. Surely there are signs in this for the learned" (30:22 Q).

To my non-European brothers and sisters, I say: As salamu 'Alaikum—Peace be upon you. To my European brothers and sisters, I say: It is time to be responsible for and to forsake the indecent actions and beliefs of our fathers and mothers and

to reinvent the non-European perception of Euro-Americans and to embrace the peace that should have been embraced centuries ago.

One final remark I would like to make. In the course of the history of man and woman, it is those who speak calmly, sincerely and considerately who earn the respect of others and ultimately find themselves in the position of leadership. Of those leaders, it is the ones who command by example and who follow their conscience and reason that find success. It is the demagogue, whose rhetoric is filled with anger and hatred and frustration, that finds him/herself at the brink of disaster and foreseeing the end of his/her cause. Let us not become demagogues.

As salamu 'Alaikum,
Joel F. Aufiero, '94
(Glasgow)

Women Are Not Objects

To the Editor:

My sister and I are writing this letter concerning some offensive pictures of women we see everyday in this country. These pictures inflict struggle in our lives as women and as men in a society where exploitation, whether subtle or obvious is accepted. From the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit issue, to MTV, to advertising, to *Playboy* Magazine—it exists, at all lev-

els.

The responsibility to recognize and condone sexually explicit material of women is essential for respect of our gender. Women have been anticipating equal rights for centuries now and continued suppression is mere ignorance. It is clear to see that the oppression of any group of people is morally and ethically wrong. Insulting photographs and portrayals of women have become socially accepted and only add to the injustices which females must face each day in this country.

In a time when violence against women is overwhelming, it is crucial for people everywhere to realize the danger which these pictures present. Did you know that one in every three women will be raped in her lifetime? And that every 8 days a woman is killed by her male batterer. Also, the day after the Super Bowl, the statistics for battered women rise to astonishing numbers. Does this tell you something?

Now we are not saying that these pictures are the direct cause for this violence. What we are trying to point out is the idea that when women are portrayed in degrading ways (as in advertising, *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit . . .), it leads to the concept that women are merely objects and can be treated in whatever manner possible. It is time for a change. The fight for equality strongly continues; Exploitation is a step backwards.

Sincerely,
Catherine Szetela '96

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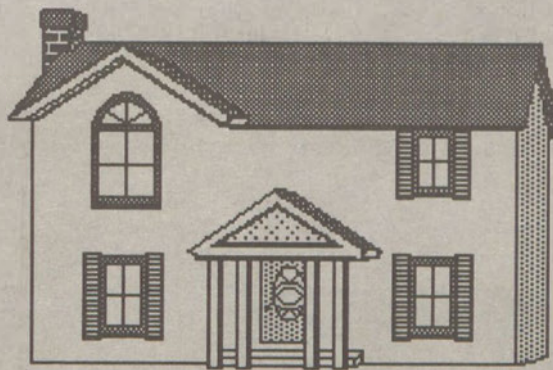
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Sabina Fuerst '94 and Rachel Hoffman: We ran out of charmin as protection for falling.



Chris Alia '94 and Dana Helly '93: Lots of shoveling!



Jen Forrestall '94, Stephanie Swistak '94 and Melissa Maeron '94: We ran out of oil and spent the weekend in a shelter.



Mike Hunt '95 and Danielle Lenois '96: We weren't able to make it to confession.



Natalie Bezdaris '93: Stayed in and watched my roommates play strip poker!



Rob DiAngelo '94: Got stuck in New York City for 48 hours without a change of clothes. Luckily bars were open.



Meg Sheehy '95 and Mary Beth Lucas '94: We lost our security deposit on the house because of broken windows.



Sharon Collum '94 and Todd Dickerson '94: It was great. It gave us the opportunity for another beautiful romantic weekend.



Kavita Avula '96 and Colleen Cox '96: Another excuse not to go to the library!

Rick and Dave: It gave us the opportunity to experiment with highly explosive aerosol containers in the fireplace.

* Editors note: due to technical difficulties with our camera, we were unable to use all pictures taken for this weeks issue - sorry.

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BDB's: The Upcoming Date Disaster?

by Kerry Coyle
Class of '96 Treasurer

Lately, it seems that every conversation I have shifts back to one topic. Whether I'm talking about what I did over break or what topic I'll use for my upcoming research paper, the same question appears time and time again - "Who are you going with to the BDB?"

The reason that I bring this up once again is that for many freshmen, the question of the Blind Date Ball brings forth a host of new worries and perhaps a few insecurities which continue to linger from last semester. However, I've given this some thought over the past few days and I believe that the best way to handle this stressful situation is simply to put it in perspective. The most important thing to remember is that, believe it or not, BDB's are intended to be fun. Every-

one should just relax and have a good time.

As far as dates go, if you're dying to go with that certain someone that you have had your eye on, by all means go for it. Put your roommate to work, - after all this is the perfect opportunity to get to know someone that you like. On the other hand, if you're unsure about who you want to go with, just ask someone who you think is fun and everything will be great!

Well, I don't know about you, but I feel much better about this whole ordeal. So, without further ado, here are the dates for this year's Blind Date Balls: Raymond & Guzman, March 19th; Aquinas, March 26th; Dore, Fennel and Stephen's, April 2nd; Meagher, McDermott and Bedford, April 16th; and finally McVinney and Joseph, April 23rd. Best of luck to everyone in their search for the ideal date!

Pastoral Council

Amos and McAuley House

Amos and McAuley House Soup Kitchens need volunteers.

Amos House needs people for Saturdays, Mondays and Fridays, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

McAuley House needs volunteers for Saturdays.

Come sign up in the Pastoral Council Office in Slavin 214



More News From Pastoral Council....

Elections

Applications for Pastoral Council Chairpeople positions are now available in the Pastoral Council Office in Slavin 214. No later than April 15th.

Portuguese Club

Movie "Burn" starring Marlon Brando will be playing on Wednesday, March 24th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Classroom Building in room 101

All are invited!

Class of '95

'95 JRW Picture Drop Off

Drop off pictures you want to be included in the JRW Slideshow down in Lower Slavin.

Be sure to write your name and box number on the back of your pictures!

'95 Club Nite

• At Carpano's

• Saturday, April 3rd

• 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

• Tickets will be sold in Lower Slavin March 29th through April 2nd.

• Limited number of tickets

• First come, first serve

Volunteers are needed for:

Crime Watch and the Neighborhood Storefront

Anyone interested, or any questions, please stop in the Congress Office, Slavin 109

March Events for Pastoral Council

- **Habitat for Humanity:** is having sign-ups on Thursdays for their Saturday trips. Volunteers are needed for March 20th and 27th.
- **MS Swimming:** started last week. Volunteers needed for Thursday trips to the CCRI pool.
- **Music Ministry:** meets every Thursday in Aquinas Chapel at 6:00 p.m. New members are welcome! Planning for Palm Sunday will be taking place.
- **Tutoring:** is holding a tutoring session for VIPS on Tuesday, March 23rd.
- On March 24th a Senior Citizen's Banquet, sponsored by the Pastoral Council, will be held in '64 Hall from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Every Friday and Sunday during Lent, food and alms are collected for the poor. Donations can either be dropped off in the Campus Ministry office, Slavin 211, or in Aquinas Chapel after each mass.

The Update You've All NOT Been Waiting For...

by Lisa Mantil
'93 Commencement Core

SENIORS! I hate to do this to you, but it's time to start talking about Commencement Week. Events will begin on May 17th and end on May 21st. Bid prices are set at \$130.00 and will be on sale from April 13th to April 20th. The ONLY way to purchase your bid is to come with all ten people that you will be sitting with at the Formal.

You must have two forms of a picture ID (there will be police officers checking ID's). There will be no exceptions! The Commencement Core is

well aware of how many people have crashed previous JRW and Commencement activities. Security has been increased to prevent this from happening. The only way to participate in Commencement activities will be to purchase a bid.

Your last chance to drop off pictures for the Senior Slideshow is April 1st. Please get your pictures together, as we want as many seniors as possible in the slideshow. As Commencement gets closer more information will be released, so keep an eye out these next few weeks for further information.

The minutes for the March 15th meeting are as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Big East vouchers can be sold back on Tuesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Congress office.

- Greg Lahr reported that the Neighborhood storefront needs student volunteers at night to answer phones.

- Students are also needed to volunteer for the Smith Hill Crime Watch.

COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs: Ann is looking in to night classes being open to day students. She will be speaking to Dr. O'Hara.

Finance: Account balances

will be presented next week. Please do not make calls to Directory Assistance on the office phone.

Legislative Affairs: Club constitutions are due Friday.

Elections: Informational meeting will be held on March 17th at 2:30 p.m.

Clubs and Organizations: Jail-A-Thon will be held on March 31st.

Public Relations: *Peaceful Coexistence* will be distributed on March 20th at 1:00 p.m. All committee members are needed to collate the newsletter on Friday.

BOARDS:

BMSA: "The Meeting" went

well last week. Eddie thanked everyone for their support. Residence Board: Raymond/Guzman BDB is being held on Friday.

ACC: Wednesday is the last day to buy tickets for the Morocco dinner.

COA: The Academic Calendar is out for the 1993-1994 school year. A proposal will be made to the committee based on student suggestions.

CLASSES:

'94: Club Nite on March 27th at Carpano's

'95: Club Nite on April 3rd at Carpano's

'96: Class sweatshirts are being ordered.

Commencement 1993

Bids on sale
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LAST drop off is April 1st
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Commencement Week is
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Wednesday, March 24.

Wednesday, March 24
MANDATORY election
meeting at 4:30 p.m.
in Slavin 217.

March 27
Election Videos

Campaign Period:
March 29 - March 31
(ends at midnight)

Presidential Debate
March 30, 8:00 p.m. -
10:00 p.m. in '64 Hall.

Election Day
April 1
Lower Slavin
9:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bertice Berry to Appear at PC



Bertice Berry (pictured above) will perform Wednesday, March 24th at 9:30 p.m. in '64 Hall
(Photo courtesy of Group H, Nashville)

by Kathy A. Parrella '94
BOP Correspondent

This week, the BOP Lecture Committee will present the second of their three-lecture series this month. Bertice Berry, one of the most popular comics and lecturers on the American college circuit bar none will be holding court in '64 Hall on Wednesday, March 24th. Voted both "1991 and 1992 Campus Comedian of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities, she was also voted "1992 and 1993 Lecturer of the Year" and "1992 Campus Entertainer of the Year."

Dr. Berry was an instructor at Kent State University in Ohio where she received her PhD. in Sociology. She was one of the most popular teachers at the university, so popular in fact they were forced to put her in larger and larger lecture halls to accommodate the overflow of both students and faculty. It was there that she realized that by using her humor in her lectures to address such different subjects as racism, sexism, and the like, she was having a more profound impact on her students. With encouragement from colleagues to try her hand at stand-up comedy, she tried it, liked it, and decided to trade in her podium for a microphone and go into comedy full time in 1988.

It wasn't long before she developed a following and her list of credits began to grow. Aside from doing over 250 performances annually, she found herself being interviewed on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Sony Live*, and *The Jerry Springer Show*, and making appearances on Showtime's *Pair of Jokers*, NBC's *Friday Night Videos*, NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, CBS *Nightwatch*, CNN's

Crossfire, and CNN's *World Report*. This was to prove to be the beginning of an award-winning career on the stand-up and lecture circuit which would put her in front of hundreds of audiences annually. Her unusual blend of intellect and humor prompted the entertainment community to become involved in a much-heated race to provide her with a television series that would showcase her extraordinary talent.

Dr. Berry is also a regular featured guest writer for *The Chicago Tribune*, where she's addressed such topics as racism, color discrimination within the Black community, and Hollywood's depiction of violence against women. She gets a lot of her material from racial incidents that have upset her, and incorporates them into both her writing and performances. In addition to this, she is called nearly every week by university officials for her advice on how to deal with racial and gender problems on campuses across the nation.

For Dr. Berry, the small successes that she sees every day in her audiences are her greatest, when people let her know that her message has reached them. Providence College students will have an opportunity to react to her message when she performs Wednesday night. Her lecture is entitled, *Go Ahead, Make Me Laugh: Creating Harmony With Humor*. It is a unique presentation and workshop which outlines techniques for managing conflict and stressful situations with the use of humor. Admission is \$3 at the door, and the show starts at 9:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your BOP coupons to be eligible for the CASH drawing—this is a show not to be missed!

Wednesday, March 24th
Lecture Presents:
Bertice Berry
9:30 p.m.
'64 Hall
\$3 Admission at the door

Tuesday, March 23rd
Coffeehouse Presents:

Open Mic Nite

9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

The Last Resort

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PLEASE NOTE:

The Last Resort Committee would like to apologize for the cancellation of last weekend's Last Resort on Saturday, March 15th due to Storm '93.

BUT

Don't worry--there will be another one on Friday, April 2nd from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in The Last Resort. Keep your eyes open during the upcoming weeks for more details to follow!

Saturday, March 20th
Fine Arts Presents:

Evita

2:00p.m. (Buses leave Peterson at 1:15p.m.)

Providence Performing Arts Center

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* Don't miss *Come Back, Little Sheba* at Trinity Rep on Sunday, March 28th at 2:00p.m. Tickets are \$7 each, and can be purchased in the BOP Office

Film Presents:

Sunday, March 21st

Thursday, March 25th

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'64 Hall

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* Both shows at 8 & 10:00 p.m.

Malcolm X, MLK Grace '64 Hall

by Paula DiCicco
Contributing Writer

Despite reading literature on and about both Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, nothing prepared me for Jeff Stetson's production of *The Meeting*. In less than two hours, I became spellbound and transfixed upon the lighted set on which Thomas Grimes and Vontress Mitchell transformed themselves into Malcolm X and Dr. King. Towards the middle of the play, I began to feel that the actors had left the stage and the real Malcolm X and Dr. King were standing and breathing be-

Harlem apartment, played the saxophone while intermittently adding soulful vocals for an incredibly long time. For a while, I almost forgot that there was going to be a play and lost myself in the music. His performance was much appreciated by the enthusiastic and rather large crowd.

The fictionalized account of the two leaders' meeting was proceeded by each coming to a podium and addressing the audience as if he was giving one of his famous speeches to a crowd. Immediately, I realized that these voices were not amateur actors. Besides the physical details, voices, man-

very true to the real personalities of the leaders. Each was strong and stubborn in his beliefs up until the very end. However, their sincere compassion and respect for each other shined through and culminated in a touching hug between the two at the end.

During the meeting, Malcolm X and Dr. King arm wrestled three times to prove who was "better." This metaphor for better and stronger leadership worked well to illustrate the useless "battle" between the two men. In the last arm wrestling match, both decided on a truce. This showed that there was no choice between the two. They were both great leaders with, as King commented, "the same goal but different means to that goal." One of the last questions that Malcolm X proposed while the two men stood on the balcony overlooking the city involved the idea of what it would have been like if they had joined forces. This left me, as well as many members of the audience, wondering; would it have been possible? I think it would have been powerful and beneficial to humankind.

Jeff Stetson's play, *The Meeting*, proved to be imaginative, stimulating, well-constructed and often humorous. The music, minimal set and lighting, and powerful performances by Thomas Grimes and Vontress Mitchell, as well as the comical flat character of Rashad by saxophonist Strickland, were all integral ingredients for this feast to the senses, heart, and mind.

Towards the middle of the play, I began to feel that the actors had left the stage and the real Malcolm X and Dr. King were standing and breathing before me.

fore me.

However, even before the two leads entered, Jeff Stetson created the somber yet passionate and restless atmosphere of Harlem in 1965 through the lustful, beautiful jazz of saxophonist Stan Strickland. Strickland, stationary on the set of the bare

nerisms and expressions (which were striking), the two actors securely grasped the spiritual, mental, and psychological backgrounds of the two great men. Thus it was easy to believe that Malcolm X and Dr. King were alive again.

The content of this fictionalized meeting itself remained

Wickenden Pub: A Watering Hole Straight Outta Ireland

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

You notice the difference right away. Wickenden has a bit of a different feeling than other popular PC hangouts. You can almost imagine that if you step outside this little pub, you might find yourself on the streets of Belfast or Dublin.

Wickenden Pub, located on Wickenden Street on the East Side, is a great Irish pub that is a nice change of pace from Brads or Club. It has a distinct Irish style that sets it apart from the average watering hole. It is a small, dark pub with wooden booths and tables scattered around. Usually the place is packed with people conversing and drinking their favorite beer. Wickenden offers several varieties including imported Irish beer like Guinness. One special innovation is a Half-Yard of your

favorite beer. A beer ordered in this way comes in what looks like a large beaker with a very long neck, supported by a kind of wooden brace. It's

local places, T-shirts, and hats. For those of you who say that you never win everything, this might be your chance to break that streak; they usually give

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just a way to keep your beer from getting boring.

Thursday nights are fun nights at Wickenden because of their exciting weekly raffle. Everyone gets a ticket at the door which gives them the opportunity to win tickets to

away quite a few prizes, so you have a good chance of walking home with a prize.

Wickenden Pub is definitely a place to check out. If you did not get there on St. Patrick's Day, you can celebrate that holiday any time of the year at this little Irish Pub.

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Memorial Poetry Award. She is professor of creative writing at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. She is also a dramatic screenwriter and has many produced works including "APACHE MOUNTAIN SPIRITS" for Silvercloud Video Productions. She plays Soprano Sax, and Harcourt, Brace and Jovanovich will soon publish her first children's book, *THE GOOD LUCK CAT*. Come hear this vibrant American Poet, as we celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Providence College.



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No Mourning At Finnegan's Wake

by Mike Saucier
A&E Editor

It can become somewhat tiresome drinking in the same environment time after time, beer after beer (shot after shot). Despite what the song might say, some grow weary of retreating to a bar "where everybody knows your name." Sometimes it can be more of a burden than a blessing. Finnegan's Wake just may be the eating and drinking emporium for those who tire of the overpopulated PC bars. Although it is not geographically favorable to PC students, Finnegan's Wake is worth the inconvenience of driving and finding a place to park.

"A 100,000 welcomes" is the greeting on the face of each Finnegan's napkin. And one indeed does feel welcome—welcome to drink, that is. On the Finnegan walls hang images of men imbibing. The cheek-burned figures that grace the wall serve to remind us of the many generations of imbibers who revelled in the warmth of the bar and the cold of a beer. It is easy for one to get taken in by the ambience of this drinking emporium. Surfeited by Irish paraphernalia, a drinking connoisseur can feel at home almost immediately upon entering the bar knowing that s/he is per-

petuating a much-loved pastime.

But of what merit is a place that solely satiates one's thirst for "the spirits" without offering a way to satiate one's hunger? Finnegan's does not leave

Finnegan's fries, Celtic Chicken Fingers, and most importantly, Buffalo O'Wings (which, as the menu reads, if you "drink enough Guinness, you'll see a flying Buffalo too!").

Next are the "Hearty

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you hanging. When the beer-induced food craving begins to mount, satiety is only a menu away. The menu, in keeping with the Irish theme of the bar, appropriately lists the foods with a twist of Irish in the wording of the items. The appetizers include O'nion Rings, Mozz O'Rella Sticks ("from Finnegan's Italian cousin", the menu quips), not French but

Stews" which of course includes the Irish Stew (tender lamb chunks, carrots, turnip, potatoes) and also "Top O' The Tureen"—the alias for Finnegan's soup of the day. All of the hearty stews are served with homemade Irish soda bread.

"The Wearin' of the Green" (a spinach salad) and "Shamrock Chicken" are the striking salads that deserve mention. Also, "The Emerald

Isle" is an all-you-can-eat affair which offers both soup and salad for a fair price.

Under the slogan "Finneganwiches" we find tuna, chicken, and seafood salad sandwiches along with turkey breast and corned beef amongst others. The "Sandwich Shoppe" invites us to indulge in eating "The O'Toole" (Thanksgiving on a bun), "The March 17th" (corned beef with sauerkraut and thousand island dressing), "The James Joyce" (roast beef on a torpedo roll) and "The Blarney Burger Bar" ("No need to kiss it, just eat it" says the menu) which is a 6 ounce burger with everything and anything on it. For dessert lovers, it's Irish dessert abound. Irish Bread Pudding and Irish Cream Mousse Cake grace this category.

Finnegan's is a refuge for not only the Norm Petersons of this world, but also for anyone who seeks an amicable atmosphere to drink in and at the same time to drink in some Irish tradition. As one of the Irishmen hanging on Finnegan's wall may have said, "Sobriety diminishes, discriminates and says no; drunkenness expands, unites, and says yes." Finnegan's is a fine place to say "yes" in.

Come Back, Little Sheba now playing thru April 4 best seats Sat. 8:00 Trinity Repertory Company

The Story of Tim Finnegan



...he fell from the ladder and broke his skull so they carried him home his corpse to wake...



...they layed him out upon the bed with a gallon of whiskey at his feet and a barrel of porter at his head...



...Mickey Malone ducked his head when a noggin of whiskey Dew at him. It missed him, falling on the bed the liquor splattered over Tim...



...bedad he revives and see how he rises and Timothy rising from the bed says "Fling your whiskey round like blazes, Thunderin' Jaysus, did you think me dead?"

Shamrockin' At Rosie's

by Tricia Connolly
Editor-in-chief

Seniors...What's the first thing you think of when I mention Thursday nights freshman year? Rosie O'Grady's—that Irish haven of underage frolicking back in the days when we fought for cabs and waited on line in the snow. Somehow the thrill wears off when you finally hit twenty-one. Anyway, in the spirit of St. Patty's Day, I decided to take an early top o' the morning trip down memory lane with an Irish breakfast at Rosie's starting at 7 a.m. I feasted on scrambled eggs, Irish bacon and sausage, Irish soda bread (my favorite) and a lukewarm mug of Guinness (another favorite). Hey, the Irish never quit!

Unfortunately, I had to go to class, so I wasn't able to stick around for the day's festivities.

However, the manager was kind enough to run down the St. Patrick's Day events at Rosie's, which have become a well-known tradition in Providence. For those hearty Irish souls who didn't have a mid-term that afternoon (a cruel conspiracy to keep us from partying too much) might have had the opportunity to dine on corned beef sandwiches while listening to the Irish band Trilogy. Irish Karaoke was the feature for happy hour from 4-7 p.m.; I'm very upset that I missed this because I was dying to belt out "The Unicorn" in public. Because U2 cancelled out at the last minute, Trilogy was scheduled again that evening to sham-rock the night away.

Alas, again I missed the perfect opportunity to put those Irish step-dancing lessons I took when I was five to good use. The atmosphere at Rosie's is always warm and festive, with plenty of attractive smiling Irish eyes and ample dance space and to kick up your heels and do the Irish jig to traditional Irish tunes at any time of the year. Rosie O'Grady's is located at 250 South Water Street in Providence.



Leprechauns, Legends, and Myths

by Theresa Brophy
Asst. A&E Editor

Lay your ear close to the hill.
Do you not catch the tiny
clamour,
Busy click of an elfin
hammer,
Voice of the Leprechaun
singing shrill
As he merrily plies his
trade?
He's a span
And a quarter in height.
Get him in sight, hold him
tight,
And you're a made
Man!

—William Allingham

If you think that a leprechaun is merely a small-sized promoter for a brand of cereal, here's a chance to do some brushing up on your Irish. Although the cute and happy-go-lucky elf on the Lucky Charms commercials is not far from the mark, the

which means "the one-shoe-maker." The general consensus is that this fairy shoemaker was of low descent, born the son of a father who was an evil spirit and a mother who was a degenerate fairy. In appearance, he stands about three-feet high and wears a little red jacket, red breeches buckled at the knee, grey or black stockings, and a hat which rests above a little, old, withered face. (D.R. McAnally).

Though his origins were of a low class, the leprechaun certainly profited from the shoe industry as poet W.B. Yeats emphasizes in his book *Irish Myths, Legends, and Folklore*. Yeats writes, "The leprechaun makes shoes continually, and has grown very rich. Many treasure crocks, buried of old in war-time, has he now for his own." When he's not hard at work, the leprechaun is known to keep himself busy being mischievous and tricky, pulling pranks and causing small accidents. He can dodge

through a variety of folktales, poems, short stories, and songs which are central to the Irish way of life. These myths and fables are highly accessible and are certainly a delight to read.

Henry Glassie's book *Irish Folk History* explores the symbolism and sentimentality of the Irish oral tradition with great vitality and sensitivity. Various great Irish writers tell the history of the people of a county called Fermanagh (located several miles east of the broken border of Ireland). *Irish Folk History* is split into four segments: Saints, War, The Land, and The People.

A piece by poet Hugh Nolan called "Songs" describes the tradition of folk history itself, when people would gather together where it was "the best place to go for a night's storytelling." Then, "everyone would sing a song or tell a story. That was the way the custom was kept alive." Other poems of patriotism echo songs of war and freedom which called upon the Irish race to commemorate the brave united Irishmen who died in battle.

Along with war ballads and fairy tales, comes another familiar and meaningful tradition which is faith in the saints. Many of the pieces of literature include legends of the saints, particularly different interpretations of the patron saint, Patrick, and his journey to Ireland. In one depiction by Hugh Nolan, Patrick came to Ireland on a horse with a group of tradesmen and women of all classes. Patrick and his horse slipped and both fell to the ground. Patrick discovered a kind of herb and rubbed on the horse's back which healed it and then himself immediately. The herb was called dho and people came from all around to be healed.

Two older books edited by Devin A. Garrity called *Irish Poetry* and *Irish Genius* are also filled with short stories and poetry written by a multitude of Irish literary artists. The works reveal and describe a time and place which the poets remember and invite others to experience again and again - stories and poems about life in Ireland which would attract and interest even those who aren't Irish.

These few works only touch the surface of the history of the oral and written traditions of the Irish. All it takes is an open mind and a little browsing. And by the time St. Patrick's Day comes again, it will mean more to you than wearing green and drinking beer!

The Irish-Hollywood Connection

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

Irish themed films seem to be the rage of the moment in the wonderful world of movies. With the current success of *The Crying Game*, there are bound to be more in the future. Therefore, I set out to see how successfully Hollywood portrays the Irish.

John Ford's film *The Quiet Man*, considered a classic by many, is probably the most famous Irish film. It's basically just a 1950s update of the *Taming of the Shrew* in which the American hero, played by John Wayne, who pursues the fiery redhead, played by Maureen O'Hara. Wayne plays a boxer returning to his Irish homeland with its beautiful green Technicolor scenery, amiable priests, pubs, and cottages. Ford's view of Ireland is highly romanticized; it never rains in his version of the Emerald Isles, if you can believe it. The film is a nostalgic look at a time and place that never really existed. This is interesting for most of the film until the climax in which the heroine is "tamed" in a scene that would hopefully offend the sensibilities of any modern day person.

Ron Howard loosely updated *The Quiet Man* in his film *Far and Away*, complete with boxing hero (Tom Cruise) and spirited redhead (Nicole Kidman). Howard's tale involves Cruise and Kidman immigrating from Ireland to the United States, confronting the hostility that faced the Irish in the late 1800s. The leads are believable as Irish immigrants but the film has little believability. The action is often convoluted. Furthermore, the portrayal is not far from the stereotypes of Ford's film. However, *Far and Away* does offer beautiful scenery and a cute romance between the real life couple.

My Left Foot shows a more well rounded look at the Irish. Some stereotypes remain, mostly involving the infamous Irish love for alcohol, but it has great performances, especially the central one by Daniel Day-Lewis. He plays a man stricken with cerebral palsy, able only to move his left foot. However, his fierce and determined nature drives him to become a respected artist and to marry. The film doesn't try to make the character a nice person; he's often depressed and he drinks too much, but we appreciate the man all the more for his faults as well as his attributes. *My Left Foot* sounds like a TV movie of the week, but it so much more to offer.

One of the best movies involving Irish themes and settings is Alan Parker's *The Commitments*, a movie that follows the development of an ill-fated band in Dublin that hopes for big time success. A group of young Dublin kids form a band that covers old R&B tunes. We watch as they fall in love, have fun and fight with each other. Meanwhile, they cover a great bunch of old R&B tunes. The best aspect of the film is that it gives a real sense of the lives of the young people in Ireland. Times are hard and the prospects are slim for most of these kids, which makes their dreams of success and their joy in their talent all the more touching.

Be sure not to miss *The Crying Game*, which is currently enjoying big success in the wake of winning six Academy Award nominations. It is being advertised for its surprise, but one of its most interesting aspects is how it touches on the disaffected members of the I.R.A. They go about their terrorist activities in a somewhat ruthless yet routine fashion. Somewhere along the line, they have lost sight of the goals behind their activities.

If you are interested in seeing movies about the Irish, it will be worth your while to check out any of these films. They all have aspects which can be recommended. With more films sure to be on the way, it can't hurt to be a little prepared.

Erin
Go
Bragh



traditional leprechaun has quite a colorful and significant history.

In his book, *The Leprechaun's Kingdom*, Peter Haining reveals the nature of the leprechaun who is just one specific member of the fairy family. The term leprechaun has derived from "leith bhrogan"

any human beings who try to capture him and dislikes those who deny his existence. However, he can be helpful to families who believe in him.

The legends of the leprechauns are only one example of a strong tradition which shares and retells history

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The NIT-wits of the NCAA

by Noelle Cusack
Asst. Features Editor

Okay, so Monday afternoon at 3:48, I put down my pillows in Slavin and joined my friends to sleep out to get tickets for the Big East game on Friday. We didn't actually have that bad of a time. Think about it - Where else on campus can you find boys and girls sleeping in the same room all night while security looks on? Don't answer that. We managed to keep busy until around 3:30 a.m. by watching movies, playing TABOO, and, well, we kept ourselves occupied. In fact, we had such a great time, some students sat in line even though they didn't want tickets. Around 7:30 a.m., someone who was obviously still feeling the effects of a bit too much caffeine decided it was time to wake us all up for the 9:00 a.m. sale of tickets. While some of the people who were waiting on line took time to apply make-up and engage in other various vanity, whoops, I mean hygiene, activities, the rest of us got back into some semblance of a line and waited for our tickets. Basically, we were stuck, (yes, they locked and alarmed the doors), in Slavin, for almost 17 hours. It made us feel a little bit better that the tickets were completely sold out by 8:30, so all

of the people who thought they'd get away with not sleeping out were out of luck.

Thursday night came soon enough, and it was time to prepare for our trip to the city. For many, Thursday night became like a Friday night. Since they were not going to classes the next day, they followed Friday's schedule. I was amazed to find that this schedule change came about without even a hint of advice from the administration.

Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. we boarded the buses to New York. Most people on the bus managed to stay awake (and very happy) for the whole bus ride. By the time we got to the city, some members of our crew were singing *The Jeffersons* theme, knocking on the bus windows to catch the attention

of random road workers (in hopes of being shot), or yelling at the joggers in Central Park (I happened to notice that they were all running in groups).

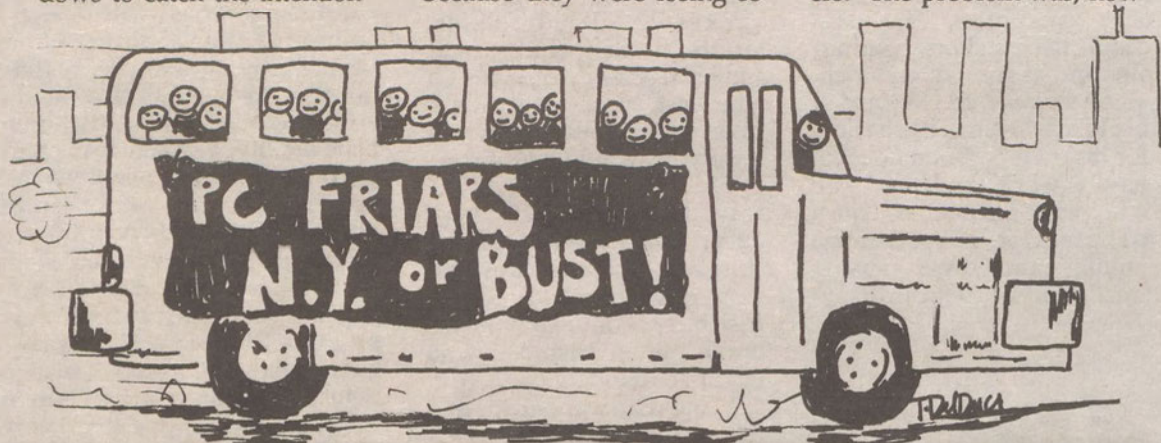
As we got off of the bus, the once-again caffeine-charged group chanted "Let's Go Friars". (Let me give you a hint - it's not wise to release 200 New England country bumpkins onto the streets of New York.) The crazed PC fans were standing during the game. Now, call me crazy, but since the team was standing up to play their hearts out, most of the PC fans felt that they were obliged to stand up for their team. The security guards had a different idea, however. They thought that it was more proper for us, like the UConn fans, to sit down. (By the way, the UConn fans were sitting because they were losing so

badly that they couldn't stand up.) After a while, the guards actually gave in to us and said, "You can stand to cheer, but then sit right down, please." First of all, when the 6'9" brute who obviously takes the same vitamins as your average Sumo wrestler asked me to please sit down, I actually had a hard time taking him seriously. Second of all, besides cheering (and maybe making another run to the beverage station), why else would PC students be standing?

The last laugh was definitely on those of us who decided to come back to PC in order to beat the storm and spend Friday evening studying. We were told that after the game, we should stay in our seats in order to receive our tickets for Saturday in exchange for our ticket vouchers. The problem was, how-

ever, that we could not get our tickets until we found out what our seed was for Saturday's game. Basically, all 200 of us ended up leaving the Garden, gathering outside of Beefsteak Charlie's, and then going from street corner to street corner following whoever it was who was holding our Saturday tickets. (That person shall remain nameless because I never actually got far enough into the mob scene to recognize who it was before he was practically dragged away by members of the NYPD.) Finally, after wandering around during rush hour looking for a bus with Rhode Island license plates, we finally headed back to PC before the Storm of '93 hit. Needless to say, most of us never made it back to the city. Actually, I was glad to see the game on TV since they spotlighted Fr. Fergus during a time out.

Okay, I'm sure you've heard enough from me about this game. After all, we lost to Seton Hall on Saturday, and on Sunday the NIT-wits on the NCAA tournament panel have decided that George Washington University, who hasn't been in the tournament in 32 years, belonged in the tournament before we did. I hope you're as disgusted by the whole thing as I am - but I know I'll eat my words when we see GWU in the Final Four.



Cheer of the Week - To the administration for giving us the day off on St. Patrick's Day (at least we assume they did)

Jeer of the Week - To the NCAA Selection Committee members who've got as much right to still be breathing as Pitt has to be in the tourney

Getting Testy

by Bill Fennell
Asst. Features Editor

Hello, and welcome to this week's article. This week, instead of doing an in-depth study of the effects of too much Pearl Jam on the central nervous system, I am going to administer a test. No, this is not the type of test that you have to study for, although you really should have, because the results will be dramatically altered if you didn't study. For example, if the test results indicate that you're a super kind of person, and you hadn't studied, then there is the chance that the results are incorrect. What this means is that if you had studied, then the results might have come out saying that you're a disgusting pervert who likes movies about small electrical appliances. Now the test has a variety variety of questions, and they must all be answered in order to get the most accurate results. For those of you who might be wondering, this

is completely scientifically accurate, and has been certified by a panel of experts who don't drink much. We'll start the test now, so remember to answer all questions as truthfully as possible. If the "right" answer for you is not there, choose the one closest to how you feel. Or, can take a break and have a drink until the answer comes to you.

1. Men are:
 - a. better than women
 - b. not better than women
 - c. better than dogs
 - d. better than nothing
2. When confronted with a seemingly impossible problem, you:
 - a. cry
 - b. try to find the best possible solution, and then give up
 - c. consult your horoscope and magic prayer crystals
 - d. go on a killing spree with a machete

3. To you, the phrase "brushing your teeth" means:
 - a. flossing your teeth
 - b. absolutely nothing
 - c. trimming the hedges
 - d. "One if by land, two if by sea"

4. Your perfect mate:
 - a. would not slobber regularly
 - b. is John from Alpert's Furniture
 - c. would think the old Batman TV show was "keen"
 - d. would not beat up your mother

5. Which of these would most anger you?
 - a. accidentally licking Carol Channing
 - b. getting slapped with a cactus
 - c. blue shoes with orange pants
 - d. "The Barry Manilow Channel"

6. For you, "toleration" means:
 - a. accepting your mate's obsession with figs
 - b. not macing your in-laws
 - c. the PC Administration
 - d. being able to shower with lawn furniture

7. Which of the following is likely to embarrass you?
 - a. leaving the house with swatch of plaid fabric stuck to your face
 - b. choking to death on Pez
 - c. getting drunk and proposing to a shrub
 - d. having a tattoo of Bert &

Ernie on your forehead

8. What is most damaging to your ego?
 - a. having someone call you "dorker"
 - b. getting pummeled at Monopoly by your mate
 - c. realizing you're a jerk
 - d. not being able to remember the words to "American Pie"

9. When forced to deliver bad news to someone, you:
 - a. agonize for days about it, and then visit your therapist
 - b. drink heavily
 - c. break it to them gently, then chuckle under your breath
 - d. lie and tell them they won the lottery

10. The "ideal" evening out would include:
 - a. pork rinds
 - b. whips and a couple of nine-volt batteries
 - c. a Monster Truck event
 - d. a friendly game of Contact Scrabble

There. Now you're done with the test, so let's see how you scored. Give yourself one point for each "a" answer, two points for each "b"

answer, three points for each "c" answer, and a good stiff drink for each "d" answer. If your score was: 1-10 points, you really ought to go out more, but not with me. 11-23 points: Try your best to stay away from sharp objects and things that can hurt you. 24-61 points: You usually tend to overextend yourself. Don't try robbing that bank at first. Go for a Mom & Pop convenience store with a sawed-off shotgun and work your way up. And if you got really loaded, then you're probably in the wrong line of work. A nice job for you would be something involving tilling the earth and then settling down to a nice old-fashioned dinner consisting of dump-lings and biscuits. Now that you've finally found out about the real you, you can make those important positive changes in your life, like flossing every now and again. What big change am I going to make? Well, for starters, I'm going to see what I can do about this tattoo on my forehead.

Wasted Away Again in Cancunville

by Brian Cappello
Features Editor

Despite my desire to spend my spring break amidst the chilly confines of good, old Marlboro, Mass., I gave in to *The Cowl* and agreed to let the paper send me down to Cancun so I could write this article. Here are the highlights:

\$10,000 - How much money I was almost fined before ever leaving the country. Apparently, the security guards didn't appreciate me saying, "Sweet - they didn't notice" as we by-passed the X-ray machine (of course, I was only referring to my fly being unzipped). Thank God I didn't mention the bomb I had just dropped in the bathroom.

Leisure Air - The name of the world renowned airline that we flew down on. The flight could not have been nicer, aside from having to hold our luggage in our laps.

Learning to Fly in Under an Hour - The name of the book our pilot was reading shortly before takeoff.

Sweating Profusely - What we immediately began doing two minutes after stepping off the plane in Cancun.

Heavy Snowfall - What we were amidst just five hours earlier - the thought of which almost made sweating enjoyable.

Vinchenso and Rugga - the names of our bellboys at the Hotel Calinda.

Swimming in the Ocean - Something I never pictured myself enjoying during the month of February.

7 a.m. - The approximate time we got up every morning to go for a PC group jog.

The Brooklyn Bridge - What I have to sell you if you believed the 7 a.m. bit.

"What am I doing up here?" - A question one PC senior (whose name is not Jean) seemed to be asking herself as she stood up on stage for a Wet-T Shirt Contest. Unfortunately, she did not bring home the title despite clearly being one of the top guns.

Overrated - The most fitting adjective to describe the Cancun snorkling experience.

To get a mental picture of this, picture pictures you've seen of exotic coral reefs, sporting a plethora of exotic fish. Now picture that picture covered over by green fog and you've got the basis of what we saw. This experience led Frank "Tanboy" Orłowski, '93, to quip, "If this is the second best reef in the world, I'd hate to see the third." This sentiment was not shared by Kirk "Numero Uno" Woolford, '93, who apparently had a postcard stuck to his mask, leading him to see hordes of exotic fish.

Slammerboy - Nickname given to Colin Hoehn, '93, who found his niche in life serving Tequila slammers (a shaken up shot) to anyone in his path. His technique may need some work, however, as his one for you one for me strategy left him a "bit" tipsy (as in Hitler was a "bit" overbearing).

Dos pesos - The equivalent of 66 cents and what it costs to walk out on the street at any point in the day (before 1:30 am) and within 30 seconds be on a bus that will take you anywhere within fifteen miles or so.

Mexican Culture - Something that was hard to soak in when our two primary dining establishments were McDonald's and Wendy's.

A handful of poppy seeds - What we were basically left with upon removing everything we were told not to eat from a Big Mac. It's amazing how Americans take for granted things like eating lettuce and drinking water.

Deathly Ill - For some mindboggling reason, it's the way many people have been known to feel upon returning home. I'm sure it has nothing



A quartet of PC seniors venture on a Banana Boat ride while a group of freshman take in a swim

to do with eating fast food every day and drinking booze all night. Kristin Reardon, '93, said she made more trips to the bathroom last week than most baseball players make (trips) to home plate in a season.

1000 - The number of times "Rhythm is a Dancer" was played during the week. Apparently someone in the US made a disco tape and sold the same one to every single club down there.

Palatial - The adjective best suited to describe the bathrooms at many of the dance clubs down there. The stalls resembled the fitting rooms at Macy's or Bloomingdales. Most bathrooms even had little convenience stores set up, with inventories ranging from gum to nail polish (as well as a community hairbrush). And every time I turned around there was a guy handing me paper towels to wipe my hands.

Immaculate - The island as a whole (no joke). The only cleaner place I've seen is my off-campus house during parent's weekend. I've never felt so guilty littering.

Eight - The average age of the kids peddling jewelry outside bars as late as 2 a.m.

Eager anticipation - Felt by the Mexican guys down there who look forward to Spring Break like American kids look forward to Christmas.

Absurd - The fact that getting back 33 cents of change usually meant getting 10 coins weighing 10 pounds each.

The MVP - Imodium A-D - My only question is, how did they determine which ingredients to use to control any and all sudden loose bowel movements?

The Cancun Speed Limit - DNE (Does Not Exist).

Ready to return to sub-freezing temperatures - What most vacationers were anything but come the end of the week.



The scenic view from the Calinda Beach Hotel

Another Day, Another Blizzard

by Kristen Garipey
Features Staff Writer

Nice. Really nice. I'm thrilled. Genuinely ecstatic. My weekend was fulfilled.

Like everyone else who refuses to believe the weathermen, I treated Friday afternoon and night like it was any other day. I dragged myself out of bed around 10:00 (after conveniently skipping my 9:30 quiz), struggled to make it to my 10:30, and then declared a half-day due to teacher/parent conferences. Around two, I began mentally preparing my liver for the events of the night and debating plans with my friends. I heard numerous rumors of a snowstorm that was going to hit Saturday morning, but shrugged it off as another product of PC's pathetic imagination. I even caught a glimpse of a reporter saying something about snow on Channel 12, but concluded that she

worked for the Students For Canceled Classes Committee and was being paid to make up another vicious rumor.

The night was typical - I'd relay events if I could remember anything that occurred past nine - but I can't, so you're spared the gruesome details. All I know is I awoke Saturday afternoon to a very unpleasant sight. It was whiter outside than the poor souls who didn't go away for break. More snow. Haven't we had enough?

Luckily, the PC/UCONN game started within minutes and I was relieved of my whining duties. I especially enjoyed the double screen mechanism. Because of this wonderful piece of television technology, my friends and I were fortunate enough to have continuous coverage of the Storm of '93. Every half hour, a spokesman from Channel 6 popped up at the bottom of the screen and let us know that it was still snowing. Thanks for the update. I was wondering why it was

raining golf balls. And thanks to this insightful reporter, we never had to waste energy looking out the window.

I was especially grateful to Governor Sundlun for waiting until after the PC/Seton Hall game to declare a state of emergency. He's been dubbed Friar Fan of the Week. I don't even want to think of the uproar he would have caused had he put his face on TV with a 'Special Weather Report' logo. Can we consider it a state of emergency that we got screwed out of the NCAA's?

Clinton shared a little warning with us also. I was temporarily excited when I heard that he was going to comment on the storm. He's probably going to babble about federal aid or Red Cross help, I decided. Instead, he said to be cautious and stay off the roads. Thanks, Bill. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Back to the storm or blizzard or whatever you want to call it. I was also lucky enough to be near a grocery store at 7:30 Friday night. If I ever act

like the pathetic, panic-stricken people I saw, please put me through a slow and painful death. Yes, we were going to have a snowstorm. But fighting for carriages and loaves of bread didn't seem appropriate. I was instantly reminded of the Cabbage Patch Doll battles. I'm sure these people had already done their food shopping for the week, too. Am I missing something? Do humans eat more when there is snow on the ground?

Saturday night was a much-needed change of pace. Again, the Let's Spread Rumors Committee decided to announce that all the bars would be closed. As a result, the off-campus party quotient increased and the majority of PC students ventured onto Eaton. About twelve students made it home without falling and twenty-two avoided the infamous snowball wars.

Lot D was a scene of absolute chaos when security de-

cided all cars had to be moved in order to plow. Several on-campus students quickly grabbed their portable emergency shovels out from their closets and hurried to remove their automobiles. I think we had more plows working for PC than there were in the entire city. Sure, it's great that the city plows all of the main streets first. Too bad most people live on side streets. So why bother clearing the main ones if the people can't even get off the ones they live on?

Well, the Storm of '93 has come, conquered and continued on leaving behind another week of duck boots and warm coats. I'm only grateful that I didn't go away for Spring Break and have to return to this weather. Of course, the snow will soon melt and we will once again be graced with the beautiful greens of the Providence College campus. I give it two days until Mother Nature hits us again.

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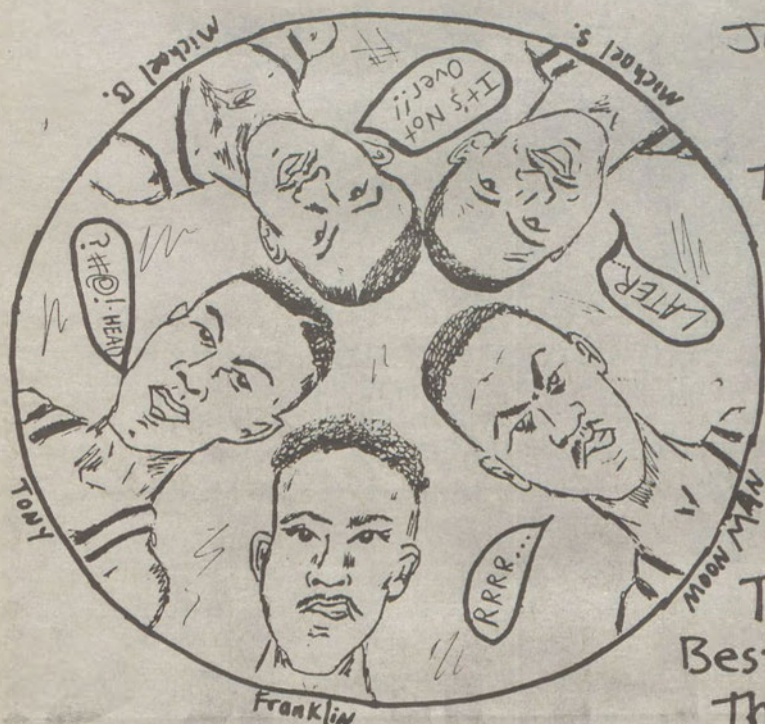
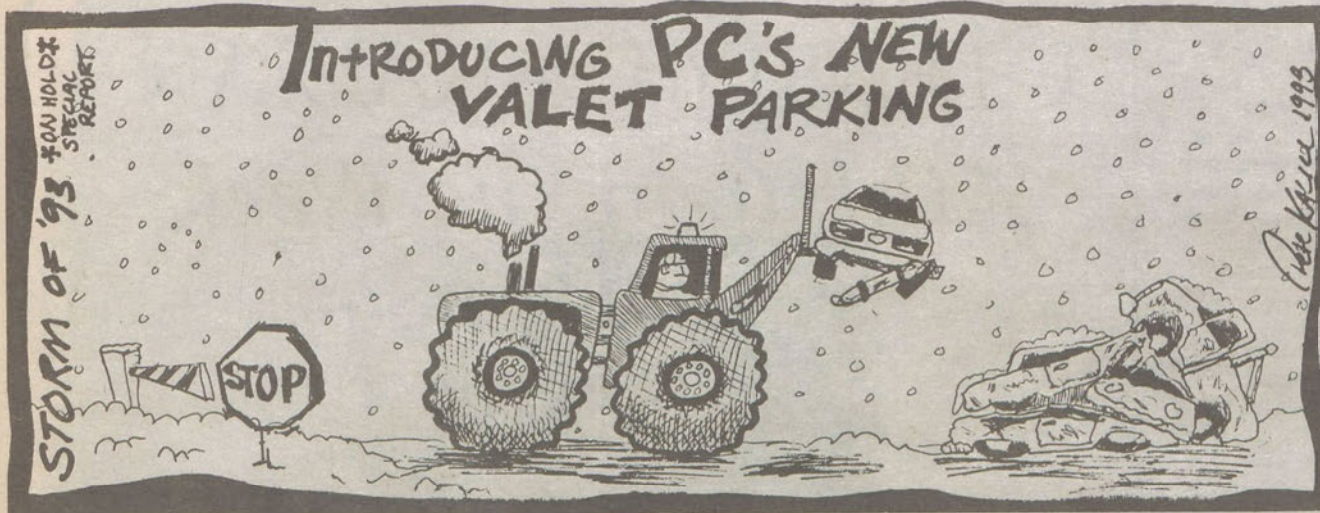
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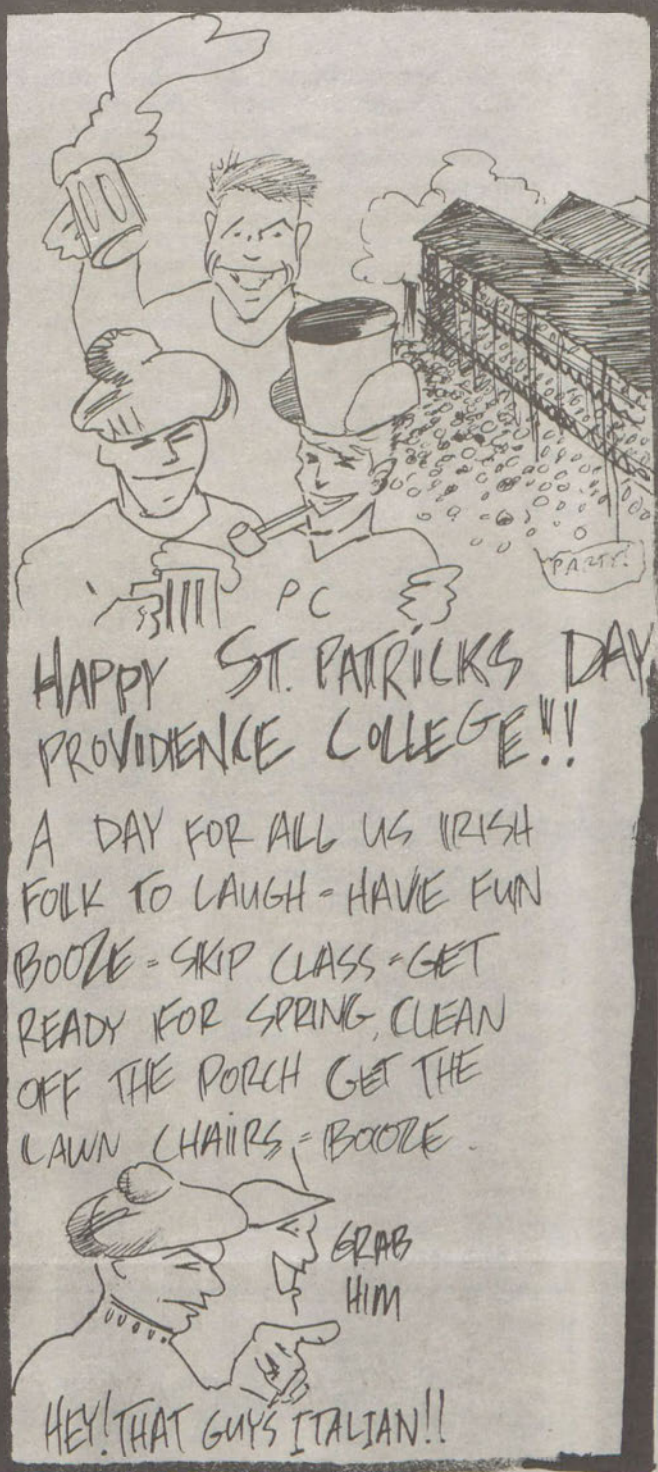
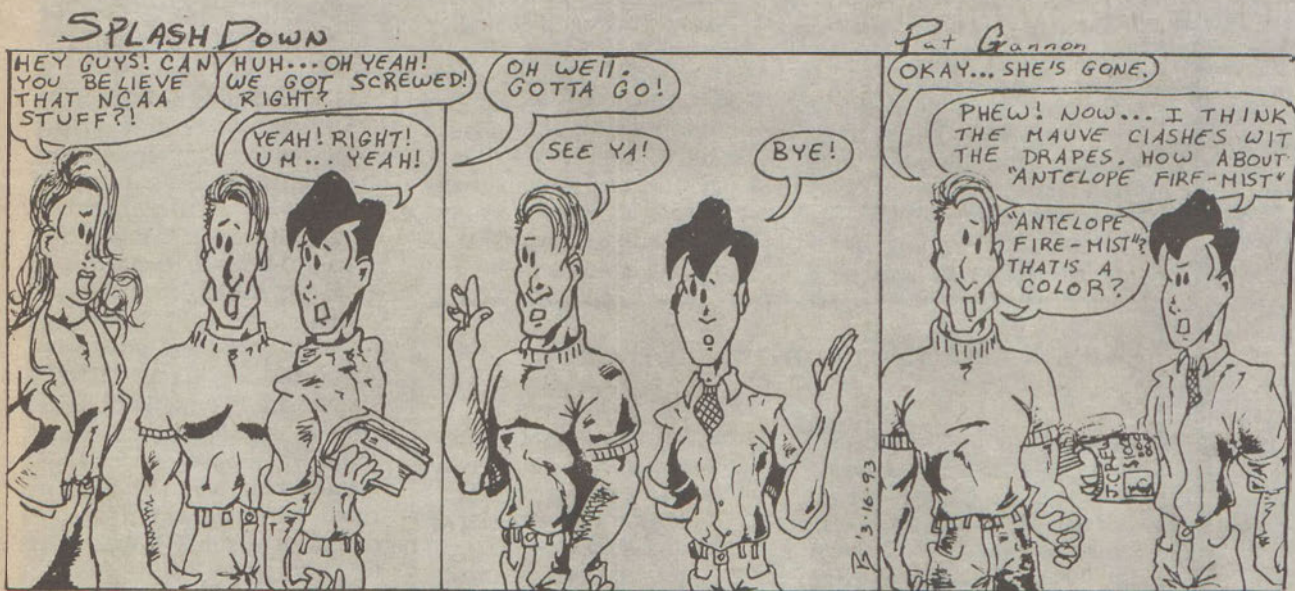
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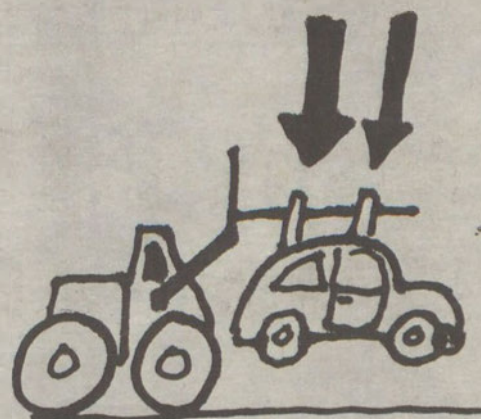
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this "must win" contest was 73-55. So that was it wasn't it?

Michael Smith came into the student section after the game, grinning ear to ear while listening to chants of "We like Mike!" Other players high-fived their fans. Saturday's game versus Seton Hall was inevitable but it really didn't matter, right? I mean it was like a consolation game. You play it because you have to.

PC played a tough game against the nation's 10th ranked team and got more of what they set out to obtain before the UConn contest. "We weren't really thinking about the NCAA's," said Abdul. "We came into the game to get some respect." Granted, PC eventually fell 69-60 to the Pirates and a possessed Terry Dehere, but not without a fight.

Entering the second half, the Friars were down 32-21 but opened with a 6-0 run capped by Michael Brown finding Smith for a thunderous jam. But every time PC got within serious striking distance, the Hall put up a wall. Either Luther Wright or Jerry Walker stepped up to make things nasty in the paint. Hold on to your horses, though, let's not get carried away here. This game meant about as much as an NFL Pro Bowl, right? We were in.

CBS' Jim Nantz said PC would probably be an 8 or 9 seed which would mean play-

ing a number 1 seed in the second round. His partner Billy Packer followed up with this statement: "I don't think there is any doubt about Providence being in the NCAA's. Having to play a team of this caliber, you're talking about some tough games."

So where does this leave us? Well, imagine waking up Christmas morning and finding nothing but lint and cookie crumbs under the tree. The Friars got robbed. It wasn't a matter of if we were playing, but who. So there it was, a number 4 seeded Georgia Tech bunch and below it one final, the very last, gray box. No. Silence.

Friday's monumental moment in Providence College basketball history will merely be remembered as another win. Talk about doing what you are told to do. So is there anything left to accomplish for the Friars? A team that answered challenge after challenge only to be denied the right to dance with the best. The answer is yes. Win the NIT. To Coach Barnes, the assistant coaches, every player on the roster, the team manager, trainer, and everyone else involved in making this year's edition of the Friars a success, I want to leave you with some words of wisdom from the irreplaceable Bill Raftery because you guys aren't done yet. "Go Get 'Em!"

CLEARLY CANADIAN Athlete of the Week



Andy Keith (Birmingham, England)

The junior miler finished second in the mile at the NCAA Championship in Indianapolis. Keith finished the race with a 4:00.27 to earn All-America honors for the second straight year. Last year, Andy won the race at the NCAA's.

IAB Roundup

Compiled by IAB Staff

5-on-5 Hoop

5 on 5 basketball has begun, and the field is wide open. However, a few teams stand out in the A division. Perennial powerhouse None Flew Over Birds Nest led by Pete Warner, Mike Shannon and Brian Thimme have compiled a 3-0 record along with Big Fat Paul, an up and coming squad who continue to lead the

league in field goal percentage and assist to turnover ratio. Other teams in contention are U Cant Flush This and They Might Be Giants.

In the B division, a number of teams believe they have a shot at the coveted t-shirts. Several teams remain undefeated at 4-0. They are Cephas Express, Hoe, and Lothar and the Hill People. Doyle's Dogs are also 4-0 and look to be the favorite in a 58 team league. Many other teams with unblemished records were not

included but look for your team in future issues. Please check schedules carefully-you may play more than once a week.

Street Hockey

The intramural street hockey season is off and running and the competition has been intense. Several teams have pulled ahead of the field, establishing themselves as forces to be reckoned with.

Wally's Bitch, led by team captain Mike Kelly, is off to a 3-0 start with solid goal play provided by Greg "Jiffa" Freedman. Playing in front of Jiffa is the fleetfooted Matt Flaherty whose sniper-like accuracy earned the team's third win in sudden death overtime against the tough 68.9'ers led by team captain Mike Pezzi.

Another team enjoying early success in the season is the Thunder Bay Bombers. The Bombers have had stellar play from a number of players, especially Dave DiLoretto and Steve Smoragiewicz. Captain Mike Gill credits the team's success to a rigid off-season workout schedule and the team's no-alcohol policy.

Flaherty's Five Fantastics are also vying for the league's top spot. Brian "Stonewall" Flaherty has turned in several key performances between the pipe. John Houston and the defensive tandem of Dan Delaney and Derek Kasperowski have also been instrumental for the Fantastics.

In the coming weeks, look for key match-ups including the Bombers versus Wally's Bitch and Jason Brush's Club versus Fraser Crane Must Die.

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scoring 23 points while unloading 9 assists. The Lady Friars won the game 87-74.

The Lady Friars final test would be against the Miami Hurricanes, a team they hadn't defeated in the five games they had played against them since Miami entered the league last year. Sadly, this would not be the night that the Lady Friars would break that streak. Despite coming out fired up, even leading by ten at the 15:00 mark, the Lady Friars soon showed that they were no match for the overpowering Hurricanes, who crawled their way back in the game and took a four point lead, 28-24, into the locker room at half-time.

The Lady Friars kept it tight early in the second half, cutting the lead to one before Miami showed why they were the best team in the conference. A 10-0 run by the Hurricanes started the clock to toll its midnight bells as the Lady Friars' Cinderella story came to an end. The fatigue brought by four straight games took its effect on PC as Miami won, running away 77-56. After the

game, Sonya Lewis and Lucie Fontanella were awarded with all tournament team honors.

"I couldn't be prouder of this team," said Coach Foley. "They played hard as a team and didn't quit. I want to give a great deal of credit to my assistant coaches Bob Clark and Melanie Balcolmb. They did a great job scouting and preparing our team for this tournament."

And what are Coach Foley's hopes for next year? "It was a disappointing season," he continued. "We got better as a team as the season progressed. I hope our players realize they didn't fulfill their potential for this season. Nearly all our players are coming back next year (Debbie Hagie is the only graduating senior) and we have some great recruits coming in."

A message to the nine teams in the Big East: If the Big East Tournament is any indication on how hard the Lady Friars are going to play next season, watch out.

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analyst, who said after the UCONN win, "Don't worry, Providence. You're in the tournament." In a panel of CBS analysts, just prior to the selection show, Billy Packer stated that PC could be one of the dark horses of the NCAA Tournament.

But what happened in that selection room in Kansas City, where the hearts of thousands of Friar fans were broken like the dreams of Tony Turner and

Trent Forbes, who were unable to make the NCAA's in their final season in black-and-white.

What hurt the Friars the most was the numerous upsets which occurred in other conferences. Missouri, Texas Tech, Evansville and Long Beach State all won their respective conference tournaments, and in the process, took four at-large bids away from the Friars. PC was hurt

by the fact that they had not fared well (2-9) against the Top 50 teams in the nation. This significantly hurt PC's power rating, which is one of the factors that can influence bids.

Finally, the Friars were hurt by the notion that the Big East has lost its luster as one of the nation's top conferences. The Atlantic-10, long the ugly sister of the Big East, managed to field four teams in the tournament to the Big East's three. Though it was a wacky year in the Big East, a year in which the only defeat of a nonconference, Top 10 team, was the Friars victory over Arizona, the league suffered because of the great parity in the league. Gone are the days when Georgetown and Syracuse are going to run away with the title. From top to bottom, the league—though down this year because over 95% of the league's starters are underclassmen—can still compete with any in the country. The league's worst team (Villanova) took the class of the league (Seton Hall) to overtime twice.

Parity has made the league a more exciting league, bit in

the eyes of those around the nation the league has fallen from its perch as the nation's strongest conference.

Still, the Friars have reason to be upset. Not because George Washington or Marquette crept into the tournament, but because of the third selection from the Big East, Pitt.

Pitt was a classic case of a team who had played themselves out of the tournament, finishing the year 3-8. They had stumbled against Syracuse, 55-50, in the quarterfinals of the Big East's. Their token in, however, was their high power rating and

nonconference wins against UCLA and at Illinois.

Unfortunately, when the 1992-1993 is case into stone, it will be forever remembered as the year the Friars were snubbed. We will forget the magical run and incredible turnaround the Friars orchestrated. Just when it looked as though Barnes would be thrown out of town, he came up with the coaching performance of a lifetime.

After taking matters into their own hands, it was taken right away from them. And that may be the biggest shame of all.

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6-5, and pounding Wesleyan, 13-6. Sophomore starter Steve Surdez pitched six strong innings against Palm Beach for the victory, while Kendeziarski picked up his first collegiate save. Merloni, the defending Cape Cod League batting champ, provided the offense with two hits and three runs batted in. The PC hitters finally unloaded against Wesleyan, led by freshman designated hitter Bob O'Toole's game winning grand slam, and by three hit games from senior first baseman Phil Ierardi and Merloni. This was plenty of offensive support for senior Tony Deangelo, and reliever Bill Timlin, who notched his first save.

PC played only one game last weekend, Friday's 4-2 loss to George Mason. Steve Surdez once again pitched impressively, throw-

ing seven innings of four hit ball. Unfortunately, the relief corps was unable to save the game, and George Mason erupted for four runs in the eighth inning. Ierardi, once again, led the Friar hitters with three hits raising his batting average to .371.

The Friars play their first home game of the season against Yale at 12 p.m. on Saturday and then travel to Holy Cross on Sunday. Next week's schedule against local colleges is an important warm-up for the Friars, since they travel to Seton Hall on March 27 to open up the defense of their Big East title. The Friars have a good chance of accomplishing this if the senior trio of Foster (.378), Ierardi (.371), and Merloni (.366) keep up their hot hitting and the starting rotation of Deangelo, Garside, and Surdez solidifies.

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the regular season with each team winning a game. UNH was seeking revenge and PC was seeking a repeat. Everyone in the joint knew there would be an epic battle on the ice this time as well.

UNH came out with their trademark physical style of play, roughing the Lady Friars up at every opportunity. Providence countered with superior speed and skill on both ends of the ice. It looked as though the game would be scoreless until Providence capitalized on a UNH defensive breakdown and scored two quick goals towards the end of the first period. UNH never really rebounded from those goals and despite their efforts to get their offense in gear, they were overwhelmed by the stonewall defense Providence put up. PC added another goal in the third period and the crowd of roughly 16,000 fans counted down the remaining seconds and witnessed the Lady Friars repeat as ECAC and National Champions.

The unique thing about this tournament was that the tourney MVP did not come from either of the teams in the final game. That honor went to Sherry Looney from NU, but this says quite a bit about the Lady Friars. What has made Providence the best team in the country for two years in a row is that when they step out

onto the ice, they come at you as a team. Sure, there are players who have more talent than others, but when one of the better players is having an off night, one of the weaker players always steps up her game a notch or two. Senior captain Cammi Granato put it best. "It's great to repeat. We have had this goal in mind all season and it is a great way to finish four years here at Providence." And what a career she has had, putting her name on top of the record book in almost every category available. Looking ahead to next year, Cammi predicts, "They could do it again, and we'll be cheering just as hard for you as we played with you."

Junior Wendy Cofran was equally optimistic, "We'll be returning a lot of starters and the freshmen will mature; we will be looking to repeat, again."

I would like to take the time to thank all of the Lady Friars for another outstanding season of hockey. To the many women who will be returning to next year's team, I want to wish you the very best of luck in your campaign to threepeat. To Cammi Granato, Michelle Johansson, Barb Pierce, and Kathy Sloan, congratulations on going out as winners. You deserved it all and I hope success follows you wherever you end up.

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Not Much Fun In The Florida Sun

Friar Nine Limp Out To 3-7 Start

by Justin Maccione
Sports Writer

The PC Friar baseball team made their annual Florida trip over spring break from February 27 - March 7, returning north with a 3-6 record after facing some tough competition. Last weekend's road trip to Virginia and Maryland was curtailed by the snowstorm. But they were able to play a game at George Mason on Friday, dropping a difficult 4-2 decision. It seems as if the weather is the team's major

nemesis currently, as the groundskeepers attempt to make Hendricken field playable for Saturday's game against the Yale Elis. Some warmer weather would be helpful in speeding up this process.

The Friars opened the season in winning fashion on February 27 by crushing Barry University 8-1. Sophomore starting pitcher John Garside, sophomore Jake Biscoglio, and freshman Mike Kendzierski combined to throw a four hitter. Senior catcher Jim Foster and sophomore third baseman T.J. Delvecchio provided the offense for the Friars with three and two hits respectively.

PC then followed with a six-game losing streak which featured a couple of blowouts and a few late inning disappointments. Probably most difficult to handle was the 3-2 loss to Big Ten power Michigan State, and a ninth inning 6-5 heartbreaker to Florida Atlantic. Seniors Foster, and shortstop Lou Merloni, and speedy junior centerfielder

Mike Lyons helped keep the Friars in these games with their timely hitting and steady fielding.

Just when it looked as if the Friars would wilt in the Florida

sun, they closed out their trip with two strong victories, upending Palm Beach Atlantic

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Junior All-America candidate Mike Lyons has picked up where he left off as a menace on the basepaths.

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Takin' Care Of Business

Lady Friars Begin Season On Hot Streak

by Matt Mlodzinski
Sports Writer

Florida was a destination for many PC students over spring break. Most students were just there to party, but the women's softball team was there to take care of business. They did, and departed the Sunshine State with a 9-2 record on their southern road trip.

Coach Jackie Barto was extremely pleased with her team's performance both offensively and defensively. "We hit the ball real well as a team and I was happy with our defensive execution." After clutch 4-2 and 3-1 victories over Northwoods University, the women came up with a key 4-3 win over the University of Oklahoma. PC fell behind 2-0, but came back with a big 5th inning. The rally was capped by a bases clearing, three run triple by shortstop Kim Robbins. Robbins was then driven in by a Meredith Zenowich single, which gave PC the insurance run they needed.

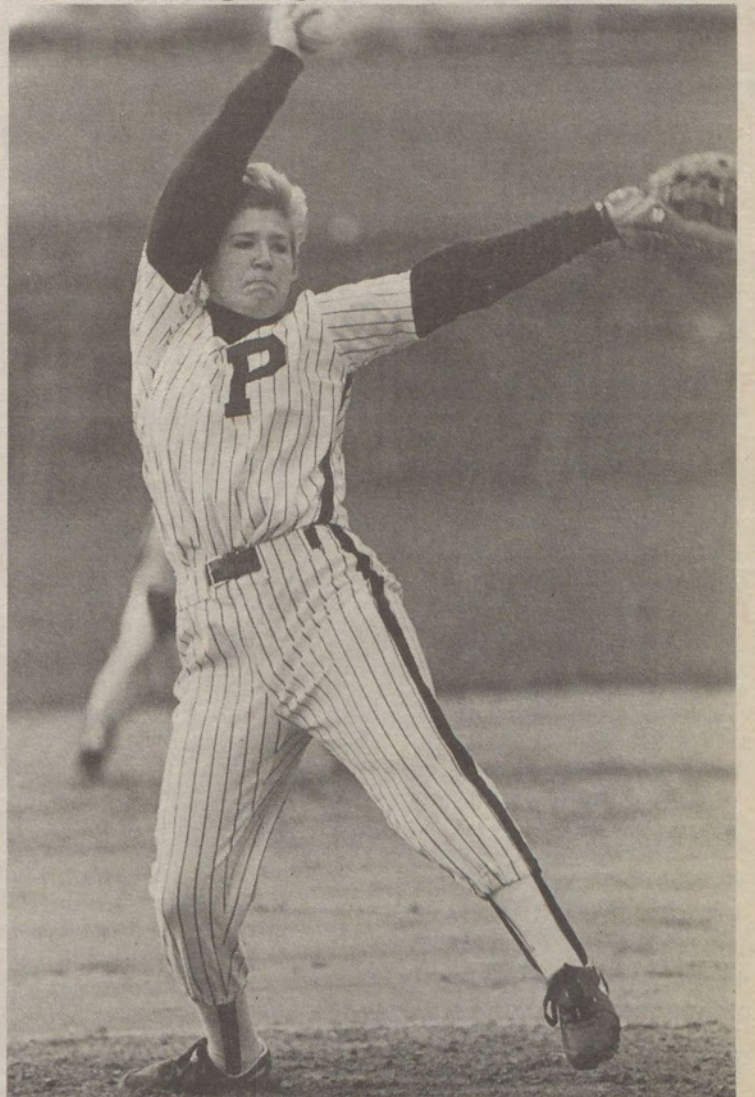
Over the course of the trip, Robbins was an offensive catalyst with three homers and 14 RBI's, while batting over .400. Also providing offensive punch was third baseman Holly Thompson. Thompson hit an impressive .530 with 8 RBI's batting out of the lead-off position. Kate Drohan provided solid defensive play at first base and came up with several clutch hits during the trip. Zenowich hit a pair of dingers to go with nine RBI and Beth Miller provided some outstanding defensive play in the outfield.

Coach Barto said the team

showed tremendous maturity for such a young team. The only senior is pitcher Merry Perkoski. But young teams tend to play erratically over the course of a season. Barto concurred, "We have the potential to beat anyone, yet we could just as easily lose to anyone if we are unprepared." Counter balancing inexperience

will be a deep pitching staff, featuring Perkoski, Caryann Scully, Amy Kvilhaug, and Candy Erickson.

Barto is shooting to snag one of the top seeds in the Big East tourney at the end of the season, then advance on to the ECAC Championships.



Senior windmill Merry Perkoski is the only senior on the Lady Friars' roster.

Itching For Spring Fever

Blizzard of '93 Halts Spring Sports Action



Somewhere under all of that snow and ice is the green grass. Some can already smell the spring in the air.

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interviewer

We all know what happened last weekend from Alabama to Maine and everywhere in-between. The storm of the century reeked havoc across the United States. The wind and the snow left Provi-

dence in shambles. Everyone was affected in one way or another, including the Providence College spring sports teams. Students and athletes alike are ready to shed the winter blues and enjoy the spring sun and green grass. But Mother Nature has other plans. How exactly did the

storm affect our men and women athletes?

The golf team got lucky. The PC golf team left yesterday for a tournament in Florida. Florida was also hit by the storm, but we all know that the weather in the Sunshine State is better than the weather here in Little Rhode.

C o a c h
Kostacopoulos' men's baseball team has just returned from their own trip to Florida. Now sporting a respectable 3-6 record the team has to deal with New England weather. Kosty stated, "We have faced this before. There is not a whole lot you can do about the weather. At least our kids have been outside. I look at the storm as a minor setback. We hope to get outside sometime in the next ten days."

Just like the Friar nine, the PC tennis teams have been affected by the storm. Tennis coach Carl LaBranche said, "Our kids have cabin fever. For the past five years we have been able to get outside for at least a couple days in February. Not this year. We have a 40 degree rule and if it drops below 40 we don't go out. This weather is ridiculous. Even if it warms up we won't be able to get on the courts because of the snow. We have three courts inside. Thank God! But we have to be off by 3 pm. We are glad to get off so the students can get on; that is important. We will do the best we can and we won't let the storm ruin anything for us."

"We have our first five games at home so we will have to get the snow off one way or another," says PC lacrosse coach Kevin Murray. Last year the lacrosse team spent two days shoveling their field. Yes, they shoveled the field so they could play. "Hopefully they will plow the fields so we can play. But, what can you do? We are kinda stuck with all this snow." Fortunately, the fields have been plowed so the team can save its strength for the games and not field preparation.

Women's softball coach Jackie Barto is also faced with a dose of cabin fever. However, like the men's baseball and golf teams the women's softball team has recently returned from a trip to Florida.

All of the teams have an itch to get outside. Hitting in a cage and running around the track can get very boring. The storm of the century has made playing outside impossible. Hopefully, Mother Nature will lighten up and thaw out the entire city of Providence. Everyone is ready for the sun especially the spring sport athletes.

Of Blown Whistles and Chances

Men's Hockey Season Ends In Controversy

by Rusty Newell
Sports Writer

"No goal. No goal. The puck was propelled in with the body." This announcement in the Joe Tully Forum effectively ended the Providence men's ice hockey season, leaving a bitter taste in Friar's mouths. The faces of senior co-captains Bob Cowan and Mark Devine looked exactly the way any face would if it's season was just abruptly ended by "propelled with the body."

The Friars lost to the UMass-Lowell Chiefs in the Hockey East Quarterfinal series this weekend, dropping Friday night's game 7-4, and tying Sunday 3-3. The series consisted of two games, so UML's win and tie were enough to propel them into the semifinal round against Maine at Boston Garden. If the Friars won Sunday's game the two teams would have played a twenty minute sudden death overtime to decide

the winner of the tournament.

Providence and Lowell were tied at the end of regulation Sunday and faced a five minute sudden death overtime period to decide the game. Midway through the overtime, UML's Tim Smallwood controlled the puck behind his own net. PC junior Erik Peterson challenged him with heavy forechecking. Smallwood skated to the front of the net, realized Peterson was on him tight, and tried to dump the puck out of the zone.

Instead, the puck hit Peterson's knee and dribbled between Chief's goaltender Dwayne Roloson's pads. PC's Slapshot Club and other Friar faithful went berserk! PC won the game! But the announcement came and the goal was called back.

"I thought we had the game won," stated exasperated PC coach, Mike McShane. "It should have been a goal. For twenty years I've never seen that call made." The call made by the

referee is in the collegiate rulebook and literally interpreted was the correct call. It is a judgement call by the referee that is usually never made.

Cowan stated, "No question it was a goal. Erik was coming in toward the net. He

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was being held and the defenseman shot it off him. Devine added, "Unbelievable! That's not even a hard call. Sure it's a fluke goal but give me a break." Peterson described the play with this ob-

servation, "Smallwood had the puck, and I was forechecking him. He came out in front of the goal and saw me and tried to get rid of it. I saw it the whole way. It went off my knee. He (the ref) knew it went off my knee."

The Friars had great chances in the closing minute of overtime to score again, but they could not connect. Sophomore Chad Quenneville passed the puck in front of the UNL goal to a waiting Brian Ridolfi with about six seconds left, but Ridolfi could not get enough wood on the puck and the clock ran out.

Providence outplayed the Chiefs most of the game. Peterson played the hero's role in the first period when he scored the first goal of the game, a short wrist shot. Ridolfi and Cowan assisted. Junior Chris Therien ripped a slap shot from just inside the blueline that blew by Roloson's right pad to put the Friars up 2-0 in the first. The Chiefs blanked PC in the second and added a goal of their

own when Peterson went off the ice for slashing. Providence gained momentum going into the third period but could not put the puck in the net until Ridolfi capitalized on a Friar powerplay, took the puck wide on the right side of the net and shot the puck across the grain where it found a home in the left side of the netting. PC 3, UML 2. A high sticking penalty by Quenneville allowed the Chiefs to tie up the game and set up the controversial end to the Friar season.

Chris Therien has been named Hockey East second-team all-star. Bob Cowan and Brian Ridolfi are All-New England candidates, and Mark Devine closed out his career as the Friar's unsung hero. Cowan became PC's all time iron man, playing in 142 consecutive games. Cowan also finished his career with 45 goals and 95 assists for 140 career points. He is the 14th all-time leading scorer in Providence men's hockey.

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Friar Victory Lost Forever

Impressive Showing At Big East's Merits No NCAA Bid

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

Before the start of the Big East Tournament, there was only one question on the minds of PC fans. Do the Friars need to beat UConn in order to ensure a bid to the NCAA Tournament? Some felt that winning 7 of their last 10 games was enough, while others believed a good showing in NYC was essential, especially against a potential bubble team in the Huskies. Well, the Friars not only beat UConn, they thoroughly whipped the men in blue, in what might have been deemed, considering the circumstances, the greatest and most impressive PC victory in the last four years. Yes, Providence's 73-55 win deserves this kind of acclaim and more if only the impossible didn't happen. The Friars weren't invited to be a member of the field of 64.

Last Friday afternoon, PC took the floor with question marks looming. Ever since their regular season-ending win over BC, Coach Rick

Barnes had been talking up his squad as a sure lock for the dance. He repeated, "If there are 30 at-large teams better than us, then they are going to have one heck of a tournament." Still, there were skeptics, and any athlete likes the idea of controlling their own destiny, so the Friars simply did what they had to do. Beat UConn and go to The Show was an appropriate motto at the time.

PC rattled off 6 unanswered points at the outset. Scott Burrell put 4 early points on the board for UConn, but then Tony Turner went to work. He connected on a 3-pointer and then scored on a dish from Michael Brown to put the Friars up 15-5. PC was starting a roll that would never end. "I can't remember a team coming out and just emotionally and physically handing us a thorough hit as well as PC did today," said Husky Coach Jim Calhoun.

Enter Rob Phelps with just under 8 minutes to go in the half. Much has been said about this young man's lackluster

shooting thus far in his college career, but one thing is for certain: Every basket of Rob's belongs on a highlight film. He became "The Trailer!" as broadcaster Bill Raftery had proclaimed so many times, when he followed a missed lay-up by Michael Smith with a high flying slam dunk in traffic. Dickey Simpkins tied Turner for most first half Friar points with 8. His stuff at the end of twenty minutes of play made it PC 36 and UConn 23 at half-time.

"I really felt the key to the game was I told the team at half-time we've got to come out and play the next twenty minutes like it's the start of the game," said Coach Barnes. "We've got so much respect for UConn and their ability to come back and we just felt we had to come out with a lot of intensity."

Abdul Abdullah, who has really found his dribbling and passing touch as of late, seemed to know where everyone was and would go. From the NBA 3 point line he found Simpkins sneaking up on the

rim for an incredibly oop, making it 54-36. The Friars refused to give the Huskies any sort of an opening to get back into the game. "We just wanted to take it to them on offense and defense and that's basically what we did," said Simpkins. "The three things we focus on is to take it one game at a time, earn respect and just don't be denied." Simpkins did an outstanding job keeping First Team All-Big East center Donyell Marshall out of the lime light and still had time to shoot 8 of 11 from the field. On one sequence it was all Dickey as he stole the ball, went the length of the court and finished with a lay-up on a foul. After the game, Barnes commented on

Simpkins' performance. "He's the one guy on our team that really hasn't gotten any respect all year from people outside of probably our coaching staff. But he's been called upon all year to do a great job defending people and everytime we've called his number he's stepped up for us."

The Friars never let up. Remember months ago when Franklin Western was just getting used to standing up in the Civic Center and he missed that wide open dunk? Well he sent it home in the Garden off a pass from Abdul (10 assists). The final score in

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One Win Away

by Jim Heffley
Sports Writer

For most teams, ending a disappointing season with five straight losses would be discouraging. For most teams, entering the Big East Tournament two games below .500 would be discouraging. For most teams, entering the Big East Tournament needing to win four straight games to make the NCAA Tournament, three of which would be against the three top teams in the conference, would be discouraging. The PC Lady Friars basketball team faced these exact scenarios last week, but the Lady Friars proved that they are unlike most teams. Instead, they forgot what had happened over the past season and decided to focus on the games ahead.

The Lady Friars almost pulled off the impossible. No team in Big East Tournament history had ever won four straight games to win the championship. PC was able to win three straight before the fatigue of four games in four days took its toll, and they dropped the championship

game to #1 seed Miami.

"I'm really proud of them," said head coach Bob Foley. "I told them throughout the week that in order to be successful in the tournament a team victory was paramount. They really pulled together as a team and almost went all the way."

The Lady Friars first challenge was against Boston College. PC was hoping to avenge their loss to BC two weeks earlier, but it would be tough. "We had no momentum," continued Foley. "It was our toughest game since we were coming off five straight losses. BC's Sarah Behn, one of the best players in league history, did not want her career to end." The Lady Friars prevailed, defeating the Eagles, 81-71. Sonya Lewis led all scorers with 31 points and added 8 assists. BC's Behn ended her Big East career with 30 points.

PC's next challenge would be Georgetown, a team they had not been successful against all season. Having lost by 30 against them the first time they played and keeping it close in their second meeting, before flu and foul trouble

took their toll, the Lady Friars knew what they had to do. "They knew that if they played together they would win the game," added Foley. "Even when they were down by thirteen midway through the first half, they never gave up."

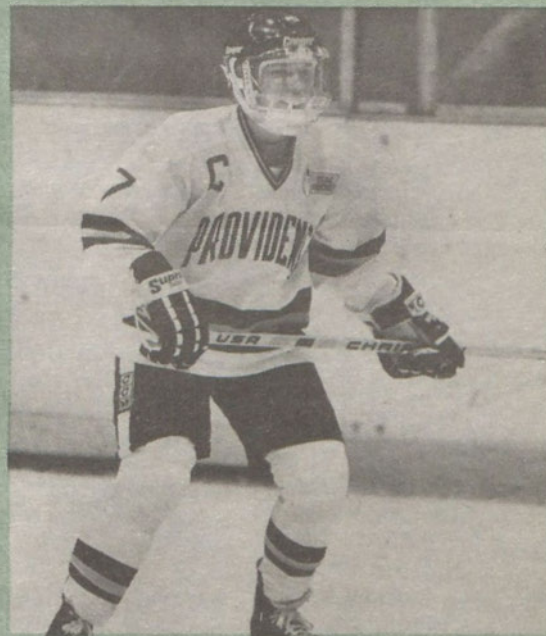
PC never led in the game until 1:41 left when Stefanie Goettsche sank two free throws to put PC up, 78-77. Georgetown came back to tie the game but Sonya Lewis put the Lady Friars in the lead for good, hitting an eight foot jumper with :54 left. Two Lori Penrod free throws with :04 left iced the victory for PC. A Hoya three pointer at the buzzer cut the winning score to one, 82-81. Lewis once again led all scorers with 33 points and Goettsche added 15 points.

The Lady Friars next victim would be league rival UConn. PC was hoping for a pay back after the Huskies destroyed them in their last meeting three weeks earlier by 30. "The team was embarrassed and angry after the last loss," said coach Foley. "It was the best defensive game we played all year."

The Lady Friars were in control of the game from the very beginning as they were successful in keeping UCONN's all everything sophomore center Rebecca Lobo from playing her game in the paint. Jen Meade was a monster of the boards as she pulled down 13 rebounds. She also led all scorers with 24 while connecting on all three three pointer attempts. Heide Moyano played and impressive game off the bench scoring 16 points and connecting on four three pointers. Sonya Lewis had another great game,

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Back To Back



Michelle Johannson capped her college career off with another national championship.

by Mike Randolph
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You weren't there to see it, were you? While thoughts of swimming in some tropical paradise filled most of our heads, the Lady Friars Ice Hockey team had a much more serious goal in mind, repeating as national champions.

The weekend that marked the beginning of spring break here at PC also marked the culmination of the Lady Friars hockey season, the ECAC league tournament. Providence headed into the tourney as regular season champs, and they had the number one seed, as well as sweet memories of last year's final game, a 2-1 thriller over UNH at Schneider Arena. The format for the tournament pits the highest ranking team at home for the quarterfinals, and the Final Four was held this year at Northeastern University. Providence opened at home the Thursday before break against Harvard. Instead of looking ahead to the finals, Providence came out and thoroughly thrashed the Crimson 9-1, led by Stephanie O'Sullivan's six, yes six goals. Providence dominated every aspect of the game and sent a message to the rest of the league that they were serious about their bid to repeat.

The semi-final game came on Saturday at Matthews Arena in the heart of Beantown where the Friars faced a tough Dartmouth team who had beaten them once early in the season. Defense was the deciding factor in this game especially the play of Gina Martinello in between the pipes, and defensemen Vicki Movsessian and Chris Bailey. PC fought a tough battle for the entire game and were rewarded with a 3-2 win and a chance to repeat.

The championship game featured a rematch between the two teams in the finals last year, Providence and UNH. These two teams had played each other twice only a week before to close out

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