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Women Make The Difference: Gender Gap In Class of '96

by Maureen Marro
Asst. News Editor

Finally spring has sprung, and the freshmen of PC are experiencing their first spring on campus. Now that the cold, long month of March is over, random students emerge to find themselves sitting on Slavin steps, playing guitar and frisbee on the grass, and desperately trying to catch a few rays on the lawn. As a freshman, you can't help but to jump on the bandwagon and join everyone else outdoors. If you see more freshmen women roaming around than you see men, there is a valid reason for this. The class of '96 is unique because it has a 12% gap in the number of women versus men enrolled, with statistics showing that there are 56.04% women and 43.96% men in the class. The class is the first to have such a wide discrepancy in many years.

Father Iriarte Andujar, O.P., Assistant Dean of Admissions, claimed that the student pool has hovered around a female/male ratio of 53%/47% in past years, but the freshman class is a definite exception. Reasons for the discrepancy include the population shift and decline in the North East, as well as overall

economic difficulties. Father Andujar further stated that about 70% of public and private schools are dealing with more women applicants than men, including Boston College, Stonehill College, University of Rhode Island, and Fairfield University.

Interesting statistics about

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the class of '96 reveal that 35% of the students come from Massachusetts, 17% from Connecticut, and 14% from New York. Thirty-seven states are aptly represented within the class, and eight foreign students are enrolled.

Now that freshmen have a semester and a half under their belts to absorb campus life, they can adequately observe their surroundings. When asked what they thought about the ratio be-

tween men and women in their class, many freshmen responded that the statistic didn't bother them. However, several students offered enlightening comments. Joe Polchinsk, who went to an all-boys high school, claimed, "I especially noticed more girls in my sociology and psychology classes. It's a definite change for me, but it's good because they present different things in different ways. I didn't have that in high school." Political Science major, Michael Galligan said, "I don't find any problem with having more women here. The college was once all male, and it's good that finally we have more women. Now, the school should become more diverse."

Both Kate Kenny and Robert Koenig agreed on a valid point: they didn't notice the difference in gender number. Kenny claimed that it doesn't bother her because she had attended a public high school. In contrast, Koenig had attended a private school, but still didn't realize the statistic. "I figured the ratio was pretty perfectly split," he added.

"I think it's good that there's more women on campus," said history major

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Faculty, Rev. Leonard Boyle, O.P., Honored at Academic Convocation

by Kate Malloy
News Editor

In a ceremonial event that is usually reserved for occasions such as Commencement, The Most Reverend Leonard E. Boyle, Prefect of the Vatican Library, was presented with an honorary Doctorate of Divinity, during last Thursday's Diamond Jubilee Academic Convocation, in '64 Hall.

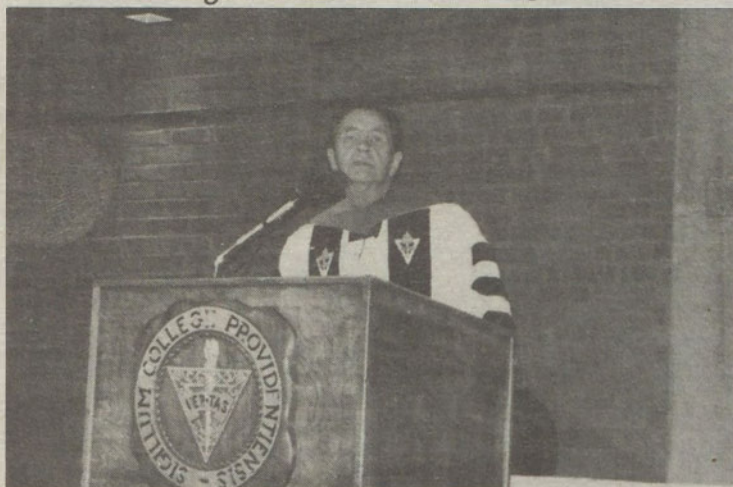
In his opening remarks President John Cunningham reminded the audience of approximately 125 people that this 75th Anniversary year "does not merely mark the passage of time, but also the achievements and accomplishments of the college, and all those associated with PC."

In keeping with President Cunningham's remarks, six faculty members or former faculty members, along with Rev. Boyle were honored at the ceremony. The well-deserving six were presented with the Diamond Torch Award which acknowledges exemplary "service with dedication and distinction to

the College."

Among the honorees was Father Robert E. Bond, O.P., who joined the faculty of Providence College as a mem-

served as chairperson of the History Department for over 25 years. He was named Dean of the graduate school in 1964, a position he still



Rev. Leonard E. Boyle, O.P., Prefect of the Vatican Library

ber of the English Department in 1956. He has served as a Residence Hall Director, a moderator of The Cowl, an advisor for theater productions, Associate Dean of the College, and is presently Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

The Diamond Torch Award was also presented to Fr. Cornelius P. Forster, O.P., who

holds. He has also served as Executive Vice President of the College.

Dr. Robert I. Krasner, who is a full professor in the Biology Department, and a alumnus of Providence College was also a recipient of the award. He has served as Director of the Governor's Sum-

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Seniors Give Back: Senior Giving Program In Its 2nd Year

by Tricia Connolly
Editor-in-Chief

As the end of senior year approaches, you never thought you'd be referred to as "one of them"—Alumni. But alas, when May 23rd arrives, you, too, become a member of the club.

Last year, the PC Alumni Development Office established a program for members of the senior class to pledge donations to the school before graduation. The Senior Class Giving Program aims for seniors to pledge specified amounts over the next four years. The first amount is just \$10 and will not be due until June 1994. The second amount for '94-'95 is \$20, the third amount for '95-'96, \$30; and a final payment of \$40 for '96-'97, for a total pledge of \$100. All money contributed will be used for financial aid for PC students. Every senior who pledges a donation will receive discount coupons for the mini-mall and Barnes and Noble Bookstore located in Slavin Center, and they will also receive ticket priority for all College sponsored activities such as Harvest Fest and Alumni Weekend. Students participating in the program will not be solicited for any more do-

nations during the four years.

The Senior Class Giving Program is a combined effort among three senior co-chairpersons, Mike Howard, Michelle Dansreau, and Mark Ruggeri. The following Seniors have pledged so far: Adrian, Ann M. Babigian, John N. Beaudreau, Christine Blais, Jeffrey F. Bowen, Jason Brum, Elaine Burba, Elizabeth Busch, Julie Carroll, Peter A. Chartier, Mike Christian, Vincent D. Colonna Jr., Margaret R. Connolly, Patricia E. Connolly, Julie Corson, Michael Cunningham, Michelle Dansreau, Kerri Dean, William M. Delaney, Theresa C. Devane, Donald A. DiLauro Jr., Paula DiMichele, Bill Duffin, Lucie Fauliso, Alison Foley, Theresa Franco, Shani Gerathy, Michael Grady, Lisa Guille, Karlene Halaby, Joseph Hanley, Derrick B. Harris, Julie Hogan, Paul J. Holden, Michael P. Howard, Greg Lahr, Gianna Lombardi, Kara Madden, Kimberly Mahan, Erin Mahoney, Kathryn Malloy, Tara Manley, Maureen Marro, Dina Mastellone, Michael McCabe, Charles F. McCann III, Courtney McCarthy, Sara Ann McLaughlin, Julie Morgan, Rina Munson, Gail O'Donnell,

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One Step Closer to Women's Studies at PC

by Gioia Perugini '93
Symposium Participant

On Saturday, March 27, the Department of Art and Art History sponsored a symposium entitled "Women on Women". Its main purpose was to showcase recent student papers in women's studies. Eight PC juniors and seniors presented papers on topics ranging from art history to political science.

The idea for the symposium began with Dr. Deborah Johnson of the Art History department. She was intrigued by the amount of research going on in the field of women's studies on this campus. She saw that, in the Art History department alone, four of the five senior theses done in a senior Research Methods class were on women artists and addressed issues in Women's Studies. As she looked further, she found that more exciting research was going on in Women's Studies in other departments as well, and initiated the symposium as a forum in which this research could be presented.

Dr. Johnson is also a member of the Women's Studies Committee, which is in the process of initiating a formal

Women's Studies major/minor. She also saw the symposium as an opportunity to not only generate interest in the program, but also to verify that the need for such a major does exist.

The program began with introductions from Dr. Johnson and Jane Lunin Perel, Department of English, and a member of the Women's Studies Committee. Prof. Perel dis-

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cussed the progress the Committee has been making towards its goal of a Women's Studies minor and major, and went on to cite the courses now available for those interested in beginning a course of studies. The symposium continued with presentations by Gioia Perugini on "Eva Hesse and the Exploration of Self"; Marisol Garcia on "Defined

through Culture, not by Culture: Sula, Fleur, and Women Warrior"; Kristin Gleason on "The Mother and Child Relationship through the Eyes of Berthe Morisot"; Beth Gibson on "Lee Krasner: An Artistic Rebirth"; Tina Chericoni on "A Comparative Cultural Study of Teen Pregnancy"; Kimille Pisane on "Florine Stettheimer, Saloniere"; and Antonella D'Aloia on "Different but Equal: Women in the Work Force".

The symposium also included panel discussions by the presenters, as well as a very informative question and answer period. Among the audience of approximately forty students, faculty, and parents, were questions on interpretations of the art works, solutions to the problems of teen pregnancy, discrimination encountered by women in the work force, and general issues of identity which seemed to be addressed in most of the presentations. Many of the presenters felt that their research overlapped in certain areas, for many concepts discussed included issues of gender, race, discrimination and identity.

The afternoon's events proved to be quite a success, and Dr. Johnson hopes that

the symposium will become an annual event. Those who presented at the symposium also saw the day as a complete

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success. Kimille Pisane, whose speech, along with those of Mss. Gleason, Gibson, and Perugini, had been written as a senior thesis and converted into an oral presentation, said, "It was a wonderful opportunity for us to be able to show off research that we had worked very hard on. Since we had been involved with these papers for close to eight months, it was a great experience to be able to share them with our peers, our teachers, and our parents." Indeed, it was a very interesting and informative afternoon, more of which is certain to follow.

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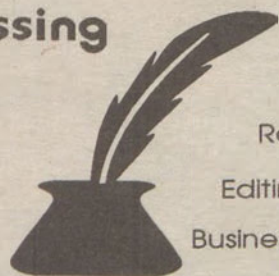
O'Sullivan, George Papagelis, Gioia Perugini, Katherine A. Plante, Michael A. Randolph, John C. Raposo, Dorian Reiser, Michael W. Riley, Jennifer Rogers, Kelly A. Rohrer, Pamela A. Ruffing, Michael Saucier, Rebecca Scheuer, Steve Senosk, Dwayne Sheppard, Lauren Slaney, Mark R. Slicer, Sara-Anne Smith, Kristen Sosnosky, Charles Sterling, Christopher Stys, Alana Tarro, Eric R. Tinson, Michael Tucker, Carol Velez, John J. Walsh Jr., and Lisa Marie Walsh.

Important Notice to Off-Campus Students

- Please be aware of any suspicious persons in the neighborhood. With the warm weather arriving, be extra-cautious about keeping doors and windows locked.
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...is it a buzzword or is it a useful label? As a buzzword it is drawing a vast amount of public attention to a behavior pattern which seems to be astonishingly common in the culture. As a label, it seems to characterize individuals who "care too much" about others. The Student Development Center is offering an opportunity to learn more about this phenomenon and ways to control it by learning new skills. If you have become so

absorbed in other people's problems, or you care so deeply, or feel so responsible, that you don't have time for yourself, you may be helped by attending a seminar on Wednesday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. in Slavin 120. There will be a short video presentation on family origins of extreme codependency and a discussion on ways to modulate what starts out as altruistic, well-intentioned responses and ends up as emotionally-draining scripts.

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mer Program in Science and Mathematics since the 1970's.

Among the honorees was also Mr. Francis T. O'Brien who has just completed thirty-five years as a faculty member, and has been the chairperson of the Economics Dept. for seven years. His other accomplishments include his service as President of the Faculty Senate; and as Director of the Quirk Institute since 1976; he has promoted the cause of social justice and directed a number of conferences and workshops dealing with social and economic issues.

Dr. Jane Lunin Perel was distinguished as one of the first women faculty members at Providence College, joining the college community at the

beginning of our first year of coeducation. She is a full professor in the English Department, a published poet, and has recently agreed to serve as chairperson of a committee which will study the possibilities of a women's studies program at the college.

The last recipient of the Diamond Torch Award was Sister Leslie Ellen Straub, O.P., who was the first religious sister to come to the faculty of the college. Sister Straub joined the faculty in 1970 and has served as director of our anthropology program from 1971 to 1975, from 1976 to 1983, and from 1988 to the present. She has made numerous trips to Central America where she has pursued anthropological research.

She has lived in a residence hall for more than twenty years and President Cunningham explained, "has been a significant Dominican presence to a great number of our alumnae."

After the last faculty member stepped away from the podium and the audience was treated to a musical interlude by the Providence College Choir, Fr. Cunningham introduced Rev. Boyle who was ordained in 1943, holds a Bachelor of Letters degree from Oxford University, has taught at the University of St. Thomas in Rome and has been prefect of the Vatican Library since 1984. Pres. Cunningham described Rev. Boyle as an accomplished man in both "the Church and the world of scholarship" and as "an enlightened theologian."

Father Robert Hennessey, the acting Vice President of Academic Affairs then presented the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity to Rev. Boyle who expressed that "he was deeply grateful to all concerned with this."

Rev. Boyle launched into his address which traced the history of the Dominican order and their teaching.

As Father Cunningham said in the opening, the Academic Convocation was a rare and auspicious occasion for Providence College.



Sister Leslie Ellen Straub, O.P. receiving PC's Diamond Torch Award

Be A Peer Educator

The Student Development Center is initiating a peer alcohol education program called "STEP 1" (Students Together Educating Peers). Mature, self-aware freshman, sophomores, and juniors are invited to apply for this exciting and innovative program which will promote responsible decisions and behaviors involving alcohol and drugs.

A team of approximately fifteen peer educators will be chosen in April by a screening committee. They will receive training in areas of alcohol information including physiology, enabling, confrontation, alcohol and the family, dealing with differences, group dynamics, listening skills, public speaking, leadership, referral, etc.

The goal is that by September, The Peer Educators will be ready to make presentations in the Residence Halls as well as in classes by request of faculty. They will also outreach to students by other means such as writing articles

in *The Cowl*.

Students will be selected on the basis of strong leadership potential as well as having the time and commitment. Those who are chosen for this opportunity will have the chance to really do something that makes a difference (students are more likely to listen to students), to have a real impact on their college environment, and at the same time to develop significant leadership skills and experiences.

Information Sessions will be held to better acquaint interested students with the selection process on:

Wed., April 14, at 9:00 p.m. in Slavin 210
Thurs., April 15, at 1:30 p.m. in Slavin 217
Mon., April 19, at 4:30 p.m. in Slavin 217

For more information, contact one of the co-ordinators of the "STEP 1" Program, Dr. Hogan or Mrs. Bellotti, at 865-2343 or in the Student Development Center, Slavin 209.

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Asian Conference To Feature: Food, Music, Dance

Providence College will host a unique three day Asian American Arts Conference, April 23 to April 25 in '64 Hall which will feature food, music and dance. There will also be exhibits, theater, a crafts fair, and panel discus-

There will be Burmese and Chinese dance performances, theater presentations by Asian students from Providence College and the Smith Hill Center, as well as exhibits of Hmong and Tibetan crafts. Asian food will be provided



sions on a variety of Asian American topics.

Funded by Providence College, the Rhode Island Council on the Arts, and other donors, the conference was organized by the Asian Studies Program of Providence College. Its Director, Dr. Ann W. Norton, hopes that the unusual format of the Conference will signal our interest in Asian Americans, and our awareness that they are the fastest growing ethnic group in America.

The program will include "four hands, one piano" played by Rosalind Chua and Cristina Llamas, and Tibetan flute music by Lakedhen.

by area restaurants.

There will also be a Poster Presentation entitled "An Explanation of the Concept of Chi," by Gregory Light, Ph.D. of the Management Department. The presentation will be based on the Chinese well-known concept of "ying-yang duality."

Conference topics include: "Identity and the Asian American Artist," "Outreach and Civil Rights," and "Bridge Building Through Education."

For further information and details on this important conference, please contact Ann Norton, Asian Studies Program, at (401) 865-2520.

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George Lough. "Maybe this will help break down some walls for better communication at this school." Sean Nolan reiterated Lough's thought and expressed that he wished that they'd expand the ratio even more.

Residence life is an essential way to meet new classmates. This is true for psychology major, Nicole Trudeau, who considers herself lucky to live in McDermott Hall as a female student. She said, "I went to an all girls school, but I have an equal amount of guy and girl friends. I've met more guys because of where I live, and because I see them in the hall and on the stairs. I love it, and I haven't heard any negative things from anyone on my floor."

Aquinas Hall resident,

Megan Swanson expressed that she noticed a lot of women in her math class, and added that the female-male interaction could be much better. Focusing on her college friends, she observed, "It seems as though many groups of girls know the same group of guys, whereas one group of guy friends seem to know more girls. With so many girls around, it's harder to meet guys—especially with single sex dorms."

Having more women than men in the class of '96 does carry some weight in the admission process for the future class of 1997. The administration hopes to get a 50/50 split in enrollment for next year, while seriously considering accepting more men. However, Father Andujar stressed that it is almost impossible to accomplish. He claimed that women

generally score higher on tests and have better records. Also, nationally, the class of '97 is the smallest academic class to graduate high school, which inevitably affects the admission process. PC received 5,100 applicants, and accepted 1,677 women and 1,487 men. The college's goal is to have 975 students enrolled in next year's freshman class. Within the next month, the admissions office will have the exact list for the future class of '97.

Although the process is tedious, the admission staff will always try to draw the best projected students. Father Andujar poignantly stated, "We want a sense of parity while reaching to get quality students. To let one part go for the other would only ruin our reputation, and what PC is striving to be."

Is Saving The Environment Our Christian Duty?

Rev. Thomas Berry To Give Address Entitled "The Christian Future"

Cultural historian and writer Rev. Thomas Berry, C.P., will present a lecture entitled "The Christian Future" on Monday, April 26,

1993 at 3:30 p.m. in Providence College's Moore Hall III. His lecture, which is free and open to the public, is part of Providence College's 75th Anniversary the public, is part of Providence College's 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Father Berry will address his belief that the future of the Catholic

Church in America depends primarily on its ability to deal with the ecological devastation of the Earth caused by our industrial economy. The historian calls on Christians to address the present devastation of the planet in Catholic education, in spiritual and moral teaching, in preaching, and in every phase of human and Christian life.

Father Berry, founder and director of the Riverdale Center of Religious Research in Riverdale, New York, has lectured and written extensively about the industrial devastation of the Earth and the need to recognize religious responsibility for the fate of the Earth.

His book, *Dream of the Earth* (Sierra Club Books, October 1988) contains such essays as "The Ecological Age"; "The Cosmology of Peace"; "Technology and the Healing of the Earth"; and "Bioregions: The Context for Reinhabiting the Earth."

In fall 1992, Father Berry

and cosmologist Brian Swimme published a book entitled *The Universe Story: From the Primordial Flaring Fourth to the Ecozoic Era, A Celebration of the Unfolding of the Cosmos* (Harper San Francisco). The book presents the story of the universe as the context for an educational program suited to the needs of the 21st century.

He has also written books about the historical theory of Giambattista Vico, about the religions of India, as well as many papers about significant human issues.

Father Berry holds a doctoral degree in history from the Catholic University of America, and has taught the cultural history of India and China at universities in the eastern United States. He directed the History of Religions graduate program at Fordham University from 1966 until 1979, and was president of the American Teilhard Association from 1975 until 1987.

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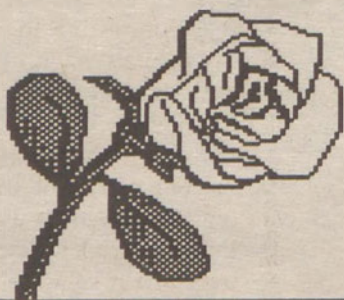
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Two Sides to the Story

The Administration Proposes Cutbacks ...

When contacted and asked to make a statement regarding the controversy over the benefits and compensation proposal, Joseph M. Cianciolo, C.P.A. and Managing Partner of KMPG Peat Marwick (outside financial consultant to Providence College), asked that his original presentation address be reprinted as his official response. He felt that his original presentation held all of the information necessary to support the administration's proposal. The following is the actual written text of Mr. Cianciolo's presentation, reprinted in its entirety.

Today, I would like to tell you about five key performance measurements that our firm uses in evaluating the financial health of a college or university.

From the balance sheet side, the issues are: 1) Their plant, property and equipment—is it in good shape? Have they avoided deferred maintenance? 2) Long term debt—what is the amount they owe on bonds? Is it too high? How much more can they borrow? 3) Have they accumulated an endowment fund from annual savings and outside gifts?

On the profit and loss side: 4) Have they balanced their budget? 5) Have they achieved competitive pricing on tuition, room and board?

Let me comment on the first item—PP&E. This college's plant is in relatively good shape. Just visit our state institution in Kingston to see what happens to a physical plant if you do not do consistent maintenance. The funding for plant comes

from yearly operations and donations and borrowing.

Item #2—regarding long term debt. At 6/30/92, there were \$38,000,000 in bonds issued by the college that were outstanding. To pay off the bonds, the annual payments or mortgage payments, if you will, are over \$5,500,000 or 8.26% of all operating expenses—which is very high. This is twice as much as Villanova and 50% more than Fairfield. Holy Cross and BC are close to PC at 7% of operating expenses. In my opinion, the college was correct in borrowing this money—if not, you would not have any of the new buildings on this campus in the last 20 years.

However, my concern is that they are approaching the limit on what they should be borrowing. Financing for new buildings that produce revenues—such as residence halls—will meet with acceptance by bond holders. Other buildings not producing income will be met with only limited interest from the investment community. So you are approaching the limit on how much long term money you can borrow.

Item #3 Endowment Fund: What are endowment funds? These are amounts of moneys and investments that have been put aside to earn investment income. I liken this to you all having a savings account which generates interest income to help support your household. The sad results for PC is that after 75 years of existence, the college's endowment funds total only \$18,300,000. About 50% of that growth came in the last few years. Your neighboring Catholic institutions such as

Holy Cross with an endowment of \$120,000,000 and Boston College with \$356,000,000 or 20 times this college's endowment. Even Bryant College, which we really don't consider a main competitor, has an endowment twice as much as PC.

Why is this important? Simply stated, the greater the endowment, the greater the amount of income from investments that can support the expenses of the college—for example—salaries, fringe benefits and financial aid.

O.K. In summary, a report card of the first 3 items: 1) The Plant—Good shape—Have avoided deferred maintenance. 2) Long term debt and bonds—Very High—Big mortgage payments—approaching maximum that you can handle. 3) Endowment Funds—Is Miserly—Provides token support to the college's income.

Let me discuss the last 2 items—Balanced Budget and Tuition Income.

Item #4 Balanced Budget—The college has always balanced its budget. In the last decade, the college has had essentially a break even operation. There is a serious misconception by many on this campus that huge profits are being accumulated by the college. Let me tell you, as the college's outside auditor, this simply is not true. This is a college with heavy borrowings where the income all goes to cover expenses and disbursements. There is no room for error in its budget.

I have real concerns about the budgets in the future. This college has to have a tighter

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...and the Faculty Responds

by Joseph M. D'Adamo
Professor, Department of
Accountancy

On Tuesday, March 16, I attended the presentation on employee compensation conducted by the Administration of Providence College. The presentation created substantial concern among the many constituencies which comprise the Providence College community. Legitimate concerns have been raised about the appropriateness of the review process and the failure to include input from any of the groups directly affected. I would prefer not to comment on these issues but instead would like to focus attention on the financial issues raised during the presentation. As a certified public accountant, I have extensive experience advising companies on means to manage or avert a financial crisis. I have concluded that the presentation is filled with contradictions and inconsistencies.

Specifically, I have reviewed the presentations of the College's financial consultant, KPMG Peat Marwick and the benefits consultant, Heidi Toppel. In his remarks, Peat Marwick's representative, Joseph Cianciolo, identified five key performance measurements that Peat Marwick uses to evaluate the financial health of a college or university. The first issue was plant, property, and equipment. As the College has maintained funding on an annual basis for the upkeep of the physical structures, the College was rated as "Good." The College was praised for its upkeep efforts

as compared to other institutions, notably, URI.

The second issue was long-term debt. Here the College was given a rating of "Very High." A chart was presented which compared the College's percentage of debt-service to operating expenditures to five other institutions. The basis for selecting these comparative institutions is unclear and is inconsistent with comparisons made later in the presentation. It is also difficult to properly evaluate the debt position of the College without data regarding debt levels as compared to total assets and fund balances. If we assume, however, that the data is representative and the conclusion is valid, what is the impact on the College?

In any firm, a high level of debt reduces the ability of the firm to borrow additional funds in the future and increases the relative cost of borrowings. Firms may be forced to forgo new capital projects or raise prices to a level which is not competitive to firms with less debt. Firms reduce debt service levels in a variety of ways, such as obtaining new investment or restructuring the debt. During the question and answer period, Mr. Nero revealed that the College planned to restructure the debt to receive the benefits of lower interest rates resulting in a savings of \$11 million. The restructuring would improve the ration which the Administration used to illustrate the alleged debt problem, though the magnitude of the effect cannot be measured with the limited data provided.

The third measurement identified by Peat Markwick is the size of the endowment fund. Here Peat Markwick rated the size of the endowment to be "miserly." Data was provided comparing the College to six other institutions selected on an unidentified basis. This comparison includes institutions with professional schools and extensive doctoral programs. It does not indicate whether the data is for all endowments including restricted funds or is for purely unrestricted funds, nor does the analysis account for the age of the institution.

The chart does show, however, that the College increased its endowment in 1992 by 36%, the highest percentage increase of any school on the list. It is interesting to note that this increase was not presented and, in fact, was obscured through the use of a bar graph with a scale of extremely large increments. Notwithstanding those facts, if we assume Peat Marwick's conclusion is once again valid, what is the impact on the College?

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Before designing our Summer Semester schedules we consulted the experts.

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After all, who would know better what's best for students? As requested, we've made the following changes: The Summer Session will be starting earlier than ever before. We've added more evening classes in Kingston and more morning classes in Providence—

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Term II: June 28-July 30

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Cianciolo, cont.

grip on its expenses. I am pleased to say the college has for the last few years, and into next year been freezing expenses—level funding—almost all non-labor expenses, except salaries and fringe benefits, and financial aid. In actuality, in the last two years personnel costs at the college have risen 16.7%, while all other expenses have risen only 4/10 of one percent. Belt-tightening that you have been reading about in the business world has finally arrived on college campuses.

Ladies and gentlemen, this college—from a financial viewpoint—is heading into the eye of a storm. You are faced with a difficult challenge that I believe your management has to address now.

The salaries and related fringe benefits must be reviewed and re-evaluated. You

will shortly hear from Heidi Toppel, an outside independent consultant, who will present her firm's findings on faculty salaries. I believe the faculty will be pleased with her independent assessment of how well they actually have fared against your sister colleges. I am concerned that while the enrollment of this college has gone down in the last 5 years from more than 3800 to a projected 3600 (about 200 students), that the faculty has risen in numbers by 44 additional members. Members of clerical support have increased by 13 and the plant and dining services has risen by only 5.

These comments I have just made on the budget and some expenses leads into my final performance evaluation I mentioned in the beginning. Namely, the competitive

pricing of tuition and board.

In reality, colleges increase tuition, room and board charges as much as the marketplace will bear. And the marketplace is telling us all that tolerance level is nearing a breaking point. In order to support and attract students, the college has to offer increased financial aid and this has become a fast-growing operating expense of the college—growing at a rate of \$1,000,000 additional each year—now representing almost \$8,000,000 of the college's \$62,000,000 operating expenses. In the college world, this has become known as tuition discounting.

This year's pool of high school seniors is the smallest in 30 years. The good news is that PC has attracted about the same number of applicants as last year. The bad news is that some of your key com-

petitors for students have experienced serious declines in applications, which means they are offering attractive financial aid packages to attract a smaller number of applicants. Many use their large endowment funds to fund this - PC has to take it out of its operating income. The college does not have the endowment income to fund this like many of its competitors.

So, in reality, the engine that drives this college is not the alumni, not the administration, not the faculty, not the service and support staff, but in the 1990's it is enrollment. The college has a maximum capacity of 3800 students and is sliding to 3600 students. It must maintain this minimum level of enrollment. That is why, above all considerations, high dollars of financial aid and scholarship is absolutely essential to future survival of

Providence College. This college is not alone in these tactics.

So where do you stand? From a financial viewpoint you must tighten your belts. Freeze expenses where you can, evaluate salaries and fringe benefits. Find every dollar you can to increase scholarships and financial aid. Continue to attract a constant number of qualified students. Reexamine academic programs that you can't afford anymore. Reexamine the number of personnel in all departments to see if you can streamline operations. In short, do what the rest of the world is doing. You must prepare for an increasingly competitive marketplace for your customers—namely your students—who have limited and fewer resources than in the past to enroll here.

D'Adamo, cont.

As Mr. Cianciolo accurately pointed out, with less endowment, less endowment income is available to fund operating costs. The effect of the apparently low endowment cannot be properly ana-

lyzed worth the data presented. No data was provided comparing revenue sources and their relative contributions to expenses either for the College or other individual institutions. No mention was made of endowment perfor-

mance or other investment income generated by the college from non-endowment fund investments. The reasons for the "miserly" endowment were never addressed either.

The National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) defines an endowment as funds for which donors or other external agencies have stipulated, as a condition of gift, that the principal is to be maintained intact. The principal is invested and the income is either used for purposes designated by the donor (restricted fund) or is available for current expenditure or is retained within the endowment. The governing board of an institution may also designate funds from current revenues as part of the endowment. NACUBO refers to these funds as "quasi-endowment funds." The principal and interest from these may be used at will as they are created at the discretion of the governing board.

Endowment funds are built over a long-term period of time primarily through donations and gifts. To remain competitive, colleges generally avoid including additions to endowments into tuition rates. Additions to endowment from current funds normally occur when the college's financial performance exceeds expectations.

If PC's endowment is inadequate, the inadequacies were not caused by employee compensation, college operating costs, or student tuition. Instead, it was caused by a lack of a contributing alumni base due to the demographics of the early student population or by a lack of attention to or ineffectiveness in fund raising over a good part of 75 years. Though it may be reasonable to utilize current operating funds to increase endowment where possible, it should be recognized

that such a decision, as well as the level of such funding, is discretionary and cannot possibly solve the problem except over an extremely long period of time. A "quick fix" would cause tuition to become non-competitive or detract from college operations.

No data was provided to effectively evaluate the level of the endowment. It would be enlightening to learn the sources of endowment, particularly the amount of endowment generated by tuition through funds transferred to endowment from the current fund and the timing of such transfers. It would also be enlightening to see the College's plan for growing the endowment in the future in order to determine the amount which faculty, staff, and students will be contributing through lost compensation, cutbacks of academic investment or increased tuition. The only legitimate linkage of endowment to compensation is, as previously mentioned, that the lack of available endowment income places a pressure on tuition as a revenue source. However, this issue is laid to rest when the fourth measurement of financial health and performance is analyzed.

The fourth measurement is the institution's ability to balance the budget. According to Peat Marwick, the College has been successful in this area though "there is no room for error." This is true for all organizations, not just the College. President Cunningham was correct in stating that we do not have a financial crisis. We have balanced the budget despite a miserly endowment and high debt-service. We have maintained the physical property, making improvements such as the Classroom Building and the refurbishment of Harkins and its facade. We have endured the 75th Anniversary Gala and its "spending for fund-raising." We have added to the layers of ad-

ministration, including the Office of Institutional Relations. We have funded studies and initiatives to respond to the off-campus "situation." We have added to the endowment. All of this was accomplished and we still balanced the budget. Mr. Cianciolo was modest in his praise; we have been more than successful.

The fifth and final measurement is competitive pricing on tuition, and room and board. The only data presented relative to this issue were application and enrollment figures for the college. These figures show that the college has received a relatively constant number of applications and has maintained enrollment within desired levels. It has not experienced the reduction in applicants that other institutions have experienced. No other data was presented relative to this issue. Comparisons of applications and enrollments to other institutions were not included. Comparisons of tuition and room and board to other comparable institutions or averages were also not presented. The latter comparison would

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D'Adamo, cont.

be the more important as it would indicate the college's competitiveness on price.

Mr. Cianciolo is clearly correct that the college must look for ways to improve its cost management. All organizations, regardless of their success, must do so. In our situation, this is essential to minimize tuition increases and provide additional financial aid. But are we approaching a crisis? The only conclusion that can be drawn from the presentation and the data provided is that there is no financial problem and that future problems are ill-defined by the Administration.

For the sake of argument, let's accept the premise that the College faces a potential financial crisis. Let's also assume that the College must better control costs to remain competitive in the marketplace. According to his opening remarks, President Cunningham intended to identify why compensation must be the focus of cost control. I have scoured the written text and have found only two reasons identified by the Administration for focusing on compensation: Everybody else is doing it and our faculty compensation is high relative to a newly-defined set of "comparable" schools.

The only relevant data provided to evaluate compensation was a chart presenting the current fund expenditures and their percentage to total expenditures. This chart is deficient because it does not separate compensation costs by individual area. Though it may be true that compensation costs have increased, it remains unclear if the increase in compensation is an across the board increase or if increases have been disproportionate. It does provide some insight, however, into relative costs.

This chart shows that all costs have remained as a constant percentage of the total expenditures and therefore in a constant ratio to the total and to each other. The benefits' consultant, Heidi Toppel, stated that faculty salaries were a substantial cost increase over the past two years, implying that faculty benefits were the driving force in in-

creasing tuition and thus, the major cause for concern now and in the future. This is directly contradicted by the data presented. The chart clearly shows that instruction costs averaged at 30% of the total current fund expenditures, auxiliary enterprises at 22%, etc. This constant percentage indicates that instruction costs are not more responsible for driving tuition increases than any other cost. To focus attention on faculty compensation based on this data is therefore unwarranted.

In her presentation, Ms. Toppel related a series of data to support the notion that faculty compensation was high as compared to other similar institutions. It is not unusual for companies to compare average costs to costs of other similar companies or industry averages to isolate areas in which the company is more or less successful. It is interesting that though this comparison was made for compensation costs, endowment levels and debt-service, such a comparison was never made for enrollment and tuition and fees. Moreover, it is interesting that the institutions used in the comparisons changed from analysis to analysis. In Ms. Toppel's comparisons, schools such as Brown or Boston College, which were presented in the endowment and debt service comparisons, were not included in compensation comparisons.

To quote Ms. Toppel, "Making comparisons to a group which does not contain PLU's—places like us—raised problems from a statistical analysis point of view." According to Ms. Toppel, schools that are like Providence College include Rhode Island College, Fitchburg State, SUNY-Newpaltz, and, of course, the Stevens Institute of Technology. As an alumnus of PC, I am outraged that anyone would propose that my alma mater, and therefore my education, is more like Fitchburg State than Boston College. Since an education is the main product of any college and the faculty is a major contributor to providing that education, it would be more appropriate to compare the costs of services, i.e., faculty compensation, to institutions

who provide like services, i.e., a comparable education.

Finally, the comparative analysis of faculty compensation is misleading because it does not recognize trends. When viewed on a long-term basis from 1985 to the present, faculty salary increase have ranked last as compared to increases granted at 23 institutions previously used by the Administration in compensation discussions with the faculty. The Administration acknowledged this decline by granting the faculty a salary adjustment in the last two years to make up for some of the slippage. This fact was used by Ms. Toppel to state that faculty compensation was actually increasing relative to other institutions, a statement which appears to be deliberately misleading.

As a faculty member and alumnus of Providence College, I am deeply concerned about the well-being of this institution and most importantly its students. I will not deny that it is wise for the College to attempt to control costs. I would gladly volunteer my services as an accountant to assist in such an effort. I cannot, however, accept the conclusions of the Administration based on its presentation. I implore the Administration to take the lead of most major corporations by including all members of the College community in its efforts to ensure the financial stability of Providence College as it enters the 21st century.

Letters to the Editor

PC... You Chose It, Live With It

To the Editor:

"Diversity!" they screamed. "Let's study every culture! We need diversity for our own politically correct ideals! Let's go to PC!"

Does anything strike you as funny? I had no illusions about the student body when I committed myself to Providence College for four years of my life. PC is a Dominican school. That means European students, European values, and European cultural studies.

I may be missing something, but doesn't the fact that Dominicans founded this institution, built it up to what it is today, and currently control it, mean that they can run it the way they want to? I think so. I don't mean to sound insensitive, but if you don't like it, tough. (Okay, maybe I do mean to sound insensitive.) You all knew what you were getting into when your parents signed that first check. Get down off your high horses and get used to it. Either that or transfer.

Far be it from me to defend the administration, but it is a Dominican institution. Unfor-

tunately, they have chosen to suppress diversity, but guess what, they can.

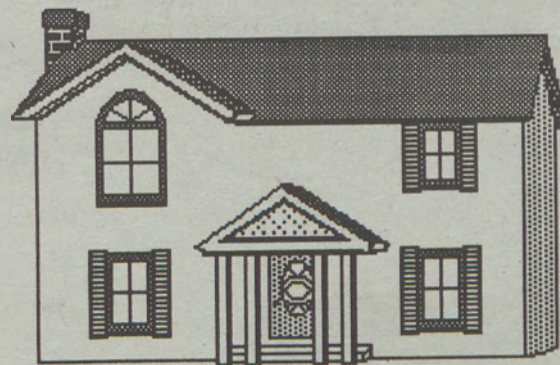
I abhor racism, narrow-minded and convention for its own sake, but I support the right of others to have those beliefs (until it impinges on the rights of others). I made a choice when I came here. I chose to take four years off from my political correctness to earn a very good education. I may not like what's happening, but I'm not complaining about it because it was a circumstance of my choice.

(I would appreciate it if no one wrote in to ask me if I would support the administration if they chose not to allow students into the school because of race, creed, or gender because we all know that is a stupid question.)

Sincerely,
Brendan Hanlon, 1994

Editor's Note: Due to limited space this week, only one letter to the editor could be published. If space allows, the letters that have been submitted to The Cowl recently will appear in later issues. The Cowl always welcomes letters to the editor on any topic. Letters to the editor must be typed and double-spaced and submitted to The Cowl office, located in Slavin 104.

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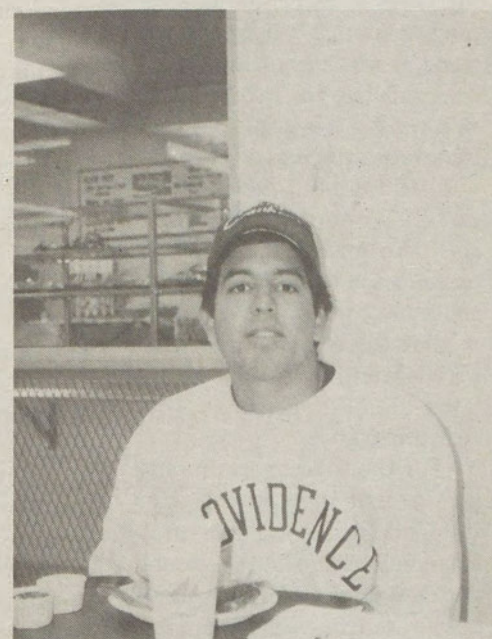
What is one thing you would have done differently in your college career?



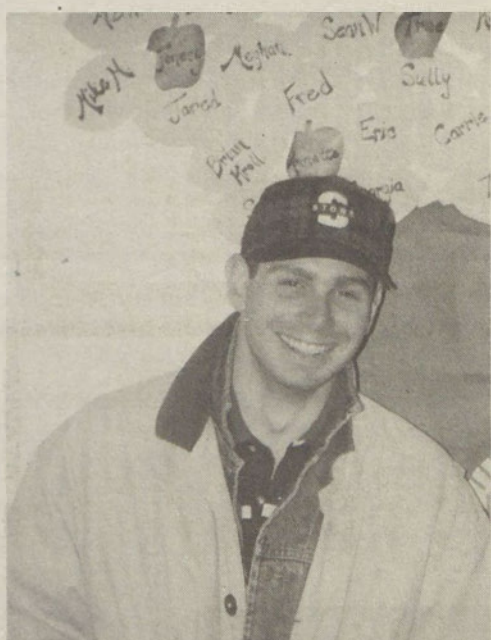
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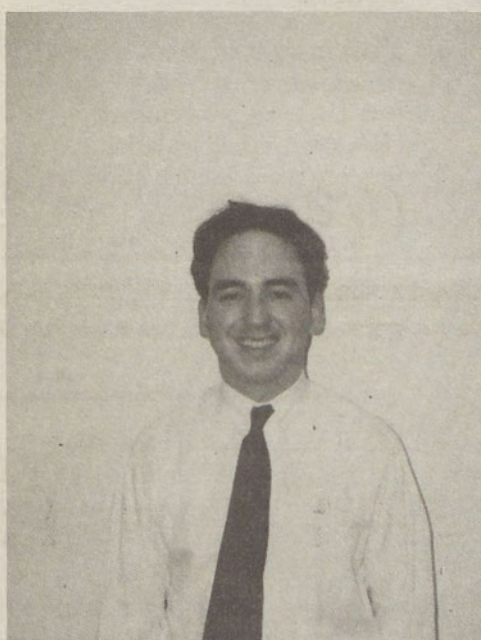
Owen Meacham '93: I wouldn't have done this.



Matt Tugman '93: I would have found out where the library was.



Mike Schumman '93: Spent more time in Louie's.



Don DiLauro '93: I would have taken more Donna T. McCaffrey classes.



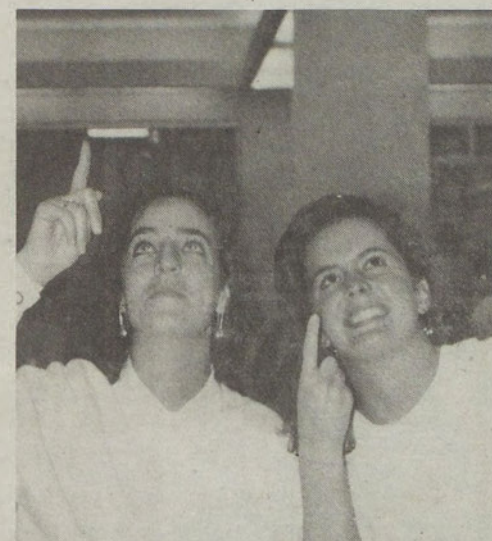
John Cardarelli '93 and Chris O'Sullivan '93: We would have come out of the closet at Freshmen Orientation!



Michelle Jean '93: I would have taken boxing lessons.



Julie Gladu '93 and Krista Tongring '93: We would have avoided giving most of our worldly possessions to Chad Brown.



Paula Lawton '93 and Pam Jenkins '93: We wouldn't have hooked up with them!

Rick & Dave: We would have "eliminated" one of our tool roommates so we could have gotten the 4.0 our parents dreamed of us getting, but definitely wouldn't have taken more of McCaffrey's classes.

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Pastoral Council Update

by Laura Gallo
Pastoral Council

Even though the typical March blues might have hit many of you, the Pastoral Council is and has been going strong. During the month of March, several activities and events were held by the Council which helped alleviate these end-of-winter doldrums.

The MS Swimming Committee headed by Beth Cooney and Jessica Waggett has been sending volunteers to the CCRI pool every Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Those going meet in back of Slavin at 1:30 p.m. If interested in participating in such a rewarding activity, please stop by the Pastoral Council office in Slavin, room 214.

The Amos House program is still looking for volunteers to serve at their soup kitchen. The Social Action committee is pleased with the response for this weekly event, yet still would like more volunteers. If interested, volunteers are needed on Saturday from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. and also during the week for lunch hour.

The Special Events committee of the Pastoral Council's month of activities with its annual Senior Citizen's Dinner. The event was held on March 24th in '64 Hall. Residents from the Smith Hill Center, the Da Vinci Center, MetCaf Court, and Douglass Manor were invited for a night of Italian cuisine and dancing. A big thanks goes out to Gail O'Donnell, Jen Rogers, Kate Doyle, and Christine Macchi, the Special Events chairwomen who helped coordinate the event.

Coming up in April, the Spiritual Life committee is planning a Spring Retreat on April 24th-25th. The theme will be "Road Less Traveled - A Spiritual Dream;" look for upcoming details.

During this Lenten season, food and money donations are greatly appreciated in aiding the plight of the homeless. Please drop off any contributions in the Chaplain's office, Slavin room 211.

Congratulations to the Pastoral Council 1993-1994

President - Julie Shea, '95
Vice President - Kendra Kwas, '94
Secretary - Emily Shields, '95
Treasurer - Catherine Frattaroli, '95

Reminder....

Chairperson applications are due by April 5th.

Please come in and sign up for an interview before break!!

We are located in Slavin, room 211.

ACC Food Drive

There will be a food drive to benefit Smith Hill from March 31st - April 7th. Bins are in each apartment lobby. Please be generous!

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS IV

by Kathy Collins
Class of '94 Representative

Once again, it is time for Providence College to take it to the streets. Taking It To The Streets IV is the fourth annual Student Congress sponsored walk-a-thon. This event is open to the entire P.C. community and we encourage everyone to get involved, either as a walker or by being a sponsor for other walkers.

The walk will help raise money to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and The Women's Center, both located right here in Providence. The Ronald McDonald House is a home-away-from-home for children with ill-

ness and their families. The women's center is a 21 bed shelter for abused women and children.

This year, Taking It To The Streets will be held on Sunday, April 25th at noon. The walk will be a four mile walk and will begin at Slavin. This walk-a-thon is just one way PC students can reach out and help to improve relations with the community while helping two very worthwhile charities. If you have any questions you can call the Congress Office at 865-2419 or just stop by. There will be more information about the walk as April 25th approaches, so please keep your eyes and ears open, and get ready to take it to the streets!

Class Election Information

- APRIL 15th-Class election informational meeting 4:00 p.m.
- APRIL 19th-21st Nomination Period
- APRIL 22nd Informational Meeting 4:00 p.m. MANDATORY
- APRIL 26th-28th Campaign Period
- APRIL 29th Class Election

COMING SOON...

"PC News"

A biweekly broadcast featuring PC students, events, athletics, and much more. Watch for the show in Slavin.

Anyone interested should drop a note to Kym Maas (BOP) or Maureen Montegari (Student Congress).

Commencement News

Prices, Dates, and Times to Know

by Lisa Mantil '93
Core Chairperson

In answer to your many questions, here is some more details about Commencement. Bid prices are \$130.00 per couple and will be sold on the following days: April 13th-16th from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and April 19th-20th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Education majors, we realize many of you are on Spring Break the week of April 12th. Bids will be sold on April 19th and 20th for extended hours in order to accommodate you.

The only way to purchase your bid is to come with all ten people that you will be sitting with at the Formal. Last year there was a big problem with seating arrangements and hotel reservations. More than a third of last year's graduating class missed the brunch and slideshow because they failed to reserve a hotel room within the given time period and wound up staying in various hotels around Boston. By hav-

ing bid sales early and asking you to come in groups of ten, we are hoping to avoid confusion with seating at the Formal and keep everyone at the same hotel.

The actual buying of the bid will be surprisingly easy. When you come in, you will be asked to fill out a sheet, listing the names of your ten names. You will then pay the \$130.00 (cash or check) and receive a bid and your assigned table number. If you do not have a group of ten people, you will not receive an assignment table number. Your name will be placed on a list, and you will receive a table number once we can fit ten people together at our discretion.

The formal will be on Thursday, May 20th, at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston. Cocktail hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 8:00 p.m. For those in need of transportation to Boston, a bus will leave Dore Hall at 1:00 p.m. on the 20th for the Marriott. The bus will return from Boston

to Providence at the end of the Formal at 1:00 a.m. The room price has been set with a special PC rate of \$145.00. When making your hotel reservation, call the Marriott at 617-236-5800 and tell them you are from Providence College. This should insure you the rate of \$145.00.

The Formal is a black tie event, and tux fittings will be provided here on campus. Mr. Tux is offering a tuxedo with shoes for the price of \$35.00. Up grades are available with the highest possible price being \$55.00. Mr. Tux will be here for fittings on April 28th from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again on May 5th from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Some final reminders... you must have two forms of picture ID in order to drink alcoholic beverages. Dates and times of the events are as follows:

Monday, May 17th, 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. **Semiformal.** Buses will load from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18th, 8:00 p.m.

- 12:00 a.m. **Fat Tuesday Boat Cruise.** Buses will load from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19th, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Fiesta Bar-B-Q.** Buses will load from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. **Formal.** Buses at 1:00 p.m. from Providence, 1:00 a.m. from Boston.
Friday, May 21st, Brunch/Slideshow

This is a very general view of Commencement. When you purchase your bid, you will be given a detailed information packet that will hopefully answer many of the questions you might have. If you have any questions regarding bid sales, put a note in the Commencement '93 mailbox in the Student Congress Office with your name, phone number and box number, and we will try to get back to you as soon as possible. Until then have a great Easter break and we'll see you at bid sales in less than two weeks!!!

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Response to Review

by Elizabeth Cleavall
Class of '96 Representative

At the most recent Student Congress meeting, a discussion had arisen concerning an article in the March 25th edition of *The Cowl*. The article criticized the *Princeton Review's* portrayal of Providence College as a "party college" as both negative and unfair. *The Review* included quotes from some students at PC like "a work load that is definitely manageable" and "a bunch of heavy drinkers" to cite a few. The writer felt that although these views might be valid, it was unfair for those certain students to speak on behalf of the entire student body. The article goes on to say that although the *Princeton Review* might be constructive,

it simultaneously destroys PC's reputation on a national level.

There are a number of people in Congress who have expressed great concern about the article and plan on writing to the *Princeton Review*. If you have any feeling about this issue please feel free to talk to me or any class officer. If you would like to write to the *Review* there will be a box in the Congress office in Lower Slavin.

On a lighter note, the Class of '96 officers plan on a number of things (to be successful) in April. We will be selling Red Sox tickets, '96 sweatshirts, and Tivas. We are also planning a midnight barbecue with the Class of '95 on the 17th, and watch for the white water rafting trip in the fall.

Class of '95 News...

• JRW Ring Premiere will be on April 28th, in '64 Hall at 7:00 p.m. Come and see our class rings, have free food and win prizes!

• Club night at Carpano's - Saturday, April 3rd from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and on sale from March 29th to April 2nd. Entertainment includes a DJ, watching the final four, games, free food, and much more! Buses will leave lower campus between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Student Congress Minutes

The minutes for the March 29th meeting are as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• This Sunday is the Open House

COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs: Dr. O'Hare stated that more night classes cannot be opened.

Ethics: There were 17 cuts issued.

Elections: Congratulations to the new Executive Board: John Ryan, Cherie Levesque, Melissa Silva, and Pam Collins.

Student Life: There was a car with a brick thrown through the window in the Fennell parking Lot.

Clubs and Organizations: Jail-a-thon held this past Wednesday.

Public Relations: April 25th, Walk-a-thon at 1:00 p.m. Kathy Collins and Melissa Silva are in charge. Biweekly news on TV monitors, taping on Tuesday and Thursdays.

BOARDS: IAB: Softball will begin once the fields dry.

BOP: Friday, Last Resort with Skipping Sequence and Ray & Paul, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00.

Residence Board: Meagher/McDermott BDB

this Friday.

CLASSES:

'94: Club Night went well, 230 attended.

'95: Carpano's Club Night on Saturday.

DISCUSSION:

- Neighborhood was quiet on Friday, however there is too much litter on the streets. - Princeton Review gave PC a bad name, students are urged to write replies.

- Show up on Sunday to meet potential Freshmen. This is a good opportunity for us to show visitors that we do care about our school.

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Making Dances With Lisa Crossley

by Theresa Brophy
Asst. A&E Editor

Question: What does a dedicated economics/ humanities major with a part-time job do in her spare time? Answer: She dances.

Senior Lisa Crossley, a member of the PC Dance Company, does not plan on making her dance experience and enjoyment a part of her future professional career. However, she has managed to hold onto what she calls a "hobby," and transfer it into something which goes beyond personal fulfillment. Along with the other members of the Dance Company and under the direction of Wendy Oliver (Prof. of Theatre Arts), Lisa has been involved in a program for elementary school students called "Making Dances."

The primary objective of "Making Dances" is to teach children the beginning basics of how to make a dance in five different ways: with improvisation, with choreography, using spontaneous action words, in a sitting down position, and creating dances from stories. Lisa explains that the simple message of the program is that "any kind of movement is a dance." "Dancing is something everyone likes to do," Lisa says, "if they know there's no right or wrong way to do it. It's a nice thing to get

theatrics, the movement, the storytelling. The theatre seemed mystical in all its magic."

Perhaps Lisa will have this same effect on the children for whom she has been performing. Her director Wendy Oliver compliments Lisa's style and strengths. "She does a nice job with acting as well as dancing," Wendy says. "She's always been a great student, really dedicated and hard-working. She's always thinking ahead. She has a good rapport with kids."

Lisa has been dancing for nine years. Of all the various styles of dance, she enjoys ballet and modern dance the most, even though they are two totally different types of movement. "I like the discipline of ballet, but I also like the creativity of modern dance," she says. Since she has a problem with both of her knees, Lisa can not pursue dance professionally. However, she appreciates the fact that she is able to do it at all. "Instead of running or jogging, I dance. That's how I relieve tension and frustration. I see it as a kind of release, and I look forward to it."

on continuing her passion for as long as she can, regardless if she's in the public eye or not. Good luck to Lisa and the PC Dance Company. Now if you'll excuse me...I think I'll go dance!



Senior Lisa Crossley of the PC Dance Company.



The PC Dance Company

across to kids (or anyone else for that matter) that they could have a chance at it."

In the closing segment of the program, Lisa plays the role of Belle from the fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast*. From watching her in rehearsal, it seems as if Lisa's freedom with movement is effortless. She handles her part with very theatrical facial expressions and familiarity with performing. Lisa describes her initial "passion" for this combination of theatre and dance. "I remember I was about ten years old watching the ballet *Sleeping Beauty*. I loved the

If Lisa had to define dance in her own words, she would say that it is "any kind of pedestrian movement." She says, "It could be anything that has to do with moving your body - walking, running, sitting...even brushing your teeth! It doesn't have to be disciplined."

Lisa's words and performance in the "Making Dances" program could give anyone a lesson in dance, child or adult. The program has been successful so far, and Lisa plans

A T(Inge) of Nostalgia

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

If you don't forget the past, you stay in it forever and never get out.

A woman walks outside her porch and calls out to her long lost dog, Sheba. Repeated several times, her actions are at first funny and then poignant. In Trinity Repertory Theater's production of William Inge's *Come Back Little Sheba*, the play moves smoothly from the comic to the poignant in its story of a lonely woman trapped in her memories of the past.

Barbara Orson plays Lola, a woman who dwells on her memories of the past because her days are filled with empty loneliness. Lola and Doc (Donald Berry) were married quickly many years ago after Lola became pregnant. She lost the child during the pregnancy, an event which resonates painfully for them years later. Doc is a recovering alcoholic, but he shows signs of falling off the wagon. He harbors feelings of resentment over having to drop out of medical school when Lola became pregnant and has developed a strange attachment to a pretty college student, Marie (Jennifer Dundas). A boorish living with the couple, Marie's life in which she is juggling two boyfriends seem to mirror the early days of Lola and Doc's relationship.

The production is traditional but well done with some excellent performances and a nice feeling for the time period (the late 1940s). Orson is excellent as Lola, a woman who manages to maintain her high spirits throughout the painful events that she has experienced. Orson's early scenes are very funny, especially the scenes in which she tries to make friends with anyone who comes near the house. She balances this humor with a kind of pathos in the early scenes. This helps to connect the amusing opening scenes with the tragedy that ensues. Jennifer Dundas is appealing as Marie; she makes her presence known in a part that could have been easily forgotten. Dan Welch has some good moments as Turk, one of Marie's boyfriends, a part that is really just a stereotype. Donald Berry has less luck with Doc. The actor does not seem to come alive during the play until his final breakdown. Perhaps this was the intent of the actor but his performance does not measure up with the work of his leading lady.

Trinity's latest is an improvement over the last production, the uneven *Hope Zone*. The play effectively evokes a feeling of nostalgia that fits well with its theme of memory. It is a small play with small concerns but is definitely worth investing your time.

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It'll Be Standing Room Only in the Packed Garden

by Ken Cornwell
Asst. A&E Editor

Isn't it some kind of old theater cliché? A bunch of kids get together and decide to put on a show. In this case, however, the "kids" are a talented group of actors and the guiding force is an enthusiastic junior Theater Major, factors which elevate this production to a more professional and entertaining level.

After the Garden and Last in the Pack are two student written and directed lab productions currently in rehearsal and

of the breakup of a relationship. The subject provides ample opportunity for pain, anger, romance, and humor. You can easily identify with the complex emotional characters. The play features seniors Dwayne Sheppard and Jody Torrisi as the feuding couple.

Last in the Pack is an ensemble piece with many of the same concerns as Garden. The play is a series of monologues in which each of the characters take turns revealing something interesting, moving, or funny about themselves. The ensemble serves to support



The cast of After The Garden.

soon to be unveiled to the world at large. The project is the brainchild of director Kathy Parrella, a junior theater major, and student playwright Susan L. Snyder, a senior at American University. Kathy is very happy to see her project near completion. "I applied to the Theater Department for this project last March," says Kathy. "The project has been almost a year in the making. I got the final go-ahead from the department in November and the faculty has been very supportive of this project, especially our moderator, John Garrity. I knew from the start that I wanted to direct both of her plays having directed and worked on several shows with Susan in the past; I like her work very much."

The special appeal of the shows is their focus on the lives of college students. Both plays have those special moments that ring true and speak directly to the audience. After the Garden is the exploration

and enhance the character in focus. The staging is simple so that attention is not drawn away from the actions of the characters. The stories that the characters reveal are fascinating especially because of their universal youthful appeal. The actors featured include seniors Lisa Carroll, Elizabeth Chisholm, Missie McCoombs, Timothy Ridge, and Mike Schumann and juniors Jodi L. Botelho and Holly A. Johnson. The play also incorporates original music written and performed by James Barrows, a junior. Beth Sterling, a junior, and Ken Cornwell, a senior, are co-stage managers for both shows.

Mounting an effort like this is not an easy task. Working with such a diverse group of people among the two casts has necessitated a need to make everyone feel they have an equal part in the process. "I feel that we have bonded together to form a cohesive whole," says Kathy. "We

have come together even better than I originally expected. It started off as my personal vision and idea, and I'm overwhelmed and delighted with how much the people involved have responded to the plays. The final production will be the culmination of the joint efforts of many talented people."

After the Garden and Last in the Pack will be presented on Sunday, April 18th, Monday, April 19th, and Tuesday, April 20th in St. Catherine of Siena Hall, Room 212 at 8:00 p.m. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$1 at the door and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



The cast of Last in the Pack.

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Get Involved in BOP!

Valuable Information for Upcoming 1993-94 Interviews

by Kathy A. Parrella '94
BOP Correspondent

Are you looking to get more involved at PC? If so, then you should think seriously about interviewing to become a chairperson on the Board of Programers next year. As the official student organization that governs all extracurricular activities here at Providence College, it is the responsibility of the B.O.P. to actively plan, coordinate, and support diverse cultural and social events for the college community. These activities are financed by a large portion of the student activity fee, which is allocated every fall by the Finance Committee of the Student Congress.

The Board of Programers is comprised of an Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and eleven standing committees of approximately thirty-five chairpersons who actually program events. A brief synopsis of the committees is as follows:

COFFEEHOUSE: Plans weekly study break socials on Tuesday nights in The Last Resort with food and local entertainment based on a common theme. Some all-time favorite themes include "Open Mic Nite", "Caricature Night", and all the holiday coffeehouses.

ENTERTAINMENT: Books all bands and D.J.'s used at Board events. Works with various agents to produce large concerts, such as The Hooters, Squeeze, and Dennis Miller. Also responsible for providing entertainment for Supersports, sponsored every spring by IAB.

FILM: Presents both recent and classic movies every Sun-

day and Thursday night in '64 Hall. Serves candy, popcorn, and soda at all shows.

FINE ARTS: Plans trips to cultural events (plays, exhibits, and musical performances) at Trinity Repertory Company, Providence Performing Arts Center, and other area theaters and museums. Also brings cultural events to campus, such as this semester's production of *The Meeting*. Plans for next year include a fall trip to see *Miss Saigon*.

LAST RESORT: Runs various monthly socials at The Last Resort for those students who are 21 and over. Entertainment as well as beer, soda, and food are provided.

LECTURE: Brings speakers to campus who lecture on a variety of popular and current topics. Popular lectures have included Frank Santos, Billy West, Al Franken, and Bertice Berry.

PROGRAMER: Organizes and coordinates the B.O.P. calendar of events, and is responsible for publishing monthly calendars and Stall Street Journals to distribute to all students, as well as weekly table tents for Raymond and Mondo. Acts as a liaison to *The Cowl* as an editorial staff member, responsible for layout of the weekly B.O.P. page to publicize all upcoming Board events.

PUBLICITY: Creates and distributes posters and flyers containing information about upcoming Board events. Responsible for decorating the B.O.P. display case and whiteboards in Slavin, and the electronic blinkerboards in Raymond and Slavin.

RESEARCH: Provides committee chairpersons with new ideas for programming. Acts as the liaison between P.C. pro-

gramming and programming at other colleges and universities through attendance at regional and national NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) conventions.

SOCIAL: Organizes and runs stag dances held in Peterson Rec Center as well as outdoor cookouts. Some other events include Battle of the Bands, Coconuts Comedy Club Nite, and the Lip Sync Contest.

TRAVEL: Coordinates recreational and cultural trips for the day, evening, or weekends, as well as the annual Spring Break Trip. Favorite trips include the Freshman Trip to Newport, trips to Medieval Manor, Fanueil Hall, Barbados, and Cancun.

The newly elected Board of Programers executive board will hold an informational meeting for all those interested in learning more about any of these positions on Monday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. in '64 Hall. Interviews for committee chairperson positions will be held the week following Easter Break, running from Monday, April 12th - Friday, April 16th. However, you do not have to be chosen as a chairperson to join a committee of the Board. Interested students can become a volunteer helper on any committee. Your participation is desired and encouraged by voicing your opinions, suggestions, criticisms, and support of our various events. Please feel free to stop by the BOP office in Slavin 119, or call us at 865-2493 anytime, to share any concerns or suggestions you have about our programming. As always, we welcome your advice and thank you for your support.

NOTE: Due to last night's NIT game, the Lecture Committee's planned **Al Franken** show has been moved to **TONIGHT**, (Thursday, April 1st) at 8:00 p.m. in '64 Hall for **FREE** Admission. (As a result, the Film Committee's showings of **Airplane & Airplane II** in Moore Hall has been **cancelled!**)

Tuesday, April 6th
Coffeehouse Presents:

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

The Last Resort

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Informational Meeting
(about BOP Interviews for 1993-94)**

**7:00 p.m.
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**Friday, April 2nd
Last Resort Presents:**

**Ray & Paul and
Skipping Sequence**

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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- * **Grease** and **Grease II** will be shown on **Thursday, April 15th** at 8:00 & 10:00 p.m., respectively, in **Moore Hall II** for **FREE** Admission!
- * The **final** Last Resort of the year will be held on **Friday, April 16th** from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. in **The Last Resort** for all students who are over 21. (Bring PC ID!)
- * **Aladdin** will be shown on **Sunday, April 18th** at 8:00 & 10:00 p.m. in '64 Hall for **\$2 admission**. Candy, popcorn, and soda will be sold at both shows.
- * The **final** Coffeehouse of the year will be **Tuesday, April 20th** from 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. in The Last Resort with *fried dough* and student entertainment.
- * Watch for more details on the *Medieval Manor* trip on **Wednesday, April 21st**.

A Pho-nomenal Girl

by Kate Grote
Features Staff Writer

How many students do you know here at Providence College who carry a beeper and are on call practically 24 hours a day? Can't think of any? Well, I was recently introduced to Sam Pho, a sophomore who is originally from Cambodia, and now heads an organization called The Southeast Asian Brother/Sister Program.

Sam and her family, which includes her parents, two brothers, and a sister, came to the United States in 1979 when Sam was eight years old. They considered themselves lucky when the opportunity arose to migrate because people were chosen by a lottery system, on a first come, first served basis. Upon their arrival from Thailand to New York, the men and women were separated into different hotel rooms. Coming from a poor, rural farm area, New York City was a whole new experience for Sam's family. Because they had never really seen anything like the king size beds in their rooms, they took the blankets off and slept on the floor. Another surprise came when her family moved to Philadelphia and were introduced to cold weather and snowfall. Although she could not speak English at the time, Sam remembers thinking, "Why do these crazy Americans put ice on the ground?"

Although Sam's driver's license says her birthday is March 2, 1971, she ex-

plains that she was really born on November 27, 1973. The reason for this discrepancy is that births were not officially recorded in Cambodia. After taking tests and answering endless questions about why they wanted to come to America, birthdays were the last thing on her parents' minds. As a result, Sam and her younger brother share a birthday, her father's is one day later, and both her mother and older brother share April 2.

One unique custom that Sam told me about the Southeast Asian culture is that every time a child is born, the year is named for an animal that resembles something about the child. The animals are chosen to relate to the similarities of the child. For example, a snake was the animal picked the year her brother was born, whom she says is quick and clever. However, sometimes it must be only a coincidence since Sam is a small girl and her animal was a pig. She laughs, "How can I be a pig? I'm not dirty, and I don't snort or whatnot..."

Although Sam cannot read or write the Cambodian language, she speaks it fluently, which helps her in her work. Sam was one of the first members of The Southeast Asian Brother/Sister Program, which was started by two PC graduates, Ker Lee and Arn Chorn-Pond, three years ago. Sam now runs the organization with another junior from RIC. The group, which has 42 members and is still recruiting, takes part in fund

raising, plans activities for the kids, makes sure the kids stay in school, and helps them with any problems they are having in or out of school.

While Sam takes an active part as a volunteer, she is also a leader. Each Friday morning before school, she meets with the sixteen girls, between the ages of 11 and 15, so they can talk out their problems. She explains that in the Southeast Asian culture, if there is a conflict no one tries to resolve it. Personal problems between people are simply ignored. Sam's job is to act as a mediator. She teaches the children how to handle their own problems mostly by listening to them, asking questions and offering advice, but really just teaching them to do these things on their own.

She works with the teachers and the principal making sure the girls aren't skipping classes. She also plans activities for after school. The group spends time at the

YMCA swimming and learning team sports. The girls don't have much structure in their lives and this is what Sam provides for them in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. She says the girls "never want to go home when they're with me." At the meetings she asks them questions and makes them answer in complete sentences to help with their English. She encourages motivation and thinking for themselves.

The Southeast Asian kids sometimes have a hard time adjusting to the new way of American life. They are smart and clever but sometimes feel like they don't belong. Having been in the same situation herself makes it easier for Sam to relate, but when Sam's beeper goes off in the middle of the night because someone needs help, sometimes there is nothing she can do because of a shortage of staff.

Although the orga-

nization is only three years old it is growing fast. Recently, Sam was invited to have lunch with the governor in an attempt to push for a group home for the kids. "I was like, 'Oh my God, the governor!' I was so nervous I couldn't eat anything!" The governor's reaction to Sam's request was "Uh, we'll get back to you on that."

Right now the girls are planning small fund-raisers like selling candy and holding car washes for a trip in June to hike up Mt. Washington. This Friday, April 2, they are putting on a benefit at the Marriot to raise money for the Brother/Sister Program. The girls that Sam works with will be performing cultural dances wearing their own costumes and other entertainment will also be provided. The event is open to the public at \$25 per person and all are welcome to support such a wonderful cause.

For the near future, Sam would like to see more volunteers becoming big brothers and sisters. Although she loves the job and has learned so much from the kids, her plans for after graduation are to become a third grade teacher and eventually a principal or administrator. Since there are quite a few Southeast Asian kids here, she wants to stay in Providence and continue to provide them with the special love and understanding that she gives best.



PC sophomore Sam Pho

by Noelle Cusack
Asst. Features Editor

This week, it's April Fool's Day. So yes, I could legitimately write an entire article on the official apology from the NCAA, or maybe tell you inside information about Boris Yeltsin coming to speak at Commencement, or maybe about the new table service at Raymond Caf which takes the food and the atmosphere all the way up to par with Burger King. But let's get real, this is the Features page and to this staff, every day is April Fool's Day. So, I am taking this opportunity to write seriously about all the things on campus that you might not have noticed by now (besides the "extra-

Please Take Notice...

money-left-over-from-the-jubilee" plastic sign outside of Slavin).

Spring- Okay, last week's article was quite a bomb, huh? I got fooled by Mother Nature worse than all the freshmen who thought they'd get all of their classes.

Classes- Midterms were two weeks ago. Don't you remember all of the studying you had to do on St. Patrick's Day? I'm a little confused on this point. After all, I have one teacher who hasn't even handed in the grades for the reports yet. The rest of the teachers are all giving tests. Therefore, what was the rush two weeks ago? I think they should all wait until after break to give us any more exams - I gave up studying for Lent.

Club Nite- These nights cost \$10 for a ticket, (except for

seniors, who pay \$3... don't I feel robbed), but once you get there, you're all set for a night to see new faces behind the bar (no, not just random people who sneak back there), dance with people you've never met before (and have been warned about), and get in front of the video camera so that you'll remember this night come Commencement.

Gates- I'm still a little confused about one thing regarding the security system and PC. I don't have a car up here, so therefore I have never had to wait for one of the gates to lift, but it seems to me that these orange and white striped gates at each entrance to the campus (and also behind Harkins - just for effect) never stay intact for more than two or three days.

Is this a result of reckless on-campus driving? Or perhaps there are more people on campus like the ones in Meagher who want to hang it on their wall so people can see it reflect as they walk through the quad. Even my roommate, who has never stolen anything worth more than \$5 in her life, wanted to take one "just to have it." What are you going to do with it once you get it? Security will eventually find out and you'll be ticketed for "lifting a gate arm."

Library- All I know is that it's easier to find a copy of USA Today in Zimbabwe than it is to find it in Phillips Memorial.

Tuesday Schedule- Okay, so maybe my Spring article didn't really work, but give me some credit, because when we get back from Easter break,

Tuesday's schedule will be followed. That's right. There is no Monday. Wow. Considering it will be a Tuesday when we get back, we're actually doing the sensible thing by having Tuesday classes. (This does not mean, however, that you should not take advantage of a Monday night as a Friday night schedule. After all, some were not exactly following our usual Friday night schedule on Good Friday night, right?)

That's about all I have to comment on this week. Someday there will be nothing absurd going on at PC. Then again, someday the Princeton Review will give us a break and people in hell will be wearing CB jackets. Happy April Fool's Day.

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Thinking Back: 1989 - 1991

by Bill Fennell
Asst. Features Editor

Well, this is just about it. What, you may ask? All you seniors out there know what I'm talking about. Time to bid farewell to good 'ole Providence College and say hello to the rest of the world OUT THERE. What does this mean? For one thing, it means that we can have lots of beer during commencement week and not worry about missing any school time. Like that was any concern before. Not only that, but it means saying good-bye to some really great times, and perhaps even to some really great friends. For the next couple of issues, instead of being a wise-ass like I usually am, I thought I'd try to somewhat recap my four years of college. Providence College.

FRESHMAN YEAR- It really wasn't that long ago, but it's so hard to remember exactly what freshman year was like. I can remember one thing, though - I was a jerk. Well, not so much of a jerk as a dork. Okay, maybe pride is the word. I really don't recall why I was, but I was. This has since changed, and I believe that it is due, at least in part, to my roommates.

I can remember when I first met my roommates. The first roommates I'd ever had. I met one of them, Brian, during the summer orientation, when PC was brand new to me. My other roommate, Terry, I had only talked to on the phone over the summer, when we got each others name and number. I remember that he didn't know whether to call me "William" or "Bill." But then, I didn't know if he preferred "Terence" or "Terry," although now it seems almost absurd to call him Terence.

When I first walked into the room (McDermott 101), it was all so awkward. Everyone was just standing there, not really knowing what to say or how to proceed. I sure didn't know what to say. I didn't really know these people from a hole in the wall. What if I say the wrong thing and it offends them, and then they hate me for the rest of the year? What if their parents hate me and tell them they should move out? What if I

find out that I really hate them? What will I do and where will I live? What if our parents hate each other and get into a fight? All of these questions were buzzing around in my head at a zillion miles an hour. But the biggest concern of all was: What if they don't like Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond? This, for me, was the kicker. I told you, I was a jerk. As it turns out, the only record (or rather, CD) that we all owned was "The Traveling Willburys: Volume 1." You know those forms they sent out to you before your freshman year that ask you what your interests are, and then they match you up with like roommates? It's a crock. I know this from experience. For one thing, none of us was really into mainstream music. Brian was a Deadhead to the hilt, Terry liked REM and old U2 stuff, and I had a huge wall poster of Barry Manilow (really). So you'd be hard pressed to put three more disparate tastes together. The biggest problem was that Terry owned the stereo, and would usually get first crack at it. You see, both he and Brian could play their music at virtually any volume they chose, because no one on the floor really had much of a problem with their music. But God forbid I should play my music any louder than a kitten fart. If I did, then they the guys across the hall or next door would start playing songs called "Choke the Dog and Bow to Hell" by groups with names like "Chronic Fatigue." Once - and this is the God Honest truth - I got written up for playing Barry Manilow too loud on a Thursday night. It was almost like a conspiracy. But the music aside, we all got along rather well. Of course, except for the time when they taped one of my Neil Diamond CD's to the ceiling, but I won't get into that.

Freshman year was also the time when I met a lot of friends, more than I'd ever met before. Even though I don't keep in touch with some of them much anymore, they'll always be there as part of my memory as my first college friends. I had met Maureen during orientation, and I met Patti because she was Maureen's roommate. They introduced me to Tanya and Kelly and Tim. Then I met Lisa and Jodi. Later on, we got friendly with Paco, who lived down the hall. Paco isn't his real name, but I

don't think anyone at PC has ever called him "Chris." This was my group. It was nice to say that. My group. Us. We'd all eat lunch together, eat dinner together, and go wandering around in packs looking for parties together. You know, I didn't appreciate it then, but I miss it a lot now. Then there was Jen. I met Jen in Fr. Davis' (wellllll...) philosophy class. Jen is one of my best friends on campus. You know, one of those people who knows everything about you, and yet still doesn't hate you. The kind you know you can always depend on. I tell you, if it wasn't for Jen, I don't know how I would have gotten through freshman year.

It's funny. It seems like a whole lifetime ago, doesn't it? But here we are, just beginning to really appreciate it. Wow. Oh, and did I mention that freshman year was the first time I ever got loaded? It wasn't terribly memorable. Or graceful for that matter. I tripped into a fence and people laughed at me. That's about it. But dammit, it was fun. Then came the end of freshman year, when everyone had to say good-bye to each other. It wasn't all that bad. We knew we'd see each other again next year. I was going to live in a single down in Fennell, and Brian and Terry were living on the fourth floor of McDermott with Paco. I was kind of looking forward to my sophomore year.

SOPHOMORE YEAR- This year started off with me moving into Fennell Hall two days early. I didn't know anyone in the building, and as I walked up and down the corridor, I didn't recognize any of the names that were taped on the doors. I was, to be honest, scared. Moreso than that first day of freshman year. After a day with no one in the whole building, I heard a knock on the door. "Oh, great," I said to myself, "One of my friends from last year!" I opened the door ready to welcome whoever it was, but found myself staring at someone who I had never seen before. I just kind of stood there. Then he introduced himself as Chris, and I introduced myself to him. We then got to talking. Not about anything terribly deep, but it was nice to have someone there that I could talk to. He asked me when I was going up to Raymond to dinner, and I said I didn't know. We ended up going

to dinner together, and eventually the conversation switched to something we could both relate to - old and obscure television facts. We talked about such varied subjects as Crazy Cow cereal, the old Colgate commercials with the blue chalk, and who played Vera on "Alice." This last one we just couldn't get. Later on, one of Chris' friends came downstairs to talk to him. Chris introduced him as Brian, and we all started to talk. Then, another one of Chris' friends, Pat, came down to see him. Later that night, another one of their friends, Chad, came down. This was great!

There I was, talking to people whom I had just met as if I'd known them my whole life! Once again, it was nice to feel as if I belonged, and it meant that much more to me that I was the only stranger among them. I still kept in contact with all my friends from freshman year, but not as much as I would have liked. It was difficult because I lived all the way down in Fennell, and they lived on upper campus. But my new group of friends made it easier. I ended up doing things with them all the time. It was easy because we all lived in the same building. About a month or so after school began, I met Jim, another friend of Chris and the gang. Actually, I was never really formally introduced to Jim, he was sitting with us one day during lunch, and we started to talk. I could see my circle of friends growing ever larger, and it was really more than I thought could happen. And the really nice thing about it was these were my friends, not just people I knew.

Then something rather unique happened that sort of brought us all together. In late January, 1991, the United States declared war on Iraq. This was something that we had all expected, but weren't quite ready for. For the first time, we were faced with the reality that we might have to go off and help to fight a war. It was scary. I can remember when the war declaration was aired. We were sitting in Chad's room, watching television, when there was a news bulletin saying that President Bush was going to make some important announcement. We all knew what it was, but we watched anyway. When he had finished his speech, we all just kind of looked at each other blankly. It was as if it wasn't real. Then there was rumor that there was going to be a

rally down at the state house for something about the war. It turned out to be a rally to support the troops. So we all got into Jim's car and drove downtown. Jim had brought some American Flags, so we were waving them all around, chanting "Support our troops!" over and over. Then every once in a while we'd segue into some patriotic song. The feeling was great. People were driving by beeping their horns and waving their support. And even those who were there that didn't think we should be at war were yelling their support for our troops. Once again, there was that word. "Our." It was a nice feeling. Eventually, the war came to somewhat of a close, and our lives at PC went back to somewhat normal.

That year was also the first Blind Date Ball that I went to. I went to two that year. The first one I went to with Jen's roommate, Gina, and Jen and her other roommate, Kelli, came with us along with their dates. It was a wonderful time, because everyone and their dates at our table knew each other, making it that much more enjoyable. The second one I went to was with my friend Erin. This one was also lots of fun, and all of my friends from Fennell Hall went with their dates on this one. These two dances rank among some of my fondest memories of my first two years. Then, as it always did, summer break came along, and I said my farewells. But I saw my friends over the summer, and I knew I'd see them Junior year, because I was going to be rooming with some of them.

Freshman and sophomore years were, for me, a time when I was forced to face up to a lot of things about myself. There was no longer mom & dad to go to for every little problem I had. Some of the best learning I did at PC was during these two years. I had to learn how to live with other people and be accepting of what, and *who*, they were. Lord knows I wasn't all that easy to get along with or get used to. Oh, sure, there were some painful times that I shared, but they were balanced out by the good times. But overall, my first two years at Providence College were a time of discovering things about myself, and learning to deal with them, however difficult that might have been. I somehow think that it was the same for most of us. At least I hope it was.

POMAGRANTE

Shootin' From the Lip

by Brain Cappello
Features Editor

- Do people who say, "Can I ask you a question" realize they're already asking a question?

- Does anyone else get the feeling that Jeffrey Dahmer got his start writing perverted sayings on things such as (PC) library desks and bathroom stalls?

- What if Walt Disney's name was Fred Buttermen or Bert Lipschitz?

- Why does there seem to be 30 seconds to every minute in the hour before work/class, but 120 seconds per minute once you get there?

- If my signature was on a Picasso it wouldn't sell for more than ten cents at an auction.

- Aren't those senior citizens who've been saying "Christ will come again" in church for the past 80-90 years starting to get a bit impatient? What's the big delay - Is He trying to get his hair just right for the big entrance?

- Think Elvis is still alive? Sure, he's living out on a deserted island while his wife and daughter make billions off his name. Good theory!

- What if you were a single woman with the last name Issippi and you became a teacher? Would you're

students call you Miss Issippi?

- And what if your name was Michael Tucky and you named your kid Ken? Better yet, what if you were a woman named Carol and you married a man with the last name Ina? Think about it.

- By my calculations, the total time of exciting action in a 3 hour baseball game is exactly 2 minutes and 17 seconds.

- I'm about to enter the real world, yet I'd still pay top dollar to see a never released episode of *The Brady Bunch*.

- Do you realize that vulgar words are only considered so because we're told they are? How do we really know? What if shoot was originally a swear and the caveman told us otherwise as a practical joke?

- Does Chuck Woolery really want *Love Connection* couples to "Keep in touch?"

- Is the Oral-B toothbrush with indicator really necessary?

- I often wonder, are smokers a) incredibly stupid, b) incredibly unhappy with the concept of life, or c) both: Do they realize that the day they're diagnosed with Cancer, they'll sit down with their wife/husband and three kids and beg for another chance and vow to never smoke again. So, why isn't just the thought of that day enough to make them quit?

- Do you remember the good old days when there was only one brand of Coke and Pepsi?

- Here's my vision of a perfect day: Racists would wake up a different color, originators of bald jokes would wake up hairless, and NBA centers would wake up my height (i.e., under six feet).

- Is there any *Jeopardy* question that Alex Trebek doesn't know?

- Why are all TV weather forecasts 50 times longer than they need to be?

- Does yellow paper come from trees that were urinated on by dogs?

- Does anyone else realize that world peace would lead to mass unemployment?

- Why do I have more work my second semester senior year than in my last seven semesters combined?

- Only a month and a half to commencement - Perfect timing. That'll be right about the time I'll have completely forgotten everything I was ever taught in Civ.

- I must admit, PC truly delivers a well rounded education: for example, in the first two years I learned of foreign lands from my Civ professors, and in the last two, I learned of foreign languages from my off-campus neighbors.

- Now that the PC basketball season is officially over, I can't help but wonder, when does the hockey season start?

Don't Hand Me No Lines

by Kristen Gariepy
Features Staff Writer

They say patience is a virtue, right? Wrong. I'm convinced that the average person has zero patience in his entire body. There isn't even room for potential patience - it's nonexistent in human beings. Courage is a virtue. Honesty is a virtue. Patience is an endangered species.

What caused this sudden outburst? Lines. They're everywhere. I finally got fed up with waiting for everything and having to stand behind some pathetic slow-poke wherever I go. Take today for example. I innocently went to CVS for the necessities: deodorant, saline solution, o.b. (*Outdoors Bimonthly* magazine), and flea powder. Once inside, I instantly knew my mistake. Some brain surgeon had announced a sale and I was surrounded by too many elderly ladies buying Listerine (you thought it was supposed to cure Nana's deadly breath?) Not to mention that they were pushing around those carts with the pole sticking up seven feet. Wouldn't want anybody to escape with one of those babies, now would we? So basically, they were all pattering around at about .27 miles per second and blocking the whole aisle. Tension.

After hip checking two-thirds of the customers and forcing the others into permanent hiding, I approached the register. Well, what I could see of it. The line was enormous and there was only one cashier (same brain surgeon). I think it's written and adopted somewhere that all old people have to take three hours to empty their purchases onto the counter. And then they require an extra four to search for exact change. Grit teeth.

Suddenly, a second register was opened and the employee mumbled, "Next in line please." The key word here is "next". Of course, "next" happened to be me. Just as I was about to forget any past grievances and pay for my necessities, I was sideswiped by a grandma stocking up on Depends. She cut me off and rushed the cashier. Once again, I was in line. Fuming.

I left CVS and went to my 10:30 in Harkins. At 11:20, with a trek to Catherine of Siena in my future, I headed for the stairs. Let me say one

thing: Someone has to hire a traffic guard to direct students onto the stairs and out the door. I don't know what the problem is, but the line that always forms on third floor Harkins is pathetic. It shouldn't take fifteen minutes to get out of that building. Push if you have to, shove if you must, but get out of the doorway and don't allow a three mile line that stretches to the Veryfine machine. The same with coming into the building. There's no excuse for students having to live in fear of being pegged by the fluorescent orange guards.

Twice a year I end up on the fourth floor of Harkins. It's not a memorable experience. Lots of tension, plenty of gritting teeth, too much fuming. I'm convinced that the administration allows registration lines to form as a cruel and severe punishment to the students. I don't know what crimes we committed, but they're definitely proving their point. There should be side shows and music on the fourth floor during registration. It might relax those students that realize that the 379 students ahead of them have later times and are sneaking in early. I guess it's irrelevant. Signing up for classes is pointless. 1) You're in line for days. 2) You only get into *An Analysis of Japanese Children's Lit* without an over enrollment slip. 3) Getting a professor to sign an over enrollment slip takes longer than it does to convince the security guards that you'll be "right down". Of course, since it usually takes over 50 minutes to get through the registration line, missing a class is almost guaranteed. Being able to take the whole day off during registration makes up for a small percentage of the line inconvenience. I took my roommate's registration day off too. She needed a sedative. We're a very impatient household.

How about cold and rainy Thursday nights when the line outside of Louie's stretches to Corner Pizza? Or the lines for the bathroom at Club Eagles? ...the lines outside of Brad's every year during first semester? ...the lines to get into Raymond at 5:15 p.m.? ...the lines for Big East basketball tickets? ...the lines at the mall during Christmas season? ...the lines of cars at stoplights in the city? ...the lines...the lines...the lines...

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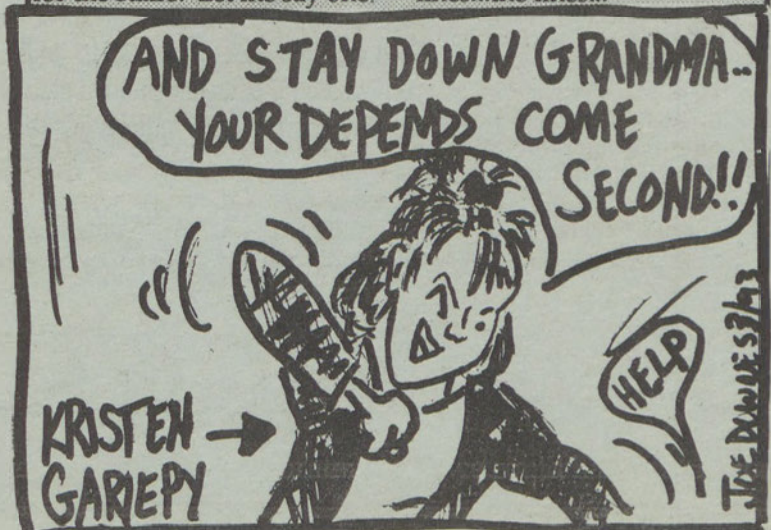
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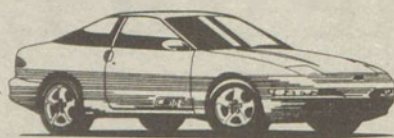
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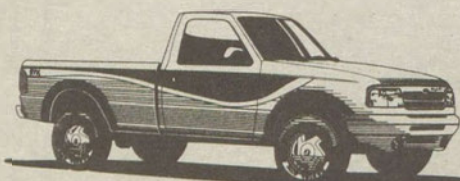
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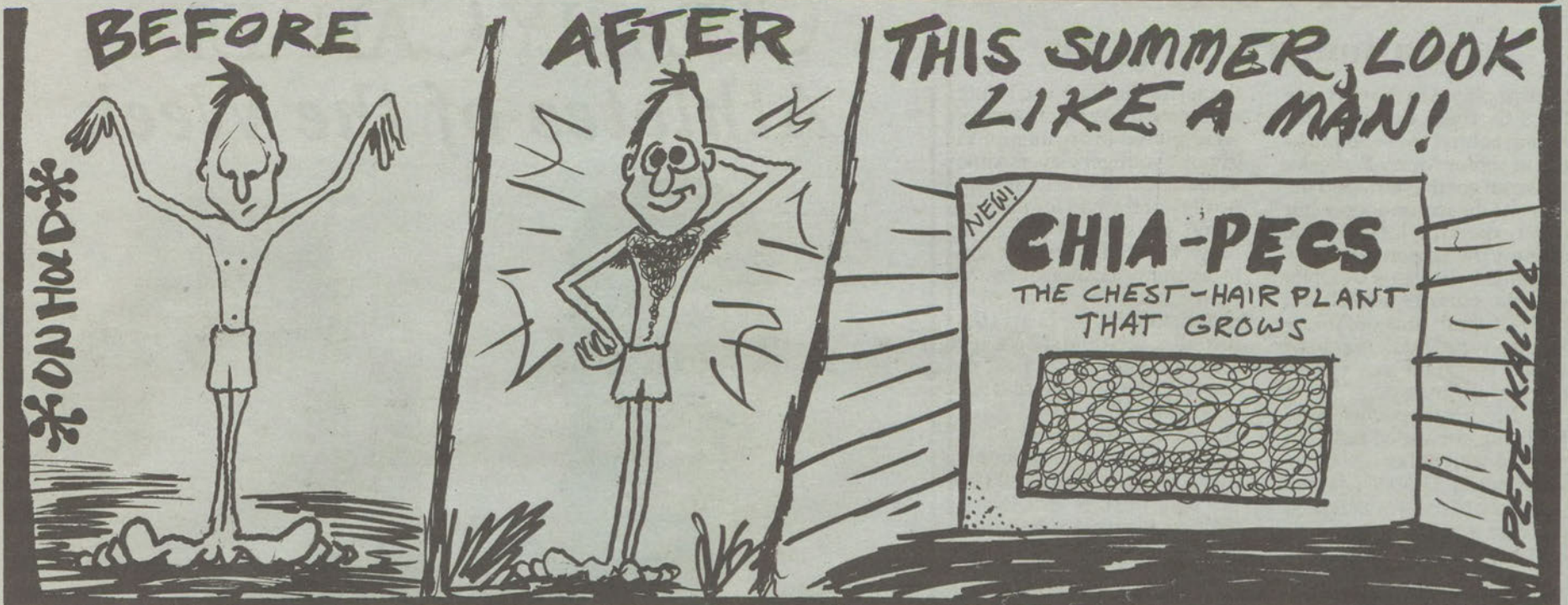
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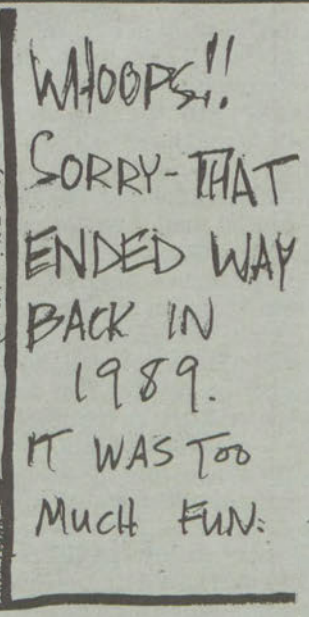
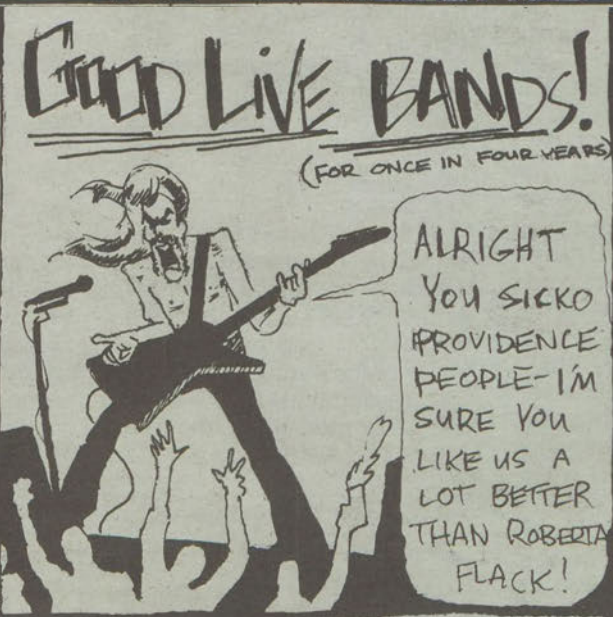
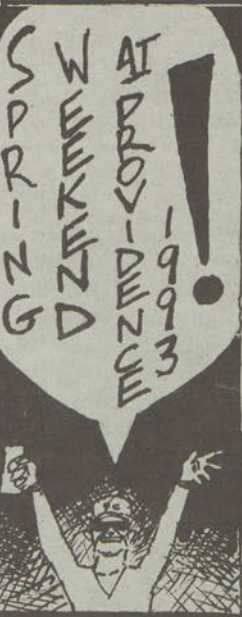
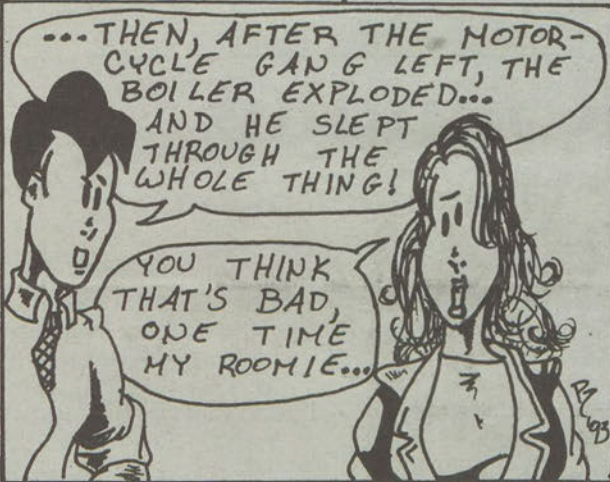
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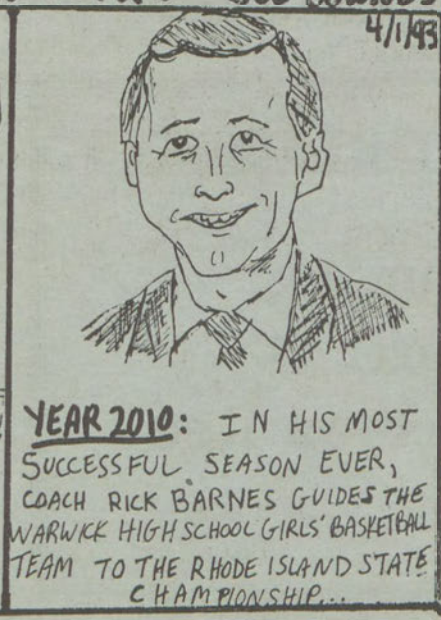
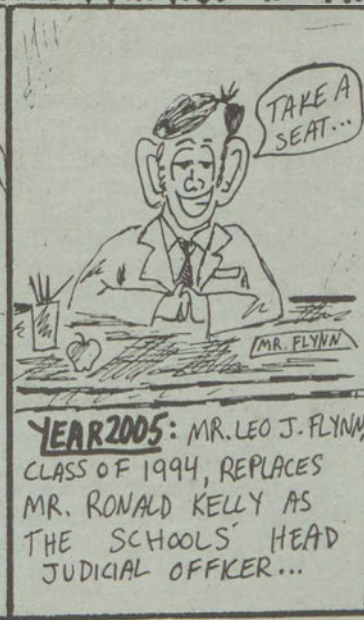
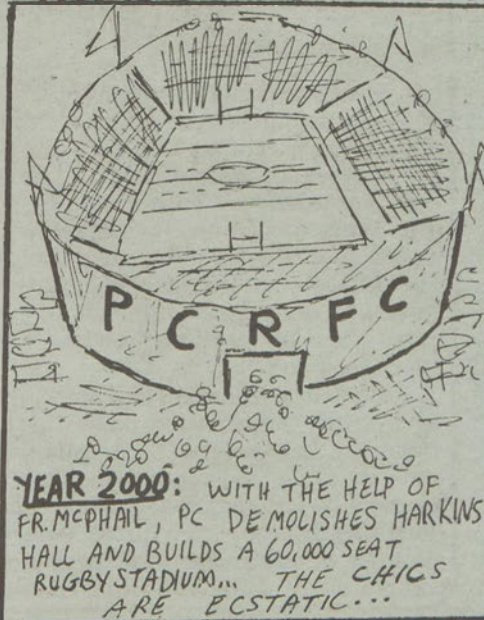
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routine play. On the plus side for PC, their defense was strong behind the solid pitching of senior Merry Perkoski. Perkoski got the start—and the loss—for the season opener, but don't expect this loss to be one of many this season for Merry.

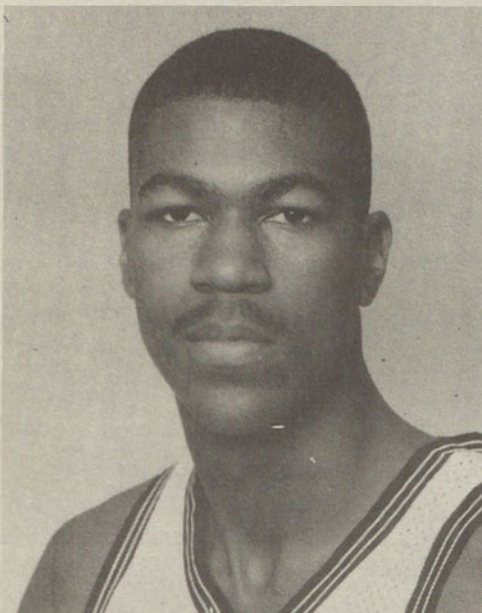
Game two versus UCONN saw the Huskies scratch out most of their runs on Texas-league-type hits, many of which dropped just out of reach of the infielders.

Freshman pitcher Amy Kvilhaug got rattled early but pitched well in her first collegiate outing. UCONN did not give her a friendly welcome to Big East softball, and she was replaced in the middle of the game by Kelly Taber. The only convincing offense that UCONN mounted was a two-run blast over the left field fence in the fifth inning. PC only mounted one run in the second contest but as in the first game, played solidly on defense.

Wednesday brought a chilly sunshine and the Crusaders of Holy Cross into Providence. This time, it was the Friars turn to outgun another team. PC thoroughly spanked the Crusaders in the doubleheader by scores of 13-2 and 9-3. Everyone got into

the act for the Black and White and some of the usual starters were pulled in an attempt to give the younger players some valuable experience. Caryann Scully got the nod for the first game, pitching all seven innings to pick up her first win in as many chances. Freshman Candi Erickson got a chance to show her heat in the second contest and she got just as much help in the field as Caryann did. The bats did not go silent in the second game either. PC fell behind 3-1 in the third on a bases full double by Holy Cross. That would be the only mistake that Providence would make for the rest of the contest, as they responded to the Crusader threat with a game deciding seven-run fifth inning.

Weather permitting, this weekend will be a busy one for the Lady Friars. They are scheduled to face Villanova on Friday, starting at 2:30. Saturday they will battle St. John's at 1:00 and they will conclude their weekend with Seton Hall on Sunday at high noon. All games on the Lady Friars' schedule are double-headers and the home games are played at L.F. Field located in the drainage ditch for the Soccer/Lacrosse field.

CLEARLY CANADIAN
Athletes of the Week

Dickey Simpkins (Ft. Washington, MD)

The 6'8" center was a force in the Friars' 75-58 NIT quarterfinal win over Boston College. Simpkins led all scorers with 23 points; he also grabbed nine rebounds in 36 minutes of action. Simpkins is the Friars' second leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 10.9 points and 6.5 rebounds. PC's win over the Eagles was 20th victory of the year for the Friars.



Vanessa Molloy (New Ross, Ireland)

The junior trackster began the outdoor season with a second place finish at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her time of 16:31.3 in the race qualifies her for the NCAA Championships in June.

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first overtime win in Big East play, and a win that would begin a four-game winning streak.

Beating UCONN and BC in the final two games of the season, the experts proclaimed, would get PC in the NCAA's. They even destroyed fellow fence-sitter, UCONN, in the Big East quarterfinals, but it would not suffice. The Friars had to watch the NCAA's on CBS and ESPN, and there was nothing they could do.

They came within minutes of setting up an all Big East NIT Final, which may have given the league a small measure of the respect that has dissipated in the last couple of years. Unfortunately, the dream of showing up the selection committee ended with the clang of misfired second half shots against the Golden Gophers. The UAB game was meaningless, an anticlimactic game to end and anticlimactic tournament.

But while the 1992-93 Chapter of the PC History

Book has been bound and shelved, it is now time to look to the immediate future. Barnes will only have to replace one regular, Turner, though he may be hard pressed to find someone who can hit the three-point shot at a 40% clip. One logical candidate is Rob Phelps, but he has yet to show the long range consistency that warrant legitimate consideration from Barnes. Jason Murdock, Eric's 6'5" cousin, should get an opportunity, as Mike Brown did, to work himself into the fold. Another rookie, Eric Williams, an intense 6'8" forward out of JUCO, may be versatile enough to occupy the small forward position that Turner vacates.

If Barnes can rekindle the togetherness and chemistry that enabled PC to win 10 of its last 14 games, then the Friars will be poised to crack the upper echelon of the Big East and, perhaps, the Top 25.

And with the returning cast, don't bet against it.

IAB Roundup

Who's Your Daddy Champions of the Ice

by IAB Staff

In the Intramural Ice Hockey playoffs, Who's Your Daddy erupted for 15 goals in two games to win the prized T-shirts.

On Wednesday, Who's Your Daddy dismantled the top-seed, Team Bud II, 8-0, in a standout performance by goaltender Kevin Carlin. For the second consecutive game, John "Big Dog" Cardarelli notched the game winner. The senior, who made a Cam Neely-like return from a knee injury, laid down his Danny's Deli subs long enough to guide Who's Your Daddy to victory.

Another key for Who's Your Daddy was the MGD Line—consisting of Mike Mullaney, Tim Graham and Bill Duffin. The MGD Line accounted for seven of the 15 playoff goals.

Who's Your Daddy reached the finals by defeating Gary's Old Town Tavern, 7-4, in what had to be their most fired-up game of the season. When Jeff Smith donned his Lemonhead Helmet, the outcome was never really in doubt.

Other members of Who's Your Daddy were Dave Myers, Frank Pandolfo, Mike Bertolami, Ed Hackett, Tom Barrett, Steve Nee, Jeff Mahoney, Tim Henzy, Dave DiLoretta and Brian Levell.

Note: Highlights of the men's B League and women's playoffs will be in the next edition of The Cowl.

5-on-5 is coming to a close, and the race for the top seeds are very close. In A League, Big Fat Paul looks to be a strong candidate. Other contenders that have shown promise are They Might Be Giants and Your Mothers.

In B League, the quest for the final four teams is up in the air. Cephas Express, led by Ted "Rodeo" Imperato, seem to be the favorite. Lothar and the Hill People are also undefeated. This talented group of seniors have compiled a 6-0 record and will draw one of the top seeds. Another strong team is Hoe. They rely on the one-man full-court press of Rusty Newell. Finally, M-Divers remain undefeated at 6-0 and prove to be one of the best sophomore teams in recent history.

A special thanks is in order for the PC Intramural All-Star Team, who recently represented PC at URI in the State Intramural Championships. After going through a grueling tournament, they lost in the Championship game to a tough URI team.

Wallyball started on Mon-

day, March 22. The leading team thus far is the strong senior squad, We Team Shower, with an impressive 2-0 record. Strong players Pete Werner and Chris "Weave" DuBois led the way to victory. Another undefeated (2-0) team is the Crackbabies, comprised of two seniors and two sophomores. But watch out for 5'8" With Crazy Hops to come on strong later in the season. 5'8" is led by Mary Denise Mongey—the height in the team's name.

The schedule for upcoming games will be posted every Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Please check the schedule and let IAB know if there is a problem with your game time so arrangements can be made and forfeits can be avoided.

A Note From IAB

by Steve Crowley
IAB President

I would like to take this time to comment on a problem that has been getting worse recently. This problem is the verbal abuse of the intramural referees. Most students assume that referees are part of the IAB staff. The truth is that most are not. The referees are students that the IAB staff has asked to give up their time to help us. Yes, the refs do get paid but most agree that if it comes to getting five dollars with verbal insults or not having to deal with refereeing, most would choose the latter. The IAB feels that the referees we have for all sports are the best students to do the job. If they have to deal with verbal insults every game, they will stop, and we will be left to find refs that are not so good.

All refs have the right and authority to penalize any player who verbally abuses them on the first occasion. On the second violating, they can eject them from the game. If further problems continue, the refs can notify the commissioner of the league who will then make a final decision about what will be done after discussing it with me. We are going to take on a much stronger stance on the issue from now on. Please just play competitively. Have fun and let the referees do their job.

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One Reporter's Memories of a Wild and Unpredictable Hoop Season

by Steve McCorry
Assistant Sports Editor

Providence College basketball is over. That's right, the Friars are still not in the NCAA tournament and they didn't even win the NIT Championship. However, ask any fan back on January 23 when PC was 1-6 in the Big East about this team's chances for success, and the majority of them categorized our guys as the Dallas Mavericks of the league. 12 wins later Providence can boast about an incredible turnaround. There were many fine moments in this '92-'93 campaign. Here are my favorite

times both on and off the court:

-PC vs. URI: It may have been the most intense game of the season. Tony Turner's last ditch effort to save the Friars with a three pointer failed. "If we are ever in the same situation again I would run the same play with the same player," commented Coach Barnes.

-The last game of the regular season at Boston College: Less than a minute to play and Turner takes the ball baseline. He pulls up while hounded by two Eagles. He shoots...it's good! The Friars lead and go on to win.

-Michael Smith's rebound-

ing. Period.

-The "Darth Vader Theme" that the Providence College band plays while the 6th Man Society enters the Civic Center.

-A message on my answering machine from my friend Joe McClaine who is a freshman guard for the Arizona Wildcats after PC's 15 point victory: "It was a fluke!" Yeah, whatever Joe.

-The first half of the Friars' home game against the Hoyas: PC shot 53% from the floor.

-November 18th: It was PC's first game in the Civic Center and Abdul Abdullah's first as well. It seemed improbable. All the talk of recruiting this Rhode Island legend wasn't just a rumor.

-Senior Night: Trent Forbes and Turner at center court surrounded by fans who stood and cheered.

-6:00 AM, May 1992: I was in Slavin and had to go to Alumni Hall. There was one person in the gym. Rob Phelps was firing up shot after shot. Keep practicing Rob. They will fall.

-Abdullah at a Big East Conference Tournament press conference: "We just keep moving and look for an ally-ooop or something." Those are planned plays?!

-UCONN Coach Jim Calhoun at the same press conference: "I can't remember a team coming out and just emotionally and physically handing us a thorough hit as well as PC did today."

-January 25 against Villanova: A determined Friar team ended a three game skid and would go on to win 7 of their next 10 regular season

games.

-Michael Smith's rebounding. Period.

-Friar fans at the Conte Forum: This small but effective bunch made a difference in the third round of the NIT.

-Michael Smith's and Rob Phelps' three consecutive high five celebrations.

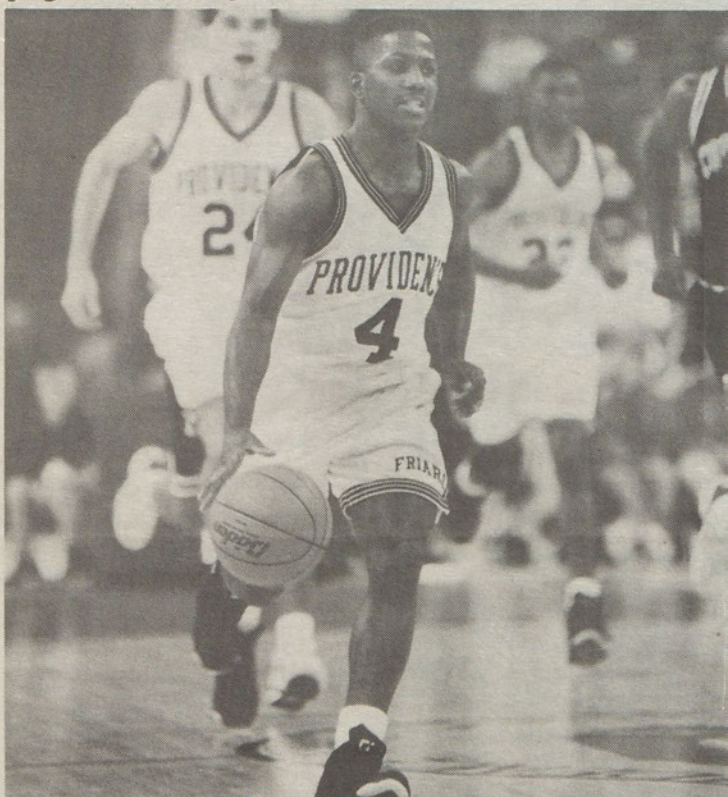
-The Carrier Dome: Yes the Friars lost the game but every true basketball lover should witness a game in this gigantic and very loud tent.

-Bill Raftery in the Civic Center. Bill Raftery in Madison Square Garden. Just Bill Raftery's presence at so many Friar games made the contests

that much more exciting.

-Coach Rick Barnes after PC's second round NIT win over West Virginia to Kevin McNamara who is the beat writer for the Friars in the *Providence Journal*: "At the beginning of the year did you think this team would win 19 games?" Kevin responded, "I thought we would be enjoying baseball season by now."

The Providence College Friars brought us right up to America's pastime which is more than a lot of teams can say. Granted we're not talking about Michigan, Kentucky, Kansas or North Carolina, but there is always next year.



Abdul Abdullah, the Rhode Island playground legend, received passing grades in his rookie season.



Early bird Rob Phelps will catch his worm if his work ethic has anything to say about it.

Staying In The Swing Of Things

by Justin Maccione
Sports Writer

The PC Friar golf team's season has been a virtual wash-out so far due to the recent inclement weather. Even though the snow's melted, the area golf courses have been so drenched with water that Tuesday was the first day that the Friars were able to practice on the local links. Unfortunately, their first two matches were postponed, so currently the Friars are just trying to make up for lost time, preparing for the eventual advent of their New England season.

"This spring has been a bit of a disappointment so far, but all the New England teams have to deal with these weather problems," said senior co-captain Mike Ghelfi. He felt that their trip to Palm Coast, Florida, on the weekend of March 19-21, gave them an excellent competitive edge because, "Many of our future opponents didn't take a spring trip, so they haven't been on the course until this week. During that weekend we were able to work on the finer points of our game, and now that

we're practicing regularly our scores will be going down."

Once the season finally gets under way, the Friars are very confident that they'll have a

successful spring campaign. PC will be led on the links by senior co-captains Ghelfi and Mark Brightman, junior Kevin

Murphy, and sophomore trio Gil D'Andrea, Marc Siewersten, and Kevin Magnier. Brightman comments, "Gil and Kevin played

really well down in Florida. Our three freshmen, T.J. McDonald, Jeff Magee, and Brian Mayley will have a great chance to establish themselves this spring."

Even though the Friars have been victimized by the weather, don't expect them to be in need of many mulligans, because they've been doing everything possible to prepare themselves for the season. "Coach Prisco's had us hitting balls off of a tee and we've also been doing a lot of running on the track to keep in shape," says Magnier. When asked if their strokes felt rusty, he replied, "Just doing these minor things and the Florida trip has kept our mechanics in pretty good shape. 'I think that we have a chance to have our best season as long as I've been here, and with our emerging youth we should just keep improving for next fall.'"

A potential snowstorm has put Friday's match against Holy Cross, Dartmouth, and Amherst in jeopardy. The Friars should finally be swinging back into action on Tuesday, April 6, when they face in state rivals Brown and URI at the Point Judith CC.



Kevin Murphy has been hitting off indoor tees to keep their swings intact.

On A Downward Slide

Friar Nine Drop To 4-12 After Losing Five Of Last Six

by Justin Maccione
Sports Writer

The PC Friar baseball team has endured a lot of bad luck for the past few weeks with the lousy weather, and unfortunately that extended onto the baseball field once they resumed play. Despite posting a 4-12 record thus far, Coach Paul Kostacopoulos is confident that the team will get back on track with the advent of the Big East season.

After having to deal with 2 weeks worth of game cancellations, the Friars finally saw action on March 27 when they split a doubleheader against Holy Cross, losing the first game 5-2, but coming back in the nightcap to prevail 3-1. This was a decent showing considering the Friars were exiled to practicing in not so cozy Peterson for the previous two weeks.

The bottom fell out on the weekend, though, when the Friars traveled to Seton Hall for games on Sunday and Monday. The Pirates defeated PC 8-0 and 17-1 for a not so illustrious opening of Big East conference play. Coach Kosty was disappointed with the results but conceded, "Seton Hall played some great baseball and we came out really flat".

Topping things off, PC lost a couple of tough 6-5 decisions

to in state rivals Bryant College and URI on Tuesday and Wednesday. Kosty was disappointed with these late inning losses and reasoned, "I think we're missing some of the minor intangibles that win baseball games right now. We lost these games because we didn't play nine full innings of baseball."

It's very difficult to define a major reason to attribute to the recent problems of the Friars. It just seems to be a lack of solid all around play for a full game. This means that the bats, gloves, and arms have to get going at the same time. "We've run into situations where we haven't received solid performances in all three aspects of the game. We just need a solid game from our hitting, pitching and defense, and we'll build on that," Kosty suggests.

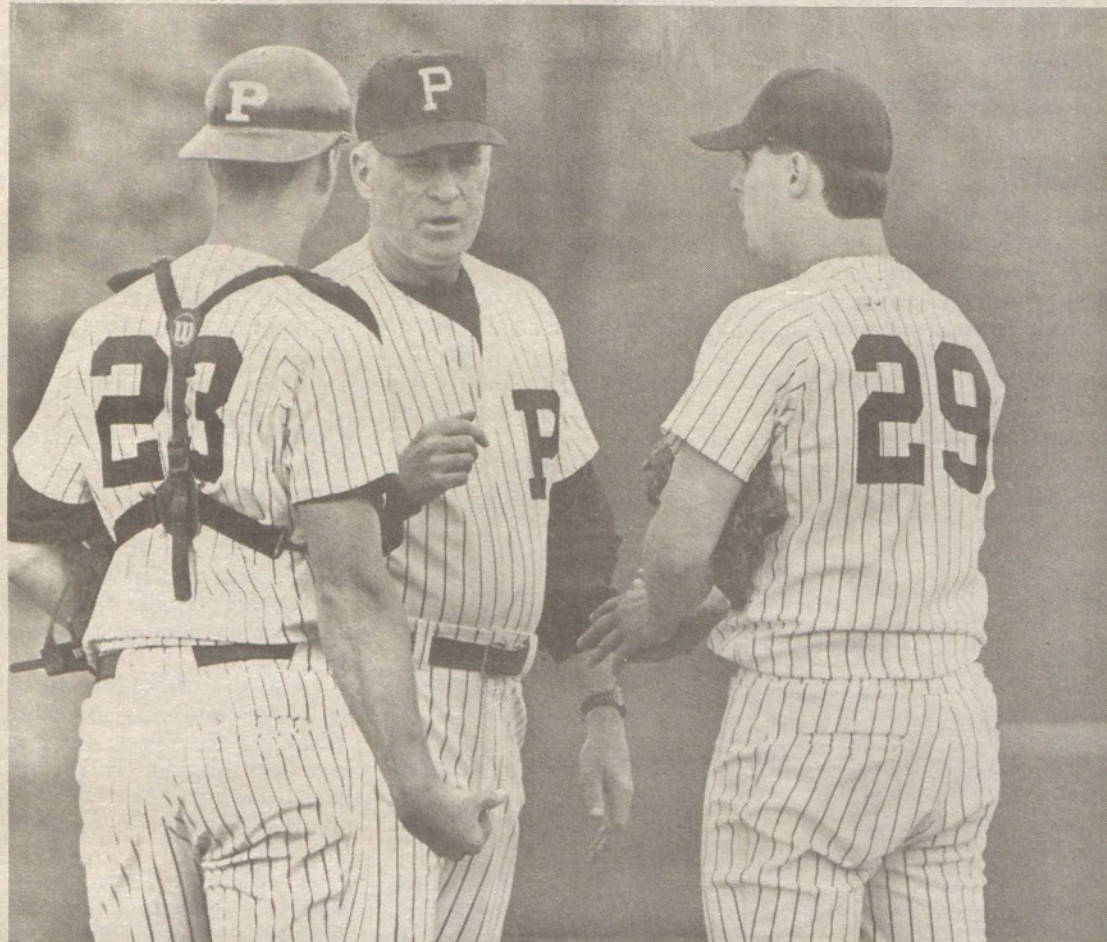
One would be a fool to count the Friars out of the Big East race just yet, considering their talent. If PC needs some leadership and offensive punch this weekend it'll most likely come from the senior trio of catcher Jim Foster, shortstop Lou Merloni, and first baseman Phil Ierardi. Opposing catchers will also have to deal with speedy center fielder Mike Lyons who leads the Friars with 12 swipes. They'll also rely on some solid pitching from Tony Deangelo and Steve Surdez.

Coach Kosty believes that PC can rebound when they host Georgetown this weekend because the team has kept a positive attitude, adding, "Things can change very eas-

ily in baseball, and I believe this weekend will be a real character check on the guys. If we win at least 2 of 3 we'll be in the thick of the Big East race, which is most important for

our Big East chances, and hopefully we'll peak at the right time."

PC will host Georgetown this weekend.



Ineffective pitching over the weekend caused pitching coach Ray Jarvisto take more than a few trips to the mound.

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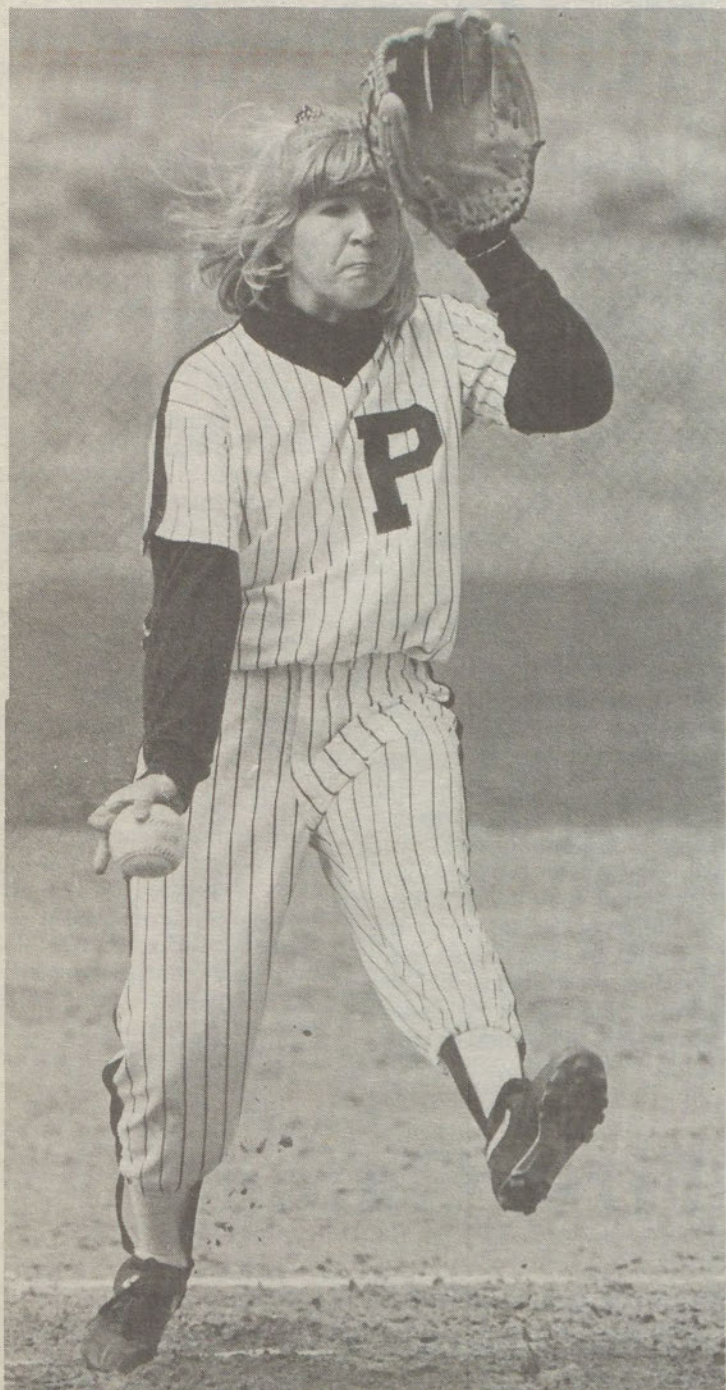
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Merry Perkoski is the elder statemen in a pitching rotation-by-committee.

A Call To Arms

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interviewer

Things are a little different this year for the PC women's softball team. PC will play all five Big East foes in both home and away double headers this season for a total of twenty league contests. Prior to the 1993 spring season, the PC ten played each Big East opponent twice in either a double header at home or away, for a total of ten league games. This doubling of league contests adds a little extra pressure to the season because there are more "games that count" towards a post-season invitation to the Big East Tournament.

What does all this mean? Well, it means that this year's young squad will be depending even more on captain, and only senior, Merry Perkoski. "I feel old now. As a freshman there were eight of us, but I'm the only one left. It's weird," says PC's queen of the mound.

Perkoski began playing softball for PC four years ago as a nervous freshman. Now, she is leading the team as its most experienced veteran. "I used to be scared to go to the mound. Now I expect to pitch in the big games," says Perkoski, the pitcher. But, the road to captainhood and success on the field hasn't always been easy. "I had thoughts of leaving the team after sophomore season. I didn't like playing because it really was not fun. It was more like a job. But, Jackie (PC softball and field hockey coach, Coach Barto) talked me into giving it another shot." And the rest is history.

"I've worked hard to get

where I am. I am definitely more confident and against UCONN, I expected to pitch," says the senior captain.

Perkoski pitched well Tuesday against UCONN in a losing effort. The Huskies beat our Lady Friars 1-0 with a bloop hit driving in the game's only run. PC also lost the second game of the double header. Those two losses in

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Big East contests make this weekend even more important for the women's softball team.

"This weekend is big. We play six games in three days against Villanova, St. John's, and Seton Hall. The weather has been a problem, but everyone is in the same position. You totally have to stay focused, which is hard to do in the gym," says Perkoski.

"Staying focused was our problem against UCONN. A couple of mistakes and you can lose the game."

Staying focused must be hard to do. Most people can't focus on school during the spring and Perkoski has to help mentally prepare 18 young women for every practice and every double header. "Coach looks to me to get the team going. I guess she looks to me as a kind of head cheerleader."

The women's softball team's recent trip to Florida helped to break up the monotony of Peterson Rec life. "After four weeks inside it was great to get out. We had a great time in Florida. Things clicked there. The team really comes together. Going 9-2 builds confidence for the season and plus it's great to get a tan," says Perkoski.

After endless hours in Peterson and a sunny stint in Florida, the season is upon the Lady Friars. Coach Barto has the team prepared and ready to receive another Big East Tournament bid as well as an invitation to the ECAC tournament. Perkoski is ready to end her four year career with a bang. "Jackie has turned the whole program around. She is a great coach and the kids respect her a lot," says the senior captain. "We can play with anybody, but we are so young that we can also lose to anybody. I think that it is a realistic goal for us to win the Big East tournament." Hopefully, Perkoski can help lead the young women's softball team to the league championship. If it doesn't snow, I think that they have a chance.

Tracksters Impressive on Tobacco Road

by Julie Carroll
Assistant Sports Editor

The outdoor track season is off to a great start!

This weekend the Friars competed at the NC State Relays, which proved to be both successful and promising for the Friars. Coach Treacy was very pleased with his runners. "It was a good meet overall. The weather conditions were conducive to running, which thankfully set us on the right track."

The men's success at the relays was captivated by a stunning 4x1500m performance (15:36.94). The relay team, comprised of Nick Jackson, Mark Carroll, Andy Wedlake, and Andy Keith easily captured first place. Keith's day was also highlighted by a third place finish in the 800m (1:50.22). Treacy was also impressed by freshman Jose Libano's second place finish in the Freshman 1500m (3:54.45), having knocked 10 seconds off his time.

Other PC competitors at the Relays included Matt Kenney (5000m), Mike Carter (110 Hurdles), Chris Boyce, and

John Fiore (Shot-put), Mike Murray (High jump) and a 4x800m team comprised of Grange, Wedlake, Overbay, and Libano.

For the women's team, the day was also highlighted by an impressive 4x1500m finish. The team, comprised of Davey, Burke, McCarthy, and Rudolph, finished second with a time of 18:56.3. Other top finishers were Dionne Wilson, placing third in the 400m (56.24 and 55.82 in the heat), Vanessa Molloy, taking third in the 5000m (16:31.3), her time most likely qualifying her for the NCAA's.

Other PC contenders were Kathy Meeker and Joy Giglio (100m), Sarah Kraeger (400m), Annika Ambrose (400m hurdles), Laura Perucci (1500m), Ces Santana and Kristy MacIsaac (3000m), Jean Hughes (5000m) (her time qualifying her most likely for the ECAC's), and Maura Reagan (High jump).

PC is working hard in preparation for the Penn Relays, which are only three weeks away, but meanwhile will focus on their upcoming weekend at Yale.

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Friday, April 2	Men's Tennis at Mt. St. Mary's Tournament (at Emmitsburg, MD)	TBA
	WOMEN'S SOFTBALL VS. VILLANOVA (DH)	2:30 p.m.
	Golf vs. Holy Cross, Amherst & Dartmouth (at Wannamoisett Country Club)	TBA
Saturday, April 3	MEN'S BASEBALL VS. GEORGETOWN (DH)	12:00 p.m.
	Men's Tennis at Mt. St. Mary's Tournament (at Emmitsburg, MD)	TBA
	WOMEN'S SOFTBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S (DH)	1:00 p.m.
	Track at Yale Invitational	TBA
	LACROSSE VS. SIENA	2:00 p.m.
	WOMEN'S TENNIS VS. FAIRFIELD	12:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 4	MEN'S BASEBALL VS. GEORGETOWN	12:00 p.m.
	Men's Tennis at Mt. St. Mary's Tournament (at Emmitsburg, MD)	TBA
	WOMEN'S SOFTBALL VS. SETON HALL (DH)	12:00 p.m.
Monday, April 5	Men's Tennis at UCONN	TBA
Tuesday, April 6	WOMEN'S SOFTBALL VS. HARTFORD	3:00 p.m.
	Golf vs. Brown & URI (at Point Judith CC)	TBA
Wednesday, April 7	Women's Tennis at Boston College	2:00 p.m.
	MEN'S BASEBALL VS. C. CONNECTICUT	3:00 p.m.
	LACROSSE VS. UMASS	3:00 p.m.
	Men's Tennis at Yale	2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 8	MEN'S BASEBALL VS. BOSTON COLLEGE	3:00 p.m.
	Softball at Boston College	12:00 p.m.
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Trent Forbes watched as his dreams of an NIT Championship and his PC career were ended by Minnesota.

Friar Roll Ends

NIT Loss Can't Diminish Season Turnaround

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

It really does not matter that the Friars were beaten, 55-52, by UAB in the consolation game of the NIT Wednesday night. Nor, for that matter, should it make a difference that PC reverted back to their cold streak-shooting ways of old in the final seven minutes of a 76-60 loss to Minnesota in the NIT semifinals.

For the legacy of this team has already been cast in granite. We should not remember the 1992-93 edition of the Friars dying on the floor of Madison Square Garden as their NIT Championship dreams lay by the wayside. We should recall the magical—albeit, improbable—turnaround, orchestrated by a group of guys who never lost faith in their own abilities, while everyone around them had long counted them out.

Theirs was a transformation of Kafkaesque proportions, vaulting from a Big East

cellar team to a legitimate NCAA contender. Though it is difficult to pinpoint the onset of the metamorphosis, it is certain the PC's 53% shooting in the first half against Georgetown at the Civic Center was an indication that some change had taken place.

After much frustration and criticism, Barnes scrapped his deli-line rotation system, where each player would pick a number and could expect equal playing time. He benched Trent Forbes, a senior and one of his all-time favorite players, so that Michael Brown and Abdul Abdullah could cut their teeth against the competition of the Big East. He replaced Rob Phelps in the starting rotation with Franklin Western, who showed he has the talent and the smarts to be a 15 point per game scorer. He pared the rotation down to eight, with Phelps, Abdullah and Troy Brown subbing in for a starting lineup that would not fluctuate game after game.

After a 6-1 December, a month in which the Friars dropped an emotionally-deflating decision to URI, but later redeemed that with a 15-point drubbing of Arizona, disaster struck. In a start that was eerily similar to last season, PC stumbled in six of its first seven Big East games. The same problems that had plagued them in the 1991-92 season—poor shooting, ineffective lead guard play, inconsistent foul shooting and an unsettled rotation of up to ten players—returned in full in the first month of league play.

Just when the vast majority of Friar Nation was heading up their lists of prospective new coaches for 1993-94, Barnes notched an important home win against Villanova. After losing to St. John's in what amounted to another uninspired, aesthetically displeasing effort, the Friars came alive in an overtime victory at Georgetown. It was Barnes'

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Laxmen Lacking In First Game

Nationally-Ranked Hofstra Puts Damper on Lax Season Opener

by Rusty Newell
Sports Writer

The rain and mud washed the men's lacrosse team all the way to Hofstra this weekend, where they slid to a 19-6 loss and an 0-1 start to the 1993 season.

If the weather can be used as an excuse, fine. After practicing outside on Brown's turf field this week, the Friars should bounce back and beat Siena Saturday at home (weather pending). If the lack of sun and proliferation of rain is not to be blamed, then the lax men have some kinks to work out.

Coach Kevin Murray stated, "I don't know now if that (lack of practice outside) can be an excuse. We played inconsistently during the game. We played well at some points and bad at some points. It was 8-0, then 8-4, then they scored eight more."

Players had their own opinions of the loss. Senior attackman Steve Kelly, when asked who played well against

Hofstra, stated bluntly, "Nobody played well." Alex Vetter, a senior middle, ex-

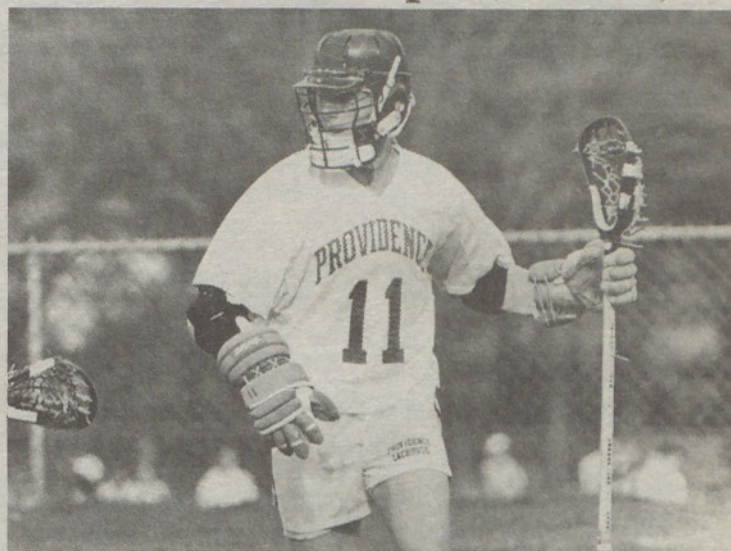
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plained, "This was our first time outside, first time on a large field. Exhaustion set in

pretty early." Senior co-captain Mike Theis worries that morale will not be at a high enough level when the team faces Siena. Because the game will not be played if the weather is inclement, Theis believes it may be hard to focus. He stated, "This is supposed to be our fourth game at home and we haven't had any. Siena is iffy because I'm not sure we'll play, so it's hard to focus."

Theis believes the defense is strong this year. He stated, "The three starting defensemen are upperclassmen, and we have lots of experience. I think the defense is our strong point. Hopefully the offense will pick up their side." Coach Murray has made an adjustment to do just that—put some juice into the offense. He moved high scoring Bianco from the midfield position to the attack line. Now the attack will be led by Danny Bianco and Kelly. The midfield rotation will consist of Vetter, junior Steve Iannuccilli, junior Craig Tuma, and senior Bob Murphy, with two younger guys working for the remaining playing time.

How does the team believe they will do against Siena, despite their lack of focus, lack of playable field conditions, and lack of a full effort against Hofstra? Fairly well, according to at least one player. Vetter states, "We should be able to hold them down pretty well. We beat them by a margin of 10 goals last year and this year should be the same or more." It does not get any easier after Siena though, as the Friars host the #10th ranked team in the nation, UMass, next week.



Alex Vetter will be seeking atonement in this weekend's home opener.

Youth Served

Softball Beats HC After Tough Tuesday

by Mike Randolph
Sports Writer

The Lady Friars softball team finally got a chance to swing the bats for real this week after having their season openers postponed by inclement weather. After having their first three regularly scheduled games, against Yale, BU, and BC, postponed due to unplayable field conditions, the Friars began their season against UCONN, a perennial Big East powerhouse. The youthful Friars fought hard against the Huskies but were outmanned on Tuesday and dropped both ends of their double-header by scores of 1-0 and 6-1. These losses do not represent something that the Lady Friars should hang their heads about, considering the strength of the UCONN program and the number of freshmen and sophomores who play regularly for Providence.

In the first game, Providence simply could not get the bats going and when they did make contact with the ball, it seemed to go directly to a UCONN player who only had to make a

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