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

by Maureen Marzo
Assoc. 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 can find themselves sitting on Stavin steps, playing guitar and feasting on food, and desperately trying to catch a few rays on the lawn. As a freshman, you can’t help but jump on the bandwagon and join everyone else outdoors. If you see more freshmen men roaming around than you see women, there is a valid reason for this. Class of ’96 is unique because it has a 12% gap in the number of men versus women enrolled, with statistics showing that there are 54.6% women and 43.9% men in the class. The class is “a pretty significant, a very wide discrepancy in many years.”

Father Irissare 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 very significant exception.” Reasons for the discrepancy range from population shift and decline in the North East, as well as overall national female dominance.

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 between men and women in their classes, many freshmen responded that the statistic didn’t bother them. However, several students offered enlightening comments. Joe Polichnow, 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.”

As a 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 Kathy Kenny and Robert Koens agreed on a valid point: they didn’t notice the difference in gender number. Kathy claimed that she doesn’t bother her because she attended a public high school. In contrast, Koens said he attended a private school, and 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 continued on 4

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 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 approximate 152 people that this 75th Anniversary year “does not merely mark the passing 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-deserved awards 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 member of the English Department in 1956. He has served as a Residence Hall Director, a member of the Council, 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 F. Forster, O.P., who 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 holds. He has also served as Executive Vice President of the College.

Dr. Robert I. Knauss, who is a fully Feeholder of the Biologv Department, and a member of Providence College was also a recipient of the award. He has served as Director of the Governor’s Sum- continued on 3

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 also, 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 minimall and Barnes and Noble Bookstore based 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 donations during the four years.

The Senior Class Giving Program is a combined effort among three senior co-chairpersons, Mike Howard, Michelle Danesrea, and Mark Ruggieri. The following Seniors have pledged so far: Adrian A. M. Belfiglio, John N. Bemide, Christine Blaise, Jeffrey P. Bowen, Jason Brum, Elaine Burke, Elizabeth Busch, Julie Carroll, Peter A.chartier, Mike Christian, Vincent D. Colonna Jr., Margaret E. Connelly, Patricia E. Connolly, Julia Corson, Michael Cunningham, Michelle Danesrea, Kevin Dean, William J. Delaney, Theresa C. Devane, Donald A. DiLauro Jr., Paula DiMichele, Bill Duffin, Lucio Faulse, Alton Foley, Theresa Fraser, Shane Garvey, Michael Grady, Lisa Guillette, Karlene Hanley, Joseph Hanley, Derrick B. Harris, Julie Hogan, Paul J. Holden, Michael P. Howard, Greg Lahr, Gianna Lombardi, Kara Madden, Kimberly Mahan, Erin Mahony, Kathleen Malloy, Tara Manley, Maureen Marzo, N. Mastelone, Michael McCabe, Charles F. McCann III, Courtney McCarthy, Sara Ann McLaughlin, Julie Morgan, Rina Munson, Caili O’Donnell, continued on 2

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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 French 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 existing 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 discussed an opportunity to not only generate interest in the (Women's Studies) program, but also to verify that the need for such a major does exist.

...cussed the program's 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 in the Gaze"; Kristin Glasson 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 "Floria DeStiether, Salomsen"; 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 success. Kimille Pisane, whose speech, along with those of Miss. 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.

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.

• Also, a reminder to secure valuables over Easter Break. If you cannot bring these items home, contact Student Services at 865-2143 to arrange storage.

CODEPENDENCY

...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 for any reason you don't have time for yourself, you may be helped by attending a seminar on Wednesday, April 14th, at 3 p.m. in Slavik 120. There will be a short video presentation on family origins of extreme codependency and information on how you can modulate what starts out as altruistic, well-intentioned responses and ends up as emotionally-draining scripts.
Faculty, Rev. Leonard Boyle Honored  

As a Peal Educator

The Student Development Center is initiating a peer alcohol education program called "STEP I" (Students Together Educating Peers). Mature, self-aware freshmen, 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 8:00 p.m. in Slavin 210
Thurs., April 15, at 8:30 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 I" Program, Dr. Hogan or Mrs. Bellotti, at 665-2543 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 discussions 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 China and Cristina Llamas, and Tibetan flute music by Lakehden, 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 "yìng-yáng dualism."

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) 665-2520.

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Megan Swanson expressed that she noticed a lot of women in her math class, and speculated that the female-male interaction could be much better. Following on her colleagues thoughts, she observed, "It seems as though many groups of girls have the same group of guys, whereas one group of guys seems to know more girls. With so many girls around, it's harder to meet guys—especially with single 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, something seriously considering accepting more women. 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, the national 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 1,479 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."
The Administration Proposes Cutbacks...

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 invested in 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 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 $18,000,000 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 $5,000,000 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 closer to 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 things that are 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 money 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—fully $18,300,000. About 50% growth came over the last five 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 Notre Dame 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 interests.

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 10 years, 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 reservations about the budgets in the future. This college has to have a tighter balance in order to avoid 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 consultants, 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... and the Faculty Response by Joseph M. D'Adamo, Professor, Department of Accounting.

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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 political correctness!"

I'm sure that's what they meant when they went 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 standards. 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 know 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. Unfortu-

nately, 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 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 will be typed and double-spaced and submitted to The Cowl office, located in Slavin 104.
What is one thing you would have done differently in your college career?

Andrea Mahoney '93: Jeremy Duffy.

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 CCCI pool every Thursday from 13:00 - 13:30 p.m. Those going meet in back of Slavin at 13:30 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 - 13:00 p.m. and also during the week for lunch hour.

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 illnesses 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 1.64 miles 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 improve the lives of others in the community while helping to raise money for the community. If you have any questions you can call the Congress Office at 805-2419 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 Nominational Period
• APRIL 22nd Informational Meeting 4:00 p.m. MANDATORY
• APRIL 26th-28th Campaign Period
• APRIL 29th Class Election

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.

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).
by Lisa Mantill ’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 at this point are still thinking about 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 having bid sales early and asking you to come in groups of ten, we are hoping to avoid confusion with seating at the Formal. We also keep everyone at the same hotel.

The actual buying of the bid will be fairly 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 $1300.00 (cash or check) and receive a bid and your assigned table number. If you happen to have a group of ten people, you will not receive an assigned table number.

The formal will be held on Thursday, May 29th, at the Marriott Cambridge 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 29th 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 reservations, call the Marriott at 617-265-5800 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 for fittings will be provided here on campus. Mr. Tus is offering a tuxedo with shoes for the price of $350. Up grades are available with the highest possible price being $550. Mr. Tus will be here for fittings on April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again on May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Tuesday, May 26th: 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Semiformal. Buses will load from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28th: 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: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fiesta Bar-B-Q. Buses will load from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29th: 7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Formal. Buses will leave from Providence, 1:00 a.m. from Boston.

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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 true, it would be 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...

• JWU 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 11:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 and on sale from March 29th to April 2nd. Entertainment includes DJ, watching the final four, games, free food, and much more.

• Buys with the ten people you want to sit with!

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 Fensell parking lot.

Student 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.

B-Q: Providence College Office with your name, phone number and box number.

Theatrical Arts: Will be having a Saturday matinee.

Buses will load from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Cherie Levesque - Vice-President
Melissa Silva - Secretary
Pam Collins - Treasurer

Student Congress

Prices, Dates, and Times to Know

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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.

Sister 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 not aged 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 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 music, the movement, the storytelling. The theatre seemed mysterious 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 overall approach. "She does this job with acting as well as dancing," Wendy says. "She's always thinking ahead. She's always thinking ahead. She has a good rapport with kids."

Lisa has been dancing for nine years. Of all the various styles she has been exposed to, Lisa especially enjoys ballet and modern dance. "I like the discipline of ballet, but I also like the creativity of modern dance," Lisa says. "Since she has a problem with both of her knees, Lisa cannot pursue dance professionally. However, she appreciates the fact that she is able to do it all. Instead of running or juggling, I dance. That's my style." Lisa adds, "I see it as a kind of release, and I look forward to it." Lisa has been involved in the program since it was started. She has retired from her job as a young adult. Lisa says, "I would say this is one of the most wonderful experiences and a nice feeling for the time period (the late 1940s)." On her last day Lisa will dance in the program, as she has been performing in PC Dance Company. Now if you'll excuse me...I think I'll go dance!

The production is traditional but well done with some excellent performances and a nice feeling for the time period (the late 1940s). Onson is excellent as Lola, a woman who manages to maintain her high spirits throughout the various everyday events that she has experienced. Onson'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 Maric; she makes her presence known in the part that could have been easily forgotten. Dan Welch has some good moments as Turk, one of Maric's boyfriends, a part that is really just a stereotype. Donald Berry has lost a bit of his old vigor, 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 boarder 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.

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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 class representative on the Board of Programmers 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 Programmers is comprised of an Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and eleven standing committees of approximately thirty-five chairpersons who actually conduct programs. A brief synopsis of the committee is as follows:

Cafe/THEEhouse: Plans weekly study breaks and socials on Tuesday nights at the Last Resort with food and local entertainment based on a common theme. Some favorite themes include "OpenMicNite", "Cartoon Night", and all the holiday coffeehouses.

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

Films: Presents both recent and classic movies every Sunday 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 Metting. 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 Santon, Billy West, Al Franken, and Bertice Berry.

Programmer: Organizes and coordinates the B.O.P. calendar of events, and is responsible for publishing monthly calendars and local event journals to distribute to all students, as well as weekly table tents for Raymond and Mondo. Acts as liaison to the Coat 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 bulletin boards in Raymond and Slavin.

Research: Provides committee chairpersons with new ideas for programming. Acts as the liaison between the fine arts program and programming at other colleges and universities through attendance at regional and national NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) conventions.

Social: Organizes and runs socials held in Peterson Rec Center as well as outdoor cookouts. Some other events include Battle of the Bands, Comics Comedy Club Night, 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, Barba-dos, and Cancun.

The newly elected Board of Programmers executive board will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, April 13th 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 through 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 your 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.

Monday, April 5th

Informational Meeting

(about BOP Interviews for 1993-94)

7:00 p.m.

'64 Hall

* Come and find out how to GET IN VOLVED next year!

* 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.

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 can-celed!)

Tuesday, April 6th

Coffeehouse Presents:

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

The Last Resort

* FREE Egg Hunt
* FREE Egg Coloring
* FREE Easter Candy

Friday, April 2nd

Last Resort Presents:

Ray & Paul and Skipping Sequence

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The Last Resort

Tickets: $2 in the BOP Office or at the door (with PC ID)

*Bartender on duty

*Random CASH prizes
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, you probably aren’t one of the 10 students recently introduced to Sam Pho, a sophomore from Zimbabwe, who came here 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 lottery and not allowed to choose where they wanted to live. Upon their arrival from Thailand to New York, the men, women, and children were separated into different hotel rooms. Coming from a poor, rural farm area, New York City was a new experience for Sam's family. They found that they had never really seen anything like the king size beds in their rooms, the toilet, the blankets, and the 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 explains that she was really born on November 27, 1973. The reason for this discrepancy is that birth weights were not officially recorded in Cambodia. After taking tests and answering questions about why they wanted to come to America, birthdays were added to their parents' minds. As a result, Sam and her younger brother graduated on her birthday, her first 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 boy who is sickly picked the year his brother was born, who says she is quick and delicate. However, sometimes it is only a coincidence because Sam is a small girl and her animal is a pig. She laughs, "How can I be a pig? I’m not dirty, and I don’t snort or whinny..."

Although Sam cannot read or write in her Cambodian language, she speaks it fluently, which helps in her classes. In the fall, Sam, along with other members of The Southeast Asian Brother/Sister Program, started a new branch in the school. Last year, her senior class project was started. Two PC graduates, Ker Leon and Chan Chong-Pond, three years ago. Sam now runs the organization with another junior from the school. The group has 42 members and is still recruiting, taking 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 that they can share their problems. She explains that in the Southeast Asian culture, if there is a conflict one needs 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 lis- tening to them, asking questions and offering advice but really just teaching them to do 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 atmos- phere. 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 build their vocabulary in 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. 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 organization is only three years old it is growing fast. Recently, Sam was invited to have lunch with the governor in Rhode Island for a group home for the kids. “It was, ‘Oh my God, the governor knew me!’” I was nervous I couldn’t eat anything! The governor told Sam’s remarkable story and invited her to get back on that path.”

The girls are planning small fund-raisers like selling candy and holding car washes for a trip in June to hike up Mt. Wash- ington. This Friday, April 2, they are putting on a benefit at the Marriot to raise money for the Brother/Sister Program. 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 this wonderful cause.

For the now, Sam would like to see southern volunteers becoming big brothers and sisters. Although she loves the job and has learned so much from the kids, her plans after graduation are to become a third grade teacher and eventually a principal or administrator. Since there are quite a few Southeast Asian kids in School, she wants to stay in Providence and continue to provide them with the love and understanding that she gives best.
Well, this is just about it. What, you 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. Not only that, but it means saying goodbye to some really great times and some really great people. For the next couple of issues, instead of being a wise guy like I usually am, I thought I'd try to somewhat recap my four years of college - Providence College.

FIRST YEAR - A M A N - N E A R - Y - E R. 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 I was a jerk. As it turns out, the only record (or rather, CD) that all we owned during freshman year was Willbury: Volume 1. You know these forms they sent you out before your fresh year that ask you what your interests are, and then they match you up with like roommates? It's a crock. I know this because for one thing, none of us really was totally into mainstream music. Brian was a Deadhead, and Terry liked REM and old U2 stuff, and I used to have a wall poster of Barry Manilow (really). So you'd be hard pressed to know what to expect when you'd have to play music. Fun. We had the same roommates the first two years, and we usually get first crack at it. You see, both he and Brian could play the music, at virtually any volume they chose, because no one on the floor really had much of a problem with their music. But they had different musical tastes. So, you'd be hard pressed to know what to expect. The first year was the first time I ever got loaded. It wasn't too bad, honestly. We didn't have a lot of parties, but we did have a lot of fun. That was the end of freshman year. From then on, I never had to say goodbye to each other. It wasn't that bad. We knew we'd see each other again next year. I was going to live in another building, and Brian and Terry were living on the fourth floor. I knew we'd see each other again. I was going to live in another building, and Brian and Terry were living on the fourth floor. I knew we'd see each other again. The first day during lunch, we went to talk. I could see by my friends' reactions that I wasn't the only one. Well, it was really more than I thought could happen. And the really nice thing about it was that it wasn't a big deal. It was just a normal day. 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 we weren't quite ready for. For the first time, we were faced with the reality that we might have to go out and help to fight a war. It was scary. I can remember when the war declaration was announced. We were sitting in Chad's room, watching television, when there was a bulletin that President Bush was going to make some important announcement. We knew what it was, but we watched anyway. We kept on watching and waiting for him to finish his speech, we all just kind of looked at each other and then turned to talk to each other. It was all so 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 drove down into downtown. Jim had brought some American flags, so we all went waving them, 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 keeping their horns and waving their support. Of course, no one knew where they were that didn't think we should beat war yell was to hell with the war troops. Once again, there was that word. "Our." It was a nice feeling. Eventually, the war came to somewhat of a close. Some of us were even before college. I thought I'd try 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 I was a jerk. As it turns out, the only record (or rather, CD) that all we owned during freshman year was Willbury: Volume 1. 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From then on, I never had to say goodbye to each other. It wasn't that bad. We knew we'd see each other again next year. I was going to live in another building, and Brian and Terry were living on the fourth floor. I knew we'd see each other again. The first day during lunch, we went to talk. I could see by my friends' reactions that I wasn't the only one. Well, it was really more than I thought could happen. And the really nice thing about it was that it wasn't a big deal. It was just a normal day. 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 we weren't quite ready for. For the first time, we were faced with the reality that we might have to go out and help to fight a war. It was scary. I can remember when the war declaration was announced. We were sitting in Chad's room, watching television, when there was a bulletin that President Bush was going to make some important announcement. We knew what it was, but we watched anyway. We kept on watching and waiting for him to finish his speech, we all just kind of looked at each other and then turned to talk to each other. It was all so real. Then there was rumor that there was going to be a
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 pennant-saying things such as (PC) library desks and bathroom stalls?
- What if Walt Disney's name was Fred Butterman or Bert Lipschitz?
- Why does there seem to be 30 seconds to every minute in the hours before work/class, but 120 seconds per minute once you got 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've students call you Miss Issippi?
- And what if your name was Michael Tuckey and you named your kid Kutchy? Better yet, what if you were a woman named Gertie and your husband was a man with the last name Ina? Think about it.
- By my calculations, the total time of existing 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 is and isn't profanity? I mean, what if shoot was originally a swear and the caveman told us otherwise?
- 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, origination of bad jokes would wake up hairless, and NBA centers would wake up my hair color (i.e., under its feet).
- Is there any Jerryquary 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 uninsured 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 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 to impress my foreign 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 Garepy
Features 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. Perseverance 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, toothpaste, deodorant. (Outdoors Bimonthly magazine), and flour. Once inside, I instantly knew my mistake. Some brain surgeon had probably learned and posted a sign that was surrounded by too many elderly ladies buying Listerine (you thought it was supposed to cure Nana's bad breath?). Not to mention that they were pushing around those carts, with the pole sticking up seven feet. Wouldn't anybody want to escape with one of those babies, now would be so basic they were pleated and rolling around at about 27 feet per second and blocking the whole aisle.

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. Ask yourself why. They require an extra four to search for exact change. Grr.

Suddenly, a second register was opened and the employee mumbled, "Next line please.

The key word here is "please." Of course, "next" happened to be me. Just as I was about to forget any past grievances and pay for my necessities, I was sidewheeled by a grandma stacking up on De- pends. She cut me off and rushed the cart to the next line. Once again, I was in line. Fuming. I left CVS and went to my 10:30 in Harkins. At 11:00, 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 insane. It should only take ten minutes to get out of that building. Piss if you have to show if you must, but get out of the doorway and don't allow three mile line that stretches to the Verynice machine. The same with coming into the building. There's no excuse for students having to live in fear of being begged by the flower metamorphic guards.

Twice a year I end up on the fourth floor of Harkins, for a memorable experience. Lots of tension, plenty of gritting teeth, dozens of "impossible, but I'm convinced that the administra- tion allows registration lines to form as a cruel and severe punishment to the student body. I'm pretty sure we've committed crimes we committed, but they're definitely proving their point. There should be a new show and music on the fourth floor during registration. It would be easier for the students to realize that the 379 students ahead of them have later times and courses in mind. I'm not sure I'd guess it's irrelevant. Signing up for classes is an oral exam. You're in line for 2 days. You only get into An Analysis of the Renaissance if you're not an over enrollment slip. 3) Getting a professor to sign an oral exam is harder than it looks. I don't like longer than it does to converge the security guards that you'd be "right down." Of course, since it usually takes over 50 minutes to get through the registra- tion line, missing a class is almost guaranteed. Being able to "sit" on registration makes it up for a small percentage of the line inconvenience. I took my registration day off altogether. Solved my dilemma. 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 line for the bathroom at Club Eagles...the line outside of Brad's grandma stacking up on De- pends. She cut me off and rushed the cart to the next line. Once again, I was in line. Fuming. I left CVS and went to my 10:30 in Harkins. At 11:00, 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 insane. It should only take ten minutes to get out of that building. Piss if you have to show if you must, but get out of the doorway and don't allow three mile line that stretches to the Verynice machine. The same with coming into the building. There's no excuse for students having to live in fear of being begged by the flower metamorphic guards. Twice a year I end up on the fourth floor of Harkins, for a memorable experience. Lots of tension, plenty of gritting teeth, dozens of "impossible, but I'm convinced that the administration allows registration lines to form as a cruel and severe punishment to the student body. I'm pretty sure we've committed crimes we committed, but they're definitely proving their point. There should be a new show and music on the fourth floor during registration. It would be easier for the students to realize that the 379 students ahead of them have later times and courses in mind. I'm not sure I'd guess it's irrelevant. Signing up for classes is an oral exam. You're in line for 2 days. You only get into An Analysis of the Renaissance if you're not an over enrollment slip. 3) Getting a professor to sign an oral exam is harder than it looks. We're a very impatient household.

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This week the wild kingdom will pursue that most endemic of all savage beasts: the PC student. Its sleeping habits are among the most intriguing in the animal kingdom, rendering it immobile by fire alarm clocks, demonic rock music, military weapons testing and acts of God.

This fascinating critter's mating habits include the extensive use of alcoholic beverages and unique plumage in attracting those of the opposite sex.

Much like the wily vulture, this creature is able to find sustenance in the least promising of locales.

Hey! Is that pizza? Mind if I grab a piece?

Then, after the motorcycle gang left, the boiler exploded... and he slept through the whole thing!

You think that's bad, one time my Rookie...

Spring Weekend:

Good Live Bands!

Saturday night, April 3, 1993.

Alright you sicko Providence people--I'm sure you like us a lot better than Bobby Black!

Whoops!! Sorry that ended way back in 1989. It was too much fun.

April Fools... PC and Friends in the Future

Pete Kalil

Wild Pikes

Slavin Lawn Beer Gardens

Whoops!! Sorry that ended way back in 1989. It was too much fun.

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routine play. On the plus side for PC, their defense was strong behind the solid pitch-
ing of senior Merry Perkowski. Perkowski got the start—and the loss—for the season opener. But you don't expect this loss to be one of many this season for Mercy. 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 Valluvan got ruffled early but pitched well in her first colle-
giate outing. UCONN did not give her a friendly welcome to Big East softball, and she was replaced in the middle of the game by Kolly Tabor. Thonly 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 game as it was the first game, played solely on defense.

Wednesday brought a chilly sunny and the Cru-
saders (18-10) take on Providence. This time, it was the Friars turn to outgun another team. PC thoroughly spanked the Crusaders in the doubleheader by scores of 13-3 and 9-3. Everyone got into

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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 pro-
claimed, would get PC in the NCAA's. They even de-
stroyed fellow fence-sitter UCONN, in the Big East conference, but it would not suffice. The Friars had to win the regular-season finale on ESPN, and there was nothing they could do.

They came within minutes of setting up an all Big East, NIC Final, which may have given the league a small mea-
sure of the respect that has dissipated in the last couple of years. Unfortunately, the dream of showing up the se-
lection 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

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. Caryanan claimed, "I got the nod for the first game, pitching all seven in-
ings to pick up her first win in as many chances. Fresh-
nman Candli Erickson got a chance to show her stuff in the rotation, as Caryanan 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 Prov-
dence would make for the rest of the contest, as they re-
plied to the Crusaders 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.

Caryanan and/or Spezia will get the start. Saturday they will battle St. John's at 1:00 and they will conclude their weekend with a midweek game in the 

All games on the Lady Friars' schedule are double-
headers. The schedule and the Friday games are played at L.F. Field.

The doubleheaders are games for the Sover/Lacrosse field.

PC SuperSports

Coming April 24

to Peterson Rec

A Note from IAB

by Steve Crowley

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. 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 violation, they can eject them from the game. If further prob-
lems continue the refs will 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.

CLEARLY CANADIAN

Athletes of the Week

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 Buddha, 8-0, in standing room only as the goalie Kevin Curlin. For the second consecutive game, "Big Dog" Cardarelli notched the game winner. The senior, who made a Cam Neely-like return from a knee injury, laid down his Daddy's Delaware line and got the victory for the Pink Panthers, Who's Your Daddy to victory.

Another key to Who's Your Daddy was the MGD Line consisting of Mike Mullane, 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 Cary'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 Berendam, Ed Hackett, Tom Barrett, Steve Nee, Jeff Mahoney, Tim Hensy, Dave DiLoreto and Brian Leavel.

Note: Highlights of the men's B League and women's

playoffs will be in the next edition of The Cowl.

IAB Roundup

Who's Your Daddy Champions of the Ice

Dickey Simpkins (St. 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 had 13 rebounds and the game's best 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 Malloy (New Ross, Ireland)

The junior trackster set a personal best in the 2 mile outdoor season with a second place finish at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her performance in the race qualifies her for the NCAA Championships in June.

In B League, the quest for the final four championships is heating up.

Cephas Express, led by Ted "Rodeo" Imperato, seem to be the favorite. Louis and the Hill People are also unde-
feated. 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 rec-

A special thanks is in order for the PC Intramural All-Star Team, who recently repre-

sented PC at URL in the State Intramural Championships. After going through a gruel-
ing tournament, they lost in the Championship game to a tough URL team.

Wallball 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" Dufelo led the way to victory. Another unde-
feated (2-0) team is the Crackbobbies, comprised of two seniors and two sopho-

mens. But watch out for 38" With Crazy Hops to come on strong later in the season. 58" is led by Mary Denise Mongey—the height in the team's name.

The schedule for upcoming games will be posted ev-

ery 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.
The Best of 1992-1993
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, 1993 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 turn-around. 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 players," 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 rebounding. Period. "Darth Vader Theme" that the Providence College band plays while the 6ft Man Society enters the Civic Center.

- A message on my answering machine from my friend Joe McClaire 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 fitting 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 alley-oop or something. Those are planned shot." -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 beat as well as PC did today.

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

-Michael Smith's rebounding. Period. -Friars fans at the Conte Fo- rum. 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 best 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 were going to be missing 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.

Staying In The Swing Of Things
By Justin Maccline
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 had 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 the 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 are 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 Stierwsten, and Kevin Magner. Brightman comments, "Giland 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 the tee and we've also been doing a lot of running on the track to keep in shape," says Magner. 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 exciting youth we should just keep improving for next fall."

A potential snowstorm has put Friday's match against Holy Cross in a holding pattern, 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 outdoor tees to keep their swings intact.

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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 bad luck for the last few weeks with the lousy weather, and unfortu-
ately that extended onto the baseball field once they
resumed play. Despite posting a 4-12 record thus far, Coach Paul Kosteckopulos is
confident that the team will get back on track with the ad-
vent of the Big East season.

After having to deal with 2 weeks worth of game
consolations, 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 in the first
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 base-
ball and we came out really flat.”

Topping things off, PC lost a couple of tough 6-5 decisions
to in state rivals Bryant Col-
lege and URI on Tuesday and
Wednesday. Kosty was disappoi-
ted with those late inning
losses and reasoned, “I think we’re missing some of the
miraculous intangibles that win base-
ball games right now. We lost these games because we didn’t
play nine full innings of base-
ball.”

It’s very difficult to define a
major reason to attribute to the
recent problems of the Fri-
ars. 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
haven’t received solid perfor-
mances in all three aspects of
the game. We just haven’t had a
solid game from our hitting, pitch-
ing, 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 shortstop Lou Merloni, and first
baseman Phil Lenzardi. Oppos-
ing catchers will also have to
deal with speedy center fielder
Mike Lyonos who leads the Fri-
ars with 12 swipes. They’ll also
rely on some solid pitching
from Tony DeNegllo and Steve
Sorden.

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

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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 capped by a stunning 4x1500m performance (15:36.94). The relay team, comprised of Nick Jackson, Mark Carroll, Andy Weddick, and Andy Keith easily captured first place. Keith's day was also highlighted by a third place finish in the 800m (1:50.32). Treacy was also impressed by freshman Jose Libano's second place finish in the Freshman 1500m (5:34.45), having knocked 10 seconds off his time.

Other PC competitors at the relays included Matt Kenney (5000m), Mike Carter (110 Hurdles), Chris Boyon, and John Bore (Shot-put), Mike Murray (High jump) and a 4x100m team comprised of Grange, Weddike, 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 Donne Wilson, placing third in the 400m (56.24) and 55.02 in the 4x400, 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 Joey Giglio (100m), Sarah Krager (400m), Annika Ambrose (400m hurdles), Laura Perucci (150m), Ces Santana and Kristy Macias (5000m), Joann Hughes (5000m) their time qualifying her most likely for the ECAC's, and Maura Rojan (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.

A Call To Arms

by Ted Hazard
Sports Interner

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 team 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 this all mean? Well, it means that this year's young squad will be depending even more on experience and, only senior, Merry Perkoski. "I feel old now, a new freshman was there the first time and, but I'm the only one left. It's weird," says PC's queen of the mound.

Perkoski began playing softball for PC five 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 captaincy and success on the field has been far from easy, "I had thoughts of leaving the team after sophomore year. 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 being 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 expect 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 single driving in the game's only run. PC also lost the second game of the double header. Those two losses in 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 don'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 head cheerleader." Noteworthy is UCONN'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. Good confidence for the season and plus it's good 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.
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 1991-92 season, or the team's drought on the floor of Madison Square Garden as their NIT Championship loss, or the lay-by the wayside. We should recall the magical—albeit, improbable—turnaround, orchestrated by a group of guys who not only fixed their own abilities, while everyone around them had long counted them out.

Their 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 55% shooting in the first half against Georgetown at the Civic Center was an indication that some change had taken place.

In the much frustration and criticism, Barnes scrambled his delt-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 intensity to be a 15 point per game scorer. He pared the rotation down to eight, with Phelps, Abdullah and Troy Murphy nailing 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 dubbing 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, inflexible 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 1994-95, Barnes notched an important home win against Villanova. After losing to St. John's in the most amenable of to another uninspired, aesthetically disflating effort, the Friars came alive in an overtime victory at Georgetown. It was Barnes'... FINALE: continued on p. 20

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 proclamation 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 5-4, 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, "No body played well." Alex Vetter, a senior midfielder, explained, "We played well at some points and bad at some points."

Theis stated plainly, "This was our first time outside, first time on a large field. Exhaustion set in pretty early." Senior co-captain Mike Thies worries that morale will be not at a high enough level when the team faces Siena. Because the game will not be played if the weather is inclement, Thies 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? "Hopefully we're going to 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 11 points last week 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.

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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 unfavorable field conditions, the Friars began their season this weekend against the UCConn, a team they had not played in over two years. The youthful Friars fought hard against the Huskies but were out-manned on Tuesday and dropped both ends of their doubleheader, 5-0 and 10-0. These losses do not reflect anything that the Lady Friars should hang their heads about considering the strength of the UCConn program and the number of freshmen and sophomores who play regularly for Providence.

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