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Voice Mail Leaves Students Speechless

by Kristen Garipey '95
News Editor

On Sunday, January 23, Providence College students returned to PC with either high expectations or dreading tears of the upcoming semester. Those living off-campus dealt with icy stairways and overbearing Eaton Street traffic. Those living on-campus were bombarded with computer-printed signs explaining how to operate the new voice mail system. Instead of catching up with friends or relaxing before the first day of classes, many PC students encountered hours of frustration and annoyance.

The installation of Octel voice mail occurred over the winter break and can be used by all Providence College students. However, the offices of many faculty members and in Slavin Center have not yet received the new telephone technology. It is expected to be implemented in these areas in the near future.

In addition to voice mail, AT&T became the new long-distance carrier for all on-

campus students. Each student received a personal code which allows them to call off-campus and bill every call to their own phone bill. The new plan lists several ways in which it will save money on long-distance telephone use. It also limits the amount of long-distance calls that can be made from each personal code. No student will be allowed to dial more than \$100 worth of

complained about not being able to operate the system or even call off-campus. "It was ridiculous. I spent 45 minutes just trying to change my password," said Kim Tusciano '95.

However, to help relieve the frustration, representatives from Octel (the manufacturer of voice mail), Mytel (the distributor) and AT&T could be found in lower Slavin last week. Also, RA's

the benefits that voice mail will bring to PC. "Voice mail isn't used to take the place of real conversations, but to supplement them when real time isn't possible. There will be problems at first, but it will soon become a convenience for many."

Students are displaying mixed feelings for the answering service. Amy Lelievre '94 says, "I don't like it. I don't like having to remember to check it and my answering machine worked easier."

"The voice mail system is akin to your TV remote control. At first, the remote seemed awkward, but now no one can think of getting off their couch to change the channel. Voice mail will become a similar convention," says Anthony Zupka '94.

Several other colleges and universities also use the voice mail system. Areas schools such as Holy Cross, Harvard, MIT and UMASS were probably once frustrated also.

Answering machines
are becoming an outdated
technology

calls in one month.

With the major changes that took place in our telephone system recently, it can only be expected that several problems and concerns would arise. However, for many students, the problems never seem to end. The first day back to campus found many without a dial tone, lines crossed, and wrong names on the voice mail messages. Several students

were faithful in posting signs to help their residents with their calling problems. According to Skip Besaw, a spokesperson from Octel, the Help Lines (x2921 and x1111) received approximately 200 phone calls as of last Thursday. The majority of these concerns (90%) were from students who had recorded their greeting over the computer by accident. Mr. Besaw commented on

Bedford and Stephen Hall 'Dissed

As part of the new technology being installed throughout the Providence College campus, all Residence Halls were due to receive cable services ready for use when students returned from break. However, Bedford Hall and Stephen Hall residents were exceptions to this policy due to the fact that the buildings will be renovated for next year.

The students living in these halls were informed of this, yet many still returned from break disappointed. One resident of Stephen Hall commented, "it really wasn't cool." However, each of these students can look forward to an approximate refund check of \$35. This refund will be based on the amount of money cable installation and services would have cost each of them for the service from January through May.

Afraid of the Raid?

Some students may have noticed an increase in the amount of local bars and clubs being "raided" recently. The rumor spreading around campus is that the Providence College administration has something to do with its students being arrested. However, the college heads denies being part of this plan. The City of Providence, with the usual cooperation of the Providence Police Department, seems to be cracking down on underage drinking in local establishments.

The college does not condone underage drinking, and in the past they have only become involved in incidents such as Desperado's (alleged brutality) and Lupo's (advertising to on-campus underage drinkers). Despite the fact that the college is also strengthening its rules against underage

drinking (including the new alcohol policy), it did not have any connection with the "raids" that took place last weekend.

It is understandable why students believe that administration instigated the events that took place, but remember that underage drinking and false representation is against the law. When a student commits either of these illegal acts, they take matters into their own hands. When arrests occur, the blame cannot be shifted to the college, but rather to the individual him/herself.

The crack-down will continue throughout the semester. Beware for yourself and your friends. But also be aware that the college did not instigate the raids. Providence College officials have been questioned regarding this matter and have answered honestly and openly.

Brutality Update

This week, Fr. McPhail expressed his concern about the number of unreported police brutality. He claimed there is a discrepancy between the small number of brutality incidents being reported to his office and the larger number being discussed among students. Although PC recently discussed possible solutions to this problem with the Providence Police, Fr. McPhail said that without the complete cooperation of the alleged victims, nothing can be fully resolved.

If students are reluctant to report incidents because of concern over the new alcohol policy, they are urged to report the incidents anyway so that more efforts may be made to curtail this brutality problem.

Fr. McPhail further stated that there have been no brutality incidents reported this semester.

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PC Establishes the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs

"We will work with the students. We are very proud them and will be equally proud of those who will come."
- Dr. Willesse Comissiong, Dean of Multicultural Affairs

The L.G. Balfour Foundation, established in 1973 to award grants to educational institutions and provide financial assistance to students, has donated \$750,000 to Providence College to establish the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs. The grant to Providence College is the largest made this year by the Foundation's sole trustee, Fleet Bank of Massachusetts, which administers the grant program and manages the Foundation's assets.

The grant — among 14 awarded from 46 applications — will be contributed over a five-year period, according to Leon Wilson, senior vice president, Fleet Investment Services. It is also one of the largest contributions made to date to Providence 2000, Providence College's seven-year, \$75 million strategic plan which was launched last month.

This grant will expand and strengthen Providence College's minority programs and develop the Balfour Center as a national model for educating minority students, according to the Rev. John F. Cunningham, O.P., president of Providence College. He explained that the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs will en-

compass a multicultural program that combines capital improvements, scholarships and financial aid, enhance staffing, cross-cultural counseling, admission guidance, student recruitment, and special projects. A significant component of the plan includes targeting, recruiting, and supporting Hispanic and Portuguese stu-

ity students dates back to 1968 when we established the Martin Luther King Scholarships awarded exclusively to African-Americans. We later expanded the program to assist Southeast Asians," said Father Cunningham. "The Balfour Foundation grant will enable the college to expand its reach to assist Hispanic and



Stephen Charles '94, a recipient of the MLK scholarship, thanks Leon Wilson, Senior Vice President of Fleet, at the dedication of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs.

dents. The students who will benefit from these services will come primarily from Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts and it is hoped that they will remain in the area after graduation to become future leaders in this region.

"Providence College's commitment to assist minor-

Portuguese students, not only to provide financial aid, but more importantly, to provide numerous support services which will help ensure that all minority students successfully complete their education."

The Balfour Foundation was founded by L.G. Balfour who, at the time of his death

in 1973, was the sole owner of the L.G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, MA, a manufacturer of college rings and other jewelry and recognition products. The company was sold in 1983, and Fleet Bank of Massachusetts remains the sole trustee of the Foundation. The foundation funds various scholarship programs and has initiated projects designs to eliminate barriers and improve access to education. Since the Foundation was established, over \$30 million has been granted to support minority education.

"The Balfour Foundation is pleased to be a partner with Providence College in its efforts to establish the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs," said Wilson. "It is clear to us that the college is truly embracing diversity as part of its mission."

A component of the grant includes the appointment of directors for the Southeast

Asian and the Hispanic/Portuguese programs. These directors will help to increase the college's minority recruiting efforts, participate in the administration of financial aid and, and assist minority students in their interaction with the college population. In addition, the directors will serve as academic advisors, role models and mentors. Similar programs offered to African-American students will also be expanded.

The Balfour plan also includes funds for the establishment of a Hispanic and Portuguese Scholarship program and supplemental grants for other minority students. To encourage the participation of the entire student body in the activities of the Balfour Center for Multicultural Affairs, a Providence College Multicultural Festival will be held in January and a visiting lecturer is planned.

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New On-Campus Alcohol Policy Angers Students

by Mary Shaffrey '97
News Writer

When Providence College students returned from their long Christmas vacation last week, they were greeted with new classes, new students and a new alcohol policy. Understandably the most notable was the latter. Every resident student received a letter from Father J. Stuart McPhail, O.P., Vice President of Student Services, advising them of the new policy and what its ramifications are. Off-Campus students should be receiving their letters this week.

The letter stated that due to the abuse of alcohol on and off campus, Student Services, as well as Residence Life, plans to vigorously enforce these new regulations, to the point of a judicial hearing, if necessary. These new policies were placed on open containers, underage drinking, public intoxication, social gatherings as well as new restrictions on how much alcohol 21 year old students can possess at one time. Furthermore, all of these new regulations can be enforced to off-campus students as well.

The violations for open containers are as follows. First offense is a mandatory letter of disciplinary warning, and a fine not to exceed \$100.00, second offense would include disciplinary probation for one semester, a fine not to exceed \$150.00, and service of restitution not to exceed fifteen hours. A third offense would be suspension from the college for one semester.

"This policy is ridiculous. Students go away to college to get away from restrictions, but then they come here and the restrictions are more strenuous than the ones that they re-

ceive at home," commented Heather Horton '97.

Many other students felt the same way, claiming that their parents allow them to drink at home, and that they would not be punished for having an empty beer can in their bedrooms. Many students also use liquor bottles to hold change and other objects, and they are concerned that under this new policy they will be punished as well.

The violations for underage drinking are pretty similar to those mentioned above. For a first offense there is mandatory referral and enrollment in alcohol education classes, personal probation for one year, and a letter of disciplinary warn-

ten up," stated Ellen Cressy '96.

Sarah Keusal '96 agreed. "This new policy will force people to stay off campus to consume alcohol. Students will be afraid to return to their respective residences, and might therefore 'walk-off' a buzz, and the neighborhoods around here are not that safe. Who knows what will happen?" she commented.

"Everyone admits that there is a problem, and if this new policy does not have any teeth to it, no one will pay any attention to it. Students need to learn how to act in a mature manner. By not having this policy, and knowing that alcohol abuse takes place on cam-

pus, it would be as if we were condoning the behavior," said Fr. McPhail.

The new policy regarding violations of a social gathering is, for the first offense, there is mandatory disciplinary probation for one semester for all those living in the room or apartment, fine not to exceed \$250.00, and service of restitution of fifteen hours. The second offense dictates mandatory probation for one semester, fine not to exceed \$300.00, and a letter to the parents. Finally a third offense is grounds for suspension for one semester.

Finally, and maybe the most controversial is the policy regarding alcohol possession by 21 year old students. Those students are allowed to have one case of beer (4 six packs); one case

of wine coolers (4 six packs); 750 milliliters of wine or distilled alcohol. "I am 21 years old, and if I can manage my financial and personal affairs, then I am mature enough to decide how much alcohol I consume and/or have in my possession," commented Rick Tremble '96.

Fr. McPhail's response to this was, "why else would they have the alcohol in excessive amounts if it were not because they themselves were consuming it, or throwing large parties." Response from the students to the entire policy has been negative, for the most part.

"Drinking has always been a part of college life. There is no other way to meet people than when we go to parties. We are old enough to realize our limits, and they (the administration) are treating us as if we are three," Alyssa Farrell '97 said.

"We are under 21, and yes everytime we drink, we are breaking a federal law. However, college life and drinking go hand in hand, and there is nothing else to do on the weekends. Maybe more non-alcoholic activities should be sponsored by the school," Cressy stated.

Students are already beginning to feel the affects of the policy. According to Residence Life, a total of 30 students were written up this past weekend for alcohol related infractions.

Fr. McPhail concluded, "We came up with this policy after consulting with other colleges, handbooks, and members of the entire campus community. This problem is impacting everyone, because if the school has a reputation or becomes a party school, what worth would a degree from PC have?"

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ing. A second offense mandates disciplinary probation for one year, \$300.00 maximum fine, and a letter to the parents. The third offense is suspension from PC for one semester.

If a student is found to be intoxicated, the regulations are as follows. For a first offense, there is a mandatory letter of disciplinary warning, and referral to alcohol education classes. A second offense would be disciplinary probation and a letter to the parents. Once again, a third offense would be suspension for a semester.

"I find this policy especially disturbing, because I believe that many students who might be seriously drunk, to the point of alcohol poisoning, would not go to their RA's for help, out of fear that they might be writ-

ten up," stated Ellen Cressy '96.

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Alcohol Awareness Day Set For February 23

Within the past two weeks, most PC students have been discussing the Alcohol Awareness Day set for February 23. Classes have been suspended for the day to allow students to attend an afternoon of panels and discussions about the impact of alcohol on a student's academics, health, family and future employment. Its impact on the value of a Providence College diploma will also be discussed. The information sessions will begin at 1:00 and end at approximately 4:15. There will be

two 15 minute recesses.

Classes have been suspended to ensure the availability of all students. Attendance is mandatory. All freshmen and sophomores will attend the activities with their DWC seminar teams. It has yet to be determined how the attendance of the junior and senior classes will be taken.

Each student will soon receive a letter and schedule from Fr. McPhail. Look to next week's Cowl for a more detailed outline of the day.

Step 1 Thoughts

The issue of alcohol use on campus is one worth considering. Each of us must make our own personal choices when it comes to alcohol use. As with other important decisions in our lives, our decisions about alcohol should be made responsibly. We should take some time to consider our expectations and our actions...

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by Mrs. Clarkin

Director of Career Planning and Internship Service

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summer, employers provide on-the-job training and during the school year students attend periodic weekend IFEB seminars. As you might imagine, the experience and training can equip students with very marketable skills and

a solid network of professional contacts (which come in very handy for your future job search!).

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The application deadline (including a transcript and reference) is Wednesday, February 23. Selected candidates will be interviewed on campus on March 3. So, don't wait, get started now on developing a successful summer internship!

Disciplinary Measures

November 8, 1993

- 1) Violation of the standards of conduct of PC (Handbook p. 35, #8)
 - 2) Possession of firearms (Handbook, p. 35, #16)
- A student brought two weapons on campus, a Daisy BB gun and a CoMarksman Repeater BB gun intending to take them home at Thanksgiving. The penalties determined were:

- 1) A fine of \$250
- 2) Disciplinary probation for the remainder of the academic year 1993-94

December 13, 1993

- 1) Violation of the standards of conduct of PC (Handbook, p. 35, para 8)
 - 2) Consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage persons (Handbook, p. 36, para 34)
- The penalties imposed were:

- 1) Disciplinary probation until May 16, 1994
- 2) A fine of \$100

December 16, 1994

- 1) Illegal use of drugs on-campus (Handbook, p. 42)
- 2) Misuse of controlled substance/drug (Handbook, p. 36, #34)

The penalties imposed were:

- 1) Disciplinary probation until May 16, 1994
- 2) A fine of \$250

3) Participation in drug education

December 28, 1993

A judicial hearing was held to review a fight involving PC students and also a non-Providence College student. The PC student who was involved in this fight received the following sanctions:

- 1) Participation in alcohol education classes
 - 2) Community restitution - 30 hours
 - 3) Personal probation until community restitution is completed
- The judicial officer wishes to emphasize that fighting or any violence will not be tolerated and that appropriate penalties will be administered when the college becomes aware of such incidents.

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Editorials

The Reaffirmation of Roe v. Wade : History Repeats Itself

by John J. Olohan '95
Editorials Writer

January 22, 1994 was the 21st anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision which legalized abortion in all nine months of pregnancy. The Dred Scott decision of 1857 by the Supreme Court of the United States declared that black people were not equal to white people. Let me clarify those decisions; the Supreme Court of the United States, ruled that women can end their baby's life and that black people were less human than white people.

In 1857, the Supreme Court voted 7-2 on Dred Scott. In 1973 the Supreme Court voted 7-2 on Roe v. Wade. While enslaved, blacks were considered non-persons. While in the womb, babies are also considered non-persons. Slaves were the property of the owner. Unborn babies are also considered property of the owner. The slave owner could either buy, sell, or kill slaves. A mother can either put up for adoption, keep, or kill her baby. The slave owners said that the abolitionists should not impose their morality on them. 'Pro-Choicer's' say that pro-lifers should not impose their morality on them. The abolitionists were called right-wing religious fanatics. Pro-Lifers are also called right-wing religious fanatics.

People justified their cruelty toward blacks in the same way abortion is justified. Slavery in and of

itself is wrong, but think of all the repercussions of slavery. Blacks are still feeling the ill-effects of slavery that has put many into a socioeconomic purgatory.

Think of all the effects of abortion. Since men know that abortion is an option, many treat women as playthings, objects. Respect for women and their bodies would increase greatly if men were held accountable

Abortion is a part of society in the same way slavery was.

for their actions-fatherhood. Abortion has taken the place of responsibility.

How can one say that slavery was a mistake of our forefathers when we are making the same grave error today? Our error isn't enslavement but murder. We condemn the unborn although they are completely innocent.

People who oppose abortion do so because they understand and respect the value of human life. These altruistic individuals feel that they should help protect those who cannot protect themselves. They realize that they were once a fetus

who was given the gift of life.

People do not know the realities of abortion. Most people's knowledge on abortion comes from catchy bumper stickers or from the back of a T-shirt. Just as slavery made many men wealthy, abortion has also made many men and women wealthy. Abortion is a business, a business for profit.

The dogmatic champions of slavery and abortion alike, both claim that certain individuals are mere "things," not human beings. Blacks were not considered human beings in the eyes of millions of whites. Just as we didn't respect the blacks, we don't respect the unborn.

Did we abort the man or woman who would have found a cure for AIDS, cancer, world hunger, the problems of drugs, alcohol, and violence? We just don't know whom we are aborting. In the same way, we will never know all the contributions of the murdered and enslaved blacks because we made it our right to treat them as "things" instead of human beings. We kept them down because they were a convenience. Abortion is also quite a convenience, especially when you are not the one going through the procedure.

Abortion is a part of society in the same way slavery was. We act as if we are so civilized but in fact, we are not. Justify abortion however you will-abortion ends the life of another human being.

Harding Guilty of Unsportsmanlike Conduct

by Anthony R. Zupka '94
Asst. Editorial Editor

The January 6, 1994 attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, while certainly being over exposed, still has the potential to be the biggest sports story of the decade. Not since the 1919 Chicago Black Sox threw the World Series has a scandal of such magnitude loomed on the horizon of competitive athletics.

The furor revolves around the possibility that Ms. Kerrigan's chief opponent was involved in a conspiracy to eliminate her from the U.S. national figure skating championships. The alleged conspirators are the figure skater Tonya Harding, her ex-husband Jeff Gillooly, and body guard John Eckhardt. A whirlwind of media attention has swirled about the case and accusations have been offered by all of the conspiracy's alleged participants.

As of February 2, 1994, Mr. Gillooly has pleaded guilty to arranging the attack and offered sworn testimony that implicates Ms. Harding in the planning and logistical support of the attack.

Supporters of Ms.

Harding are quick to challenge the veracity of that testimony, however, by pointing out that Mr. Gillooly entered into a plea bargain which reduced his sentence. They feel that the accusations and media portrayal of Ms. Harding has been excessive, and unfair. Their battle cry has become "innocent until proven guilty by due process."

If Tonya Harding was charged and convicted of conspiracy, she would automatically be removed from the Olympic skating team. Unfortunately the U.S. Olympic committee finds itself in a Catch-22. They feel that without a concrete, independently corroborated charge against Ms. Harding, they will be open to civil litigation and a potentially large damage award.

The fact that most seem to be avoiding is that Harding herself has already admitted to covering up the attack and lying to the F.B.I. Both of these actions are, in and of themselves, felonies. Harding should be removed from competition immediately for unsportsmanlike behavior which exhibited moral tergiteude. U.S. Olympic athletes must be held accountable as role models as well as champions.



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COMMENTARY

Security: To Protect, Procrastinate & Snooze

by Jennifer Dauer '94

Security. Often the cartoonists in The Cowl will mock that certain guard at the Huxley gate who peers into your car to make sure that you are really dropping off groceries at your apartment. Next, he will say, "O.K., you can go but you better be back in five minutes." I can always relate to those cartoons. The guards can be a bit rigid. Yet, I never thought of security as a big issue, until now.

Currently, my car is registered to park in Lot D, near Fennel Hall. During the day, due to my hectic schedule, I often park on the street next to my apartment. Sometimes, I do not have the opportunity to return my car to Lot D until late in the evening. Lately, this factor has been a problem.

One evening, after driving a few girlfriends back from an outing, one of the girls suggested catching the shuttle bus back up to campus. We asked the security guard at the Fennel gate when the shuttle bus was due to arrive. He replied that he had not seen the shuttle all night. I drove up to the guard at the Huxley gate and asked him the same ques-

tion. He had not seen the shuttle either. Later on that evening, I found the shuttle.

To my surprise, the bus was parked right next to my apartment. The bus' lights

ride. I also questioned why no one on security, having not seen the shuttle all evening, had even pursued looking for "Sleeping Beauty." Finally, I wondered

day, I once again had to park my car late at night. I was alone and I decided to ask the guard at the Fennel gate if someone from security could simply take me up to

me with some type of grunt response. I was not about to sit in the dark parking lot alone to wait for the shuttle to arrive. For all I knew, the driver could have been somewhere sleeping again. I decided to walk up the longer, lighted way. Fortunately, the only mishap was me falling down on the ice in front of a large group of people.

Call me lazy if you want, but I think it's a hell of a lot safer to get a ride up to campus at 11:30 at night than walking up alone.

Perhaps the college needs to hire more security. The guards I have been in contact with are apparently overworked. I thought it was security's job to show some concern when the students are in need of assistance. I feel it was their responsibility to look for the shuttle bus when it was M.I.A. Incidents like these are not remedied by being ignored. Students depend on the bus to be on schedule. Also, the individual who could not simply pick up the phone to aid me needs to rethink his job description. Sadly, some security guards are simply adding to problems rather than devoting the time to remedy them.



were on and it was idling. Inside, the driver was lying back on the driver's seat fast asleep. I wondered how many students were counting on this individual for a

how many students walked home late at night due to the complete lack of responsibility of both the driver and the security guards.

On Superbowl Sun-

my apartment. The sleepy individual brushed me aside and told me to take the shuttle bus. When I asked him when the shuttle bus was arriving he answered

Altruistic Void In Modern American Society

by Joseph L. Lennon, O.P.
Retired Vice President
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Volunteerism in America has taken a different tack. The new breed volunteer now sacrifices himself for his neighbor in need because he hopes to get more than he gives. The result of this is a decided decline in volunteer effort.

Did the Good Samaritan expect to get paid back when he rescued the poor bugger waylaid by robbers? When he doctored his wounds and donkey-hauled him to the inn, did he ask himself, "What's in it for me?" Was he on a self-serving, look-out-for-No.1, ego-tripping, personal fulfillment kick when he dug down into his purse to care for the beat-up victim?

No, the idea of selfless voluntary service is imbedded in the very core of religious doctrine and practice, and from its inception the United States has been famous as a nation of volunteers.

It took the psychically-preening, narcissistic

movements of this era, combined with the lunatic fringe of feminism, and the Ayn Rand philosophy of studiously cultivated selfishness to encourage Americans to turn their backs on their own history and condemn service-above-self as suckers' work.

To flourish, indeed, to survive, volunteerism cannot afford to neglect its theological and philosophical underpinnings. The dynamism that drives a volunteer to help his fellowman derives from his convictions. When a man helps his neighbor only because of selfish, emotional or even moral considerations, he begins to flag early in the fight. The poetess, Edna St. Vincent Millay, charms the listener when she rhapsodizes about "no man dying in Capri but she dies too." Nevertheless, she talks sentimental rubbish unless her moral idealism is firmly rooted in a philosophy or dogma concerning man and, indeed, death.

It is only a powerful doctrinal consideration that compels a Mother Teresa to pursue the lowliest of the low in the slums of Calcutta,

not with poetry, but with exhausting work, seeking them out and swabbing their sores, not in Capri, but as she finds them in the gutters of the teeming alleys of the metropolis - which is more difficult and more rare. She is driven to spend her talent, her energy, herself, by the dynamic that comes from her faith. She doesn't arise in the morning asking herself what the sensitive moral conscience should say about the problem of the poor in the ghetto. Rather, a consuming dogma makes her seek the image of Christ in every pariah and pest-ridden human flotsam who cry out for help. There is, and must be, a sound doctrinal foundation for the volunteer's good work, or he soon gives up or grows perfunctory in performance.

The human being is so built that he is moved to action more by ideas than by codes. It is not enough that noblesse oblige, unless those obliged have clear ideas of why noblesse obliges, and of what noblesse is. More is needed than a kind of vague good will; a burning belief in the inestimable value of the

individual is also required.

This ambition to serve mankind differs radically from the what-do-I-get-out-of-it kind of commercial philosophy. Why are volunteers in such short supply today? Simply because the religious motivation that galvanized volunteers to action has become progressively weaker under the impact of secularization.

Americans prefer to combine idealistic aspirations with pragmatic justification. Work for an abstract, selfless cause can also bring many satisfactions. Volunteerism contains many generous dollops of quid pro quo. Altruism rewards its practitioners. Newcomers learn about their community and meet neighbors; women in various stages of change can develop self-confidence and build resumes for future jobs; persons recuperating from illness can take gradual steps back to complete, healthy functioning; students can experience the roles and atmospheres of careers they are considering; retirees can stay active, feel useful, and share their wisdom; and employed persons

can discover emotional satisfactions in helping their fellow man which they could never derive from their jobs.

Enlightened self-interest like this can scarcely be faulted. All these effects, however, while honorable and laudable, should be wholesome concomitants rather than the main objectives of volunteerism. To prevent the "service ideal" from degenerating into shallow ego-indulgence or narcissistic self-seeking, the primary motivation should always be anchored in a deep-rooted conviction concerning the nature and destiny of man, and the inherent value of the law of love; otherwise, the desire to serve will be as short-lived as the ephemeral incentive that sparks it.

In his book "Markings", Dag Hammarskjöld noted, "We glide past each other...because we never dare to give ourselves." That's what volunteerism is all about: giving oneself. In the words of the ancient Hebrew sage, Hillel: "If I am not for myself, who is for me? But if I am for myself only, what am I? And if not now - when?"

Sensationalism In The Contemporary Media

by David McGuire '94
Editorial Writer

Tonya Harding, John Wayne and Lorena Bobbit, Michael Jackson, the California earthquake. These are just a few of the names and events that grace the headlines of newspapers, magazines, and news reports around the nation and point out how sensationalized the media has become in its disgraceful attempt to market the news.

The neverending quest for higher TV ratings and paper sales has caused the media to become a social prostitute, jumping on any story that pays, while ignor-

ing the news that people need to hear. A prime example is the Cable News Network, a twenty-four hour news station which is rapidly becoming indistinguishable from HBO and, sadly, MTV. What is it that sells? Sex, violence, and other people's misery. This is what the news has become.

The media has the unique ability to not just report the news, but create the news. Never before has the news been so saturated with such trivial events as the Bobbit Trial and the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan affair.

For weeks on end these stories stole headlines

from such events as Clinton's historic trip to Europe and the US' nuclear standoff with North Korea. If you haven't heard of these events it is probably because you were being bombarded with updates on Kerrigan's swollen kneecap and how many stitches it took to make John Wayne Bobbit a man again.

These stories are of some interest. Figure skating was getting a little boring and needed something to spice it up. The real winner in the whole event is going to be the Winter Olympics and CBS. Kerrigan has suddenly become the best skater in the world, when before she was simply a 1992

the bones of the elephant man, and is best friends with a chimp. I don't need the media to tell me he is a little peculiar because of trumped up charges that he is a child molestor.

Michael Jackson should be left alone by the media until actual charges are brought up against him. It does not take a vivid imagination to grasp why someone would invent charges of child molestation against an effeminate billionaire. Yes, Jackson is strange, but that does not make him a child molestor. What twelve year old boy couldn't beat him up anyway?

Another surprising headline grabber was the California earthquake. It is not surprising that such a tragic event made the news, but it is surprising that anyone was surprised it happened.

This last quake measured 6.6 on the Richter scale. In 1992 there was a quake that measured 7.6 and in 1989 one that was 7.1. I'm going to go out on a limb and predict that in the next three years there will be another massive quake in Los Angeles. Wouldn't that be a surprise?

Many papers and news reports gave advice on what precautions people should take to ensure their safety, but most forgot one key tip: MOVE! That large, troublesome fault that California is sitting on is not going to seal up and go away, so California might have to. Granted, 90210 would have to move to New York, or Boise, but it might be worth it.

When the big one does hit the media will be right on top of it, capturing every gruesome detail of death and destruction, while the ratings climb and the news becomes just another TV show.

The news is supposed to present people with information on both a national and international scale that is important to their lives, and helps them to understand the issues and problems facing them. The rise of sensationalistic journalism undermines the integrity of professional journalism everywhere. What is important in the news now is not those things of practical value, but rather of shock value. The desire to sell the news, and not just report it, turns insignificant people like Tonya Harding and the Bobbitts into celebrities, while news of global importance slips by unnoticed. It is interesting to note that more people know what happened to John Wayne Bobbit's penis than can find North Korea on a map.

Campus Crime

by Kimberly Bergstrom '96
Asst. Editorial Editor

While sorting through the pile of junk mail that had accumulated in my mail box over winter break, I came upon a pamphlet that was recently distributed by the Office of Institutional Relations at PC. The pamphlet was published on June 30th, 1993 in order to provide the PC community with graduation rates and on-campus crime statistics for 1992. Why we received this information nearly seven months after its publication, I have no idea. One thing is clear though: those who may have been concerned about these statistics months ago are less likely to report inconsistencies now that so much time has passed.

I was pleased to learn that no murders were committed on campus that year, and that 96.8% of the senior class graduated. Now, I think it is safe to assume that the reported graduation rate includes students who lived both on and off campus. Why, then, are only on-campus crime statistics given in this report? And how accurate are the few statistics that are given?

According to this pamphlet, the Campus Crime Statistics for 1992 were as follows: 1 robbery, 1 aggravated assault, 4 burglaries, 7 motor vehicle thefts, and zero sexual assaults (of any kind). I would love to believe that there was only one fight, one jacket swiped off a student's back, four rooms broken into, and zero date rapes. These statistics are hard to believe. Granted, the college can only provide us with the numbers that have been reported, and my speculation about the statistics reported is just that—speculation.

Why is it that the scope of the PC community extends to Eaton Street and beyond when happenings that make the school look good are concerned, but when bad PR looms in the future, the college hides behind the protective fences and lawns that surround the campus? Perhaps the government does not require that off-campus crimes are reported, but the PC administration should respect our right to know what is going on in our community.

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bronze medalist. It's ironic how her injury made her a much better skater.

A few months ago no one cared who would win the gold medal in women's figure skating, but now the whole world will tune in to see Harding vs. Kerrigan. Stage a cat fight and the ratings will soar.

The Bobbit trial is another example of how a ridiculous incident, albeit a painful one, can be overblown through media hype. What was the purpose of showing this trial live on CNN? The only thing people learn from such coverage is that it is alright for husbands to beat and rape their wives, and that in turn wives can maim their husbands in the most grotesque fashion imaginable. We should not encourage people like the Bobbitts by turning them into celebrities.

Perhaps the only redeeming factor of the Bobbit trial is the wealth of jokes it produced and the same can be said of the whole Michael Jackson incident. While there is nothing amusing about child abuse, the way the media handled the story is rather funny.

When the news broke that Jackson was being accused of molesting a young boy the media was all over him, pointing out what a strange fellow Jackson is. This is a man who allegedly sleeps in an oxygen tank, paid millions of dollars for



COMMENTARY

FAN-ATICISM :

Violence and Interference by Zealous Fans Permeates Professional Athletics

by Christian Potts '94
Sports Writer

In America, the term "fan" has taken on its literal meaning, that of "fanatic". Webster's New Dictionary defines a "fan" as "an enthusiastic follower of some sport, or hobby, or public favorite", and it defines a "fanatic" as someone who is "extravagantly or unreasonably zealous, excessively enthusiastic". But in today's society, the line between fan and fanatic has become blurred, and with near tragic results.

Back in April of 1993, Monica Seles was playing in a tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany when she was attacked by Gunter Parche, a fan of Seles' chief rival, Steffi Graf, who plunged a steak knife six inches into Seles' upper back. His goal was to eliminate Seles, then ranked number one in the world, and therefore allow Graf to reclaim the top spot in the world. He was more successful than he could have ever dreamed, for Seles injury turned out to be more serious than originally an-

ticipated, and she has not played in any tournaments since the attack.

Soon after, a lot closer to home, in June at a bar in Boston, MA, New England Patriots' star running back Leonard Russell was involved in a brawl which left him bleeding on the ground with a stab wound in his stomach that nearly ended his career. But he was able to recover and play this season, gaining a career high 1,070 yards while leading the resurgent Patriots to a 5-11 record. His attacker was said to have started the altercation because he wanted "a piece" of Russell.

Leonard Russell was not the only Patriot to be attacked during the summer. A few weeks later, Patriots' punter Mike Saxon, his girlfriend and offensive lineman Mike Arthur were in Boston's Fanieul Hall when they were attacked by a group of people outside a bar. Arthur escaped unscathed, while Saxon and his girlfriend were not so lucky; they suffered various cuts and bruises from the scuffle. These two attacks

against members of the New England Patriots dampened the spirit of enthusiasm that had arisen from the hiring of Super Bowl coach Bill Parcells and the new positive direction that the organization seemed to be heading.

Pro athletes were not the only victims of this random violence by "fans". At the Citadel University, 22-year-old football player, Layne Dillinger, had his throat slashed in a scuffle in Charleston, South Carolina, and was saved by a quick-thinking teammate, Daniel Johnson, who stuck his finger in Dillinger's carotid artery.

Then there was the case of Robert Pipkin, a member of the American Luge team, who was assaulted by neo-Nazi skinheads at a German pub in the small town of Oberdofen, Germany. He was attacked because he was 1) American, and 2) black. He was saved by one of his teammates, Duncan Kennedy, who bodily pushed Pipkin out of the pub before being assaulted himself.

Finally, and most recently, there was the case of Nancy Kerrigan. Having just completed her run through

for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, one of the qualifying events for invitation onto the Olympic team, Kerrigan was assaulted by an unknown assailant, who turned out to be a man by the name of Shane Stant. Kerrigan was struck on the knee by a metal rod that resulted in her missing the U.S. Championships the following week. As the mystery unfolded, it turned out that the attack was planned and executed as part of a conspiracy dreamed up by the Tonya Harding entourage, Kerrigan's chief rival in figure skating.

Further investigation revealed a web of conspiracy worthy of Oliver Stone. Tonya Harding's husband, Jeff Gillooly, and her bodyguard, Shawn Eric Eckhardt, plotted to take out Kerrigan back in Massachusetts, but bad weather prevented their two "hitmen", Shane Stant and Derek Smith, from assaulting Kerrigan. But Stant managed to get to Kerrigan in Detroit, then fled from the skating rink at Cobo Arena through a plate glass door and was driven away by

Smith. They were apprehended in California and they exposed the conspiracy, which led to confessions by Eckhardt and recently, Gillooly. And the saga continues...

So what does all this mean? It means that in today's society, fans have decided that they must be so close to an athlete that they can both verbally and physically assault them if they let them down or stand in the way of their personal dreams. The line between spectator and participant, fan and fanatic, has become dangerously blurred.

Athletes need not be aloof and separate from society. They should be allowed to perform and showcase their awe-inspiring talents and skills without feeling that their lives are in danger for doing so.

We must respect their rights to live their lives without feeling they are threatened. They are people, not products or machines, and they should be allowed to compete and be lauded for their skills, not persecuted or attacked.

Letters to the Editor

WHOOOMP ! It's Here To Stay

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a comment made by Joe Downes on the Graphics Page of the December 2nd issue. The statement was, "PC Cheerleaders-If 'Whomp There It Is' doesn't go, you're next." What exactly does this mean? Does it mean that you didn't go to Midnight Madness? Or maybe you didn't hear Dickie Simpkins ask the crowd to start this cheer after every three-pointer? Or maybe it just means that you have absolutely no school spirit at all?

The Friars are battling back after a very difficult season last year. They deserved a bid to the NCAA tournament, but were denied. This year the Friars are back with a vengeance, but they are not going to get anywhere without the strong support of the fans. The Civic Center is just TOO quiet. We have enough passive fans who just come to watch the game but refuse to get involved at all. The team

needs to know that we are all behind them. They need to hear us rooting for them.

We, as cheerleaders, work very hard to motivate the crowd and really try to rally for team support. Comments like Joe's make us feel very unappreciated in what we do. We did not start "Whomp There It Is" but it is our job to get the crowd on its feet, yelling it. I would like to personally thank Sixth Man and all the other students who help us and the team out by coming to the games and really making some noise. And I would like to encourage all the students to do so.

So Joe, I am terribly sorry that we are annoying you, but "Whomp There It Is" is the theme for this season. It is not going anywhere. If it bothers you that much, I suggest that you be the one to go - home!

Sincerely,
Christine Sullivan
Captain PC Cheerleaders

Should Barnes Go To The Bench?

To the Editor:

One of the most controversial topics on the PC campus these days seems to be the inconsistent play of the men's basketball team. Following an extremely promising finish to the season last year the Friars left the gate this year shaky, but strong. Over the past several games, however, some disturbing traits have emerged. These are personified by record setting performances one night followed by career lows the next; ninety point games trailed by sloppy twenty turnover ones. Are the Friars truly cursed on the road, or is there an angel in the rafters at the Civic Center?

Someone needs to find the answers quickly if the goal of an N.C.A.A. tournament bid is still in the minds of the players and coaches. If our team is to make the playoffs, they simply must win on the road. To accomplish this they need to not only play fundamentally sound basketball, but also find a way to make the big

plays down the stretch. This means going to the hot hand for the final shot. We've witnessed three heartbreaking losses (Oklahoma St., UConn, and Seton Hall respectively) due to last second shots that hit virtually the same spot on the rim and then bounced away. Sadly those three points combined may be enough to do in the Friars this season.

On a positive note, none of the fans, I have spoken to are blaming individual players or the coach, yet. True sports fans realize that players are prone to slumps as well as streaks, but how long should one endure seemingly endless travelling violations, errant passes, and turnovers before a change is made? The Friars have lost four of their last six games after a marvelous 9-2 start. Now is the time of year when the team should be peaking, not sinking. Maybe we need a mass, and a miracle.

Sincerely,
Edward Anderson '33

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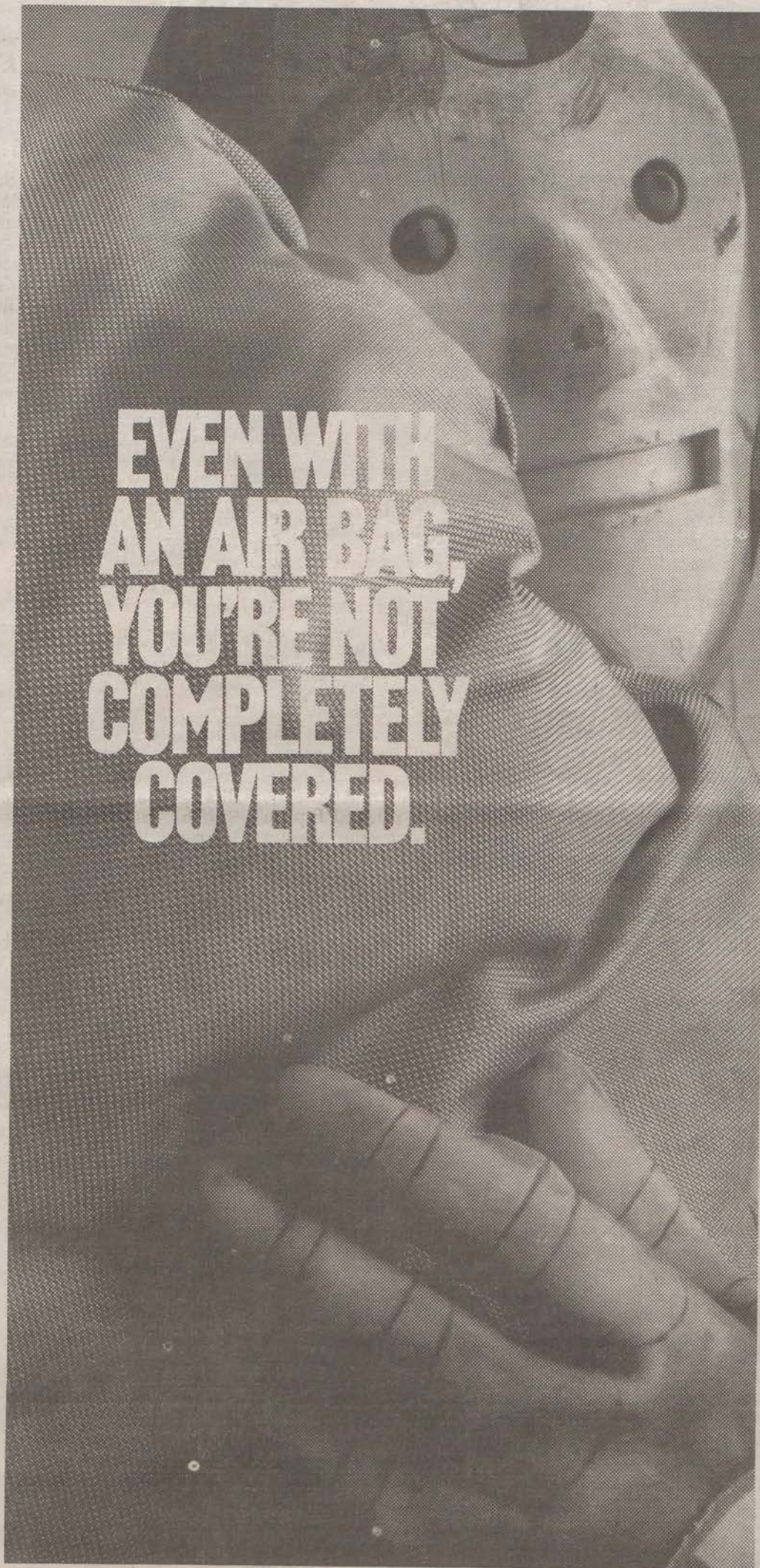
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IV. The staff respectfully requests that all articles contain no personal attacks.

V. All submissions should be delivered to the Cowl office no later than Tuesday afternoon prior to the publication on Wednesday.

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Annunziata LePera '94, Shannon Fecteau '95: We like it because we don't have to deal with it everyday.



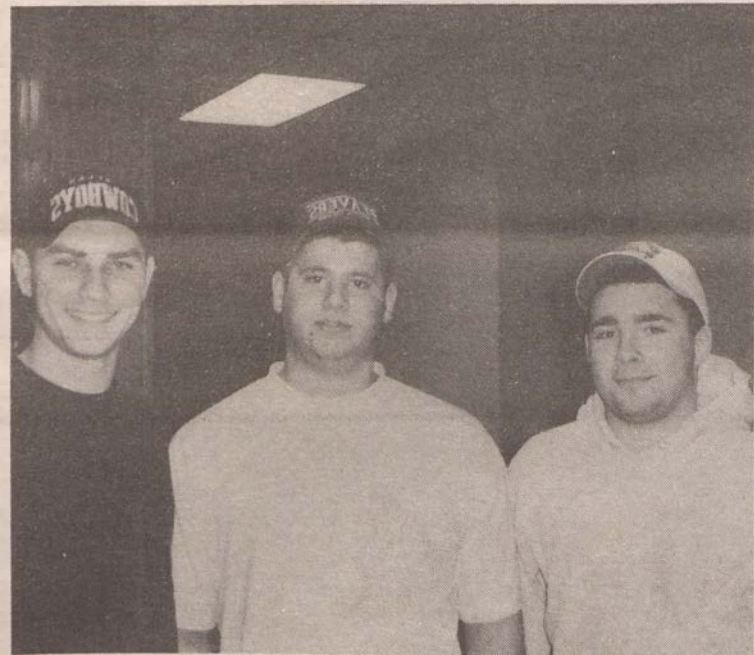
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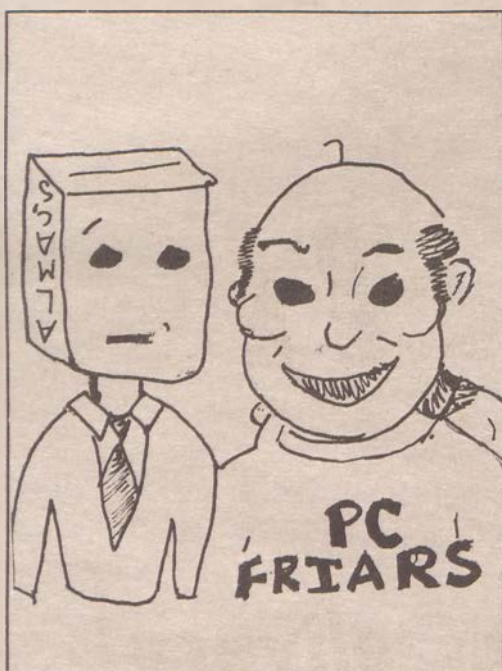
Chris Alcure, Ted Bourque '94: Now we will receive all our messages from our dating service!



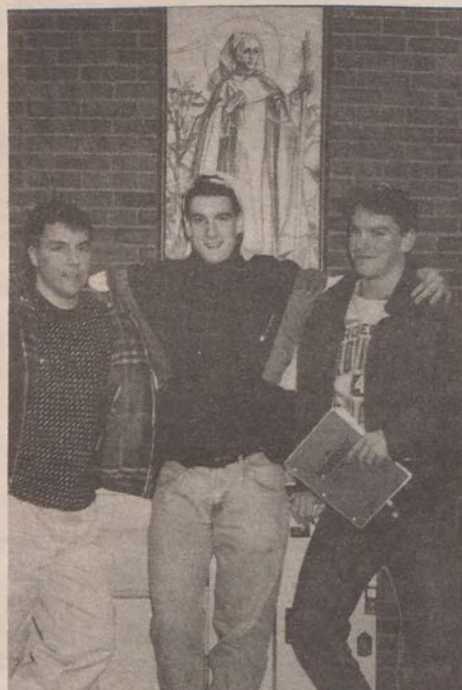
John Russnok, Mike Eskra, Sean Gagnon, Ted Johnson '96: PC could have used that money to pay off our tabs at Brads!



Erik Bryson, Matthew Seitz, Rodrick Cappiello '96: It makes us really, really happy because 9 was getting too boring.



Joe Faculty, The Phantom Friar: We have no comment at this time... (What voice mail system?)



TrevorHanson, Jay Kenney, Jud Gould '96: Why do we need voice mail if we have answering machines?



Melissa McCrosson, Mary McGloin '95: After we figure it out, we will let you know!

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Financial Update

**by Pamelyn Collins '94
Executive Board Treasurer**

Just a few words to update everyone on the financial situation of clubs and organizations. Thus far, the club presidents and treasurers have been doing a superb job. Keep up the good work.

As was mentioned during the allocation hearings in September, each club will be re-evaluated. Hopefully, this will help to prevent over-spending. This re-evaluation

process will allow the club officers to tell the Finance Committee what events occurred last semester and what events you have planned this semester. Remember these monies were allocated to you to program events. This process will also help the Committee to evaluate your financial situation. This evaluation process will take place Monday February 7 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm and Tuesday February 8 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please sign up in the Congress Office Slavin 109.



**Send a Carnation
to someone on
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**The Class of '96 will
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— Student Congress —

Minutes from the January 31st Student Congress Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be a Calendar Day with Sharon Hay on Thursday in Room 203 at 3:30. All Class Presidents must go. There will be a presentation on Feb. 2 in Rm. 217 on "Stretching Your Dollars". Brian Cox, who was a Student Congress member and a 1993 graduate passed away last week. There will be a memorial mass on Feb. 1 at 9:00 am in Aquinas Chapel.

COMMITTEES:

Course Description: Tara Tehan announced that classes will be surveyed the week of March 1st.

Bill of Rights: Ryan Alger announced that there will be a Safety Committee meeting Tuesday at 4:00 pm in Residence Life.

Ethics: Melissa Silva announced cuts for last week's meeting: Scott Bielecki, Maureen Sachs, Tara Tehan. Food: Kerry Coyle announced that the Food meeting has been changed to Monday, Feb. 7 at 4:00 pm because of Multi-Cultural food day.

Elections: Nicole Dabekis announced that the election dates that were announced last week have been confirmed.

Public Relations: Alissa Murgia announced that Peaceful Coexistence will be distributed on Feb. 9.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Caruso announced that there is no new business this week.

BOARDS:

BOP: Ali Lent announced the events for this week: Tuesday: Coffeehouse - Winter Luau in Sidelines; Thursday: Movie - "Mystic Pizza"; Sunday: Movie - "Bronx Tale".

BMSA: Eddie Searight announced that the Office of Multi Cultural Affairs will have an Open House on Wednesday at 11:30 am in Harkins 308.

Residence Board: Cristy Commer announced the dates for the Blind Date Balls: March 25 - Aquinas; April 8 - McVinny/Joseph; April 15 - Bedford/Fennell/Dore; April 22 - Stephens/Raymond/Guzman; April 29 - Meagher/McDermott.

CLASS REPORTS:

Class of 94: Jim Kane announced that 94 Days will be February 26th.

Class of 95: Holly Oberg announced that their Club Night is this Friday. Commencement interview Info Meeting is on Monday.

Class of 96: Kristen Grace announced that their Semi if Friday. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale Monday thru Friday. Buses leave Peterson at 6:30 pm. The class will be selling red carnations February 7-10. They will be delivered to mailboxes on Valentines Day.

Class of 97: Michael James

announced that sweatshirts are sold out. They will be ordering more in March. Their Semi is on Friday from 9-11 am.

MODERATOR'S WORDS:

Fr. McPhail reported that local phonecalls are \$.11/call. This is regulated by the State Public Utilities Commission. The school is discussing this with them to see if it can be changed. He also pointed out that long distance calls are dramatically lower. Stephens and Bedford will be getting a \$35 refund from their technology fee because cable was not installed. The Westin Hotel wants to speak with the Class of 96 and 97. Fr. McPhail reminded everyone that the BDB's are on a trial basis and if any major problems arise they will all be canceled. Wednesday, February 23 is Alcohol Awareness day. Classes are cancelled for this day. Students will attend sessions from 1-4 pm. One student asked if a Student delegation could be formed to have some input on the agenda for this day and about the new alcohol policy. Fr. McPhail said that a group could meet and let him know the results. Fr. McPhail also emphasized that the letter that is sent to parents if a student got in trouble for alcohol would be one encouraging support and not punishment.

'94 Update

by Jim Kane'94

Senior Class President

First I would like to welcome everyone back from break. I hope all is going well with Grad school applications and interviews. I realize you're all pretty busy but the class officers have been busy planning events and activities for our final months here at Providence College. To start things off, sweatshirt sales will be from February 2 to February 4. This will be your last chance to buy your class of '94 sweatshirt for the low cost of \$37.00. The quantity is limited and we will not be re-ordering so get yours now or graduate without.

Now for the event we have been waiting for, 94 Days. So that this event can be enjoyed by all at a low cost, 94 Days will take place in Peterson Recreation on February 26th so keep this date open and watch for further details.

Now we are in March and thinking Spring

Break. The class will alleviate the worries of drinking too much green beer and then not being able to decide who to take to Commencement by sponsoring a "Come Find your Commencement Date" event on March 25 at an undecided location.

Then as the ground thaws and the aluminum chills in April, the class of '94 will be sponsoring our traditional Clambake. This will take place on April 22. Who knows, like last semester, perhaps clams? Wait and see!

Finally on May 6, we will be having Done With College. Designs for Done With College t-shirts are now being accepted in the Congress office. A \$50.00 cash prize will be awarded to the best design.

These dates are what the class has planned. If anyone has any suggestions for other events we would welcome the input. More information will be forthcoming. Enjoy the rest of the semester.

COMMENCEMENT CORE INFORMATION

Meeting Monday February 7th
at 7pm
in Slavin 203.

Attendance is mandatory for those
who want to interview for a position

COMMENCEMENT CORE INFORMATION

LAST CHANCE TO GO TO CANADA

Ski Trip to Auberge, Canada
February 25-27.

Payment by Friday February 4th.
Money will be accepted this week in lower
Slavin.

LAST CHANCE TO GO TO CANADA

94 DAYS

94 Days will be
Saturday February 26th

Be sure to keep this date open.

94 DAYS

Seniors

Last time to get 1994
sweatshirts!!!

They will be on sale in lower
slavin Wednesday February 2
thru Friday February 4 for only
\$37.00!!

LAST CHANCE

Seniors

Designs for
Done With College
T-shirts are now
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Arts & Entertainment

In The Name Of The Father: A Brilliant and Compelling Triumph

by Meg Mitchell '94
A&E Staff Writer

It is 1974, and the IRA have just set off a bomb in a pub in Guildford, England, killing five innocent people. The London police, in a race to find the criminals and under social and political pressure to solve the crime quickly, apprehend and convict four people who conveniently lack decent alibis. The problem? In their hurry to cast the blame for the bombing on someone, they ignore protestations of innocence and bring the wrong people to court, where a sentence is passed on them not only by judge and jury, but by the consciousness of an entire nation.

This story would be compelling and chilling were it pure fabrication. The fact that the story director and producer Jim Sheridan has brought so vividly to the screen in *In the Name of the Father* is a true one makes it all the more terrifying.

Oscar award-winning Daniel Day-Lewis handles the role of Gerald Conlon, the Northern Irish lad who goes to London to escape the eruptions of violence that interrupt life in his hometown of Belfast, with typical aplomb. In the politically tense landscape of 1970's England, Conlon finds that the problems between the British and the Northern Irish are every bit as manifest in England as they were at home and, for him, even more deadly. The bombing of the Guildford pub represents the extreme end of the tactics used by the

IRA to draw attention to their cause and underscore the seriousness of their goals. But the IRA is a mere fraction of the population of Northern Ireland and many, the Conlon family among them, become the innocent victims and the hapless scapegoats for the mistake of having the wrong accent and being unable to defend themselves.

After London police arrest Gerald Conlon and three of his acquaintances, later to be known by the tragic misnomer "The Guildford Four", they inform them that under the recently passed Prevention of Terrorism Act they can be held for up to seven days without being charged with a crime. The week that follows brings with covert torture, both physical and mental, and frighteningly successful scare tactics that break down the four until they sign their names and confess to a crime they didn't commit. Their claims of innocence do not stand up in a British court fraught with political emotion, and Gerald Conlon, along with three of his acquaintances and members of his family, is sentenced to prison.

It is here that *In the Name of the Father* enters into its most powerful mode, for it unfolds less like a courtroom drama than it does like a story of personal suffering and triumph. Indeed, the court

scenes themselves are disappointingly short and what matters is less the way the court comes to its decisions and more the effects the decisions have on those involved. When not only Gerald Conlon but also his obviously guiltless father Giuseppe (Pete Postlethwaite) are sentenced to prison, and they endure year after year in the same cell, the true drama appears. Outside the prison walls, life continues as usual and the tensions between England and Northern Ireland remain at a heightened level. Inside, the monotony of day to day confinement begins to take a physical and mental toll on the Conlons. Sheridan does an effective job of portraying the frustration of passing years, and he combines it with an intriguing look at the mysteries and horrors of prison politics and the struggles between the guilty and the innocent.

Emma Thompson's role as Gareth Peirce, the courageous attorney who takes on the Conlons' case and fights against the unyielding prosecutors to reopen the case, is smaller than one might expect. Nevertheless, she gives a powerful performance as the one person who can link the two worlds of prison and courtroom. She teams up with Gerald's mother, who is fighting to secure the release of husband as well as son, to wage a small but effective war on the British legal system. And so the story becomes as much about endurance and faith as it is about politics. Peirce's tenacious pursuit of the case, while it eventually begins to break down the uncompromising bureaucracy of the court system,

cannot come soon enough to save lost time. So, too, it is the story of the frustration of stolen years, of thwarted attempts to prove innocence, and of powerlessness at the hands of unscrupulous authorities.

Of course one must wonder with this movie, as with any other that chronicles an historical event, if everything appears on the screen the way it actually happened. But such questions can easily become lost in the power of Day-Lewis' acting, in the convincing strength that Thompson and Postlethwaite bring to their roles, and in the urgency and timeliness of the subject.

The IRA campaign to free Northern Ireland from British influence is one that has left countless innocent victims in its wake. But, as *In the Name of the Father* shows, the victims are not always just those hurt by the bombings but sometimes those hurt by a legal system desperate to lay the blame for the mistakes of a few on an entire group. The case of Gerald Conlon and the rest of the "Guildford Four" is, as Peirce points out, the case of people being "in the wrong place at the wrong time." The horror is that they pay dearly for it.

In *In the Name of the Father*, Director and Producer Jim Sheridan has made a film that is as compelling for the personal story as for the political implications. The tragedy is that the story of Gerald Conlon is

only one of the many stories that belong to the victims of a bitter and ongoing war. The triumph is that it is brilliantly and powerfully brought to the screen.

Blackfriars Theatre Auditions

Crimes of the Heart

Monday,
February 7
7:00 p.m.
&
Tuesday,
February 8
7:00 p.m.

Please come
prepared with
a monologue

For more
information
call 865-2327

The Providence College Department of Political Science and Latin American Studies Program would like to announce a special film series:

Race and Politics in the Americas

Conflict of the Gods: Wednesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. in Moore Hall 2 and Thursday, February 3, 4:00 p.m. in CB 102

1492: The Conquest of Paradise: Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. in Moore Hall 2 and Thursday, February 17, 4:00 p.m. in CB 102

The Spirit of Crazy Horse: Wednesday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. in Moore Hall 2 and Thursday, February 24, 4:00 p.m. in CB 102

*Watch for more films to be presented later this semester.

Blackfriars Theatre

presents

Eliza Anderson's

The Lower Rooms

February 4-6 & 11-13

For Reservations
call 865-2218

Arts & Entertainment

Controversial Agnes of God To Be Presented At PC

by Mark Cybulski '95
A&E Editor

John Pielmeir's *Agnes of God* is a controversial and thought provoking play that leaves one to examine his or her religious morals and values. The play will be presented here at PC on February 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 p.m. in St. Catherine of Sienna Hall. *Agnes of God* is a lab production for the Theater Arts Department with free admission and is open to the public.

Agnes of God is based on a case about a nun accused of having a baby and later murdering the child in a convent. As the play progresses, evidence is further pointed to her that she had the baby and the question is raised as to whether or not it was conceived by rape or immaculate conception. Kristen Dykeman ('94), an English and Theater Arts major, is directing the play and says that she chose it mostly for convenience. She says that there are a lot of women in the Theater Arts Department and that she wanted to work with a relatively small cast. She chose the play when it was suggested by Theater Arts professor Dr. David Costa-Cabral.

Nicole Kempksie ('95) has been involved in the Blackfriars Theater since her freshman year and plays the title role of Agnes. She says that a lot is left up to the audience as to whether Agnes is insane or if she is indeed a saint. Jodi Botelho ('94), a Theater Arts and Music major plays the role of Dr. Martha Livingstone, a psychiatrist working with Agnes and who eventually questions her own ethics and values.

Patricia Polizzi ('94),

an English major who made her debut is last year's *Edith Stein*, plays the role of Mother Miriam, the Mother Superior of the convent. She describes her character as a "religious figure who is both open and worldly." Anne Garner ('97) volunteered to serve as a stage manager for the production. Her responsibilities include setting the props in the correct order as well as managing the lighting and sound systems for the show.

Agnes of God should prove to be both a very thought provoking and entertaining evening. There is quality theater everywhere this week on campus, and *Agnes of God* is no exception. John Pielmeir's play is a must see for all those who wish to be surprised and tantalized by this controversial classic.

COMING SOON!!

to the
Blackfriars Theatre on
February 16, 1994

The Sandwalk

by
David Paul Simon

FREE ADMISSION

A SNEAK PEAK INTO LOWER ROOMS!

Bernadette Bleichert '96
Asst. A&E Editor

So, you're already trying to decide what your plans for this weekend will be, right? Well, the Blackfriars Theatre is beckoning you to fill its seats. The opening of *The Lower Rooms* begins the new year with a sure winner. Written by Eliza Anderson, a Brown University graduate, this play has already won her an award of recognition in the 1989 American College Theatre Festival. *The Lower Rooms* involves an incredible presentation of the tremendous trials and tribulations of a mother and daughter surviving in today's desperate world. Rosie and her mother Madeline fall prey to the crises of their own situations, which can be seen as connected in many ways.

To give you a sneak peak into the show, the cast of characters is relatively small, but as the saying goes "good things come in small packages." Leigh Price ('94), Dan Lesho ('94), Sean McDonald ('94), Beth Ford ('96), and Mike Scatadi ('96) comprise the talented set of performers that will be starring in *The Lower Rooms* this weekend.

Mary G. Farrell is the brilliant mind behind the directing of this play. She is an associate professor of theatre right here at PC. Ms. Farrell already has several directing roles under

her belt including: *The Wizard of Oz*, *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Into the Woods*. In addition to Farrell's exceptional directing skills, she is highly noted for her acting abilities. She has even appeared starring as Amanda in the Blackfriars Theatre in *The Glass Menagerie* a couple of years back. Besides all of that, Ms. Farrell is the head of PC's acting program, and has taught drama from the grade school to college levels.

Now, if that's not enough to lure you down to the Blackfriars Theatre this weekend, the unbelievable spread of talent continues with scenic design from Brian Jones, the newest edition to the PC faculty. Jones' can be most recently recognized for his fabulous contribution to the production of *Trojan Women* this past semester. Another spectacular treat that you will witness is Leigh Price, not only as an actress in the play, but also in her debut as PC's first ever costume designer!

Alright, you should be convinced by now to go and catch this show. The performance begins on Friday February 4th and Saturday the 5th, and continues through the 12th and 13th at 8p.m. There will also be shows on Sunday the 6th and 14th at 2p.m. The price is only \$7 for adults, but all you P.C. people get a really good deal at \$3 a ticket. You can't beat that price for a night out! So, pick up that phone of yours now (hopefully you've figured out that new system), and call the Box Office at 865-

2218. Invite a friend and enjoy yourself. What a great Valentine's gift to give someone! Stay tuned for my column review and commentary. Hopefully, I'll see lots of you at the Theatre this weekend!

What's not in store for '94?

1. The sequel we'd least like to see:

*Alive 2:
Stayin' Alive*

*Asleep in Seattle:
The First Anniversary*

2. Films that won't be seen on planes:

*Alive
Fearless*

Searching for a great place to take your parents next weekend?

Look for Jack's review of *Barnsider's* in next week's Cowl

Smudge Storms The Green House

by Marc Clarkin '95
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday, before a capacity crowd at the Green House, Smudge showed that they were the hottest new band to come out of Providence in quite some time. The band performed an hour plus set that showcased their distinctive, hard edged, all out sonic attack. Lead singer Jason Burndt summed up the band's objective for the night in an interview before the show as "we're gonna play about everything we have tonight." And play they did, performing everything from their LP *Spill*, as well as some newer material that the band is heading to New York next week to record.

Smudge's sound is rather difficult to exactly pinpoint. One minute they will showcase their sense of melody in a tough ballad, before returning to their customary loud double guitar attack which brings to mind an explosive mix of

Metallica meets the musicianship of Led Zeppelin. Burndt sings dark tales addressing both societal ills and angst experiences that make him seem like Providence's answer to Henry Rollins. Songs such as "Juggernaut", "Fridgafloor" and "Hope and Trust" tested the structure of the house as ecstatic cretins moshed and bodysurfed to Smudge's addictive, energy charged brand of rock 'n' roll.

Playing to one of the largest crowds of PC students assembled for a club level band, Smudge, with amps set to stun, did not disappoint. Be on the lookout for future Smudge performances at other venues, such as the Livingroom and Club Babyhead, both of which where they recently headlined.

Theater Arts Department Lab Production

featuring

John Pielmeir's Agnes of God

St. Catherine of Sienna Hall

on

February 6, 7, & 8
at 8:00 p.m.

The Strand

presents

James

Wednesday
February 9, 1994

Fine Arts Sponsors Upcoming Production of *Godspell*

by Kathy Parrella '94
BOP Correspondent

Prepare Ye, Providence College! Known for over twenty years as one of Stephen Schwartz's greatest musical successes, *Godspell* has been *Saving the People* and delighting audiences everywhere since its Broadway opening in New York in the spring of 1971. The BOP Fine Arts committee will be sponsoring a student-directed production of this timeless musical to be performed the weekend of April 28th - May 1st. Although that may sound like eons away, time has a way of flying by as the semester slowly gets busier and time gets away from even the most well-intentioned of planners. (Just ask any second semester senior!) In the meantime, all that can be done is to take things *Day By Day* and *Learn Your Lessons Well*.

Godspell is a rock musical hit based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew. It's primary purpose serves in bringing the message of St. Matthew's gospel into today's society via the vehicle of musical theatre, rather than the traditional interpretation offered through more religious settings. *Godspell* arrived on the theatre scene in the early seventies, at a time when the stage and screen were devoting their major talents to so-called "adult" entertainment, which all too often became a euphemism for tawdry pornography. *Godspell*'s religious theme was set amidst a framework of jubilant rock music and its air of universal innocence cap-

tured and enthralled young and old alike as they rejoiced with choruses of *Bless the Lord, My Soul!* At the time of its release, the then new music and lyrics by Schwartz became increasingly popular on the radio and rose to unparalleled heights on the music charts as the only original cast album to be listed in the top hundred best sellers list. It is a musical that contains pure joy and exhilaration for both performers and audience members, freshly told through time-honored parables, upbeat songs and dances, and comedic highlights. The overall message is one of joy and hope expressed through happiness and laughter, which only serves to enhance the overpowering grief of the Crucifixion at the end.

This production is being co-directed by myself, Kathy Parrella, along with Kristen Dykeman '94, and will be under the musical direction of Rob Rappa '94. After being in the planning stages for months now, it seems hardly believable that this production is about to become a reality! In hopes that things will work out *All For The Best*, we are currently looking for interested and talented students willing share *All their Good Gifts* with us by participating in some aspect of the show. Musicians and performers are needed for the production, and we are currently looking for the hidden musical talent of PC to reveal itself to the *Light of the World!* Interested musicians should contact musical director Rob Rappa (521-5954) as soon as possible—

needed will be a bassist, pianist, and drummer. Auditions for performers will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings, February 14th and February 15th, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Siena Hall, Room 116 with call-backs on Wednesday evening, February 16th. *Turn Back O Man*, that's less than two weeks away! Those auditioning will be asked to prepare a two-minute contemporary monologue for the audition. Songs and a brief dance step will be taught at the audition itself, so it is not necessary to come prepared with one, although previous knowledge of the show and its music will be very helpful. Originality, creativity, and the ability to work within an ensemble will be both looked for and stressed at auditions. *Alas For You*, if there are any questions regarding the show itself, auditions, or other ways you can get involved, do not hesitate to call one of us and ask. Keep our phone numbers *By Your Side* (Kristen—865-4174, Kathy—273-0604) and *We Beseech Thee*—please feel free to use them! Only with a lot of help and assistance can this production be a success—if you're looking for involvement this semester, this is it!

In the words of author John-Michael Tebelak, "*Godspell* is more theatre than religion, but theatre started in religion. Church-going today, I feel, is too formal, too restricted, too organized. I hope *Godspell* is a joyful, total theatre experience for the entire congregation." We hope so, too!

Upcoming Events:

Entertainment Presents

Virtual Reality

Tuesday, February 15th

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lower Slavin

FREE!!

Fine Arts Presents:

Godspell Auditions:

Monday, February 14th

Tuesday, February 15th

6:00 p.m.

St. Catherine of Siena Hall, Rm. 116

* Come prepared with a two-minute contemporary monologue, and be prepared to sing and dance

* Musicians also needed:

bassist, pianist, drummer

* For more info, call Rob Rappa at 521-5954

Social Presents:

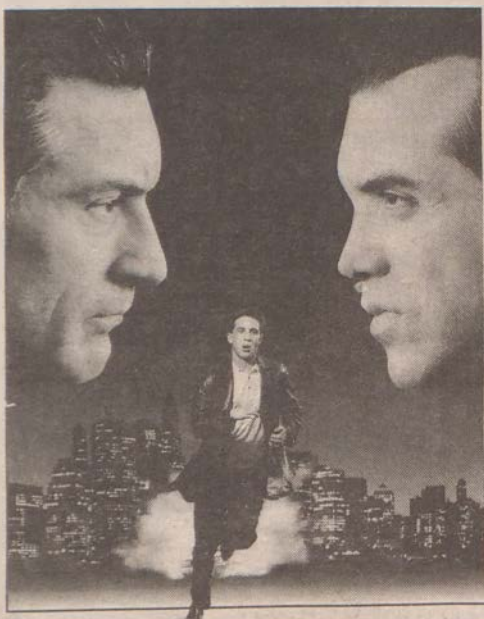
Snow Sculpture Contest

SLAVIN LAWN

* Hundreds of dollars in cash prizes and free giveaways

* Watch for the right weather and signs on the day of the event!!

Film Presents:



A Bronx Tale

Sunday, February 6th

8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

'64 Hall

\$2 Admission

Fine Arts Presents:

Dancing at Lughnasa

(1991 Tony Award Winner for Best Play)

Sunday, February 6th

2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 in the BOP Office

* Transportation available

Coffeehouse Presents:

Open Mic Night

with Chili and Chips

Tuesday, February 8th

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

Sidelines

(* No longer in The Last Resort!)

All talent is welcome:

Poetry

Singing

Tap Dancing

Guitar Playing

etc...

Features

Getting a Head Start on Spring Break

by Beth Brezinski '94
Features Writer

OK, here's a quick one question quiz: What do the words Spring Break mean to you?

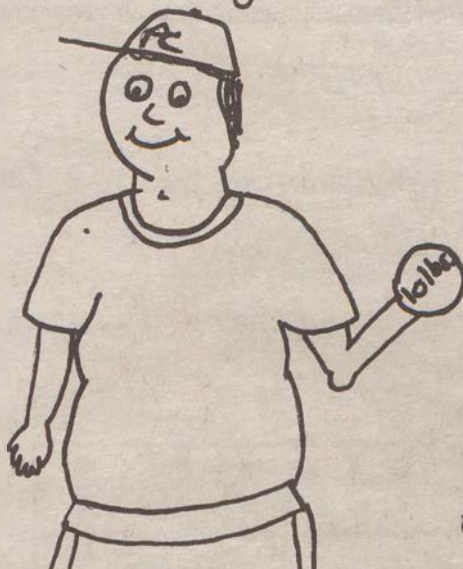
- Sun, beaches, and warm weather
 - A chance to do something your mother doesn't want to know about but will find out when she sees you on Maury Povich.
 - Both a& b
 - Spending the next six weeks doing every exercise ever invented and eating nothing with more than 1 gram of fat.
- If you answered (d.) then you are not alone. Going on Spring Break most likely means you're planning on traveling someplace where wearing a bathing suit is in your plans.

Whether it's an island,

New Year's diet that's been put off for a month, and drinking only water (which of course leaves you in the bathroom for half the time).

Of course this isn't a bad thing because exercise and eating right are always good habits to take up. I just think it's humorous to see people spending a month and a half practically killing themselves doing this in order to have what they think will be the perfect body; over the week of break however, form and fitness will undoubtedly give way to food and fun and we'll be back to where we were in the first place.

The question I have is why are we all going on this exercise frenzy that we probably wouldn't be on if it weren't for Spring Break? Well, seeing as I'm in on this exercise craze along with everyone else, I guess that we just want to look our best when we are on that beach or on that cruise ship



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a cruise, or just somewhere warmer you're planning to venture, this is the time to join the millions of college students across the country who are going on crash diets, engaging in rigorous workouts, and joining health clubs. The thought of putting on a bathing suit that hasn't seen the light of day since August is enough to scare anyone into doing those extra five hundred sit-ups a day, start that

hoping to meet the man or woman of our dreams (who we'll probably never see again anyway). It's also an excuse to eat and drink anything we want for a week and not feel guilty about it.

So while we're all going crazy with our new workouts, just keep thinking about how good you're going to look and how much you'll be able to eat and not worry about it - until the next time you plan to put a bathing suit on.

Wising up to my Teeth

by Bridget Hughes '96
Asst. Features Editor

December 22, 1993, 8:00 A.M.

- Oh the anticipation, the fear, the horror of it all. I eat a big breakfast knowing that this is the last time I will be able to fully grind and tear my food for a while. Why? Because this is the day that all my four wisdom teeth come out. But, I am fully prepared for the drilling, the cutting, and the blood to come pouring and gushing? As we drive to the dentist's office, I ask my mother if they will cover me with a plastic apron, so the huge amounts of blood won't ruin my clothing. She turns to me and laughs. Can you imagine? Here I am, about to be put under the knife, and she is laughing. What's wrong with this picture?

8:30 A.M. - The shakes start, my heart starts pounding, and I am wondering if I need a sedative. In the chair, I start wondering why I decided to stay awake for this terrible ordeal. THE DENTIST, a little man, no more than 5'4" suddenly looms over me and seems very big. He holds syringes of Novocain to which are attached long shiny needles just waiting to jab me. Is it my imagination, or does he seem to smile as he injects each shot? At least one of us is having fun. Opening my mouth, my torture begins. I close my eyes and try to ignore the sounds around me. However, curiosity overcomes me. I open my eyes and am frightened at the sight. THE DENTIST peers down at me, holding a very big shiny scalpel, which looks more like a butcher knife. His assistant wears a big mask that makes her look like she is doing a fumigation job, rather than helping THE DENTIST. Trying to pretend that I am somewhere else, I close my eyes. I hear THE DENTIST say that I will feel a little pressure. Ha! Pressure is the understatement of the year. I feel wrenching pain, I hear crunching sounds. I feel like I am going to vomit. Then he tells me I will hear a snap. Wrong. I hear a sound that is like icicles breaking at a level of 100 decibels in my ear drum. And finally 1 tooth is out. Then, THE DENTIST plays the role of the seamstress and sews my gum. Realizing what is going on in my mouth, I feel the room spinning, and the next thing I know there is a cold towel on my head. Yes, I fainted, and I still have 3 more teeth to come out. THE DENTIST, very shaken up at the sight of a patient fainting, runs out to my mother telling her he has to stop. "She fainted!" he yells.

Enter MY MOTHER, the calm, the rational, the savior: She insists that THE DENTIST finish his work, telling him that there is no way he is going to get me back here

- so it is now or never. Although THE DENTIST seemed like he felt sorry for me, I knew secretly he couldn't wait to get his hands on my other 3 teeth. In fact, he was so glad to continue, that he finished taking the other 3 teeth in 20 minutes. It was over. Well, I thought it was over.

But little did I know that the real pain was just beginning...

10:30 A.M. - Two hours later when the Novocain wore off, I was miserable. Tears streamed down my face, and chills went through my body, as I realized that there were 4 very large holes in my mouth. To conquer my pain, I started downing 3 Motrin every 2 hours, and I knew then that I was an ibuprofen addict. The hours dragged by, and my irritability grew. Everything, and everyone was annoying me. My mother kept chopping up ice, and my grandfather visiting from St. Louis who is a doctor, insisted that I stay flat on my back. When my friends came to visit, he looked disapproving, telling me not to talk, in fear that my stitches should come loose. But my irritability grew out of hand by the end of the day when I hadn't eaten anything in 12

hours. Not only was I in pain, but I was starving. But, my mother was prepared, and brought out the Jell-o that she had made for this occasion. I refused to eat it, telling her that it reminded me of my Mono experience. But she didn't let this stop her. She had ice cream, she had milk, she had a blender, she had all the ingredients to make a milkshake!! But, being the stubborn person that I am, I only wanted substantial food, so I refused to eat. I went to bed hungry, woke up hungry, and quickly turned depressed when I looked in the mirror. My face was elongated with a double chin, and 2 very fat cheeks. Convinced that I was deformed for life, I ran back to bed and refused to come out. I thought I would live up to my new name - Chipper the Chipmunk, and hibernate.

As the days passed, I got better. My face went back to normal, and I could eat again. My name is Bridget, and I no longer have to answer to Bucky Beaver or Chubby Cheeks. As for the little man with the big needles - maybe he isn't so bad after all. The teeth are gone, and he can no longer harm me. But, I do have to admit, that it will be a long time before I go back to see the little man with his happy smile, twinkling eyes, and shiny scalpel.

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In the Name of Love

by Jen Stebbins '94
Features Writer

Winter break held many different experiences for all of us. Some skied, some surfed, some probably even engaged in activities which would not be proper to write in a newspaper. Along the lines of love, I, of course, traveled south to the beautiful, warm, sunny land of Baltimore to visit my one true love...only, it wasn't warm, it wasn't sunny, and it actually left much to be desired.

Full of energy, nothing would keep me from "The City that Reads." (Can you believe that they actually have that written all over the benches of Baltimore?) Unable to bear separation for more than two days, I decided it was imperative for me to spend New Year's Eve in the city. Only I didn't expect it to be the experience that it was. Two friends and I certainly surprised my boyfriend, only I think he surprised the three of us more!

I won't say that we stayed in a clean apartment, but I will say that the second time I visited over break, cleaning supplies had been bought and put to good use. (I always knew there was some truth to the claims of the power of feminine persuasion!) And I probably should have sensed the foreshadowing of what was to come when the toilet of an apartment of five men, knew what I was talking about when I asked one of them to plunge the toilet. WHAT??!! I thought I heard them all wrong, so I re-asked my simple question, including, "Didn't you ever watch your father do it when you were young?" Again, only blank faces and looks of disgust. Not that plumbing is a favorite pastime of mine, but I do know the theory behind a plunger and could put it to use if need be. Contrary to my expert knowledge on this subject, I refused to show them the how-to's of plunging a toilet. I did however pressure my man to call his landlord, and it seemed humorous to me when a man showed up

the following day to eradicate the problem.

I know what you're thinking...That doesn't seem that bad...and in reality, as I found out, it really wasn't. Not being able to use the bathroom was the least of my worries when I returned to Maryland a week later for a ten-day stay. Everything was going splendidly, until the cold front hit. My warm, sunny visions of Baltimore turned into a snowy, slushy mess. Five days into my visit, a storm hit and, being a city that seldom receives snow, the city that reads decided to let the snow settle quietly on the streets and freeze there. This only worsened when it rained the following day and the rain froze on the snow. Not your ideal, picturesque vacation, but at least it wasn't -12 degrees like it was in Connecticut.

I realized there was a major problem with my boyfriend's apartment when I awoke one morning and could see my breath every time I talked. This was confirmed when the temperature steadily dropped inside the room with each passing hour. Since my boyfriend was at school specifically for basketball practice, the only other people around were the other basketball players. This meant that for the three hours each day that he off the hovering cold. And when I say hovering, I mean there began to be a cloud of cold air that settled over the apartment. For two days, I would wake up, shower in hot water for at least thirty minutes (to thaw out), get dressed in thirty seconds in the bath-

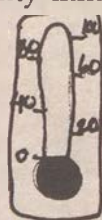
room, and wrap myself in five blankets, a hat, gloves, and layers of socks. I would wait for his practice to end, and then off to a restaurant to steal some heat and over to a friend's apartment to spend the night. It wasn't exactly romantic!

Charlie, the ever-lying landlord, kept assuring us that the heat would be fixed "as soon as possible." Charlie also has a big problem being anything resembling a decent man, much less a landlord. In -17 degree weather, I found myself unable to do much other than trying to survive. On the last day of my stay, I saw that any attempt to shower in his apartment would be in vain: my blow dryer only emitted cold air when turned on (due to the freezing temperature) and my curling iron, after being on half an hour, was

heat and his friend had no hot water. We were young and in love and could survive anything, or so I thought. So I took him out to breakfast as our last goodbye. There. Things were going to be OK. We ate, we talked, we even laughed. And then we went outside. And the car, a huge Oldsmobile, slid down the parking lot and refused to budge. Having to catch a plane, and my boyfriend having to make it to practice, we were none too thrilled with this new change of events. After an hour of attempts, the car finally made it up the small incline, without the help of anyone in the restaurant (they had lost their power) and we were on our way...or, at least we had about twenty minutes to reach the airport (it was twenty minutes away) so

Gathering my wits, I thought about the fact that some day this whole adventure would seem humorous to me. I mean, it wasn't all that bad. I managed to keep my leather jacket from being stolen by some drunken girl at a bar, although this did require some choice words from me and what my boyfriend's friends have dubbed as my infamous bar fight. I also had a great excuse to give my parents about why I got no studying done for the GRE after months of promising that I would over January break. Just when I had calmed down and convinced myself that nothing else could go wrong, I finally understood the meaning of Murphy's Law that "Everything that can go wrong will go wrong."

I'm not an avid flyer. I hate flying. I am scared to death of planes, and I have zero trust for any human being getting me safely to my destination. I was far from pleased when, fifteen minutes prior to boarding, a flight attendant announced that, and I quote, "The good news is that you will be flying into Bradley International Airport (What could this man be talking about? Of course we were flying into Bradley...that's what my ticket said!) but the bad news is that the airport is plane skidded off the runway due to icy conditions." EXCUSE ME? All this as an end to my great vacation? Icy conditions? And we would be flying in them? Alas, I told myself, how else could such a trip end??



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still ice cold. When his friend offered me a functioning shower, I jumped at the invite. I don't know why I thought that her apartment would be any different...her hot water didn't work!

Nonetheless, I tried to be optimistic. Never mind that had bought for him as an anniversary gift had met its death by freezing atop a stove (we tried to warm his water by cooking him!) or that my notions of romantic dinners were a far off dream (it was too cold for us to cook on the stove or eat in his apartment!) or that he had no

that I would not miss my plane and he would not be late for practice.

You might have imagined a romantic conversation between the two of us on the way to the airport, but after all we had been through in the last three days, silence was. Fed up with the way things had turned out, neither of us noticed much when the car slipped on the ice and almost slammed into a bus as we entered the airport. I had just enough time to jump out, give him a quick kiss, and find my way to the terminal where I belonged.



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Features

It's Party Time!!

by Vera Schomer '96
Features Editor

School is back in session and we all know what that means. . . Continuous partying until everyone is behind in their work and dead on their feet due to exhaustion. Naturally, this doesn't apply to everyone, but for those who do take part in the alcohol scene, please listen up.

If you are like most college students, you drink alcohol to loosen up, to help you socialize at parties and to relax after a long, stressful week. No harm done, right? Unfortunately, alcohol is a drug which many students abuse and fail to recognize their growing dependence on it.

whether you or someone you know has a drinking problem.

Symptoms of a drinking problem include:

- psychological dependence
- hides drinking
- gulps first drinks
- pre-drinking (before the party begins)
- experiences memory loss
- tolerance increases
- organizes life around drinking
- physical dependence
- eats less, drinks more
- drinks continuously
- drinks alone
- becomes confused, impaired
- experiences tremors
- neglects eating

You may be thinking that

or promiscuous after one too many? Are you ready to comfort and counsel them on issues like rape, pregnancy, STD's, beatings, and dismissal from school? Do you ever pray before you go to bed drunk because you know you could vomit in your sleep and die? Are you ready to abandon your family, friends and hopes for the future for the sake of a fun night out? I don't think so.

Don't worry. No one is trying to make the entire campus go cold turkey; It's just too unrealistic. However, for students who seem to value life, **responsible drinking** is a must. That means respecting someone's right not to drink, setting limits on how much you will drink, not using alcohol with other drugs, eating before and during drinking, and respecting laws concerning drinking. This also includes discouraging someone who has had too much to drink from drinking more, and seeking help if you think you have a drinking problem, or encouraging a friend to seek help if they have a problem.

Responsible party hosts should provide food and non-alcoholic alternative drinks, invite only enough people to fit comfortably in the room or apartment, respect laws concerning underage drinking in order to save their own butts, not allow drivers to drink excessively, and try to control the noise.

As a responsible friend, try not to be an "enabler," or a person who by their behavior permits or encourages dangerous habits. When a friend does something embarrassing to others or makes a mess after drinking too much, don't make excuses or clean up after him or her. Don't believe your friend when he or she says "I won't ever drink too much again." Don't laugh with or at your friend when he or she is drunk, and don't make them feel proud of their abnoxious behavior the next day. Would you like to feel responsible for your friend's self-destruction? Or are you not really a caring friend?

If you are stuck taking care of someone who is totally annihilated, remember to never give them food, drink or drugs because it could induce vomiting. Don't exercise them or give them a cold shower. Do speak in a clear and reassuring manner, explain what you intend to do before approaching or touching them, keep the person still and comfortable, stay if they are vomiting, and always lay them on their side or stomach. If they are not breathing properly or are unconscious, get medical help.

Now, doesn't all this information make you want to run out to Louie's or Brads, get drunk and get arrested for your fake ID? **YOU DECIDE...**

these characteristics do apply to you or a friend, but that you need not worry because the general attitude around campus is to "get loaded (drunk) as much as you can now, for these are supposed to be the best years of your life, and because after college, when you have a career or demanding adult life, you won't have the chance to drink a lot." Well, we are not all exempt to the problems that face society; from nail biting and procrastination to smoking, illegal drug use and alcohol abuse, some behaviors cannot be changed by the snap of a finger. There are plenty of working adults out there that are alcoholics- so why not you?

Alcoholism is a progressive disease, as are ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver, heart disease, the destruction of brain cells and other fringe benefits of dangerous college drinking.

Right now you may know that alcohol can affect your school work, friendships, relationships, stamina, immune system and driving ability. But do you ever consider the consequences of a drunken fight or sexual hook-up? How many of your friends become abusive



Did you know:

- About 1 in 10 drinkers is an alcoholic - that's 10 million in the U.S. alone. In relation to the PC population, that could mean that 400 of us are alcoholics.
- Alcoholism is one of America's largest health problems, not to mention smoking which often accompanies drinking.
- Residence Life staffers at PC agree that at least 90% of all residence hall infractions involve alcohol.
- 1 of every 2 Americans will be involved in an alcohol related traffic accident in their lifetime.
- 43% of pedestrians who died last year had been drinking - 36% were legally drunk at the time (watch out on Eaton St.!).
- Over 70% of date rapes (sexual assault) involve the use of alcohol. 1 in 3 women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.

I know. You say 'you've heard this all before and that you have the will to control your drinking. Why must you always be bombarded with statistics that will never apply to you or your friends? Or could they? First off, you may want to find out

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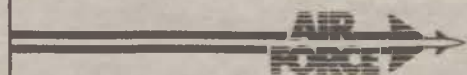
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Features

T.K. Phone Home? Not in this Lifetime!

by Tina Kloter '95
Asst. Features Editor

For the second time this year, my mailbox was full. Feeling confident that all of the friends that I haven't written to in two years suddenly had an uncontrollable urge to send me letters, I opened up my box. As I did, I swear a voice whispered in a computer-like monotone, "that is not valid." Blissfully ignorant of what was in store for me, I figured that it was just Satan or one of his harmless friends.

What was that mysterious bunch of papers and booklets that I pulled out of my box? Surely it couldn't be anything worse than a course registration booklet... could it? I would soon find out. I pulled out a stack of papers which rivaled my Civ notes (both years combined) and trudged back to my room through weather that I am sure is the result of Mother Nature's monthly bout with PMS. I would have to wait before I started sifting through my mail. First I had to call my parents so that they would know that I had arrived in one piece. Innocently, I picked up the phone

and dialed just as I always had. But this time, it didn't work. At that moment, I looked down at my mail and realized that the days of dialing less than 615 numbers to call off-campus were over.

Before classes even started, I began working on

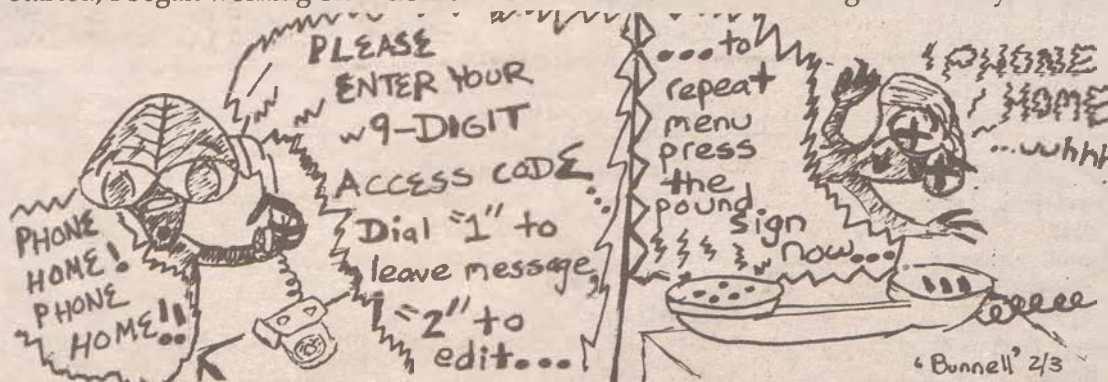
step. After dialing 2000, a lady told me to enter my password. What password? That wasn't in my Octel textbook. I decided to ask the lady where it was. Me-Hello lady. Umm, I don't know my password and I don't know what to do.

would definitely get an F in the Octel system class, I proceeded to crawl under my desk and start crying. Still clutching the Octel text in hand, I noticed the arrogant representative of Corporate America on the front cover. Standing confidently in his

realizes how moronic your system is and decide to get rid of it. Then where will you be, huh? I'll tell you where; certainly not in your orange lit office, buddy. Joe Corporate- (Now hiding under his desk) You're right, I'm a failure. Me- Ha ha, you number obsessed remain from the Reagan era, I can figure out your silly little system!

When my roommates found me, I was under my desk talking to a pamphlet, pressing the star button on my phone over and over. Fearing that my mental health and well-being were at stake, they spent two hours explaining it to me. Not that I'm at the top of the Octel class, but I know my password now. I also know that I am thrilled that it costs more to call my friends off-campus than it would cost me to take a taxi and talk to them in person.

Meanwhile, my parents were convinced that I was in Germany. I assured them that I was here in Providence, but I told them that I probably would have gotten in touch with them about 3 hours earlier if I were. As far as I know, Octel hasn't infiltrated Germany yet.



my 6th class; Telephonic Comprehension. I flipped through my "Octel Voice Processing User's Guide," looking at all of the pretty colored maps. I started to think that maybe there was some intro class I should have taken over break. Trying to remain calm, I began my journey through the hellish world of Octel.

After consulting the map of my phone system for a couple of hours without making any progress, I finally figured out the first

Lady- Please enter your password or if you've entered the wrong mailbox number press star. Me- But I don't know those and I need to call my parents so that they don't think I got lost and ended up in Germany. Lady- I'm sorry you're having trouble. Please try again later. Good-bye. (Click) Me-Hello. Hey, computer bimbo, where did you go? What am I supposed to do now?

Feeling sure that I

dark office in front of orange lit venetian blinds, Joe Corporate was sneering at me. Joe Corporate-What's wrong Tina? You can't call Mommy and Daddy? Boo hoo hoo, the poor number illiterate English Major can't figure out how to use her phone. Me- Listen you pompous jerk, you probably majored in Octel. Joe Corporate- (As if he won the Nobel Peace Prize) That's right. Me-Well, you money hungry freak, that will be very useful when everyone

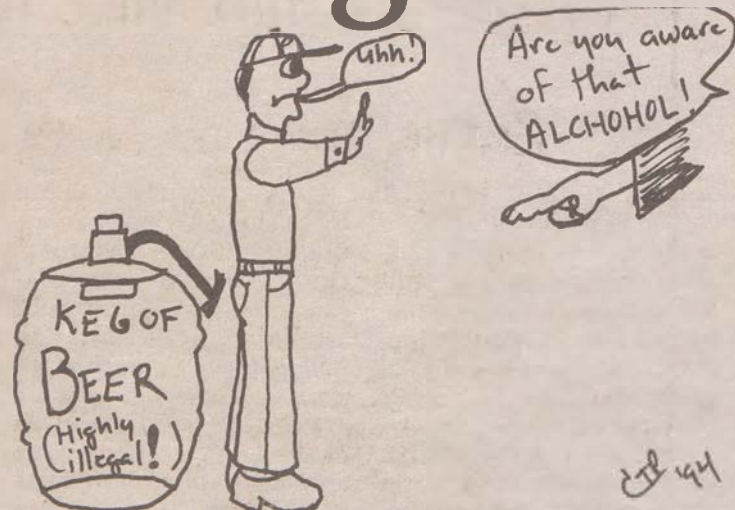
Bunnell Babble . . . Again

by Mat Bunnell '95
Features Writer

Hello PC, and welcome back to another fun-filled edition of Providence College, 02918. It's back to the same ol' BS... classes, (beer)glasses, and (nice) asses. The weather is as cold as that stuck-up honeylicious babe you tried to say hi to on the way to class, but that hasn't stopped the students of PC from picking up where they left off

Personally, I thought it was going to be a "hung" jury. <> This just in...Silly rabbit, Trix ain't just for kids...Claudia Schieffer is now being wooed by millionaire magician David Copperfield. What?! The guy pulls rabbits out of a hat for a living and he gets...CLAUDIA? It's Lyle Lovett--Julia Roberts all over again...And now for Claudia's next trick, making this guy disappear...Puh-lease!

well, you're just a bunch of nobodies. Just listen to your 'hits', "Hangin' Tough" and "The Right Stuff"...you rot...go to college, get a degree. C'mon, wake up, you suck...<> 'Richard Hertz from Holden' Department: We all know William equals Bill and Richard equals Dick so did you ever wonder why Little Richard (Good Golly!) and Richard Marx (OUCH! It ain't beef jerky, honey!) don't go by their alternate first names?<> Hey! Spring Breakers! Just 36 days until we're off to the land of beaches, booze, burns, and babes...to quote somebody famous, "Come, baby, come, baby, baby, come, come...you gotta give me lovin' and you gotta give me some"...<> Five Things That Really Suck —1) Tonya Harding (give her the chair!) 2) Voice Mail, 3) Rhode Island weather, 4) New alcohol policy...and my personal favorite, 5) A Toothless Ho' <> And now a look at the @\$\$* bull that the college calls their new alcohol policy. It's now three strikes and you're out, baby, and as far as the first offenses go, you're at the very least stamped with some sort of disciplinary action and/or fined some grotesque amount of money (The PC motto: Make a Buck, No Matter Who You F—).



Whoa, PC has finally decided to take matters into their own "hands" (God knows they're good at jerking us...umm...around). <> Look what's new this year...Alcohol Awareness Day! Class is suspended that day, so I guess alcohol awareness starts the night before, right? Word is the school is going to make students go to classes concern-

ing alcohol and its effects on our everyday life...classes include taste tests, keg-tapping seminars, lessons in responsible beer goggling, hang-over remedies, beer game instructional classes, and ID stenciling how-to's <> Hey, look on the bright side, you could be a Buffalo Bills fan <> Come on Friars! Kick some St. John ass!! <> and Until Next week...



and partying 'til...til...well, umm... 'til they're sober. In this tradition, I will also pick up where I left off...which wasn't really anywhere in particular. And now the jumble of jargon, the smorgasbord of sarcasm I like to call babble...

<> Knife's a bitch Department: The Lorena Bobbitt trial is finally over, with Lorena being found not-guilty by reason of insanity

<> They're Baaack! Aahhh! New Kids on the Block, now referred to as NKOTB (duh, what does dat mean?), released a new album entitled Face The Music. All right now, Kids, it's time to Face the OBVIOUS...you're the laughing stock of the nation, you have no talent and no future, you're in your twenties and you still refer to yourself as 'kids' and

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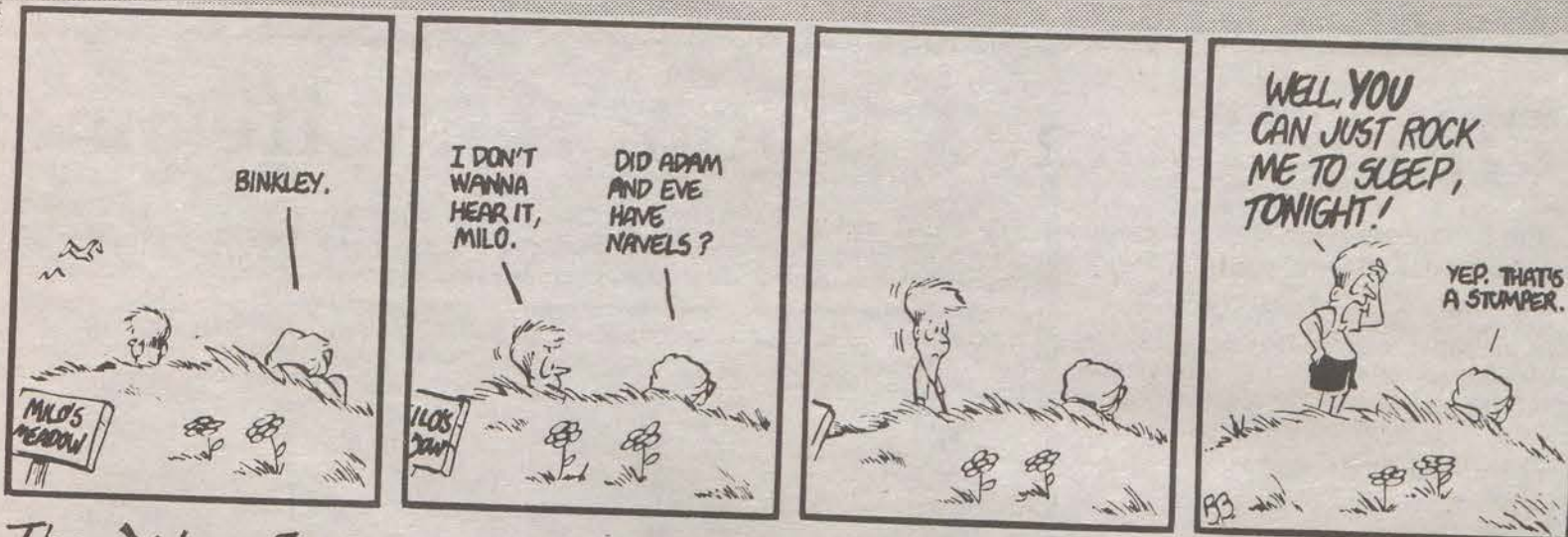
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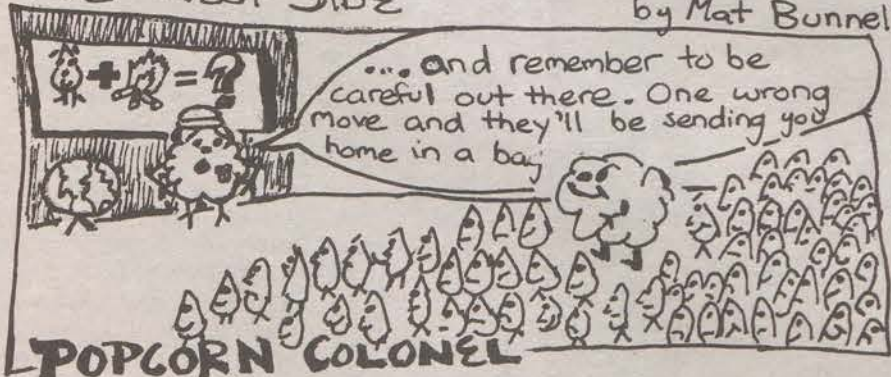
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Eddie Vedder Chronicles Vol. 3

by Greg DeMattos

Eddie Vedder tries out P.C.'s new phone system to call his dear ol' mum in Seattle...



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DON'T FORGET NINE... DON'T FORGET ONE... AREA CODE... PHONE NUMBER...



Sports Scoreboard

Alumni Board Support A Resolution

Whereas the Providence College National Alumni Association Board of Governors recognizes the great importance of the Providence College Friar basketball program to the spirit and enthusiasm that it generates on behalf of the College and which has a positive impact upon:

* School spirit and unity and many other positive influences within the Providence College family.

- * National prestige and recognition.
- * Student recruitment.
- * Alumni and corporate giving.

Resolves to recognize and applaud the outstanding attributes of the program and urges them on to even greater success during the Big East 1993-94 season.

Resolves that all students, faculty, and alumni are urged to attend games to encourage, support and cheer for the Providence Friars.

Further resolves that a copy of this resolution be distributed to students, faculty, and alumni.

Passed the 3rd day of December 1993.

James P. Carty
President

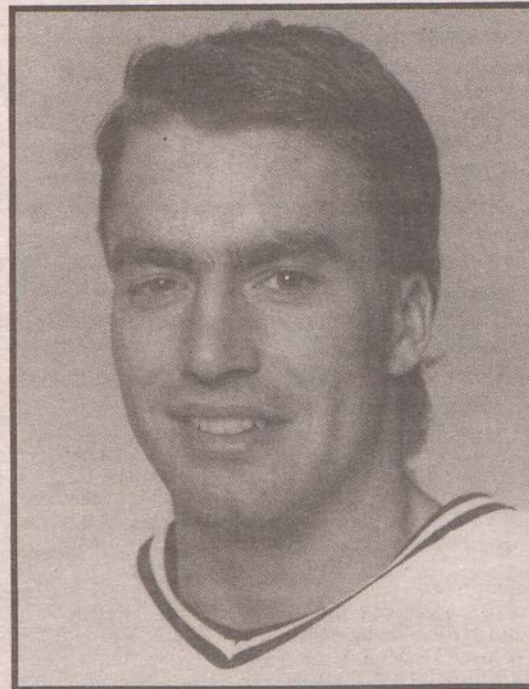
Look for more details on this resolution in next week's *Cowl* sports section.

Clearly Canadian PC Athletes of the Week



Amy Rudolph '95 (Kane, PA)
Women's Track

Rudolph ran a personal best to win the mile at the Terrier Classic in Boston. She won the race with a time of 4:38.39. Rudolph's time is the fastest run by a collegian this year. Her time qualifies her for the NCAA Indoor Championships this March in Indianapolis.



Chad Quenneville '95 (So. Hadley, MA)
Men's Ice Hockey

Quenneville continued his hot scoring during PC's split with UNH last week. He picked up a goal and an assist in an 8-3 loss at home, then helped the team bounce back with two goals in a 5-3 road victory. For his efforts, he was named the Hockey East Player of the Week. On the season, Quenneville now has 16 goals and 15 assists for 31 points.

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30 UConn L: 97-80 Goettsche: 22 Pts.
Miller: 8 Rebs

UPCOMING GAMES

FEBRUARY

2 Wednesday at Syracuse 7:30 PM
6 Sunday at St. John's Noon
9 Wednesday GEORGETOWN 7:00 PM
11 Friday TENNESSEE 7:00 PM

Providence (72)

Davis 5-16 3-4 16,
Fontanella 4-8 2-4 11, Goettsche
8-11 4-6 20, Saunders 2-10 5-7 10,
Walden 4-12 0-0 10, Miller 0-2 0-0
0, Cavallo 1-1 0-2 2, Penrod 1-2
1-2 3.

Pittsburgh (90)

Colabrese 4-13 1-2 10,
Huemrich 6-17 6-6 18, Miller 3-5
0-0 6, Joyce 3-6 0-0 8, Morton 4-7
0-1 8, Mitchell 1-1 2-2 4, Petho 5-
9 4-5 15, Maloy 7-9 2-2 21,
Thompson 0-2 0-0 0, Bolfort 0-0 0-0
0, Senneca 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence 30-42: 72

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Colabrese. Rebs- PC: 39
(Goettsche 9) Pitt: 41 (Huemrich
9). Assists- PC: 13 (Saunders 6)
Pitt: 25 (Morton 12). TO- PC: 18
Pitt: 13. Records- PC: 8-8 (6-3)
Pitt: 13-3 (7-1).

Providence (80)

Davis 5-17 0-0 15,
Fontanella 1-7 2-3 4, Goettsche 6-13
10-10 22, Saunders 4-15 1-2 11,
Walden 7-14 2-4 18, Penrod 0-1 0-0
0, Miller 4-6 2-2 10, Cavallo 0-2 0-0
0.

UConn (97)

Berube 10-12 2-4 23,
Elliott 4-10 8-10 16, Lobo 6-14 5-7
17, Rizzotti 6-9 5-5 20, Webber 2-7
5-6 10, Better 0-3 3-6 3, Wolters 4-6
0-0 8, Matlock 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence 39-41: 80

UConn 59-38: 97

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Davis 5,
Saunders 2, Walden 2 UConn:
Rizzotti 3, Webber, Berube. Rebs-
PC: 39 (Miller 8) UConn: 44 (Lobo
14). Assists- PC: 15 (Saunders 9)
UConn: 23 (Rizzotti). TO- PC: 9
UConn: 9. Records- PC: 8-9 (6-4 Big
East) UConn: 15-2 (8-1).

Friars Basketball Results/ Schedule

JANUARY

25 SYRACUSE W: 96-82 Williams: 26 Points
***** Michael Smith grabbed 26 rebounds in the game, setting a Big East record *****

29 at Notre Dame W: 82-75 Brown: 27 Points
Simpkins: 6 Rebounds

31 at Seton Hall L: 64-63 OT Williams: 22 Points
Smith: 15 Rebounds

UPCOMING GAMES

FEBRUARY

5 Saturday at St. John's (Alumni Hall) 8:00 PM

8 Tuesday PITTSBURGH 8:00 PM

12 Saturday GEORGETOWN (CBS) 1:00 PM

15 Tuesday at Syracuse (Carrier Dome) 8:00 PM

Providence (82)

Western 2-5 4-4 8,
Smith 3-4 0-0 6, Simpkins 0-6 7-9
7, Abdullah 1-4 0-0 2, Brown 9-10
4-4 27, Zielinski 2-2 0-0 6,
Williams 3-5 2-3 8, Phelps 3-8 1-1
8, Croshere 3-5 2-3 10.

Notre Dame (75)

Williams 12-21 5-8 31,
Taylor 1-5 0-0 2, Joe Ross 2-2 0-1
4, Hoover 3-6 4-4 13, Justice 1-4
1-1 3, White 1-1 0-0 2, Kurowski
3-5 0-0 8, Miller 0-2 0-0 0, John
Ross 3-5 0-0 6, Hughes 2-2 0-0 4,
Cozen 1-2 0-0 2.

Providence 39-43: 82

Notre Dame 40-35: 75

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Brown
5, Croshere 2, Zielinski 2, Phelps.
ND: Hoover 3, Kurowski 2,
Williams 2. Rebs- PC: 25
(Simpkins 6) ND: 29 (Williams 8).
Assists- PC: 19 (Abdullah 11)
ND: 15 (Hoover 3). TO- PC: 19
ND: 16.

Providence (63)

Western 5-8 1-1 12,
Smith 1-3 3-4 5, Simpkins 3-10 1-1
7, Abdullah 0-4 0-0 0, Brown 1-7 0-0
0 2, Phelps 3-8 0-0 9, Zielinski 0-0
0-0 0, Croshere 2-5 2-2 6, Williams
8-15 6-9 22.

Seton Hall (64)

Griffin 3-7 5-6 11,
Karnishovas 3-10 6-9 14, Mims 4-5
0-2 8, Caver 6-12 1-2 13, A. Brown
5-9 0-0 13, D. Brown 1-4 0-3 2,
Leahy 1-8 0-1 3, Davis 0-0 0-0 0,
Shipp 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence 35-20-8: 63

Seton Hall 36-19-9: 64

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Phelps
3, Western SH: Brown 3,
Karnishovas 2, Leahy 1. Rebs- PC:
44 (Smith 15) SH: 31 (Mims 9).
Assists- PC: 12 (Abdullah 5) SH:
13 (Caver 5). TO- PC: 20 SH: 15.

ATTENTION:

Rosters are still being taken for men's & women's 5 on 5 and wiffleball. 5 on 5 games have already started and rosters will not be accepted after 5:30 on Monday, February 7th.

-The IAB Staff

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week In Providence College Sports

Friday, February 4

Men's Hockey at Northeastern

7:00 PM

Saturday, Feb. 5

Women's Hockey at Concordia Invit.

TBA

Sunday, Feb. 6

Men's Basketball at St. John's

8:00 PM

Women's Hockey at Concordia Invit.

TBA

Women's Basketball at St. John's

12:00 PM

Men's and Women's Track at Adler

TBA

Invitational (@ Brown)

Women's Hockey at Concordia Invit.

TBA

Women's Swimming at Brown

7:00 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 8

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. PITT

8:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 9

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. GEORGETOWN

7:00 PM

ALL HOME GAMES IN CAPS



World Beaters Keith and Carroll Among The Best In The Mile

by Annica Ambrose '96
Sports Writer

The men's and women's track teams were busy this winter break having an extended holiday season of their own. With the women in full force and the men showing an outstanding recovery from cross-country season, each team has used those talents Santa may have left them to bring in the new year with a bang!

Andy Keith and Mark Carroll have risen to world standings in the mile event, currently ranking the second and third best times in the world, respectively. Both of these men have been dancing around the collegiate mile record, now set at 3:55, which has been left unbroken for the past nineteen years. Two Providence College records were set in the Commonwealth Invitational at Harvard. One was by Keith in the mile, just under that collegiate record at 3:56.29. The other record was broken by Carroll in the 3000m at 7:51.35. This record formerly belonged to John

san Murnane(800m-2:19.72), and Krissy Haacke(3000m-10:29.62). The men joined the festivities the next day at Brown with five firsts, including Andy Keith(800m-1:51.66), Mark Carroll(1000m-2:23.30), David Healy(mile-4:21.57), Andy Wedlake(3000m-8:30.03), and Chris Boyce(shot put-45'81/2").

The next weekend the teams split up, running all over the place. Some of the women were at the University of Rhode Island where they placed in a number of events. Among the many places were: a first from McCarthy in the 3000m (10:07), two third places, one from Laura Perucci(mile-5:18), the other from Nicole Gasper(500m-1:26), a fourth from Sara Lussier(3000m-10:42), and two fifths by Patricia McNiece(400m-66.7) and Joy Giglio(55m-8.0). Amy Rudolph ran at Harvard University where she placed first in the mile(4:43.72). This was the same meet mentioned earlier where Carroll and Keith set their school records. The rest of the men were at BU, also placing well with a first place distance medley relay(10:20)of Jose Libano, Jason Martin, David Healy, and Andy Wedlake. To mention a few other places, PC had Healy place first in the mile(4:13.86)and Matt Kenney third in the 3000m(8:45.84).

The Terrier Classic, which has already been mentioned as a record setter(and almost record setter) for the men, was also productive for the women. Amy Rudolph earned herself the #1 time in the country for the mile with a time of 4:38.39, and Krissy Haacke was third in the 1000m(2:57.9). Other impressive showings were Sarah Kraeger(800m-2:40.48), and two nice 3000m by Heather Couture(10:52) and Kristy McIsaac(11:25).

Coach Treacy is extremely pleased with the outcome of these winter meets. He expects Carroll and Keith to come even closer to that collegiate mile record at the Mobil Grand Prix meet in Fairfax, VA this weekend. These two are literally "at the top of the world", along with Rudolph on the women's side. The rest of the men's and women's teams will be at Brown where we can be positive they will continue to bring their times down and their rankings up! GOOD LUCK PC RUNNERS!

Treacy(brother of Coach Ray), and was set in 1978. Carroll also managed to come within two seconds of breaking that collegiate mile during the Terrier Classic at Boston University, running a time of 3:56.44. Andy Keith did set a record at that meet in the 1000m, with a time of 2:20.05. Chris Boyce, a shot-putter who has really come into his own this season, joined these two in the record breaking with a throw of 46'4 1/2".

Team wise, the so-called "break" began with the New England Challenge at Boston University, on Jan. 14th. Both teams had numerous qualifications for New England's, E.C.A.C's, and I.C.A.A's. The women posted four first places including Natalie Davey(800m-2:16.61), Amy Rudolph(1000m-2:51.92), Vanessa Molloy(3000m-9:54.06), and a 4x800m team consisting of Meghan McCarthy, Natalie Davey, Marie McMahon, and Rudolph. Also qualifying for New England's with second place times were Marie McMahon(mile-5:05.29), Su-

Down In The Post What's New With Lady Friar Hoops

by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

Packer Way off the Mark

It continually amazes me that even in today's world, people in the public eye continue to stick their foot in their mouth. Such is the case with well-known basketball analyst and CBS commentator Billy Packer. In a recent interview, Packer said that the reason that the Black Coaches Association were talking boycott was not due to proposed scholarship cuts or threats to minority opportunities. Instead, Packer said it was "the move towards gender equity" that is causing the black coaches to feel a threat.

What Packer failed to realize is that gender equity is not at issue. What is at issue is a power struggle between the BCA and the NCAA. As John Gillooly, a writer for the *Providence Journal*, put it, it's "a struggle over who controls college sports". Gender equity is an issue that the individual colleges must work out. Title IX is the law that all schools must follow. It does not affect the BCA or federal scholarship grants.

Packer has told everyone that women's athletics are responsible for the boycott; that statement could seriously hurt their chances at being able to achieve any measure of equality in college sports. Thanks Billy; you just set back public opinion about 20 years.

Big East May Break Up
Rumors are swirling in the offices of the Big East Conference may realign, with the football schools leaving (Miami, Syracuse, Boston College, and Pittsburgh) and the non-football schools staying (PC, UConn, St. John's, Seton Hall, Villanova, and Georgetown) being joined by smaller schools like Niagara or Manhattan, and possibly Notre Dame, to form a Catholic Conference. Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.

Lady Friar Highlights
Senior forward Stefanie Goettsche has registered 9 double-doubles on the year thus far, the most recent being against Georgetown (15 points, 17 boards). With the loss of Sonya Lewis and Jen Mead, Goettsche has elevated her game and picked up the slack...All three of PC's star frosh-Mandy Saunders, Nadine Malcolm, and Jen Davis-are averaging in double figures... Senior forward

Lucie Fontanella is moving up the Friars' career scoring list. She is currently ninth on the scoring list with 1,307 points. She is also tenth in rebounding with 657 boards in her PC career... Mandy Saunders established a BE rookie record for assists in a single game with 14 against Syracuse. Overall, she is averaging 6.2 assists per game... Sophomore guard Ayanna Walden has

moved into the starting lineup with the loss of Nadine Malcolm to injury, and she has responded well. In her first start against UConn last Saturday, she scored 18 points on 7-14 shooting, pulling down 6 rebounds, dishing out 1 assist and 1 steal. Look for added scoring and solid defense from Ayanna in the coming weeks.



Sophomore guard Ayanna Walden will be counted on to make vital offensive contributions in the coming weeks.

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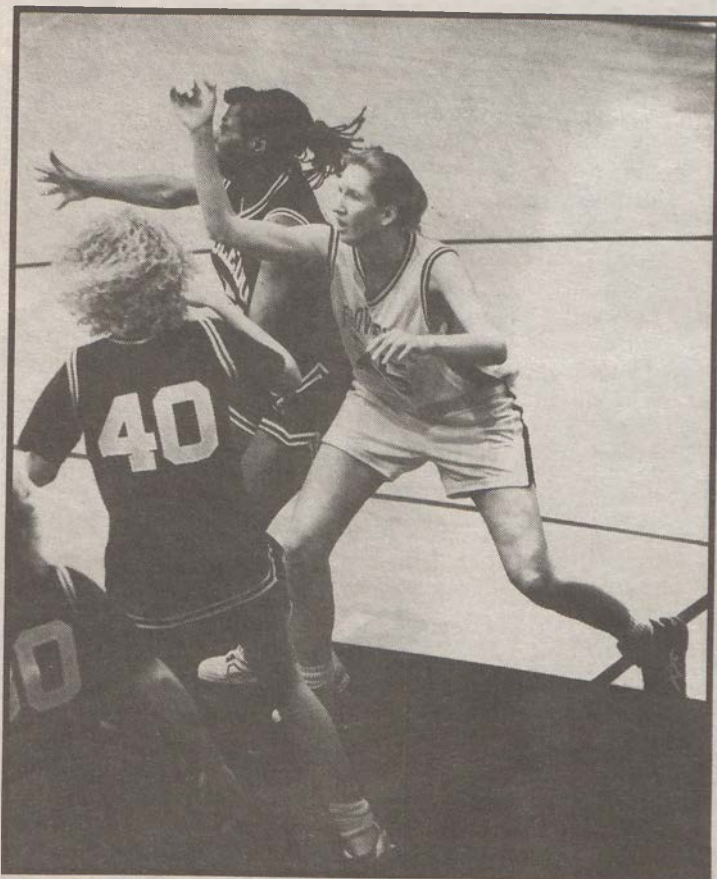
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Lady Friars Fall On Hard Times

Injuries Slow Team Heading Into Stretch Run



Senior Stefanie Goettsche has stepped up her game to help carry the load for an injury-riddled Lady Friar hoop team.

by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

Have you ever seen the movie "Hoosiers"? You know, the film where Gene Hackman goes to a small Indiana high school that has a team with only seven players, yet he goes on to win the state title. Well, Lady Friars basketball fans, Coach Bob Foley knows a little something about playing like that, because over the last six weeks the Lady Friars have gone from a deep twelve player team to a decimated eight player team.

Despite losing senior point guard Sonya Lewis (out with a herniated disk in her back), senior forward Jen Mead (she left the team to

concentrate on playing for the Team USA soccer team), and freshman forward Nadine Malcolm (stress fracture of the left foot), as well as having lost junior guard Heidie Moyano for the season to a knee injury, the Lady Friars have managed to compile a 6-4 Big East conference record (8-9 overall). Not bad.

Lately, though, the Lady Friars have fallen on hard times. With the difficult Big East season in full swing, the women's basketball squad has begun to feel the effects of the demanding schedule. After roaring out of the gates with a 6-1 conference mark, the Lady Friars have dropped three in a row, including two tough losses to Georgetown on the

road and Connecticut at home.

The Lady Friars began the New Year with a home game at Alumni Hall versus the University of Miami Hurricanes. The Lady Friars were down 15 at the half but came storming back behind the solid play of Stefanie Goettsche, who finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Mandy Saunders, who scored 15, all in the second half.

Their next game was against the Express of St. John's at Alumni Hall, which was another win for the Lady Friars, 80-66. This game saw senior forward Lucie Fontanella shut down SJU's Pam Odom, who came into the game seeking to get her 1,000 career point, and she left still seeking it. Coach Bob Foley said, "I told Lucie, 'Pam Odom wants the game ball', and Lucie said 'Not tonight', and she went out and shut down Pam. She played extremely well."

The Lady Friars then braved the snowy conditions the following Saturday and traveled to Boston College to take on the Eagles at BC's Power Gymnasium. Behind the solid play of seniors Stef Goettsche (20 points, 9 rebounds) and Lucie Fontanella (14 points, 10 rebounds), the Lady Friars came back from a one point half-time deficit to win going away, 91-73.

Their next contest was a home game against Syracuse which they won thanks to a 59 point first half, and they won a 94-77 decision. Mandy Saunders led PC with 21 points and 14 assists, while Sarah Miller pulled down 8 rebounds and Jen Davis poured in 20 points on 7-13 shooting (6-12 from 3-point land).

The Lady Friars

traveled to Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Connecticut to take on the Huskies in a Big East showdown. The Lady Friars were outscored by 21 in the first half en route to an 85-58 loss which saw PC shoot 28% from the field for the game while committing 16 turnovers. UConn's Kara Wolters blocked 8 shots and scored 20 points, while teammate Rebecca Lobo scored 20 points and pulled down 17 boards. Stef Goettsche scored 14 points and pulled down 9 boards, while teammate Lucie Fontanella dished out 7 assists and grabbed 8 rebounds in the losing effort.

The Lady Friars followed that game with a trip home to Alumni Hall to take on the Lady Wildcats of Villanova University. PC took a 48-34 lead at the half, but some costly turnovers and poor passing nearly cost them the game in the second half, pulling out an 85-83 victory, thanks to some clutch free-throwing down the stretch. The Lady Friars were led by freshman Nadine Malcolm, who poured in 23 points on 9-12 shooting (2-2 from 3-point land), and teammate Stef Goettsche scored 20 while pulling down 11 rebounds. "It wasn't a pretty win, but it was a win", said Coach Bob Foley.

The Lady Friars dropped their next two games on the road to Georgetown (101-99 in overtime), and Pittsburgh (90-72). In the Georgetown game, freshman guard Mandy Saunders scored 23 while teammate Stef Goettsche pulled down 17 rebounds. At Pittsburgh, senior Stef Goettsche led the PC scoring and rebounding with 20 points and 9 rebounds, and teammate Lucie

Fontanella scored 11 points and grabbed 7 boards.

Last Saturday at noon, the women's basketball squad entertained the Huskies of UConn in a matchup of the Big East's first place and fourth place teams. Alumni Hall was filled with screaming fans from both UConn and PC in the biggest game of the year thus far at PC. UConn took a commanding 20 point lead at half-time, then fought off a PC rally that saw their lead drop to 12 before time and foul trouble caught up to the Lady Friars. The final score was 97-80 in favor of UConn.

Against the Huskies, PC was led by senior forward Stef Goettsche, who scored 22 points and grabbed 7 rebounds before fouling out with 10:21 left in the game. Sophomore guard Ayanna Walden scored a career-high 18 points on 7-14 shooting, providing much-needed offense for the Lady Friars, while junior forward Sarah Miller grabbed a team high 8 rebounds and scored 10 points in 20 minutes of action.

The Lady Friars next home game is against Georgetown on February 9 at 7:00 here on the campus of PC in Alumni Hall. And then, on Friday, February 11, the Lady Friars welcome Coach Pat Summit and the Lady Vols of the University of Tennessee, one of the top five teams in the nation.

So if you're planning on attending to get a look at a top program in women's basketball, get there early; seating is first come, first serve. Bring your parents along for the best entertainment of the whole weekend, and support your Lady Friars as they hit the homestretch on their way to the Big East Tournament.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11
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Sports

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club to a new level. But they need to consistently get the job done. Simpkins has been in a funk the last two games (0-6 FGs against Notre Dame, 3-10 against Seton Hall). It would be a major help for him if he caught the ball closer to the basket than he has been. Simpkins is a good player, but their isn't much he can do with the ball 22 feet away from the hoop. It's an injustice to him to make him handle the ball so far from the basket. At 6' 10", he'll hurt teams a lot more when he gets the ball in and around the paint.

Phelps gets out of control at times, but he has proven to be an extremely versatile team player who must bring a consistent scoring threat off of the bench. Smith's presence alone makes him a leader because his tenacity going after the ball is a natural example for his teammates to get them fired up. When it comes to emotion, Smith needs to keep this team running in high gear for them to win.

... the team needs to step it up offensively. Against Seton Hall, the Pirates held a one point lead at 42-41 early in the second half. PC made several key defensive stops, but came up empty on four consecutive offensive series. They could have taken their first lead of the game, but instead watched as the Pirates ripped off an 8-1 run to rebuild a 50-42 lead. The Friars tend to

struggle offensively in the clutch. These are the times when the offensive stars like Franklin Western and Eric Williams need to have the ball. Western was out with an injury for the last 20 minutes of the Seton Hall game, which definitely hurt. But the Friars need to get the ball inside to Williams even more. He is quickly blossoming into a dominant post player. He hurt the Pirates almost every time he got the ball; either scoring or getting fouled. He shot 8 for 15 from the field. When your team is struggling on offense give it to the "go-to" guy who takes the high percentage shots. Right now, that guy is Eric Williams. Get him the ball!

... the Friars need to keep playing a fast paced style of play. PC is not a good half court team offensively. They win games when they run. Barnes has said that he would rather have his team take a shot in five seconds, rather than wait thirty seconds to take the same shot. When PC runs, they are ten times harder to beat than when they play a half-court game. PC hasn't been running good breaks in recent losses. They must quicken the pace to make a late season run.

The time is now. PC goes to St. John's Saturday, then hosts Pitt and Georgetown. After that awaits road games at UConn and Syracuse. The

Friars can't wait until the UConn game to say "We'd better pick up the pace!" The team and their fans don't want to see a repeat of last year when we were saying "If we win in the first round of the Big East tourney, then we should go to the NCAA's." Step it up now, and we hopefully won't be biting our nails when those brackets start coming up on CBS on March 13.

BIG EAST ACTION

PROVIDENCE FRIARS

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**Tuesday
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8:00 PM**

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Swimmers Come Back Strong To Begin Second Half of Season



Allan Egbert ('95) and the rest of the swim team are starting to gear up for the Big East championships in a few weeks.

by Todd Bianchi '95
Sports Writer

Welcome back everyone; hope you enjoyed the last month off shoveling and freezing your butts off. While experiencing one of the coldest winters ever here in New England, our very own swimming and diving team was practicing as hard as ever here at P.C. However, from December 28th to January 4th the Friars took a brief vacation to the sunny confines of Venezuela. According to Coach O'Neill it was a training stay with practice twice a day. Many swimmers seemed to have had different thoughts on the stay down south, like promising junior swimmer Brian Baker, who said that the weather was excellent and the girls were beautiful.

Even though the practice was hard, the results from the strenuous training seems to have had a positive affect on the whole team. Shortly after the Friars return they had their first meet of the new year against Northeastern. First place finishes by senior Chris Holt, Jeff Longo and a school record by Paul Nathe in the 50m freestyle made for a easy first victory. The Lady Friars followed in the footsteps of the men as Allyson Dunleavy had a career day. Three first place finishes in the 100, 200 meter Butterfly and the 200 meter Medley gave the Lady Friars a convincing victory. Coach O'Neill credits the victory to the fact that the team was finally healthy.

The following week the Friars and Lady Friars traveled to URI for the Rhode Island Invitational. Facing the likes of UMass and Maine the Friars were able to capture a convincing second place in the men's competition with strong finishes by Allen Egbert, Chris Holt, Chris McAllister and Jeff Longo. The women were able to capture a convincing first place victory thanks to Michelle Tamburo and Rita Bopp's return to action.

Seton Hall was next on the agenda for the Friars and once again the training from South America seemed to pay huge dividends for the team. Michael Ahearn was quite impressive with a first place victory in the 200m backstroke. Paul Mikuszewski had a strong meet with several third place finishes. The Lady Friars were aided by the performances of Sanet Sirringhaus and Colleen Doyle. Sanet finished first in the 50 and 100 meter Freestyle and Colleen led the pack in the 200 and 400 meter Freestyle.

This past weekend the Friars traveled to Syracuse to face the talented Orangemen. The Friars, beleaguered by the flu and injuries, were clearly outmatched. However, Coach O'Neill says that the team has recovered and that everyone needs to come together in order for the season to be a success. The Friars next meet comes this Saturday at Boston University. Coach O'Neill feels that the meet will be tough, but they have a shot at a victory.

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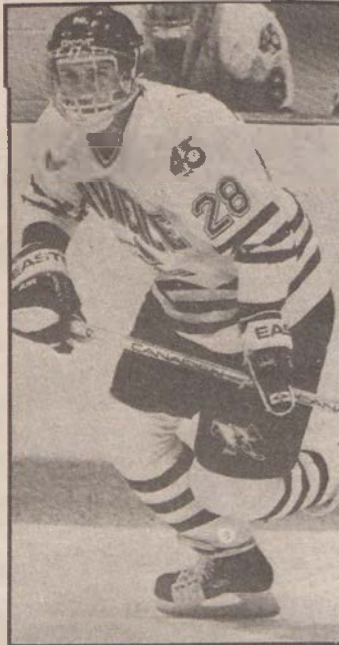
with the ninth-ranked Northeastern Huskies in tow. PC's fourth line created the offensive noise early on in this game, helped with two goals by LaVarre and a four point night by George Breen. After the Friars built a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by the above duo, Mike Taylor's wrist shot at 17:10 eluded Dennis to aid the Husky cause.

NU carried this momentum late into the second period, when Tom O'Connor and Eric Peterson connected within one minute of each other. This prompted McShane to replace Dennis with a rested Bell. The Husky lead was short lived though, due to Brady Kramer's net crasher at 19:11. However

Scott Balboni's roughing penalty after the final whistle would provide NU with momentum the final period. J.F. Aube then paced the Huskies with two power play goals, the second putting the Huntington Hounds up 6-4 with 12:53 remaining.

Following over nine minutes of fruitless play, LaVarre put the Friars within striking distance by tapping home the rebound of Jay Kenney's slapshot at 16:50. Down to last-second heroics, Chad Quenneville sprouted from center ice to shock the Husky defense at 19:53 with his 17th tally of the season. The Huskies and PC then made their 6-6 tie official, but not before an intense 5 minute overtime. "It was a lucky shot, but we have to be pleased with the comeback we made," concluded an equally surprised Quenneville.

Quenneville will resume the quest to tie Gord Cruickshank's record for goals in consecutive games(10) next Wednesday night at Matthews Arena when the Friars will duel with the Huskies once again.



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Lady Friars Remain Unbeaten In ECAC Play

Conference Record at 6-0-1 As Stretch Run Approaches

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

They're back! The Providence College women's Ice Hockey team has returned from a month-long hiatus and picked up right they left off. Their overall record stands at 11-6-3. Six of the eleven victories, however, coming at the expense of their ECAC foes, who the Lady Friars have thrived on compiling a record of 6-0-1 in ECAC play this season.

Stephanie O' Sullivan, the team's catalyst, leads the club in most offensive categories including her 22 goals, 19 assists, and 41 points. When O'Sullivan isn't netting the puck or dishing out an assist it is Wheeler or Manning picking up the offensive slack for PC. Wheeler has 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points, and Manning has 5 goals and 11 assists of her own good for 16 points.

The goal-tending has been, well, superb. Providence has an effective trio in Gina Martiniello, Natalie Mancuso,

Women's Ice Hockey

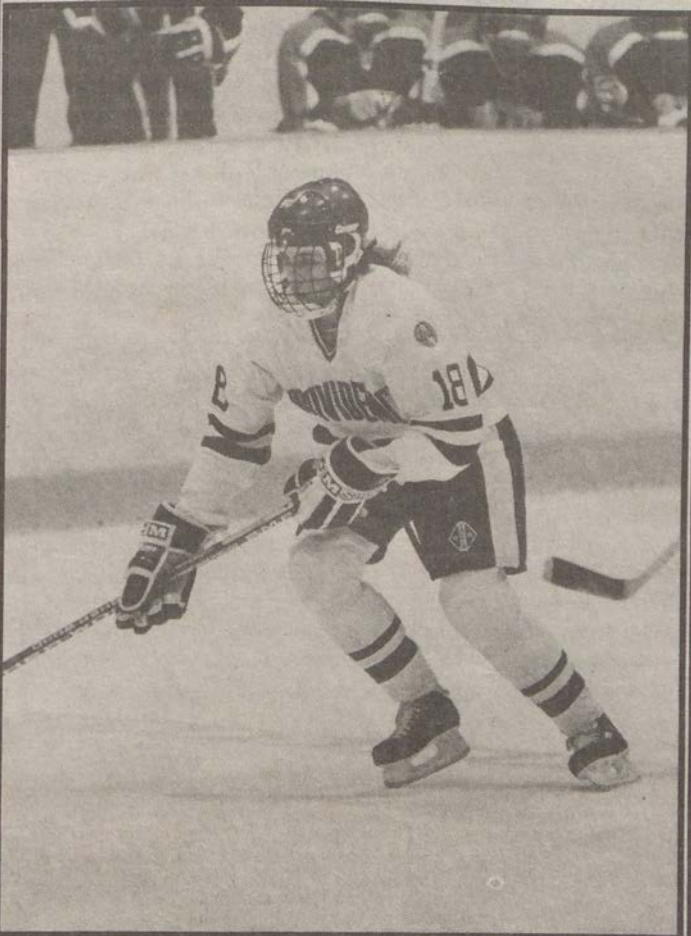
and Natasha Fine. The three have combined for a 11-6-3 start and have put the deep-freeze on the opposition in goal for the Lady Friars.

The club is 5-3-2 since returning from the winter break and shows no sign of slowing down. On January 26th, the Lady Friars downed Brown with Gina Martiniello putting up a shut-out. She had 26 saves en route to a 5-0 white-wash at home.

On January 28th, Martiniello made a season-high 37 saves but it was not enough as UNH handed the Lady Friars their second loss on the road this season. Blahoski scored her sixth goal on the season in the 4-1 loss.

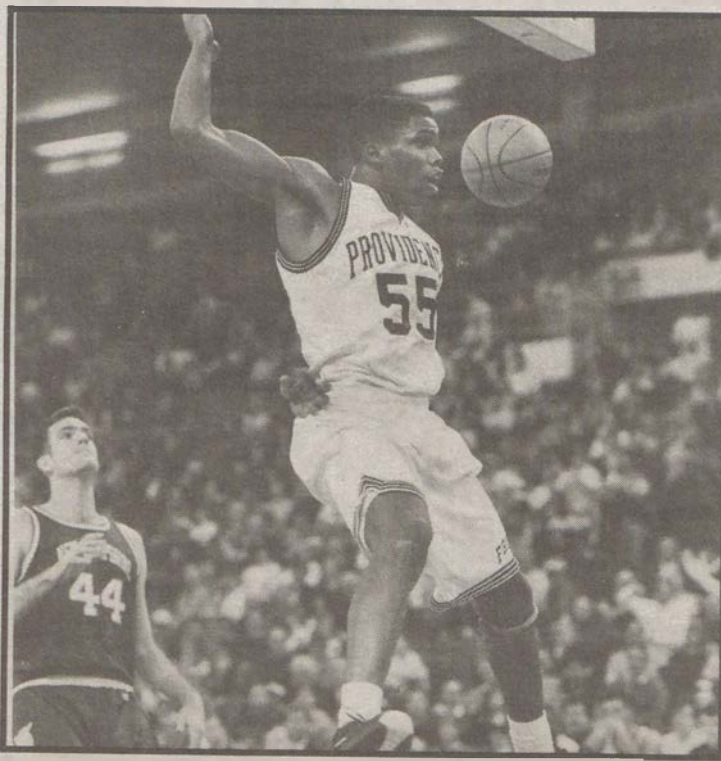
On January 30th, The lady Friars dropped a close one at home to Princeton, 4-3. Wheeler and Bailey accounted for the scoring in a losing effort and Fine made 18 saves.

The Lady Friars next game pits them against Middlebury on the road and then the Concordia Invitational Tournament gets underway. As the Lady Friars wind down their season their success in the coming games is pivotal as to how far they can go.



Alana Blahowski ('96) tallied her sixth goal of the season against UNH last week.

Up Close: With Eric Williams



Eric Williams has brought the Friars a full offensive package from the junior college ranks.

by Derek Stout '95
Sports Interviewer

Last season ended (with the exception of the NIT Tournament) with James Brown of CBS announcing the sixty-four teams that made the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament; Providence College was not mentioned. Most college basketball fans disagreed, they saw a team that went on an impressive 9-3 win streak to end the 1993 campaign; as a result most observers expected an invitation to the NCAA's; it did not happen.

Entering the 1993-94 basketball season Friar fans were full of optimism. Friar fans believed Barnes and company would continue where they ended and compete for the Big East title. Presently PC has not proven that they have the consistency within conference play to rise to that challenge. Inconsistency has been a theme for the season. However one player has risen above the club's erratic play, 6-8 junior college transfer Eric Williams.

Eric entered Providence College as a highly sought after player from Vincennes Junior College in Indiana. At Vincennes, Eric averaged twenty-two points and twelve rebounds per game as the team went 33-3 in last year's NJCAA Tournament. As a result, Eric earned first team honors to the JUCO All-American team. Eric Williams has risen to the occasion and is currently leading the team in scoring. He has filled the role of a needed scoring threat on the inside to take the burden off Simpkins and Smith. Eric did not have a difficult time adjusting to Division I play and noted that his second Big East game was when he first realized he could be a player in the league. "The first couple of games it was hard because I did not have any experience. But when the Big East play began (it was the Villanova

game) where I first realized I could play within the Big East. The hardest adjustment from junior college was the intensity and physical play."

Eric has adapted well within the Big East and has proven he can play with anyone in the league. He has a unique outlook on his role for each game, letting the game come to him. "I just come in and try to plug in the holes that we are missing in a particular game. If we need scoring I try to pick up the scoring, if we need defense, I will try to be a defensive stopper. I try to adjust to whatever the team needs at that particular point in the game. At the Seton Hall game our seniors were not playing well so I came in and tried to fill in some of the leadership, and help them out."

The Friars have a 8-1 record outside the Big East, but have struggled compiling a 4-5 record within conference play. Each game the Friars have had a chance to notch a victory towards the end, but the inability to execute an efficient running game throughout has hurt them. Instead the Friars have remained in a half-court game in the majority of their conference games and have had difficulties in execution. Eric expressed his own thoughts on the keys to consistency within the unpredictable conference. "I think we have to come prepared to play every night, we cannot just turn it on and off or take any teams lightly. We have to maintain the same intensity every night with every team that comes to town. In the Syracuse game we got down 10-0 and those are the things we have to avoid, it was one of those situations where the game could have gotten out of hand. We have to come out and not let those things happen."

The last two years Rick Barnes has taken criticism for many of the Friar losses, mainly because they

have played down to the level of their competition. Barnes' coaching and the team's performance almost cost Barnes his job last season. PC, however bounced back the second half and played up to their potential within the Big East Tournament. Barnes is still under the microscope and has to be credited with bringing Eric Williams to Providence. Eric has the highest regard for Rick Barnes, "Coach Barnes has given me the confidence that I can play within the Big East. He has told me that I can play with the best in the conference. He also stresses that I have to maintain my intensity level every night and I will be a good player. One thing about Coach Barnes is that he is a very honest coach, he will let you know when you are not performing. He also will never tear down his players, he always tries to help out his players anyway he can."

It is hard to believe that a player with the quickness and basketball instincts Eric possesses, began playing basketball only five years ago. Yes, it is true Eric Williams first played organized basketball in the eleventh grade. Eric played high school basketball at Shabazz High School in Newark, New Jersey where he averaged 24.2 points and 18.6 rebounds as a senior. Consequently Eric was named all state and Newark Player of the year and recruited by many schools on the East Coast including: Seton Hall, Miami, West Virginia and UCONN. The motivation to begin playing basketball came from his mother who was always a basketball fan. "My mom got me going in the sport. She used to play when she was younger and she always liked to watch Georgetown when they played on television and I began watching them also. It also helped when one summer I grew five inches from six-foot to six-five, and basketball just took off from there."

As the season has progressed Eric has illustrated that he is the key ingredient for the Friars offensively and on their full court defense. No longer do the Friars have a missing link when they need a key bucket. Eric Williams hopes to use is PC playing days as a springboard to the NBA. Presently Eric is a Business Management major and would like to enter real estate or manage his own business if the NBA does not call. If the 1994-95 season is a replica of what Williams has accomplished this season, Eric will have the pleasure to wait until after his NBA retirement to fulfill those other goals.