

The Details on Alcohol Awareness Day Wednesday, February 23, 1994

by Renet Ladocsi '96
News Writer

On February 23, 1994 Providence College will present the student body with the first In Service Alcohol Awareness Day. This day, which appears on all freshmen and sophomore DWC syllabi as a day free of class, is actually PC's first attempt at addressing an overwhelming problem here at our college. The initial response of the student body about this day was confusion as to what is to be expected. Once told that the date was being held for an Alcohol Awareness consortium, many students chuckled as if to say "Sure, my awareness of alcohol will begin Tuesday night!" But this is the very problem which professors and administrators wish to address.

According to John J. Colby, Ph.D, a professor of

PC's Department of Psychology, one of the most outstanding problems which faces PC are the incoming high school graduates. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) the usage rates

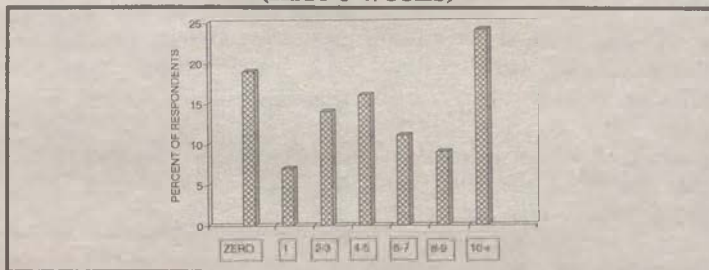
mately 7% of the nation's eight graders; 18% of tenth graders; and 30% of twelfth graders report they have been drunk during the past month." As a result, PC is faced with the fact that their incoming freshmen have already had a long history of

casion". Although this may not seem as a lot to the average college student who defines five drinks as a 'few beers', national statistics show that this is heavy consumption. PC has a responsibility to the student as well as the collegiate institution to educate our community on the effects of alcohol abuse. This is Alcohol Awareness Day.

Dr. Colby is in no way attempting to abolish drinking at PC. His main concern is alcohol abuse, not use. He, as well as other professors, find that there are deteriorating standards here at the college. "The drinking patterns have changed compared to fifteen years ago. More students drink to get drunk", states Dr. Colby. He also points out the negative reputation our college has received in the recent past. As cited in the 1992

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and patterns of "junior/middle and senior high school students [show that they] drink 35% of all wine coolers sold in the United States; [and that] they also consume 1.1 billion cans of beer." Another statistic shows us that "approxi-

alcohol abuse. More directly, NCADD statistics show "41% of [all] college students have 'binged' on alcohol during the past two weeks" The NCADD defines 'binging' as "consuming five (5) or more drinks in a row during a single oc-

Blackfriars' The Lower Rooms Raises Questions

by Theresa Edo '96
Asst. News Editor

In today's world it seems as if one cannot turn around without staring into the face of some side of the issue of freedom of expression. Whether the place of Huck-leberry Finn in a school's curriculum is being debated on an ABC Afterschool Special or Madonna's latest foray into the "entertainment" world is being banned, Americans can hardly escape the situation.

PC is not by any means exempt from these dilemmas. Recently, the

Blackfriars production of The Lower Rooms became embroiled in just such a controversy. Due to, what the program describes as, the "adult themes" and "unsettling nature" of the play, the question was raised as to where its loyalties lay, with the Catholic morals of the school or with our constitutional freedoms?

The play, which runs February 4-6 and 11-13, is directed by Mary G. Farrell, associate professor of theatre, and was written by Brown University graduate, Eliza Anderson. It deals with both

emotional and physical torture and how the characters deal and work through them. While the play does not contain any nudity or blatant sex scenes, there are suggestions of rape and considerable use of obscenity.

Because of the questionable dialogue and subject matter, the playbill recommends the play for "mature audiences." The program also carries with it a disclaimer of sorts, signed by President Cunningham.

In his statement, Fr. Cunningham explained that

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Why Won't They Talk?

In early December, The Cowl staff learned of the intended resignation of Fr. Joseph Tortorici, O.P., Director of Residence Life. Shortly before this information was passed on to us, we had printed news stories on the resignations of Fr. Quigley and Pres. Cunningham. It only seemed proper and professional that we do the same for another important and well-known figure at PC.

At the first staff meeting following the Winter break, the news editor assigned the story of Fr. Tortorici's resignation to one of her assistants. She also assigned an article concerning another Residence Life employee to

a writer.

When we tried to reach Fr. Tortorici, we were told "he would not discuss this issue." Several more attempts were made to further discuss his reasons for not allowing an interview, but to no avail. The other faculty member avoided many phone calls and only acknowledged our desire to speak with him after one staff member sat outside his office and waited for him.

Throughout the year, we have accommodated the Residence Life staff whenever an article needed to be written. We believe The Cowl and PC have to work together, not apart.

MIA: Students and Faculty Absent From Search Committee For New President

by Kristen Garipey '95
News Editor

On November 30, 1993, President Cunningham announced his intention to resign his office "well before the end" of the current academic year. As a result of his decision, a search committee for his successor has been formed. Unfortunately, questions have arisen concerning those chosen to nominate the new president. It is not who is on the committee that poses a problem, but rather who is not.

Shortly after President Cunningham's announcement, the Board of Trustees appointed a search committee comprised of the following members: Alice MacIntosh, Alan Morris, O.P., Dr. Joseph Hagan '56, William F. Wayland '58, and Dr. Donna McCaffrey. However, in past elections, there have also been representatives from the faculty and student population at PC. The committee once included the President of the Faculty Senate and the President of the Student Congress. Neither have been appointed to the committee.

President Cunningham has expressed his concern

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The last time Providence College cancelled all classes due to the weather was during the Blizzard of '78.

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edition of The Princeton Review "students report that their classmates are 'a bunch of heavy drinkers' and that parties are frequent. Week-end usually start on Wednesday, Thursday at the latest." What some PC students fail to recognize is that according to the National College Survey the ratio of heavy drinkers within our countries colleges are as high as 26.5% of males and 13.1% of females. Here at PC, the ratio lies at 33% to 18% respectively. Evidently, our college campus has a higher percentage of heavy drinkers than compared to national statistics. This survey also singles out white, Catholic males of English, Scottish and Irish ethnicity as the heaviest drinkers.

Not only does PC want to appear as a health oriented institution, but they are truly concerned with the wellness of its' students. The college is very much concerned with the long term effects of alcohol abuse.

Alcohol effects students in ways we are somewhat reluctant to accept. In many instances, a clear relationship exists between alcohol abuse and grade point average among college students: students with GPA's of D and F drink three (3)

times as much as those who earn A's (according to NCADD statistics). Administrators and professors want to make students aware that the abuse of alcohol now, will render severe consequences in their futures. If heavy drinking has a causal effect on low GPA's, then heavy drinking will have a detrimental effect on a person's achievements in the future. One may have a more difficult time being accepted at more respectable graduate school program, or receiving placement in the work place.

Dr. Colby himself has had many difficult class periods attempting to excite the interests of his "hung over" students. What eventually begins to happen is that the student as well as himself begin to lose interest in the class material. "When a student approaches me during the second month of a semester with complaints that he/she is unable to do well in my class, the answer is obvious to me. I show the student the facts. In some instances, a student has already missed six class meetings (within the first two months of a semester), and that when they do attend classes they repeatedly fall asleep in them. I then ask what their drinking habits

are, and more often than not, I find them to be Thursday night drinkers." Dr. Colby has found that NCADD statistics apply to many of his classes. These heavy drinkers who begin their bingeing on Thursday nights, have much lower GPA's than those students who may use but do not abuse alcohol.

Dr. Colby wants to change many of the policies related to alcohol abuse here at PC. He wants clear communication to all parents and students that alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at PC; a mandatory one credit Health course to be given to all incoming freshmen dealing with such issues as diet strategies, eating disorders, an the effects of alcohol abuse; more information to be given regarding Wellness Dorms (and the option to live in one); and education to the faculty as well, so they will be able to single out problems in their classrooms. Dr. Colby also states that the most effective procedures are very low cost. First, he suggests, all DWC quizzes and examinations should be given on Fridays. This will eliminate the Thursday night drinker and under-attended Friday classes. Secondly, he asks that people (students and

faculty) keep an eye out and ask questions. Dr. Colby wants to raise the standards of Providence College.

The administration and professors also want students to be aware of these statistics represent the student body as a whole; that the 25% of heavy drinkers on campus are deteriorating the standards for the rest of us. As Dr. Colby stated "we must have zero tolerance for underage drinking." Apparently, the effects are much more severe than we realize.

We all have the opportunity to voice our agreements and disagreements on February 23, 1994. Fr. McPhail would like us to be aware of the agenda. From 1:00 to 1:15 students will gather for opening session in Alumni Hall. From 1:15-1:30 there will be welcoming and opening remarks. From 1:30-2:30 there will be a General

Session. From 2:30-2:45 there will be a recess. From 2:45-3:30 there will be small group meetings : response/ reaction. From 3:30-3:45 another recess. And from 3:45-4:15 there will be the summary and the closing of the day. Dr. Colby states that "since the problem is pervasive on this and other college campuses, it will require a community-wide remedial approach. The AAD convocation will provide an opportunity for Administrators, the faculty and the students to address the problem as members of the community all of whom have an interest in eliminating alcohol abuse." Fr. McPhail also wants it to be known that these proceedings will be mandatory for all students. Those who do not attend will be penalized, although how they will be penalized has not yet been determined.

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Ira C. Magaziner Tackles Health Care Issue

Senior Advisor to the President Addresses PC Community

by Mary Shaffrey '97
News Writer

On Thursday, February 3, 1994, Ira C. Magaziner, senior advisor to the President for policy development, addressed a capacity plus crowd at '64 Hall on the development of the Clinton Health Care Reform Initiative. The event was sponsored by the Providence College's President's Forum on Culture and Values (PCPFCV), and by the college's Feinstein Institute for Public Service.

After a brief introduction by Dr. Richard Grace, chairman of the PCPFCV, Mr. Magaziner, a native of Bristol R.I., spoke for the first half, and then took questions for the remaining 45 minutes.

"Health Care reform was first introduced back in 1912 by third-party presidential candidate Theodore Roosevelt. Since that time, six other presidents have introduced Comprehensive Health Care (CHC), however, unfortunately it has never been passed. We are the only advanced nation, besides South Africa that does not have CHC. Why? Because of two main reasons, first it is a very complicated issue. Second there are many interest groups that have an interest in the status quo," Magaziner stated in his opening remarks.

Magaziner continued by stating, "We (the health care team) were visited by over 1100 special interests groups, and eventu-

ally put together a package that laid out everything so that the people could debate it. President Clinton has stated though that the policy must have four basic principles in order for him to sign it."

Those four principles are the following: First all Americans, with no exceptions, should receive CHC. Right now, according to Magaziner, there are approximately 39,000,000 uninsured people living in this country, and another 25,000,000 that have a bare bones policy.

Second is the theory

Americans will receive pamphlets from their employers telling them their options, and they will be able to sign up for that respective plan. If they are unsatisfied, after a year they can change, and in some circumstances, even before that.

Addressing the issue of paying for the policy, Mr. Magaziner commented that every American would be responsible for making contributions to the plan, as well as an additional 75¢ tax on a pack of cigarettes. "We feel that the tax is acceptable

service," he continued.

A great concern is whether or not the quality of health care that is available to Americans now, which according to Magaziner is the best in the world, would change, he said no. "People will still be able to receive the quality health care that they do now, however under this plan, the quality would be spread out more evenly, so that everyone could take advantage of it," Magaziner responded.

One of the largest concerns about this policy is how it will affect small businesses. When Bill Lavin '97 asked how it would affect his aunt and uncle's business which has eight employees, Magaziner responded, "Under this plan, small businesses, such as theirs would be responsible for contributing 3 1/2% of their payroll to the policy."

Reaction to the policy was mixed. Many people felt that he addressed the issues, however, were not necessarily pleased with the responses.

"Under Clinton's plan, salaries will go down and their will be no incentive to go into the medical profession," commented Michelle Balthazar '94.

Jonathan Moran '95 agreed. "Less people are going to want to go to medical school, and therefore the quality of those in the medical schools will go down, and in the end it is the people who will lose out," he concluded.

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known as Community Raiding. This deals with the fact that 55 year olds are charged more than 20 year olds. Magaziner stated that insurance companies are involved in medical underwriting, where they try to avoid the high risk patient, and charge them more. This affects many small business owners.

Third point is simplicity. According to Magaziner, 48¢ of every dollar in doctor's fees go to administrative costs. Under the Clinton proposal there be universal reimbursement.

Finally the fourth point is Choice. Magaziner stated that Americans want to choose their own plan. Under this plan,

because smoking is a health issue, and so is this policy," he stated.

As soon as the question and answer period began, people immediately lined up to ask their respective questions. When asked whether the package included controversial abortion coverage, the response was yes. "Many companies now offer so-called pregnancy related services, and abortion falls under this. The individual would be able to choose whether or not their policy would include abortion, because there would be policies available that do not provide this

Search Committee Lacks Student and Faculty Input

about the lack of student and faculty members to the committee. "The faculty and students should have input on the electing of the next president," he said. "No harm can be done and they should be allowed to have a voice."

The purpose of a search committee is to combine the most qualified and diverse individuals to select the best possible candidate for the position. The president of Providence College plays an important role and often interacts with members of the faculty and student body. The faculty educate and help shape the future's of the students who will bear the Providence College name. Why are there no representatives on the committee from these two populations?

"They are not necessary. I don't see any reason to have them when I can call on others to carry out the responsibility," states Honorable Anthony A. Giannini '50, chairman of the Nominating and Membership Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Judge Giannini continued to explain that in June 1992 the governing body of PC was re-constructed. Before this time, the "upper body" of the college consisted only of the Providence College Corporation. It dissolved into two separate structures: the Corporation and the Board of Trustees. When this separation took place, the two structures did away with the philosophy that representatives were needed from the faculty and the student body. He says they are just following through

with the new philosophy.

However, there seems to be several questions and concerns being raised over the issue. "I am disappointed they did not choose a student or faculty member to be part of the search process. These members could add valuable insight in choosing the new president," said John Ryan, President of Student Congress.

The search committee will offer a nomination for a successor to the board's Nominating and Membership Committee. The Nominating and Membership Committee will make a recommendation for the new president to the Corporation who will either accept or reject the recommendation.

Disciplinary Measures

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 - 4) standard of conduct expected of a PC student
 - 5) non-compliance with college officials
 - 6) unauthorized entry onto the college campus
 - 7) conduct threatening the health of a college official
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 - 2) \$350
 - 3) \$75 for damages caused to college property
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FRIDAY EVENING

MEN'S HOCKEY GAME

(PC vs. Northeastern)
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in
Alumni Hall

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MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

(PC vs. Georgetown)
2:00 pm
at the Civic Center

FACULTY/STUDENT MUSIC RECITAL

2:30 pm in Siena 116

SATURDAY EVENING COCKTAIL DINNER DANCE

7:00 pm to 1:00 am
in
Peterson Center
Catering by Blackstone Caterers of Newport, RI
Buffet Dinner
Dancing to the music of "Steppin'up"
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Cash Bar

SUNDAY

SUNDAY MASS

Parents' Weekend Mass
11:30 am
in
Alumni Hall

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Peterson Center
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Controversy Over The Lower Rooms

he had "no prior knowledge of the play", and, in his personal opinion, he found it to be unsuitable for production in Blackfriars Theatre. He said "while I support academic and artistic freedom and am sure the students worked very hard on this production, I do not think this play is consonant with the ideals of PC or the commonly accepted standards of good taste."

Fr. Cunningham was not on the committee which selected the play to be produced. His main concern, however, is the season ticket holders' reactions and any review which might appear in the *Providence Visitor*, the newspaper of the archdiocese.

As with many cases of disagreement over expression, the problems arose with the audiences reaction to the play. The program describes it as "a compelling study of brutality and desperation in today's society" and some accepted it as such, others, however, took offense to what they felt was unnecessary vulgarity.

"Maybe it went over my head, but I thought it was really bizarre", commented Jody Labao '96.

"People should be aware of the play they are attending, just as there is the parental responsibility to check movie ratings", said Beth Ford '96, an actor in *The Lower Rooms*.

But does the mere act of carrying a "warning label" excuse the play from its responsibility to the ideals of the college? For that matter, does a play have any duties to the Catholic morals emphasized at PC, or is its sole commitment found on a piece of parchment in Washington, D.C.? The answer is not an easy one.

Both Beth Ford '96, who portrays "Madeline", and Stephanie Kraus agree that the play is no more controversial than some of the movies shown in '64 Hall, or some of the articles found in *The Cowl*. The issued is raised as to just how much goes by on campus without being questioned.

According to Ford and Kraus, Mary Farrell included director's notes in the program to explain that the play contains situations which happen daily.

"You can't go through a play like this without being affected", said Beth Ford. "It's trying to portray a certain message - that torture can happen anywhere. Hopefully, it is in a positive manner."

As our society continually presses the limits and tests boundaries, The Lower Rooms has brought a challenge of its own to PC's campus.

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Editorials

NAME THIS GENERATION

by David McGuire '94
Editorial Writer

We are a generation that lacks direction, initiative, and are characterized by an absence of attitude. Most of all we are a generation that is difficult to label.

The latest title to be slapped on our uncaring foreheads is "the 20-something" generation. (Not only do I not know where this title originated, I don't even know what it means). When I try to fit a group under this title, all I can picture is a group of pseudo-intellectual, wanna-be Europeans who sit in half empty cafes drinking tea. This does not characterize our generation.

I decided that I would ask around and see if anyone had a better title for this generation. It did not take long to see a trend developing. Some of the finalists were "The Do Nothing, Go No Where" generation, the "Let's Go Watch TV" generation, and the very appropriate "Who Cares" generation.

The runaway winner of my "Name That Generation" competition was "The Abortion" generation. The reason? "We have to unscrew everything", stated the winner, who wished to remain nameless.

And what did the lucky winner receive for his efforts? A welfare check and a handgun, the symbols of this generation on the rise.

The fact of the matter is that our generation cannot be defined as easily as the "Baby Boomers" and the

"Yuppies". We were originally titled the "Carpenter" generation, because we were the ones who would clean up the mess made by our parents.

Unfortunately, things keep getting worse while we sit around waiting for them to get better. We receive no encouragement from the Baby Boomers, but rather are antagonized every step of the way.

We are a generation raised on TV and spoon fed Cocoa-Puffs while our cities disintegrate, politicians lie, cheat, and steal, and the environment goes up in a cloud of factory smoke. We are the first generation to walk in fear down our own streets, and the first generation projected to do worse economically than our parents.

If we are to designate a name for ourselves, how about miserable and angry? But even this is inappropriate, because many people simply do not care. They are content to drive their father's BMW past the growing welfare lines on their way to work each morning.

Many people avoid entering society by turning their swollen minds towards graduate school. Jobs are no longer guaranteed to mere college graduates, so further education is becoming necessary. Unfortunately, many people are entering grad school simply to avoid the work force. They are seeking direction by avoiding responsibility.

We are a generation of dreamers, believers in ideas that simply cannot ex-

ist unless we are willing to change ourselves, and the world created by our parents and grandparents. Most people honestly want things to change and want to make a difference, but feel obligated to follow a path we did not create, but are somehow bound to. We willingly accept the values of previous generations, even though we know they were made by men without vision, and are destined to fail.

Previous generations concerned themselves solely with outer appearances. They have tried to teach us that if the skin is smooth and clear, then it does not matter that the heart is rotten.

We are being forced towards political correctness, as though we have a burning need to be forgiven for crimes we did not commit. It is time to change how we think, not how we speak. Change the mind and the words will take care of themselves.

Our generation should remain nameless, for a title is just a word, and words are cheap. Let us be remembered for the changes we made, not the name we were given. If we manage to step forward and not hide behind a name then maybe we are doing something right, something the "Baby Boomers" could not do. Perhaps we would be making the world a better place. Or maybe we are just not creative enough to come up with a clever title. Oh well, we can think of something while we wait in the unemployment lines.

Who Are We Kidding?

by John J. Olohan '95
Editorial Writer

Every student at Providence College should be outraged by the mandatory February 23 alcohol awareness day that has been set aside for "educating" students about alcohol. I question the constitutionality of making such a program mandatory, not to mention some of the new alcohol policies for those who are 21. It is just another way for the Woodstock generation to foist their illogical solutions to a very simple situation. Providence College is not a party school, nor do the majority of PC students have

The locals and the police are two outside factors. The bigger problem lies within our institution's walls. Parents saw their child's first semester grades and they write to the school saying that there is an alcohol problem. "My child must be drunk 24 hours a day since he got a 1.9 GPA." Actually your child is just too lazy and immature to manage his schedule.

Certain professors act as if students have drinking problems because their students do not "earn" the A. Maybe if these professors would stop using the same class note's semester after semester and present their material in a new, lively, and

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drinking problems.

If a student violates the rights of another person due to his alcohol consumption he should be punished according to the crime. If the punishments are severe enough, bad behavior will be deterred. Those who are mature enough to handle alcohol should not be subject to the politically and financially motivated adults who live vicariously through their "power positions."

I will now share some politically incorrect reasons as to why an "alcohol crisis" has been declared by the upper echelon.

Many local residents want the drug dealers and the high school dropouts to populate the Elmhurst community. Obviously the vocal locals do not understand what an advantage it is to live among well dressed, well groomed, and well-behaved college students who keep apartments full and businesses thriving.

Then there is the under-worked and overpaid Providence Police department. They arrest PC students, who are bothering no one and who bring in approximately 921 billion dollars to this corrupt state. As if Providence doesn't have enough drug dealers, car thieves, rapists, prostitutes, and degenerates to fill their prison cells and clog the court system.

energetic manner-then grades would go up.

This situation is not about alcohol, it is about resume building. Everyone needs a cause and since it is not an election year this is how people fill in their unproductive time. A person with any insight would realize that the real problem is that students have too much idle time because of the laid back curriculum. Idle time is why students are able to be so good at Sega, pool, basketball, quoting movies, taking road trips, talking on the phone, and analyzing soap operas, not because they are alcoholics that don't care.

We the students of Providence College are the future. Most of the adults making the rules in our society are not authorities on the subject of problem solving. Those formulating policies have a paternalistic attitude that is extremely counterproductive.

Providence College does not have a drinking problem. Certain students have drinking problems. Alcohol is just one of many distractions that a college student deals with. Certain student's priorities are mixed up, but what is more important, those making the rules do not know how to get at the root of the "problem." It all goes back to Woodstock- they just "didn't inhale."

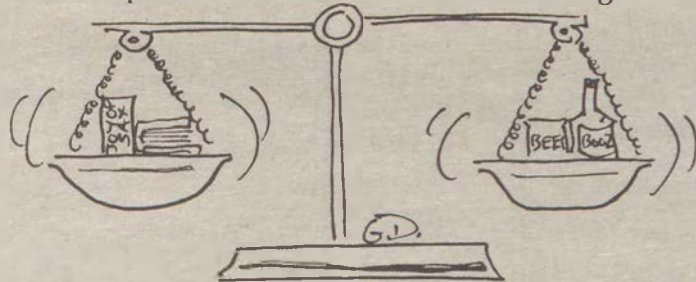
Why Are We Here ?

by Kimberly Bergstrom '96
Asst. Editorial Editor

"Students go away to college to get away from restrictions," is a popular misconception that many students at Providence College hold. I appreciate the freedom that was granted to me when I came to PC as much as any other student. I recognize this independence as an important step toward adulthood, and, having had the freedom to make mistakes, I've learned more than I can say about myself and about life. Perhaps attaining this independence, which forces one to mature, make decisions, and take responsibility for one's own education, is the primary function of a college education—"getting away from restrictions" is not.

As expected, Fr. McPhail and his new alcohol policy

have met much opposition from students and, surprisingly, staff and faculty alike. Granted, the new regulations are a bit harsh, and viewing them as an infringement upon students'



"rights" is, to a certain extent, understandable.

I have trouble understanding why a college student should expect exemption from a federal law just because breaking that law, to quote another PC student, "has always been a part of college life." Federal alcohol consumption laws may not be necessarily fair, but that is neither here nor there—a

law is a law. In keeping with the school's mission, that law is going to be enforced here.

I understand why students over 21 feel as though the new alcohol policy is a violation of their rights. But

under-classmen who have a "why are they out to get us?" attitude about the policy are taking themselves too damn seriously. The policy is designed to keep PC on track and to create a better environment for the Class of '98 and beyond. If the quality of a PC education is not as important to us as the freedom to waste that education, then, we are wasting our time.

Students Deserve Respect

by Theodore Hazard '94
Editorials Editor

Welcome children—please listen to the rules. If you play nice and do exactly as we say then there will be no problems. If the introduction of the Providence College student handbook began with these two sentences many misconceptions regarding the responsibility and independence of the students would be clarified in a succinct and reasonable fashion.

It would be clear to all that students are not to be treated with respect because they do not deserve it; students need to be led by the hand and helped through the hardships on life's path. As long as the students take care of their financial obligations to this college, life will follow the course laid out for us by the mighty administration. Life at this college, however, should not be this simple.

We students are adults who have begun to live freely and independently for the first time in our lives. We rely on the moral values learned through our experiences in life, parental teachings, and lessons learned from this institution to confront and overcome the obstacles that impede us on our personal path through life. The college believes that it has a responsibility to allow individuals to mature spiritually and intellectually. This responsibility is exemplified in the newly implemented alcohol policy in which the administration flatly instructs legal-age, off-campus living juniors and seniors what they can and cannot do with an alcoholic beverage.

The Providence College administration has insulted every legal-age and off-campus student with the new alcohol policy. It is insulting to pay tens of thousands of dollars and to dedicate yourself to the betterment of the school and in re-

turn be treated with a total lack of respect. The administration obviously believes that students that have spent over two years here still do not have the ability to make their own decisions.

At the age of 21 or 22 every woman and man attending this school is totally responsible for her or his decision making and the consequences of the subsequent actions. This is true in every aspect of life except, as of 4 January 1994, in regards to alcohol.

First, and foremost, the alcohol awareness day will not change anything. It simply will not alleviate the problems that some students have with alcohol. Personal practices, which are deeply imbedded into a person's life, do not change because of laws and a sense of domineering compliance. People with a problem will confront the problem when they want to. A speech given by Fr. Cunningham or Mr. Delesanta will not persuade a person to confront their

problem. There will not be any conversion experiences in Alumni Hall next week.

Alcohol awareness does not come in four and one half hours of speeches and workshops. Legal-age and off-campus students, who live on their own, are not going to respond to an administration that treats them as children. The administration must take its head out of the sand and treat us with the respect that we deserve as adults.

The only way to lower the misuse and abuse of alcohol on this campus is the same way to improve the reputation of PC. We must strengthen our academic standards. PC will never have an Ivy League atmosphere with paltry academic standards (even with a harsh alcohol policy).

Crack down on the "joke" classes that too many junior and seniors choose as electives and the school's academic reputation will increase while drinking decreases. With tests to study

for and papers to write students will not be able to afford to drink.

If a student decides to continue this irresponsible behavior than he/she will flunk out. Yes, the school's precious and over-rated graduation statistics will decrease, but the quality of students that do graduate from PC will vastly improve. This is what students and administrators should be concerned about, not if a 22 year-old woman who lives on Pembroke has more than 750 ml of alcohol in her possession.

The Providence College administration has its priorities in tumult. To improve the atmosphere at this school we should treat the core of the problem not a symptom. The declaration of alcohol awareness day and the new alcohol policy will not help to alleviate the problem; it only insults the legal-age and off-campus students that deserve the administration's respect.

COMMENTARY

by Christian T. Potts '94

A friend said to me recently that she doesn't watch the news because she simply doesn't care anymore. That got me thinking—what if that attitude prevails on campus? So I decided to offer this little quiz on current events to test the collective PC IQ on what's happening in the world. Here goes:

1) President Bill Clinton currently is dealing with a myriad of problem among them the Bosnian conflict. He is considering: a) sending them one million "Happy Meals" b) calling for all-out air strikes c) turning it over to Hillary and going for a "jog" d) sending Al Gore and boring the aggressor Serbs into submission
2) Bobby Ray Inman is: a) a quarterback from Alabama entering this year's NFL draft b) Clinton's nominee for Defense Secretary, who later declined the nomination because of a severe case of political paranoia c) the lead singer of "Bobby Ray and the Gun Racks", the Grammy-nominated country band d) the owner of Desparado's downtown 3) The Whitewater scandal is: a) a fight between fly fisher-

men and rafters for who gets to wear "waders" b) a real estate and land speculation mess that may prove that both the President and the First Lady were guilty of severe mishandling of private funds in an Arkansas real estate venture c) I really can't think of a third option, but I didn't want to leave all of you with just two— it would make it easier to get it right!

Well, there you have it. If you answered anything but "b" on any of questions, you haven't read or seen the news in over a month. A month. That's thirty days—in the past, whole governments have fallen and been replaced in a shorter time, like Russia's (yes Virginia, Communism did fall—in case you haven't noticed, Russia is no longer the "Evil Empire" of Communism). Think about it.

I've been a student at PC for three and a half years now and I have seen a lot. I've grown into an adult (yes, Mom and Dad, I now am responsible for my actions) and I have come to realize that my world is not just PC. I will soon be entering a world that is large and complicated, and so I need to learn as much about this world as possible.

Apathy, which is not caring about anything other

than one's self-interest, is the worst thing that ever happened to our generation. Most people of our generation are more concerned with where their next beer is coming from or what that girl or guy at the end of the bar thinks of us. As for the Bosnian crisis—well, let's just say most college students—most people—couldn't find Bosnia on a map. Scary.

It frightens me that the most important thing in many college students lives is partying or following the current trends. That's not to say that one shouldn't go out and have fun; we all need a break now and then. But when the most important topic of the day is what bar to go to and not the senseless violence even within this city, then something is wrong.

Something else that frightens me is the notion of "Political Correctness". "P.C." at PC. Has a nice ring, doesn't it? It is a concept that sickens me to death. When people allow themselves to blindly follow a belief or espouse an opinion that is not their own nor have they thought out, then that is apathy at its zenith.

"Political Correctness" is what passes for public opinion today. In the media, some public figure will go on record as saying that

he or she feels a certain way, and suddenly that is gospel. To me, that is the most insulting example of mass media's blatant manipulation of our opinions and beliefs today.

Following the "Politically Correct" ideal is not being knowledgeable and worldly; it is simply being lazy. The individual should address the subject, investigate it (or at least learn about it), then formulate an opinion based on their own knowledge and experience.

Too many people

today are simply content to ride the wave of public opinion and not form their own opinions. This exhibits the trend of "throwaway" items in today's society. "What is on the surface is what counts", says the "Politically Correct" individual, "so I shouldn't be concerned with my own feelings or opinions". That attitude will only lead to a society where apathy rules; a society where personal beliefs and morals last only as long as the next mass media mouthpiece.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

On Friday, February 4th, I attended the Blackfriars' production of Eliza Anderson's *The Lower Rooms*, directed by Mary Farrell. I write in response to Father Cunningham's view, expressed in program inserts, that he considers this play as not "consonant with the ideals of Providence College or the commonly accepted standards of good taste."

To begin with, I am not criticizing Fr. Cunningham's method of conveying his strongly-held convictions, nor do I in any way presume to set myself up as a more qualified spokesperson for Providence College ideals than the dedicated Dominican who serves as our college's President. But, in view of the serious issues raised, as Fr. Cunningham acknowledges, relating to

academic freedom and artistic expression, I feel obliged, respectfully, to explore discrepancies between my response to this production and Fr. Cunningham's reaction to the play's text.

Secondly, I do not personally favor this type of play, heavily influenced as it seems to be by the minimalist dramaturgy introduced by Beckett and Pinter and with its constant portrayals of sadistic behavior. Yet, I feel a responsibility to explain why I support the production committee's and Professor Farrell's selection of this play and how my sense of issues of "good taste" and Providence College ideals, as applied to this production, differs from Fr. Cunningham's perspective.

Though for obvious reasons of space, Fr. Cunningham did not specify

the production's offensive elements in his statement, I infer that breaches of "good taste" might well allude to the widespread obscenity, especially scatology, contained in the dialogue of all but one of five characters who appear. Though I do not deny that an excessive amount of language likely to offend a significant cross-section of citizens in present, I also believe that the employment of vulgar terms is neither gratuitous nor a mode of expression endorsed by the young playwright, Eliza Anderson. Throughout the play, and never more effectively than when they collaborate in tormenting an adult by raising a boom box's decibel level to ear-splitting intensity, Benny and Rosie epitomize the callousness of teen culture, also conveyed by references to casual theft, sex, and violence. Such behavior, far from the implicit ideal of the author, almost necessarily expresses itself in offensive language because its very nature is its overt flouting of "commonly accepted standards of good taste." A third character, Helmet, whose obscenity contributes to his villainess and who is a henchman of the shadowy, seemingly omnipotent "Richard," is portrayed as an outrageously vicious goon, who rapes and murders on command despite a superficial aura of innocence conveyed by the preppy garb and lollipop consumption. While Paolo, a fourth character, does not routinely speak offensively, he shockingly includes graphically scatologi-

cal prisoner in all too familiar 20th-century concentration camp-like setting. Plays which aspire to authentic recreation of commonplace contemporary expression cannot afford to avoid obscenity for the sole purpose of upholding "commonly accepted standards of good taste," which, at least since Aristophanes, have never been and are likely never to be, a high priority for dramatists, as well as for other serious artists.

Frequent depictions of sadistic domination which *The Lower Rooms* features may be even more disturbing to some than the play's inclusion of vulgar language. Yet, because I conclude that Anderson implicitly denounces this type of interaction, I find that the play upholds ethical perspectives consistent with my understanding of Judeo-Christian principles more so than do, for example, its nihilistically inclined fore-runners written by Beckett and Pinter. Rape and murder, extremes of domination ordered by "Richard," executed by Helmet, and expected of Benny, are held up, rightfully, as vile. Rosie, superbly portrayed by Leigh Price, despite this character's intimacy with the audience, does not, I suspect, initially elicit much sympathy in view of her ugly early-teen narcissism. But when, in reaction to rape threats, she displays her vulnerability, audience identification should markedly increase. Two other characters, when faced with ethical dilemmas, select options which contrib-

ute most significantly to my contention that the play does not finally violate Providence College ideals. Even Benny, morally and intellectually obtuse as Sean McDonald adeptly portrays him, chooses a suicidal motorcycle plummet over submission to "Richard's" inexorable commands that he set Rosie up for rape and murder. Finally, Dan Lesho's able portrayal of Paolo conveyed for me an even more interesting instance of moral confusion and eventual growth. In the play's resolution, he emerges from his moral confusion by choosing to intervene to save Rosie from Helmet's vicious interventions. His ensuing revelation of his past horror over his young daughter's violations prepares for a moving conclusion: Rosie embraces Paolo as the father for whom she has been desperately searching, and Paolo reciprocates to fill the painful void that the traumatic loss of his child has produced.

Despite the sensitive directions and powerful performances of this production, one might conceivably feel that this resolution is dramatically unconvincing. Still, I submit that Eliza Anderson's concluding ethical perspective, which transcends the admitted squalor of the society that she has established, reinforces rather than violates the ethical ideals of Providence College as I have come to understand them.

Sincerely,
Dr. John Hennedy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Other Side Of The Coin

To the editor:

What John J. Olohan's uninformed editorial in last week's paper fails to mention is the torture and pain which women who make the choice to have an abortion experience. This decision is not a trip to the mall and I resent Mr. Olohan calling it "quite a convenience." It is not; not for the majority of women and men, a decision that is made without a lot of pain, both mental and physical. I can possibly understand that abortion can be "a convenience", especially when you are not going through "the procedure," but to these people's opinions I hold no merit. Anyone who has ever gone through the procedure of an abortion or had a friend who had the unfortunate experience, would have never used the term "convenient." Abortion is not pleasant or easy and least of all convenient.

Mr. Olohan states that "people don't know the realities of abortion," and on this point I do agree with him. But I also feel that Mr. Olohan falls into this uninformed mass. When abortions were illegal, they did still occur. The rusty knife and the card table stories that everyone has heard, are not far off from the frightening reality. Women died from these abortions (although, I'm sure PC has contradicting records of these statistics and will be publishing them

soon), these deaths suffered were not quiet or painless. Pro-Choice organizations have too much respect for these women and the loss of lives to be carrying their mutilated bodies through the streets, unlike Pro-Life organizations which drag the fetuses they care so much about to their sit-ins and rallies and wave them in the air. You judge, who has respect for life?

The issue is abortion, not slavery. I would like to see abortions not be necessary, but in order to do this we have to stop reflecting to the past and start looking to the future. We have educate the generations, young and old, that sex creates babies and can also cause AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Yes, abstinence is the best way to prevent these occurrences but get real, sex happens and it happens between boys and girls as young as ten. We have to get down off our respective sides of the fence and educate these people to necessity and convenience of birth control. But until we do this we must keep abortion safe and legal, why not try to save women we have with us now. Numerous women dies in those many years before Roe v. Wade, and Mr. Olohan is right, who know who we killed.

Mr. Olohan stated that men should be held accountable for their role in the reproductive procedure

and that this would bring about an increased respect for women's bodies. Somehow I fail to see the correlation. The only thing that will bring about this respect for the female form that Mr. Olohan and I hope for is education and instilling morals, but basic human morals which each person should strive for.

I realize that most of these words will fall on deaf ears and I will be labeled as some radical liberal feminist and the dividing fence will grow higher. But I am glad that if we have to be divided that Mr. Olohan and those that share his points of view, are on the other side because it is people like you with ignorance and a soapbox morality that help to keep abortion safe, legal and accessible.

Name withheld by request

Play... What Play?

To the Editor:

This weekend is the concluding weekend of the BlackFriars production of the play *The Lower Rooms*. Unfortunately, I'm sure that many of you are not aware of this. To be precise many of your parents probably have no idea that the play is going to be produced this weekend. Why hasn't Providence College advertised the play as an option for parents to partake in during the festive parents weekend? The answer is simple. Fr. Cunningham, as he clearly states in an insert in the play's program, feels that the play is not in accordance with the school's Judeo-Christian values. Ms. Mary Farrell, the play's talented director, responded to Fr. Cunningham's insert with an insert of her own. In her insert she defends the reasons why she believes that the play is very appropriate to be shown.

The student actors are great and it is a shame that not many, if any, parents will see the play this weekend. The student actors deserve a chance to perform for the parents.

Sincerely,
Jack Lewis

Col.North Is News

To the Editor,

I am dubious about editorials writer David McGuire '94's statement in the February 3, 1994 issue of The Cowl. He said, "The media has the unique ability to not just report the news, but create the news."

This is not always true, as some individuals have a tendency to create their own news. A good example is retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Oliver North. He is seeking the Republican nomination in Virginia this year for the U.S. Senate. Whether Mr. North will challenge incumbent Sen. Charles Robb will be decided by the Virginia electorate. Mr. North has had the distinct and unique ability on various occasions to create his own news without the help of the media. Mr. North said and did the following: 1. He lied to congress. 2. His Iran-Contra convictions were overturned because testimony he gave to Congress under a grant of immunity may have influenced his trial. 3. He has admitted that he altered historical records and destroyed documents. 4. He said he had one-on-one intimacies with President Ronald Reagan. 5. He said he had dinner with Israeli General Ariel Sharon. The former Israeli defense minister said it never happened. 6. He said he took a trip to Argentina with former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, which never happened. 7. He said that he visited the late Central Intelligence director William Casey at his house. Mr. Casey's wife, Sophia, says she never saw him. 8. He said he attended Mr. Casey's wake "at the suggestion" of Mrs. Casey. She denies it.

It is Mr. McGuire's prerogative to scold the media, but since one of the objectives of Providence College is "to develop the students' capacity for disciplined thinking and critical exactness..." [PC Bulletin], I suggest that Mr. McGuire be more circumspect when he criticizes the media in the future.

Most Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe '73

Immaculate Misconception

To the Editor,

In his article on Agnes of God in the February 3 Cowl, Mark Cybulski makes a common theological slip when he writes: "the question is raised as to whether or not [the baby] was conceived by rape or immaculate conception."

The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception states that Mary was conceived free from the taint of original sin, our common inheritance from Adam. Mary's own conception (in St. Anne's womb) was biologically ordinary. Mr. Cybulski confuses the Immaculate Conception of Mary with the Virgin Birth of Jesus. These are two distinct, though related, events. (It's amazing how many Catholics themselves are confused on these issues.) Perhaps a grammatical observation could be useful. Here's a case where the passive voice is used with precision and emphasis: "Mary was conceived" (Immaculate Conception) is utterly different from "Mary conceived" (Virgin Birth).

Sincerely,

Charles F. Duffy
Department of English

Hockey Deserves Support

To the editor:

There is no school in the NCAA with a more impressive hockey history than Providence College. A quick review of the National Hockey League indicates former hockey Friars holding the No. 2 position in the league, one president and general manager, one head coach, one assistant coach, five players, and two scouts. Furthermore, we have a history of many great players, great teams, ECAC championships, a Hockey East championship and three Final four trips.

The present team got off to a slow start but has been playing much improved hockey lately. They are young, aggressive and improving with every game. Interestingly enough, they seem to play much better on the road. A recent article in The Cowl referred to the "sleepy patrons" at Schneider Arena, as com-

pared to other college rinks. If anything, that was an understatement. If most of the would-be patrons are "sleepy", they are resting somewhere other than Schneider Arena since most "fans", including, to a large degree, the student body, do not even show up. Sometimes the Arena can be like a morgue, in sharp contrast to "the good old days" at Schneider and in sharp contrast to the environment at just about every other college hockey rink you can name. The situation is, in a word, embarrassing.

I urge you to get out the Schneider Arena and support your classmates; support your team; and support your school. The players deserve no less and you can have a lot of fun at the same time. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Leonard Clarkin '65

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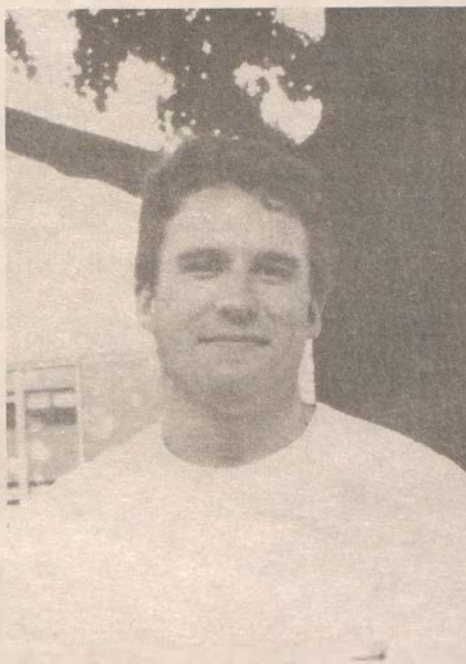
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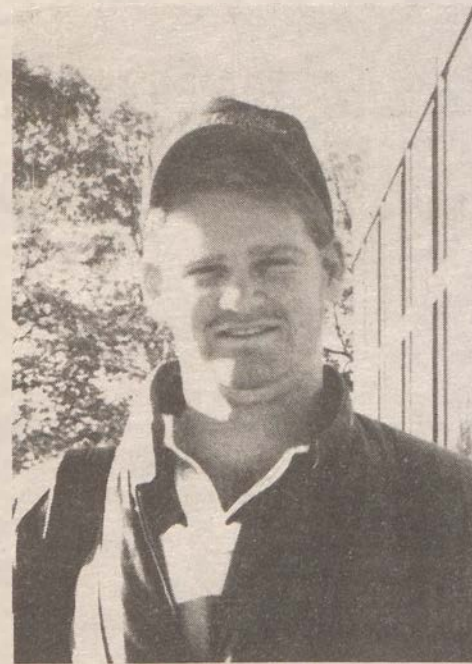
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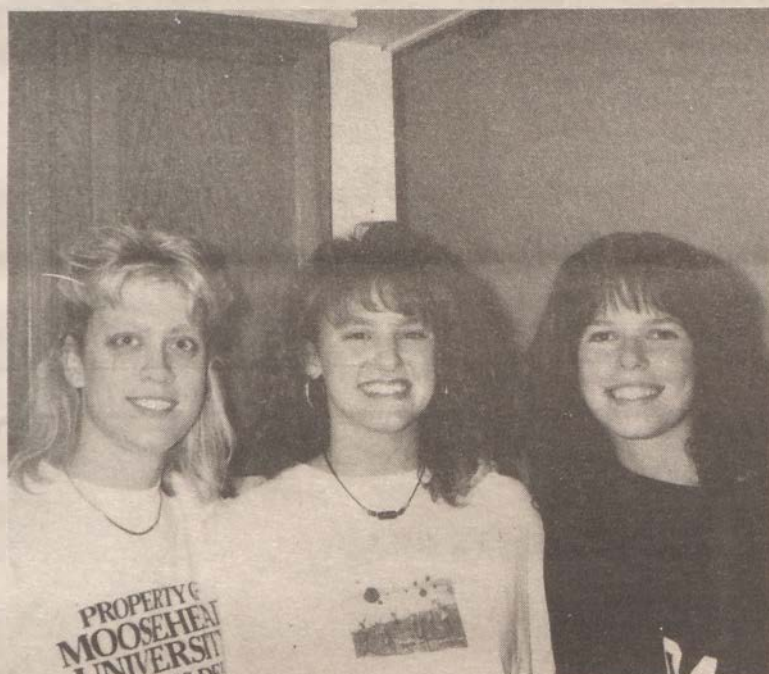
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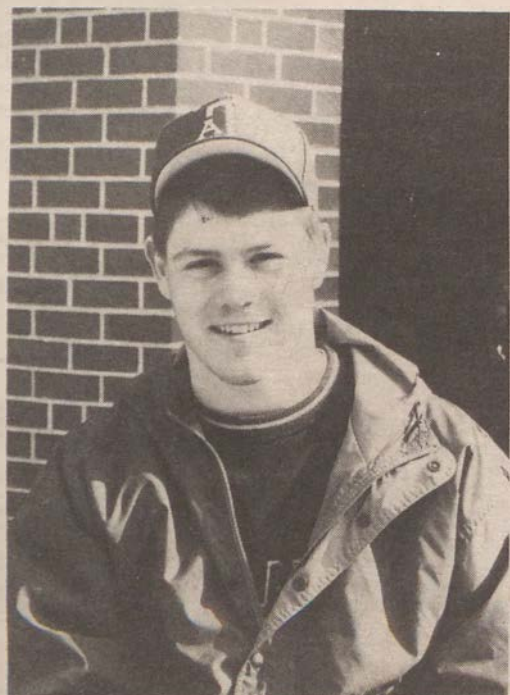
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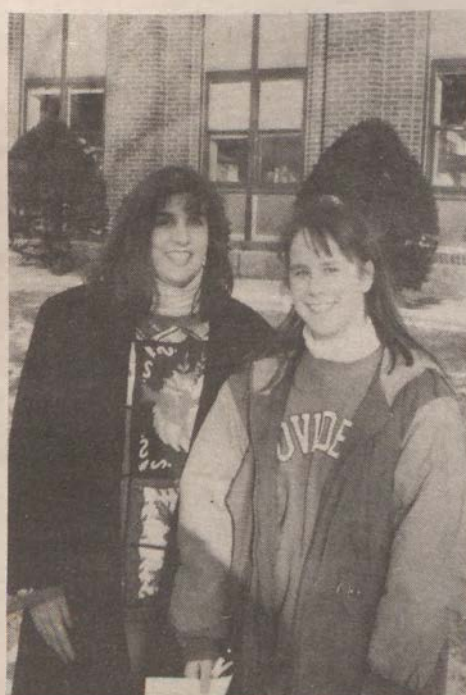
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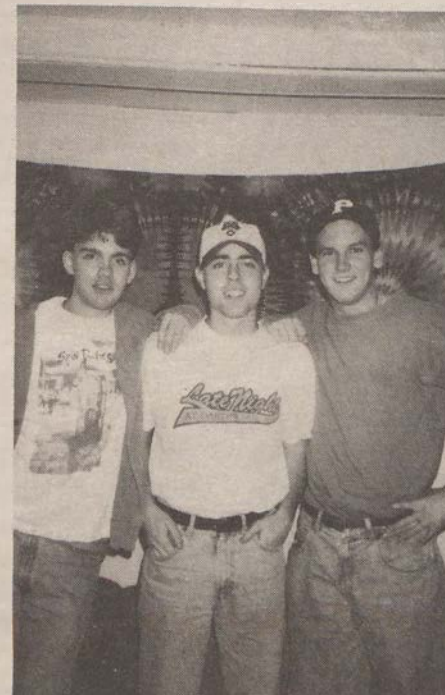
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— Student Congress —

Minutes from the February 7th Student Congress Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

John Ryan welcomed our newest Student Congress member, Christy Warish, who will be replacing Dan Zilinski as Class of 96 Representative. Dan had to resign last week for personal reasons. Melissa Silva also announced that there have been two other resignations due to personal reasons. Amy O'Neil has resigned from Academic Affairs Chairperson. Ryan Alger will be replacing her. Scott Bielecki has resigned as a lobbyist. He has not yet been replaced.

COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs: Ryan Alger announced that he went to his first Faculty Senate Meeting. The academic calendar for the 94-95 school year was being discussed. As of right now, the first day of classes will be the Wednesday after Labor Day. Classes will be suspended for the entire Thanksgiving week.

Course Description: Tara Tehan announced that her committee will meet on Thursday at 4:00 pm.

Bill of Rights: Ryan Alger announced that there will be a Safety Committee meeting Tuesday at 4:00 pm in Residence Life. Safety Awareness Week will be February 14-18. Every day will have a different topic.

Ethics: Melissa Silva announced cuts for last week's office hours: Pat McGrath. The Congress Banquet will be on Friday, April 29. The Congress meeting on February 28 will be at 5:30 instead of 6:00

because we can only have the room until 6:30. The Congressperson of the Month for November was Katie Griffiths for all of her work with the Clubs & Organizations. The December/January Person of the Month is John Dow for his work with our fundraiser. We raised \$200.

Finance: Pam Collins announced that club re-evaluations will be held Monday and Tuesday in Fr. McPhail's conference room. **Food:** Kerry Coyle announced that the Food Committee will be presenting plans for the new Raymond Cafeteria on February 17.

Public Relations: Alissa Murgia announced that Peaceful Coexistence distribution has been changed to February 16 at 3:00.

Time & Space: Cherie Levesque announced that there will be a RI Student Government Association Meeting at Bryant College on February 13 from 2-6. We would like to have 4 people attend.

Boards:

BOP: Ali Lent announced the events for this week: Tuesday: Coffeehouse - Open Mic Night w/Chili & Chips; Thursday: Movie - Arnold Schwarzenegger Night; Sunday: Movie - "Dazed & Confused". Ali also announced that the Gin Blossoms will be giving a concert at PC on April 16. Tickets will be under \$10.

Lobbyists: Tricia O'Hare an-

nounced that the Feinstein Studies Resource Group will be having a meeting about the recruitment of 10 pilot students for the Summer/Fall program.

CLASS REPORTS:

Class of 95: Kristen Gallagher announced that their Club Night went well. There is a Commencement Core Info. meeting tonight. Interviews will be held Monday-Thursday next week from 6-11pm. The class ski trip will be February 25-27.

Class of 96: Kristen Grace announced that their semi was a success. They sold out all of their tickets. They will be selling red carnations February 7-10. They will be delivered to mailboxes on Valentines Day.

Class of 97: Michael James announced that their semi was a success. They had an attendance of almost 600 people. The class ski trip has 45 people going on it.

MODERATOR'S WORDS:

Fr. McPhail announced that he will be away Monday-Wednesday of next week. He reminded everyone that if a trip is being run, that waiver forms have to be signed by those going. Also, during trips, all Catholic traditions should be followed - for example, no co-ed rooming. Fr. reminded all classes that all money should be kept in the safe in his office overnight. Also, all contracts can only be signed by Fr. McPhail. Fr. also stated that he will not condone any drinking at any Freshman or Sophomore events.

Class of 1995

Ski Trip Raffle

February 14-19

Tickets only \$2

We will be raffling off
a ski trip to
Auberge Canada
for two people
February 25-27.

CLASS OF 1995

Ski Trip Raffle

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A lecture by Walter Persegati
Curator of the Vatican Museums

(The most recent slide presentation of the cleaning)

**Monday
February 28, 1994
5:30 pm**

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Lenten Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday:
7:30 am Priory
11:35 am Aquinas
12:30 pm Guzman
4:30 pm '64 Hall
9:00 pm Aquinas

Weekdays:
7:30 am Priory
9:35 am Aquinas
11:35 am Aquinas
4:30 pm Aquinas
9:00 pm Aquinas

Renew Yourself:
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Student Congress

Commencement '94

by Nicole Riva '94
Commencement Core

Commencement is nearing and most of us never thought it would come so fast. As of February 26th, we will celebrate the 94 days countdown until we walk down that center aisle to receive our diploma. But before that, we have a lot of celebrating to do and that's what this update is all about.

Wednesday, February 16th through Friday February 18th are the dates for picture dropoffs for the slideshow. Tables will be set up in lower Slavin, so get as many photos in as you can.

The next dates you

need to mark down are Monday April 11th through Friday, April 15th. This is the week bids go on sale for Commencement Week. The core has been working hard all year round and the plans are set to go. It will be the best way to close out our four years here at PC.

One last thing to keep in mind, the money we raise now will contribute to lowering our bid prices. For this reason, seniors should attend this semester's events not only for fun, but also to keep our prices down. We look forward to seeing you all on February 26th to begin the countdown to graduation, together as the Class of 1994.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

Senior Portrait Retakes are scheduled for the week of February 14th.

Sign up at the Student Info Desk in Slavin.

Don't forget your proofs and \$5 for the re-sit.

SENIORS

Have pictures you want in the Commencement Slideshow!

Here's your chance:

February 15, 16 & 17 from 11am - 4pm in Slavin.

Drop them off with your name, phone number and box number.

SENIORS

by Alissa Murgla
Student Congress Public Relations Chairperson

Next week, February 14-18, the Students on Safety (SOS) Committee will be presenting a variety of lectures and group discussions centering on the topic of safety. Events will address date rape and on and off campus safety from a large range different angles. This committee is comprised of a chair, Debra Guilbert, Terry Aarons '94, Ryan Alger '96, Julie Shea '95, Chris Stanley '95, and Jennifer Kilroy-Tobin, Director of Raymond Hall. Throughout the week members of this committee will be walking with security on their patrols and participating in building safety checks.

On Monday, the

14th at 4 pm in Slavin a student panel will hold discussion with a question and answer period. A safety specialist will also be a guest speaker and available for questions. Some of the students on the panel will be those who have been victims of crime. On Tuesday, the 15th at 4 pm in Colonel's Corner Barrett Brown '94 will be giving a presentation including video footage on Self Defense. Please wear comfortable clothes. Later that evening, at 7:30 there will be an Acquaintance Rape Workshop in Aquinas' Lounge. On Wednesday, the 16th at 7pm a workshop titled "Men Can Stop Rape" will be presented in Fennell Hall. Lastly, to end this week striv-

ing for safety and and increased awareness of the necessary precautions we all should take to protect ourselves there will be a mass on Thursday. Mass will be at 4:30 in Aquinas Chapel, offered for all victims of crime.

If there is anyone interested in becoming more involved with SOS please contact Debra Guilbert at ext. 4000. Remember to look for flyers on fire safety, driving safety and campus safety at information tables in Slavin and Raymond cafeteria. Helpful videos will be shown in Slavin and on channel 6 also during the week. Look for surveys SOS will be handing out in order to give your input on campus safety.

Safety Comes First

Safety

Week

Agenda

Monday, February 14:

Student Panel will hold a discussion with a question and answer period in Slavin at 4 pm. There will be a guest speaker available to answer questions as well.

Tuesday, February 15:

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Wednesday, February 16:

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Thursday, February 17:

There will be a mass at 4:30 in Aquinas Chapel offered for all victims of crime.

The Ups and Downs of *The Lower Rooms*

Bernadette Bleichert '96
Assisant A&E Editor

Well, I'm back to give you the scoop on PC's production of Eliza Anderson's *The Lower Rooms*. I found the casting and acting abilities quite remarkable. Yet, somehow I got lost in the bizarre plot and circumstances that the characters were going through. My best summation is that Madeline (Beth Ford), who was the mother in the play, must have been abused at some time in her life. She left her daughter Rosie (Leigh A. Price) daily with her boyfriend Paulo (Dan Lesho), who had obviously been through tortuous events in his life. It seemed as though he had been interrogated, suffering the aftermath both physically and mentally. He even had to watch his daughter get raped. Paulo's character often had frightening flashbacks of these horrible incidents. Rosie and her mother were left abandoned, and the effects of this could be readily noticed. Rosie wanted to become close to Paulo, since she had no male role model in her life. Her boyfriend, Benny (Sean McDonald) was no help, being that he was involved with a cult. Benny was even tempted to rape Rosie with aid from another member of the cult, Helmet (F. Michael Scafati), in order to pass an initiation.

As you can see, the actions and situations of the play were rather corrupt

and brutal. However, the talent behind the characters in *The Lower Rooms* was quite extraordinary. In particular, Leigh A. Price did an outstanding job in her role as Rosie. The last scene was very emotional, and the audience could feel Rosie's sadness through Leigh's tears. Dan Lesho was also a master of his character, Paulo. Throughout his trembling outbursts during flashback episodes, I actually flinched in fear. Beth Ford portrayed Madeline extremely well, showing the withdrawn nature of an abuse victim. Sean McDonald as Benny actually brought humor to this rather harsh script, with his quick wit and one-liners. Although his language was vulgar at times, it broke up the seriousness of the play a bit. F. Michael Scafati also did a fine job expressing the sarcastic nature of Helmet.

The setting was very plain, consisting of a bed, chairs, and the white background walls of Madeline's bedroom. In fact, many objects were given imaginary existences in the play, such as the door and the kitchen table and food. I think this was a very effective tool used to focus more on the spiritual, instead of physical, aspects of the characters. It added to the strangeness that surrounded these intimidating rooms. The costumes

were excellent and very apropos, designed by PC's own Leigh Price. The lighting by Brian Jones was also quite impressive during flashback scenes and several of Rosie's singing episodes.

Overall, *The Lower Rooms*, directed by M.G. Farrell, is a very dramatic play, that will definitely grab your attention. The acting shows really strong talent. However, because of its serious and rather depressing aspects, it may not be enjoyed by everyone. If this commentary did spark your interest, please go catch a show this weekend at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. on Sunday. For ticket information, call the Box Office at (401) 865-2218.

Godspell Auditions

Monday, February 14
Tuesday, February 15
6:00 pm

St. Catherine
of Siena
Room 116

*come prepared with
a two minutemonologue
and be prepared to sing
and dance

*musicians also needed:
bassist, drummer,
pianist

*for more information,
call Rob Raffa (521-5954)

Agnes of God Leaves Audience Spellbound

by Mark Cybulski '95
A&E Editor

Monday evening's performance of *Agnes of God* proved to be a highly entertaining and captivating show with strong performances by all three cast members. St. Catherine of Siena Hall saw a packed house while a few people had to be sent home simply because there wasn't any seating left. For two hours, this talented cast held the audience mesmerized as they presented a story which left one to question the characters' sanity, morals and religious beliefs.

Agnes of God is about a frightened young nun, Agnes (Nicole Kempske, '95), who is accused of having a baby and later strangling it with its own umbilical cord and leaving it for dead in a waste paper basket. A psychiatrist, Dr. Martha Livingstone (Jodi Botelho, '94) is brought in to the convent to investigate the case and uncover the psychological problems that

have plagued Agnes. Dr. Livingstone has extreme animosity towards the church, mostly attributed to painful memories of her childhood when her sister died in a convent. The psychiatrist is carefully watched over by the stern Mother Superior, Mother Miriam (Patricia Polizzi, '94), who questions the methods used by Dr. Livingstone.

The truth is revealed when Agnes is put under hypnosis and tells Dr. Livingstone that she did indeed give birth and then murdered the baby. Mother Miriam also admits to knowing about the pregnancy and not allowing proper medical treatment in order to avoid the scandal that might occur. Agnes' sanity is further questioned when she says that it was not a rapist that came into the convent and attacked her, but it was God Himself with whom she conceived the child.

Nicole Kempske gave an outstanding performance as Agnes. She showed a frightful inno-

cence playing a young woman struggling to hold on to her sanity and religious values. She also displayed an engaging singing voice that added a haunting dramatic effect to the show. Jodi Botelho was also excellent as Dr. Livingstone. She was believable as a psychiatrist who was struggling in a different way to fairly handle her case without letting religious prejudices influence her. Patricia Polizzi was superb as the frigid Mother Miriam who faced the dilemma of saving the church's name or properly caring for a young sister fighting to save her mental faculties.

As expected, John Pielmeir's *Agnes of God* was a disturbing yet spellbinding play that was anchored by the fine performances by its cast members. The small cast enabled the audience to focus more deeply on the personalities of the characters that may not have been possible with a larger scale production. Director Kristen Dykeman, '94, expressed her great satisfaction with the cast. "I'm extremely proud of them. I know we had a demanding rehearsal schedule, but the cast worked very hard and did an excellent job."

Barnsider's: A Pleasing Place for Parent's Weekend

by Jack Welch '94
A&E Staff Writer

This week in honor of Parent's Weekend I decided to forego the typical student-oriented bar and grill in hopes of finding somewhere special to take our parents to. I found just that in Barnsider's Mile & a Quarter. I've been there before so I had an idea of what to expect. I also had something to judge this visit against.

To put it simply, Barnsider's is a fine restaurant. It is the type of restaurant that contributes to Providence's reputation for being a haven for fine dining. The atmosphere is rustic yet elegant in a modest way and the food is sublime. Matching these qualities with excellent service produces a memorable dining experience.

I chose to venture out on a Monday evening in hopes of avoiding the traditional Friday night dinner rush, but upon entering I realized that I should have made reservations. The restaurant was extremely busy and we had to wait about a half-hour to be seated. This was hardly a point of aggravation due in part to the spacious cocktail lounge located on the second floor.

After we were eventually seated, I discovered what attracted such masses on a Monday night. Barnsider's offers a "dinner for two" every Monday. Included in this special is the choice of two entrees, access to the fantastic salad bar, and a complimentary bottle of wine all for \$21.95. This deal is absolutely phenomenal considering that dinners usually range in price from twelve to twenty dollars.

Usually at this point I delve straight into a description of the entrees, but neglecting to mention Barnsider's salad bar would be an injustice. It was per-

fect in all aspects. It had every item imaginable including an assortment of fresh hot breads and blocks of cheese. For lighter appetites, the salad bar can be ordered a la carte and would easily serve as a meal in itself.

For the main course, I chose the baked scallops and my date selected the blackened petite sirloin. The scallops were very fresh and prepared masterfully. They were broiled in a light sherry butter sauce and topped with tangy bread crumbs. Barnsider's prides itself on its dry-aged steaks, and justifiably so. The meat was very trim and was cooked to perfection.

Already being completely full, we decided to split a dessert anyway. We selected the fried ice cream topped with hot fudge. Once again, excellence was achieved.

There really isn't anything negative that I can say about Barnsider's without having to invent something. It is a wonderful place to bring someone special like a date or our parents without running the risk of disappointment. The traditional menu is a bit pricey, but well worth every penny if you are looking for a high quality restaurant. Reservations should be made especially on weekends and holidays. Barnsider's is the type of restaurant that we should all visit at least once during our stay in Providence. Bon Appetit!

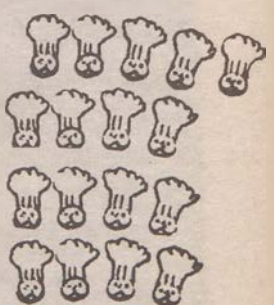
Out of Five:

Quality of Food:

Service:

Atmosphere:

Value:



What: *The Sandwalk*
Where: The Blackfriar's Theater
When: February 16, 1994 at 7:30
Who: by David Paul Simon
Free Admission
Discussion following the performance

Arts & Entertainment

Charles Darwin Comes to PC

by Cyndi Castello '95
Assistant A&E Editor

At one point in our liberal arts education at Providence College we have all studied Charles Darwin. It may have been in Civ, biology or Victorian literature, but we have all been exposed to this genius in some way or another. Yet, I ask, have we ever seen his full character? Do we know the real Charles Darwin? Probably not and it is for this reason that the Biology and English departments bring you *The Sandwalk* by David Paul Simon.

The Sandwalk approaches a complicated man with a controversial topic in a very simplistic manner, making it easy and enjoyable for all audiences, especially college students. It would only be natural to shy away from something so educational as a form of entertainment but read on, you may be pleasantly surprised. As we all know, Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species* in which he concluded that natural selection was the sole factor in creating the human race. That is basically all we

have been informed of to this point in our education, but there is much more behind the curtain.

First, it is most important to remember that behind every great man there stands a woman. In this case the woman is Darwin's wife, Emma Darwin. Emma did not exactly stand behind Darwin and support his works; she butted heads with him and pleaded that he keep his findings only between the two of them. You see, Emma was a Creationist. She believed with adamance that it was the higher power of God that brought the human race into existence. Even though she totally and completely loved her husband she was forced to call his works blasphemous. Thus, the first conflict arose; one of the most famous, yet treacherous conflicts of all, that between man and wife.

Possibly just as challenging, Darwin is also faced with the conflict of allowing another naturalist take credit for his twenty years of hard work. Does Darwin allow this to occur out of loyalty to his wife and her religious beliefs or does he follow his

desire to enlighten the world in terms of their origination and evolution?

These two conflicts are the main content of the dialogue between the only two actors in the play: David Paul Simon playing the role of Charles Darwin and Judith Ewing playing the role of Emma Wedgewood Darwin. *The Sandwalk* gives Darwin and his life some meaning, triumph and humility, which is more than our education has shown us as of yet. Though simple, the play manages to maintain Darwin's wit as he speaks from his head and Emma's warmth as she speaks from her heart. Many principles are up for examination in this play and it is nothing less than curiosity that may bring all of us to see how the results surface.

Following the performance there will be discussion among actors, students and various faculty members about the intriguing topics of the play in the Faculty Lounge of Harkins Hall. Remember all are welcome and admission and refreshments are free!

Us3 Reinvents Rap

by Mike Quinn '95
A&E Staff Writer

Us3
Hand On The Torch
Blue Note Records
*** 1/2

If you were to take a close look at most of today's successful rap acts, you would see that they have too much in common. Just ask 95 South ("Whoot! There It Is") and Tag Team ("Whoomp! There it is"). Similar samples, similar backgrounds, and similar styles have plagued rap music and inhibited its growth.

Enter Us3.

The debut album *Hand On The Torch* is an attempt to surpass the existing limitations on today's rap music. The brains behind the project, Mel Simpson and Geoff Wilkinson, have successfully married jazz and rap. They start with samples from legendary jazz artists like Lou Donaldson and Herbie Hancock. Then some of today's best musicians and rap artists come in and

perform on top of these samples. The result is not just a distinctive sound, but a very cool sound.

There is more to Us3's songs than their first single "Cantaloop." Most of the other tracks on the album are very good, and a handful — "I Got It Goin' On" and "It's Like That" — should dramatically add to the success of the record.

It is the sound, however, that makes *Hand On The Torch* a pleasure to listen to. The lyrics are good, but they linger about the usual rap clichés. The jazz itself is decent, but not superb. The individual songs are terrific, but it is the careful blend that Simpson and Wilkinson have masterminded that makes the album worthwhile to hear.

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Tim Talks...!

BOP President Looks Forward to a Great Semester

by Timothy F.X. Henzy '94
BOP President

On behalf of myself and the Board of Programers, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I can guarantee your happiness with the events BOP has planned for you this semester.

If you have not heard by now the Gin Blossoms are coming on April 16 right here to Providence College thanks to the hard word of our Entertainment Committee. Look for details about ticket sales in the weeks to come. I can guarantee we will beat Lupo's price. The Entertainment Committee will also be bringing Virtual Reality to Slavin Center on February 15.

Entertainment will be co-sponsoring Fun Flicks along with the Lecture Committee on March 8. This is the third year that Fun Flicks has come to Providence College. Fun Flicks allows you to make music videos and also fools of yourself.

The Travel Committee has been working hard on spring break, but has found time to plan other exciting events. The most exciting event is the Suitcase Party planned for February 25 from 7-11 p.m. in Peterson. Everyone must come with a packed suitcase in case they win the GRAND PRIZE TRIP for two to Miami, Florida. The trip includes two night hotel accommo-

dations, round-trip airfare, transportation to and from Greene Airport, \$150 in spending cash, and two tickets to the P.C.-Miami game. The GRAND PRIZE winner will leave right from the party, and the runner up prizes will be awarded during the night. The party will feature the band Probable Cause, and a DJ. There will be beer served as well as free soda and munchies. Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door. They can be purchased in the BOP office from Monday, February 20 to Friday, February 25, so be sure to attend!

The Travel committee will also be sponsoring a trip to see the AIDS Quilt at the University of Rhode Island on February 17. Those that have seen the quilt say it is a very moving experience that should not be missed!

The Social Committee has planned a Snow Sculpture Contest! CASH PRIZES will be awarded to the best sculptures. The event will be announced the day it will occur, so be sure to start planning now. There will also be giveaways including skiwear by local ski shops.

Besides the Snow Sculpture Contest, the Social Committee is planning a Casino Night Stag for March 26. There will be casino games which can be played for prizes. Entertainment will be provided by a DJ. There will be a beer garden as well.

At this very moment, selected students are going on

dates in preparation for Social's version of the popular TV show Studs. On February 28, in '64 Hall, these students will reveal the details of these dates.

The Film Committee has been handing out cups with the film schedules on them. If you have not received one, please stop by the BOP office in Slavin Center. Film wants everyone to stop by their free films in Moore Hall or even better, to attend one of their more current movies in '64 Hall. Look for an outdoor movie in the spring as well as a cookout afterwards.

Everyone should be reminded that Coffeehouse has been moved to Sidelines. Come every Tuesday to enjoy delicious food and first rate entertainment. The Over 21 Committee has also moved to Sidelines for the semester. They will be holding an Over 21 Beach Party on March 24, with prizes, free munchies, and pizza. Beer will be served.

The Fine Arts Committee will continue its trips to Trinity Rep and the Providence Performing Arts Center. They will also be sponsoring a performance of *Godspell* here at PC. Auditions will be held Monday, February 14 and Tuesday, February 15 in Catherine of Siena Hall, Room 116 at 6:00 p.m.

Please feel free to stop by the BOP Office with any suggestions or concerns you may have. We are here to serve you! Have a wonderful semester!!

THIS WEEK....

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

Dazed and Confused

8 & 10 p.m.

'64 Hall

\$2 Admission

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Godspell Auditions

Catherine of Siena, Rm. 116

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Virtual Reality

Lower Slavin

10 - 4 p.m.

FREE ALL DAY!!

An Evening of African
Step Dancing

with Hot Pretzels

9 p.m. - 12 a.m.

'64 Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

Casablanca

8 & 10 p.m.

Moore Hall

FREE Admission!!!

Watch For...

Suitcase
Party!!!

Friday, February 25
starting at 6 p.m.

Peterson Rec Center

Tickets \$5 in the BOP office
after

February 18th
and \$7 at the door

Snow Sculpture
Contest!!

Date and Time TBA--Watch
for more information!

*Hundreds of dollars in free
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away!!



LIVE FROM PC...

THE GIN BLOSSOMS!!!
SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH--Don't forget!!

Features

Battling the Winter Blues?

by Jen Stebbins '94
Features Writer

It's cold, there is ice everywhere, our dorms and apartments are full of sand and slush, and it's definitely flu season. Winter is here people, and it's inescapable. And with six more weeks ahead of us, most of us are feeling the winter blues. But wait, don't let the dreary days of February and March get you down. There are many ways to combat the winter doldrums...and here are a few that may just keep you from singing the blues!

1) Go to the movies!! Grab a friend, get some popcorn, and catch the latest flick. There are tons of great movies out there too. Consider these options: Schindler's List, for those of you who like

to take you away into another world.

5) Buy bubble bath, candles, and nail polish (sorry guys, this one applies to women only!) and let Calgon take you away!

6) Retrieve all your old love letters, preferably from an ex, and start a bonfire. Just make sure that you read each one first, relish the memory, and then torch it! This is also a great way to keep warm, especially when the cold sets in!

7) Practice your culinary skills. Buy a cookbook, experiment, and serve your roommates dinner. If you are really not kitchen-inclined, bake some brownies, just make sure that you eat at least half the raw batter before you bake them - this always makes one feel better. And an even better idea...bake that special someone cookies and mail them to him or her. Brightening someone else's day will cer-



long, (long) histories; The Piano, if you're the kind of person who likes the subliminal message of perversity; Intersection, for any Richard Gere and Sharon Stone fans; and there is even a movie for those of us who love cutesy little girl and daddy stories - I'll Do Anything. Besides, movies allow us to escape reality for a while and live in someone else's shoes for a few hours.

2) Plan spring break. Even if you're low on funds, make an agenda of what you want to do over break. It's only six weeks away, and thinking about fun in the sun could actually change your attitude about the blustery snow drifts piling up outside. Visit a zoo, call your grandparents, maybe even take a kid sibling on a picnic—all these things are better than thinking about school!

3) Go to Thayer Street. It's close, it's fun, and it will most definitely offer you a variety of things to think about other than winter!

4) Read all the Steven King novels you can. These are a sure-fire way

tainly brighten yours!

8) Raid your roommates' closets, dress to impress, and knock 'em out! Make sure that for five days (this is a commitment, but it's one that is sure to work!) you look stunning, and with all the compliments you get, I'm sure you'll start feeling spring sooner than usual.

9) Go fakin' bakin'! It might not be healthy, it might not be real, but hey, it looks good, it feels good, and you'll be one up on everyone else in the tanning department.

10) Visit a piercing clinic and...Get your belly-button pierced! It's an exciting new way to express yourself, and, speaking from experience (a friend of mine just did this), it's a goofy way to wear an earring, or a belly-button ring, or whatever it's called. And if you're too protective of your button, never fear...They can pierce your tongue, your nose, your eyebrow...and a whole lot more!

There's no sure cure to the winter blues, but the best defense we have against it is to do out of the ordinary things that will take our minds off the cold, gross weather. Just remember, I take no responsibility if this article has triggered you to do anything that crazy!

Dining With the Enemy

by Bridget Hughes '96
Asst. Features Editor

We've all heard the facts. We've all seen the effects. We all know the danger. But just how out of control are eating disorders? What contributes to the problem? We've all seen the commercials that encourage people to take off weight. It's gotten to the point where it is hard to say no to Dexatrim, Slim Fast, and other fad diets. It's hard to look the other way when we see size 3/4 models in bathing suits. It's hard not to wish that we looked like them. Society has forced us into believing that in order to be accepted, we have to be thin. Who was it that came up with this idea that thin is in? Because this is what seems to be the ideal in our society, it has caused more problems than people care to think about. In fact, most people want to ignore the existence of eating disorders like anorexia nervosa and bulimia. These words are very familiar to most people, but they are words that are heard so often, and they have become so common to us, that we don't even think twice when we hear them. However, we should hear them, and we should realize just how serious these diseases really are.

Anorexia nervosa is self-starvation, where the biggest enemy is food. Bulimia is constant bingeing and vomiting in order to control one's weight. In this case, food is not the enemy until it is in the bulimic's body. Then it is poison, and must be gotten rid of. Most of us, wonder how food can be an enemy. After all, food is not only our energy source, but most of the time, our entertainment. Our life revolves around eating. Whether it be family dinners, holiday munchies, or late night pizza when studying for an exam, food is definitely a major part of our lives. For people who are affected by anorexia and/or bulimia, food is their hate and their fear.

These two diseases which are so prevalent in our world can sometimes be a matter of controversy. The victims of these diseases are so caught up in their obsession to lose weight, that they don't realize that they are hurting themselves. Sometimes the victims aren't aware that their New Year's Resolutions to lose weight have suddenly become something that is controlling their lives. Where is this line drawn? Where does the point of exercising and dieting to stay healthy and fit cross over the danger zone to being a deadly obsession? Anorexia and bulimia victims have passed into a new state of mind where losing 10 pounds has turned to 20, then to 30, and so on. Weighing 110 just doesn't look good enough but maybe

weighing 100 lbs will. This is the mode of thinking of a person with an eating disorder.

But what can be done? Who is out there to stop this deadly sickness? Is there anyone to take control, and to get the idea out of everyone's heads that being thin is the way to be? I blame this way of thinking on advertising. Rarely does one see an overweight person on television, or a chunky model advertising prom dresses or bathing suits. If by chance a model does happen to be over the "normal" proportions, then viewers question this and criticize. And we have the nerve to wonder where these ideas stem from about having the perfect body. Our society has gone mad. Everyone is on a rampage, and on a quest for their ideal weight, and they will do anything to get it. By having the exemplary body, most people think that their social life will improve and that their self esteem will be better. This may be true for a while, but chances are, if a person doesn't feel good about themselves before they lost weight, then they won't feel good even if they are below a normal weight. Losing those extra pounds is meant to be an ego booster to a certain extent, but if it is taken too far, then this is where the problems start.

How can we stop this problem? Truthfully, it is so out of control that big steps must be taken to even get a handle on the situation. People have to start being more open minded to what can be accepted and what is considered to be the normal looking body. The key to understanding the world is to realize that everyone is different. People come in

different sizes and shapes. If everyone could just understand this concept, then the world would be a better place. There is no law saying that everyone has to be able to fit into a size 6 dress for the semi-formal. There is no penalty if you walk onto the beach with a few extra, obvious pounds. Perhaps, if everyone was just a little more open minded, it might be possible to lessen problems dealing with compulsive, obsessive weight loss.

If you think a friend has an eating disorder, or if you think you may have a problem but you are not sure, you should be aware of the signs. For anorexia, signs include: sudden interest in diet books and meal preparation, withdrawal from peer relationships, claiming that one is too busy to eat, excessive weight loss, hair, nail and skin problems, and extreme physical activities. For bulimia, signs include: frequent trips to the bathroom after eating, avoiding social commitments, denial, poor self-esteem, and disappearance of large amounts of food without correspondingly large weight gain. If you think that you do have a problem, you can get help at the Student Development Center in Slavin 209 (865-2343).

Eating disorders are no joke, and they are certainly evident in our society, and our campus. We need to get a handle on what is important in our lives. Why is it that there are people who are starving in our hometowns and who would do anything for the slightest morsel of food, and then there are others who are able to have any amount of food that they want, but are willing to starve themselves just for the sake of appearance?

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Features

From Our Entertainment Section: Mass Review

by Tina Kloter '95
Asst. Features Editor

It's Sunday. To many of us here at PC, that means going to mass. Although we have the intention to pray, to confess and to grow in faith, we are also hoping to be entertained. I'm not saying that all of us are unholy. We're just used to being amazed by special effects and bombarded with sensory input. So, with some of the same expectations we have when we turn on the TV or go to the movies, we go to mass. As soon as we enter the church, the Mass Review begins.

Church Decor- The appearance of a church is very important to some people. "If it doesn't have a steeple, it's not a real church," I've heard many a pious individual utter. Some people are more concerned with stained glass and statues. I have to admit that I am a big fan of the rainbows that turn peoples faces different colors. They know their skin looks purple, but they dare not move. They're either afraid that the priest will kick them out if they move or they think that it is the light of the Almighty shining down upon them. What-

ever the reason, they look like Barney and it makes me laugh.

The church I grew up in not only had stained glass on the walls, but it had this big window in the shape of an angel on the top of the church that had pieces of blue glass hanging from it. I spent many a Sunday morning gazing up at the glass, wondering if it was going to fall on that lady in

God must have been really relieved that he didn't have to spend all his time holding shards of blue glass in place anymore.

The Priest and His Funky Choir We expect a lot from the priest. Not only does he have to be holy and wise, but he has to be interesting to listen to and look at. As the Christmas or Lent seasons approach, he changes the color of his alb (that's the



the fourth pew on the left with the blue hair who had fallen asleep. When my Mom caught me looking, I asked her how the glass stayed up there. She told me that God held it there and if I didn't pay attention to the priest I couldn't have a doughnut after mass. Last year they took down the glass because they said it would let more light in.

thing he wears that kind of looks like a scarf, except it's fancier and it's not warm). Some church-goers enjoy discussing the color coordination of the altar cloth to the alb or to the flowers in front of the altar. While this is important for the entertainment of the parish, what the priest says is much more crucial.

To begin with, if in his

welcome he tells parents that if he catches one child crying or running down the center aisle to go use the bathroom he will boot the entire congregation out, most people would say he is not off to a running start. On the other hand, if in his homily he either incorporates stories that the parishioners can relate to or makes them think they are going to hell if they don't listen, he can be assured that people will be happy. Why

forgive you for making faces at the little kid behind you who keeps picking his nose and trying to get it on you. On the other hand, if they sound like congested gorillas, then it will at least make you smile. This can sometimes be a problem since laughter, in solemn situations, is extremely contagious. If you can help it, try to stifle your amusement. I heard about one girl who snickered when the cantor forgot his song sheet and used the words from "Purple Haze" instead. She was kicked out and told that neither she nor her unborn offspring would ever be allowed back again. She was really bummed; the church had a steeple and stained glass.

While the church is seen as behind the times in some areas, they're really keeping up with the attention span of Generation X. I mean sure, priest's can't get married, but they can tell funny stories to amuse parishioners. While some individuals would argue that not letting priests marry is a sin (Father-what-a-waste), it's important to keep an open mind... Somebody's got to.



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Features

Are We Culturally Unaware??

by Vera Schomer '96
Features Editor

I just want to babble. I want to tell it as I see it and talk about something that bothers me here at PC. Well, I'll start with a few revelations about myself. My name is pronounced Vera with a soft E, not Veera. My parents chose the name because they thought it would be pronounced the same in our three languages — French, Spanish and English. Unfortunately, they didn't know that many Americans can't pronounce certain vowel sounds, and that my name would be associated with the ditzy waitress from Alice or Norm's wife on Cheers.

Next, I'm not from Guadalupe or Guadalajara. I'm from Guatemala (you know, that little country under Mexico). When I visit my family there, I don't milk the family cow or ground corn for tacos. My family doesn't live in mud huts or teepees. Unfortunately, the very poor do live in wooden, mud or metal shacks. They wish they had a cow to milk or enough land to grow corn on to feed their children. My family is one of the lucky ones.

Fortunately, I can't be "deported" like many people threaten in a joke ("I'll call immigration!"). I am an

American citizen and I don't need a green card. I don't ride in the back seat of an old Toyota with seven other Latinos crushed like sardines, and if I say I want to dance, it doesn't mean doing the Lambada. When I say I

Why can't we understand people who are, or choose to be, different from us?

miss my mother's cooking, I don't mean rice and beans, although they are delicious too. Just because I'm Latin American doesn't mean I'm Catholic. Just because I'm Protestant, doesn't mean I don't believe in the same God and the same Jesus — my family is very religious and I have been raised to have strong morals and values. Finally, just because my hair isn't dark, doesn't mean I'm not an "ethnic minority."

These are responses to just a few of the comments I've heard directed at me while at PC. Some were said as a joke, others out of sheer ignorance and others with

no bad intentions at all. What I diagnose is a serious case of cultural unawareness and a sad belief in stereotypes.

To my amazement, even countries and cultures covered in Western Civ are being reduced to mere stereotypes by our student body. Does Irish heritage and tradition offer nothing more than a chance to get bombed with green beer on St. Patrick's Day? Are corned beef and cabbage the only foods eaten in that entire country? Are Godfather movies and spaghetti and meatballs the only Italian contributions to American society? Why are Poles still labeled as dumb and how can someone of German descent still be called a Nazi?

It's almost as absurd as assuming that all black students on campus are athletes or drug dealers from the ghetto, or that all Asian students are good at math. It's like calling someone who chooses not to drink on a Saturday night "substance-free" as an insult. Why can't we understand people who are, or choose to be, different from us? Who likes being called a Goomba, a Guinea, a Mick, a Kraut, a nigger, a chink or a spic? We certainly don't, but many of us have no qualms about dishing it out.

I know students who claim not to be racist or bigoted, and when you see them in a eth-

nically diverse crowd, you would believe them. Why then, do they later join with their friends and begin telling racist jokes? How can someone who claims to value ethnic diversity call a white person dressed in non-traditional PC attire a "Wigger" (Wanna-be nigger)? If someone loves to party with rap songs like "Jump Around", "OPP" and "Nothing But a G

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Thang", how can they later come into a room where R&B is playing and ask, "What the hell is this JUNGLE MUSIC you're listening to!" Once again, it's absurd.

Many of us would like to believe that we still live in a melting pot. That implies that as our ancestors entered the United States, they automatically gave up their cultures and tradi-

tions in order to adopt great American ones. I'm sorry, but we are not greasy, homogeneous molecules in a jar of Cheez-Wiz. Rather, we are the different vegetables that make up a tossed salad. We need to learn about each other and value what each of us has to offer.

Here are some simple suggestions for broadening your cultural awareness:

-Rent a foreign movie with subtitles or a movie that focuses on minority culture. Watch it with friends and discuss it afterwards.

-Try a food from a different culture that you've never tasted before. Providence has a lot of restaurants that serve ethnic foods.

-Listen to some music which represents a different culture. -Read Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech.

-Sign up for a language or culture-oriented class.

-Read a magazine focusing on issues and concerns of a particular minority.

-Ask a foreign student about his/her home country.

-Investigate the contributions minorities have made to your area of specialty.

-Most importantly, understanding others means understanding yourself first. Take time out to reflect on your values and to educate yourself about your own heritage.

Of Hugs, Kisses and Wet Willies...

by Mathew Bunnell '95
Features Writer

Roses are red, violets are blue, but their beauty is nothing to me if I can't have you... XOXOXO... hugs and kisses and wet willies... candy hearts, chocolates and flowers, Hallmark cards and Cowl personal ads.... Valentine's Day is here.

Personally, I have had a conversion experience of sorts, a "change of hearts", if you will. I have seen the light. There is no need to make fun of others, to be vulgar or stir up controversy at the school. I know now that we can all live together in peace and harmony, men and women, cats and dogs, Tom & Jerry, Sonny and Cher, Charles and Diana, Shannen Doherty and everyone, you get the picture (Hey! This feels like Woodstock!...no, wait, that was before my time...OK, this feels like ... umm ... Lollapalooza?-without the funky smoke, of course). Valentine's Day is time for each and everyone of us to open ourselves up and show our true colors (mine just happens to be mauve). With this in mind, I thought I would write a little PC

Valentine's day love story for y'all. Well, here goes nothing...

It was a dark and snowy night...temperatures in the low to mid 20's...wind blowing out of the northwest at 10 miles per hour. It was 10:34...February 13th...a Friday (Jason's Baack! And this time he's... in love! Aaaaahhhh!). A young lady, let's call her Mary, was coming home from a long night of wild and exciting studying in the lounge of her dorm. Mary was a confused young girl, not interested in being a part of the social scene, parties, bars, those crazy off-campus Scrabble tournaments (Xylophone! Triple word score...woo, this is fun!). Her friends, she thought, were very popular; it seemed that men would get on their knees begging for dates with them. But, alas, no one knew poor, lonely Mary. She spent most of her time in a shell obsessed only with her studies and her ant farm. The rest of her time she spent reading romance novels, watching soap operas and reading Sassy magazine (this week's feature: "What men want and how to give it to them...as told to us by Joey Lawrence and Christian

Slater"). She dreamt of the day that she would find that one-of-a-kind, hunk-of-a-man she could spend forever-and-a-day with. After a semester of futility, could she somehow find that special someone or was she doomed to spend her life like her weird old neighbor at home (a lonely spinster who never had a man, had more cats than teeth and an

home or when the Ronzio's guy was waiting downstairs. Nonetheless, she punched her password in and was surprised to find that she had a message. "...Mary, my name is Paul, I've had a crush on you for the longest time...and well, I was wondering if you could meet me tomorrow in Slavin pit, around 11:00? I



irritating side effect from a stroke which caused her to scream like a banshee whenever the toilet flushed)? Where, oh where was her knight in shining armor??

As Mary walked into her apartment she decided to check her voice mail (no gripes please) to see if anyone called. "Fat chance", she thought, being that the only time anyone called her was when there was news from

am not a freak and this isn't a prank. Please, you won't regret it..." Mary was in shock. What was she to do? If she went and no one showed she could never live it down, but what if this was the real thing? What if this was the spark she had so longed for? "Sleep on it," she told herself, and with that she fed her ants and went to bed.

There she was... Slavin

pit... 11:00... no one around... she'd been had. As she went to leave she noticed a single rose left next to her bag with a note, "Turn around." She immediately turned to find that her secret admirer, Paul, had appeared out of nowhere, holding a violet in his hand. With a motion towards her, Paul tenderly exclaimed, "Roses are red, violets are blue, if love is blind then how have I found you?" With that he took her in his arms and laid the biggest, wettest, hottest, NC-17, only seen in the movies, kiss on her lips. The two were a perfect match, doing everything (and I mean everything) together.

One day, Paul introduced his brother Peter to Mary and they found to their surprise that they all shared some sort of musical talent. They immediately started a band, cut their first record and of course, the rest is history. As for Paul and Mary, they got married, had kids and spent the rest of their lives making "sweet music together." The End...too bad this sort of thing doesn't happen at PC...or does it? (hey, c'mon, there's always BOP Studs...ha, ha, ha!). C-ya next week...

Features

Parents' Weekend Survival

by Beth Brezinski
Features Writer

Get ready. It's coming, it's almost here! Hide those items around the house that you don't want your parents to see. You must know by that last comment that I'm speaking of Parent's Weekend which begins this Friday evening and concludes on Sunday with Mass and a brunch. (For a full itinerary see article in the News section.)

The way I see it, Parent's

because they may melt or bang around too much.

Here's another tip - search under your couch cushions for any loose change; You may find enough to buy each of your parents a drink at Brad's or Club Eagles. You may also discover lost articles of clothing or food that have begun to take on a life of their own.

The Bathroom - cleaning this part of the house is probably the least liked job and in some cases can qualify as cruel and unusual punish-

parents, "Oh he calls everyone that and that's the only kind of beer they sell here, or so I hear."

An advantage of drinking with your parents is you won't have to pay for drinks all weekend. It's always interesting to see who gets more loaded, you or your mother or father. After this weekend the school may require our parents to join us at the Alcohol Awareness Day.

Some students may even

TOP TEN LINES TO CUT A DATE SHORT

10. "This is almost as much fun as studying for finals."

9. "Would you mind dropping me off at my friend's house?"

8. "My doctor told me I might have leprosy - is that contagious?"

7. "This reminds me of when I had a boil lanced."

6. "Boy, do I know how to shovel it in. Are you going to eat that pork loin?"

5. "Does it smell in here, or is it you?"

4. "So, do you have any cute roommates?"

3. "I'd invite you in, but my mom let the snake loose and I don't want you to get bit."

2. "Thank God you got me out of the house - all my roommates have mono."

1. "Isn't time supposed to fly when you are having fun?"



Weekend is essentially the following:

1. A reason to clean your house or apartment.
2. An opportunity to go out drinking with your parents.

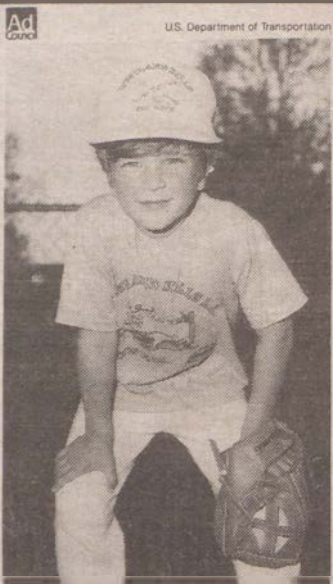
I believe there are some houses and apartments around here that probably haven't been cleaned since last year's Parent's Weekend (if even then). That pile of dishes that has accumulated since the beginning of the semester may finally have to be taken care of. If you have sturdy plastic plates and glasses, throw them in a washing machine to save time. I don't suggest putting them in the dryer however

ment. If that mold and mildew in the shower has grown enough so it's practically talking, you may need some heavy artillery. Scrubbing Bubbles just may not be enough. For severe cases you may even want to nuke the whole bathroom itself and rebuild - you never know what that mold and mildew has seen.

Drinking with your parents can truly be an experience to remember. Take them to your favorite local bar with your friends and their parents. When the bartender asks you by name if you'll have the usual, you can tell your

end up chaperoning Mom and Dad. Last year some parents got so wrapped up in the excitement of the Jubilee Gala weekend, they could hardly control themselves. Management at the Biltmore reportedly had to take matters into their own hands; some parents almost ended up sleeping on their kid's couches.

For seniors this is our last Parents' Weekend and hopefully it will be the best. Let's hope there's enough food this year, although I'm not sure they could top the cheese and crackers served at last year's Dinner Dance.



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Personals

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Hey Guys-
MARCO...

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Dear Tunes-
Will you be my Valentine?
Love Keith

Dearest Corey,
Be my secret-lover -
Valentine.
Hugs and Kisses,
Your secret Valentine

To Cuffe the Cuffster,
When you sing it makes me melt like chocolate in the sun!

Happy Valentine's Day to the guy who urged me to take the risk. It's been worth every minute -
With love,
Frog Legs

To the amazing women of '93 Huxley - you are the greatest and I love you all!

To Bill-
After four years I realized how much I love you -
Please come home with me after graduation.

From,
Bean

To Duke -
I'm glad I got to spend this last year with you. I hope our love will never die.
From,
Johnny

Kalaghers,
When's the wedding?
Rick Barnes

Kerry,
This ad proves I'm romantic!!!
Love,
Tim

Sandie-
Here's to frozen yogurt and Lavalette, NJ. Happy Valentine's Day.
Anonymous

John-
I think it's time to come out of the closet.
Mark

Chickie-Baby-
Happy 20th Birthday. 1-4-3.
Love,
Keith

Jen G.-
Will you be my honey bee.

Pixie:
Will you hold me naked as a friend?

Sue Lob-
I need you to carry my package, it's too big just for me.
The Laundry Man

Sean Quinn-
Girth... Definitely Girth.

E.A.T.-
To a lovely Valentine on Valentine's Day.
Marlon

Hey Mister,
Happy V-Day. I love you!
SAW

Rich,
My heart melts for you!
Love,
Marta

Jen,
It's lonely at the top.
Love,
Jamie

Bok Choy,
Couldn't afford the roses.
Love,
Sweet Pea

Moo Goo,
Eh? Caught you looking!
Love,
Gai Pan

Jen-
You know you love me...
Bleh...
-Guess who

Chippa-
Will you be my hook-up for the rest of the semester?

Mon cherie:
Thanks for the mamories.
John G.

You know who-
Will you go to Commencement with me?
Guess who

Tired of going to political rallies alone? Me too. I'm looking for a conservative Republican woman between the ages of 16 and 35 who enjoys listening to Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond and watching old Brady Bunch reruns. If interested, please call Mike Rush at the Hotel Fennell.

Kevin:
You're the quietest one at Radcliffe but I know I could make you roar!
Your secret admirer

Dave-
Thanks for "lite"ing up our lives. We're glad you like The Cowl.

Todd Bianchi-
I said I loved you, but I lied.
AFE

John Dow-
Pay some rent, or move!
Most of 116 Eaton

Tigger wanted to share pots of honey and bouncing. Much love and a smile!

Joe's Hall Club 207 never dies!

To Ken Krilla-
Uhhh, what the hell is this crap? Oh... no... se.

You know who you are-
Want to go to the aquarium to see the blow fish again?

To the Nasty Boraskis & Quinn:
Good luck with the season... Put down Super Nintendo and find yourselves a Valentine (not you Dave).
Your #1 fan

Beth-
Will you go out for yogurt with me and be my secret lover?
Love,
Michael

Dauer-
If I told you You had a beautiful body, would you hold it against me?

To the newest delivery boy at Ronzio's:
I think his name is MATT. Happy Valentine's Day and you can carry my pie any time.

Love,
Beth O. Pool

CooCoo Catchoo-
Nice tan lines. Be daring- take your socks off!
From,
Supine & Hoochie

CJG - I'll always love you!

Oh my foot hurts, I never thought I could love you more... I was wrong! "Never say 'never'!" 143!
Love,
Raspberry

Mat Bunnell, Mat Bunnell,
We love you, Be our valentine!

Dear Chicken Patti-
You're my DJ lover!
-The Sord

To my Romeo:
"You are the best thing that has happened to me in the longest time." Here's to second chances...? I love you - Hershey's hugs and kisses forever.

M&D-
Happy 24th Anniversary and HVD!
-EIC

Paul S.-
We know you can do it. We want you part of the team. We're behind you, buddy!
The guys track team

Dear Rich-
We're jealous! We want a frogurt heart too.
Love,
B, MaryEllen,
Aimee & Kristine

Maggie-
We're too tired to walk home. Can we stay here again?
Jack, Ed & Andy

Bunnell-
Roses are red
HPT came out blue
I'm in big trouble,
And now so are you.

JF-
I want to use my teeth to rip the yellow stitching out of your pants. Your class overwhelms us. Love those pulsating veins in your temples.

Butt Hockey Player-
Your new coat is even sexier than the old one!
Love,
Your secret admirers

Aquinas 111-
Do you miss me?
- Slut

Mom and Dad-
Happy Anniversary and Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Melissa

To the STUD I plan to kiss on the Booze Cruise Senior Year: I'm waiting!

'97 Pres-
Keep reaching for what you want! Maybe you'll get away with it some day. For now, stay away from my friends.
Love Always,
Your worst nightmare

To my FireWater lover-
I'm speechless. Happy Valentine's Day.

To my broken-hearted savior- Thanks for all the support and Special K.
CTP

Garipey-
Thanks for putting up with my BS. You know I love ya.
Love,
Ski

Robbie-
Happy Valentine's Day to my Long Island lover.
Love,
Nicole

Class of '94
Whoomp, here I am!
Love,
Peter

... POLO!
Top deck at midnight?
-The girls

From, The Cowl Staff

Sports Scoreboard

What's In a Resolution?

James Carty Describes Idea Behind Alumni Board Motion

by Matt Mlodzinski '94
Sports Editor

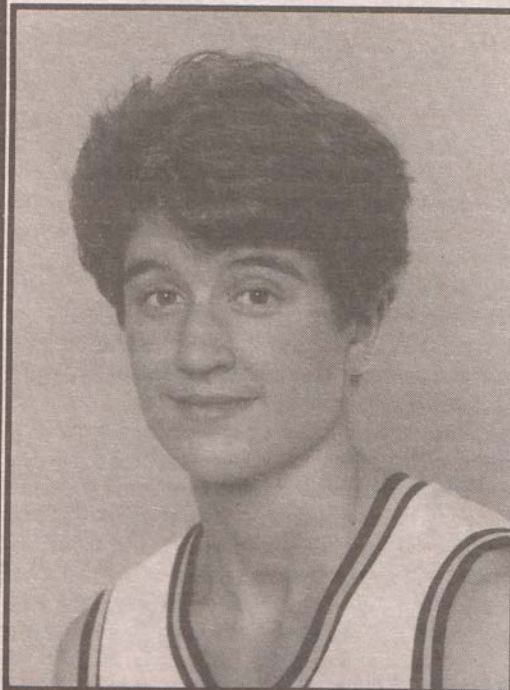
In last week's Cowl sports section, there was a resolution of the Alumni Board printed on page 22. In summary, this resolution pledged alumni/student support for the PC men's basketball team.

James P. Carty, President of the Providence College National Alumni Association, explained the motives behind the resolution: "The idea is to let the school and the team know that PC alumni are backing up the basketball program. This is a big year for the Friars and we wanted the players to know that we were with them all the way."

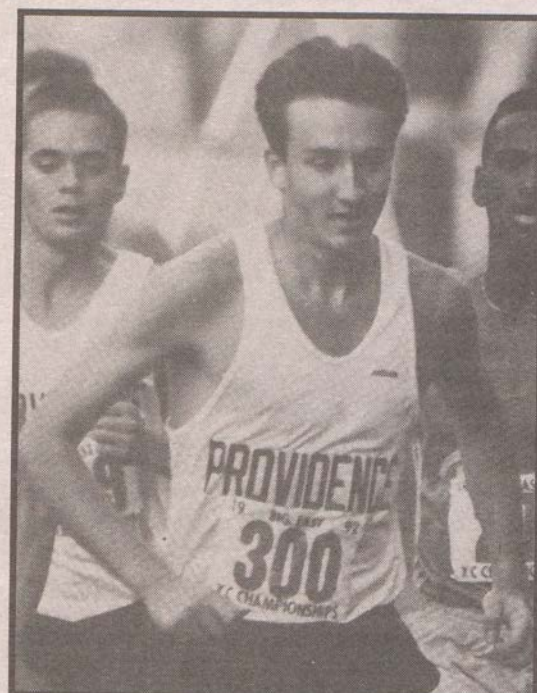
One way in which the Board hopes to make the resolution work is by getting in touch with various alumni chapters throughout the eastern United States and encouraging them to support the Friars. "We've gotten in

touch with various regional chapters and encouraged them to go and see the Friars when PC plays in their area," noted Carty. "We feel that alumni are an important part of the PC community. They need to be visible to the student athlete and one way of doing that is by getting out and supporting PC athletics whenever possible."

The resolution was initially passed on December 3. Carty said the passage coincided with the kick-off of PC's Big East schedule. The Alumni Board hoped to give the hoops team a shot in the arm as they prepared to enter the always vicious wars of the Big East Conference. "As far as we're concerned," added Carty, "the team needs to know that the alumni are in their corner and that we wish them all the best this year and in future seasons."

Clearly Canadian
PC Athletes of the WeekMandy Saunders '97 (Midlothian, VA)
Women's Basketball

Saunders, a 5'-7" guard, averaged 24.0 ppg in two Lady Friar victories last week. She broke a Big East rookie record with a career-high 31 points in leading PC to a 86-70 victory over St. John's. She also scored 17 points in the Lady Friars 60-56 win at Syracuse.

Andy Keith '94 (Birmingham, England)
Men's Track

Keith won the 3000 at the Mobile I Grand Prix race in Fairfax, Virginia with a time of 7:49.83 which established a new Eastern Collegiate record this season. Keith beat Rubin Reima who won the 3000 meters at the Milrose Games the previous night. Keith has now posted the fastest collegiate times in three races this season—the 1000, 3000, and the mile.

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Sports Scoreboard

Lady Friars Basketball
Results/ Schedule

FEBRUARY

2	at Syracuse	W: 60-56	Fontanella: 14 Pts Goettsche: 11 Reb
6	at St. John's	W: 86-70	Goettsche: 15 Reb
*Mandy Saunders set a Big East rookie record with 31 pts			
9	G-TOWN	W: 99-84	Davis: 27 Pts Goettsche: 18 Reb

RECORD: 11-9 (9-4 Big East)

UPCOMING GAMES

11	Friday	TENNESSEE	7:00 PM
13	Sunday	BOSTON COLLEGE	2:00 PM
16	Wednesday	at Seton Hall	7:30 PM

Providence (60)

Davis 1-8 0-0 3,
Fontanella 3-9 5-9 14, Goettsche 2-7 9-12 13, Saunders 5-13 7-9 17,
Walden 3-4 2-4 8, Miller 0-3 2-4 2,
Penrod 1-1 1-2 3.

Syracuse (56)

Cromwell 7-22 0-0 18,
McCory 3-12 1-3 7, Masimini 1-5 2-2 4, Cook 9-17 4-6 23, Angelina 0-2 0-0 0, Mumby 0-1 0-1 0, Amos 2-4 0-2 4, Glover 0-1 0-0 0, Gooden 0-0 0-0 0, Duffy 0-2 0-0 0, Hicks 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence 22-38: 60
Syracuse 28-28: 56

3 Pt. Goals- PC:

Fontanella 3, Davis SU: Cromwell 4, Cook. Rebs- PC: 42 (Goettsche 11) SU: 47 (Amos 13). Assists- PC: 7 (Saunders 6) SU: 11 (Cromwell, Amos 3). TO- PC: 25 SU: 22. Records- PC: 9-9 (7-4) SU: 2-17 (0-11).

Providence (99)

Davis 10-15 3-3 27,
Fontanella 9-15 4-6 23, Goettsche 9-11 6-8 24, Saunders 4-14 4-6 14,
Walden 2-12 1-2 5, Miller 2-5 0-0 4, Penrod 1-3 0-0 2, Cavallo 0-0 0-0 0, Malone 0-1 0-0 0.

Georgetown (84)

Penderghast 7-16 2-4 17,
Jacobsen 2-6 2-4 6, Cooke 5-8 0-1 10, Ricks 5-16 2-3 12, Hanrahan 4-12 0-1 9, LaForce 3-5 3-4 9, Sacco 3-10 0-0 6, DeShayes 0-2 0-0 0, Miles 2-4 0-0 4, Anonkhai 5-6 1-1 11, Klauson 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence 45-54: 99
Georgetown 38-46: 84

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Davis 4,

Saunders 2, Fontanella GU:
Penderghast, Hanrahan. Rebs- PC: 53 (Goettsche 18) GU: 43 (Jacobsen 10). Assists- PC: 17 (Saunders 9) GU: 16 (Ricks 8). TO- PC: 24 GU: 19. Records- PC: 11-9 (9-4) GU: 10-11 (4-9).

Friars Basketball Results/ Schedule

JANUARY

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

5	at St. John's	L: 73-69	Smith: 24 Points Smith, Simpkins: 8 Rebounds
8	PITTSBURGH	W: 78-65	Smith: 20 Points Smith: 11 Rebounds

RECORD: 12-7 (5-6 BIG EAST)

UPCOMING GAMES

12	Saturday	GEORGETOWN (CBS)	1:00 PM
15	Tuesday	at Syracuse (Carrier Dome)	8:00 PM

Providence (69)

Smith 8-9 8-8 24,
Williams 0-2 7-8 7, Simpkins 3-6 1-2 7, Abdullah 1-2 0-0 2, Brown 4-15 0-0 10, Murdock 0-1 0-0 0, Phelps 1-7 2-2 4, Zielinski 3-6 2-4 8, Croshere 2-9 3-3 7.

St. John's (73)

Barrett 1-3 1-2 3,
Minlend 6-8 5-6 17, S. Scott 8-16 3-5 19, M. Brown 2-5 0-0 6, J. Scott 6-10 1-2 16, D. Brown 3-7 2-2 8, Beckett 1-5 0-0 2, McLeod 1-1 0-0 2, Lyson 0-0 0-0 0.

Providence

40-29: 69
St. John's 43-30: 73

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Brown

2, Zielinski 2 SJU: J. Scott 3, M. Brown 2. Rebs- PC: 39 (Smith, Simpkins 8) SJU: 28 (S. Scott 8). Assists- PC: 15 (Simpkins 6) SJU: 17 (M. Brown 7). TO- PC: 9 SJU: 10. Records- PC: 11-7 (4-6) SJU: 9-10 (3-7).

Providence (78)

Smith 7-11 6-9 20,
Williams 4-10 4-5 12, Simpkins 3-4 5-6 11, Zielinski 2-4 2-2 7, Brown 3-11 1-2 10, Phelps 2-8 0-0 5, Western 3-4 0-0 6, Abdullah 0-1 0-0 0, Croshere 3-4 0-0 7.

Pittsburgh (65)

Gant 4-5 0-0 9, Antigua 3-10 1-2 7, Mobley 2-4 0-0 4, McCollough 6-13 1-4 16, Shareef 5-9 3-3 13, Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, Peterson 1-2 2-2 4, Maile 2-7 0-0 6, Cauley 2-5 0-0 4.

Providence

44-34: 78
Pittsburgh 27-38: 65

3 Pt. Goals- PC: Brown

3, Zielinski, Phelps, Croshere
Pitt: McCollough 3, Maile 2, Gant. Rebs- PC: 41 (Smith 11) Pitt: 27 (Mobley 8). Assists- PC: 19 (Abdullah 8) Pitt: 14 (McCollough 4). TO- PC: 19 Pitt: 16. Records- PC: 12-7 (5-6) Pitt: 14-7 (7-5).

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

This Week In
Providence College Sports

Friday, Feb. 11	MEN'S HOCKEY VS. NORTHEASTERN	7:00 PM
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. TENNESSEE	7:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 12	Men's and Women's Swimming at Boston U.	11:00 AM
	WOMEN'S HOCKEY VS. PRINCETON	12:30 PM
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. GEORGETOWN	2:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 13	WOMEN'S HOCKEY VS. YALE	12:30 PM
	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. B.C.	3:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Men's Basketball at Syracuse	8:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 16	Women's Basketball at Seton Hall	7:30 PM

ALL HOME GAMES IN CAPS



Sports

Let's Forget About Tonya Harding/ Kerrigan Fiasco Overshadowing Olympic Games

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

What is up with the now infamous Harding/Kerrigan case? It seems each day we delve deeper into the seedy elements that comprise this already overblown story that has been beaten to death by every tabloid, magazine, and newspaper, not only in this country but overseas as well. All the while, the real story, the 1994 Olympic Winter games in Lillehammer, Norway, has become a mere backdrop for a scandalous, made-for-TV, headline-grabbing tale that has landed figure skater Nancy Kerrigan a Disney/ABC movie of the week deal, a lucrative book contract, an ice-capades type show whereas all this case has landed Tonya Harding is a date in court as well as plenty of free publicity (not all of it good).

What about the Winter Olympics, I ask? Have we forgotten all about the glory of victory and the agony of defeat that makes the Olympics a story unto itself. The Olympics as a showcase for the world's greatest amateur athletes as they strut their stuff in their respective sports as all the world looks

on in exuberant anticipation of the stars that will be born of this year's Winter Olympics?

Maybe it's just me but I was under the seemingly false impression that there were other sports besides Women's Figure Skating which could accomplish this, and just imagine the media-circus that would occur if it does, feature a potential Harding/Kerrigan showdown. When it comes time for American athletes to check-in to the Olympic Village in Lillehammer I would bet Tonya Harding would be on the hit list of most, if not all of the competitors representing the United States. This is their moment in the sun too! What about the U.S. Olympic Hockey team? The sweethearts of the '92 Winter Olympics at Albertville, where they advanced to the semi-finals and this year have a legitimate shot at a gold medal. It makes me unhappy to see media sensationalism and preoccupation with this travesty among my fellow journalists spoiling a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many of these athletes. Hard-working amateurs who have rightly earned their 15 minutes of fame are blatantly ne-

glected because of accusations and allegations of Tonya Harding and her dirty deeds (done dirt cheap might I add). What about Dan Jansen? He failed in Albertville in his attempts for a gold medal in speed skating. Now this is his time also. He just recently broke his own world-record in speed skating and is poised to have a good Olympic time in his quest for gold. We haven't heard about him because we have been constantly bombarded with information and new developments in the Harding/Kerrigan ordeal. It is a story which examines the dark side and merciless greed associated with competition in sports whereas the Olympics are internationally recognized as the arena for the triumph of the human spirit against the odds. It is time for human interest stories and not interest-earning stories where there is a new and scarier development lurking around every corner. I've had my fill of Tonya Harding! Let's get down to the business of sports. It just seems unfair for the athletes to have to compete with a scandalous outrage for attention before they've even set foot on Norwegian soil. Go USA, and let's get Tonya out of the way!

Back On The Home Front Lady Friars Return To Schneider After Tourney In Canada

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

The Providence College Women's Ice Hockey team, having just completed a difficult stretch of four games in four days, has run their record to 13-8-3. The Lady Friars played at Middlebury and then in the Concordia Invitational Tournament in Montreal, Quebec last week. John Marchetti's team, perhaps feeling the effects of their current schedule of five straight games away from their home ice, could only manage a split of the four games.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Friars used dominating puck control and their potent offense to post a 6-0 route at Middlebury. Alison Wheeler scored two goals and dished out an assist while Stephanie O'Sullivan added to her team leading totals with her 23rd goal on the season. On the defensive end, the goaltending was perfect as Gina Martiniello and freshman Natalie Mancuso combined on the shutout.

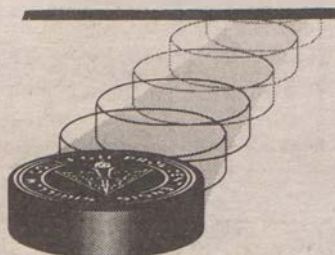
St. Lawrence presented a

little more of a threat in the opening round of the Teresa Homes Tournament played in Montreal. Wendy Cofran scored her sixth and seventh goals and the Lady Friars squelched a late comeback by St. Lawrence and held on for a close 2-1 win. Gina Martiniello made 25 saves in goal for Providence as they advanced to the next round of the Tournament.

The Lady Friars were not as lucky in their next game as Concordia blanked PC by a final of 3-0. Try as they did the Lady Friars could not penetrate Concordia's lines to score as they were held to a mere 17 shots on goal. Martiniello made 29 saves in a vain effort as her team provided no offensive support. It marked the second time this season that Providence was shutout. The first time they were held scoreless was ironically by the team they would next face in the Tournament, UNH. The Lady Friars would not be shutout this time around, but unfortunately they would not win either. Providence mounted a late comeback scoring two goals in the third period but

in the end they were turned away by UNH by a score of 5-3. Amy Carlson, Melissa Mills, and Wendy Cofran accounted for the scoring but PC could not overcome the deficit.

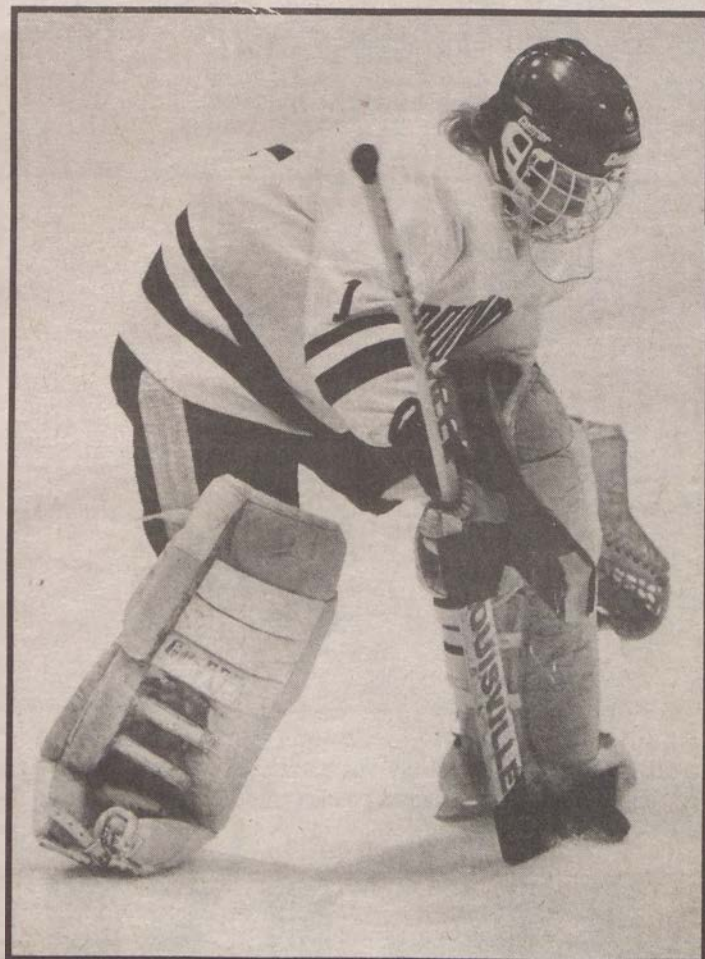
The Lady Friars are at long last back in their own building for the next two games as they wind down their season. They play Princeton Saturday, and Yale on Sunday at Schneider Arena. After that they finish their Ivy League triple header with a game at Harvard on February 19. It is crunch time for the Providence girls as they look to finish strong in the ECAC.



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Gina Martiniello ('94) was sterling in goal for the Lady Friars at last weekend's Concordia Invitational.

Keep On Running

Abdullah Fires Up Transition Game As Friars Beat Pitt

by Matt Mlodzinski '94
Sports Editor

Back on December 4th, the Providence College Friars started off the Big East season with a 94-82 loss at Pittsburgh. In that game, the Friars blew a second half lead as the Panthers bullied the Friars inside. The Panthers also outrebounded PC, 44-41. On Tuesday, the Panthers came to a snow-covered Providence in search of a series sweep. Would we see a December 4th rerun?

Not at all. The Friars came out and played one of their most emotional and intense games of the season in beating the Panthers, 78-65. PC controlled the tempo for most of the game, while crushing Pitt on the glass (41-27 advantage). Michael Smith led the Friars with game highs of 20 points and 11 rebounds. Jerry McCollough led Pitt with 16 points, 14 of those coming in the second half.

PC fans may have been surprised to see Maciej Zielinski starting in place of Abdul Abdullah in the Friar backcourt. Coach Rick Barnes decided to make a change to impress upon Abdullah how important he

is to this team offensively. Abdullah is the man PC needs to "stir the drink" in order to run a successful transition game. "I told Abdul that I had to make a change. Someway, somehow I've got to make (him) understand that it's his responsibility to get this team to run," noted Barnes. "I expected him to change the complexion of the game (off of the bench)."

Abdullah took the hint. He entered the game with 13:51 left in the first half and did change the complexion of the game. Until this point, both teams looked sluggish offensively and PC held an ugly 8-6 lead. That all changed. Abdullah electrified a slow PC offense as he continually pushed the ball up the floor. The Friars ran off a 15-0 run as Abdullah ran a virtually perfect fast break, hitting streaking teammates all over the floor as PC found the running game they have been desperately looking for. He finished the first half with 8 assists and only one turnover in 13 minutes of play as PC went into the dressing room with a 44-27 lead at intermission.

The first ten min-

utes of the second half was more of the same for the Friars as Smith, Dickey Simpkins, and Eric Williams wore down Pitt's big men. There was no repeat of Pitt's inside dominance that we saw earlier this season, as PC's post men dominated the blocks.

However, the Friars just wouldn't be enjoyable if they didn't give us at least one "Maalox Moment" per contest. PC led by 30 (69-39) with 10:31 left in the ball game and things seemed to be well in hand. Right? Well, not quite. Pitt began to chip away at the lead and they had it down to 13 with three minutes to play. But the Panthers just plain ran out of time. Another five minutes and they might have... well never mind. Bottom Line: we got the "W".

PC got solid contributions from everyone, especially their "walking wounded". Simpkins was poked in the eye in practice and came out looking like a prize fighter with a swollen eye. However, he courageously chipped in 11 points and 10 rebounds and showed some of the fire he seemingly lacked in recent games. Franklin Western

(torn shoulder cartilage/ bad ankle) chipped in 6 points, all coming during a key first half stretch. It was thought that Western may not play at all, but he put forth a gutsy effort. Western noted that despite his limited minutes, he must continue to "keep everyone on the team motivated and involved in the game" as he comes in off the bench.

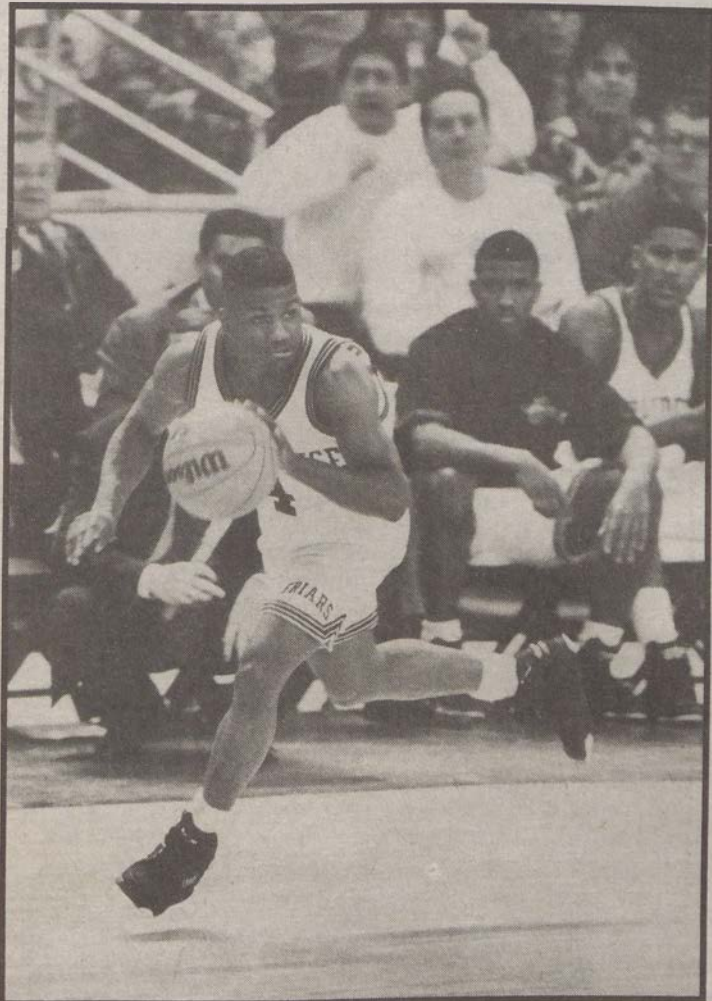
Austin Croshere continued to show improvement as he chipped in with 7 points and 3 rebounds, including an insanely high-arching reverse lay-up that seemed as though it would never come down. Zielinski took advantage of his starting nod and likewise knocked home 7 points.

Rob Phelps was also a key contributor. Many PC fans are anxious to cut Phelps down because he hasn't blossomed into the scorer that most people expected him to be upon his arrival here in Providence. Granted, Phelps has struggled to find the range, but his all-around efforts cannot be overlooked. He is willing to do whatever is necessary to help this team win. He is truly a "team player". His line against Pitt:

5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, an assist and a block in 18 minutes.

The Pitt victory was clear-cut evidence that in order to win, PC has to run. As mentioned earlier, Abdul Abdullah is the man that has to make that happen. And he must make it happen every game if the Friars want to get the NCAA bid they desire. The Friars don't get it done in a half-court game, but they can be tough to beat when they are running in the open court.

Up next for the Friars is a nationally-televised matchup with Georgetown, followed by games at UConn and Syracuse. Every game is vital, a fact known all too well by the Friar players. "We're in the same position we were in last year," noted Franklin Western, "in that every game is crucial. We can't have a letdown." Eric Williams (12 points/ 4 rebounds) added that "we have to win at all costs because there is no tomorrow if we hit a skid." True as that may be, Barnes says: "It's not time to panic; it's time to play." More importantly, it's time to win.



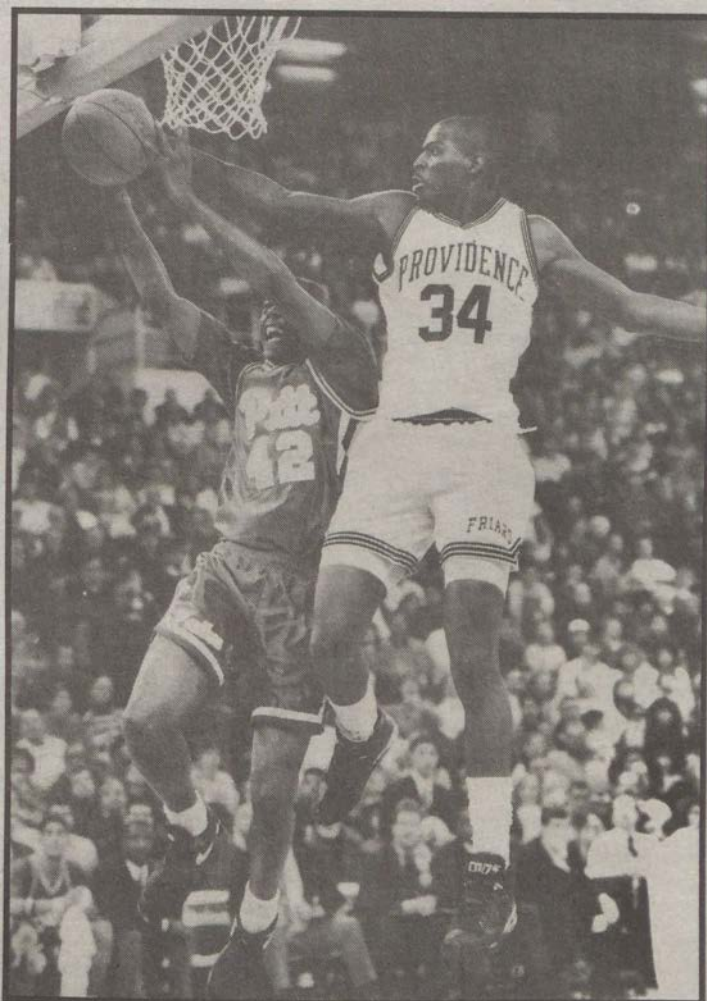
Abdul Abdullah ('94) put a charge in PC's offense against Pitt, as he dished out 8 assists and controlled the tempo of the game throughout.

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Sports

PC Icemen Knotted Up

Northeastern Nets Two Late
Ones To Salvage 6-6 Tie



Brady Kramer ('95) has helped jump-start the offense during PC's recent resurgence.

by Justin Macione '95
Assistant Sports Editor

Fresh off a 6-point wind-fall thanks to Monday's completion of the UMaine saga (see page 28 story for details), the PC pucksters traveled to Northeastern's Matthews Arena to earn a victory the hard way. Although PC held their ground and third place position in Hockey East, the Friars suffered a third period letdown in the 6-6 shoot-out.

The skaters in black mustered only 5 shots in the first period, but Erik Petersen and Brady Kramer were able to beat NU's Mike Veisor behind the pipes, staking a 2-1 Friar lead. Dan Dennis kept the Huskies honest by stopping 12 of 13 shots.

Following Francois Bouchard's game tying score one minute into the second, the Chad Quenneville show began. After assisting on Kramer's tally, the junior center notched 2 second period scores. Although David Penney found the net in between Quenneville bursts, it seemed as if Joe Hulbig was pulling the game away with his closer at 19:26. Ian Paskowski and Brian Ridolfi assisted on the play.

The tables turned on the Friars in the third period though, with Quenneville's hat trick completion being their lone highlight. Trailing 6-4 with 11:44 remaining, Bouchard took advantage of

a defensive lapse with his second score of the night. NU's Mike Collet then stretched the Friars once more at 18:21, sending the game into overtime. The exhausted Friar blueliners rebounded in OT though, salvaging a 6-6 tie on the road.

This game shows a different PC team from the beginning of the season. While the 1993 edition was marked by an inability to score, Quenneville and Kramer have jump-started the forwards in the New Year. Backed by solid goaltending, one must wonder if the youthful defense is starting to feel the effects of being overtaxed at the season's start. Despite this alarming tendency, the Friars now stand at 9-6-2 in Hockey East (14-10-3 overall), only two points behind the second place UMass-Lowell Chiefs.

PC will have one more chance to solve the riddle of the Huskies tomorrow night at Schneider arena. Although the Friars received good fortune from the UMaine decision, home ice for the Hockey East playoffs will be inconsequential without solid fan support. PC's 4-6-1 home record provides evidence for this statement. Friday night would be a great opportunity for students to change this trend by treating their parents to a potentially exciting contest.

On The Mend

Swimmers Hope To Get Healthier As Big East Championships Approach

by Todd Bianchi '95
Sports Writer

When a team only has a few meets left in a very demanding season it is not unusual for members of the team to start experiencing fatigue and in some cases become injured. This is most evident with this years men's and women's swimming and diving team. With only one more meet left before the Big East Championships, the team has found itself in a rut. Numerous injuries to the men and women have caused two straight team defeats for the Friars, who two weeks ago, showed signs of greatness. However, Coach O'Neill mentioned that the team is in the middle of playing its toughest opponents of the season.

This past Wednesday the Friars traveled across town, injured and beleaguered to take on Brown University. Despite the injuries, the Friars were still able to stage a valiant effort, but came up short in the end. The overall score was Brown 133 and PC 107. According to Coach O'Neill, "If you eliminate the diving aspect of the meet it was a tie." The fact that Brown had more divers accounted for the twenty-six points the Friars lost by.

Senior Chris Holt had an exceptional meet finishing second in the 200 Freestyle and in the 200 Fly. Chris also swam in the 400 Free Relay which took first place. Mike Shaw, Allan Egbert and Paul Nathe were part of the foursome as well. What is even more amazing about Chris' accomplishments is that he has been suffering from a herniated disc in his lower back. This is basically a compression on the discs between each vertebrae, which causes great discomfort. This problem is being experienced by Chris McAllister as well. Chris was also able to overcome his injury and place first in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:56.39. McAllister said of the injury, "It hurts alot in practice, knowing

that I could swim faster if I was healthier. Being a contributing factor during meets is definitely what motivates me."

Jeff Longo continued his strong season by swimming a 2:01.19 in the 200 IM, which was good for second place. The 200 IM is comprised of four different 50 yard swims; the fly, back, breast and freestyle. He captured first in the 200 Breaststroke as well, with a finish of 2:14.78.

Looking ahead, the men's team will travel to Boston University this Saturday for their last regular season meet before the Big East Championships. Sophomore Paul Nathe said of Saturday's meet, "It will be a tough test, but there are some good matchups. It could come down to the last relay." Paul took first in last weeks meet against Brown in the 100 Freestyle with a time of :48.75, and he likes his chances for this Saturday. Coach O'Neill says that if everyone is not in it mentally and emotionally it could be a long meet.

The Lady Friars swimming team has been hit with the injury and illness bug as well. Bronchitis and the flu have been the main reason for the Lady Friars downswing since taking first at the Rhode Island Invitational and against Seton Hall. Losses to Syracuse and then last night to Brown have the Lady Friars looking towards Saturday's meet against Boston University with mixed emotions. However, junior Allyson Dunleavy feels that with the Lady Friars improving health, that they have a chance to do well.

The Lady Friars are in the midst of playing their toughest part of the schedule, but that didn't show last night against Brown. Yes, the Lady Friars are hurt, but did that stop them from putting out 110%, NO! Senior co-captain Heidi Paskowski came up with one of her best meets of the season. Her 400 Medley Relay team placed fourth, while the team of Jes-

sica Lee, Stacy Sweester, Allyson Dunleavy, and Colleen took first with a time of 4:05.22. The 400 Medley Relay is an event in which there are four different 100 yard races. The four different races are the back, fly, breast and freestyle. Heidi went on to place fourth in the 200 Freestyle, 200 IM, and was on the 200 Freestyle Relay team that placed second with a time of 1:45.17. Heidi said of her performance, "I am always willing to do what the team needs me to do. Wherever Coach needs me to race I'll fill in."

When I asked Coach O'Neill who was his most consistent female swimmer he said, "Allyson Dunleavy." Her outstanding season continued last night with a first place finish in the 200 Butterfly, 100 Fly and 400 IM. It was the second straight meet in which she had three first place finishes. Jessica Lee, Stacy Sweester and Michele DeBari all put out gutsy performances as well. The return of Rita Bopp and Michelle Tamburo was a big lift for the Lady Friars, too. Coach O'Neill said, "To have everyone get through the tough times is part of team chemistry."

This weekend the Lady Friars will take on Boston University, along with the guys. Michele DeBari added, "Were having a tough year, but if we can swim well and are healthy we could win." Coach pointed out that the team can't dwell on just being healthy and that the team still needs to go out and swim well.

With the Big Easts approaching rapidly, a healthy team could claim as high as fourth place for the women and men. Chris Holt commented that "we should do well because everyone will be ready." One thing the Friars don't need to worry about is waiting for someone to step up for an injured teammate, that obstacle has already been cleared.

Friday, February 11th

Providence College Friars vs.

Northeastern Huskies

Game Time- 7:00 PM

Hockey East Action -Live at Schneider Arena

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"It felt weird to put on that uniform for the first time. Bob [Coach Foley] asked me, and it felt like the next step. I've been practicing with the team for a month, and it felt natural to move up," says Malone. When asked what it felt like to enter her first game (against St. John's last Sunday), Malone admitted she was nervous- "It felt like it was a different sport"- but she said it felt good to take that first shot and hit it. She added, "I'm excited to be part of the team."

Freshman guard Mandy Saunders continues to play well. She had a game and career-high 31 points against St. John's, which set another Big East rookie record (to go along with her record 14 assists last week), and seems undaunted by the Big East schedule. "The point guard position is the most difficult position. She's an unselfish team player, and she just keeps getting better," says Coach Foley. "I just go out and play. Sure, I'm gonna make mistakes, but it's part of the learning experience," says Saunders, "We're pulling together and working harder."

Last week the Lady Friars hit the road for away games at Syracuse University last Wednesday and at St. John's University last Sunday. At Syracuse, the Lady Friars jumped out to a 7-0 lead, then played catch-up all of the first half as the Orange went on a 28-15 run to go up 28-22 at the half.

PC rallied in the second half, outscoring Syracuse 40-28 on their way to a 60-56 victory. Mandy Saunders led the PC scoring with 17 points, adding 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Senior forward Stef Goettsche had another double-double game, scoring 13 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, while senior forward Lucie Fontanella added 14 points with one steal.

Against St. John's on Sunday, PC had a little easier time. The Express stayed with PC for most of the half until the Lady Friars pulled ahead by 13 with 4:14 left in the half. In the second half, St. John's never got closer than 10 as PC went on to an 86-70 win.

The Lady Friars returned home for a game with Georgetown on Wednesday night seeking to avenge the 101-99 overtime loss at G'Town earlier in the season. The Hoyas arrived late due to the inclement weather here at PC and so the game started an hour and a half late, but according to G'Town coach Pat Knapp, "It didn't make any difference. We played lousy... terrible."

The Hoyas played well enough to be within 7 at the end of the first half, but PC pulled away in the second half, thanks to a 10-0 run that took less than a minute at 12:15, then a 7-2 run to put the game away late in the second half to coast to a 99-84 win.

The Lady Friars were led by Jen Davis with a career-high 27 points (4-8 from 3-point land) and the senior duo of forwards Stef Goettsche (24 points, 18 boards) and Lucie Fontanella (23 points, 17 boards), who combined to dominate inside the paint for PC. "It felt good to have a game like tonight's," said Fontanella, "especially with the disappointing loss at Georgetown last time. It was a good win."

Coach Foley added, "It was a good win. We wanted it to be a shooting match because as long as we hit the boards [PC out rebounded G'Town 53-43], and we did that. We pressed well and broke their press, and those were two keys to this game. Mandy [Saunders] had a challenge against Nadira [Ricks, who leads the BE in steals and had 4 against PC], and she played well. She had to attack, and she did." Saunders had 14 points and 9 assists to go along with 2 steals.

Coming up this weekend the PC Lady Friars host the second-ranked Lady Volunteers of Tennessee in a Friday night matchup here on the campus of PC at Alumni Hall. It's a great opportunity to see gold-medal winning coach Pat Summit and her Lady Vols; not to mention a great alternative to giving your parents a tour of downtown Providence.

So bring your parents to Alumni Hall Friday night for a chance to see women's basketball at its finest. It's sure to be a great night for hoops. Lady Friar Basketball: the best bargain on campus!

Lady Friars Basketball

vs. Boston College

Sunday 3pm (note time change)
At Alumni Hall

Up Close: With Stefanie Goettsche

by Derek Stout '95
Sports Interviewer

Nobody believed it was possible. The Lady Friars entered the 1993 Big East Tournament seventh in the conference and looked to salvage a disappointing 15-15 season. P.C. went on to amaze the college basketball world with three consecutive victories before succumbing to Miami in the finals. One year later things have improved (in the regular season) but the Lady Friars will most likely need a conference title to propel them into the NCAA Tournament.

Senior Stefanie Goettsche is the main reason the Lady Friar hopes are still alive. Stefanie is averaging a double-double, leading the Friars with 16.5 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. With four other seniors on the squad and the emergence of freshman sensation Mandy Saunders the Lady Friars realize there is room for improvement. "I think considering all the injuries we are doing okay, but we could be doing better. Lately we have realized how to play with each other and have learned each other's games a little better," commented Stefanie.

The Big East has turned around from a year ago. No longer does one team own the league like last year, but there are currently four teams in the hunt: UCONN, Pittsburgh, Seton Hall, and PC if they can succeed in their final five conference affairs. Stefanie Goettsche comments "I think this year that there is not one team that is really dominating like last year where Miami did. I think on any given night any team can beat another, you have to come ready to play every night." Lately Stefanie has had to try to convey this to her teammates especially on the squad's three game losing skid in late January. "Basically I still tell them there is hope down the road for the NCAA's. I have told them that we will probably need a conference title at this point to make the NCAA tournament because our record is not good enough. We know we are capable of beating any team within the Big East, and if we keep working we will improve every day and it could happen."

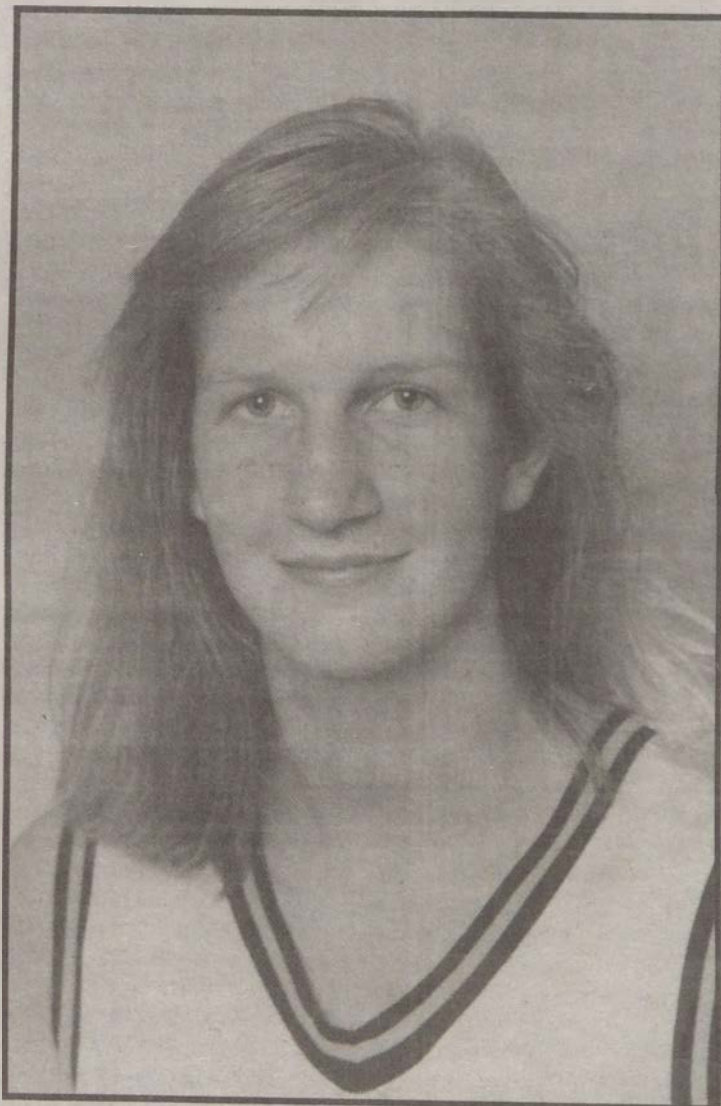
Improvement has been a theme is Stefanie's four year career. Each season she has added five points to her scoring average, beginning in 1990. Stefanie credits Coach Bob Foley with giving her the opportunity and inspiration to perform. "Coach Foley has given me the confidence to play well. Sometimes when I do not play so well I tend to get down on myself. He al-

ways gets me going again and brings up my level of play which makes me work that much harder on the court."

Stefanie spent the first eleven years of her life living in Germany. She did not begin participating in basketball until she got to the United States and entered Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut. At Staples she received the Naismith Award as the Connecticut Player of the Year, and finished as the all-time leading female scorer at Staples. Stefanie adjusted well to life in the United States and remembers similarities between the two countries. "The two countries are not all that different, however I remember when I moved here people from Germany would ask me if I had to be careful when I walked outside my house that I would not get shot. On the other hand many things are the same, I still played many of the childhood games that they do here, but overall my childhood did not differ all that much." Since coming to P.C. Stefanie has had to make another adjustment which was not as difficult as the move overseas. "Playing Division I basketball has been a big change compared to high school, it is much more of a

commitment now. It is much more time consuming and also the level of play is more difficult; the players are bigger, stronger and faster." The time commitment has actually been an asset for the German native who earned Big East Academic All-Star Team honors for the second straight year. "It is weird because during the season I do more work than in the off-season. I have so much more time all of a sudden and it seems like time disappears. It is harder to budget your time because I am not on a set schedule everyday."

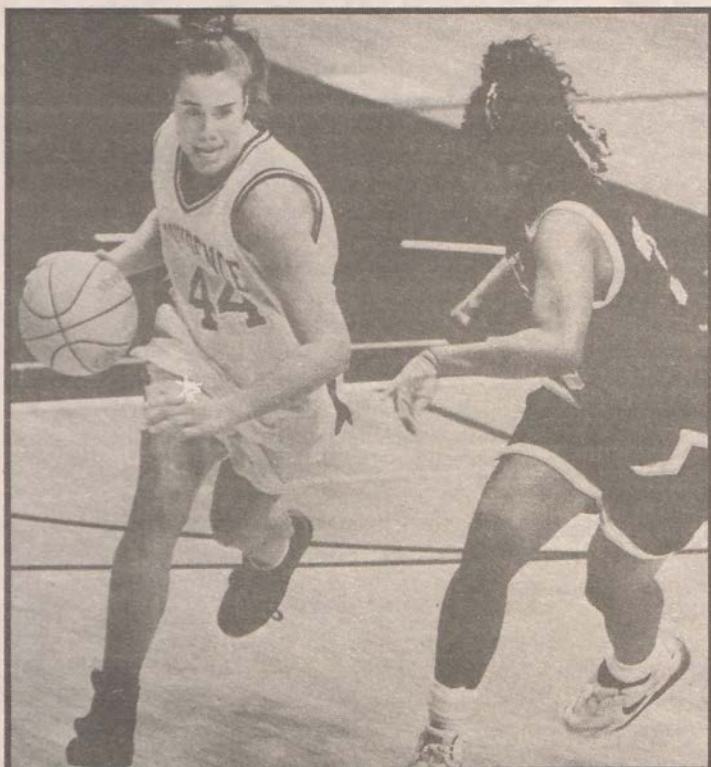
Stefanie feels P.C. has an opportunity of making a move within during the Big East regular season, if not the tournament. "I still think we can win the Big East title, although it is going to be hard; day in and day out we are going to work hard to achieve it. I still remember back to last year coming into the tournament ranked seventh, and it was amazing during that whole streak beating all those teams it was pretty amazing." With five Big East games remaining, the current standings are not set in stone. Stefanie Goettsche and the Lady Friars have the ability to duplicate their Big East streak of a year ago and this time receive an automatic bid.



Senior Stefanie Goettsche has picked a perfect time to have the best season of her career. With the Lady Friars decimated by injuries, Goettsche's presence has been the key this year for Bob Foley's crew.

Bring On The Lady Vols!

PC Reels Off Three Straight Wins as Tennessee Comes To Town



Lucie Fontanella's ('94) 23 points and 17 rebounds helped lead the Lady Friars past Georgetown on Wednesday night.

by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

A win was exactly what the doctor ordered for the Lady Friars basketball squad, and seeing as how they've been seeing the doctor a lot lately (what with all the injuries they've suffered lately), they heeded that advice. The result: two wins against Syracuse and St. John's. "It feels good," said Coach Bob Foley, "there's nothing better than getting two big wins on the road."

Injuries are a part of the game. Every coach, player and fan knows this. The PC Lady Friars have experienced their share of injuries, but have continued on in spite of those injuries. "Everyone has handled it [the injuries] well. Everybody has stepped up, especially Stef Goettsche," says Coach Foley, "I've always

said 'Attitude determines Altitude', and this team has a great attitude."

With the loss of freshman forward Nadine Malcolm to a stress fracture in her left foot (she's due back in 10 days, barring complications), Coach Foley has added practice player Jen Malone to the game roster, and in her debut against St. John's she played one minute, grabbing 1 offensive rebound and hitting her only

shot. "She's leading the country in field goal percentage [1-1, 1.000]," jokes Coach Foley. "Seriously, I'm pleased with the effort she has given in practice. She makes everybody work and she has a great attitude; she'll be with us for the rest of the season."

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Maine Forced To Forfeit Three Wins To Friars

Use of Ineligible Defenseman Costs Black Bears

by Justin Macione '95
Assistant Sports Editor

The PC hockey team continued their upward surge in the standings once again this weekend, moving into third place in Hockey East. Even more amazing is the fact that this occurred on an idle weekend for the Friars. Friday night's PC-Northeastern game was postponed in favor of a CBS televised figure skating special (Nancy Kerrigan upstages everyone?). So what would be this week's highlight for the Friars, if it wasn't going to be a Chad Quenneville scoring spree, or Ian Paskowski's stellar defensive play? Try the hockey east athletic directors for heroes of the week.

On Monday February 7th, the Friars were awarded 3 forfeit wins from the University of Maine following unanimous approval by the league's athletic directors. Maine was found to be in violation of NCAA rules for using academically ineligible sophomore defenseman Jeff Tory in three meetings against the Friars on October 22, 23, and November 6.

Tory, a former proposition 48 casualty, was thought to be academically eligible this year by Maine coach Shawn Walsh. Despite some lingering questions about his eligibility, Walsh decided to play him in Maine's first 3 games. Following these contests, Tory was found to be ineligible for the 1993-94 season by the NCAA. The University of Maine subsequently suspended Coach Walsh from the bench for several December games. However, this final action had been under discussion up until this past week.

This move also shakes up the Hockey East standings as well. The forfeits give PC a 9-6-2 record in Hockey East (14-10-3 overall) and vaults them into third place. Although these wins won't have an effect on national rankings, they've helped put the Friars in excellent position to receive home ice advantage in the Hockey East playoffs. These implications have also irritated most league coaches, since the Friars jumped ahead of nationally ranked New Hampshire and Northeastern and trail second place UMass-Lowell by a mere 2 points. This prompted some of PC's rivals to suggest that Maine should forfeit the games, but PC shouldn't receive the wins.

Coach McShane felt the decision was extremely fair, stressing PC's lack of input into the matter: "I feel that it was a very consistent ruling, because there has been a precedent set on the matter last year. Even though other schools politicized against us, we did absolutely no politicking to receive the victories."

The precedent McShane referred to is a previous decision to strip the Black Bears of the 1991-92 Hockey East title. Last fall Maine was required to forfeit 13 wins in which ineligible Air Force transfer Cal Ingraham played in. Maine's opponents received the victories in this debacle as well, creating the basis for this decision.

After enduring this circus, hopefully coaches will be encouraged to show more discretion when a player's eligibility is in doubt. The Ingraham incident illegitimatized Maine's great season, while possibly costing an honest club wins or a potential NCAA berth. In the same vein, the recent incident will cast a cloud over a PC team which had already experienced a remarkable resurgence in the standings.

Things Are Just Grand

Harriers Stay Hot As Big Easts Approach

by Annica Ambrose '96
Sports Writer

They call it the Grand Prix: key word being "Grand." You may have caught a glimpse of PC runners Andy Keith and Mark Carroll on NESN this weekend, as they continued their unbelievable flight, literally, to the top of the world. Keith and Carroll are still second and third in the world rankings, respectively, in the mile event. Yes, WORLD. In addition to this amazing status, Keith holds the number one NCAA time in the mile, the 1000m, and the 3000m, and Carroll is ranked second nationally in both the mile and the 3000m. These two are on some kind of a roll that seems too unreal to just be called a "winning" streak and should maybe be referred to as absolute domination.

This Mobil Grand Prix meet, held in Fairfax, Virginia, was an open invitation with competitors in and out of the collegiate level from all over the world. By special invitation, Keith and Carroll took the meet by storm where Keith placed first in the 3000m, breaking yet another school record and an Eastern Colletgate record with a time of 7:49.83, and Carroll was sixth in the mile at 3:59.32. Keith was surprised at how well he ran, simply because he has not run a 3000m in a few years and was unsure about how he would fare. We'll just call it a "fare-well" race, unsure or not, he came up big. He

liked the field of competition this weekend, consisting of former collegians who are now professionals, receiving \$5000 in just appearance fees, not to mention the prize money they receive if they do come up with a place. This type of thing is what Andy looks forward to for next year, while Mark has his senior year at Providence and another year of excellence.

The remaining meets this season are all strictly collegiate with the Big Easts coming up in February, on the weekend of the 19th. We can expect a great showing by Keith in the 1000m and Carroll in the 3000m, judging by the lowered level of competition compared to last week. A contributing factor to this light competition is that most coaches will avoid placing their top runners up against PC's standouts, knowing that it is no contest. A main focus for the men at the Big East will be the Distance Medley team they are putting together that should prove to be a winner.

With a focus on the incredible achievements of these worldclass runners, there should also be applause for the rest of the Friar running clan which ran at Brown University in the Alden Invitational this weekend. The men's Distance Medley team qualified themselves for the I.C.4A's in a time of 10:13. This team consisted of David Healy, Jason Martin, Steve Myers, and Andy Wedlake. Chris Boyce placed fourth in the shot put, throwing 13.23

meters. Other impressive performances came from Hammy Roldan (55m-7.21), Mile Donnelly (mile-4:36), Mike O'Conner (mile-4:53), Dom Fernandes (high jump-6'4"), Matt Kenny (3000m-8:51), and Nick Kent (3000m-9:28). Jose Libano, Jason Martin, Brian Byrne, and Hammy Rolden came in at 3:31.4 in the 4x400 relay.

The women's team was also in gear on their first place Distance Medley team of Marie McMahon, Leanne Burke, Krissy Haacke, and Meghan McCarthy (12:15). The other relay, which was a 4x800, came in second (10:01) with the efforts of Moira Harrington (a newcomer from the soccer team), Nichole Gasper, Kristy McIsaac, and Laura Perrucci. The 800m saw Amy Rudolph for second place in a race that isn't her specialty (2:10), and Sarah Kraeger (2:35). Heather Couture (18:31) and Sara Lussier (18:43) were 3rd and 4th, respectively, in the lengthy 5000m. PC also ran Joy Giglio (200m-29.2) and Patricia McNeice (400m-65.9).

Look for a Big East preview next week and expect to see some promising results. Be sure to spread the word that no matter how frustrated we may get with all the other disappointments that may arise with the other teams here at PC, we can always count on the runners to give us something to brag about. CONGRATULATIONS again to Andy Keith and Mark Carroll for their "Grand" performances!!