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Holy */?!!*#!

Vandalism in Apartment C Gets Costly

by Renet Ladocsi '96
News Writer

Apartment C has been plagued by recurring incidents of vandalism and misconduct throughout the school year. The most disturbing acts have been both hazardous and extremely demoralizing.

One very disturbing incident took place in November and entailed the tying together of fire doors. The persons involved ripped temporary telephone wires out of the wall, disconnecting telecommunications and security systems. They then proceeded to wrap these wires around the handles of the fire doors, literally sealing them together.

The Office of Residence Life saw this as a fire violation and charged the apartment with a fine somewhere in the range of \$1000.00. A surveillance camera was also damaged with repairs costing approximately \$200.00.

The most horrifying incidents took place within the first four weeks of this semester. Defecations have been found in the stairwells on five different occasions. Each time they have seemed premeditated, being that tissue paper was left behind as evidence.

Fines have been submitted to the apartment complex by the Office of Resident Life. The initial incident cost \$150.00 and following infractions have increased by \$50.00 each time.

The final incident cost \$350.00 and the total fine is close to \$1250.00.

As far as Management is concerned, the residents of Apartment C are responsible for these infractions. Hopefully, someone will come forward with information as to who is vandalizing the property. According to Debra Gilbert, Director of the Apartment Complex, someone must know who is doing this, and she wants information. She also feels that "it is unlikely that it is more than one person, and a junior or senior who is acting this way needs help."

Management also feels that the party responsible lives in the building. These incidents have all occurred between 12:30 and 5:00 a.m., and it is unlikely that it is being done by a person from the street. Whoever is responsible has ample access to the building at all times of day. They also feel that it would be impossible to catch this person(s) in the act. Ms. Gilbert also states that "the apartments have been going really well, they are all very active and positive, it is unfortunate that the actions of one or a few individuals have such a negative effect on everyone."

The residents of Apartment C were all made aware of the situation and possible fines at recent floor meetings. As far as the fines are concerned, a bill of damage has not been issued to the students as of yet, but will be

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Is Joe Schmoe Here?

Suspicious People Roaming and Robbing Off-Campus

Recently, a number of students have reported suspicious people in the off-campus neighborhoods. According to Father McPhail's office, students reported to both the Providence Police and to Providence College Security that some of the suspicious people come to their doors looking for people who do not live in those houses. After leaving the houses, students felt as though these people may have planned to return to burglarize their homes.

In recent weeks, two non-PC students were picked up as suspects and were arrested recently after being involved in car vandalism and other related incidents. However Fr. McPhail still urges off-campus residents to leave their doors locked and to keep away unwanted visitors. He also requests that if your house has been burglarized, report it immediately to his office so that the Providence Police can be aware of the problem off-campus crime areas.

Silence Over PC Violence?

by Mary Shaffrey '97
News Writer

Many students are aware of the pamphlet recently distributed by the Office of Institutional Relations that states that the PC campus crime rate is almost zero. There is much confusion among the students as to where they got these figures, and what exactly constitutes a crime. This pamphlet seems especially disturbing because many students feel that there is a great increase in on and off campus violence this year, in comparison to years past.

"If the pamphlet is understating the amount of crime that takes place on the PC campus, then there are two reasons for this. First off, the students are not reporting their crimes to security, and second is the fact that the government sets up specific definitions which define each crime, and how much we, as a school are obligated to report. I think the more serious of the two is the fact that students are not reporting the crimes, and this is the real issue that needs to be addressed," stated Edward Caron, Vice-President of Institutional Relations.

According to Captain Philip Bathgate, Chief of PC Security, the figures that are stated on that report come directly from what is reported to them. "If students do not come to security to report crimes, there is not anything that can be

to security? "There is a general feeling that PC security just doesn't care!" stated "Jane", an assault victim who decided against reporting her attack to security. I didn't go because I was discouraged by my RA and some of my friends. They believed that security would just blow me off," she continued.

"I feel safe in saying that any victim who came here (security) to report a crime was given all the attention and assistance that was needed in solve the problem," replied Bathgate.

Some students are reluctant to go to security because they are afraid of the consequences. If a student is a victim of rape, for example, and goes to security two main things would happen. First off they would be advised to go to both the hospital and the Providence police department, however, under no circumstances would they be forced to do either. Second they would be advised to go to crisis counseling. The entire procedure is completely confidential.

Captain Bathgate explained that this is a time when the student would be considered a number and not a name.

"It concerns me that students are not reporting crimes to security, and I think

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Statistics from the 1992 Violation Flyer

MURDERS.....	0
SEXUAL ASSAULT	
1.....	0
2.....	0
3.....	0
4.....	0
ROBBERY.....	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.....	4
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS.....	7
ARSON.....	0
ARRESTS FOR ON-CAMPUS CRIMES	
ALCOHOL.....	0
DRUG.....	0
WEAPON.....	0

done. The inference that nothing ever happens on campus is ludicrous, and we can only report what is reported to us," he commented.

Why then aren't students who are victimized, reporting crimes these crimes

Seniors: Start Giving!

Providence's Class of 1994, in conjunction with the Alumni Development Office, will begin its Senior Class Giving Program right after Spring Break. This program, which has been very successful in past years, encourages graduating seniors to donate to PC over a four year period. The first year, students are asked for \$10, the second year \$20, the third year \$30, and the fourth year \$40, for a total gift of \$100.

This year's class chairpersons are Eileen Bertrand, Pat Cooney, and Jim Kane. With the help of the Alumni Development Office, the chairpersons are putting together the group of senior volunteers who will run this year's program. If you have any questions about the Senior Class Giving Program, please contact one of the chairpersons or the Alumni Development Office. Watch for details!

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this needs to be looked into. If violence occurs in conjunction with alcohol we are not going to be overly concerned with the alcohol, rather more concerned with the well being of the student and what can be done to prevent these occurrences from happening again. I think, also, what students are telling other students with regards to security is unfortunate." commented Fr. McPhail, O.P., Vice-President of Student Services.

The second part of the reason why the crime statistics are so low. The reason for this is because the government prescribes specific definitions as to what constitutes these crimes. It also defines what the college is required to report, with re-

gards to these crimes.

According to the Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook (UCRH), which is the document used on all college campuses the definition for sexual assault is as follows, "Any sexual act directed against another person forcibly and/or against the person's will; or not forcibly or against the person's will where the victim is incapable of giving consent." Each state has its own discretion as to how to define sexual assault. In Rhode Island, for example sexual assault is defined in four separate degrees, with the most severe being rape, and the least severe being touching, and unsolicited sexual advances.

"I realize that stu-

dents are not always satisfied with results of parking problems, and they may walk away with the same feeling towards something serious. This is not true at all. When a student comes to the office to report a crime, we always take it down, and if a student has ever been blown off, it was not brought to my attention. I can guarantee that if it was, that particular employee would not be with us much longer," stated Bathgate.

Fr. McPhail concluded by saying, "If there is a problem with a service we are providing, please let me know and I can assure you, you will get a response, we are here for the students, and we want to provide the best possible services for them. We do care about them!"

Report all incidents of violence, robbery, or assault to security.

What a Ball!

by Mary Shaffrey '97
News Writer

The Patriot Battalion, which the Providence College Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is affiliated with, held its annual Military Ball last Friday, March 4, downtown at the Omni Biltmore.

Once going through the receiving line the Cadets and their invited guests were directed into the Grand Ballroom, where the main events took place. After the dinner blessing was delivered by Fr. McGonigle O.P., Vice-President of Academic Affairs, the 150 plus in attendance sat down to a full course meal which included Minestrone, Caesar Salad, Chicken Breast or Baked Scrod, Potatoes, and Chocolate Parfait. The Bishop gave a special dispensation to those who ate the chicken, be-

cause it was Friday, and during Lent.

The evening also included the commissioning of the Patriot Battalion Class of 1994. Those from PC included Cadets Kenneth N. Beaupre, James P. Castelli, Karen DaPonte, Jennifer L. Kelly, and Timothy F. O'Brien.

After the dinner, LTC Andre E. Thibault opened his remarks by thanking the invited guests, and congratulating the seniors for their hard work and a goal oriented year. He continued by praising the rest of the Cadet Battalion for their dedication to the Corps throughout the year.

Once he concluded the dance began. The DJ played everything from "Twist and Shout" by the

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unless any new information arises.

Many students have inquired about the escrow accounts established at the beginning of freshman year. Some confusion has erupted because students do not understand why they will be billed for the vandalism, rather than the money taken from their escrow accounts. Escrow accounts are created when students enter PC (as freshmen or transfers) and are held until graduation. They are in the amount of \$350.00 and are to cover any outstanding fines the students have when they graduate. Escrow accounts are used as a type of

security for the school to protect itself against graduated seniors who will not pay fines. The balance in a students' escrow account remains at \$350.00 for their entire four years at PC. Only if the student has outstanding fines after graduation does money get taken out. Once students graduate they are entitled to their \$350.00 escrow back.

As far as the above stated infractions are concerned, we urge whomever is responsible to come forward. It is unfair for all the residents to pay for the crime of one individual. As for now, watch your step Apartment C!

BOP Week of 3/21:

Tuesday, March 22nd
French Cafe Night
* Jazz Band with Gourmet
Coffee and Pastries
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
SIDELINES

Thursday, March 24th
The Color Purple
8:00 p.m.
MOORE HALL III
FREE ADMISSION!!!

Battle of the Bands
'64 HALL
FREE ADMISSION!!

Saturday, March 26th
Casino Night Stag
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
PETERSON REC CENTER
Tickets: \$5 in the BOP Office

Sunday, March 27th
Malice
8:00 & 10:00 p.m.
'64 HALL
\$2 Admission at the door
* Candy, popcorn, and soda
will be sold at the door!

SUBMIT TO PRISM:

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College's
Journal of
Undergradu-
ate Research**

Submit your
research papers
from all
academic areas for
the spring issue.
Deadline is Tues-
day, March 22.
Drop off all papers
in box 2979.
For more info call
x4111.

A Message From STEP 1

College is definitely a
time of decisions.

"What should be my
major? What am I
going to do when I
finish school?"

Another decision is the
role alcohol plays in
our lives.
Is it affecting my aca-
demics, my health, and
my relationships?
What will your decision
be? Alcohol and aca-
demics don't mix.
Think before you
drink.

ATTENTION!

UNLESS YOU HAVE A CURRENT
PARKING STICKER, PLEASE DO NOT
BRING A VEHICLE BACK WITH YOU
FOLLOWING THE SPRING RECESS.
CARS ON CAMPUS WITHOUT A
CURRENT STICKER MAY BE TOWED.
ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE
SECURITY OFFICE!

PLEASE TAKE YOUR VALUABLES WITH
YOU! ANYONE WHO NEEDS TO
LEAVE VALUABLES IN A SAFE PLACE
MAY DO SO IN FATHER MCPHAIL'S
OFFICE. THERE HAVE BEEN A LARGE
AMOUNT OF OFF-CAMPUS
BREAK-INS THIS SEMESTER.
TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY!

News

RAPE Awareness Day?

by **Kristen Garipey '95**
News Editor
& **Kerri Larkin**
Class of '94

You can label it anyway you want: sexual assault, sexual misconduct, or sexual violation. Unfortunately, the use of these phrases seems to lessen the severity of the four-letter word they repeatedly substitute: rape.

"Sexual assault" and "sexual misconduct" are just euphemisms for the crime of rape. Rape is a violent and emotional crime. Those who choose to refer to it as "sexual assault" or "sexual misconduct" may do so, but to the victim, her friends and family, and ultimately all women it will always be considered rape.

At Providence College, many choose to ignore the issue of rape. Because we attend a Catholic institution, it is expected that all students follow Catholic values. It would be ideal and comforting to believe that sex and rape do not occur at our college, but it would also be ignorant. As a campus - faculty, students, and administration - we must unite as one unit and address this issue. Acknowledging and discussing rape will not make PC a lesser college or tarnish its reputation. It will prove we

are aware of contemporary realities and care about each other's safety and well-being.

Just because it snows fifteen times this winter and our campus becomes muddy does not make the PC grounds ugly. We shovel through the snow

unsuccessful, those who planned the presentation had their hearts in the right direction. They are aware of the alcohol problem and made concerted efforts to address the student body. The administration should be commended for attempting to create alcohol awareness at PC.

to change their attitudes about rape. Instead of talking to us about something that will happen in 20 years, talk to us about something that is happening now - possibly tonight.

This issue will not die. The well-being of PC students should be the number one priority of the administration. Mandatory rape programs have to be implemented for all dorms and apartments, rape awareness has to be addressed at orientation or upon arrival to PC, on-campus rape support groups must be available, and open discussions between students, faculty, and administration should be encouraged.

Statistics can be easily ignored. They are often ignored and overlooked because people cannot relate numbers to people or incidents. Look at the statistics that accompany this article. It will take one minute of your time. One statistic reads, One out of three women will be sexually assaulted at least once in her lifetime. Do you live in Aquinas? One girl out of every room in the dorm will be raped before she dies. How many does that make out of the entire female population at PC? The population of PC may be much smaller than that of the country, but the percentages remain the same.

Almost a month ago, Kerri Larkin wrote a letter to The Cowl vocalizing her rape experience. She took the initiative to make others

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RAPE STATISTICS confirmed by the R.I. Rape Crisis Center

One out of three women will be sexually assaulted at least once in her lifetime

A rape occurs every 12 minutes in the U.S.

85% of victims know their assailant

1 out of every 10 rapes is reported

2% of rapes are false reports

Over 60% of rapes are at least partially planned

By the age of 18, one out of four girls have been raped at least once.

Only 6 to 11% of rapes result in conviction

94% of rapists test psychologically normal

barriers and head to our destinations. Just because a few men rape doesn't make the entire student body guilty. We have to address these men as we do the snow. Confront them and the crime committed.

Two weeks ago, Providence College took its first step toward solving a campus alcohol problem. Although many believe Alcohol Awareness Day was

However, rape awareness is equally as important and necessary. At Alcohol Awareness Day, they lectured us about our future marriages, relationships and jobs. These failures may happen to many of us in the next 20 years. But, right now, this Friday or Saturday night, during four years at college, a percentage of PC women will be raped. Every single person who walks on these campus grounds would love to deny that statement. The truth always hurts, but the naive female who gets raped because she was unaware will hurt the most.

Like alcohol, rape is not a problem designated to just one race, sex, or age. It is not just a women's issue, but a campus issue. This entire campus has

BOP Update

by **Amy Turro '95**
BOP Correspondent

The Alpha Experience, comedian Judy Gold, the band For Mercy, the writers from Seinfeld, psychic Craig Karges, Dr. Will Miller, Led Zeppelin cover band Physical Graffiti, and the Aids Quilt. What do all of these have in common? They are just a handful of the events, performers, and exhibits five BOP members were given the opportunity to preview at the NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) in Boston the last weekend in February. Sheri Flynn, Steve Fullington, Crista Salvatore, Sue Tansey, and I spent four days at the Sheraton Conference Center watching showcases and attending seminars to bring back to Providence some great events for the 94-95 year.

Mark this date on your calendar: April 5th comedian Judy Gold is coming to our Tuesday night coffeehouse. Get ready for an evening in hysterics because Judy had an auditorium of thousands of student activity boards from all over the U.S. roaring with laughter. Of course, we didn't bother in the long lines to see her afterward because

the Coffeehouse committee booked her already.

Remember Virtual Reality and Fun Flicks? The same agency has a new ride called "The Alpha Experience," comparable to the largest roller coasters, the steepest alpine slides, and the fastest car race all in one 4 and a half minute ride. After many test runs, we decided this was definitely an event to come here next fall.

Other acts we were given the opportunity to see included the band For Mercy (who have harmonizing vocals similar to the Indigo Girls), psychic Craig Karges who could amaze any skeptic in the audience, and Physical Graffiti, the cover band for Led Zeppelin. Among all the showcases we previewed, we also attended seminars and came back with new event ideas for BOP 94-95.

There are many other performers, lecturers, exhibits and comedians we saw that cannot possibly be named in this article, but watch for news on these new bands and events soon to come to PC.

What's Up?

Students against Driving Drunk (**SADD**) will be sponsoring a lecture on the dangers of driving drunk. The lecture will be held on Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Slavin 203. All are encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, March 29, in honor of Women's History Month, a variety of PC organizations will sponsor

"Brown Women Who Fly," a play written and produced by poet **NIKKI WILLIAMS.**

It will be held in '64 Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for all PC students and \$3 for the public. There will be book signing and a reception following the play. She will also be presenting a **POETRY WORKSHOP** at 6 pm in '64 Hall.

On Monday, March 14 and Tuesday, March 15 PC will hold its **NINTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER PROGRAMMING CONTEST.**

More than 130 students from 34 high schools in RI, MA, and CT will participate in the annual contest, in which quick thinking and even quicker computer programming are the keys to victory.

WOMEN WILL

invites all to come walk through a Women's History Celebration on Wednesday, March 23, from 10:00 - 4:30 in Slavin 203.

Also... Catherine Mainzer, director of

BUY BACK THE GUNS

in Boston, will be speaking at 6:00 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge on Wednesday, March 23.

FRIDA KAHLO

on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in CB 103. All are encouraged and welcome to attend! Refreshments will be served and a discussion will follow.

Have a Great Spring Break!

BOP Travel Presents: Spring Break to the BAHAMAS!!!

* Those leaving from **PROVIDENCE**, meet at **12:00 NOON on SATURDAY MARCH 12th** in front of **PETERSON REC CENTER.**

* Those leaving from **BOSTON**, meet at **8:00 p.m. on SATURDAY, MARCH 12th** in front of **PETERSON REC CENTER.**

* **Don't forget proof of citizenship!**

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PC Needs Rape Awareness

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aware of her experience and received an overwhelming response to her letter. Kerri is only one of the many PC women who have endured this traumatic experience. It is time we all come together as one group and heal together as a campus. One woman cannot heal alone. We need each other's support and guidance.

Rape is a crime. It occurs

every twelve minutes in the U.S. and it happens at Providence College. It would make many students proud if the faculty and administration publicly addressed the issue and took steps to make students aware of the situation. Admitting there is a problem does not hurt the Providence College reputation. It shows we are aware and care about each other. That's an example of true values.

Disciplinary Measures

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During a recent production at Blackfriars Theater two students attended a play under the influence of alcohol. At one point one student staggered out of the theater leaving by a door which automatically locks; unable to re-enter he damaged the door. During the production itself, the student behaved in an inappropriate manner; in a word - they were obnoxious.

The two students were found guilty of the following charges:

- 1) violation of the standards of conduct expected of a PC student (Handbook, p. 35, #8)
- 2) public intoxication (Handbook, p. 37, #44)
- 3) violation of conduct expected at college related events (Handbook, p. 37, #40)

The following penalties were rendered:

- 1) disciplinary probation until 5/22/94
- 2) one student was fined \$200 and \$61 for a broken window
- 3) one student was fined \$100

ATTENTION: LIBERAL ARTS MAJORS

*Have you considered the **Business Studies Program**? If you are presently an undecided student or are considering a LIBERAL ARTS major but wish to also consider BUSINESS, perhaps I can be of some assistance to you.*

*The **BUSINESS STUDIES PROGRAM** consists of seven business and business-related courses that students can take to supplement a non business major.*

*The official **Spring** semester enrollment period will be **Wednesday, January 26 through Friday, April 8, 1994**.*

Detailed information packets about the program with an attached application form are available at 115 Koffler Hall, 9am through 4pm, Monday through Friday

*Mrs Ann Galligan Kelly
Director, Business Studies Program*

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Beatles to "Goodnight Saigon" by Billy Joel.

Cadet Officer in Charge Karen DaPonte '94 felt the evening was a great success. "I think everyone had a goodtime. The whole point of the evening was to take part in the social aspect of the military, because there is a long standing tradition of this in the U. S. Armed Forces. We toasted everyone from the President to the ladies, and the dance was a blast!" she commented.

Balls are rich in military history. All throughout the cadets' career they will partake in these events at every level of command. As with most organizations, social skills are just as important in the military as they are in civilian society. It gives the cadets a chance to meet and see their Cadet Commanders on a more social level.

"It was a very fun evening spent with the most quality students and instructors that PC has to offer. Many people giggle at us as we walk around the campus with our uniforms on, but by God we at least have some direction in our lives. This was evident in the top notch students that participate in the ROTC program, and who came out here tonight," concluded Cdt. Jeffrey Smith '97.

Shadows Shine in Alumni Shadowing Program

by Shelley Hall '94
Career Planning Assistant

Now that winter break is a distant memory in the minds of most, how many of us can say we actually did something constructive with those 5 weeks of freedom allotted to us by the college? Well, thanks to the Alumni Shadowing Program sponsored by the Career Planning Service of the Student Development Center, I know of 102, to be exact.

While most of us spent the vacation keeping tabs on the latest regarding Nancy and Tonya, these students took time off in order to spend a day or two with an alumnus working in a particular career field of interest. This year participation hit an ALL-TIME HIGH with 143 placements (some eager beavers shadowed twice), and included students representing 26 majors, 16 minors and programs, and all 4 class years. The 149 willing alums, totaling over a hundred more since the program began in 1990, were graduates from 35 different class years and hailed from ten different states, the District of Columbia, and even Hong Kong. Not bad at all!

On Thursday, February 3, a Shadowing reception took place giving the students an opportunity not only to stock up on soda and cookies, but to share experiences with other participants and hear some feedback from the alumni as well.

Students experienced a

wide variety of opportunities. Days were spent with attorneys, doctors, human service professionals, engineers, financial managers, and educators, to name a few. Overall, the program was deemed extremely successful by both students and hosts. One student, after spending the day with a director of field operations for a statistical research company stated, "My expectations were met and then some." Another student, after meeting with a partner in a law firm, had this to say about her experience: "I realized that criminal/trial law is truly what I am interested in ... she offered me much advice and was very motivating. I learned a tremendous amount about her work."

The Shadow hosts were also impressed with the program as well as with the students themselves. "The students were very prepared and their enthusiasm and dedication." Another PC graduate wrote in, "The candidates are always quite enthused, exhibit great listening skills and ask pertinent questions. Good job."

The Shadowing Program '93-94, coordinated by Mrs. Santostefano and Mrs. Clarkin, has been our most successful yet. Students who are interested in utilizing the Alumni Network in order to become a Shadow for a day should stop by the Career Planning Service in the Student Development, Slavin 209. Give yourself something to write home about and become a PC Shadow!

Editor's Note: Due to a disk and space problem that occurred in the past few weeks, I was unable to include this release immediately after I received it. My apologies to Miss Hall, the Career Planning Service, and those students who took part in the Shadowing Program over winter break.

Have a Safe Spring Break!

COUNSELOR / TEACHERS College Seniors

THERE ARE REWARDS...

If you enjoy the outdoors, are adept at camping, hiking and sports activities, and can positively influence people, we invite you to pursue a rewarding future as one of our Counselor/Teachers. As a leader in quality programs for youth-at-risk, we have immediate LIVE-IN positions available in our year-round wilderness camps in FL, NC, TN, RI, VT and NH. You'll be a role model for troubled kids, ages 10 to 17, which requires a positive attitude and strong communication

skills. Child care experience/college degree are preferred.

We offer a starting salary of \$15,300 and comprehensive benefits,

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...AND THEN THERE ARE REWARDS.

BREAK THE CYCLE: CHANGE YOUNG LIVES.

A Desensitized Generation

by John J. Olohan '95
Editorial Writer

All the corruption in society today proves that college educations, masters degrees, and doctoral degrees do not make people wiser. If higher education truly educated people then every educated American would be up in arms over our country's current state of affairs.

The older generations are products of the higher educational system. Our parents have been through the academic arena just as we are doing now. The parents of America are the ones who have created America's curricula, laws, movies, videos, advertising techniques, newspapers, magazines, drugs, and so on. Obviously morality has had little to do with their decision making.

America's young adults and children are feeling the many negative effects of the older generations laissez-faire attitude on life. Money has been the end all be all in their eyes. There are so many families that have two incomes when it is completely unnecessary. "But we need the money!" Really? For the Saab, Mercedes, Jeep, the cape house, the winter condo, the annual vacations, the plethora of clothing, and so on. Many

are forfeiting the joys of family life for careers, affairs, and money.

Does this thinking sound familiar? "If there is a problem, throw money at it and it will be cured. Make another advisory counsel and bring in some more counselors to speak with our kids so we don't have to. Give him all the games he wants. Pacify him by giving him an abundance of clothes, toys, food, and treats. Take him and his friends to the movies, bowling, or the arcade so they are occupied and do not complain. Let him stay out as late as he wants so he is out of my hair. Buy him a car and give him a credit card so I don't have to drive him anywhere. Let the school deal with sex education and have them distribute condoms so I do not have to deal with the subject. Lengthen the school day so I can have more time to myself and I will not have to pay the baby sitter as much."

In 1940, teachers named the top problems in the public schools as talking out of turn, chewing gum, making noise, and running in the halls. In 1990, teachers named the top problems as drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, and rape. Obviously the parents of America have not raised their children correctly; nor have they made a healthy en-

vironment in which children may grow up.

What parents have not taught their children mirrors what is going on in their day-to-day affairs in the white-collar world. White collar crime has become the "most popular" crime. Parents cannot teach their children about right and wrong because they need to re-learn it themselves. Parents have become desensitized which in turn has led to a whole new generation of desensitized individuals.

We are all responsible for our actions. Just because our parents may have neglected us does not mean we are incapable of knowing what is right and what is wrong. For us to make the same mistakes as the older generation makes us just like them. We know the past and we must not doom ourselves to repeat it.

Our liberal arts background here at Providence College, anchored by 20 credit hours of Western Civilization, gives us the opportunity to learn and recognize the similarities that exist between the present and the past. The vicious cycle of "money first-family last" into which America's youth are being recruited needs to be broken. We need to bring back respect for family and values, which will in turn make for a stronger America.

Politically Incorrect

by David McGuire '94
Editorial Writer

There is a dangerous misconception on the rise in American society festering under the title of Political Correctness. People seem to believe that by changing the words we speak we can change how we think and how we act. This is untrue.

The words people present to others often serve as a shield for what they feel inside. When I hear someone like the racist David Duke use the term "African-American", I chuckle sadly to myself, knowing perfectly well that he means "nigger". While hatred is often displayed violently in words, it is rooted in the mind.

I fully believe that terms people find offensive should not be used. If people prefer the term "African American" to "Black", then we should use "African American". If the American Indian or Native American finds offense in sports names like Redskins, Chiefs, and Braves, then those names should be changed. But we must be careful. These are just words, not answers.

Using words to veil prejudice and hatred is not a solution to these serious problems. If you want to make a difference in the world you should shut your mouth and do something constructive. Educate yourself, no one else will do it for you.

The burning desire to be Politically Correct has flooded all aspects of society, from the White House, to the television screen, to the classroom.

Bill Clinton continues to break his back during

speeches trying not to offend anyone, and Ross Perot constantly hopped along the campaign trail with his foot in his mouth. Presidential candidates try so hard to be Politically Correct that they seem to forget what the issues are.

During the LA riots some broadcasters felt the term "looting" was offensive and decided to use "unconventional shopping" instead. Goodness knows we wouldn't want to offend those nice people robbing stores and burning them to the ground.

In my literary criticism class we spent time studying "feminist" criticism. If a literary critic has something worthwhile to say then that person should be studied regardless of gender, race, religion, sexual preference, eating habits, etc. Separating criticism work by genders teaches that writing should be looked at differently according to sex. Trying to treat people equally through separation only widens the gap that keeps people apart. We should be trying to bridge this gap not extend it.

America's history is full of injustice and inequality, but words will not make everything fair. We need to move forward as a nation. Profound changes need to be made in our thinking, not our vocabulary.

We exist behind this facade of equality, pretending that all our hatred is in the words we use, and not in our hearts and minds. Until we confront the problems of this society with actions and stop hiding behind words, hatred will continue to exist and to grow. After all has been said, will you still feel the same?



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Editorials

Treaty Of Versailles Still Relevant

by Anthony R. Zupka '94
Asst. Editorial Editor

The civil war in the former Yugoslavian republic has sparked intense debate about possible solutions and avenues for peace. The consensus seems to be that the multi-national United Nations should broker the inevitable peace conference that will end this conflict. These individuals have neglected to appreciate the history lesson that the Treaty of Versailles represents. After the first world war, group of nations tried, in vain, to establish a lasting peace. The following paragraphs review the failure that this infamous agreement became.

When the peace conference to end the first world war convened in Paris in early 1919, most informed observers were enthusiastic about the prospects for permanent peace and reform in Europe. Less than six months later, however, Germany reluctantly signed the Treaty of Versailles, an agreement that would crumble in a less than eternal twenty years. The roots of the resounding failure that Versailles came to represent can be found by examining three mistakes the allies committed in concluding a settlement with Germany. First, the clash between the philosophies of the parties involved. Second, the inability of certain factions in the United States to compromise and ratify the treaty, and third, France's thirst for vengeance and its quest for security.

While the architects of the Treaty of Versailles began with noble intentions, the peace conference they

attended was soon transformed into a pressure filled environment where allies began to see each other as enemies. Harold Nicholson, a British delegate in Paris, recorded "the unhealthy and unhappy atmosphere of the Peace Conference," in his book *Peacemaking 1919 - A Critique*. He observed "that gradual drift, away from our early peaks of aspiration towards the low countries where figures labored hurriedly together in a gathering fog." (153) This labor Mr. Nicholson refers to was actually hasty negotiating spawned by quarreling between the allies. President Woodrow Wilson believed that the only way to ensure a lasting peace was through the formation of a permanent international organization. This "League of Nations" would protect member nations from attack and thus prevent future conflicts. (McKay, Hill & Buckler, 1991 p. 884) Although the League of Nations was formed, the French and British had a different opinion regarding how to ensure European security. Specifically, France's leader Georges Clemenceau declared the need for a "buffer" state between Germany and France. The U.S. balked and a compromise was hammered out whereby a formal defensive alliance was formed between the U.S., Great Britain, and France. The arguing among allies had ended and Germany was handed a bitter pill to swallow. The Treaty of Versailles stripped Germany of all of its colonial interests, forced a limit of 100,000 men upon its military, ordered war reparations equivalent to all civilian damage during the war, and declared that

the Germans were responsible for starting the conflict.

The Germans had little choice but to sign the treaty. On the other hand the American Congress was under no duress to ratify the conference's arrangements. A group of Republican senators succeeded in defeating President Wilson's defensive alliance with France and Great Britain as well as the America's bid to join the League of Nations. This began a chain reaction that would contribute to the Treaty of Versailles' failure. Shortly after the U.S. withdrawal from the defensive alliance, Great Britain backed out thus leaving France alone on the Continent. Without a geographical defense like the Atlantic Ocean or the English Channel, the French decided to eviscerate the Germans by enforcing the strictest elements of the treaty thereby ensuring that Germany would be unable to threaten France ever again. This move eventually caused a heightening of the depression in Germany and a strain between the liberal democratic Weimar government and the German citizens. Thus the reluctance of the United States to ratify the Treaty of Versailles contributed to its failure and to the eventual ascension of Adolf Hitler.

Perhaps the most damaging argument against the Treaty of Versailles can be made by attacking the document itself and the method by which it was enforced. In January 1923, the French army began to occupy German territory in order to collect reparations. Since the Weimar government could not pay in marks, the French,

lead by prime minister Raymond Poincare, decided to collect in the form of coal, steel, and machinery. The French also insisted that the Germans not be allowed to fly their national colors. (Marks, 1976, p. 111) Eventually runaway inflation and the effects of French occupation took its toll on the German economy and political unrest grew at an exponential rate. This coupled with resentment of the French led directly to the failure of the treaty.

The Treaty of Versailles was a failure and it would be hard for one to argue that it was anything short of a disaster as well. Millions of lives could have been saved had the allies been able to fashion a treaty equitable to all involved. "The historian, with every justification will come to the conclusion that we were stupid, very stupid men." (Nicholson, 1939, p. 157) This quote exemplifies history's opinion concerning the Treaty of Versailles. The treaty itself was rife with flaws, and the inability of the governments involved in its implementation to compromise can be linked to its failure and the rise of the Third Reich. The powers involved in Bosnia must not overlook the factors that doomed the Treaty of Versailles because striking similarities between the this peace settlement and the one in Paris exist. The ultimate irony is that the assassination that sparked World War I occurred in Sarajevo and was perpetrated by a Serbian conspiracy. The cliché regarding history repeating itself must not be overlooked as the U.N. concludes a peace accord in the Balkans.

Disney Hell

by Dave McGuire
Editorials Writer

It's been a helluva month for the boys at Disney. They had a visit from ice princess Nancy Kerrigan, who complained to an unsympathetic Mickey Mouse that wearing her silver medal was "corny". Like Mickey doesn't have his own problems (this guy wears a mouse suit in the Florida sun all day). On top of that, Disney also announced its plans to open a new historical theme park.

This is no ordinary Disney Funland park. Sections of the park will be devoted to such fun and exciting historical events as the Vietnam War and Slavery.

Not only do I feel that this idea is in bad taste, but I have a hard time trying to picture family rides to go along with these themes. Perhaps Goofy and Donald can cram five thousand visitors into a swinging slave gally where they will be forced to urinate on each other. Anyone who tries to leave will be whipped and beaten by the seven dwarfs and then hobbled by Snow White.

Every one hundredth visitor gets lynched for the pure pleasure of the other guests.

Patrons to Vietnam Land are lifted by helicopter into a hot LZ where they are shot at, showered with Napalm and generally annoyed by scorching cases of crotchrot and gout. Upon departure they are spit on, called "baby-killers" and dismayed to discover they have all lost their jobs.

I have a proposal for Disney: how about concentration camp land. Happy visitors are herded into freight cars where they sit in the sun for twelve hours before being carted off to a twelve by twenty foot room where they are showered with gas. Oh, the fun...the fun.

And the future for Disney? Bosnia-Herzegovina Land, where Patrons draw straws to decide whether they are Serbs, Muslims, or Croats and then play Disney's version of capture the flag.

Slavery and the Vietnam War are not issues to be taken lightly. They are mistakes that should be remembered and never repeated. However, turning them into theme parks and reducing them to cartoon status is one of the biggest disgraces in entertainment history.

Disneyland was built to be a fantasyland where people could go to escape reality for a day. Life is depressing enough. There is no need to turn our fantasylands into the worst horrors of our realities.

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Editorial Observations That DO Represent The Position Of The Staff

When the editorial staff meets each week many interesting discussions arise. (Yeah Right!) However, not all the topics can be developed into an entire column. Here are a few of the topics:

- Muslims convicted in Trade Center bombing: This is a powder keg of emotion set to explode on an international level. Americans say justice while Muslims around the world would cry "foul." Forget about Whitewater- this crisis will haunt Clinton and America for many more years.

- In the age of recycling we would quickly like to praise Alumni cafeteria's decision to replace washable and reuseable plates and utensils

with paper, plastic, and styrofoam products.

- Tonya Harding gets beat up. Yeah, right! Can you say "staged"? If it is real - GOOD! She probably broke a shoelace and didn't have a judge to cry to, so she calld the cops.

- Nancy Kerrigan cries after visiting Disney World. I thought it was a fun land. Nancy has gone from hero to goat faster than Mitch Williams. Is she really that bad or is the press guilty of making her look goofy.

- The computer lab at PC is inadequate. The men and women who work there are not doing their jobs. These "helpers" do the best they

can, but the fact remains that qualified individuals are not on the staff. Even mundane matters such as lack of paper and toner contribute to the inadequacies. PC must recognize this problem and, for once, fulfill the students' needs.

- No meat on Fridays! Alumni cafeteria bans all meat during Lent on Fridays; even for non-Catholics. The regular menu should be available so people can choose what they want to eat. PC has gone beyond the boundaries of good taste in telling people what they can and cannot do.

- Sir Charles "Bar fight" Barkley, basketball's newest superstar by default, is cashing in on fame endorsing everything from Nik shoes to Hyundai cars. Sure, Charles, we believe that you drive to your \$30 million estate in a four thousand dollar car munching McDonald's and smelling like Right Guard. Take a hint from Michael and Larry and "Go away".

- People in this community are too soft. They seem to complain about the most trivial issues while taking the fabulous opportunities they have for granted. America offers the easiest living conditions in the history of the world, and yet the "I drank five beers at Brad's" crowd can't handle four hours of alcohol awareness day. PC students need to act their age for a change.

- Hats off to Joel Gonzalez, of Bridgeport Ct. who cut off his trigger finger as a protest of gun control legislation being debated in the State legislature. This guy truly defines the word idiot.

- All those sick and tired off political infighting in Washington say "AYE". All those who feel Senators and Congressmen should work as a team say "AYE". All those who really care about more than last weeks 90210 episode and where tonites party is say "AYE". Wow, man ... silence is golden.

- Apologies for the disjointed format and inconsistent quality of this piece, but there are 200 knuckleheads outside the office waiting for Big East tourney tickets with couches, sleeping bags, televisions, radios, board games, Sega Genesis, pizzas, and assorted candy. Where the heck is badge 16 when you need him?

- Jeffrey Dahmer recently disclosed that he still has urges to kill people and cannabilize thier bodies. If there ever was a case that utterly supported the death penalty, this is it. We should strap him under the Space Shuttle prior to lift-off. When is the next launch anyway?

- Further distractions have surfaced to impede this pre-break edition. They include the infectious rap song "Insane in the Brain" various quotes from the blockbuster "A Few Good Men", and of course we trite men oogling the latest Victoria's Secret catalogue.

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Letters To The Editor

All Feminists Do Not Male-Bash

To the Editor,

I'd like to respond to Anthony Zupka's article, "Two Faced Feminism Guilty of Stereotyping" (PC Cowl 3-3-94). I found his claim that feminists condone male-bashing an ironic stereotype of what Mr. Zupka would like to believe about feminism.

Unfortunately, the new advertising ploys to sell soda via a muscled man are an example of sexism in that a human being becomes an object. But the humor of this commercial lies in the fact that it has subverted the viewers' expectation that the construction workers will oogle the working woman, which, undeniably, is an aspect of our society. This ad is supposed to be an amusing one because of its blatant role-reversal; it's much more surprising and rare (thus catching the audience's attention) to see women gathering around and appraising a male's body than it is to see the trite man gazing at a bikini-clad woman. I sincerely doubt that the manufacturers of Diet Coke have a master plan to discriminate against men across America.

In regards to the Lorena

Bobbit case, the women who sided with Mrs. Bobbit (and I find it a gross generalization to conclude that "women across America cheered") did so out of frustration with a society in which a woman is more likely to be killed by her partner than by any other assailant: domestic violence causes more injury to women than muggings, rapes, and car accidents combined. Although I personally cannot defend Mrs. Bobbit, I find it understandable that some women may sympathize with the story of a female, among the thousands who bear the bruises, who fought back.

I agree with Mr. Zupka's stance that hypocrisy should be uprooted and challenged. Just as all men are obviously not rapists and criminals, all feminists are not militant male-bashers who would like to see men suffer the sexism that women have had to deal with for centuries.

Sincerely,

Siobhan Fallon '94

Payback Time

To the Editor,

I can't speak for the entire student body, but I know that I chose to come to Providence College not because I had to, but because I wanted to get and education. I paid \$6,750 in tuition to attend sixty six (66) days of class this semester. This breaks down to \$102.30 a day and \$34.10 an hour for a fifteen hour credit week. As of this writing, we have missed four days of classes, February 9th, 11th, and March 3rd due to snow cancellations and February 23rd due to the Academic and Alcohol Awareness In-Service Day. I have lost four days of education for which I have paid. That is four days worth of knowledge (twelve hours) that I have to teach to myself. That material will still be tested on at the end of the semester. I understand why classes were canceled on those four days and agree that they should have been, but the fact remains that I have been deprived of those days of education for which I paid, need, and want. Some sort of compensation should be made, either educationally or financially.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Moye '95

Letters To The Editor

Gora Elegy

Bosnian Policy Defended

To the Editor,

At Dr. Edwin Gora's funeral last Friday, two of his longtime friends spoke eloquently and at length on our late professor's personal and professional merits. Here, I want to offer my own, certainly humbler, though no less sincere, short elegy in honor of an eminently gifted thinker, devoted teacher, and personal friend too brief time.

Last September, with frail melodious voice, thick of age and stoic patience, Dr. Gora welcomed me into his office—a strange, fascinating, esoteric world of physics and poetry and philosophy, of Albert Einstein, Adam Mickiewicz, and Hermes Trimegistus—a thought-chamber among whose thousands of books and scattered photocopies lay hid, how deeply or shallowly only the chamber's occupant himself must have known, finely cut, cold clean steel keys to the secrets of the workings of the Kosmos.

My ignorance of Dr. Gora's native language, Polish, is surpassed only by my ignorance of physics. No matter: "Well... look here," he near whispered, taking from his desk a dogeared copy of Plato's Dialogues and showing me, step by slow step, during two timeless hours, through the cosmological dialogue the Timaeus. Seeing I seemed to understand, he proffered a warning: "Werner Heisenberg once said," he remembered, "that a man cannot think about philosophy until he has fifty years. Until then, one must study science." Aristotle had placed the philosophic threshold at forty. But people live longer now, and there's more science to absorb.

At the hour of his death, Dr. Gora had, according to his teacher's rule of thumb, been philosophizing for 32 years, four months, six days. The last weeks of his life, while confined to his home, waiting to regain his health and return to his office and students, he read in Aristotle's Metaphysics and worked on an outline for a book on Plato, Aristotle, and modern physics and mathematics. Although he wrote slowly and tired quickly, his mental acuity appeared unaffected by the entropy his body suffered.

Dr. Gora died early Monday morning, February 28. Strange personal irony in this: metaphysical portent. That morning, before I heard

the said news, I had read the Phaedo, Plato's dialogue upon the soul's immortality, in which he recounts his master Socrates' final conversation and death. One passage, decidedly unphilosophical, strikes me now as especially relevant: it calls to mind my last conversation with Dr. Gora, and seems, *mutatis mutandis*, a fine tribute; for on that day:

"I felt no sorrow at all, as you might have expected on such a solemn occasion; and at the same time I felt no pleasure at being occupied in our usual philosophical discussions... I felt an absolutely incomprehensible emotion, a sort of curious blend of pleasure and pain combined, as my mind took it in that in a little while my friend was going to die."

I do not presume to speak for anyone other than myself. I want to say only this: when, in the future, I think of Dr. Gora, of our last conversation, I will feel Phaedo's "curious blend of pleasure and pain;" I will think on philosophy (in the far future) and poetry and physics, and on the mystery and miracle of the Universe, a few keys to whose heavy doors rest secure now in the Master's thoughts, partaking now in the world of Forms. And maybe I shall do so with a small fraction of Dr. Gora's passion and integrity and intelligence. That small fraction will be enough.

Sincerely,

Todd Avery '94

To the Editor,

The letter to the editor written by Eric Ruder of the International Socialist Club at Brown University (printed in the March 3, 1994 issue of the Cowl) reminds me of Rush Limbaugh and Ross Perot. Both gentlemen criticize prominent politicians and the various problems confronting the United States government. However, I firmly believe that both offer no sound proposals or alternatives to resolve these problems.

Mr. Ruder opposes "United States and NATO intervention in Bosnia." I do agree with Mr. Ruder in opposing the killing of Croats, Muslims, and Serbs in the former nation of Yugoslavia. However, outside of opposing US and NATO intervention in Bosnia, Mr. Ruder did not mention specific proposals or alternatives on how the International Socialist Club at Brown University would terminate this killing and bring a lasting peace to Bosnia.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Demoe '73



To the Editor,

This letter is a response to the one written by Mr. Eric Ruder of the Brown University International Socialist Club. It appeared in the March 3, 1994 edition of the Cowl (Socialist Peacedog Politics). Mr. Ruder's views, though undoubtedly well-intentioned, are dangerously naive.

First, I would like to point out where I agree with Mr. Ruder. I agree that the war must end. It is the moral outrage of the decade. I also agree that the Western European nations and the US have mishandled their efforts to end the war from the beginning and continue to botch any attempts to end the war. Finally, I agree that people should be made more aware of exactly what is going on in Bosnia.

I cannot disagree more, however, with Mr. Ruder's analysis of what is currently happening in Bosnia. He asserts that "[The] US shot down 4 jets and escalated the level of conflict...." This is completely false; it was the Serbians who escalated the level of conflict by violating the "No-Fly Zone" so that they could bomb the people in Bosnia. How else are the Serbian jet-fighters to be stopped other than by direct confrontation by NATO jets? Mr. Ruder implies that an "inner-ethnic anti-war movement" could stop the war. I contend that the Bosnian-Serb rebel military leaders are not going to be stopped by any peaceful demonstration. They are bent on achieving their goals of territorial acquisition; nothing short of force is going to stop them. Unfortu-

nately, Mr. Ruder's anti-war demonstrators would probably become victims of the violence they are trying to prevent.

Mr. Ruder also implies that the real enemy in this war is the United States. He is entirely mistaken. The Serbian and Croatia politicians, military leaders and soldiers are the real enemies in this war. They have put their political goals of territorial expansion before the lives of the people who live there. More than 10,000 people have lost their lives, and countless other lives have been tragically altered because of this war. Mr. Ruder should attack those responsible for beginning the war rather than those who are attempting to end it.

If the West follows Mr. Ruder's views and ends its military intervention, then the killing in Bosnia would be unspeakable since there would be no force powerful enough to stop the aggressors. Unfortunately, Mr. Ruder is too optimistic about the effectiveness of non-violence. Sometimes, force must be met by force.

Sincerely,

Robert Mendes '95

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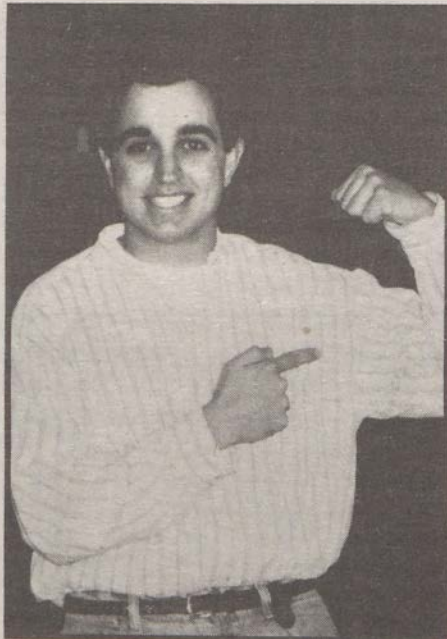
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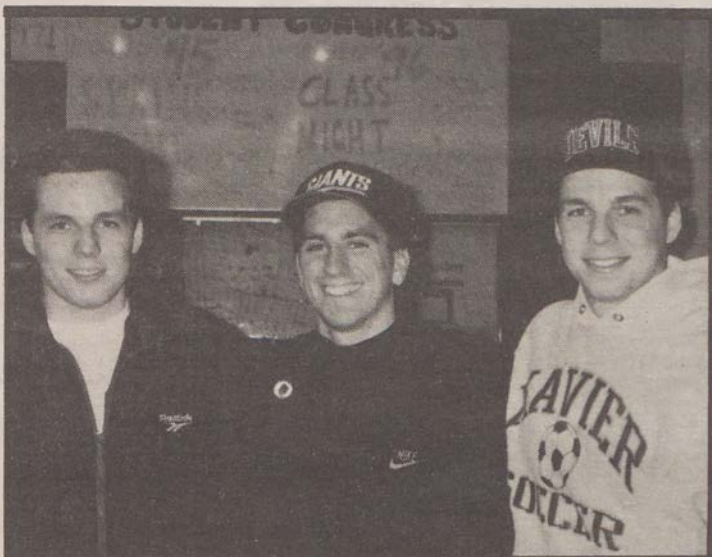
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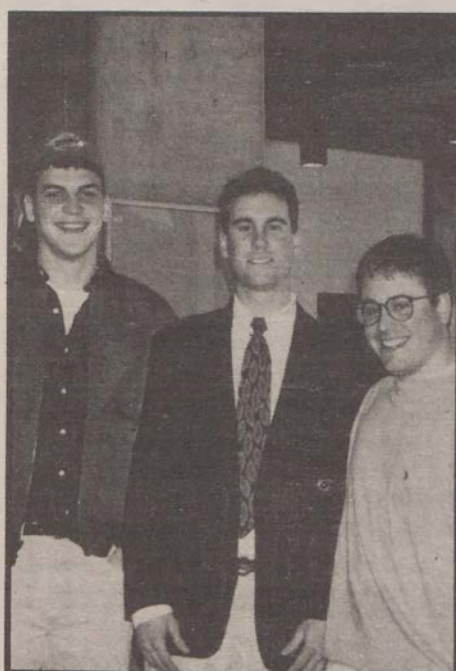
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Arts & Entertainment

Cassarino's Offers More Than A Meal

by John Welch '94
A&E Writer

Every once in a while going out to dinner should be an experience and not just a start to an evening out. But in this modern day of efficiency the type of restaurant that makes an evening in itself is few and far between. The modern restaurant is brightly lit, fast, and operated as if the maximum number of dinners served per hour is the goal for successful management. There really aren't that many restaurants left where service and cooked to order meals are the feature.

Cassarino's on Federal Hill is one such establishment that fits this billing. Speed is not a concern here, nor should it be. It is a classic Italian restaurant that caters to the customer to make dining a true experience and not just a meal. While waiting for our table, the hostess approached us and informed us that a couple of tables were available but she wouldn't seat us. The reason for this was because she thought that we would enjoy the window seat much more. At other restaurants, our appetizers would have already been on the table.

With around twenty appetizers and over forty entrees to choose from, the

menu offers something for even the strangest appetites. I finally decided on the veal marsala (12.95) and my date choose the tortellini carbonara (12.95). The veal was very tender, and the marsala sauce was one of the finer I had tasted in a while. This dish was accompanied by a salad and a side order of pasta. The marinara sauce on the pasta was sublime. The tortellini carbonara was also very well-prepared. Carbonara sauce is a difficult sauce to perfect because of the extensive preparation and ingredient content that must go into it. It's basically a sauce made by sauteeing bacon, prosciutto, and scallops in a light cream sauce with romano cheese and a hint of garlic.

We decided to pass on dessert and opted only for coffee. The dessert menu was impressive however, offering such Italian specialties such as tiramisu and spumoni.

Cassarino's is an ideal locale for a date, unless of course communication is a problem. Its dimly lit and serene environment fosters the quiet conversation that makes a dinner memorable. I definitely

recommend Cassarino's to those who enjoy fine regional Italian food and who aren't afraid of the calories that come with it. Cassarino's is located on 177 Atwells Avenue in Providence. The phone number is 751-3333. Bon appetit!

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Comedy Loses Its Biggest Star

by Mark Cybulski '95
A&E Editor

Film critic Pauline Kael uniquely captured late comedian John Candy's appeal. "John Candy is perfectly named. He's a mountainous lollipop of a man, preposterously lovable." The entertainment world lost an enormously talented comedian last Friday when Candy, 43, died in his sleep after suffering a heart attack Friday while shooting his new film, *Wagons East*, in Mexico.

Candy, a Toronto native, got his start in 1977 as a regular on the hit Canadian TV series *SCTV Network*. The satirical show was also a breeding ground for other future comedy stars, including Rick Moranis, Martin Short and Catherine O'Hara. Candy won two Emmys with *SCTV* and is remembered for such characters as the conceited Johnny LaRue, 3-D horror movie host Dr. Tongue and as one half of the Schmenge Brothers, the polka-playing duo whom he played with fellow *SCTV* alum Eugene Levy.

Candy was best known for his comedy roles in *Splash* (1984), *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* (1987), and *Uncle Buck* (1989). Although he starred in more than his share of commercial and critical bombs, such as *Who's Harry Crumb?* (1989) and *Nothing But Trouble* (1991), Candy displayed comic talents that always made him garner laughs. He was also a great dramatic actor as shown in films such as *Only The Lonely* (1991) and *JFK* (1991).

At 6-foot-3 and over 275 pounds, Candy was a mediocre athlete in high school and an avid sports fan. He co-owned the Toronto Football League's Argonauts with L.A. Kings' hockey star Wayne Gretzky.

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Meg's Oscar Preview

by Meg Mitchell '94
A&E Writer

It's time for the Academy Awards once again, and this year brings some heavy hitters to the category of Best Picture. Here's a brief look at the five nominated films.

The Fugitive: Directed by Andrew Davis, this film looks like the one that doesn't belong in a group of somber, weighty choices that fill out the rest of the category. Based on the television program by the same name, *The Fugitive* trails Dr. Richard Kimball (Harrison Ford) through the streets and sometimes even the sewers of Chicago as he eludes a conviction for the murder of his wife and seeks to clear his name and discover the real killers. A tight, suspenseful plot and an electrifying cast helped this film beat out hopefuls like Martin Scorsese's *The Age of Innocence* and the much-touted *Philadelphia* for the nomination.

Remains of the Day: The production team of Merchant and Ivory delivers another film close on the heels of last year's successful *Howard's End*. Oscar-nominated performances by Emma Thompson and Anthony Hopkins help make this story about a butler and maid in a large English manor house in the years preceding World War II a fascinating one. There is a lot to offer here: besides the story of the personal relationship between Hopkins and Thompson, the film offers a probing of the place of England in a new world order and the citizen's place in it. Not to be overlooked are some breathtaking scenes of the English countryside.

The Piano: Holly Hunter stars in this mysterious surprise from writer and direc-

tor Jane Campion. Hunter plays Ada McGrath, a Scottish woman who is determined, independent, and, for unexplained reasons, mute. In the beginning of the film she arrives on a New Zealand beach, with little more than her daughter and her piano, to marry a man she has never met. The basis itself is bizarre; the story that emerges from it is passionate, erotic, and thrilling. A captivating performance by Anna Paquin as Ada's daughter makes it even more of a potential winner.

In the Name of the Father: Jim Sheridan's controversial film tells the story of the mistaken conviction of four people from Northern Ireland for the IRA bombing of an English pub in 1974. A relative latecomer (it was released just in time for the nominations), *In the Name of the Father* offers strong performances by Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite, and Emma Thompson, as well as a story all the more fascinating—personally as well as politically—because it is true.

Schindler's List: Steven Spielberg delivers his most ambitious work to date in this gripping, painful account of the Holocaust and the heroic attempt of one man on the wrong side to some good in the darkest hours of world history. At over three hours, it is easily the longest of the nominated films. And with a subject matter that is both horrifying and compelling, it is also the most deserving of an Oscar. Powerful acting by Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler, stunning directing by Spielberg, and a story of uncontested force combine to make this film one that, if it is rivaled by the other nominees at the Awards, will probably be surpassed by none.

Broken Nails

by Mike Quinn '95
A&E Writer

Nine Inch Nails
The Downward Spiral
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Nine Inch Nails' brand of music is nasty, harsh, and angry. Its sole band member, Trent Reznor, made a massive impact on alternative music with the 1989 debut album, *Pretty Hate Machine*. After lengthy problems and disputes with TVT Records, a Lollapalooza tour in which they stole the show, and the release of a terrifying EP, *Broken*, Nine Inch Nails have graced their fans with its new, sixty-five minute album, *The Downward Spiral*.

Like his two previous works, Reznor

comments about the miseries of religion, sex, drugs, relationships, and oppression. Still there are the usual screams and moans, accompanied by a buzzing guitar and the definitive Nine Inch Nails electronically synthesized tones and beats. As a result, some of the songs sound pretty good.

Unfortunately for Trent and his imaginary band, *The Downward Spiral* is the perfect name for this recording. The first half of the album is decent. "Mr. Self Destruct," "March of the Pigs," and "The Becoming" are solid tracks with a powerful sound that will push any eardrum to its limit. Believe it or not, Reznor has integrated some funky Prince and Queen type sounds and vocals into "Heresy" and "Closer." This blend works very well and adds to the diversity of his songs. This is where the

good stuff ends.

The later tracks are very disappointing. "A Warm Place" and "Eraser" occur back-to-back, and combine for a total of eight minutes of boring, new age keyboard drones. The title track is equally horrid, with an uneventful introduction and a terrible collection of spoken words and bizarre noises. In short, Trent should have cut the album off after the eighth song to avoid *The Downward Spiral*'s plummet into mediocrity.

I'd like to take this time to point out that Nine Inch Nails' first two records are excellent. *The Downward Spiral* is not a good example for judging Reznor's talents. Even the best songs on this album aren't as good as his older ones. If you are a die-hard Nine Inch Nails fan, tape this record from a friend.

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A black and white cartoon illustration of a group of people in a room. On the right, a woman wearing a hat and a dress stands and looks towards a group of people seated at a table. The group includes a man with a mustache and a woman with a large, curly wig. The scene is set in a room with a window in the background.

Don't worry too much about these things. I mean, you may end up flying first class on a Concord jet piloted by a very sane person and seated next to Mother Theresa. If not, keep in mind that you'll be sitting on the beach in a few hours and I'll still be scraping the ice off of my windshield. Whatever you do, have a wonderful and safe spring break!!

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Are You Afraid of Intimacy?

by Beth Brezinski '94
Features Writer

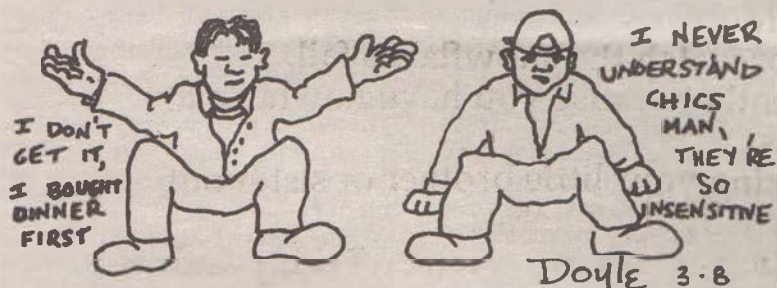
Before I really begin, I want to clear something up. Intimacy is not sex. Sex is usually an intimate experience, but the two are not the same. Intimacy is sharing something personal with someone. You can share a secret, a story, a quiet moment or a good cry. You can have an intimate friend; usually a best friend is someone you are intimate with. This does not mean you are having sex with your best friend (although you could be) but just that you share personal and private experiences with each other. However, because you decide to tell someone a secret, that does not necessarily mean they are now your best friend. Intimacy, I believe, goes deeper than just exchanging a few words or sharing sexual intercourse. It involves sharing feelings and trust and has more emotional closeness than sexual closeness.

Someone asked me once if I was afraid of intimacy and I thought the question was

When you are sharing an intimate experience with another person, it is not just one-sided, it takes two as the saying goes. An intimate experience can be a long term relationship or it can last for just one night. You may have many of these experiences in your life with many different people or you may choose to take part in these encounters only occasionally with a select few.

Intimacy works best when it is between two people who see each other realistically and not idealistically. There should be a positive exchange between both individuals and there should be reciprocal self-disclosure (that is, both people share personal feelings and ideas).

There are positive aspects to forming intimate relationships. There can be feelings of closeness between you and another person, and feelings of acceptance and security. Although females are much more likely to form intimate relationships, both males and females have difficulty



absurd, so of course I answered no. It wasn't until recently that I began asking myself the same question. I hate to sound like a pessimist but I really feel that in today's society it is difficult to know who to trust with private matters. Unfortunately, there are times when you may think you can trust a person enough to tell them something personal but then they go tell all their friends or they ignore you the next time you meet them somewhere.

It is easy to be afraid of intimacy because you never know how a person will react. Will they laugh, reject you, think you're weird? For some people, it is easier to open up to someone than it is for others. Intimacy can be very difficult for some because they may be afraid of becoming too attached to another person. This happens especially when dealing with those of the opposite sex. When you start to feel like you are becoming close to someone of the other gender, especially if you find them attractive, it can be very hard not to let your emotions get the best of you. For me, there are some things I find easier to tell my female friends as well as things I find more comfortable talking about with male friends.

doing this. It doesn't mean they are cold and impersonal, they may just have a hard time getting beyond the stage of acquaintance or close friends with more than one person. They may not want to become dependent on others for fear of becoming vulnerable; therefore they may tend to distance themselves from others.

We all experience relationships that don't last as long as we hope or turn out differently than we would like. Because we never know how a particular relationship will develop, we may be reluctant to become intimate with someone right away. Intimacy doesn't necessarily lead to sex and sex isn't always as intimate as one might think. There is much more to intimacy than what I have talked about here. I've only touched on a few aspects of it. Whether you find intimacy easy to experience or you have a hard time with it, it is part of human nature and we all go through it. Just know that everyone deals with it on different levels and there are others out there who are just like you. You may just not have found the right people who you feel comfortable with yet.

Now, Here's a Little Story I've Got to Tell

by Mat Bunnell '95
Features Writer

Did you ever watch those dull fishing shows where two or three old dudes whittle the day holding their rods in their hands (Jinkies! Something smells fishy, Scooby Doo!)? There they are in this stinkin' boat having a grand old time relaxing around, half-cocked, swapping tales on the "One that got away" or the time they caught that huge bass (picture some dirty, old, intoxicated freak who smells like fish and wears rubber pants with his hands about a foot apart saying "about this big"...and no, I'm not describing some pervert on a street corner in downtown Providence propositioning a "woman of the night"). What a life these guys lead, no? Bragging about feats that make them look like some super fly (SNUKA!) fisherman (when the shi...umm...ship goes down you better be ready) when all they're really doing is pulling your leg (which is fine just as long as they're not pulling your finger).

It's human nature for people to inflate the facts. Ever since IHOP's Rooty, Tooty, Fresh 'n' Fruity...woops...sorry, Aesop's Fables hit the scene people have gone by the belief that a "tall" tale is better than a "short" story (Hey baby, it's not the size that counts it's

probably cancel school for the rest of the week. And what did we wind up getting...four inches? Yo, Funk That!!

The best stories can be heard the day after the night before. It seems that some people (no names available at press time) actually drink as much as possible in order that they can get out of control and do crazy things which they can talk about the next day. Sometimes this backfires as they black out and have to have the events which transpired over the night filtered back to them the next day (Friend: Hey Jeff, you remember going to the bathroom like a dog on that fire hydrant? Jeff: No Way! You're lying! Friend: Well, do you remember going by that group of girls in your birthday suit while you were...dirty "dancing" (five-knuckle shuffle) to your rendition of the Notre Dame fight song? Jeff: I did what!? Holy Crow! I...I...don't remember!). You can tell them they did anything and they wouldn't know if you were lying or not. Well, anyway, most of the time they do remember what happened and, when they tell others about what happened, they 'bend' the facts. Questioner: "Hey, what did you do last night? Answerer: "I drank

so much...must've been a case of beer—then the cops came out of nowhere and chased us down the street and they caught two of my friends and kicked me in the head and I almost got arrested and—the bar I was at got raided and the undercover guy was standing right next to me and they must've arrested 20-30 people and I hid behind Louie so they wouldn't see me and when they asked me for my ID I ran away and jumped over a ten foot wall and fell off and then hid in a bush and my leg still hurts...I'm thinking maybe I broke my ankle...and then I went to a party on Eaton, then Oakland...then Pembroke...one on Radcliffe...Pinehurst... then there was an apartment party then I went back to Clubbies then Brad's then Oldies then Friar Tuck's and there was this babe who was staring at me so I brought her 'him' for the women out there) back to my room and well...you know (I did it like this, I did it like that, I did it with a wiffle ball bat) and then I went back out and I just got home a couple of minutes ago...So what did you do?". Questioner (with stunned look on face): "Oh, nothing much". It's important to always remember the first rule of storytelling...If you can't beat 'em, shut the hell up.



how you use it). Gee, if you're going to talk about something why not generate some interest? Add some spice to it (a little oregano or paprika will do)...twist the truth a little. It can't hurt, right?

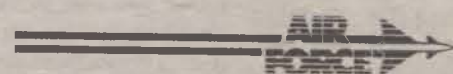
Well, many a person here (including myself) at our lovely hill-top college have a habit of stretching reality when they're giving information. Case in point, last week while we were awaiting the big storm, some could be heard saying "they're gonna be measuring this storm in feet rather than inches". "WHOA"—as the listener's eyes lit up—"REALLY!?!". Then, the person who was just informed proceeds to tell (with a little tidbit of exaggeration mixed in) the info to all of their friends. Soon, the word is that we're getting three feet of snow and they'll

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The Regression of Western Civ

by Bridget Hughes '96
Asst. Features Editor

I have come from yet another Civ exam. And I feel frustrated, angry, and discouraged. Is this any way to feel in an institution of higher learning? No. Learning is supposed to be refreshing, revitalizing and exciting. Why do I feel let down? Why has the concept of academics led me to the brink of exploding?

When I first learned about Western Civilization, I felt a little overwhelmed, a little unsure, but very interested. I decided to make the most of this 5 credit class, and take advantage of what it could offer me. But what I failed to realize was just how unfair the system actually is. Now that I realize this, I feel disappointed and troubled.

The program of Western Civilization needs to be reviewed and revised so that it is more fair for all freshmen and sophomores. When I think of a Civ exam, a feeling of dread comes upon me and I feel tense and nervous. Of course, most people feel this way when it comes to any exam, but with Civ, it is more than just a normal case of the butterflies. It's a case of what Civ team you are on, and what seminar teacher you have within that Civ team. It's a case of what day your seminar falls on, and if you have other tests on that day. It's a case of the fact that one Civ team has matching quizzes, and another has 5 essays for quizzes. Is there any justification? Western Civilization is a mandatory course at PC and every student who enters PC's doors must take it. Then why is the system so unfair? It seems now that it all depends on luck. Because my last name starts with H, I get a seminar teacher who happens to grade a bit easier on essays than my friend whose last name begins with S. She gets the harder teacher and ends up with C's. For a mandatory course, the system should be handled a lot more fairly.

Isn't it a concern that 100 freshmen either failed Civ last semester or got D's? One must wonder if it is just a matter of not studying, or if it is the team's fault also. Is the Western Civ Department out to get us? On the last Civ exam that I took, many people that I talked to didn't do as well as they expected. There were many grades in the 60's and 70's. One of the teachers on the team suggested a scale. The rest of the team disagreed with this idea because there were enough good grades in the class to tell them that the students who did poorly did not study. This attitude alone

makes me cringe. I think the majority of students who have a Civ exam study very hard and very long. Because there were some students who got high grades, then the students with the low grades blew off studying. Sound ridiculous? Well, it is.

Let's take a good look at how unfair this inevitable course was when our team had a 50 question objective exam last semester. For an objective exam, there should be only one right answer - right? Wrong. One of the questions required the answer to be "horses". However, there was a specific name for these horses. One of the seminar teachers took off for the answer "horses", saying that he wanted the specific name for them. When the seminar professor was questioned, his reply was, "I guess you are just unlucky to have me as your seminar professor." Sound unfair? It is.

The whole system is messed up. It seems that instead of trying to make the most out of Civ, teams try to

exams can be scheduled in any other classes. It is impossible to try to study for another exam if you have a Civ exam on the same day. Sound inconvenient for other teachers of other classes? It very well may be, but if Civ is so important, then this method should be understood. Another thing that can be done that will make grading fairer is all quizzes, and exams should have the same format. If the quizzes or exams are essay, then only one teacher should correct the exams/quizzes each week. This will eliminate any possibility of an unfair grade. This way, if the hard teacher grades the exam, then everyone does badly, instead of just the unlucky few who happen to have that Civ seminar teacher, and get bad grades every week. Finally, if one team has a paper, then all the teams should have a paper. The same topics should be assigned to everyone also. I say this because the team that I am on has a paper due March 30, and we just got

Western Civilization is a mandatory course at PC... Then why is it so unfair?

make it a bad experience. It seems that the idea of learning has gone out the window, and there is more worry if such and such a lecture can be made up, or fit in. Cramming it down our throats is not what I call learning. In fact, I call it going in one ear and out the other. The other night, I was listening to a group of freshmen study for a Civ exam. They were discussing Aristotle, a major philosopher. As I stood there listening to them, I honestly could not remember anything at all about Aristotle. The information that I had spent last year studying for so many hours, indeed went in one ear and out the other. That isn't right.

Something needs to be done. There are a variety of things that can make this system work better. For example, the same syllabus should be distributed to all the teams so all the same lectures are discussed. Also, there should be one day that all Civ quizzes and exams fall on. This way, no other

our topics the other day. The topics were picked by our seminar teachers and are all different. So naturally some topics are easier than others. This isn't fair.

You may argue that there are other required courses, such as Natural Science or Philosophy. With these required courses, some of the teachers are easier, and some harder. Such an emphasis is put on Civ, however, that it seems only assumed that the system should be justified. After all, we are not just talking about a mere 3 credits, but rather 20.

With so much emphasis on the Western Civ program, it seems like a waste when things can't be remembered or even recalled from one semester to the next. I often question if the effort is worth it. There are so many bad reactions that I hear, and so many negative feelings that as I study for my next Civ exam, that nagging feeling will always be in the back of my head asking me if my effort is worth my time.

Yes... No... Maybe So

by Jen Stebbins '94
Features Writer

Decisions. They surround us every day. They are inevitable. Likely. Part of life. And I hate them.

Do you have the same problem I do? I think it is called IN-DECISIVE-NESS, but I'm not sure. I'm rarely sure about anything. You know-it's when you are asked a question - an opinion question - and you're not sure what the answer is. Well, you probably know the answer, or think you do, but you also probably know about twenty answers, or possible answers too! That's the problem, you can't ever make up your mind about what you want to say. You want to say something, you are sure of how you feel concerning a specific opinion, but when faced with a different opinion, you find yourself agreeing with that one too. It's nerve racking, this indecisiveness thing, but it's real. And I know all about it...I have such a hard time all the time making up my mind!

Think about a simple, easy, fun trip to the ice cream store. And what a great store it is-they offer thirty - six of the best new flavors. EEEK!! That's a wishy-washy person's nightmare. The sweat breaks out on your upper brow, your palms get all sticky, and you can feel your heart in your throat - all over a stupid decision about what flavor would send your tongue into taste-bud heaven. This might seem ridiculous to those of you who find everything in life easy, especially decision making. But to those of us (I know there are others of you out there besides myself) this can be a catastrophic event. OK, maybe it's not that bad. But I feel like a jerk holding up

the line for forty minutes while I try to make up my mind about what flavor to get.

Think about restaurants. The fun and joy of dining out. These present a multitude of problems for those of us unable to decide where to go, what to eat, and who to go with. There are so many great places to go that it seems virtually impossible to choose one over all the others. "Do I want Mexican? Italian? Small? Large? Loud or Romantic?" All these concerns can take unprecedented importance when one decides to dine out. And then there always remains the question of who you go out with. Your friends? Boyfriend or girlfriend? Roommates? The list goes on. And once your dinner companions and the place of choice have been determined, there is still yet another obstacle to overcome: what to eat. Will it be a healthy salad or a fattening burger? Because if it is a rare moment that you are eating out, then the fat in a meal like a Swiss, onion and mushroom burger with fries might seem to outweigh the fat problem. Anyway, it's decisions like these that are known to have ruined the fun of eating out.

Decisions surround us everywhere we turn. In the morning, we must decide what clothes to wear, what to eat for breakfast, what time to leave for school and whether or not to even go to class at all... And there's more. Think about a Friday night out. Oh no, there's no escaping it even there. Instead of one, universal beverage to drink, we are confronted with hundreds of beer choices...Whoever said that it was easy to be in college?

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by Greg DeMattos

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Sports Scoreboard

Swimming:
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son and junior Chris McAllister suffered a herniated disc in his back. Various other swimmers were plagued by the flu and colds as the Friars traveled to Syracuse. The result was a crushing defeat in which only two Friars had first place finishes. Mike Shaw had a great showing in the 200 Fly, while Jeff Longo took first in the 200 Breaststroke.

Since then the Friars have lost to Brown and Boston U as well. Chris McAllister, performing through pain, took first in the 200 Backstroke. Brown defeated PC narrowly only because of the points they acquired on the diving competition. PC showed a great deal of character the following week against Boston U, but once again they came up short losing by 29 points. Paul Nathe provided the fireworks for PC as he finished first in three different events. His performance in the 50, 100 and 200 Freestyle was undoubtedly the best overall showing by any of the Friars during the season.

Before going to the ECACs, PC competed in the Big East Championships. The competition there was the toughest the Friars had faced all season. The 200 Free Relay team attained a school record, while finish-

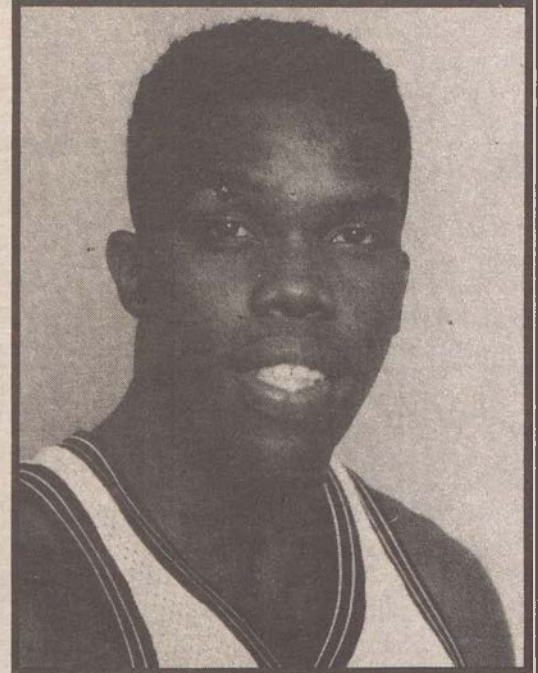
ing sixth in the event. The tandem of Mark Tartaglione, Jeff Longo, Mike Ahearn and Paul Nathe compiled the time of 1:25.26. Meanwhile, the foursome of Chris Holt, Allan Egbert, Mike Ahearn and Paul Nathe took seventh with a 7:00.91. This time was good for another school record for the Friars.

In all, many of the Friars commented in the same manner on the season. Paul Nathe said, "Personally I had a great season, I trained well and it worked for me. The total season went well, I was pleased with it." Captain Chris Holt took this view on the season, "Personally it was hard because of my injury. The first half of the season went well, but the second half didn't seem to be what it could have been." Many of the Friars are looking for a strong recruiting class for next year. With plenty of swimmers returning, Coach O'Neill is looking for this added depth to boost their chances for next season. Good luck to all of the seniors in the endeavors after graduation and to the returning swimmers.

Clearly Canadian
PC Athletes of the Week

Colleen Doyle '97 (Bellevue, Wash.)
Women's Swimming

Doyle became Providence's first-ever ECAC Champion as she won the 400 individual medley at the ECAC Championships with a time of 4:29.95. She also finished 3rd in the 200 IM (2:08.50) and was 7th in the 100 freestyle (53.08).



Eric Williams '95 (Newark, NJ)
Men's Basketball

Williams wins the award for the second straight week coming off a career-high 32 points against Georgetown on Monday. He was 11 of 22 from the field and 10 of 18 from the foul line. Williams is the Friars leading scorer at 15.8 ppg and he has scored 20-plus points in four of PC's last eight games.

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Sports Scoreboard



All-Conference Teams

FIRST TEAM

- F- Stefanie Goettsche, Providence College
- F- Rebecca Lobo, UConn
- F- Jonna Huemrich, Pittsburgh
- G- Jodi Brooks, Seton Hall
- G- Kerry Curran, Boston College

SECOND TEAM

- F- Denise Dillon, Villanova
- F- Pam Odom, St. John's
- F- Jamelle Elliott, UConn
- G- Jennifer Rizzotti, UConn
- G- Nadira Ricks, Georgetown

THIRD TEAM

- F- Dawn Johnson, Seton Hall
- F- Shamona Marable, Seton Hall
- F- Holly Porter, Boston College
- G- Lucie Fontanella, Providence College
- G- Jill Colabrese, Pittsburgh

ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

- F- Holly Porter, Boston College
- F- Dana Wynne, Seton Hall
- F- Carla Berube, UConn
- F- Kara Wolters, UConn
- G- Mandy Saunders, Providence College

BIG EAST Player of the Year
Rebecca Lobo, UConn

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year
Holly Porter, Boston College

BIG EAST Coach of the Year
Phyllis Mangina, Seton Hall

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points using a vast array of lightening quick moves. Again, Michael Smith was a monster on the boards (12 rebounds) and Simpkins did an admirable defensive job on Georgetown's big man, Othella Harrington.

Despite all this, Friars fans were biting their nails as PC trailed by two with just over a minute to play. One would think that a player who had struggled with his jumper all night would shy away from taking the big shot. Not Michael Brown. He calmly drained an 8 footer with just 49 seconds to play. That sent the game to O.T. where the Friars outscored the Hoyas 12-6 for a huge victory.

So, what does it all mean you ask? What it means is this. The Friars, through hard work and dogged determination, have

put themselves in a very favorable position. They will most likely be selected as one of the 64 teams on selection Sunday. However, with a victory over Villanova, they will leave no room for conjecture.

"It's very tough to win five in a row, but we stuck together and came through," Smith said. "Now we're where we want to be and if we can keep it going, we can do a lot of damage."



Hockey East

STANDINGS

TEAM	HOCKEY EAST				OVERALL			
	W	L	T	PTS.	GP	W	L	T
Boston University	21	3	0	42	34	28	6	0
UMass-Lowell	14	6	4	32	34	21	8	5
New Hampshire	13	9	2	28	34	22	10	2
Northeastern	10	8	6	24	34	18	10	6
Providence	9	13	2	20	34	14	17	3
Boston College	7	12	5	18	34	15	14	5
Merrimack	8	14	2	18	35	16	17	3
Maine	3	20	1	7	34	6	27	1

Playoff Matchups (Best of Three)

Friday, March 11

- #8 Maine at #1 Boston University
- #7 Merrimack at #2 UMass-Lowell
- #6 Boston College at #3 New Hampshire
- #5 Providence at #4 Northeastern

Saturday, March 12

- Maine at Boston University
- Merrimack at UMass-Lowell
- Boston College at New Hampshire
- Providence at Northeastern

Sunday, March 13

- Maine at Boston University#
- Merrimack at UMass-Lowell#
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- Providence at Northeastern#

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BIG EAST MEN'S BASKETBALL Final Standings

TEAM	BIG EAST			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT.	W	L	PCT.
Connecticut	16	2	.888	26	3	.896
Syracuse	13	5	.722	21	5	.807
Boston College	11	7	.611	20	9	.689
Providence	10	8	.555	17	9	.653
Villanova	10	8	.555	15	11	.576
Georgetown	10	8	.555	16	10	.615
Seton Hall	8	10	.444	15	11	.576
Pittsburgh	7	11	.388	13	13	.500
St. John's	5	13	.277	11	16	.407
Miami	0	18	.000	7	19	.368

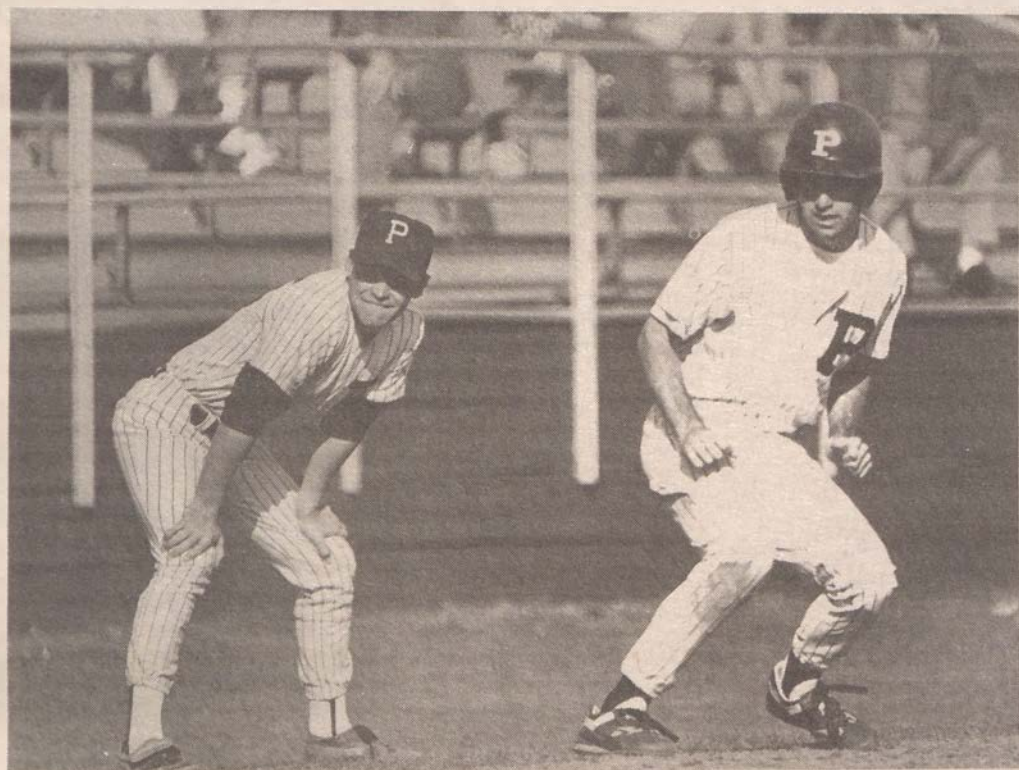
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	#1 UConn 2:00 PM		
#8 Pittsburgh 7:00 PM			
#9 St. John's			
			2:45 PM (CBS)
	#2 Syracuse 7:00 PM		
#7 Seton Hall 9:00 PM			
#10 Miami			
		4:00 PM (CBS)	
	#3 Boston College 9:00 PM		
	#6 Georgetown		

Sports

Don't Look Now... But Baseball Is Back!

Friars Go 2-2 Down South To Kick Off Season



Senior centerfielder Mike Lyons provided offensive punch as the Friars split their opening games of the season. Coach Paul Kostacopoulos (left) will need a good year out of Lyons for PC to be a force in the Big East.

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

The Providence College Baseball team, coming off a somewhat disappointing 21-24 campaign (8-12 in the Big East), has begun another season poised at making people forget about last year.

Head Coach Paul Kostacopoulos, or "Kosty" as he is affectionately called, returns to lead the Friars in his fifth year at the helm as head coach. Last year he graduated members of his first recruiting class with shortstop Lou Merloni signing on with the Red Sox and standout catcher Jim Foster now in the Baltimore Orioles organization.

Through four seasons "Kosty" has compiled an impressive 112-84-1 record good for a winning percentage of .571. An '87 graduate of PC, Coach "Kosty" will use the experience gained in coaching and recruiting his first four years here to bring his club back to supremacy in the Big East.

On The 1993 Season:

"There is no question that we were disappointed with the way things ended up last year," said Coach "Kosty". "What we expected and what happened were two different things. One thing I will say is that the players never quit. We started 10-19 and got things going to win 11 of our last 16. We made the most of things, got some of our younger kids some experience, and hopefully we've built on things for the coming year."

On The 1994 Season:

"We've got a very young club with several holes to fill. We have several of our top

pitchers back which should give us a strong staff. It will be tough to fill the holes left by Lou Merloni (Big East Player of the Year) and Jim Foster (All-Big East). They were two of the best we've had at Providence. Our younger players will be counted on to step forward and make their marks on the program. We'll work hard and try to make things happen on the field. We'll find out who's ready and who isn't."

On The Big East:

"The league was ranked seventh in the country in the power rankings at the end of the year. The Big East just gets better and better each year. The weekend series are so competitive. People should come out and see these teams play. There is a lot of good baseball right here in our own backyard. I expect this year to be even better than last year for the league and our players."

Coach "Kosty" promised that there will be plenty of positions platooned until a clear choice can be made judged on performance. "Positions are up for grabs. We will use the early games to our advantage and try to find out who's up to the test. Shortstop, second base, and first base are all vacant." We'll platoon a righty and lefty depending on who is pitching against us."

As for positions that are set, third base, catcher, and centerfield are filled, thank you. Senior Co-captains Mike Lyons and Mark Tomey will occupy centerfield and catcher respectively while T.J. Delvecchio patrols the hot corner for the Friars.

"Lyons and Tomey need good years for us to be a force in the Big East. Both players are tremendously gifted defensively while being able to produce at the plate."

The Friars opened their season last weekend with a four game swing down south in Virginia Beach.

"It was our first time outside. We've been snowed under like everybody else here and were forced to practice in Peterson Recreation Center. The pitchers were able to throw off a mound for the first time this season."

Their first games were on Sunday with a doubleheader against Bloomsburg. The Friars flourished in Game one winning by a score of 5-2. Mike Lyons and second baseman Bob O'Toole delivered timely, clutch hits for PC as they notched their first win of the season.

They were not so lucky in the second game as they were shutout 6-0 by Bloomsburg.

On Monday, the Friars played two against Wilmington College. Game one featured a pitching clinic put on by sophomore Mike Macone as he twirled a four-hitter throwing just 81 pitches over seven innings for a 6-2 win. Game two was again a sour affair as the Friars lost in extra innings 5-4. Mike Lyons hit a two-run tater in the top of the seventh to tie it at 4-4 but it was not enough as the Friars bowed to Wilmington.

So PC's record stands at 2-2 with a Florida road trip scheduled over Spring break.

"The focus right now is not on wins and losses. Right now, we're stressing fundamentals."

Headin' To The Hoosier Dome

Harriers Ready For NCAA Championships In Indianapolis

by Annica Ambrose '96
Sports Writer

Running, Racing, and Resting. Ever heard of the "three R's" of education? Let's just replace reading, writing, and arithmetic with three new components of a runner's regimen. You know all about the running and the racing part, but this week was where the resting came in.

The womens and mens track teams competed in their respective E.C.A.C and I.C.4A meets last weekend. Or should I say some of the members of the track teams. Coach Treacy and his athletes decided that in preparation for the NCAA championships, to be held on March 11th and 12th at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana, they would hold back from last weekend's meets.

Those who did attend the regional championships took over the running and racing to uphold the outstanding name the Providence track teams have made for themselves. The women had Marie McMahon place a strong second in the mile, running her personal best time of 4:48.91. Natalie Davey was third in the 1000m (2:56.68). PC's Distance Medley team combined Susan Murnane, Leanne Burke, Laura Perrucci, and Meghan McCarthy, to pull off an impressive time of 12:17 in the large field of E.C.A.C competition. David Healy qualified for the finals of the 3000m at I.C.4A's, along with

teammate Stephen Myers, who came through the mile finish line at 4:16.

On the doorstep of the NCAA championships these runners have been training towards all season, they have just to sit back and wait for their payback. Amy Rudolph has the first seed in the mile, just two seconds in front of second seed Becky Spies of Villanova. The lady Friars have also entered a fifth place seeded Distance Medley team of Krissy Haacke, Marie McMahon, Susan Murnane, and Amy Rudolph. Andy Keith is, of course, seeded first in his long awaited mile NCAA event, and Mark Carroll holds the fastest time going into the 3000m. Andy Wedlake follows Carroll in the same event, with a thirteenth seed time. The order of events in the NCAA championships runs the 3000m too close to the Distance Medley for PC to enter a team without insufficient recovery time. By the way, if you aren't familiar with what a "seed" is, it is the placing of the runners according to their entry time. It gives athletes and coaches an idea of the competition and also determines lanes.

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Up, Down, and All Around

Lady Friars End Wild Season At UConn

by Christian T. Potts '94
Sports Writer

John Lennon and Paul McCartney once wrote a little tune called "The Long and Winding Road" back in the early seventies for the Beatles. Now, twenty plus years later, the Providence College Lady Friars basketball team has adopted that song as their theme for this season. They started highly touted and they barely survived the middle of the season, only to hang on, come on strong and advance to the tournament semifinals.

The Lady Friars traveled down to the University of Connecticut last weekend for the Big East tournament with a 10-8 conference record (12-14 overall), coming off a 93-82 win over the University of Pittsburgh at Alumni Hall two weeks ago. After a week off to heal themselves and practice up for the tournament, the Lady Friars came to UConn for a rubber game with Boston College, hoping to catch fire and ride the hot streak all the way into the NCAA's.

The Lady Friars came into the tournament seeded fourth, which meant that they avoided having to play on Friday night, giving

them the extra night to practice and prepare. They came out and traded baskets with BC for most of the first half, with their widest lead being only 7 points, and they went into the locker room down by 2, 40-38, thanks to the frontcourt duo of Sarah Miller (8 points, 5 boards) and Stef Goettsche (8 points, 6 rebounds) and guard Mandy Saunders' 10 points.

The Lady Friars and the Eagles came out in the second half and resumed the pace of the first half, trading buckets back and forth, with neither team able to open up more than a 4 point advantage. So at the end of regulation, the two teams were knotted up 74-74, thanks to last minute put-back by Sarah Miller to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Lady Friars broke out of their offensive slump of the game (they shot a combined 31% during regulation) to connect on 6 of 9 from the field (3-4 from 3-point land) and explode for 22 points in the extra period. PC blew the Eagles out of the water, plain and simple, outscoring them by 10 to walk away with the 96-86 victory. Jen Davis, back from her ankle

injury, scored 23 (6-12 on her threes) to pace the Lady Friars, while fellow freshman Mandy Saunders had another great game at the point, scoring 16 points and dishing out 11 assists. Stef Goettsche registered another double-double (14 points, 14 boards) and sophomore Sarah Miller had a monster game, pouring in 15 points and grabbing 16 boards.

The next day found the Lady Friars matched against the number one team in the Big East, UConn, in the tournament semifinal game. UConn came out on fire, going on an 8-0 run to start the half and opening leads as big as 17 before the Lady Friars closed it to 10 to end the half, going on a 7-0 run to end the half down 37-27, despite 10 points from PC's Stef Goettsche.

In the second half UConn pulled away, thanks to back-to-back 7-point runs, followed by an 8-point run to open up a 28 point lead and put the Lady Friars away with 10:52 left. The final tally was 92-56 in favor of UConn, thanks to a 55-point second half in which they outscored PC by 26.

PC was led by senior swingman Lucie Fontanella, who scored 23

points and grabbed 8 boards and fellow senior Stef Goettsche, who netted 14 points and grabbed 6 rebounds, both playing in their last games as Lady Friars. Coach Bob Foley said he was "pleased with the effort. We played great against Boston College- a wonderful game- and hung in there all the way; we just wore them out. They were tired and we outscored them. UConn is a great team, and we played as hard as we could against them, but they're just too deep. BC took all we had and we just ran out of gas, and they went on a tear and put us away."

This was the kind of season that makes coaches earn their money, and it was also the type of season that turns coaches' hair gray. The Lady Friars started off with a season full of promise, with four returning starters. Very quickly, though, they lost starting seniors Jen Mead and Sonya Lewis, one to injury (Lewis), and the other to the US Olympic soccer team (Mead). Then they lost freshman Nadine Malcolm to a stress fracture, who was followed by fellow freshman Jen Davis, who went down with an ankle injury later in the season.

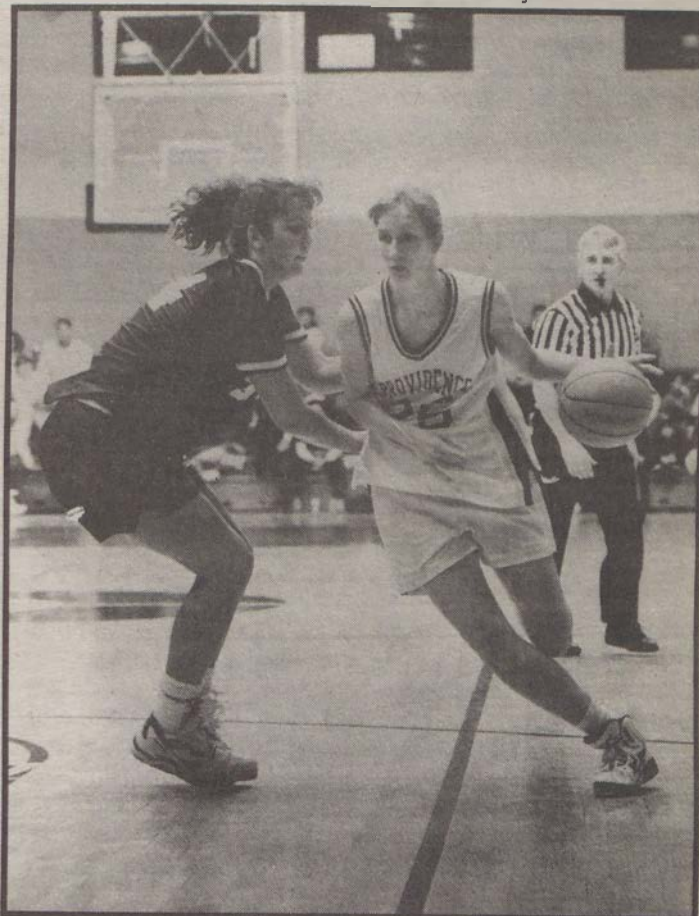
But despite all of those injuries, the Lady Friars put together a solid Big East record, going 10-8 in the conference, including wins over Seton Hall and Pittsburgh- both teams finished in the top echelon of the conference. PC also played host to Tennessee, the number two- ranked team in the country, earlier last month, fighting them all the way till the end and forcing them to hit their free-throws down

the stretch, and eventually bowing out 73-63.

The most pleasing aspect of this season had to be, from a coach's point of view, the play of the three freshmen, who were at the start of the season, supposed to on the bench learning. But, by mid-year, two of the three were starting (Mandy Saunders and Jen Davis) and the third, Nadine Malcolm, was first off the bench. Mandy Saunders had a stellar year, being named Big East Rookie of the Week 4 times, narrowly missing out on Rookie of the Year honors, and being named to the All Big East Rookie Team for the season.

Also pleasing was the leadership provided by seniors Stef Goettsche and Lucie Fontanella, who, in their final seasons at PC, held together a team that may have fallen apart if they had not stepped up. Lucie had a season that Coach Bob Foley was pleased with because she "sacrificed alot for the team. She went out and led this team all season. She played unselfish all year. A player like her is hard to replace- they don't come along that often. She's a special player." She finished the year by being named to the All Big East Third team.

Fellow senior Stef Goettsche had a career year, breaking 1,000 points for her PC career and being named to the All Big East first team while leading the team by example with her solid play on the blocks all season. "I was disappointed for both Lucie and Stef that they couldn't go out with a trip to the NCAA's. But they both had excellent seasons," commented Foley.



Stefanie Goettsche finished up her PC career with a selection to the All-Big East first team.

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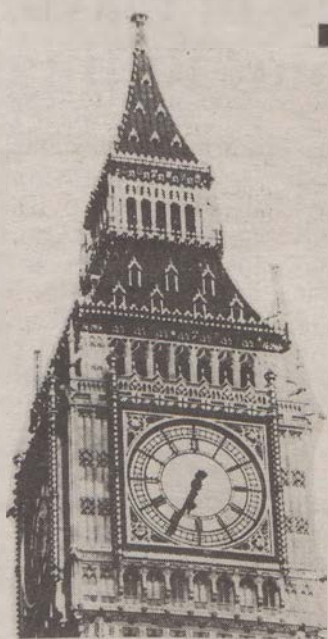
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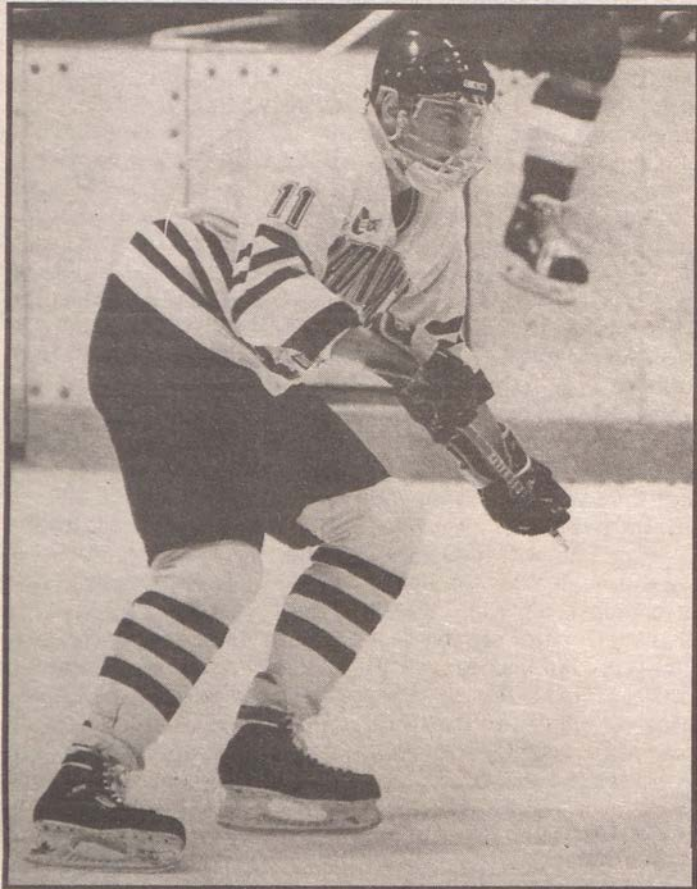
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A Whole New Game

Friars Drop Final Regular Season Games Heading Into Playoffs



After recovering from a rash of injuries, Joe Hulbig ('95) seems ready to fulfill his goal-scoring potential

by Justin Macione '95
Assistant Sports Editor

Heading into this weekend's Hockey East playoffs, one can't place some of the recent Friar performances in the category of "playoff hockey". In fact, Saturday night's 6-1 loss at Boston University extended PC's winless streak to nine games.

Although they didn't display many offensive fireworks this weekend versus the Terriers (PC lost 4-0 Friday night), the Friars showed some life late in the game when an on-ice fight broke out. Despite facing the suspension of four key performers for their next game, the event could provide a spark for this youthful and incon-

sistent club.

Friday night's contest, featuring a surprisingly enthusiastic Schneider crowd, opened in a physical manner when Travis Dillabough received a hooking penalty at :49. This style continued, as the two clubs combined for nine penalties in the first period alone. Unfortunately, this physical play didn't equate with shots on goal, of which the Friars managed only two in twenty minutes. Almost six minutes into the game, Jay Pandolfo broke the ice for the Terriers when his center slapshot eluded Dan Dennis. At 17:45, defenseman Kaj Linna was the source of the second BU goal when he flicked a wristshot amid a crowded

sea of skaters.

The Friars managed to hold the Terriers scoreless in the second period, compliments of 14 crucial stops by Dennis, who made 33 saves in the game. In addition, Stefan Brannare deposited an ice-length feed in the net at 6:32, only to see the goal disallowed by Hal Gill's tripping penalty. Late in the period, Erik Peterson almost beat the crease on a stolen pass, only to be denied by BU netminder Derek Herlofsky. Despite a generous amount of third period power play chances, the Friars wouldn't find a way to beat Herlofsky Friday night. Despite a valiant defensive effort around the midway point, Mike Pomrichter would muscle the puck past Dennis, extending the lead to 4-0. PC's inability to follow up on a couple of power plays secured Herlofsky's shutout. Coach McShane lauded BU's defensive effort, but remained disappointed that "We didn't get any punch."

Unfortunately for the Friars, most of the punch in Saturday's game occurred in the literal sense rather than a goal-scoring context. Taking advantage of the home crowd, BU's Mike Grier opened the festivities, scoring off his own rebound at 2:16. The Terriers managed three more first period goals, including the first of two by Jacques Joubert. The Friars finally broke their four period scoring drought at 11:52 when Joe Hulbig connected on Dennis Sousa's pass for a power play goal.

On a positive note for the Friars, this highly touted NHL first round pick seems to have finally found the scoring touch to match his effective hitting game;

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ing defensive effort by Rob Phelps. If Phelps and other Friar defenders are able to neutralize Kittles the way they did at the end of PC's 77-67 victory, a Providence win would be much easier to come by. In fact, the Friars will need a great overall defensive effort (just like the one they had last week) to finish a season sweep of the Wildcats.

This is the first year since I've been here that I can honestly say that the Friars can win the Big East Championship. A victory on Friday would most likely put PC in a semifinal match-up with top-seeded and #2 ranked UConn, who are 2-0 against the Friars this year. But it took a Kevin Ollie runner in overtime to knock off PC at the Civic Center (79-

"Coming out of high school, it's taken time to adjust. Whenever I've started playing well before, I've gotten injured." Finally free of hand and knee injuries, the sophomore winger will play a key role in PC's post season hopes.

Back to the literal interpretations, there was definitely no lack of aggression in the third period. With 5:36 left in the contest, a number of Friars and Terriers became involved in a corner fracas. Eventually this evolved into a full blown brawl, causing the ejection of Ian Paskowski, Scott Balboni, Brian Ridolfi, and Dennis, in addition to four BU counterparts. Team captain Paskowski later expressed dismay with the incident; "I feel that the referees could have broken things up before they escalated." Joubert netted his second goal at 18:40, sealing a 6-1 Terrier victory.

Due to NCAA rules, the ejected players are suspended from their next contest. This means that the 14-17-3 Friars will lack the services of their top two defensemen and an experienced goal-scorer for their first round opener at Northeastern on Friday night. By the misfortune of dropping into fifth place in the league standings, PC will have to

play the entire best of three series on Husky home ice.

Hulbig believes that the Friars won't be devastated by this setback on Friday; "Coach McShane shuffled the lineup a lot during the season, so a lot of the guys will be fresh for the game." Nevertheless, substitutes Jay Kenney, Jon Rowe, and Erik Sundquist will need to pick up the defensive load and protect Bob Bell in goal.

Although the Friars will be underdogs this weekend, Providence has dominated the all-time series at Matthews with a 26-15-1 record. In this season's road meeting, the Friars tied NU 6-6 on February 9. But PC's offensive performances have been lethargic of late, mustering only 14 goals in their last 7 games. If the Friars want to manage the upset, they'll need some of their slumping scorers like Chad Quenneville, Russ Guziar, and David Green to step up.

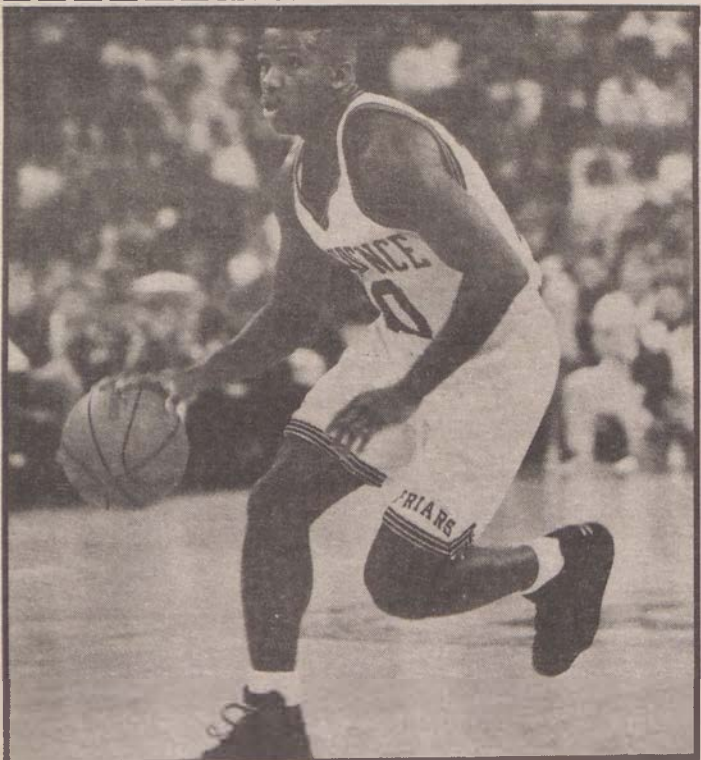
Although PC has seen their final action at Schneider this season, they can be seen at Northeastern's Matthews Arena on Friday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. If the two teams split those games, they'll meet once again on Sunday. The winner will proceed to the Hockey East Championships on March 18 and 19 at the Boston Garden.

Maine Back In Playoffs After Court Ruling

Penobscot County (Maine) Superior Court Justice Robert L. Browne ruled that the University of Maine would be allowed to participate in the Hockey East playoffs this weekend. The defending national champion Black Bears had previously been voted out of the playoffs by the league's athletic directors after forfeiting

a majority of their games, due to rule violations.

However, the university filed a legal petition in county Superior Court to allow the team to play. Browne's decision means that #8 Maine will now play top-seeded Boston University in the first playoff round. The Terriers originally had a bye for the opening round.



Despite struggling against Georgetown, Michael Brown ('96) has been PC's most consistent outside shooting threat this year.

78), and the Friars gave the Huskies a good scare in falling 81-73 at Gampel Pavillion. So I'm sure UConn doesn't consider a potential game with PC a laugh.

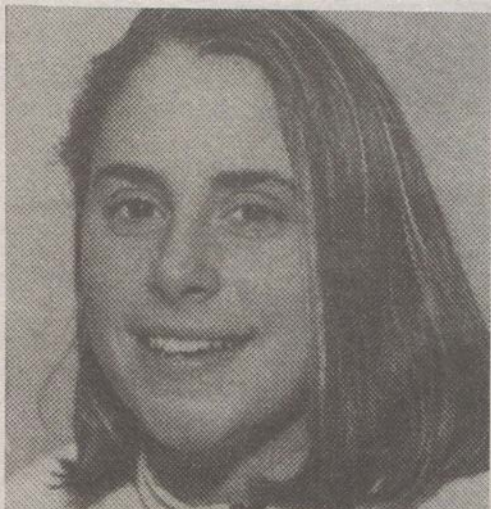
The Friars have also beaten everyone else in the league at least once. Last year, PC hadn't beaten a single team that finished ahead of them in the regular season standings. This year, home wins over #2 seed Syracuse and #3 seed Boston College sit under the team's belt.

The Friars need to keep doing the things that got them here. They need to run. They need to play tough half-court and transition defense. They need to hit their outside shots and make their free throws. Seems like a lot of "needs",

but when the Friars were 5-8 (in the league) two weeks ago, it seemed as though they needed everything. Yet, five straight wins later and brimming with confidence, Barnes' troops seem ready to get the job done.

Beat Villanova, and PC should be a "no brainer" NCAA selection. But if the Friars want to take it out of the selection committee's hands, they should do more than that. They have the ability to go to the NCAA's, but does that ever so important committee know that? We'd have to wait until Sunday evening to find out. Right now, PC's fate isn't in the committee's hands. It is in their own. They can punch their own ticket to the show or they can wait and see if that unpredictable usher will punch it for them.

Swimming Season Ends at ECAC's



Michelle McWeeney ('96) captured a school record in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:25.80.

by Todd Bianchi '95
Sports Writer

What exactly are the ECAC's? To the ordinary swimming and diving fan, it is just another swim meet. However, for the swimmers and divers of PC, this is their NCAA tournament and their Super Bowl all tied into one. All schools on the eastern coast with a swimming program were present. Whether the school was division 1,2 or 3 didn't matter. All in all, it was a chance for the swimmers and divers to showcase their talents and move on to the National Championships.

A total of nine men and thirteen women took the trip to Rutgers for the meet. It was the first time that PC had attended the meet. In the past PC went to the New England Championships. However, the Friars were not as successful at the ECACs as they had been in the past at the New Englands. PC's season ended this weekend when none of the swimmers were able to obtain qualifying times for the Nationals. Despite this, there were plenty of individual performances that deserve recognition.

Sophomore Paul Nathe continued his strong swimming this past weekend by placing ninth in the 200 Freestyle with a time of 1:42.60. Paul commented on his performance by saying, "it was tough to do back to back meets like I did with the Big Easts a week before." Freshman sensation Colleen Doyle had the most impressive performance at the championship meet. Her finish in the 200 Individual Medley at 2:08.50 was good for third place. It was the 400 Individual Medley that provided Colleen, who had a 4:29.95, with her first place finish. Colleen had this to say on her performance and the meet: "It was a good experience and I was happy with my times at a championship level." Allyson Dunleavy, as usual, had a strong meet. In the 200 Individual Medley she finished right behind Colleen with a fourth place finish. Allyson was unable to best Colleen again in the 400 Individual Medley finishing second. Michelle McWeeney, despite ending in eleventh place, captured a school record in the 200 Breaststroke with a 2:25.80.

As a whole, the men's team finished in 19th place with 45 points. The women wound up in tenth place with 170 points. This was due largely to the efforts of Colleen, Allyson and Michelle. Coach O'Neill was pleased with both the men's and women's performances. He felt that going to the ECAC's would be better for the team than attending the New England Championship.

The men's swimming season was filled with a wide range of events, from injuries to successful finishes to great individual performances and close finishes. The first half of the season was highlighted with a season opening victory against St. John's. However, consecutive losses to UConn and BC made the Friars realize that they needed to work harder. That's exactly what they did and as a result of their determination they took fourth at the National Catholic Championships. This proved that they can indeed swim with anybody in the country.

The second half of the season began with a victorious effort against Northeastern and an impressive second place finish at the Rhode Island Invitational. Their next win came with a defeat of Seton Hall. The meet was highlighted by Micheal Ahearn's school record in the 200 Backstroke. However, the Friars were soon to be struck by the injury bug and as a result their performance was hindered. Captain Chris Holt had been injured since last sea-

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Up Close: With Michael Smith

by Derek Stout '95
Sports Interviewer

It was the first time in the four years that he has been at Providence College that the most important person in his life saw him play in person. When Michael Smith greeted his mother at half-court last Saturday the emotion was felt throughout the Providence Civic Center. She missed a lot of great moments, but just being there Senior Night made up for all those times. She finally saw what all those difficult times in raising a son in the inner-city of Washington DC had resulted in. Providence College fans have been spoiled in having the opportunity to see the result of four years of the development of a basketball player and a person. Now with the Big East and the NCAA's approaching, PC will sadly see one of the greatest big men to play at Providence College for the last time.

Presently Michael Smith is not looking back at anything. His total concentration is on the task ahead: Villanova this afternoon. An NCAA bid is not definite, but the Friars realize that a decent performance in New York will finally erase the silent and empty feeling of a year ago: after sixty-four other teams were announced. "The key to the Big East's will be to continue to play the way in which we have the last five games. We have to continue running, banging the boards and basically continue play-

ing our game and not let Villanova take over in the first half. I think right now we are an NCAA team. With a 17-9 record, 10-8 in the Big East we should be in. I would guess we would get anything from a seven to twelve seed," commented Michael. There has been a difference in this year's team compared to 1992-93, a confidence that was not evident a year ago. "I think the biggest difference has been our scoring. We have been working much harder in practice and in games. Also consistency off the bench has been a help. Basically playing together a lot better as a team has been the difference overall."

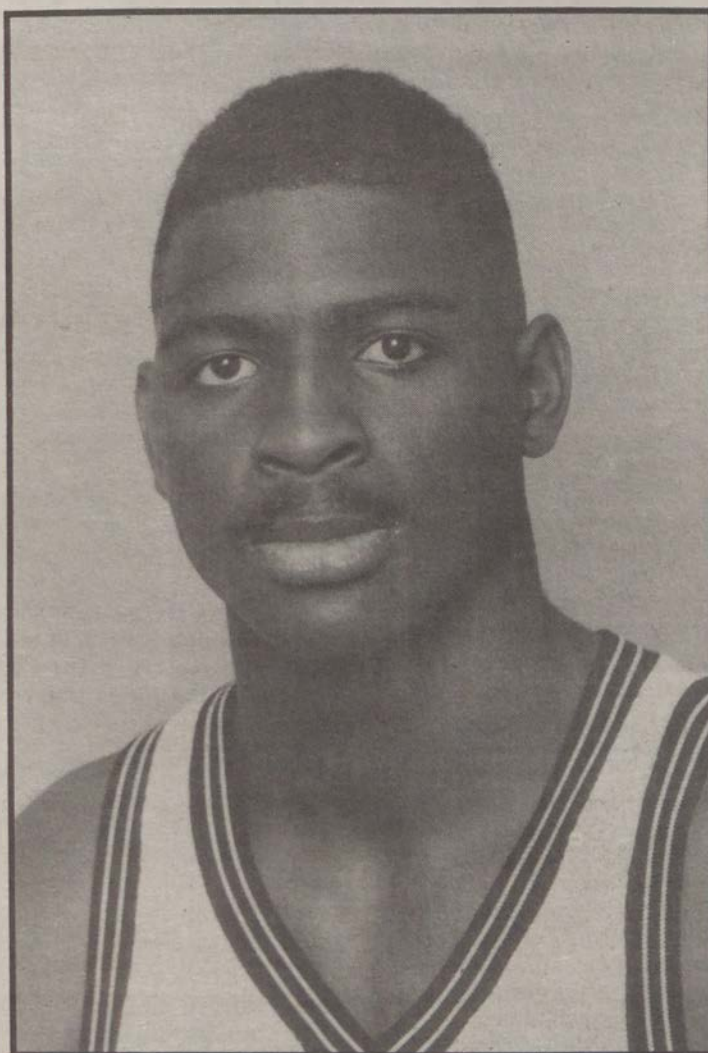
It was not an easy road for Michael Smith getting to PC. Even when he arrived the 6'8" forward fell victim to Proposition 48. As a result Michael had to sit out his freshman year, which was supposed to benefit him academically. Mike found the opposite to be true. "I don't believe Proposition 48 helped me out academically. The best thing for me academically has been basketball. It has allowed me to better balance my time between the two, which I didn't get sitting out a year. The hardest thing was not being able to play because I knew every time I watched the team play that I could help them, especially on the rebounding end." While at Dunbar High

School in Washington (DC) Michael was a stand-out and had many schools such as Georgetown eagerly awaiting his letter of commitment. So why would Michael choose a school such as PC that he had never even heard of before? "I wanted to get out of the area and experience the real world; to be in a different area where I could learn responsibility and not be dependent upon my mother. I felt this would help me the most."

Although remaining focused on the upcoming NCAA's, Michael Smith has another thing on his mind concerning his future, the NBA. Michael simply looks forward to being selected. "I am not really worried about where I go in the draft whether it be first or second round. I will be glad either way. I'm just looking forward to being in the NBA." One NBA scout commented on Smith's future "To make it in the NBA a player has to do one thing great. The great players do many things great. Michael Smith is a great rebounder which could help him get to the next level." Michael feels that improvement in other facets of his game will have to occur also. Michael Smith had to make these adjustments in his jump from high school to college and he knows it will be the same when going to the NBA. "The biggest adjustment coming to college was the strength and the quickness of the players. Some nights I would come out and I would get pushed around; other times players were quicker than me. I had to learn to improve and balance those two things. The biggest thing to improve on would be my outside shot; to be able to hit fifteen footers consistently is what I need to work on."

After all his success in basketball, Michael could not have done without his mother. He looks back to a week ago at Senior Night as his favorite moment at PC, in being able to have his mother finally see him play. Through everything that Mike has experienced from D.C. to PC, his mother has been his inspiration. "My mother kept me going and was my inspiration in everything I've ever done. She always told me to do what was best for me and if you have a dream, just keep on fighting to get it."

For Michael Smith this dream will be realized in June at the NBA draft, where Mike and his mother will have the pleasure of listening to his name being called up to the next level.



Michael Smith ('94) will go down as one of the best big men ever to play at Providence College.

Chalk Up Another One!

Lady Friars Win Third Straight ECAC Ice Hockey Title

by Pieter J. Ketelaar '97
Sports Writer

Three-peat! Three-peat! Three-peat!

This past weekend the Lady Friars skated to their third straight ECAC championship at Brown University with a resounding 5-2 win over Northeastern.

"It was a very competitive game," said senior goal-keeper Gina Martiniello who kept opponents from scoring in excess last weekend. "This being my third year on the team I saw the two games this weekend as a test of my ability, and I passed it."

PC's women's ice hockey team played UNH on Saturday in a game that went right down to the wire. UNH took an early 1-0 advantage in the first period, but Stephanie O'Sullivan tied it on her 28th goal of the season 16:55 into the first period. Providence took the upper hand in the second period scoring twice on goals by Chris Bailey and

Alison Wheeler and led 3-1 going into the third period of play. Martiniello held off a veritable barrage of shots in the third period as the Lady Friars advanced to the finals to play Northeastern on the strength of a close 3-2 win over UNH.

On Sunday, the Lady Friars faced off with the whole bag of marbles on the line. PC jumped out to an early 2-0 lead over Northeastern, scoring two unanswered goals in the first period. They pulled away from NU scoring three of the next four goals and made good use of their potent defense to defeat their Northeastern foes and claim the ECAC title for the third year-in-a-row.

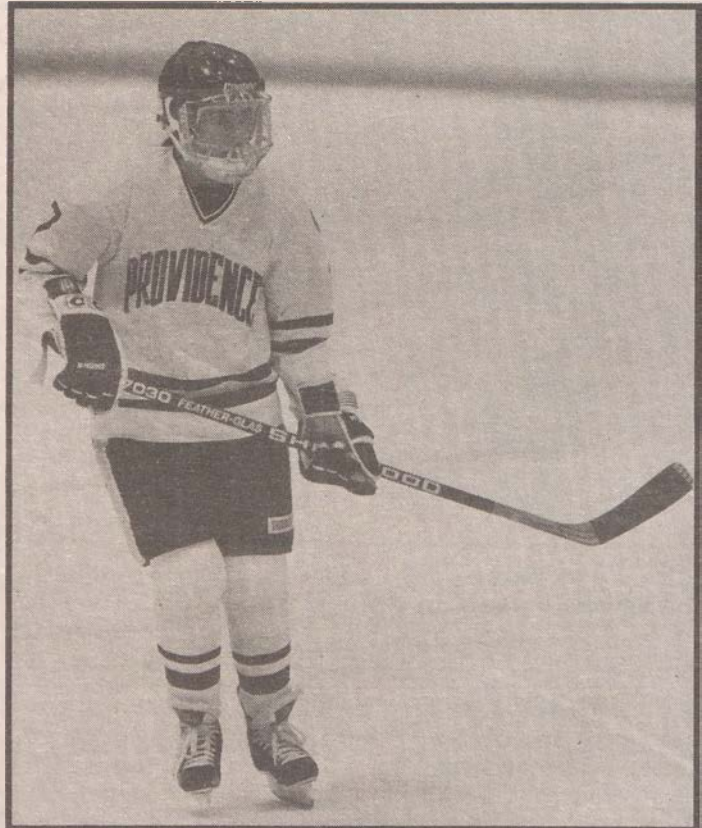
"It was a great win for all of us," proclaimed junior scoring threat Stephanie O'Sullivan. "It was a total team effort. We were focused all weekend long and knew it would be tough. Deep down we knew we could do this, and we did. Of the three championships

since I've been here, this one is the icing on the cake."

"You can't go out with a better feeling than this," related an elated Martiniello. "We won the championship all three years I've played here and there is nothing like going out on top."

Also on Sunday the ECAC Women's Ice Hockey League All-stars were selected. Stephanie O'Sullivan and Chris Bailey were named to the first team while Vicki Movsessian garnered second team honors.

Having won their third straight ECAC title the Lady Friars now can enjoy a much deserved rest and revel in the spoils of victory. For seniors like Gina Martiniello and Chris Bailey, this is the end of the road, but for Stephanie O'Sullivan and emerging young talent Alison Wheeler the future is still on the horizon. Congratulations girls and best of luck to those departing members of this year's championship squad.



Vicki Movsessian earned second team All-ECAC despite being injured down the stretch run of the season.

Almost There Friars Improve NCAA Chances By Downing Georgetown

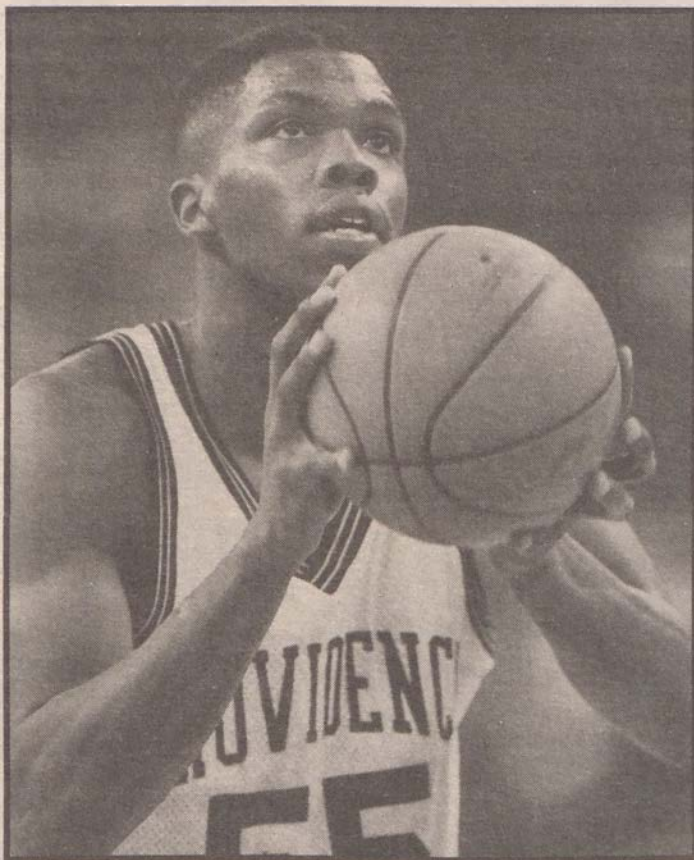
by Mike Myers '94
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Okay, now let's be honest. Who among us honestly thought the Friars had a legitimate shot at making the NCAA Tournament two weeks ago when they were struggling in the Big East with a 5-8 record? I think it's safe to say that we had all pretty much given up hope of the season being salvaged. All but the team itself, that is.

According to Michael Smith, "People counted us out but we wouldn't count our own self out. We've proved everyone wrong after hearing all the bad things about us."

Yes, by winning their final five Big East games, capped off by Monday night's exciting overtime victory against Georgetown, the Friars have indeed silenced the critics.

The Hoyas, however, weren't about to roll over and make it easy for PC to end the regular season on an up note. Both teams applied hellish defensive pressure for the whole game; clearly an indication of just how much this game meant. In fact, the only reason this game was being played at all was because Thompson knew his team desperately needed another win to have any shot at making the Tournament.



Once again, Eric Williams was the offensive star for the Friars with a new career-high of 32 points.

The Hoyas frantic, pressing defense made things very difficult for PC's perimeter players. Michael Brown and Rob Phelps, two players who have really stepped up during this stretch run, suffered badly with their shooting as they went a combined 2-13, including 0-7 from three point land. The Friars were forced to turn to their big men to

shoulder the scoring load. Williams, Smith, and Simpkins did not disappoint as they scored almost 80% of the team's points.

Williams, in particular, was spectacular on the offensive end as he scored 32

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Friars Look For More Than One Big East Victory

by Matt Mlodzinski '94
Sports Editor

NCAA Selection Sunday- March 1993. Providence College players and fans sat glued to their televisions watching CBS; waiting for the Friars to be called to the Big Show. Going into the Big East Tournament, the general feeling seemed to be that if we beat UConn in the first round, we were going to the NCAA's. We beat the Huskies then gave highly-ranked Seton Hall a tough game in the semifinals. It looked like we were in. Billy Packer gave PC boosters a lift when he said just that. Then the brackets were announced...

We all know the rest. But this year is a new ballgame. The Friars again enter the tourney on a hot streak (five straight wins) and people think that a first round victory over Villanova would make PC a definite NCAA addition. But this year PC has the ability to do more than first round damage. The mindset of the players indicates that. "We're trying to go down to New York and win a championship," said Michael Smith. "We're much happier where we are this year (compared to last year) and we feel that we're going into the tournament on a better note."

"After what happened last year, we should probably win the whole thing just to make sure (of an NCAA bid)," quipped Coach Rick Barnes. But that's no joke. Last year, several upsets in conference tournaments hurt PC badly when the selections were announced. A run in the Big East's would greatly enhance the Friars' standing in the eyes of the selection committee.

The first hurdle in that run comes in the form of the Villanova Wildcats. Nova is certainly not the doormat that most experts thought they would be at the outset of the season. They have played their way into a potential NCAA berth but a win over PC is critical for them. "Villanova is a very explosive team. They are probably the most explosive three-point shooting team in the league," observed Barnes. Smith agreed, adding that "the thing that concerns us most about Villanova is their three point shooters."

The Wildcats also have one of the Big East's most exciting offensive players in 6'6" sophomore Kerry Kittles. "Kittles is a player who can go out there just like (Lawrence) Moten and (Donyell) Marshall and create his own shot. He's had an unbelievable year," said Barnes. Kittles was taken out of the game down the stretch when PC beat Nova last week in Providence. That was largely due to an outstand-

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