The Newlywed Game

by Mat Buzzell '96

Asst. Features Editor

Do you, freshmen, take Providence College to be your partner, to whom you promise in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, till graduation do you part? God, I now pronounce you the class of '98. You may now kiss, well, you may now kiss high school goodbye. Gone are the days of study halls, gym classes, and field trips. New more detention, no more lockers and no more free schoolbooks. High school is history—prepare to enter the thirteenth grade. Please, try not to get too sentimental.

I welcome you one and all to the hallowed grounds of Providence College. Yes, college, that mysterious place which started to take shape in your mind after watching Animal House for the first time, hearing stories from your older brothers or sisters or your friend, seeing Bridesmaids on the TV. Well, by now you should know that we do have frat houses (the Theta Chi, Parties are not out of the question), those stories are just stories, and Spring Break is... well OK. Spring Break is everything it’s cracked up to be...but still, the point I’m trying to make is that college is great but it’s a totally new experience and you have to watch yourself. There are a lot of distractions which can take you off track and if you're not careful you could find yourself buried very quickly under the school work and activities that college life demands.

Now, I know you’re asking yourself what you got yourself into. There you were, Seniors, kings of the hill, masters of your respective departments, finally getting things figured out when...BLAM... college smack talks and hard times. Did you have the bad times and here you are...freshmen again. Going from posh house to outhouse, cool to fool, respected to inspected...it sure does suck, right? Just remember that you’re not alone. You have nine hundred or so fellow classmates in the same boat as you. Now if you’re going to seem like the blind leading the blind with little Freshmen Poses walking around the school, on and off campus, trying to figure out the great mystery of Providence College together. It will fall into place eventually. For some it will take longer than others will be acting like...well... like Sophomores in no time at all. Don’t get too scared about it. Sure, the upperclassmen will try to have fun with you (ladies especially) but it’s just a right of passage that they feel they have earned by making it to where they are today (Don’t ask me where that is but nevertheless they’re there so)

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You’re gonna have to make do. A lot of people will be telling you how not to act like a freshman or how to act like you know what you’re doing but they tend to ignore the fact that everyone has a distinct personality (although you will soon find that many have non-distinct wardrobe) and that you should be yourself rather than act like a wanna-be. While it helps to have a group of the situation, you should take note of a few prophetic words stated by an imaginative seaman..."I am what I am". No matter how much they tell you, some things you have to live through in order to understand. You can’t change the fact that you're freshmen so just enjoy it while you can.

Treat this little orientation like a honeymoon with the college, a place to prelude to your whole college experience. When you get back in September is when the real thing starts. Sure there will be some rocky moments and at times you’ll want to file to a divorce but just see it through and you will see that it truly is the beginning of a wonderful relationship.

PC Elects New President

information taken from a biography on Rev. Smith

On Tuesday, June 7, the Rev. Philip A. Smith was elected the 11th president of Providence College. Reverend Smith taught at PC in the 1980s, but has been heading the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington since 1990. A search committee has been interviewing applicants for the position since last winter when current president John F. Cunningham announced his intention to resign at the end of this academic year. Fr. Cunningham plans to retire on July 1 after serving nine years at PC.

After months of searching, the committee narrowed their decision to four candidates. On Tuesday, the Board of Trustees nominated Fr. Smith to the college’s newly reorganized Corporation. The announcement of his election came after the Corporation ratified the decision.

As president of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies, Fr. Smith had administrative authority over faculty, students, and programs at the Dominican institution that prepares candidates to become Dominican priests for the eastern province. He also served as professor of philosophy and theology at the institution.

Previously, Fr. Smith was a member of the philosophy department at Providence College from 1981 to 1990. He joined the faculty in 1981 as assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1984. From 1982 to 1985, he was also assistant to Providence College's neb bengu of new president.

PC's 11th president, Rev. Philip A. Smith, president, the Very Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. While on sabbatical leave during the 1988-1989 academic year, Fr. Smith was a visiting scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University and a visiting professor of theology at St. Thomas Aquinas University, Rome, Italy.

A native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, Fr. Smith received his bachelor of arts degree from Providence College in 1963, holds a masters degree in philosophy from St. Stephen's College in Dover, MA, and a doctoral degree in philosophy and religion from Drew University in Madison, NJ. Ordained a priest in 1968, Fr. Smith also holds a bachelor of sacred theology and his lecturate and licentiate degrees from the College of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Fr. Smith's areas of research and publication include theology, bioethics, medical ethics, addiction, legal and moral problems of abortion, dimensions of moral problems, and the relationship of morality to law.


Congratulations and good luck to Father Smith!

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WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE COLLEGE CLASS OF 1998!
Sports, Athletics Everywhere at Providence College

By Justin Macione '95

Sports Editor

The college environment of the mid-1990s displays a number of varied opinions concerning the relationship between academics and athletics. On one extreme are the large public and private universities which treat their men's football and basketball programs like a corporation. Unfortunately, the casual athlete receives inferior facilities and is relegated to the role of cheerleader. The opposite end of the spectrum consists of small colleges and pseudo Ivy league schools that tend to frown on athletics as an unimportant diversion from academics.

Fortunately, I can guarantee incoming freshmen will experience neither of these situations at Providence College next fall. The possibility of the first situation is eliminated after a freshman asks a fellow student, "Where does the football team practice?" It can also be assured that you won't be required to take academic classes on Sunday afternoons and evenings.

From a fan's point of view, one need not look any further than the Providence Friars for a winter evening. Since "Little Rhody" doesn't have any major league clubs, the Friar basketball team jumps to the forefront. Student seats are among the best in the building and the 1994-95 edition should compete for the Big East title. In addition to a potential NBA first round pick in Eric Williams, Friar fanatics will also be able to watch their fellow freshmen classmates Jason Evans and Michael Spruill don their black and white uniforms on the hardwood. Personally, my biggest thrill as a PC student was watching the Friars win their first-ever Big East Tournament last March.

In addition to men's basketball, the Lady Friar hoops and men's ice hockey club also enjoy a rabid following among the student body. One also can't forget about the Lady Friar ice hockey national championship team. Although many of the other Friar teams receive less exposure than those listed above, it can be equally enjoyable watching a tennis match at the recently constructed courts or catching a baseball game at Hendricken Field.

Despite the plethora of sporting events previously listed, I have failed to mention the second important aspect to athletic life at PC: participation. Unlike other schools, the coach potato should be listed as an endangered species at Providence. An intramural program which organizes nearly 13 different sports leagues might be the cause. The programs range from the All-American softball to the slightly more adventurous water polo.

The casual observer might assume that these numerous offerings encourage a less competitive environment than the varsity level. This assumption is pure illusion though. There is absolutely no drop-off in levels of intensity during intramural games or matches. Referees and umpires are a necessity in most leagues, since protests and argued calls are commonplace.

In addition to organized sports, PC also seems to be a haven for fitness freaks. One can always spot joggers in the off-campus areas, whether in rain, sleet, or snow. It isn't uncommon to see a student make a trip to the weight room or a Stairmaster ride the focal point of their day. The purpose of this article is not to encourage some of the lighter hearted members of the class of 1998 to renounce their deportments. It is just a reminder about the athletic atmosphere at Providence College. One doesn't have to be excessively competitive or a sweat hog in order to receive exercise. In fact, I'm among the believers that games of high stakes poker can give your hands a workout and help your heart rate.

Want to get involved? Join IAB (Intramural Athletic Board) Look for details in the fall!

I Wish I'd Known:
Reprinted from the 1985 Orientation issue

...I'd have to learn to sleep with the lights on, the radio blaring, and the phone ringing...
...My old car takes twice as much money and time to keep running away from home and that's not so bad to walk sometimes...
...College isn't all fun and games. It's hard work and takes alot of self-discipline...
...I'd need an iron and the know how to use one...
...Everybody's human and I'd have to learn to live with different kinds of people...
...I could and should have learned how to type...
...There would be no one to tell me to do my homework before I turned on the TV...
...There is more to learning than what goes on inside the classroom. I will learn a lot about myself before my four years are over also...
...The best education comes from getting to know people, not from books...
...The most important thing I should try to learn is to get to know myself, accepting myself as I am ...
...Graduating from high school seemed like the end of the world. It was really the beginning of a new one.

The scoring touch and rebounding muscle of senior Eric Williams will be a necessity when the Friars attempt to make their 2nd consecutive NCAA appearance next spring.

Summer 1994
**Orientation**

**Something to Bag About**

by Tina Klote '95
Features Editor

Soon you'll be cramming most of your possessions, along with several emotional relatives, into what will look like a modern day version of a conastoga wagon. To insure that your brother, Homer, doesn't have to ride on the roof, you'll have to leave some of your stuff behind. (I would suggest leaving your 8 foot ALF and your Play Dough Fuzzy Pulper with Homer.) Despite this, there are some things that you simply can't do without. One of these is a laundry bag. If you don't have one of these simple, yet essential, stitched pieces of fabric, I assure you that you'll never make it through your freshman year.

If you are under the impression that laundry bags are only used for putting dirty clothes into, think again. On your very first day at PC, you'll be able to carry lots of stuff from home to your luxury room (I mean rei- dence hall) in the spacious interior of your bag. You can also use it to hide your red tear-stained face after your parents and Homer leave. (Don't worry, everyone else will be crying too.)

**CHEERS**
You might get mail because your par- ents haven't started to enjoy having you gone.

**JEERS**
on being a PC freshman:
Cowl

**What to Fling and What to Bring**

by Kristen Gariepy '95
Editor-in-Chief

You may want to believe that you know more about college than anyone in the whole world and that you're all set and planned, but you're not. A little advice from someone who's been here (and made every mistake) won't hurt. No, I'm not going to lecture you on continuous study- ing or limiting your social time. I'm going to warn you about the stuff you plan to pack.

Right now, or soon, you and some member of your family (preferably who you want to pay) will be sitting down and making a list entitled: "What to Bring to PC." Here's a hint: a toothbrush, change of underwear, and a fork. That's about all that will fit in your dorm room after your two other roommates move in (it hap- pened to me. I went to get a soda while I waited for them to arrive and when I came back, their stuff was all set up and little room was left for me.).

You're going to be the generous senior that I am, that I am going to help you write your list.

- Typography ribbon/computer paper, floppy disks, stapler and staples, scissors, tape, paper clips, thumb- tacks, rubber bands, looseleaf (a lot for Cowl), pencil sharpener, dictationary, thesaurus, ruler, station- ary, stamps, notebooks, folders, pens and pencils, address book, calendar/date book, towels, facecloths, extra long sheets, blankets, pillows, pop-up pillow, mattress cover, clock, plants, desk lamp, nails, screws, hammer, screwdriver, adhesive books, over-the-door hooks, de- dergent and fabric softer, laundry bag, quarters, flashlight, hangers, hot pot, glasses/ mags, some utensils, coffee/tea, toothbrush and paste, shower bucket, soap and soap holder, flip flops, bathrobe, shampoo/ conditioner, razors, make-up bag, band-aids, deodorant, vitam- ins, cotton balls, Q-tips, comb/brush, blow dryer/rollers, safety pin, sewing kit, watch, umbrella, boots, fan, camera, walkman, ID, high school year- book, waterproof jacket, blank- tars, batteries, key chain, light bulbs, MONEY!

HINTS:
1) Girls - Don't bring pocket- books. It shows you're a fresh- man because everyone here lives out of their backpacks.
2) Call your roommates and fig- ure out who will bring the big items, like the stereo, phone, and micro.
3) Bring cardboard storage boxes for under your bed - Don't bring plastic crates. They won't let you use them. No excuses.
4) There will be a day the first week when boxes will go to the small, if you forget something, you can get it then.
5) Do not overpack! Your rooms are not that big and you have to share space. Don't bring a lot of warm weather clothes. The cold air starts in October.

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The 1994 Orientation Staff
What's your favorite memory from freshman year?

Lulu Alonso: "My mom always sent me homemade food that she cooked and froze. I shared it with my roommates."

Greg Appicelli: "It's all relative."

Christian Capizzo: "When the first snowfall came and me and my roommates joined the huge snowball fight in the quad."

Katie Chase: "Being a member of the Dorm Olympics 'Jolly Green Giants'."

Jason Connors: "The day before school began. It was full of anticipation and excitement looking forward to all the possibilities."

Christian Capizzo: "When the first snowfall came and me and my roommates joined the huge snowball fight in the quad."

Katie Chase: "Being a member of the Dorm Olympics 'Jolly Green Giants'."

Kristen Gallagher: "Jello wrestling in Peterson."

Peter Gannon: "Meeting my roommates."

John Hogan: "The Blind Date Ball. My roommates kept my date a secret for so long! But it turned out great!"

Marie-Claire Lamarre: Comment Not Available

Sara Lussier: "I met some of my best friends at Orientation."

Danielle Panneton: "Watching the Friars win the first Big East Championship."

Laura Serfilippi: Comment Not Available

Garth Trask: "My first Civ scream."

Mary Veideman: "My first experience at Midnight Madness."

Danielle Wells: "The Newport Trip because I got to meet a lot of people."

Matt Worthen: "The care packages my roommates used to get from their moms. My mom never sent me any."

(HINT: PARENTS!)