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The Newlywed Game

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Do you, freshmen take Providence College to be your partner, to cherish and to honor, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, till graduation do you part? Good, 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. No 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

spected 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 at first it's 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 while 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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your mind after watching Animal House for the first time, hearing stories from your older brothers or sisters or your friends, or seeing Spring Break footage on the TV. Well, by now you should know that we don't have frat houses (but Toga Parties are not out of the question), that 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 schoolwork 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... domains, finally getting things figured out when... BLAM... college smacked you right in the chops and here you are...freshmen again. Going from penthouse to outhouse, cool to fool, re-

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 wardrobes) and that you should be yourself rather than act like a wanna-be. While it helps to have a grasp of the situation, you should take note of a few prophetic words stated by an infamous seamen..."I am what I am". No matter how much they tell you, some things you have to live through 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, sort of a prelude to your whole PC 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 for 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

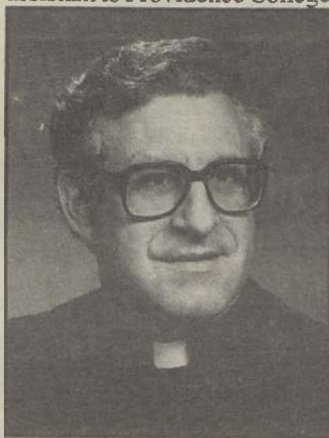
On Tuesday, June 7, the Rev. Philip A. Smith was elected the 11th president of Providence College. Reverend Smith taught at PC in the 1980s, but has been heading the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington since 1990.

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



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 de-

gree 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 lecturer 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.

Fr. Smith's provincial service included membership on the Provincial Council of the Province of St. Joseph from 1984-1988 and again in 1993; and on the Intellectual Life Commission of the province from 1984-1988 and from 1990 to the present. He also served as secretary of education for the province from 1976-1980.

Fr. Smith began his teaching career at Caldwell College in Caldwell, NJ in 1971 as an instructor of religious studies. He served as an associate professor from 1976-1981.

Congratulations and good luck to Father Smith!

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Sports, Athletics Everywhere at Providence College

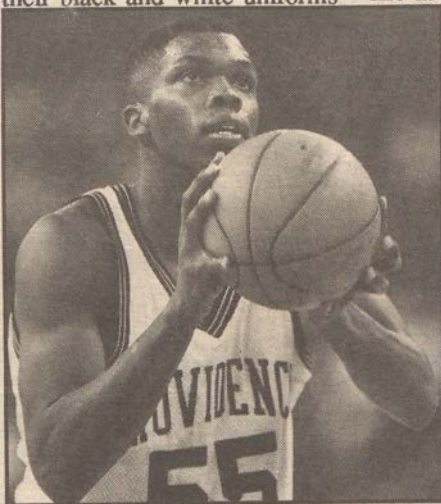
By Justin Macione '95
Sports Editor

The college environment of the 1990's displays a number of varied opinions concerning the relationship between academics and athletics. Representing 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 that 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 play?" It can also be assured that you won't be relegated to bookworm status every afternoon and evening.

From a fan's point of view, one need not look any further than the Providence Civic Center on 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 1994-1995 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 Spruell don their black and white uniforms



on the hardwood. Personally speaking, 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 hoopsters 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

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.

other schools, the couch potato should be listed as an endangered species at Providence. An intramural program which organizes nearly 15 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 these 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 deposits. It is just a warning about the athletic atmosphere at Providence College. One doesn't have to be excessively competitive or a sweatog 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 it's not so bad to walk sometimes.

... College isn't all fun and games. It's hard work and takes a lot 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.

Did You Know?

Student tickets for Men's Big East basketball games are only \$3.

They are available before every game in Lower Slavin.

Buses are available to transport students back and forth to the Civic Center.

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What's up in Providence College Sports?



Congratulations to Amy Rudolph '95. On Saturday, June 4, Amy became the women's 1,500 meter champion at the NCAA Championship in Boise, Idaho. She is the first Friar ever to capture an NCAA title.



Good Luck to new basketball coach Pete Gillen. Will he bring the Friars to another Big East Championship?

Orientation

Something to Bag About

by Tina Kloter '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 Pumper 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 residence 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.)

At dinner on your first night at PC, you'll also want to use your laundry bag. Bring it to Raymond Cafe and fill it up with Rice Krispie treats and mashed potatoes to bring back to your room. That way, you can avoid losing the "freshman 15" pounds.

When you go to the "bargain bookstore" you'll need your

You can leave your Snoopy Snowcone Machine at home, but don't forget your laundry bag!

laundry bag to carry the stacks of cash they demand in return for such books as The Bible and Beowulf. There will be many of these kind of books, so you will be able to use your bag to drag them to your dorm.

By the time your actual Civ final comes around, you may feel the need to participate in the Civ scream by streaking the quad. In order to avoid the embarrassment of showing your face, simply draw your laundry

bag over your head.

You can also use your laundry bag to sneak members of the opposite sex into your dorm after parietals. (Not that I'm condoning this reprehensible behavior.) Just put the bag over the man/woman and lead him/her in. If you are stopped by a security guard, explain that the person is your sister/brother who was terribly disfigured in an experiment gone wrong on Mr. Wizard's World. If the security guard attempts to unmask your guest, instruct the guest to begin letting out blood-curdling screams. This should send the security guard quaking back to his/her post. If you do get caught, don't tell them who gave you the idea.

These are just a few of the possibilities. You could also use your bag to disguise yourself as a Friar on Halloween, lay it out on Grotto Beach and use it as a beach blanket or you could always wear it when you run out of clean clothes. So, as you get packed in August, leave your scuba gear and Snoopy Snowcone Machine with Homer, but whatever you do, don't forget your laundry bag.

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 studying 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 happened 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). No, really, I've decided, being the generous senior that I am, that I am going to help you write your list.

-typing ribbon/computer paper, floppy disks, stapler and staples, scissors, tape, paper clips, thumbtacks, rubber bands, looseleaf (a lot for Civ), pencil sharpener, dictionary, thesaurus, ruler, stationary, stamps, notebooks, folders, pens and pencils, address book, calendar/date book, towels, facecloths, extra long sheets, blankets, pillows, prop-up pillow, mattress cover, clock, plants,

desk lamp, nails, screws, hammer, screwdriver, adhesive hooks, over-the-door hooks, detergent and fabric softener, laundry bag, quarters, flashlight, hangers, hot pot, glasses/mugs, 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, vitamins, cotton balls, Q-tips, comb/brush, blow dryer/rollers, safety pins, sewing kit, wallet, umbrella, boots, fan, camera, walkman, ID, high school yearbook, waterproof jacket, blank tapes, batteries, key chain, light bulbs, MONEY!

HINTS:

- 1) Girls - Don't bring pocketbooks. It shows you're a freshman because everyone here lives out of their backpacks.
- 2) Call your roommates and figure 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 buses will go to the mall, 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.

CHEERS
on being a PC
freshman:

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

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on being a PC Civ!
freshman:

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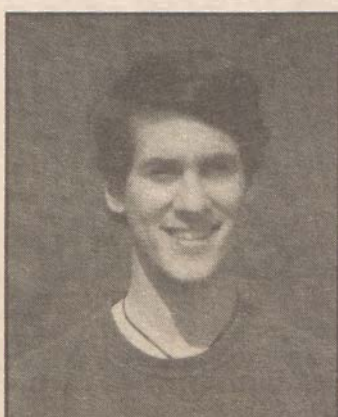
Orientation

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."



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



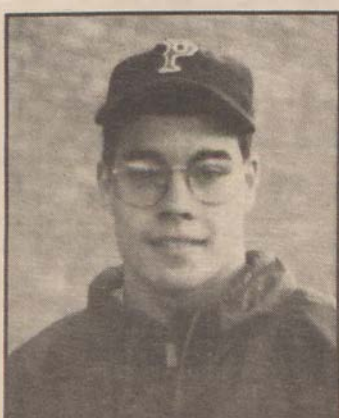
Sara Lussier: "I met some of my best friends at Orientation."



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



Laura Serfilippi: Comment Not Available



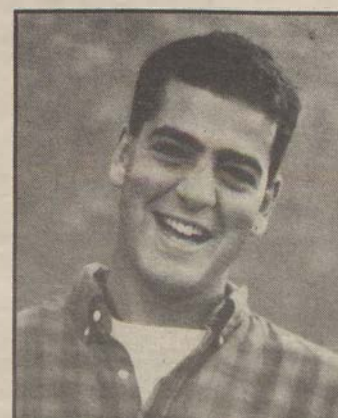
Garth Trask: "My first Civ scream."



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!)